



Russell Adkisson elected Brotherhood president

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A Brandenburg, Ky. layman has been elected president of the state Baptist Brotherhood for 1985-86.

Russell Adkisson succeeded C. A. Easterling of Somerset at the close of the annual Brotherhood Convention Oct. 3-4 at Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Also elected to serve, with Adkisson were:

Glen Canada, Campbellsville, first vice president; Paul Neal, Stanton, second vice president (Neal had earlier been elected state Pioneer Royal Ambassador president by RAs and automatically becomes Brotherhood second vice president); Curtis Phipps, Georgetown, missions coordinator; Bob Simpkins, Hodgenville, disaster relief coordinator; Raymond Acree, Valley Station, laity abroad coordinator; and Randall Rogers, Greensburg, recording secretary.

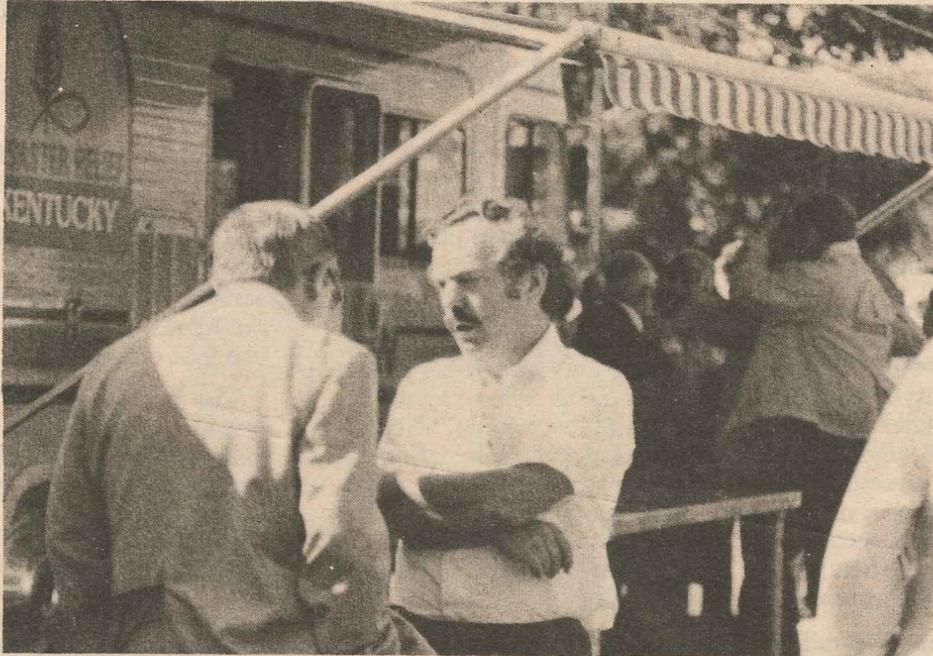
In addition, the following seven persons were named regional Brotherhood directors across the state:

Wayne Bell, Princeton, southwestern district; Mike Melloan, Owensboro, western; Frank Dorris, Bowling Green, southern; Roger Winsett, Campbellsville, central; Neal Wade, Russell Springs, south central; Carl Hibbard, Manchester, southeastern; and Wendell Adkins, Crittenden, north central.

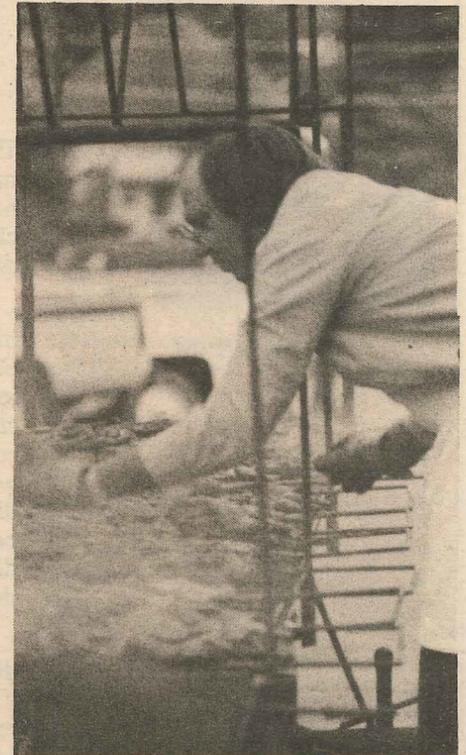
The two-day Brotherhood conclave heard testimonies, special music and major addresses built around the theme "Mission Involvement."

Business, a barbecue chicken dinner and dedication of newly acquired vehicles to be used in the state disaster relief program were also highlights of the meeting.

Speakers at the dedication of two mobile units, plus a feeding station, included Simpkins, the disaster relief coordinator; Harold Greenfield, Princeton, director of missions in Caldwell-Lyon Association; and William L. Kaufman, Middletown, director, KBC Brotherhood Department. Mrs. Dolores Gilliland, Middletown, state WMU executive director, offered the dedicatory prayer.



Above, Keith Rogers, Loyall, KBC convention vice president, chats with another Brotherhood Convention registrant at dedication ceremonies for disaster relief mobile units. At right, a volunteer chef prepares barbecue chicken for more than 300 convention guests.



One of the vehicles and the feeding unit are housed at South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville, which Simpkins pastors. The other is at the Caldwell-Lyon associational offices.

Kaufman said it is his hope that by 1990 at least two more mobile units may be in place—one in northern Kentucky and one in eastern Kentucky. There are now more than 80 Kentucky Baptist Men trained to participate in the disaster relief program.

In his report during the business session, Kaufman observed that 42 percent of all Southern Baptist churches now maintain an active Brotherhood program. He noted that the largest number of such organizations are in rural churches and warned, "If we lose the cities, we lose the world." He urged the men to "grow Brotherhoods in the cities."

Kaufman announced that the state Brotherhood convention would be held in 1986 at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, Oct. 2-3. In 1987 the group will go to Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Oct. 1-2.

Rob Carr, associate state Brotherhood director, reported on a successful summer of boys' camping at both Rabro and Jonathan Creek; that 818 registered in eight RA congresses across the state last February; and the RA track meet held at Cedarmore in May was again a "phenomenal success."

A total of 340 persons had registered for the Brotherhood Convention by its conclusion.

Of the major speakers and testimonies, the overwhelming percentage devoted their time to Kentucky Baptists' current overseas partnership with Kenya. Two Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to Kenya currently on furlough in the United States addressed the convention, and several individuals and church groups gave lay testimonies and offered slide programs.

Even the casual observer would be "impressed" by Kentucky Baptist men's "preoccupation" with that east African nation, one registrant declared.

Carl Hall, missionary at Naranga, two hours south of Nairobi on the Tanzania border, stated that, when he felt the call to begin work there, "If I

had known what was ahead of me, I never would have done it. But thank God, I didn't know," he added.

He talked of the difficulties of breaking down the traditions of centuries with the Masai people where he serves. "The sun is setting on the way of the Masai," he declared. "Our purpose there is to help them find a new life, a new way. Without it, they will be unable to cope with the changes that are coming."

Earlier that day Southern Baptist missionary James D. Musen, now on furlough at Versailles, Ky., told of life in the Kwale district of Kenya, south and west of the country's second largest city, Mombasa.

In an area heavily populated by Moslems, "We've seen lots of positive signs in the past five years," Musen allowed. He said 22 thriving Baptist churches have already been established there. The people of that district have adopted a goal of reaching 6000 converts by the year 2000. "When you consider we had only 20 converts five years ago, that is a significant step," said Musen.

He urged more Kentucky Baptist men to give their time and talent in the partnership with Kenya. "You're not going for a vacation," he warned. "But

it will be a life-changing experience you'll be thrilled you had."

In a testimony, Ray Acree, of Valley Station, a Kenya volunteer earlier this year, said he discovered what it means to be a "minority person" when he was in Kenya.

Working alongside two other Kentucky Baptist laymen, missionaries Carl and Gerry Hall and Kentucky Baptist hosts James and Wilma Whaley, Acree helped erect a church building at Namanga.

Larry Holland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Russellville, and some of his laymen showed slides of six members' experiences in Kenya also earlier this year.

In one of the few addresses which did not touch on Kenya, businessman Tom Raper of Richmond, Ind. told of his salvation experience eight years ago, and the effect it had had on his life and on his business. He said he now has the "best product in the world to sell—Jesus Christ."

Raper closed his message with a "fervent, earnest prayer that every one of you will spend eternity with Jesus."

"I pray that he will be able to say of you, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy that is yours,'" Raper concluded.

The Foundation and CP Month

by Barry G. Allen

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation is pleased to have been serving Kentucky and Southern Baptists for over 40 years. We believe Christian stewardship, in its fullest sense, includes the responsibility to plan for the disposition of one's estate. Proper estate planning provides the vehicle by which a person can reduce or eliminate taxes, reduce administrative expenses and court costs, and at the same time assure a continuing Christian witness after death.

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sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Good News America

The last of October is the scheduled time for a massive effort to prepare for simultaneous revivals next spring. During Oct. 20-26 most Southern Baptist churches will engage in people search, scripture distribution and prospect cultivation.

If we expend as much energy, emotion and money in revival preparation as we have spent in castigating each other these past few years, we will surely see a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit to revive our churches and save multitudes of lost people. Thus we could, under the direction of God, turn this nation in a new direction. If, however, we continue to be distrustful of each other, preoccupied with our political shenanigans and caught up in theological debate, then we will see another chance to turn the tide in America go down the drain.

Fourteen million Southern Baptists can make a difference in America and ultimately the entire world if we are willing to pay the price. Part of that price, in fact the main ingredient, is lay participation in the main pre-revival activities.

Those activities include an evangelistic people search. Surely our Kentucky Baptist churches will organize to scour every neighborhood in the commonwealth to discover lost people and persons not involved in church life. This is the heart of revival preparation and if it is done well we can confidently expect true church revival and true evangelistic harvest. There has never been an adequate substitute for knocking on doors to locate people who need to hear the gospel proclaimed.

Another prerevival effort which has great potential is scripture distribution. Over five million gospels of

John and the book of Romans have already been ordered from the Baptist Sunday School Board. We believe scripture is the word of God and as such has power of itself to prepare the human heart to receive the good news of salvation. If our people take seriously the opportunity to place the scriptures into the hands of unsaved people, we can expect God to use that effort to turn many to the light.

The final prerevival action is prospect cultivation. Here is where lay men and women can and must make the necessary effort if success is to come in the simultaneous revival campaigns.

Prospect cultivation means face to face encounter between a Christian and a lost person. It requires prayer, patience in dialog, perseverance in visitation and second mile effort to lead people to the light of Christ. Compassion for lost people, coupled with a dependence upon God for direction, can make all the difference in this part of the work before us now.

The essential ingredient in revival preparation is to locate by name and spiritual condition all the unchurched people in our church community. This takes time effort, prayer and dogged persistence. If we are willing to pay that kind of price then we can expect God to respond with a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit to bring revival to America.

I say it again, if we will spend as much of our strength in revival preparation as we have in political maneuvering, infighting and name calling, we can have revival. If we are willing to lay aside our personal agenda to fulfill our calling as missionaries to the world, we can have revival. If not, then another chance has gone by the board.

Important new journal

An important new journal has emerged in Southern Baptist life which deserves the attention of all lay people who are serious about preserving the traditional values of the SBC. The journal is called Baptist Laity Journal, with Owen Cooper, former president of the SBC as president of the board of directors and John F. Baugh, chairman of the Sysco Corporation, vice president.

The purpose of the Baptist Laity Journal is to inform Baptist lay people concerning the situation in the SBC. To this end, the statement of purpose says the journal constitutes "a call to all Southern Baptists, particularly the laity, to join in striving to enhance a spirit of mutual respect, trust, love, harmony and effective cooperation among Southern Baptists."

The journal further states that "only a spirit of Christian love, demonstrated by 'deed and trust' . . . can bring an end to the bitterness and backbiting

which characterized our denomination in recent years."

The journal has various articles by leading Southern Baptists, including Roy Honeycutt, Earl A. Martin, Walter Shurden, William M. Pinson Jr., Owen Cooper, Ray Summers and Fisher Humphreys. All of these men would certainly be in the "moderate" camp yet the paper has a ring of truth without any evident propaganda. It is a timely, worthy new source of information for Southern Baptist laypeople and would be worth a small contribution to anyone who wants to see how other laypeople think.

Since the Baptist Laity Journal is a not-for-profit venture, no subscription price is charged. Yet the editors have noted that contributions would be greatly appreciated. The mailing address for this newest entry in the newsjournal field of Southern Baptists is Baptist Laity Journal, Drawer 21594, Waco, TX 76702.

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Profiles from my old Kentucky home

DWIGHT HOWARD

Dwight Howard is a citizen of two counties, Daviess and McLean. He has lived and worked in this area 40 years.

Howard graduated from Livermore High School in 1963 and attended Murray State University and Kentucky Wesleyan, Owensboro. The son of Gertrude Howard and the late Taylor Howard, Island, he worked first in family businesses, a service station and a restaurant.

For the past 16 years Howard has worked for the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet. For 10 years he was a field representative and then became district manager of the Owensboro Taxpayer Service Center. Aug. 1 Howard became director of the cabinet's Collection Division in Frankfort, employing 136 people.

With these activities, one would wonder how Howard has any more time to give. "It is my intention," he said, "to expend as much energy in church work as I do in my secular



work. I work a 37½-hour week."

Howard's early years were spent in two independent Baptist churches. In 1968 he became a member of Island (Ky.) Baptist Church, then later, Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro. He is now a member of Livermore (Ky.) Baptist Church.

During this time he has been a Sunday school teacher of sixth grade boys, young married's and adult men; department director for young married's and youth; assistant director and director of Sunday school; outreach director; teacher in Church Training; R. A. leader; worked with both youth and senior citizens; Baptist Men's director; taught soul-winning classes; church treasurer and church clerk; and has been on various committees. In Daviess-McLean Baptist Association Howard was clerk

Howard says he finds church work relaxing. It helps him unwind when he is uptight about work. "It is also rewarding. Some young people I've worked with have grown up to become ministers of youth or pastors."

Lay speaking is one of Howard's interests. In addition to the Gideons, Howard preaches on mission trips such as the trip the Livermore youth took to Ohio, and in a crusade in Jamaica.

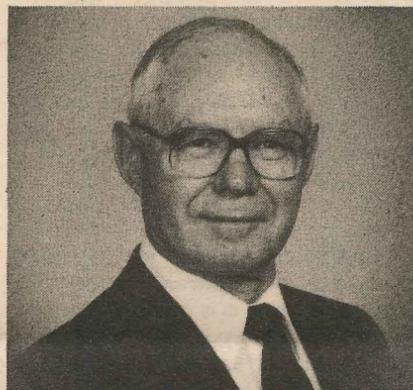
The Howard family will soon be leaving Livermore to move closer to Frankfort. Mrs. Howard is the former Faye Bell. They are parents of a son, Jared, a fifth grader, and Johnna Kazlauskas, a senior at Murray State University.

CLAUD SMITH

When Claud Smith surrendered to preach, he went home to Ohio County to pastor. He has pastored New Zion Baptist Church, route one, Horse Branch, 23 years. In July he observed his 70th birthday.

Smith was born in the Ohio County community of Arnold. He married the former Morine Embry. They moved to Louisville and Smith worked for Tube Turns, a company that made airplane landing gear. During that time the family attended Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church.

The Smiths spent many weekends at their family farm on Indian Camp Creek in Ohio County. One weekend when Smith was 45, he surrendered to preach. He first felt God's call at 17, but he didn't want to preach. "I was uneducated. My mother died of childbed fever when I was just a boy. I dropped out of school in the eighth grade, and I had skipped the fifth and seventh grades."



As a licensed minister Smith held a revival at New Zion in the Baizetown community and near his family home. The church called him to be their pastor. In the first three years services were half-time with the other half spent at Small House Baptist Church, Centertown. The Smiths commuted from Louisville. During 13 of those years Smith stopped in Leitchfield for a Saturday radio program, paying the fees himself.

Sixteen years ago the Smiths moved back to the 500-acre Indian Creek farm. Smith was 53. His doctor had told him to give up his job or to give up preaching. He chose to go home, to preach and to farm.

On the large farm Smith raises Polled Herefords. He now owns three houses and land totaling 19 acres in Baizetown, a 113-acre farm at Select, a few miles down the road, and a 74-acre farm adjoining the church grounds on which he raises Black Angus cattle.

Within a mile of the Smiths live all four of their children—James Thomas Smith, Marvin Claud Smith, Bulena Cardwell, and Jerry Clifford Smith. Jerry now manages the farms. All the children attend New Zion where the two younger sons are deacons. Smith has baptized seven of his 10 grandchildren.

New Zion has 50 active members. The white, asbestos-shingled church is air-conditioned and carpeted and has three Sunday school rooms and a fellowship hall.

Smith doesn't plan to retire from preaching any time soon. "I'd rather have my experience as a preacher as to have anything in the world."

CAROL SWIHART

Carol Swihart, Lewisport, is a legal secretary, working Tuesday through Friday for the Owensboro firm of Rummage, Kamuf, Yewell and Pace.

Born in Knoxville, Tenn. to Nancy and Ed Gordon, Carol and her family moved to Owensboro when Carol was five. The family later moved to Hawesville. Carol graduated from Hancock County High School and attended Daviess County Vocational School part time while working in another law firm. She has been a legal secretary 10 years, working primarily with estate matters.

Carol and Ronald Swihart, who have been married 12 years, are the parents of two daughters, Leah and Carey. Ronald works at American Olean Tile, Lewisport. They rent a house on a farm near Maceo and would someday like to buy a small farm.

The Swiharts attend Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Lewisport, in the Blackford Association. A rural church, Chestnut Grove has 84 members. Carol, at 31, is active in her church. She has been WMU director, church treasurer and Mission Friends leader the past church year. However, with the new year she will be mission action leader for Baptist Women.

Carol has taught older children in Sunday school the past three years and will teach again this year. She is enthusiastic about MasterLife, a program she will lead for her second year. Classes are held during Church Training time.

"Being a Christian has always meant a lot to me, but I've never grown so much as with MasterLife," Carol said.

Her pastor's wife, Jane Hatfield, has called Carol a "balcony person." (As Joyce Landorf described in her book, a "balcony person" is an encourager.) "Her joy, compassion and confidential nature make her one of the most special persons I have known."

The slender, attractive young woman finds time for handwork—cross-stitch, crochet and crafts, and also gardens, doing a lot of canning and freezing vegetables.

SUSAN WHITTAKER

Susan Whittaker is committed to missions. It is her prayer to have quality mission education in Ohio County. The county, one of the largest in area, makes up the Ohio County Baptist Association. It has a population of about 12,000 and has 41 Baptist churches. Hartford and Beaver Dam are the two largest towns.

Susie is petite, has reddish hair, and is 35 years old. She and her husband, Fred, have three children: Tim, 16, Jennifer, 13, and Jason, 9. They live on a farm on a Hartford route and are members of rural Barnett's Creek Baptist Church where Fred is a deacon. Susie is church clerk, Acteen director, youth Sunday school teacher and a member of Baptist Women. She also directed the associational youth camp this year.

The daughter of H. L. and Margie Byrd, Susie attended schools in Ohio County and also went to cosmetology school. She presently has a beauty



shop in her home. For nine years she has also been a computer operator for Peabody Coal Co.

One cannot read Ohio County's associational minutes without seeing the name Susie Whittaker over and over again. She is in her second year as associational clerk and as a member of the missions committee. For five years Susie was Baptist Young Women director. She is WMU director and was part of an associational mission team to Menominee, Mich., in July.

Fred Whittaker is an executive board member and a member of the long-range planning committee. He works for Montpelier Glove Co., Hartford.

Susie gives her time to church and mission work. She feels there is no stronger theme in the Bible than missions.

"We never meet anyone whom God doesn't love, whom Jesus didn't die for, and who doesn't need the gospel. I am thrilled to be able to do anything I can."



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homes for children

Memories

On Sunday, Oct. 6, I celebrated my birthday once again. Birthdays seem to come more often now than in younger years. But I don't mind because I am thankful for each year God has given me to live and serve him. Furthermore, one's birthday offers a fine opportunity to reflect on that which is important in life.

To be loved by one's family and have loving friends who care is a wonderful encouragement in life. I am so grateful for a loyal, loving wife who has encouraged and enriched my life. It is good to have two daughters who have believed in me and love me. A deep sense of God's call has blessed my life, caused me to stretch to reach toward his goal and given me joy in his service.

As I reflected on these great values, my memory took me back to my youth. I thought again about my Christian mother and father. What a heritage to be born into a Christian home, where prayers are said, the Bible is taught and church attendance is an integral part of life! My parents didn't have much of this world's goods, but they had character. We all worked hard, were taught honesty, the love of God and other important principles of living.

I am thankful I was born in October; it is such a beautiful month. I am glad I was born to God-fearing parents; they introduced me to Jesus. I am grateful I met the Lord; he called me into his ministry. I have accepted God's call and that of Kentucky Baptists to lead Baptist Homes for Children. It is a joy to give this ministry my best.

This work is a special blessing because you make it possible for Baptist Homes for Children to provide Christian care for children who are in great need of parenting. Their natural homes have disintegrated or have been devastated in other ways, causing them to need a Christian home and Christian parents. Because you care and support this ministry, many children will be able to have brighter birthdays and guidance for living every day.

As we provide a safe place for dependent children to live, we give them good memories. As houseparents give them love and guidance, they have experiences that provide pleasant memories. As our staff model Christ and tell the story of Jesus, we give them positive memories of the past and hope for the future.

baptist forum

Graduate extols Midwestern Seminary

As a recent graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, I would like the opportunity to share with Kentucky Baptists about their seminary in Kansas City, Mo. I cannot speak for all our seminaries, but I can for Midwestern.

All my life has been lived in Kentucky, except the two years I was at Midwestern. I enrolled there because I knew the Lord led me there. I believe I matured immensely as a minister because of my experiences at Midwestern. Why do I say that? Here are some reasons:

First, my belief in the Word of God was strengthened. There was not a time when I heard the Word of God ridiculed. I sat through Hebrew and Greek classes where professors were diligent in determining what the text really said.

Second, I learned to accept differences better. This was largely due to the varied background of the student body. Sitting in class with Baptists, and some non-Baptists, from many states and several countries, gave me more of a world vision. I found the ways of presenting the gospel are limitless. Our task is to share it.

Third, I gained a better perspective of worship from the faculty of Midwestern. When people gather for a worship service, most of them really want to worship God, and it is our task, as ministers, to be worship leaders. This does not take away from preaching but makes it more alive.

I could go on and on, but space will not allow. I uphold Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and recommend it to any minister who is seeking a

smaller seminary where the faculty and staff are concerned about the student and friendships are easily made. Thank you for receiving my letter.

Larry J. Baker, Dry Ridge

Theological education as strategy

The grassroots movement advocating a new seminary in the northeast is rooted in the conviction that theological education is essential to a comprehensive national mission strategy. It is time for Southern Baptists to develop a long range plan for planting seminaries in the growing new work areas of our convention. This is the most effective way for the convention to honor its commitment to provide theological education in these regions, as expressed by vote of the convention in 1979.

Our national mission strategy is focused on churches, associations and conventions; and rightly so. Establishing regional institutions for ministry training would undergird and enlarge this congregational network by, first, providing geographically accessible leadership training; second, designing curriculum to meet unique regional needs; third, creating a pool of highly-qualified resource persons to minister in the churches; and, last, providing a measure of institutional visibility for Southern Baptists in areas largely ignorant of our identity and heritage. The northeast with its enormous population, unique challenges, and healthy state conventions is but one area that would profit from a Southern Baptist institution.

The Southern Baptist Convention is perhaps the only Protestant denomination in America with resources to

implement such a bold plan. We have the tradition of starting seminaries in new territories. Southwestern, New Orleans, Golden Gate and Midwestern were all located intentionally on the growing fringes of Southern Baptist territory. We have the vision of Bold Mission Thrust, unique among evangelical groups for the breadth of its design and the strength of its grassroot support. We have students of all ages and interests from our newer areas seeking ministry training. Competent, committed teachers are graduating from our seminaries seeking places to serve. We have financial means that continue to grow both through the Cooperative Program and beyond it, to specialized missionary and institutional needs.

Theological education as mission strategy will require a denominational partnership. Representatives from Southern Baptist agencies, institutions, conventions and congregations can cooperate to design and implement such a plan, perhaps as part of our Bold Mission Thrust emphasis. This broad-based coalition will more effectively mobilize denominational resources, ensure both credibility and viability to the process, and avoid the skewed orientation that so often accompanies purely local or specialized sponsorship.

The bold mission strategy will meet with the immediate and overwhelming support of our people. It is a vision that unites enormous needs with available resources. It is reasonable; it is challenging. It is an idea whose time has come. "To this end we pray . . . that our God . . . may, by his power, fulfill every good resolve and work of faith that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you" (2 Thess. 1:11-12).

Dwight A. Moody, Allison Park, Pa.

Glasgow church sees fruits of harvest

I ask you to share with other Kentucky Baptists the movement of God experienced at Glasgow Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 15.

On that day, as a result of the prayers and efforts of the membership, we witnessed our highest attendance ever in Sunday school, 868.

In conjunction with high attendance day, evangelist Rick Scarborough of Mobile, Ala. was with us for a one day revival. On one day, 32 decisions were made. Truly God was among us that day for which I praise him.

It is my prayer that all of our churches see the fruits of the harvest.

Delton M. Beall, Glasgow

No apology needed; no errors in lesson

I am deeply concerned, not because of the statements made in "Adult Bible Study" for July 7, 1985 but because of the response of the Sunday School Board to the criticism.

I feel heart-sick when I read the trustees and the administration join in apologizing for "the errors included in this lesson." What errors?

The lesson writer presents a view which is widely held by reputable scholars whose loyalty to the Bible and to the Southern Baptist Convention is unimpeachable.

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 employees, interns, stringers and directors and their families, and previous winners of this competition are ineligible to participate in this competition.



John Durham, the lesson writer, points out that the "satan" of Job is to be distinguished from the devil of the New Testament. He also indicates why such a distinction is essential in gaining a valid interpretation of Job.

The distinction made by Durham is made by Eric Rust on page 12 of "Advanced Bible Study" and by Earl

Joiner on page 15 of "Adult Bible Teacher." Furthermore, the same distinction is made by the writers of "Job" in The Broadman Bible Commentary, Vol. 4, p. 38.

I realize that our leaders are extremely vulnerable in the presence of the emotionally appealing attacks being made against them. I don't know how

one can maintain a valid posture concerning today's issues without losing his opportunity for service. However, I cannot believe that an untrue "confession of error" is an effective defense of a correct position.

May God preserve us through this hour.

Gordon Psalmonds, St. Louis, Mo.



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Cuban refugee trades dreams

For Luis Garcia, getting out of communist Cuba was the death of one dream and the birth of another.

Garcia found himself on the wrong side of Fidel Castro's revolutionary forces during the communist takeover of Cuba. A pre-medical student at the time, Garcia was whisked off to a forced labor camp in 1963.

That was the end of his dream to become a doctor, but Garcia began building another dream—to come to the United States.

He immediately started planning his escape to this country, which required that he first get out of labor camp. He tried cutting his leg with a sharpened machete, but the cut was not bad enough to get him a medical dismissal. He then made himself violently sick, which did work, and he was released after nine grueling months of captivity.

Once out of labor camp, Garcia and his wife were able to flee their homeland in 1965. Aided by his brother who was already in the United States, Garcia realized his dream of immigrating to this country.

"This is my country," he said proudly in a recent interview for the "Life Lines" program on ACTS network. "This is the most beautiful country in the world."

Garcia settled in Dallas, where members of Cliff Temple Baptist Church helped him get on his feet financially and spiritually. Unable to get admitted into medical school in the United States, he did the next best thing—he pursued a career in hospital administration.

"I like people," said Garcia, now a member of First Baptist, Dallas. "I could not be involved with anything that didn't help people."

After 15 years in hospital work, Garcia is now administrative director of the Kidney Transplant Center at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas and director of the hospital's international department. His dream of helping

people as a doctor is now being fulfilled in part by providing life-saving transplant services.

"We are able to help people get their lives back," he said. And that's all Luis Garcia ever wanted to do.



Luis Garcia

clear creek comment

Big footprint

In "The Psalm of Life," Henry Wadsworth Longfellow writes these words:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sand of time.

I am reminded of classic statements like this one when I think of H. C. Chiles. He epitomizes what the ideal professor at Clear Creek Baptist School ought to be. He is, first of all, a preacher and a pastor. He is stable, persevering and dependable. He pastored at First Baptist Church, Barbourville, for almost 15 years and First Baptist Church, Murray, for more than 22 years.

He is a humble man, and would be most embarrassed if he knew I was writing this column to honor him.

Chiles is a native of Pendleton County and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He has served several times on the executive board and served as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for two terms. He has been a trustee of Georgetown College for 12 years and a trustee of Golden Gate Seminary for 10 years. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for six years.

Mrs. Chiles, nee Elizabeth Mitchell, is a native of Georgetown and also a graduate of Georgetown College. She is a gracious, considerate and kind Christian lady. The Chiles have one daughter, Mrs. R. G. Humphreys, who resides in Lexington.

Since 'retiring' (?) from the pastorate Chiles has served as professor of New Testament Interpretations at Boyce Bible School and distinguished professor of New Testament at Clear Creek. He continues to supply and serve as interim pastor as well as preaching Bible conferences and revivals.

In a few weeks he will complete his 36th year of writing "Comments on the Sunday School Lesson" for Western Recorder. We honor him for this significant accomplishment and because of all that he has done for Clear Creek and for the Lord.



Baptist "Heresy"

Over 2,000 Southern Baptist churches have less than 50 members. Over 4,500 churches have a membership of 50 to 99. And over 4,600 congregations number only 100 to 150 members. True, Southern Baptists have some big churches—236 with over 2,000 members. But the smaller churches are in the majority. Cecil Ray of Raleigh, N. C., is a soft-spoken man with years of Baptist leadership in Texas and North Carolina churches. Out of his experiences, Dr. Ray has pinpointed a common "heresy." That heresy, he warns, is "that little churches can't do this or that."

"We can't have a music program; we're too small. We can't send our workers to Ridgecrest; we're too little. We can't afford to build—our budget's too small. We don't have enough leaders to conduct a vacation Bible school this year." And on and on. But that's heresy!

We often use the same excuses as individuals. "I don't have the education. My time's limited. My salary's too small. I prefer to be a follower. I'm afraid I'd fail. My voice is weak. I don't know anyone." All of us—individuals as well as churches—would be miles ahead if we shook off this "heresy." Big dreams, big vision, big faith—these count more than size and statistics.

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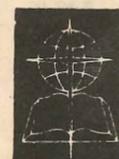
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People are important to us

Elkhorn Association celebrates 200 years

by Robin Oldham, State Correspondent

Unseasonably cool weather coupled with heavy rain did little to dampen the spirit at the 200th anniversary celebration of Elkhorn Association on Sept. 30.

Members and other friends of the 68 churches in the association gathered in the John L. Hill Chapel on the Georgetown College campus for a time of worship, praise, thanksgiving and commitment.

Following the opening prayer by Ray England, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winchester, Jerry Lester, Minister of music at Edgewood Church, Nicholasville, led the congregational singing as well as pledges to the American flag, Christian flag, and the Bible. Later, Lester sang "We Thank You, Lord," a hymn he wrote especially for Elkhorn's bicentennial observance.

Harold Polk, executive director of Elkhorn Association, spoke of the association's expanding ministry in the areas of evangelism, missions, pastoral support, church development, new work, stewardship development, facility improvements and training church members to serve. He recognized past moderators and expressed his appreciation for each.

Present moderator Ted Sisk, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, recognized other special guests including William Marshall, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, and other state convention representatives.

Speaking on "The Traveling Church," W. Morgan Patterson, president of Georgetown College, highlight-



The drama "So Send I You" was a highlight of the celebration.

ed some of the significant events that led to the founding of Elkhorn Association on Sept. 30, 1785.

Patterson said Baptists should be grateful to God for the example and influence of their forebearers. He reminded the audience of the hardships

experienced by early Baptist leaders in Kentucky and called their move from Virginia "one of the most remarkable episodes of the early settlement of the commonwealth."

Members of the Georgetown College faculty, staff, and student body, as well

as area GAs, RAs and Acteens presented a drama titled "So Send I You," directed by George McGee, assistant professor of communication arts at Georgetown College.

The service concluded with a prayer of rededication by Harold Polk.

Associational anniversary

Mt. Zion marches toward victory after 100 years

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

Against a nostalgic setting, the 100th annual meeting of Mt. Zion Association was called to order, at Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

In many ways it was the same as all such meetings but one only had to look around to see and feel the difference.

Furnishings from the 1880s adorned the pulpit area. James Boswell, president emeritus of Cumberland College, served as moderator. The Bowlin family rendered special dulcimer music and took us back in time by the singing of "How Firm a Foundation" and other selections, using the tuning fork to get their musical pitch.

Sam Smith delivered the message of the evening from Ephesians 4 and later learned that the first associational sermon in 1885 was from that chapter.

Mt. Zion Association has been and continues to be one of the missions minded groups in the state.

From the first meeting held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Oct. 30-31, 1885, missions has been their priority.

At the 1885 meeting 10 churches were represented. The 1985 meeting had 40 churches represented and another was added to the group at this year's meeting.

Whitley County was established in 1818 and census records show a population of 20 for Williamsburg in 1820.

A few churches had been organized earlier but it was the coming of the railroad in 1883 that brought rapid

changes to the area. The lumber industry was born and later the area experienced a coal boom.

Churches from Whitley, Laurel and Knox counties met for the organization of an association. Their meeting place was about six miles north of Williamsburg. W. H. Brummett was the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which then was the association's largest church.

During this year's meeting a pageant based on the first meeting made those present feel they were hearing the reports for the first time.

Established in the first meeting was a meeting time to be the Thursday before the second Saturday in September. A preacher for the 1886 gathering was chosen by secret ballot. An offering of \$9.20 was collected and each church was advised to organize Sabbath Schools and report their progress the next year. An executive board was organized to take steps to supply destitute areas with no churches.

Two resolutions were presented. One resolution advised churches composing the association not hold fellowship with members who make, sell or drink intoxicating beverages. Another resolution expressed a hearty thanks to the host church.

Mission gifts collected that year totaled \$7.15. This expenditure now exceeds the \$300,000 mark.

In 1885 Sabbath School literature was available through the Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia but availability was limited. One hundred years

later all churches in the association are reporting Sunday schools with an enrollment in the thousands and an abundance of materials readily available through the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Williamsburg Institute was a dream of the messengers of the first annual meeting. The need of a Christian school for the area was also expressed. Strong emphasis was placed on Christian education and recommendations were made for young persons to be enrolled at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

A committee was formed and funds were solicited. One year later a special meeting was called and C. Medaris reported \$4294 had been collected. The financial agent had traveled 2500 miles in 60 days on horseback, raising the needed funds.

Williamsburg Institute has been the success the founders yearned for with Mt. Zion Association carefully guiding those early years of development. In 1913 the name was changed to Cumberland College, and the school now has the largest enrollment of any Baptist college in Kentucky.

WMU work was started in 1915 and the association has been responsible for financial and prayer support for two foreign missionaries, Ethel Harmon, of Corbin, who served in Nigeria, and the late Rose Marlow, former missionary to China, were aided by the association. Today half of the churches in the association have WMU organizations with a total enrollment of 1038.

Church Training was slower in coming but in 1920 Second Baptist (now Main Street Baptist) ventured into this program. It was not until the 1929 meeting that seven churches reported 577 enrolled. Advancement has also come in this area and new emphases are being expressed.

Brotherhood work began in 1939. Vacation Bible school has grown to include all churches.

Perhaps the most noteworthy project of that early era was the inception of a campaign to build a Baptist hospital in the area.

But it was not until 1950 that Mt. Zion picked up a ball that had been tossed throughout a number of agencies and accepted the challenge to supply funds necessary to operate a hospital.

For 30 years, the City of Corbin owned the building but it was Mt. Zion and the board of directors appointed by the association that owned the equipment and supported the lifesaving station. Early records tell how farmers selling tobacco at the London market were asked to donate poundage to the hospital fund.

To date all assets have been turned over to Baptist Hospitals Inc. and a new hospital is scheduled to open in 1986.

Already the association is working toward making the next 100 more newsworthy and fruitful for the Lord's work.

According to Janus Jones, director of missions, now in his 15th year at Mt. Zion, "We can do it; let's march on to victory."

Program

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

Kentucky Baptist Convention 148th ANNUAL MEETING Immanuel Baptist Church Lexington, Kentucky November 12-14, 1985

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TUESDAY MORNING

9:15 Kentucky Baptist Brass Ensemble, Billy Orton
9:30 Call to Order of the 148th Annual Convention, Jim Lewis
Prayer
9:40 Hymn, "Faith Is the Victory"
9:45 Welcome, Ted Sisk Jr.
9:50 Kentucky Baptist Chorale, Donald P. Hustad
10:05 Organization of the 148th Annual Meeting, Leo T. Crismon
Appointment of Committees, Jim Lewis
Appointment of Tellers, Jim Lewis
Report: Committee on Credentials, Anna White
Report: Committee on Order of Business, Verlin C. Kruschwitz
10:10 Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"
10:25 Report: Cooperative Program, Bill Messer
10:35 Report: Western Recorder, Jack Sanford
10:45 Susan Ray, Testimony, Video Tape
10:55 Hymn, "Stand Up for Jesus"
11:00 Westport Road Baptist Church Choir, Louisville, Jerry Douglas
11:10 President's Address, Jim Lewis
11:40 Closing Prayer, Lester Nash

7:25 Report: Missions/Church Services Division, C. Benton Williams
Brotherhood Department, William Kaufman
Church Music Department, Eugene F. Quinn
Church Training & Special Ministries Department, Douglas Strader
Direct Missions Department, Robert C. Jones
Evangelism Department, Jay Brown
Student Department, Don Blaylock
Sunday School Department, Fred E. Halbrooms
8:10 Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
8:15 Good News America, Jay Brown
8:35 Message in Song, Georgetown College Choir
8:50 Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing"
8:55 Introduction of Speaker, Jay Brown
9:00 Good News America Message, Harper Shannon
9:25 Recognition of A. B. Colvin and Grady Randolph, William W. Marshall
9:30 Closing Prayer, J. D. Shipp

4:05 Report: Committee on Resolutions, John W. Kruschwitz
4:35 Miscellaneous Business
4:50 Closing Prayer, Ben Baird

WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:45 Immanuel Baptist Church Choir, William B. Williams
7:00 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Cecil Ray
7:15 Report: Business Division, Barry G. Allen
Accounting Services Department, Cathi Roy
Administrative Services Department, Richard Carnes
Computer Services Department, Douglas D. Hays
Support Services Department, John Pate
Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Barry G. Allen
Camps and Assemblies Department, Marshall Phillips
7:35 Kentucky/Ohio Partnership, W. D. Jaggars
7:40 Planned Growth in Giving, Jesse C. Stricker
7:50 Kentucky/Kenya Overseas Partnership, G. Allen West
7:55 Report: Home Mission Board, Harold Greenfield
8:00 Report: Foreign Mission Board, R. Donald Mantooth
8:05 Report: Baptist World Alliance, Clara A. McCart
8:10 Report: Woman's Missionary Union, Dolores Gilliland
8:25 Hymn, "We've A Story to Tell"
8:30 Introduction of Speaker, William W. Marshall
8:35 Immanuel Baptist Church Choir, William B. Williams
8:45 Message, Keith Parks
9:10 Closing Prayer, Donnie E. Sutton

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Hymn, "Make Me a Blessing"
1:35 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Cecil Ray
1:50 Fraternal Greetings
Harold G. Sanders and Franklin Owen, Former executive secretary/treasurers, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown
Robert Turner, director, Conference Center Division, Baptist Sunday School Board Nashville
Fred Chapman, executive vice president, endowment and capital giving promotion, Stewardship Commission, Nashville
Stanley Lum, marketing director, Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex.
Ruth Ouzts, manager, Baptist Book Store, Louisville
Richard Harris, director, Mass Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.
Chaplains and others, Bill Rogers
2:20 Recognition of New Leadership, William W. Marshall
2:35 Hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
2:40 Report and Recommendations of Executive Board, William W. Marshall
3:25 Election of President
3:45 Hymn, "Serve the Lord with Gladness"
3:50 Report: Committee on Public Affairs, Malcolm G. Lunceford
4:00 Business Session and Resolutions
4:20 Special Committee Report, Willis W. Henson
4:50 Closing Prayer, Steve Curtis

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 Hymn, "Send the Light"
9:35 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Cecil Ray
9:50 Report: Communications Division, Jim Hawkins
Media Department, Mark Snowden
Stewardship Department, Jesse C. Stricker
10:15 Election of Officers
10:25 Miscellaneous Business
10:45 Recognition of Seminary Representatives
10:50 Silent Choir, Lori Drake and Liz Woosley
11:00 Scripture and Prayer, William E. Crosby
11:10 Hymn, "So Send I You"
11:15 Convention Sermon, Glenn Armstrong
11:45 Closing Prayer, Mark A. Keith
12:00 Seminary Luncheons

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 Music Proclamation (Madisonville First Baptist)
2:10 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Cecil Ray
2:25 Report: Conventionwide Education, Badgett Dillard
2:35 Report: Christian Education in Kentucky, Jesse Stricker
Campbellsville College, W. R. Davenport
Clear Creek Baptist School, Leon Simpson
Oneida Baptist Institute, Barkley Moore
Cumberland College, James H. Taylor
Georgetown College and Message, Morgan Patterson
3:10 Recognition of Past Presidents
3:15 Hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal"
3:20 Oneida Baptist Institute Choir, Jeff Minor
3:30 Report: Minister/Church Support Division, Bill Rogers
Annuity Department, Don Spencer
Family Ministry/Church Administration Department, C. Vernon Cole
Minister/Church Relations Department, Guy Futral
3:50 Report: Committee on Arrangements, Dixie Mylum
3:55 Report: Constitution and Bylaws Committee, James E. Jones

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00 Hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
9:05 Prayer for Cooperation, Lincoln Bingham
9:10 Report: Committee on Committees, Colburn E. Hooten
9:20 Report: Committee on Nominations, J. William Jones
9:30 Report: Baptist Hospitals Inc., Ben Brewer
9:35 Miscellaneous Business
9:45 Hymn, "Love Is the Theme"
9:50 Report: Historical Commission, Wendell Rone
9:55 Report: Historical Society, Michael Duncan
10:00 Report: Committee on Obituaries, Harold G. Polk
10:10 Report: American Bible Society, Dowling Runner
10:15 Report: Temperance League, Delbert Butts
10:20 Recognition of Convention Officers, William W. Marshall
10:30 Recognition of New Officers and Presentation of Gavel, Jim Lewis
10:40 Introduction of Speaker
10:45 Hymn, "Love Lifted Me"
10:50 Message, Cecil Ray
11:15 Closing Prayer, Newly Elected President

TUESDAY EVENING

6:45 Georgetown College Choir, Tony Whitfield
7:00 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Cecil Ray
7:15 Report: Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Eldred Taylor

**Kentucky Baptist
Pastor's Conference
November 11, 1985
Immanuel Baptist Church**

MONDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Inspirational Music, New Song
- 1:50 Congregational Hymn, George R. Cavanah
Welcome and Introduction, William L. Hancock
- 2:00 Theme Interpretation, Jay Brown
- 2:05 Inspirational Music, Lois Jane Huddleston
- 2:10 "The Vocational Evangelist and The Local Church:
Myths and Expectations," David Ring
- 2:35 Congregational Hymn, George R. Cavanah
- 2:45 Inspirational Music, Lois Jane Huddleston
- 2:50 "The Potential of Good News America," Richard H. Harris
- 3:15 Offering, Ernest N. Boggs
- Inspirational Music, Lois Jane Huddleston
- 3:40 "The Role Of Prayer in Missions and Evangelism," James H. Smith

MONDAY EVENING

- 6:30 Inspirational Music, Lois Jane Huddleston
- 6:50 Congregational Hymn, George R. Cavanah
- 6:55 Welcome and Introduction, William J. Hall
- 7:00 Theme Interpretation, Robert C. Jones
- 7:10 Inspirational Music, New Song
- 7:15 "ACTS: Supporting Your Church in Missions and Evangelism," Jimmy
R. Allen
- 7:40 Congregational Hymn, George R. Cavanah
Offering, William L. Hancock
Inspirational Music, New Song
- 7:55 "Missions in China: Past and Present," C. K. Chang
- 8:20 Election of Officers
Inspirational Music, Lois Jane Huddleston
- 8:35 "Evangelistic Preaching: The Basis for Missions and
Evangelism," Charles F. Stanley
- 9:15 Benediction, 1985-86 President

**KBREA Program and
Schedule
Pre-Session Meeting
November 11, 1985
Calvary Baptist Church**

- 1:00 Registration and Fellowship
- 2:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 2:15 "Facts Learned From 8.5 by '85," James V. Lackey, Sunday School
Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 "10-'90 Hopes and Strategy for the Future," James V. Lackey
- 4:45 Break
- 5:00 Business Session
Election of Officers
Recognitions
- 5:30 Dismiss
- 6:30 Banquet
"Grinspiration," Nick Foster and Darrell Adams

**Kentucky Baptist
Music Association
November 11, 1985
Central Baptist Church**

- 11:30 Officer's Luncheon, Daryl's, 3292 Nicholasville Rd.
- 12:30 Registration
- 12:55 Call to Order and Welcome, Randal Bratcher
- 1:00 Worship Through Music and Drama, Moselle Sherman, professor
of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
- 2:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal, Donald Hustad,
director, professor of organ, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Louisville
- 3:00 Introduction Baptist Book Store personnel
- 3:05 Break and Book Store Exhibit
- 3:30 Worship, Georgetown College Chorale, Tony Whitfield, director
- 4:15 Kentucky Baptist Music Association Business Session
- 4:45 Chorale Business Session
- 5:00 Break
- 5:30 Kentucky Baptist Music Association Banquet, Central Baptist Church
(advance reservations required)
- 7:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal
- 8:30 Instrumental Rehearsals

**Kentucky Fellowship of
Directors of Missions
November 11, 1985
Georgetown College**

- 6:00 Dinner hosted by Georgetown Baptist College
Invocation, Harold Barnes
Greetings, W. Morgan Patterson, president
Business Session
Minutes & Constitutional Amendment, Ralph McConnell
DoM of the Year Committee Report, Don McGuire
New Business
Election of Officers
Recognition of Past Presidents and Distinguished Guests
Special Music, Georgetown BSU
Benediction, President Elect

Praying without ceasing

Louisville church intercedes for callers' needs

by Susan Shaw, State Correspondent

Ten years ago Rockford Lane Baptist Church proposed a test week. Seven days later after witnessing answered prayers and renewed levels of commitment, the Louisville church launched an intercessory prayer ministry that has continued for a decade.

Only a few months after he had come to Rockford Lane as pastor Rolfe Dorsey began preaching on prayer and meeting with a Saturday evening prayer group which had been formed while the church was searching for a pastor.

Under Dorsey's leadership, that core group committed themselves to coordinating a test week of around-the-clock intercessory prayer. Within the first week of that announcement all but a few of the 2-3 a.m. hours had been filled.

During that test week Dorsey was visiting in St. Mary's Hospital when a nun asked him to counsel the family of a man who was dying of a caustic lung burn. The doctors had indicated the man had only a couple of days to live.

The man's name was entered into the church's prayer log. Hours later, Dorsey recalls, the man's condition improved. He goes on with the story to add that a few days later a Rockford Church member visited the man, who at that time made a profession of faith.

That experience, Dorsey claims, "was a real motivation for this prayer ministry."

When a number of area factories closed, shift workers no longer were able to drop by on the way to and from their second and third shifts, the midnight to 6 a.m. hours were discontinued. Until then, 130-140 hours each week had been filled for about four years.

Currently, 95 members of Rockford Lane are involved in the prayer ministry. They range in age from 12 to 80. About 15 of those members have been involved the entire 10 years of the ministry.

Rockford Lane receives about 70 prayer requests each week, according to Dorsey. These requests come from all over the state and country. Some even come from foreign mission fields where word of the ministry has reached.

When a request comes in it is categorized as emergency, intermediate, or longterm. Emergency requests, such as illnesses, accidents or family crises, are listed for seven days from the call. Intermediate requests, such as job loss, recoveries or drug problems, are included for 21 days. Longer term requests are listed on Rolodex cards. Every six months, these requests are checked. If they have been fulfilled, the card is removed; if not, it is left.

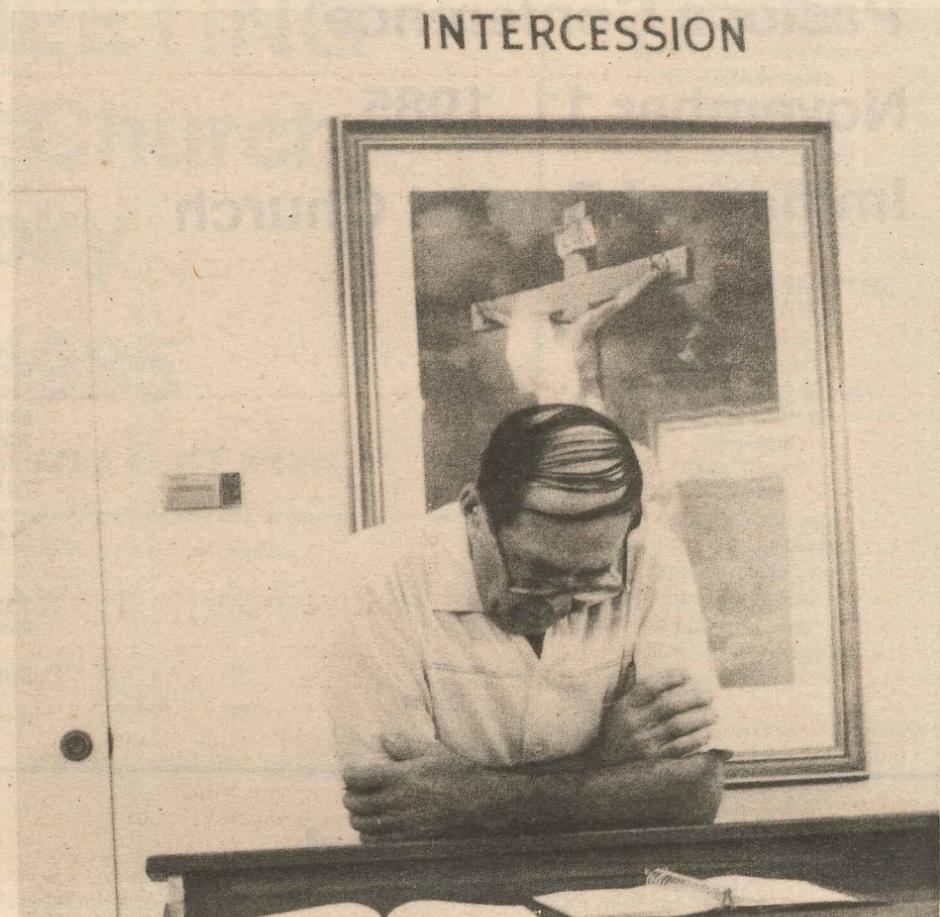
Each answer is recorded in a notebook. Rockford Lane's prayer chapel now houses several volumes of such notebooks.

Dorsey teaches a basic seminar on prayer about once every two years. He also tries to model patterns of prayer for his congregation.

According to Dorsey, "We tell people they ought to pray, but we don't really show them how."

A survey Dorsey did of participants in the ministry indicated that before they began the ministry 95 percent of them averaged five minutes a day in prayer. Dorsey recalls that most of them had originally wondered how they would fill an hour of prayer time.

Now, he says, those who stayed with it for more than one month inevitably



Rockford Lane member in prayer chapel

claim they need more time.

An annual challenge the church takes each year is a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions—literally! A card is made for each Southern Baptist foreign missionary, and during that week on the denominational calendar church members pray around-the-clock for foreign missionaries.

According to Dorsey, "We pray

through the world twice that week."

This ministry which, according to Dorsey, began appropriately in a corner nursery has moved to a prayer chapel, where intercessory prayer "gives God a free and open channel to come in and minister his grace to people in need."

The phone number for the Rockford Lane intercessory prayer ministry is (502) 447-2592.

Missions interest renewed by church's Kenya trip

by Denise Spencer,
State Correspondent

While not the first mission endeavor for Red House Baptist Church, Richmond, Bates Creek Association, a visit to Kenya July 1-18 by nine people was the church's first foreign mission trip.

The mission team included Carl Powell, Nelson Cox, Rick Allen, David Miles, Barbara Miles, LaDonna Jaynes, Carolyn Powell, Don Jaynes and Kevin Jones. They were joined by Harold and Hattie Stephens of Ft. Thomas.

Two years ago a group from Red House went to New Hampshire to convert a barn to a church. They later became acquainted with Ron and Barbara Cook, missionaries in Nairobi. An interest in foreign missions ensued, and soon another Kentucky-Kenya link was forged.

Their planning for the trip included prayer, teaching preparation and an orientation session with the Stephenses. Next there were immunizations for malaria, cholera, yellow fever and typhoid. After an exhausting 21-hour plane trip the group touched down in Nairobi. There they were met by Kentucky hosts James

and Wilma Whaley.

After obtaining some much needed sleep, the missionaries were sent in three directions. One group went to Rumuruti to construct a church. Another team was sent to Mombasa to train Sunday school teachers. The third group of Kentuckians traveled to Kisumu on Lake Victoria. They worked with church developers Dan and Sharon Bradley, preaching and teaching in 20 churches.

The team found Nairobi to be a city of contrasts. "Classy" hotels and rickety shacks are located in the same block. People commonly speak three languages, and there are many tribal dialects.

In the villages national pastors were interpreters for the missionaries. Villagers typically live in mud huts or corrugated tin houses with tin or thatched roofs. There is no electricity, telephone system or plumbing. Mrs. Miles described the floors in the village homes, which are often made of cow dung. The families had worked with the dung until "it looked like it had been waxed."

Kenya's unemployment level is near 50 percent. Families often live

on "shambas," farms 1-1/2 acres in size. Some people work in the sugar factories, where housing consists of cardboard huts. Kenya's population growth, four percent, is cited by Miles as the world's highest.

Despite the vast difference in economic status of the nationals and mission team, the Kenyans "treated us like kings," according to Cox. "They gave us the best they had."

When Cox's group arrived in Kisumu, they were met by excited villagers singing a joyous welcome song. Later there were official "greetings," when the guests were seated and nationals entered one by one to meet them.

"They constantly attended to us," Powell remembered. Cox added, "If the chief had to move out, we got the best."

Allen laughed as he recalled the snack they were most commonly served: "Bananas and hot Coke!" The lack of refrigeration eliminated the chance to enjoy a cold soft drink. When visitors come to the village, residents share dishes and other belongings so the guests may be given the community's best.

While the Red House team was certainly evangelistic, the main pur-

pose of the trip was strengthening churches. The average Kenyan is exposed to a diversity of religions, including Islam, Hinduism, Mormonism, ancestor worship and witch doctors. In this myriad, missionaries proclaim Christ.

Jaynes found the people are "really confused" and "are searching."

Allen discovered Christian Kenyans have the "same problems we do—Sunday school attendance and tithing." They see "no need" for education. "Education is for kids."

Churches do not emphasize lay leadership, letting pastors carry the load. The mission team's challenge was to teach individuals to accept responsibility.

Miles explained, "They didn't understand what we wanted them to do, to be self sufficient. After a couple of days they caught on and got excited."

Conversation at Red House is already turning to the future. Several people would like to return to Kenya, and hope to stay longer next time. This growing nation awaits spiritual growth. It must be done the old fashioned way—discipleship.

christian education

Southwestern sets record; most students ever

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's fall enrolment of 4375 students is the largest number ever enrolled in a theological school.

The enrolment breaks Southwestern's previous record of 4337 in 1983.

Hispanic Baptist Seminary, Southwestern's Spanish-language campus in San Antonio, Tex. doubled last fall's enrolment with 234.

A total of 4141 students enrolled at Southwestern's Ft. Worth campus and three off-campus centers.

Enrolment on the Ft. Worth campus is 3796. Two of the seminary's three off-campus centers posted enrolment increases. In Houston, 172 students enrolled this fall, an increase of 16 percent. An 8.7 percent increase was recorded in Shawnee, Okla. with a fall enrolment of 114. Enrolment at San Antonio, Tex. total 59, a 17 percent decrease.

Overall, an additional 147 are taking classes for no credit, which swells the total number of students to 4522.

Students enrolled on all campuses include 3530 men (81 percent) and 845 women (19 percent). By schools, enrolment is: theology, 2543; religious education, 1485; and church music, 347.

Cumberland football makes television debut

A live telecast of the Cumberland College-Maryville College football game appeared Oct. 5 on WBIR-TV 10, Knoxville, according to Cumberland's president Jim Taylor.

"We are very excited because we were able to obtain a live regional telecast of a Cumberland College football game in our first season in 61 years," said Taylor.

"As far as we know, no other college in our area has been able to accomplish this.

"The telecast was seen in parts of five states and let the viewers know the Cumberland College football program is a 'class' program worthy of media and public attention."

Excitement at WBIR-TV 10 was equally shared among administrative, production and sales personnel.

At halftime, both Cumberland and Maryville were featured in three-minute video presentations.

Southern nets \$200,000 for preaching center

Two bequests totaling more than \$200,000 will establish an endowed scholarship program in the National Center for Christian Preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A fund of \$175,000 from the estate of Miss Lois Boli of Dallas, Tex. will endow scholarships in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Boli Jr., lifelong members of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Miss Boli, who died last year, was a playwright and career teacher of speech and dramatic arts in the Dallas public schools and at Southern Methodist University. She had once taught Southern Seminary preaching professor Raymond Bailey, who helped conduct her funeral.

The other bequest, in excess of \$25,000, will come from the estate of Gladys Beeker Hinton of Albemarle, N. C. She was the widow of Southern

Seminary graduate C. Richard Hinton, who died in 1981 after a long career in the pastorate.

The National Center for Christian Preaching was launched three years ago with a \$400,000 commitment by Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMahan Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., to endow the Carl E. Bates Chair of Preaching in honor of their pastor. Since then, several additional components of the center have been underwritten by other donors.

The center offers students a variety of courses, clinics, lectures and videotape laboratory experiences to develop their pulpit skills.

Georgetown VIP Day planned for Oct. 19

The eighth annual Georgetown College

VIP Day, Visit in Person, is planned for Saturday, Oct. 19. Registration for the event is scheduled for 9 a.m. in Cralle Student Center.

VIP Day with Georgetown College is for high school seniors and/or juniors and their parents to acquaint them with the school. Last year more than 400 persons attended.

Scheduled activities include campus tours, financial aid sessions, college/career sessions, complimentary lunch, and a program featuring the Georgetown College Chorale.

During the morning hours high school seniors may compete for science grants by competitive exam or audition for fine arts grants in art, music or communication arts. For details contact the Admissions Office at Georgetown College, (502) 863-8009.

Patterson names Forman to fill Georgetown post

Georgetown College's president W. Morgan Patterson announced the appointment of David Forman as dean of admissions and financial aid effective Oct. 14.

In his new role, Forman will be the college's chief administrative officer in student recruitment. He brings to this newly created dual position more than 14 years of experience as a college administrator.

The 1972 Georgetown College alumnus has served the school as director of financial aid since 1976. Before returning to his alma mater he was a member of the administrative staff at Campbellsville College four years.

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baptist news in brief

8.5 by '85 misses goal but half million added

Southern Baptist Sunday school enrolment apparently has topped eight million for an all time record, based on estimates collected during a nationwide reporting telecast.

The Sept. 29 Celebration Sunday reporting telecast on the Baptist Telecommunication Network (BTN) marked the end of a five-year enrolment campaign.

Additional reports received after the telecast ended include reports from all 39 state conventions and fellowships with an estimated increase of 145,472 for a total enrolment for Southern Baptist churches estimated at 8,002,809. The Southern Baptist Sunday school enrolment was 7,433,405 in 1980 when 8.5 by '85 began, for an estimated five-year gain of 569,404.

Texas posted the largest numerical gain with an estimated 32,995 increase. Other top numerical estimated increases were Florida, 19,891; Alabama, 14,115; California, 9080; and Oklahoma, 8895.

"Although it does not appear we will reach the eight and a half million, we have achieved a significant victory by topping the eight million mark," said Harry Piland, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department. "There is a new sense of urgency for Sunday school enrolment we have not had before," he said. (BP)

Board staffer's son killed in plane crash

The son of a Home Mission Board word processor was killed in a plane crash 50 miles south of Atlanta.

Steven Wilson, 35-year-old son of Home Mission Board employe Betty Wilson, was the pilot of the plane carrying 16 parachutists. All were killed.

Although cause of the crash has not been determined, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board said the plane was operating with contaminated fuel and may have been overloaded. He described the fuel as "the color of black coffee."

The pilot's father, retired Southern Baptist minister Herb Wilson, told reporters his son would never have flown the plane if he had known there was a problem with the fuel.

Betty Wilson, the pilot's mother, currently employed in the Home Mission Board planning section, has worked with the board for eight years. (BP)

Missionaries safe when shells shock compound

Shells exploded on the campus of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary Sept. 28. None of the four Southern Baptist missionary families, 10 students and several employes who live there was injured.

The shells fell during a random bombing of areas in east Beirut. One blast broke 12 windows in the home of missionaries David and Maxine King on the seminary campus and destroyed a tree in their front yard. The Kings, from Livingston, N. J., and Augus, Tex., respectively, were in an inside hallway at the time.

Normal activities resumed at the seminary the next day. Missionaries

reported worshipers crowded into the seminary chapel for the Sunday morning service of the Mansourieh Baptist Church. Two young women were baptized, and both mentioned the role of missionaries in bringing them to Christ.

Missionary Frances Fuller said the Southern Baptist missionaries in Beirut "want to thank all who pray for them and for Lebanon." (BP)

Rate increase delayed for publications fees

Recent Senate action would delay probable postal rate increases for nonprofit publications until Jan. 1, 1986.

The U. S. postal budget approved by the Senate in late September includes \$785 million in federal subsidies for the U. S. Postal Service to provide reduced mailing rates to nonprofit mailers, including state Baptist newspapers and church newsletters.

That figure falls \$196 million short of what the Postal Service says it needs to maintain the present level of subsidy. The shortfall would result in an approximate 30 percent rate increase for typical nonprofit mailers, a Postal Service spokesman said. (BP)

Baptist Peacemaker offers book series

The International Division of Baptist Peacemakers in Louisville will begin publication of the new International Spirituality Series in January 1986. The series of six booklets will explore the inward journey involved in peacemaking, and will include works by Glenn Hinson, Jurgen Moltmann and W. W. Finlator.

For more information, write the International Division, Baptist Peacemaker, 1733 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, KY 40205. The subscription rate is \$10.

SBC receives 8% more than gifts one year ago

The Southern Baptist Convention closed its books on the 1984-85 fiscal year for the national Cooperative Program Sept. 30 after receiving \$117,526,691 in undesignated contributions to its worldwide mission and education programs.

The 1984-85 total was 7.99 percent (\$8,690,959) above 1983-84 contributions while the inflation rate is approximately 3.5 percent, meaning growth in giving has more than doubled the rate of inflation.

September contributions from the 37 conventions (which include all 50 states) which are affiliated with the 14.4 million member SBC of \$9.75 million left income slightly more than \$473,000 below the basic budget goal of \$118 million. No funds were available for \$6.874 million capital needs portion of the budget or the \$5.126 million challenge budget.

The 1983-84 gifts, leveled when inflation dropped to approximately three percent after planners had anticipated a 12 percent inflation rate, fell \$5.7 million below basic budget goals. (BP)

Silent prayer in school to become a reality?

Debate over a constitutional amendment authorizing silent prayer in public schools will go to the Senate floor as a

result of action taken by a Senate committee Oct. 3.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-6 to put S.J. Res. 2 on the Senate calendar for full debate. The measure states: "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group silent prayer or reflection in public schools. Neither the United States nor any State shall require any person to participate in such prayer or reflection, nor shall they encourage any particular form of prayer or reflection."

Supporters of the proposed amendment hope it will nullify a recent Supreme Court ruling that struck down an Alabama law requiring a moment of silence for prayer or meditation at the beginning of each school day. (BP)

Kentucky far below in per capita giving

It can't be proven to a mathematical certainty, but Southern Baptists in Florida and Oklahoma can lay strong claims to having been the individual leaders in supporting the national programs of the Southern Baptist Convention.

By taking the latest available membership figures for the 37 state conventions which are voluntarily affiliated with the SBC (for calendar year 1984) and comparing them with final figures for the national SBC fiscal year (Oct. 1, 1984-Sept. 30, 1985) an approximate "per capita" giving figure can be established—while remaining fully aware the time periods being compared are off by six months.

But by that non-scientific, but useful, procedure Florida's national Cooperative Program contributions of \$9,450,519 and membership of 871,113 produces a per capita gift of \$10.85.

Likewise, Oklahoma's numbers of \$7,815,188 and 729,879 works out to \$10.71 per member.

The SBC-wide figure (based on gifts through the national Cooperative Program of \$117,526,690) is \$8.19.

Kentucky's gifts of \$5,161,509 put it at \$6.80. (BP)

Aid to Mexico approved; to help quake victims

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board earmarked \$406,500 Oct. 3 to buy equipment and feed 3000 Mexicans while they are trained to help dig Mexico City out from under the wreckage of two earthquakes.

More than half of the money will pay for nine big compressor jackhammers, plus smaller equipment such as blowtorches and power saws for cutting metal. The rest will finance up to three weeks of food each for 3000 jobless Mexicans as they are trained to use the equipment.

An additional \$200,000 may be allocated for more compressor jackhammers in a second phase of the project if the overall effort succeeds. (BP)

Baptist Men disaster team aids Mexico

Southern Baptist work in Mexico City received official recognition from government leaders due to the presence of Baptist Men disaster response units from four states.

In a meeting between representatives of the city government, local Southern Baptists and the Baptist Men, the

validity of the Mexican National Baptist Convention has been elevated from a virtually nonexistent entity to that of coworkers with the government in meeting the needs of earthquake victims.

Previously Baptist work has been severely limited due to government policy toward Christian organizations, explained regional disaster coordinator Larry Gay. However, that changed Sept. 19 when the worst earthquake in the history of the city toppled or permanently damaged 1000 buildings.

Two further earthquakes have also shaken the world's largest capital city to its foundations, killing more than 7000 persons.

The tide for Baptist work began to change when the convention received government approval for a disaster response van from Texas to set up a freeing operation in the city, Gay explained. Texas has an on-going partnership with the convention and is familiar with the people and their customs.

Local Baptist representatives are optimistic the meeting with government officials has opened the door to a more cooperative relationship which could lead to heightened visibility of Baptist work.

RA Week declared by Gov. Collins

Gov. Martha Layne Collins has joined the Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in declaring the week of Nov. 3-9 as "Royal Ambassador Week."

Mrs. Collins, a Southern Baptist, called RAs a "worthwhile group dedicated to serving the needs of boys and their families through missions."

The governor also expressed appreciation for "the excellent work which this organization has undertaken and wished RAs "every continued success in their future endeavors."

New Testaments donated for earthquake victims

Texas Baptist volunteers have been given 15,000 copies of the Spanish Good News America New Testament by the Sunday School Board for victims of the recent earthquakes in Mexico City.

The Good News America New Testaments, published by Holman Bible Publishers to support Southern Baptist outreach efforts and the simultaneous revivals next spring, were donated by the Sunday School Board to support the denomination's efforts to assist in disaster relief.

The volunteers from the Baptist General Convention of Texas will take 7500 of the New Testaments with them as they travel to Mexico City and the other half will be shipped directly to the city.

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Elderly Ethiopians provide inspiration in food crisis

by Robert O'Brien

Craggy and rutted as the parched Ethiopian highlands which once supported him, ancient Byllene surveyed the remnants of his once-proud existence.

He sat on a rock near the Southern Baptist feeding and health care center at remote Rabel and spoke with quiet grace and dignity—gifts age gives as it takes away youth.

"I have nothing," he said. "Without you I would have died." Those words were difficult for a proud, old man in a land of proud, independent-minded people to utter to a white-faced "feringe" (foreigner).

Drought and famine have decimated people, animals and earth in vast stretches of Ethiopia but not Ethiopians' proud heritage, desire for life, or tenacity. Earlier this year, even before rain came to give some hope for crops by December, gaunt farmers tried to plow worthless soil with gaunt oxen.

A farmer, who paused during a long trek, typified that spirit. He had walked miles to find thistles to grind to feed his starving oxen. They usually won't eat them but little else green was left.

"What will you do when you can't find thistles?" missionary Lynn Groce asked. "The oxen will die," the man replied, sadly lifting the thistles, bundled in a skin, back onto his head.

Death is a daily reality in Ethiopia. People resist it but expect it. The people and the land face a long period of recovery, despite the recent rain.

"It's been five years since much of Ethiopia has had a good crop," Groce said. "The people always, even under the best conditions, live one crop failure away from hunger."

Ethiopians cling to a fragile life line, depending on the "short rains" and the "big rains" each year to sustain crops. The life line has strained to the breaking point before, but probably not like this in nearly 100 years.

Groce, agriculturist and self-taught student of Ethiopia's 3000 years of recorded history, believes history shows major droughts in Ethiopia—and likely much of Africa—come roughly in 100-year cycles. That doesn't count smaller ones. The last great drought of the proportions of the current one, Groce

said, raged between 1893 and 1896.

He believes such droughts will come despite efforts to prevent them. Modern Africa faces a variety of problems, such as denuding of land, population pressures and economic and political problems. Those and other things, Groce said, make drought worse but aren't the ultimate cause of it.

Byllene, born sometime after 1890, sat on his rock at Rabel and contemplated drought. He recalled the great one of the 1890s, dating it, as Africans often do, by an event—when King Menelik defeated the Italians in the Battle of Adowa in 1896.

Mind still sharp and eyes flashing with visions of bygone days, Byllene described the desolation then and traced his life through his times as a soldier, farmer, husband and father—surviving through good and bad conditions. Now, wife and children dead, he sat alone in Rabel reflecting on the sweep of history.

He remembered other droughts but not one, even the great one, as bad as now. "I don't have words to explain this one," he said.

Frail old people and desperate mothers—tear-streaked dust on their faces and vacant-eyed, starving children in their arms—fall down and try to kiss missionaries' feet in gratitude for a system which puts food in their mouths and blankets around their cold shoulders, and provides medicine for their ills.

Many youth-oriented people in the Western world have downplayed the needs of old people, believing younger people, especially children, are the hope for the future.

That influence affects some on-the-scene relief efforts, but not of Southern Baptists and most others. Old and young have found help at Rabel and will continue to as missionaries and volunteers open new centers.

What else can you do when frail Waldargia, who struggled through 10,000-foot highlands to find sanctuary at Rabel, tells of a blind, 65-year-old wife alone back home? "Help her," he begs. "She's dying. All she has to eat are dirt and ashes she scoops up and licks."



As a child watches with respect, an elderly man and his wife painfully pick their way across the Southern Baptist feeding and health care center at Rabel, Ethiopia, clutching bags of food the center has provided.

Ethiopians have increased respect for Southern Baptists because they take good care of old people. Like most Africans, Ethiopians revere gray hair, which signals wisdom, leadership and a storehouse of indispensable knowledge on a continent where stark conditions work against long life even in the best of times.

Children cling to the beginning of life and old people to the close of it. The two ages have natural affinity for each other and need what the other can

provide.

If compassion prevails, people of the world won't blind themselves to the needs of the weak of any age. They'll join those who sing, "We are the world, We are the children . . ." and keep trying to save the children.

But they won't forget the children's grandparents in the process.

Once, they were the children—the hope for Africa's future. Now, along with the children, they're still part of that hope. (BP)

West Kentucky church is first to adopt annuity plan

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

Antioch Baptist Church, Barlow, West Union Association, has become the first Kentucky church to adopt the Annuity Board's "Expanded Church Annuity Plan."

The plan, which will become effective Jan. 1, 1988, provides pastors, church staff members and associational personnel with greater security in their retirement, according to Donald Spencer, director of the Annuity Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Following Antioch's action Sept. 4, two other churches, Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church and Cecilia (Ky.) Baptist Church, and one association, Ohio Valley, have adopted the annuity plan.

Spencer said by approving the plan churches pledge to "cover our present staff as well as ministers and other people we call and employ in the

future."

The plan calls for both staff members and churches (or associations for associational employees) to participate in the program on a matching funds basis. The associations agree to match participants' contribution two-for-one up to 10 percent of salary.

Spencer said the average monthly pension of the 634 Kentucky annuitants is \$178.27. "Even with Social Security this is not adequate income for a retired minister to live with dignity," Spencer insisted.

The average minister retiring this year will receive \$325.25 per month which Spencer said is "a much better amount but still not enough."

Many Kentucky churches contribute only \$400 per year toward their pastors' retirement, an amount recommended by the Annuity Board in 1938. "This means their pastor will retire on an income that is based on a 1938 econ-

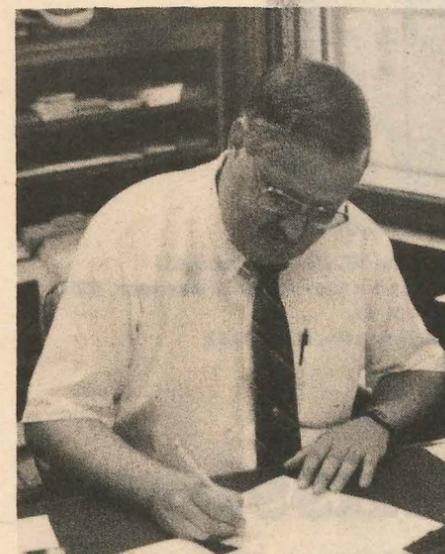
omy," Spencer declared.

Should ministers enrol in the new plan at an early enough age and contribute the suggested amount (five percent of their salary matched two-for-one by their churches), they will receive monthly benefits equal to 87 percent of their last monthly salary.

In addition to contributions by churches and individuals, the Kentucky Baptist Convention will match one-half the churches' contributions up to \$420 a year.

Non-ministerial church employees, such as secretaries and custodians, are eligible to be included in the new program, according to Spencer. This is the first time non-ministerial employees have been eligible for a matching funds program.

Churches and associations can contact the KBC Annuity Department, Middletown, to obtain further information.



Don Spencer signs forms making Antioch Baptist the first Kentucky church to adopt the new annuity plan.



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oneida journal

Around the mountain

Homecoming is over. That occasion and commencement require weeks of work in preparation. Both are thrilling events each year. But there is a certain sense of relief when it is over. We can then get back to our day-by-day activity.

Our students were just wonderful this year preparing for homecoming, and taking part in each homecoming event. Many super alumni returned. One of our 1960 graduates came all the way from Arizona to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her graduation. She did the same thing for her 20th. This time she brought her teenage son and daughter to see mom's old school. We had such a good turnout of the '60 class we had to set up two more tables.

The first arrivals were two of our former students who now live in Alabama. They married shortly after they left Oneida. The husband was the youngest student of our school when he first came as a middle school boy. He was here about six years, but unfortunately I had to expel him in his senior year. But that doesn't keep him from loving our school, returning for homecoming, giving me a bear hug as he arrived and as he left. He is the owner of his own roofing company now and doing quite well. He also loves the Lord whom he came to know as an Oneida student.

One of seven children, Tim got to see his older brother Glen, who was also here for homecoming. The boys have only seen one another a few times since their Oneida days. Glen, after a terrible

siege of homesickness, was one of our most outstanding students his four years here. He was captain of our first two state championship fencing teams. He was an excellent wrestler. He was one of our top students academically and went on to graduate from Cumberland College. He was on the dean's list there and graduated in math, which he teaches, as well as in computer science.

Another early arrival was a 1931 graduate with her husband, returning for her 54th reunion. They came in a camper from Indiana bringing another couple to see OBI for the first time. We can handle a number of campers as we have a campground adjoining the campus.

We changed our alumni basketball game to the first thing in the morning rather than the last event of the day. This was at alumni request. We had a cross-country run against several large schools and several smaller ones. Our team won the championship trophy. We have had only one loss to date, as has our soccer team who defeated Somerset on this day. In volleyball we won a game, and lost a game to Rowan County. That has been rather typical of our volleyball season.

Our art students put on a wonderful show representing their work this first nine weeks. Our choir did their usual superb job singing a dedicatory concert as we dedicated our new dining complex and student grill. Our students who make crafts had the craft house chockful of articles. Our drama group did a fine job with "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" on two differing nights.

Our first academic quarter has ended and our students and most of our staff are away for a nine-day fall "break." But our office staff, farm managers and maintenance staff must "hold the fort" and make preparation for the start of second quarter Oct. 20th. There is always more to do than we can get done!

Our new potato house is complete. We have a tremendous crop. The old potato house was accidentally destroyed earlier in the year. But insurance has made possible a \$10,000 structure. It is also corn-gathering time. Our beef cattle and hogs will eat well this winter. That means our students will have meat on the table.

We have recently run a 2000 ft. water line around the mountain to hook three houses and two mobile homes onto our water system. This includes some staff housing including a stone house built in 1930 that an alumnus sold the school.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 20, 1985

Life and Work Series

Praising God for salvation

Exodus 14:29-15:2 Wailing over the death of the firstborn had scarcely ceased, and the Israelites had barely withdrawn from Egypt, when Pharaoh regretted he had permitted them to leave. Immediately, he and his army pursued them, hoping to prevent them from leaving the country.

Pursued by their enemies, at whose hands they were expecting a prompt and terrible death, the Israelites blamed Moses for their plight, but he assured them that God would protect them. Holding his rod over the Red Sea, Moses had the joy of seeing God open the way through the waters before the eyes of his surprised people.

Pharaoh and his people madly pursued them. When they came into the midst of the parted waters, Moses stretched forth his rod again and the waters returned to their natural state. **Exodus 15:11-13** In Exo. 15 appears the first song recorded in the Bible. It focuses attention upon the great superiority of God over Pharaoh and his hosts. Their terror at the sight of their pursuers was soon turned into genuine gratitude and hearty praise to God for what he had done for them. All of God's people should praise him for their salvation.

Exodus 15:17-18 When God sees to it

that his people are settled in the place which he has chosen for them, their location will be one of stability and permanence. He rightfully expects them to be a worshiping, witnessing and working people. The fact that God is going to reign for ever and ever is our hope. Let us praise him with our lips and our lives until we come to the end of life's way.

International Series

Church, culture in conflict

1 Corinthians 10:6-14 To warn the carnal Christians in Corinth of the folly of abusing their liberty Paul recited a portion of the history of the Israelites. After the Israelites had received abundant supernatural blessings, they lusted after the things that were evil, indulged in the worship of idols, committed sexual immorality, defied God and murmured against the divine will. In doing so they displeased God, did themselves a great injury, did their posterity a terrible injustice, and brought upon themselves a distressing judgment.

Paul charged them to flee from idolatry, to refrain from lusting after or desiring things outside the will of God for them, and to cease complaining or griping. Murmuring is simply the giving of an audible expression of unwarranted dissatisfaction with what God has done or is doing.

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 Instead of seeking their own selfish interests, Christians are required to live for the welfare of others, and most of all for the glory of God. In the multitude and complexity of activities—eating, drinking, playing and working—our chief aim should be to glorify God. We are admonished to recognize God in all our plans, purposes and pursuits—his ownership of us, his authority over us, his love for us, and his provision for our needs.

Living to the glory of God will deliver us from self-seeking, enable us to overcome temptations, give us a wonderful satisfaction, impart dignity to our lives, and cause us to do our best in service for him.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Inasmuch as the Christians did not have the New Testament to read and to obey, it was truly wonderful that Paul had been so faithful in imitating Christ and living an exemplary life in their midst. Is your life enough like that of Christ that you would want others to follow your example?



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Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference

As in the past, the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet the day prior to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Recent inquiries to me about the Pastors' Conference suggest that it would be good for Kentucky Baptists to review their awareness of the present bylaws of the Pastors' Conference. **NAME.** This body shall be called the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference. **PURPOSE.** The Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference is composed of currently serving and retired pastors of Kentucky Baptist churches. Its purpose

is for fellowship, inspiration and encouragement of those involved in the ministry of Baptist churches. The conference will be supportive of the work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. **OFFICERS.** At the annual meeting the following officers shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting: president; vice president; secretary. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately following the annual meeting at which they are elected and serve through the close of the conference the following year. **MEETING.** The Pastors' Conference shall meet annually prior to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

PROGRAM. The current officers, immediate past president and the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, as ex officio, will serve as a Program Committee to plan and implement the annual conference program. Expenses of the program will be borne by offerings received in the con-

ference, other donations and any assistance approved by the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention or through its Business and Finance Committee. [The present balance available from unspent offerings of previous years is \$1073.69.] The executive board's business manager will serve as treasurer of the conference. **AMENDMENTS.** These bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting provided the proposed has been in Western Recorder at least two weeks prior to the conference.

Western Recorder will be providing details of the Pastors' Conference, other auxiliary meetings and the Kentucky Baptist Convention in this and forthcoming issues.

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Kentucky Baptist Convention are to be found in the front pages of any prior year's Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual, a copy of which is sent each year to every pastor in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Butch Adcock, Easthaven

Witnessing with hammers and nails

by Jim Lowry

Hammers and nails can do a lot more than hold boards together.

Some construction work in the northwestern United States also can help bring about an understanding of Southern Baptist missions.

Montana pastor Butch Adcock knows God told him to help construct church buildings in this strategic, pioneer location. "If nothing else is certain in my life, this is," he said. "We're fulfilling what was born in the heart of God."

Adcock, pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church in Kalispell, Mont., for 12 years, has led building crews for nine years which have helped construct 14 Southern Baptist churches.

Each summer, during the first week of July, families from Easthaven Church travel as much as 600 miles to do construction work. The church families, who take vacation time from their jobs, live in campers and tents, cook all their food and work 10- and 12-hour days to frame and roof a church building.

"This is our way of participating in missions even though we are a small church," Adcock said. "Every year at the end of a project, we come home loving more people."

Faith, commitment, excitement and sacrifice all are vital parts of building

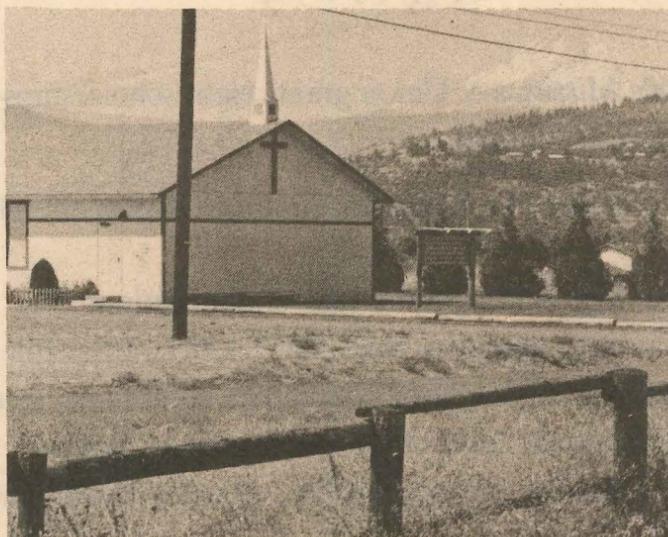
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churches in the northwest, which started in Kalispell with the construction of Easthaven Baptist Church. "We wanted to build a church here but we didn't know how to get loans, permits or materials," Adcock explained. "Hal Buettner, a retired building contractor, moved to Kalispell and soon became coordinator of the project, working on plans and listing and pricing materials.

"While we were building Easthaven, the Lord said he had a job for us," he continued. "The Lord said 'Go and leave the things you think are important and I'll give you more.' Our family grows every year."

When Easthaven's facility was built in 1977, average attendance was approximately 120, but the auditorium was built to seat 500. Attendance now reaches 200 occasionally, with an average of 165. The Sunday morning services are televised.

Over the years, the construction projects have grown to include families and workers from other churches, including First Baptist, Wichita Falls, Tex., where Adcock was associate pastor before moving to Montana. Other families meet the group after traveling from Washington, Idaho, Arizona and California.



Members attending the Dallesport [Wash.] Baptist Church, which was constructed in 1981 by a crew from Easthaven Baptist Church, have a beautiful view of Mt. Hood, some 30 miles away in Oregon.

Construction sites have ranged from Portland, Ore., which is 600 miles west of Kalispell, to Poplar, Mont., located 500 miles east on an Indian reservation near the North Dakota border. Work at each location includes checking plans with the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and learning how to obtain financing through the Home Mission Board.

The annual trek begins on the first Sunday of July when a caravan leaves Kalispell following the morning worship service to drive to the construction site. Living quarters are set up that night and construction begins early Monday morning. An advance coordinator has prepared the site by having the foundation completed and materials delivered and ready for construction.

Numerous benefits are cited by churches in appreciation for the free labor from construction crews, but there is universal agreement the financial saving is the most obvious.

Different churches have estimated savings as high as 50 percent of projected costs. While this would be significant to any church, it is the difference between building and not building a facility for these congregations. When construction crews leave, there is usually a building with walls and a roof. Considering all but one or two are amateur carpenters, the amount of progress

in six days is miraculous.

It is at this point sacrifice and participation begins for local church members who do the inside and finishing



This section of Emmanuel Baptist Church's new building in Pullman, Wash., was completed to this point [upstairs and downstairs] in one week by the Easthaven Church work crew. Talking here are Grady Wilson, construction foreman from Easthaven, Gene Watson, Emmanuel Church member, and Easthaven pastor Butch Adcock.

Cumberland College's Caribbean classroom

Imagine taking a course at college that offers snorkeling in the Caribbean waters of the Bahamas, 200 miles southeast of Miami.

That's just what 14 Cumberland College students did this past summer.

Blaine Earley, instructor of biology and chairman of the biology department, his wife, Suanne, and the group of students made the Bahamas field study trip. This was the first course of its kind the college has offered.

The program, subtitled Sub-tropical Ecology, offered the group the opportunity to study Caribbean marine and land life firsthand rather than from the pages of a textbook.

Early said the two-week trip was such a tremendous learning experience that plans are being made for a similar trip in May 1986.

"It was a wonderful experience just to see the excitement and interest in the faces of the students. They were seeing the things you don't see in the classroom. We turned the ocean into our classroom," Early said of the field study.

The small island of Andros was chosen as the site of the field study. The island was chosen mainly because, just off its shore under the ocean lies the third largest barrier reef in the world. Also, an organization entitled International Field Studies has a permanent field station set up on the island, with biology professionals present to lecture students and assist them in their studies.

The biology instructor said that one of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity it afforded students to meet

work.

Clint Ashley, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pullman, Wash., the location for the 1985 construction project, said visiting workers let his church see the good in Baptists working together.

Like other Baptist churches in the northwest, many members do not have a Baptist background. "When our members rub shoulders with other Southern Baptists, it enlarges their vision of missions," Ashley said. "Our members are amazed that a group of people who don't know them would give up vacations to come and work like this."

Other locations where the construction crews have worked include Rathdrum, Idaho (1980); Hood River, Ore.; Bingen, Wash.; Dallesport, Wash., and Nine Mile Falls, Wash. (1981); Dishman, Wash. (1983); and Lakeside, Mont., and Sandpoint, Idaho (1984). (BP)

people of different backgrounds and cultures.

Early told of students seeing firsthand a settlement of Seminole Indians on the western portion of the island who had migrated from Florida. Not even natives of Andros knew the community was on the remote portion of the island until the 1960's.

After leaving the Bahamas the students spent a day in the Florida Everglades where they had encountered even more biological lifestyles they had not seen before.

"It was a tremendous learning experience. Being down there in the sun and on the ocean was nice and it was educational. If it's fun too, well, that's great," said Early.

KENTUCKY WMU GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union grants eight scholarships to outstanding Acteens. Requisites for consideration are as follows:

1. Each applicant must be a member of a Kentucky Southern Baptist church and an active Acteen.
2. Each must be a graduate of high school in the year of application.
3. Each reports grade point average and gives SAT/ACT scores if possible.
4. Examples of leadership ability in high school, church and community must be reported.
5. Each Acteen must have reached the level of Queen Regent in Studiact.
6. Four references must be listed — pastor, teacher, Acteens leader and high school principal.

The 1985-86 Acteens Scholarship recipients are pictured below, each with her home church and the college she is attending.



LaShea Sutton
First Baptist Church, Lone Oak
Paducah Community College



Amber Druen
Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Louisville
Jefferson Community College



Renee McIntosh
First Baptist Church, Booneville
University of Kentucky



Karen Williams
Old Cedar Baptist Church, Owenton
Murray State University



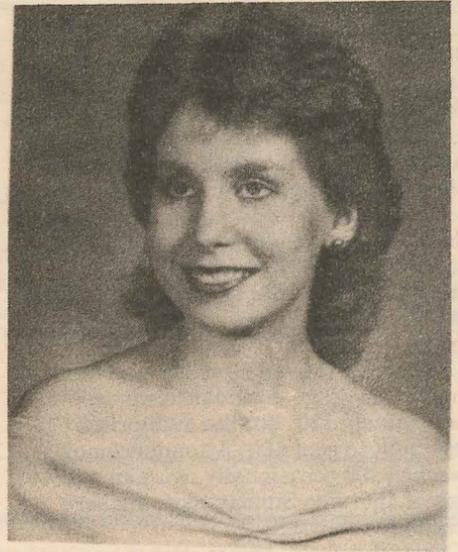
Hannah Holtzclaw
First Baptist Church, Pineville
Georgetown College



Maria Baker
First Baptist Church, Whitesburg
Cumberland College



DaVida Sandidge
Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort
Georgetown College



Melanie Sosh
First Baptist Church, Corbin
Cumberland College

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