



## Dormitory dedication

# Cumberland College salutes Eugene Siler

by B. J. Canupp

Eugene Siler Hall, Cumberland College's new men's residence hall, was dedicated in honor of Congressman Eugene Siler in a formal ceremony Sunday, Oct. 20 in Williamsburg.

The dedication of the hall to Congressman Siler was "in honor of a man gentle in nature, Christian in influence, helpful in every word and deed, Eugene Siler Sr., Christian judge, congressman and statesman, for his dedication and service to Cumberland College, the people of southeastern Kentucky, and his country."

The dedicatory message was delivered by H. C. Gabhart, chancellor Belmont College, Nashville.

Other speakers were Cumberland College president Jim Taylor; Williamsburg mayor Barbara Neubert; Arliss Roaden, executive director, Higher Education Commission, Tennessee; Ralph Tesseneer, president, Northern Kentucky University Foundation and former president, Northern Kentucky University; and Emma McPherson, dean of students at Cumberland, who led the litany of dedication.

Special music was provided by Joe Tarry, chairman of the Cumberland College Music Department, accompanied by pianist Jim Tarrant, and the Cumberland College Concert Band directed by John Schecter.

Taylor acknowledged Cumberland College's indebtedness to Congressman Siler.

"Congressman Siler we are indebted to you for many reasons. We are indebted to you, to your father who also served as a trustee, and now to your son who serves as a trustee. We are indebted to you, Congressman, for your support, for your good will, for your encouragement, for your example, and for your leadership in the state, the nation, and indeed, in the world.

"You are a man of honesty, integrity and genuine character. When times

have been rough you have always had kind uplifting words. You are a gentleman and a scholar, a man for all seasons."

Gabhart, in his dedicatory address, entitled "A Good Marriage for a Christian," remarked, "Congressman Siler has been a staunch example of a complete man of conviction, courage, character, compassion, commitment, Christlikeness, and competence. He never wavered in his loyalty to his constituents, his church, and Cumberland College.

Gabhart used the name SILER in a simple acrostic to describe the many faceted Congressman Siler.

"S" was for sincerity and sagacity, "I" for integrity with intense ingenuity, "L" for liberality with love, "E" for equanimity with enthusiasm, and "R" for religiosity with responsibility in education.

Gabhart best described the symbolic marriage between Cumberland College and the Siler family when he said, "The Siler family has shown generosity with graciousness for those causes to which they are committed and the



[Top photo] The new men's residence hall named for Congressman Eugene Siler. [Bottom photo] [l-r] H. C. Gabhart, Eugene Siler Sr., Eugene Siler Jr., and Jim Taylor.



college has likewise shown the same spirit toward young men and young women who have desired to come to this campus but without adequate means to do so.

"There has existed in this respect a mutuality worthy of the description, 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever'."

Roaden, referring to those like Congressman Siler who are admired because they will "put in more than they

take out," described Congressman Siler as "an avid student, athlete, soldier, attorney, businessman, judge, a great Christian, Baptist, and leader. He has spent his life working for that which will outlast him."

Roaden concluded, "This college has left its imprint on my life. Eugene Siler has left his imprint on this college. And God has left his imprint on Eugene Siler."

## Two suspects arrested in Mexico killing

Mexican police have arrested two suspects in connection with the murder of Southern Baptist representative James Philpot.

Mexico state police informed South-

ern Baptist representatives they arrested two men Oct. 14 in connection with the killing of Philpot, who was shot in the head Oct. 11 after the car he was driving was sideswiped by another car. A Mexican man with Philpot was shot and seriously injured. Two men in the other car, one of whom fired the gun, escaped before police arrived.

Police said a witness near the scene of the shooting took down the license plate number of the car containing the two men as it sped away. The license number led to the arrest of the two suspects.

"We presume (the suspects are) the two men in the car, but that's still in police hands," said Don Kammerdiener, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for Middle America and the Caribbean, who went to Mexico immediately after Philpot's death. "All the police have said to us is that they have picked up two suspects."

Police have not released the names of the suspects in custody, nor have formal charges been filed publicly.

The gray or light blue Volkswagen carrying the men who shot Philpot had not been located Oct. 18. Baptists don't know whether the murder weapon has been recovered. Mexico state police inspector Damaso Tostado Salazar told Kammerdiener the empty shell casings found at the scene indicated the gun was a nine-millimeter pistol.

Abel Hernandez Figueroa, shot two or three times in the stomach, remains in a military hospital in the Mexico City area. Reports of his condition vary, but he apparently has not been able to give police any substantial information on the shooting.

Meanwhile, a different account of the car accident that preceded the shooting has emerged. Williamson initially reported the car Philpot was driving was sideswiped as the Volkswagen attempt-

ed to pass it on the right at high speed. Subsequent reports indicate the Volkswagen emerged from a one-way street as Philpot was driving past. It struck Philpot's car on the right and came to a stop on the curb.

After the shooting, the two men reportedly fled in the Volkswagen, speeding the wrong way back down the one-way street from which they came and nearly colliding head-on with another car. The driver of that car identified the Volkswagen license plate number.

Kammerdiener emphasized no evidence has emerged to support a motive for the killing other than the rage over the car accident. "Up to now the facts as we know them do not warrant any sort of interpretation other than what we know—that the two cars hit and a man jumped out and started shooting," he said. (BP)

## Baptist layman Gary Forman honored

Gary Forman was recognized by Franklin Baptist Association at its annual meeting Oct. 21.

The association joined with the KBC to purchase a house adjacent to Kentucky State University to be used as a Baptist student center. The house had been vacant for some time and allowed to deteriorate. The association agreed to use volunteer labor to restore the house. Forman was asked to oversee the project.

Over a period of four months, Forman supervised groups from 13 churches involving 130 men, women and young people. They contributed approximately 1000 hours of labor. Michel Robinson, KSB-BSU director, and some of the BSU members also helped. During these four months Forman averaged four nights work per week.

Help also came from his father, Ken Forman, director of missions, Bracken Association, and brother, David Forman, director of admissions, Georgetown College, for some of the carpentry work.

In addition to the certificate of appreciation given Forman, Michel Robinson shared with the association that the chapel in the BSU Center would be called the "Gary Forman Chapel," and an appropriate plaque will be mounted.

Forman and wife, Janie, have two children—Melissa, 5, and Stan, 3. He is a deacon at Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort.

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## Owensboro native hospitalized in Nairobi

Linda Barnett of Owensboro, Ky. was flown to Nairobi late last week to be treated for what was first thought to be typhoid fever contracted during her service with the Foreign Mission Board in Ethiopia.

Doctors later diagnosed her illness as typhus fever, indocarditis, hepatitis. According to the hospital in Kenya, prognosis for full recovery is encouraging.

Mrs. Barnett and her husband, Clyde, are volunteer missionaries on a one-year assignment at a feeding station in Narygna, Ethiopia. All Kentucky Baptists are called upon to pray for God's grace for the Barnetts.

# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Where does the money go?

When you separate the facts from the show biz emotion of religious giving some interesting results come to light.

Joseph R. Estes, pastor of Beechwood Baptist Church, Long Run Association, has done just that and his separation of fact from fiction should be an encouragement for all Southern Baptists.

Estes put together the following comparison to encourage his own congregation to more participation in Cooperative Program activity and his work is presented here as an encouragement to Kentucky Baptists.

Estes points out the seven leading religious programs on national television, Oral Roberts, PTL Club, Jerry Falwell, 700 Club, Rex Humbard, Robert Schuler, the Armstrongs, received \$293,000,000 in 1983 from television viewers, many of whom were no doubt Southern Baptists.

With that \$293 million they supported: four churches, one hospital, seven weekly TV programs, five schools.

By contrast, the 14,000,000 Southern Baptists sent through the Cooperative Program and regular mission offerings \$230,565,113.

These Cooperative Program and mission offerings were used to support: six seminaries with 10,000 students, 67 colleges with more than 200,000 students, 1100 Baptist student ministers on 1100 campuses, 32 weekly TV and radio programs, 3200 full time missionaries in 100 countries of the world.

The Cooperative Program and mission offering funds from our 34,000 churches were invested in ministry in the United States through: 3792 home

missionaries and 40,000 volunteers working in all 50 states; 438 chaplains in military service, hospitals and industrial-business establishments; a half million dollars distributed in 37 states for hunger and disaster relief.

These figures about Southern Baptist use of tithes and offerings do not include the more than \$7 million spent for hunger relief nor do they mention the 146,149 baptisms reported by overseas missionaries. The statistics could also mention that the gospel is preached in 80 different languages in the United States every week because Cooperative Program monies support a vast network of language missions.

The TV evangelists have the spotlight at center stage and create the illusion they are THE instruments for bringing in the kingdom. No question they have a place and God uses them in his way for his purposes. But the fact remains, every dollar given to Christ through the Cooperative Program and regular mission offerings in Southern Baptist churches goes further to do more than any other method known to man.

Mission money given through the local church for Southern Baptist causes goes directly to missions, not to perpetuate an entertainment type TV program. It is money invested in people, administered by people, for the good of people. It has little glamor, little public notice, little sensationalism. Yet it represents the honest stewardship of millions of Southern Baptists who are willing to work through the accepted leaders to share their bounty with a lost world without thought of return. That is the spirit of Christ all of us want to maintain and support even more generously than we have in the past.

## Annual meetings conclude

When the gavel falls sometime in the evening of Oct. 29 at Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah, not only will the West Union Association conclude its annual meeting but the 1985 annual meetings of all 79 Kentucky Baptist associations will have been concluded.

This annual gathering for reports, fellowship, preaching, food and inspiration has been an eye-opener for this editor this year. I have had the joy of attending several meetings and discovered a wide diversity among us. An illustration will suffice to point out our differences.

One day I was in an annual meeting at which the hymns of Isaac Watts were featured. Later that same day I was in an annual meeting where the hymn books contained shape notes and the feature was a Stamps-Baxter number. Both gatherings put emphasis on the essentials of our faith, yet each spoke of the differences among us.

There are at least three areas where little difference is noted among Kentucky Baptists. The first is in our love of preaching. We pack our programs with preaching, listen to preaching and talk about preaching. This love for the proclamation of the word of salvation is constant from the mountains to the

Mississippi.

Another area of common agreement is our support for the ministries of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In every association I attended the Children's Home, Oneida, Clear Creek, Georgetown College, Campbellsville College, Cumberland College and program leaders from the KBC were accorded a place on the program and the representative given a cordial welcome. We are in agreement that our programs for ministry are inspired and directed by the Lord and worthy of our continued support.

Finally, we are in agreement on our understanding of the essentials of the faith. It didn't seem to matter if the preacher was a PhD graduate from one of our seminaries or a bivocational pastor with little formal education. All of them spoke of our commitment to the Bible as the infallible Word of God and our commitment to Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation for lost men.

Those of us who make this circuit will look forward to some rest from travel, but all of us will agree it is good to be a Kentucky Baptist and even better to have the opportunity to share our heritage and ministry with people across our great state.

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by Glenn Mollette

# Profiles from my old Kentucky home

## LARRY KEENE

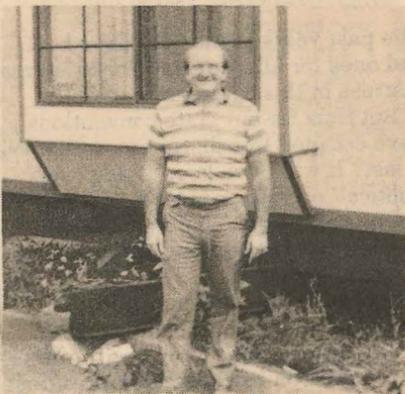
Changing gears and wearing different hats is a way of life of businessman-pastor, Larry Keene. During the day he operates Larry Keene's Mobile Homes Inc.; at night he is either preparing sermons or visiting members of Immanuel Baptist Church which he has pastored for seven years.

Immanuel church, formed as a mission of First Baptist Church, Pikeville, has grown into a strong, self-supporting church averaging up to 190 in Sunday school.

"The potential of our church is unlimited," notes Keene, who sees the best days of the church still ahead.

But how does Keene do it? Pastoring a church whose size normally dictates the need for a full time pastor.

"I stay busy," observes Keene. "The deacons cover a lot of ground for me. However, I still cover the mainline responsibilities such as



funerals, weddings and hospital visitation."

One pressure Keene is relieved of is one of feeling like he has to earn his pay, "I don't receive any salary from the church," he noted. "They have offered me financial help but I have been so blessed by the Lord I really hate to take it."

Keene believes there are pros and cons to his bivocational ministry. "I don't have time to study. I always try to have something to say and this usually comes by spending time each day yielding my life to the Lord." On the other hand, "I don't feel much pressure because my people do not feel like they own me since I am a volunteer pastor."

Keene also sees his work and ministry as making him very vulnerable for criticism. "If I get rich in business, I might get criticized. If I go broke I might get criticized."

One of the pressures Keene says he is placed under is "folks expect me to satisfy them 100 percent whenever I sell them a mobile home. People expect since I'm a preacher my mobile homes should never tear up."

Keene, who expresses his relationship and love for the Lord with enthusiasm and a positive spirit states, "I enjoy my business work but I look forward to retiring so I might be able to be free to daily do the things for the Lord and my church that my schedule now prohibits."

## COHEN CAMPBELL

Different words are commonly used to express one's sentiments about his pastor. The words in the town of Betsy Layne for Cohen Campbell are of the highest marks and endearment.

For 23 years Campbell has pastored the Betsy Layne Baptist Church located south of Prestonsburg. He is commonly referred to by his pastoral friends as one of the most respected and loved pastors in the mountains.

"I'm at home in Betsy Layne," states Campbell. "I was saved in this church on Nov. 13 and baptized in the river Nov. 20, 1949. God called me to preach 13 months later and I became the missionary pastor of the Betsy Layne Baptist Church, after ordination Dec. 16, 1951. Those were the days when our work was supplemented by the Home Mission Board and the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

In 1957 Campbell moved to Martin



county where he became pastor of Warfield Baptist Church. "The knotty pine walls they have in the sanctuary were installed by me," he remembered.

In 1959 Campbell moved back to Floyd county where he became pastor of Allen Baptist Church. He served this good mountain congregation until 1965 when he became mission pastor at Lancer Baptist mission. The Lancer mission was only one of 13 missions and preaching points sponsored by Irene Cole Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. "Bill Jagers was pastor of the church during my term at Lancer and I had the privilege of working with him in coordinating the mission work," recalled Campbell. "Those were some mighty wonderful years. In 1967 we had six revivals going at one time in our mission churches. We baptized 50 persons from those meetings," he exclaimed.

In 1968 Campbell moved back to Betsy Layne and has felt in the center of God's will during these last 17 years.

Campbell observed, "My 23 years in Betsy Layne have been an opportunity to grow a deeper ministry and gain the confidence of the people."

Some of the elements Campbell feels has contributed to his enduring tenure are: "Love for the people; good relationships with the people; year by year goals set by the people that are reachable; and an effective pulpit ministry derived by spending many hours in the study."

"Many years ago," states Campbell, "I decided I would stick with my mountain people. And, they have dearly stuck with me."

## FRED HATFIELD

Years ago a person traveled through sections of Pike county with fear and trembling. These were the days of the Hatfield-McCoy feud that visitors still ask county folk about today. But the feuding, shooting and hangings surrounding that family feud have long ago passed and "descendants from both families have put aside the strife that tore them apart," attests Fred Hatfield, a direct descendant of Devil Anse Hatfield, the daddy of the feuding Hatfield clan.

"In 1978 when a McCoy memorial tombstone was erected to Randolph McCoy the daddy of the other clan, I was invited to participate in the ceremony. We had a good time and there is no animosity," said Hatfield.

Hatfield chuckles about his descendancy with a lot of Christian grace. A businessman and committed Christian his last name in no way resembles the feuding spirit associ-



ated with the names in the 1890s.

Hatfield became a Christian in 1954 at East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson, W. Va., where he was converted under the preaching of J. S. Bell.

In 1970 he became a member of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Forest Hills, Ky. Hatfield, who owns Robert-Morris' men's shop in South Williamson is a busy person these days in his church.

"I've been a deacon and a Sunday school teacher for some time. Since our pastor left us a couple of months ago, I have also been the church moderator. I don't covet a position such as this but I'm willing to do it as the church needs me."

Hatfield has taken care of his church's Wednesday night services in the absence of a pastor but notes, "I'm a last straw type of guy. That means if no one else will do it, I don't mind doing it. Some folks resent being the last person asked to fill a position. But I don't mind."

Hatfield observed he has a three step philosophy to God's work in his local church. 1. *Inner desire*—Nothing gets accomplished if there is no inner desire to do it. 2. *Willing*—Ability is great but a person must be available and willing to serve. 3. *Effort*—Making an effort is a big step to successful service.

Hatfield is one of a multitude of lay persons who day by day in a low key way serves the Lord in the market places. And then quietly, faithfully and committedly carries out the tasks of a layman serving his church.

## SIDNEY COPLEY

Throughout our convention God has a mighty host of workers. Many of these are dedicated servants who daily perform the tasks of Christian ministry. Sidney Copley of South Williamson is certainly one of God's choicest laborers. For 24 years he has bivocationally pastored Stone Baptist Church located in the Pond Creek section of Pike county.

"God called me to pastor a small church," observed Copley. "If preachers are not willing and available to pastor small churches what would they do. Our convention is made up of so many small churches and they all need pastors."

Copley was saved in 1949 and then soon felt a call to the ministry. In 1950 he began preaching at his home church at Forest Hills, Ky. "I remember the first sermon I ever preached. Several boys sat in the back of the sanctuary that day and laughed at me when I stepped into the pulpit. However, God worked in

a sweet way that day. Everyone of those boys came forward during the invitation. We had 13 rededications and one profession of faith."

When Copley is not preaching at Stone and performing the other services that the pastorate demands you can find him at the South Williamson branch of the Pikeville First National Bank. He started with the bank in 1967 as a teller and was promoted to branch manager in 1980.

Copley observed, "I like the banking business. Like church work it involves working with people. It also provides me with a second realm of ministry. As a pastor I try to help meet spiritual needs. As a banker I work to help people's needs physically. Yet, even the banking business calls for the Lord's work," suggests Copley. Sometimes the banking business requires us to visit a home where a family has been having banking problems. Situations like these may call for prayer."

Copley also thanks God for the wonderful banking organization he has to work for. "Jim Hobbs our board chairman and Walter P. Walters our president are both members of Pikeville, First Baptist.

"I just love people," added Copley. "I thank God for the privilege to work with people in the church and in banking. These are avenues of Christian service I look forward to daily."





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## homes for children

### I'll share you mine

Each week I try to share something with you which will give you some insight into our ministry to young people. The sharing this week is about a fine youth who lives with us at Glen Dale.

Tim Isaacs, a senior at East Hardin High School, has lived at Glen Dale for four years. He is a varsity basketball player at East Hardin and plans to go to college. Tim sings with the Homeland Singers, the singing group from Glen Dale, has a good solo voice and is a good student.

About the time Tim turned 18, he was feeling the pressures of facing the world on his own and trying to decide where he would spend his senior year. In the midst of these thoughts he said he realized the loving care he had at Glen Dale, and he said he had more growing to do. He also believed the future would be all right. Tim had found the Lord and friends that he knew he could count on—friends that would help him get ready for the time when he would be on his own. He said the Lord and these friends will be there for him even when he leaves Glen Dale.

Out of this experience Tim wrote the following poem entitled, "I'll share you mine."

Take my hand and walk with me,  
at least for a little while.  
Stop and pray with me,  
at least for now.

Share your hopes and your dreams with me;  
I'll share you mine.

That's what friends do—don't they?  
Hold me close and tell me I'm okay.

Step by step and day by day,  
We trust in the Lord to show us the way.

It may not be what we want to hear,  
But you're my friend and that's forever.

With that reassurance and knowing in my heart that I love you,  
I know everything will be all right.

Tim's poem has been put to music, and I was privileged to hear him sing it at the Brotherhood Convention. It was a blessing to me and I wish you could hear him. Aren't you thankful that Kentucky Baptists provide a place like Glen Dale or Spring Meadows where a youth like Tim can live in safety, surrounded by Christian friends, and grow toward maturity?

## baptist forum

### Somerset revival successful

The Lord has blessed us with a lay-led revival the weekend of Oct. 19-20, with laypeople from the teams of Pulaski County, Greater Louisville and Brandenburg. John V. Gover of First Baptist Church, Somerset, was coordinator of this great event.

Even though the pastor had resigned the previous Sunday and had announced his effective date of departure as Oct. 31, many things were accomplished.

Four souls were saved, unity of the Spirit fell among these people, and many that strayed away returned to the house of God this weekend. With Sunday school attendance up 35 from the previous Sunday, we were made aware that God was still in control here at Slate Branch.

C. A. Easterling, Somerset

### Walnut Street class praised

We recently had an event in our church that I felt the need to mention to you. On Sunday morning Oct. 6, 29 Baptist laymen from the Jr. Baraca Sunday school class of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, conducted an entire Sunday morning service. They were the choir, they led the music, and they had the preaching. This was a kick-off service for our fall revival at Smiths

Grove. The revival yielded 11 decisions—one baptism, four rededications and six letters. I believe this outreach by this men's Sunday school paved the way for the Holy Spirit to open people's hearts to decision.

If there is any way possible of mentioning our thanks to the Jr. Baraca Sunday school class of Walnut Street or just letting the event be known I would be greatly indebted to you. This group of soul winning, spirit filled men is an inspiration to all Southern Baptists. They took funds from their own pockets to come to our church. They rented a van to come down in and never asked for a penny. I know Walnut Street does not have a Brotherhood but I think this event could be counted as a Brotherhood project.

If you need any further information you can contact the class president, William Hust, 8302 Cabin Hill Rd., Louisville, KY 40291.

John L. Lott Jr., Smiths Grove

### Churches may keep envelope supplier

Churches using the Baptist Book Store Envelope Service have received two letters within the past week about a change in suppliers beginning February 1986. After calling the current supplier in Chester, W. Va., I feel there is information which other churches need to know. A church may continue receiv-

ing envelopes from the current supplier with no interruption in service.

There are three factors in choosing a product: its quality, the price and service.

The quality speaks for itself since so many churches utilize the service. As for price, the cost will decrease and be slightly less than the price offered by the "new" envelope service.

The Chester, W. Va. supplier has been servicing Southern Baptist churches for 27 years. They have been in business for more than 70 years. Lloyd Elder acknowledged in his Oct. 3 letter the supplier "has served us well." Our church has never had a problem with the service. Has yours?

We intend to keep our business with these friends. If others have questions about the current envelope supplier, give them a call at 1-800-624-6900.

Harold A. Phillips, Louisville

### Keep politics out of KBC

The past years in the SBC have been sad ones for all Baptists. There is great distress in this community of faith.

But thus far our state conventions have escaped this disruptive spirit. Will it last? It will if we keep "take over politics" out of our meetings. This may not be easy if the "fundamentalists" are now ready to move on the states as rumored.

There is some evidence that such a move is under way in Kentucky as a strong effort seems launched to elect a certain person as convention president in Lexington. The time to squelch this kind of partisan politics is NOW. Kentucky Baptists do not need letter writing campaigns to choose their officers. Therefore, I urge all messengers to resist such political moves by deliberately voting against candidates of any faction. Let prospective leaders emerge as in the past through their service to Kentucky Baptists, be nominated in an open convention and voted on in an unbiased manner.

Let's keep the fellowship of caring, sharing and serving alive in our state and in the name of our Lord be done with divisive political approaches.

C. Carman Sharp, Louisville

### Lottery, civil rights bill opposed

Please be advised of some action taken at the annual session of the 94th meeting of the Upper Cumberland Association of Missionary Baptists on Sept. 20, 1985.

First of all, the messengers from the churches approved a resolution against any type of lottery at any level of government such as local, state or national. This opposition is based upon the belief that the "moral climate promoted by a lottery would undermine the values upon which our society has been formed."

The second action was a resolution of opposition against Senate Bill #431. The opposition was based on the belief that additional laws (on civil rights), such as Senate Bill #431, will not guarantee any more civil rights compliance and will serve to violate our sacred American tradition of separation of church and state.

The Upper Cumberland Association is made up of 40 Southern Baptist churches in Harlan County with a total membership of 8302.

C. Keith Rogers, Clerk  
Upper Cumberland Association

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## Life's Little Joys

There's a worn-out phrase in Baptist circles. It goes like this: "I wish I were wealthy so I could give a million dollars to missions." But this boast raises two questions: First, if a person had that much money, would he still be as generous as he claims? And second, is he liberal with what he already has? Planned Growth in Giving, a Southern Baptist emphasis that covers the 15-year period from 1985-2000 A.D., is not for day dreamers. It's not for Baptists who begin every sentence with "If."

Instead, Planned Growth begins with each person where he is. It challenges every Baptist in America to decide how much, or by what percent, he can increase his giving year by year. The aim is bite-size steps. Since many church members don't even know what they'll give next Sunday, this is a real challenge . . . to decide where we want to be, 15 years from now, in our giving.

It would be great if every Baptist made a gigantic leap in his giving, say in one year. But if we can't leap, we can at least run. If we can't run, we can walk. If we can't walk, we can at least crawl. If we can't jump our giving overnight, we can inch toward our goal, year by year. Growth—step by step increases—that's the ideal!

A recent ad in a national magazine points out that most of us miss out on life's big prizes—an Olympic gold medal. The Pulitzer Prize. The Nobel. Oscars. Tonys. Congressional medals of honor. However, we're all eligible for life's little joys—a pat on the back, a kiss behind the ear, a full moon, an extra piece of blackberry cobbler, an empty parking space on a rainy day. In the same vein, we may not go down in history as great philanthropists who give millions, but we can be remembered as liberal givers who kept climbing, kept moving up. Planned Growth. Your state stewardship director has details.

### PLANNED GROWTH IN GIVING

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## christian education

### Elizabeth Bradley gets Georgetown honor

Elizabeth Thompson Bradley of Georgetown has been named a Georgetown College associate by the school's trustees. The associates are a 100-member organization founded 10 years ago to assist the college with funding programs, recruiting students and influencing major support.

Mrs. Bradley, a 1932 George College alumna, has taken an active part in campus life since her undergraduate days.

Members of the college associates come from all sections of the United States and represent a wide range of business and professional interests.

### Patterson appointed To BWA

W. Morgan Patterson, president of Georgetown (Ky.) College, has been appointed to two leadership positions in the Baptist World Alliance.

He will serve as a member of the Baptist Heritage Commission and as secretary to the Study and Research Committee for 1985-90.

"I am deeply gratified and humbled

by these honors. The Study Research Committee, to which Noel Vose appointed me, gives guidance to the several study commissions of the Baptist World Alliance and aids in planning their work," said Patterson.

"The Baptist Heritage Commission, to which executive secretary Gerhard Claas appointed me, seeks to explore, preserve and celebrate the Baptist denominational heritage."

### Science competition set for Cumberland

High school students from throughout Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio will compete in the annual Cumberland College Chemistry Symposium and Science Olympiad on Friday, Nov. 1, in Williamsburg.

The event is sponsored by the Cumberland College Chemistry Department, and the collection of activities has been designed to offer challenges in biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics.

Team demonstrations will be held in chemistry and biology, the Science Bowl, qualitative analysis, biological methods and anatomy and physiology.

Individual area tests and individual and two-person competition include biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, metric estimation, titrate-off, periodic table quiz, name that organism, trajectory contest, topical map reading, land navigation and a bridge building contest.

Some categories carry individual scholarship awards and school trophies.



# Cumberland College

**"The thought of going to college scares me to death!"**

College sometimes brings to the minds of many high school juniors and seniors the thoughts of new experiences and friends, professors and classes, and of course, the traditional Saturday afternoon football game. It's all so exciting!

Yet at the same time, those very high school students may encounter the "What if" syndrome. "What if I'm not known by anyone when I get to college?" "What if I don't know where my classes are?" "What if I'm not accepted by others?" "What if I get homesick?"

In order to relieve such fears, we at Cumberland College cordially invite you, your family and friends to attend the Fall '85 Campus Visitation Day on Saturday, November 16, at 9:00 a.m. beginning in the Gatliff Building's Chapel.

During the day, you, your family and friends will be able to tour the beautiful Cumberland College campus, to discuss with departmental chairmen your career interests, to learn more about financial aid from experts in the field, and to explore the many clubs and activities you may wish to join once you become a student. Most of all, you'll be meeting and making friends with many of Cumberland's students, staff, and faculty. Once you come to Cumberland College, you'll never come back a stranger again!

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### Christian studies division begun at Campbellsville

A Christian Studies Division has been established this semester at Campbellsville (Ky.) College with H. E. Coker, professor of Christian studies, as its chairman.

Created out of the Humanities Division, its objectives include: increasing the quality of the academic program, keeping the division alumni in touch with the division and raising money to undergird its support and endowing the previewing of the annual church Bible study.

"We are going to establish a center of bivocational training and church institute for assisting churches with smaller membership," Coker said.

According to W. R. Davenport, college president, the new division is to develop a program of conferences and retreat, not only for church staff, but their families as well."

Further, the president stated that the new division "will allow us to give greater emphasis to the important area of Christian studies. It will also be the base for the development of a number of outreach activities to churches, church members, and the denomination that we have not provided before. Whatever we do in the service-type activity does not in any way decrease the quality of classroom instruction in the division."

### Estate dispute won by Mid-Continent

After nearly four years of litigation, Mid-Continent Baptist College, Mayfield, Ky. has emerged victorious in litigation over the Alice Harris estate. Mrs. Harris died in November 1981 naming the college as chief beneficiary in the \$1 million estate.

The Supreme Court of Kentucky has overruled an appeals court order to retry the case in Graves County. The college will now receive 62 additional acres of land bordering the campus and one-half of the cash.

### Self-directed learning needed in adult education

When it comes to formal education, most adults act like children, a Southern Baptist educator told correspondence program officials.

"Most adults assume responsibility for every other area of their lives before they assume responsibility for their formal learning," said Raymond M. Rigdon, executive director of the Seminary External Education Division (SEED) of the Southern Baptist seminaries. "Long years of dependency on the educational system have given them a continuing dependence on any educational system in which they enrol."

Adult education programs often encourage this dependency, Rigdon charged. "Adults in these programs simply are not given either encouragement or the opportunity to become self-

directed learners."

Rigdon addressed the annual educational directors' workshop of the National Home Study Council, meeting at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Besides learning how to learn, adults need to organize their learning within goals that are meaningful to them, Rigdon said. The role of the distance educator is to serve as a resource for adult learners. Contrary to longstanding tradition, he contended, adults do not have to be in the physical presence of a teacher in order to engage in significant learning experiences. (BP)

### Clower will perform at Campbellsville

Jerry Clower, the popular country humorist, will speak at Campbellsville College's homecoming alumni banquet Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

Clower, who is from Yazoo City, Miss., will entertain his audience with tales of his humorous background.

The banquet, which will be in the Athletic Center, is open to the public. Tickets are \$8.50; advance reservations must be made with the Campbellsville College alumni office by Friday, Nov. 15. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Those wanting tickets should write Diane Rogers, Alumni Office, Box 576, Campbellsville College, 200 College St., West, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

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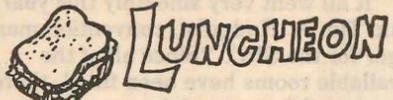
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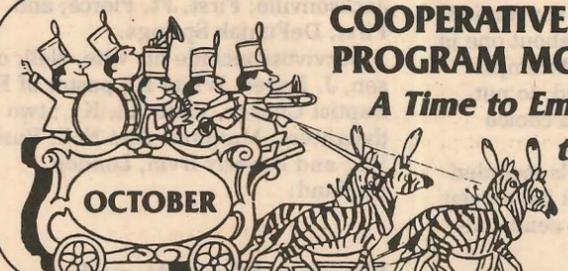
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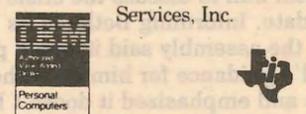
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# baptist news in brief

## SBC housing forms fill 4000 Atlanta rooms

Requests for housing for the 1986 Southern Baptist Convention were opened Oct. 9, filling the 4000-plus rooms available through the Atlanta Housing Bureau.

"It all went very smoothly this year," said Tim A. Hedquist, convention manager for the SBC. "Since all of the available rooms have been filled, there is no need for potential messengers to send additional forms."

All of the rooms were filled with requests postmarked Oct. 1 and 2, Hedquist said. "They were opened Oct. 9 in order to allow people in California the same opportunity as those who live in Atlanta," he added.

The system of housing requests was established several years ago primarily to benefit individuals seeking room reservations. Therefore, each of the requests is handled individually, even if 10 or 12 come in a single envelope, he explained.

Since a majority of the housing requests listed a first choice of the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel—the convention headquarters hotel—only "about one in eight" got the first choice. Attempts were made, however, he said, to put the people in second or third choice hotels.

Hedquist said the 10 hotels included in the Housing Bureau block have been notified and are expected to send confirmations soon.

For those who did not get rooms through the Housing Bureau, Hedquist said there should be no problems in obtaining reservations for the annual meeting, scheduled for June 10-12.

## Conservative coalition seeks public offices

Conservative Christianity embraced conservative politics in a three-day meeting in the nation's capital aimed at getting more "born again Christians" elected to public office. The conference on "How to Win an Election" offered a blend of spiritual enthusiasm and political pragmatism in a series of addresses and "nuts-and-bolts" workshops.

Sponsored by the American Coalition for Traditional Values, the meeting attracted more than 300 pastors and laypersons interested in running for public office themselves or in supporting campaigns for other candidates who support ACTV's list of "traditional values."

ACTV, a political umbrella of fundamentalist leaders begun 18 months ago, claims to represent "some 45 million Christians" who want to "restore traditional moral and spiritual values" in America. Southern Baptist Convention president Charles Stanley and former SBC presidents James T. Draper and Adrian Rogers serve on the coalition's executive board. An ACTV staff member said none of the three Southern Baptist members of the executive board were present for the meeting.

Three of the conference's nine major speakers were Southern Baptists: Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and ACTV chairman Tim LaHaye, an ordained Southern Baptist minister.

Other speakers included Sen. William Armstrong (R-Colo.), Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell, Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.), James Kennedy, senior minister of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale,

Fla., and Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Cal.).

While opposition to communism, along with abortion and "secular humanism," dominated the meeting, speakers addressed a variety of other issues, including prayer in the public schools, terrorism, pornography and the federal budget deficit.

Participants also got practical advice from New Right political strategist Paul Weyrich and others on how to run a campaign, raise funds, deal with the news media and organize volunteers in the local church. (BP)

## Morganfield native dies in Montgomery, Ala.

J. R. White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. for 23 years, died of a heart attack in a Montgomery hospital. He was 71.

A native of Morganfield, Ky. White graduated from Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Following several Kentucky pastorates, White moved to Florida where he was pastor of three Baptist churches: Main Street, Jacksonville; First, Ft. Pierce; and First, DeFuniak Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Nell; one son, J. Robert White III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.; two daughters: Margaret Ann Noll, Burke, Va.; and Beverly Irvin, London, England.

## Dewey Merritt gets new FMB position

Dewey Merritt, who has been auxiliary orientation manager at the Foreign Mission Board since January 1983, will become associate director, orientation and project management, in the board's Volunteer Enlistment Department Nov. 15.

In his new job, Merritt will direct orientation for volunteers going overseas for less than four months. He also will enlist youth and young adult volunteers, such as Baptist Student Union-related groups.

Merritt, a Hattiesburg, Miss. native, was a missionary to Nigeria for 20 years and was in-service guidance director and taught Bible at Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., before joining the Foreign Mission Board's home office staff.

## Association in Louisiana against ordaining women

Scripture teaches ordination to the ministry is for men only, a majority of messengers to Judson (La.) Baptist Association's annual meeting decided.

Women's ordination has been an issue within the association, which encompasses greater Baton Rouge, La., since last spring. Some messengers to the association's April semiannual meeting protested the ordination to the gospel ministry of Isabel Austin, associational director of Christian social ministries, by Broadmoor Baptist Church.

Messengers in April created an ad hoc committee to study the issue and report to the annual meeting Oct. 15. The ad hoc committee's report contained two primary provisions.

First, messengers to the Oct. 15 meeting were allowed to designate "the present consensus of the association on the question of the ordination of women to the ministry" by ballot vote. Second, future "employe prob-

lems" were referred to the association's administrative committee.

The ballot vote, which capped almost two hours of discussion, directed messengers to choose from three positions:

"I believe the scripture teaches the ordination to the ministry of men only" (179 votes).

—"I believe the scripture teaches the ordination to the ministry of both men and women" (88 votes).

—And 23 messengers responded, "I am unsure about what the scripture teaches about this question."

Prefacing the committee's report and discussion on the matter, Jim Colvin, ad hoc committee chairman and layman from University Baptist Church, said, "Our report, our work, our study is not directive to your church." He stressed "Southern Baptists historically have taken a strong stand on the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer," even as that principle applies to local churches and their individual autonomy.

"At every point in their deliberations, the members of this committee have agonized over the damage to the work of Christ that would result from a breach in fellowship of our churches," Colvin added, noting committee members had tried to lay aside personal feelings in an effort to reach a practical solution without alienating churches or messengers.

Responding to a question by John Goodwin, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Colvin noted the result of the straw vote will "inform the thinking" of the administrative committee.

However, he added the vote "does not bind anyone." Responding to another question by Goodwin, Colvin noted the action will not be retroactive to include actions taken by associational employees in the past. (BP)

## Baptist group urges end of apartheid

As a dove swooped symbolically overhead, the Baptist Union of Southern Africa took historic action at its annual assembly to urge South African President P. W. Botha to lead in abolishing "evil" apartheid "as a matter of extreme urgency."

The secret ballot total, released Oct. 21, showed 156 for, 51 against and 13 abstentions out of 250 delegates who met as their nation underwent racial turmoil. About 600 people attended the assembly, including Southern Baptist missionaries who work under the Baptist Union.

The assembly also affirmed an Aug. 24 letter from union officers to Botha on the same subject. Botha granted their request for union representatives to meet with him to discuss the crisis at a future date. Informing Botha of its action, the assembly said it would pray for God's guidance for him and other leaders and emphasized it doesn't have the expertise to dictate the exact route the government should take.

But, in language much more blunt than the officers' letter, the assembly labeled apartheid, "an evil which needs to be repented of." It called it a non-Christian, unbiblical stance for a nation which "claims to be committed to . . . Christian principles as found in scripture."

The assembly called for termination of the government-proclaimed "state of emergency" which has surrounded ethnic townships with heavily armed police and military. It said the state of emergency has failed to halt the unrest "because basic causes of the unrest remain undealt with and therefore basic

problems remain unsolved." The assembly also said the emergency "hinder(s) . . . the possibility of finding solutions" in many areas. (BP)

## Robert W. Durham dies following heart attack



Robert W. (Bob) Durham, pastor of Gilead Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, died Oct. 21 after suffering a heart attack. He was 46.

A native of Greenville, Durham was a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Durham had been pastor of the following Kentucky Baptist churches: Crabtree Avenue, Owensboro; Hillvue Heights, Bowling Green; Clear Creek, Versailles; and Kiddville, Mt. Sterling.

He had held numerous associational and state convention positions during his ministry. He was a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's committee on committees and was one of the convention's representatives to the Temperance League of Kentucky at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, and four children.

## Brumley moves to Oklahoma Baptist

Larry D. Brumley, former public relations director at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., has become director of public relations at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Prior to joining William Carey in 1984 Brumley was news writer for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and editorial assistant in the sports department at the Dallas Times Herald.

Brumley, 26, graduated from Baylor University in 1982 with a degree in journalism education. He is a member of Baptist Public Relations Association and a member representative of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. (BP)

## Non-theist challenges Senate chaplain practices

A non-theist has challenged the constitutionality of practices related to the office of the U. S. Senate chaplain in two separate federal district court suits.

In the first suit, Paul Kurtz challenged the use of public funds for annual printing of the Senate chaplain's prayers in book form. The publication is printed by the Government Printing Office and contains the opening prayer from each Senate session as well as other prayers and comments of the Senate chaplain in his official role.

Kurtz's action does not challenge the

prayers themselves but the use of public funds for the printing of those prayers, argued Ronald A. Lindsay. Some \$20,000 to \$30,000 is spent annually for the printing of the Senate prayer books, Lindsay said. Lindsay argued the primary effect of the publication is to advance religion, which violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

A defense attorney, Sandra Schraibman, argued, however, the publication is secular in purpose since its main objective is to make the public aware of what is being said in a convenient manner. She also contended that since the book contains a collection of constitutionally delivered prayers and is not distributed to schoolchildren its primary effect is not establishment of religion.

In the second case, Lindsay argued for restricting the Senate chaplain from using language on the Senate floor disparaging non-theists' beliefs. He also asked the court to grant Kurtz the opportunity to address the Senate and House of Representatives.

Lindsay argued that because guest chaplains from across the United States are invited to open congressional sessions, his client should be given the same opportunity. Lindsay explained Kurtz proposed to open the sessions with an ethical statement rather than a prayer.

Arguing against Kurtz's request, Senate legal counsel Michael Davidson said there is no provision under congressional rules or history for an individual to demand to be heard. He added the invitation of guest chaplains has not changed the function to include anything other than an opening prayer. (BP)

## Trustees elect officers and new faculty members

An Alabama pastor was elected president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees, three men were added to the teaching faculty and four academic chairs were created during the board's fall meeting.

In the closing session, trustees voted to express their "concern and prayerful support" of the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee.

Drew J. Gunnels Jr., pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., was elected chairman of the board. Arthur Sherwood, director of the research department at Clinical Neurophysiology Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, Houston, Tex., was elected vice president and John McNaughton, a Ft. Worth investor, was elected secretary.

Dan R. Crawford, who earlier this year had been named to the position of director of supervised ministries, was elected assistant professor of evangelism and missions. He has been a pastor and campus minister in Texas and was a national evangelism consultant with singles for the Home Mission Board.

Dan E. Clement was elected instructor in psychology and counseling. Clement was formerly a correspondence counselor with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth.

Elected associate professor of adult education was James W. Walter Jr. Walter goes to Southwestern from a position as minister of married adults at Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

Myrta Ann Garrett, the library's assistant director of technical services, was also granted faculty status.

The board approved the creation of

four academic chairs. Three of the four are in the School of Church Music. They are the James C. McKinney dean's chair of church music, the Robert L. Burton chair of conducting and the Albert L. Travis chair of organ.

McKinney is dean of the school of church music. Burton is professor of conducting and ensemble activities. Travis is an associate professor of organ.

The fourth academic chair is in the field of Christian communications.

## SEBTS trustees issue statement on Job

Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, meeting in regular October session in Wake Forest, N. C., affirmed the work of the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee, dedicated the Shaw House, reelected Charles Horton chairman and responded to a statement from the administration regarding a professor's Sunday school lesson on Job.

Trustees adopted a statement affirming the action of the June Southern Baptist Convention establishing a special Peace Committee. The statement said trustees also "welcome the invitation of the convention to the trustees to work with the Peace Committee to achieve reconciliation and to accomplish the purposes of the convention."

In response to some inquiries and public discussion in recent weeks concerning a Sunday school lesson on Job written by professor John I. Durham, seminary president W. Randall Lolley presented a statement of explanation on the situation. The statement had been prepared in consultation with Dean J. Morris Ashcraft and Durham. All three signed the statement which was brought to the full board on Monday evening and placed on Tuesday afternoon's agenda for discussion and action.

Earlier this year some questions had been raised about Durham's treatment of evil and "the Satan" as the concepts appear in the book of Job. The Baptist Sunday School Board, which published the quarterly in which the material appeared, discussed the matter at an August meeting of its trustees. Some confusion developed as to whether the published material followed the manuscript which Durham submitted.

In an early statement, Lloyd Elder, president of the Sunday School Board, indicated there had been some editing problems because of a transition of editors in that area. He later said Durham's manuscript was not unlike the material that was published. Some Baptists had asked for a clarification, both from the Sunday School Board and Southeastern Seminary, regarding Durham's views.

The statement presented by the administration to the trustees pointed out in its introduction that Durham had written five lessons on Job, dealing with a series of biblical texts in Job, under the overall theme, "God Is In Control."

"Evil throughout the scriptures is very real and it is awful. It is personal and it is cosmic," the statement said. "The Bible speaks of human sin and evil in numerous ways. Satan is one of the ways."

After dealing with several biblical references, the statement asserts: "The biblical writers, however, speak of this power of darkness; personification of evil, devil or satan in the most serious terms but never as if God's control were in doubt."

Trustees held a special service of dedication for the Shaw House on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw of Knightdale, N. C., purchased a house adjacent to the seminary campus and gave the property to Southeastern Seminary. The facility will be used as a residence for students. Trustees voted to name the structure in recognition of the Shaw's gift. The Shaws are charter members of Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, N. C.

O. Charles Horton, an Orlando, Fla. pastor, was reelected to a second term as president of the seminary's board of trustees. (BP)

## Southwestern trustees dismiss professor

Southwestern Seminary trustees voted Oct. 22 to dismiss a professor who they would not fire last spring.

Farrar Patterson, associate professor of preaching and communications, was dismissed immediately with compensation through the current academic year and insurance coverage for nearly two years.

The action reverses the board's decision in mid-March to retain Patterson. At that time, the academic affairs committee recommended Patterson be dismissed for infractions of faculty standards and policies.

However, the board's latest action is based on Patterson's failure to cooperate in a prescribed "re-engagement procedure," not on the charges brought last March, according to Drew J. Gunnels Jr., chairman of the academic affairs committee.

Gunnels spoke to reporters on behalf of the trustees after the board's two-hour meeting in executive session. He said Patterson's dismissal was approved by a 27-2 standing vote. Thirty-two of the board's 36 members attended.

Gunnels said the "re-engagement procedure included things Patterson needed to do" to get back into teaching duties from which he was suspended prior to the March vote.

He said that seminary president Russell H. Dilday "brought a very detailed report" concerning Patterson's unsatisfactory response to the process, which trustees called for in March.

John P. Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and William Tolar, dean of the school of theology, were also involved in the re-engagement procedure, according to Gunnels.

"The obvious failure on the part of Patterson to get involved in a re-engagement policy was just too much," Gunnels said in regard to the overwhelming vote. "I think the board members felt Patterson did not display the kind of spirit which we would have anticipated."

During discussion, "there was a great spirit of tolerance on the part of the trustees for one another," Gunnels said.

The vote supported Dilday's seminary leadership, Gunnels said. "We did our best to separate this decision from any other convention activity."

The executive session was called because "we wanted to be able to handle the matter as best we could under God without any interference," said Gunnels. "We wanted to be certain we didn't get back into old things, that we weren't playing to the crowd."

There was "a great concern for Patterson," Gunnels said. The compensation arrangement was "our effort to lean over backward to be fair with him."



**Leon Simpson**  
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Clear Creek Baptist School  
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# clear creek comment

## As the dew

Two characteristics of southeastern Kentucky at this time of the year are fog and dew. One early morning as I walked around our campus recently, I noticed the heavy dew that had fallen during the night (I'll have something to say about fog in a later column). I could not help but think of Robert Browning's words:

"The year's at the spring/And day's at the morn;/Morning's at seven:/The hillside's dew-pearled;/The lark's on the wing;/The snail's on the thorn;/God's in his heaven—/All's right with the world!"

Dew is likened to many things in literature and in life. There is the 'liquid dew of youth'; the 'dew of birth', the 'sweet dew of the tongue', the 'honey-heavy dew of slumber', and the 'ghastly dew of death'.

I searched the scriptures and found that dew is used in the Bible as an illustration of the pilgrimage of life (for example, see Deut. 32:2, II Samuel 17:12). However in Hosea I found a summary of what dew is like.

In Hosea 6:4 the prophet speaks of God's people in these words, "Your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew, it goeth away." We are sinners by choice and practice and cannot live up to our own standards, much less God's. Surely our pretensions are transitory and fleeting.

In Hosea 13:3 dew is used to speak of God's judgment on his people. "They (i.e., Israel) shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away." Life is so fleeting, hours turn into days, days into weeks, weeks into years and our time on earth is gone!

However, Hosea 14:5 is my favorite verse about dew. Here our Lord shows his love and mercy, "I will heal their backsliding. I will love them freely . . . I will be as the dew unto Israel" (vs. 4-5). The cool, wet freshness of the dew speaks to us of God's care for his people.

At Clear Creek Baptist School we teach our students about the fleeting nature of life and we talk of God's judgment on those who speak of their own goodness and ignore him. However, we emphasize the love and mercy of our Lord who is not willing that any should perish. Being a part of the family of God is as exciting and refreshing as 'the dew of Hermon' (Psalm 133:3). Being at Clear Creek and sharing fellowship with our students and their families is so good. Come and visit us and you will see what I mean!



**Barkley Moore**  
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## oneida journal

### 'Prince Ike'

The recent death of Yul Brynner reminded me of one of our finest graduates.

What is the connection?

Brynner played over 4000 stage performances as King Mongkut in *The King and I*. Also he starred in the 1956 film version.

Mongkut is the most famous of all the kings of ancient Siam, modern day Thailand. His country is the only nation of that part of the world not to come under foreign domination.

One of Mongkut's descendants graduated from Oneida in 1984 and is now in his second year at the University of Minnesota. This young man has an extremely long name, but he has been known from childhood as "Ike." His father served in the United States during the Eisenhower administration.

We first learned of "Ike" when we received a letter from the father of two other of our graduates. He wrote in 1982 from Bangkok: "I am writing on behalf of my friend who plans to send his son to the U. S. for high school education. He knows that I have had some experience with having children sent to Kentucky. This gives him some sense of comfort to have his son enrolled in the Oneida Baptist Institute.

"My friend's son is called M. L. Chandchutha (Ike) Chandratat. M. L. is an abbreviated title for the fourth generation of a Thai prince.

So "Ike" came to Oneida as a junior. He was a handsome, scholarly looking young man. He quickly became just another Oneida boy with three roommates, work chores, his hourly routine

of classes and daily worship.

This is my first time to write of him, and I never spoke of him publicly until graduation day 1983, which was at the end of his junior year. On that day he was honored for being the highest ranking student, academically, in our school. I shared with the congregation his background. I also told them he was not receiving the honor because he was descended from kings. But rather because of hard work, study, native intelligence and working in a language different from his mother tongue.

A letter came recently from him: "Dear sirs and maams: I think school should be open by now. I remember fondly the two happy years I spent there. I am very impressed hearing of the improvements made the past year!!! I tried to attend commencement but it was so close to my finals. One of these years I will make it, that I promise.

"This coming year I will get into my major. I will try to complete my bachelor's degree in three years to save both time and money. I am one-third there now.

"I am home for the summer. I am working again in the computer division at the Bank for Agriculture. I have traveled extensively to the other provinces this summer. Our bank has the most extensive network of domestic branches of any in the country.

"I have started to collect data for the thesis I will write next summer. All Minnesota students who wish to graduate with honors must submit a thesis in his field of speciality. My field is monetary economics and I have unlimited access to the data.

"I have also been playing some table tennis, basketball, etc. I plan to stop in France for about a week before heading back to Minnesota. I have to take as many courses in my field as possible to write a coherent and informed thesis next summer. I just hope I can handle that heavy workload.

"Best wishes for the continued prosperity of yourselves and the school!! May you achieve all that you have set out to do!"

While nearly 60 percent of Oneida's students come from poverty level situations, the quality of Oneida's program is such as to attract many young people of more fortunate circumstances. For example we presently have enrolled the children of three ambassadors. The director of graduate studies of Indiana University has two of his children here.

Each is precious to God and to us, regardless of background.



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## sunday school lessons

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Life and Work Series

### Keeping commitments

**Joshua 23:11-16** Under Joshua's leadership the Israelites had completed a partial conquest of Canaan. Long after that notable achievement, the career of this courageous, seasoned warrior and experienced governmental administrator was approaching the end. Aware of this, the aged Joshua called the officials and leaders of the nation together, as the representatives of all the people, and delivered to them a farewell address in which he emphasized it was God who had made possible their possession of the land.

Hoping the Israelites would heed his counsel, Joshua reminded them God had been gracious and merciful in bestowing such wonderful blessings upon them. He strongly urged them to remain true to God in spite of all the temptations to which they would be subjected. Joshua assured them, if they would remain true and loyal, God would enable them to complete the conquest of the territory which was yet occupied by the Canaanite tribes.

Joshua sought to strengthen his listeners by warning them against the dangers of living among and mingling with the worshipers of idols, and possi-

bly intermarrying with them. He told them that such conduct on their part would result in their being deprived of the blessings of God.

Knowing the serious consequences of disobeying God and failure to keep their commitments to him, Joshua urged them to recognize, worship, love, obey and serve only the God who had given them such remarkable victories and numerous blessings. He urged them to cleave unto God and to obey him no matter what happened. By so doing they would most assuredly enjoy God's presence, protection and power.

International Series

### Meeting false teachers

**1 Timothy 4:1-16** Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, his son in the ministry and the young pastor of the church at Ephesus. He warned Timothy that religious instructors would appear on the scene and substitute the wisdom of men for the Word of God and urged him to reject their teachings.

**1 Timothy 4:6-11** Paul viewed life as a great game. He recognized that the secret of success consisted of proper training and the faithful observance of the rules of the game. Self-denial and perseverance are needful if one is to excel and win.

Godliness brings the greatest and fullest blessings to a Christian. From a physical, mental and spiritual standpoint, a clean mind, pure heart, clear conscience and godly life are profitable. Doing the will of God is the maximum achievement in any life.

**1 Timothy 4:12-13** Paul did not want his protegee in the ministry to be overcome with an inferiority complex on account of his youth. Wanting Timothy to live above reproach, Paul challenged him to be an example in character, conversation, conduct, companionships, convictions and consecration. Paul urged him to conduct himself in such a manner as to merit the respect and admiration of those who might observe his life and work.

**1 Timothy 4:14-16** Timothy was urged not to neglect the gift which God had bestowed upon him. He was under obligation to cultivate that gift and then use it effectively for God and his fellowmen. He was admonished to be very careful what he taught. Sound doctrine is exceedingly important, but it must be substantiated by correct living if it is to accomplish that which God intends.



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## on mission together

### Slightly soiled saints

pastor those years as executive secretary, "is rich in humor and earthy wisdom." I would agree.

Many Kentucky Baptists miss his grand eloquence in "story telling" not only in his weekly column, but in those tense moments of state Baptist bickering when a "fitly word with a bit of humor" seemed to calm the troubled breast. I can still recall in one of the meetings we shared together during my "learning" period, one of the group shouted: "Tell us a story, Dr. Owen." He stood, smiled and proceeded to warm the group, not only with the "punch line" but by the grand way he can tell a story.

The book is autobiographical and will touch responsive chords in all who enjoy "real life stories," especially ministers and denominational employes. I found especially meaningful his chapter XIII, reflecting upon his "11 years and 300,000 miles" as executive secretary-treasurer. I'm human enough to appreciate the reflections of someone

who has walked in the "same shoes" before you. And I hope I'm still teachable enough to learn something from it.

Kentucky Baptists are obliged to James Taylor, president of Cumberland College, who has provided for the publication of the book. It will be on sale at the Cumberland College display during the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Some of the final words in his book are a fitting closure to this column: "As I now close out these 11 years as executive secretary . . . it is sort of the same circumstance as the last days of the pastorates I have left. Many dreams and tasks were still undone, but the time was up and I had to down my tools and move on—the work unfinished. "Life is like that. No person and no generation gets finished with all that is implied in the Great Commission, for which we are responsible."

*Slightly Soiled Saints* is, indeed, a worthy use of time. And it will be a treasure chest for the many of us who love this great Kentucky Baptist leader.

Wayne Dehoney, Owen's friend and

# David beats Goliath in cable channel dispute

## Baptist church in Pine Bluff, Ark. enlists community support to help save ACTS channel

In Pine Bluff, Ark. last month little David went slingshot to sword with Goliath again. This time Goliath knew when to cry uncle. The moral of the story is that when people like the ACTS network they can do plenty about it when somebody starts fooling with it.

Little David is Immanuel Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, pastored by Mike Huckabee. The church sponsors the ACTS network.

Goliath is Pine Bluff Cable TV, owned by WEHCO Video, Inc., a Little Rock multiple system operator. The war began when the cable company notified Huckabee it planned to preempt ACTS for a week to run a cable promotion for Home Box Office and Cinemax movies. Many of those movies carry an R rating (recommended for adults only).

Not only that, the cable company planned to move ACTS off the basic tier to a premium tier that would cost viewers additional money.

Huckabee objected. "I felt we were trading the Bible for Bo Derek and losing family and religious programming," he said. "It had taken us a solid year just to get the cable company to talk to us and then they delayed and delayed getting us on the air. Aside from being off the air for a week, we felt the R-rated movies on what had been a channel you can trust would hurt the network's credibility. And having ACTS on a tier that would cost cable

viewers an additional fee was totally unacceptable."

The cable operators paid scant attention to Huckabee's protests. "Their attitude was that not very many folks watched that little Baptist network and they expected perhaps only a few telephone calls that wouldn't amount to very much," he said.

So the preacher said a prayer and went public with his problem. Before the smoke had settled seven short days later, more than 900 letters objecting to the proposed action had flooded the cable company offices. Their telephone had rung off the wall. The two Pine Bluff newspapers had carried front page stories and editorials supporting the network. The Chamber of Commerce and the City Council had voiced strong resolutions in favor of ACTS.

The furor reached Little Rock 45 miles away and KARK-TV, the NBC affiliate, sent a news team to Pine Bluff to cover the fight. "Their reporter's opening sentence was that Pine Bluff had not had its own television station but a Baptist church has provided one that's proven quite popular," said Huckabee.

But the cable company's bottom line was underlined when Pine Bluff's mayor instructed the city attorney to research the city's franchise agreement with the cable company and suggested, pointedly, that the agreement would be



Mike Huckabee

carefully reviewed unless the company backed down. It did.

The result is that ACTS in Pine Bluff is stronger now than ever before. "We received a lot of publicity we never could have bought," Huckabee said. "The cable company agreed not to bump us from the basic channel. And they didn't do the HBO-Cinemax promotion on our channel."

One of the reasons for Pine Bluff's response to the ACTS network is the extensive community programming Immanuel has made possible. In addition to airing its morning and evening worship services both live and delayed, there is a homebound Bible study program for shut-ins who can call the church and register their participation.

Huckabee hosts a talk show, "Positive Alternatives," which includes Christian testimonies and community service organizations. In addition, a public affairs program presents docu-

mentaries on local industries, the hospitals, the convention center, the schools and other items of concern to the community.

There has also been a series of specials from other churches, schools and the Southeast Arkansas Youth Orchestra. The 40 volunteers who make the network's local programming work have interviewed people on the street about local issues, and the station has aired thousands of dollars of free public service spots for such non-profit community service organizations as the city's Salvation Army, United Way and Cancer Society.

And, last summer, when 4000 Pine Bluff residents were evacuated from their homes by the derailment of a train carrying toxic chemicals, the ACTS station obtained film footage not used by a local network station and aired two well-received one-hour specials on the situation.

"Since last October, when ACTS came to Pine Bluff, we've interviewed between 600 and 1000 local citizens on the air," said Huckabee. "People in Pine Bluff look on ACTS as the Pine Bluff TV station that that Baptist church is so nice to provide."

Immanuel plans to implement an arrangement that will enable students to work at the station writing and producing programs and operating the cameras as part of their curriculum.

"That's a win-win-win situation," said Huckabee. "The students learn new skills, we get extra volunteer help and the impact on the network's public relations will be excellent."

Which means it should be a long time before Goliath picks up his sword again in Pine Bluff. "After all," Huckabee gives credit, "a God who can get us this far can get us all the way."

## Continuing hunger aid needed, Seeds staffer tells students

After the television cameras have gone, after the rock stars and the movie stars have gone, how do we encourage a continuing humanitarian response to hunger in Africa?

This question was raised by Leslie Withers, director of education for Seeds magazine, a ministry of Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., at a recent student luncheon at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Miss Withers pointed to the "legacy of colonialism" as the source of the famine, enumerating several contributing factors.

African countries are not held together by a feeling of nationalism, Miss Withers reported. Controlling European countries drew boundaries in the 19th century which follow neither natural nor tribal lines. Thus, citizens of modern African countries have differing languages, cultures, and religions, she said.

Miss Withers also pointed to transportation systems which were built by Europeans to carry resources out of the interior to seaports. Therefore, famine aid cannot quickly reach the people who most need it because no means of transportation to those portions of Africa exist, she noted.

African agriculture serves the needs of other countries, Miss Withers stated. Instead of subsistence farming, agriculture is aimed toward cash crops for export, she reported.

Military leaders who have led coups usually do not know how to run a government, Miss Withers observed. Thus, when Europeans left, they took governmental infrastructures, leaving unstable

governments.

This has led to the problem of increased urbanization, she alleged. New leaders have favored urban over rural areas because they realize that rioting will come from the city. Consequently, to keep urban dwellers content, leaders have kept food prices in the cities artificially low. Farmers have had less incentive to grow, and as many fail financially they move into urban areas, creating further problems of overcrowding, she explained.

The problem is compounded by the escalating birth rate in Africa, she continued. The average African woman will bear eight children in her lifetime. Miss Withers pointed to economic self-interest as the reason, since more children will mean more labor to work the land.

Miss Withers proposed that long-term answers will have to come from Africans themselves.

"They need our help, our support, and our prayers, but not our answers," she said.

For now, the Africans need our emergency assistance, she contended. "They have nothing left to start over from" now that rains have at last come, she explained.

Miss Withers maintained that partnership is the key word for American participation in the crisis.

She warned against equating success with having all the answers, asserting that Americans also need to learn from the Africans.

"We may help to provide the means, but they have to hammer out answers for themselves," she contended.

## Christmas specials will air in December over ACTS network

Twenty-five upcoming Christmas specials on the American Christian Television System will help remind viewers of the true spirit of the season.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 15, ACTS will preempt much of its regular family entertainment programming to carry the holiday specials. Most will be repeated during the two-week period before Christmas.

Highlighting the list of specials is "Yeshua and the First Christmas," and "Yeshua: The Land and the Promise." "Yeshua and the First Christmas" is a factual narration of the events and facts of the birth of Christ, presented against a background of scenes from Bethlehem and the surrounding Holy Lands.

"Yeshua: The Land and the Promise" is a narration of the history of Abraham and his descendants with sites from Ur of the Chaldees through Rome, Egypt and other areas pertaining to Christ's life.

"Yeshua and the First Christmas" will be seen Dec. 17 at 11 p.m.; Dec. 18 at 3:30 a.m. and 8 a.m.; Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. "Yeshua: The Land and the Promise" will be aired Dec. 19 at 7 and 11 p.m.; Dec. 20 at 5:30 and 11 a.m.; Dec. 23 at noon and 6 p.m., and Dec.

24 at 6:30 p.m.

Other specials include "A Truce in the Forest," an award-winning true drama about World War II German and American soldiers who lay down their arms long enough to celebrate Christmas; "Seeing God at Christmas," a visit to Bethlehem, Pa., for a colorful celebration in the Moravian community; "Holy Night," an overview of the Holy Land from 701 years before Christ's birth to the birth itself, and several special Christmas programs on the "At Home with the Bible" series.

"Holy Night" will be seen Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m., and Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and "A Truce in the Forest" will air Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 3:30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

"The Other Wiseman," an adaptation of Henry Van Dyke's popular account of a fourth wise man who missed his audience with the Christ child to help a person in need, will be shown Dec. 21 at 2:30 a.m. and Dec. 22 at 8:30 a.m.

Rounding out ACTS' Christmas schedule are other costume and contemporary dramas, plus musicals and animated specials. In all, more than 100 special Christmas broadcasts will be carried over the network.

