



Ohio Valley-ACTS to "rattle sabers"

by Todd Deaton, staff writer

In a meeting marked by spirited determination, the Ohio Valley-ACTS Board voted Jan. 17 to "rattle their sabers" to show their displeasure with Storer Cable's recent decision to remove ACTS programming from Channel 31 in Louisville.

ACTS (American Christian Television System) is the satellite Network sponsored by Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program. The network is dedicated to 75 percent Christian family entertainment and 25 percent preaching and teaching programs.

Jimmy Allen, president of ACTS and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said in a November release, "Southern Baptists came late to the network game. No denomination has fashioned a tool to get into the homes of all the people with the gospel. Southern Baptists have done that."

LaVerne Butler, pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, and member of RTVC, reported to the OV-ACTS Board that ACTS operated in the black during December and projects to net \$268,000 from future program syndication.

Currently ACTS is received by 3.6 million homes nationwide including 156,000 homes with ACTS in more than 20 Kentucky cities.

The dispute arose following Storer Cable's recent acquisition of the Times-Mirror/Dimension cable system in Louisville, which has access to more than 67,000 homes.

Prior to the acquisition, the OV-ACTS Board had an unwritten agreement with Times-Mirror for broadcasting ACTS amidst horse racing and home shopping programming. Because there was no legal-binding contract involved, Storer is nullifying the previous relationship between Times-Mirror and OV-ACTS effective Feb. 1.

When faced with the possibility of OV-ACTS negotiating a contract, Storer's Jefferson County system

manager David Lee and regional vice president David Bell balked, saying ACTS would be off without further consideration, claims OV-ACTS.

Wesley M. (Pat) Patillo, vice president of development at Southern Seminary, Louisville, and member of OV-ACTS, summarized the events, "Storer Cable is playing games. Louisville area Southern Baptists have been given misleading information concerning our relationship with Times-Mirror and Storer Cable."

OV-ACTS chairman Bill Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, expressed his dismay concerning Storer Cable's decision. "It is appalling to think that this network is using city and county poles and yet has no responsibility to its local constituency."

According to a recent poll cited by Bell and Lee, only about a third of "Louisville's population have declared an interest in ACTS being on the Storer system. In concrete numerical terms, this fraction represents more than 22,000 people, a sufficient constituency to warrant a channel, says state ACTS director Mark Snowden, also director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's media department.

Storer Cable is able to turn a deaf ear

to Louisville's Baptist subscribers due to an FCC (Federal Communications Commission) deregulation decision making it impossible for a city to enforce programming standards.

So with their backs against the wall, the 10 local ministers representing their churches on OV-ACTS Board met to discuss future actions of area Southern Baptists, Louisville's largest Protestant denomination. Among the suggestions were letters written to the city mayor, senators and state representatives, as well as a hint of a citizens' referendum being filed.

Snowden captured the tense moments at the OV-ACTS meeting, "I never like to say there is no hope, but if Southern Baptists don't act now, Storer's decision will be effective Feb. 1."

While ACTS network boasts of having more than 400 phone calls that could not be handled by operators during a national broadcast of "Cope," a counseling program sponsored by Southern Baptists, Storer officials have doubts about the networks local popularity.

According to Snowden, David Lee indicated to Mike Wright, Southeast regional ACTS manager, that Storer wanted action from the community, letting them know if the local area really cared about having ACTS on

their cable system.

The Louisville dispute fosters ramifications that could affect more than the local viewers, however. Storer Cable also controls systems in Bowling Green and the Covington-Newport area where present negotiations for ACTS broadcasting could be halted.

Members of the board also fear that other denominations which broadcast on Storer Cable will not be immune to future programming decisions.

In a spirited motion that echoed Sam Houston's valiant courage at the Alamo, Jim Morrison, associate pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, called on Southern Baptists to "rattle their sabers on their way out the door to show their displeasure with Storer Cable's refusal to honor the requests of its local constituents to broadcast ACTS."

In a unanimous vote, the board accepted Morrison's motion that called for a well organized, systematic mass telephone campaign to jam the telephone lines of Storer Cable as well as inundating the office with postcards and letters from church members and subscribers Jan. 19-31.

OV-ACTS requests that these calls be directed to David Lee, 448-7736, and David Bell, 584-6111. Storer's address is 1800 Neville Drive, Louisville, 40216.

Simultaneous revival preparation under way

by Jack Sanford, Editor

Jay Brown, director of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, declared, "God's power and compassion are not limited. God is pleased when we trust him for large tasks such as nationwide simultaneous revivals." Brown's remarks are in the forward of the Pastor/Church Revival Preparation Manual, a booklet being used to help leaders prepare for what is hoped will be the greatest evangelistic effort ever made by Baptists in America, the Good News America simultaneous revivals planned for 1986.

According to Brown, interest in the simultaneous revivals is high across Kentucky and prayers for a great spiritual awakening are being offered by thousands of Kentucky Baptists. Brown stated, "God wants the lost to be saved, but he waits on the prayers of his people to give revival."

Several Kentucky pastors said April 6-27, 1986 may be the most crucial dates in Kentucky Baptist life in the last half-century. Those are the dates for the simultaneous revivals across the commonwealth.

The sense of urgency felt by many Baptists in Kentucky is apparent in the elaborate preparations being made by hundreds of Kentucky congregations. Plans for the spring revival meetings were launched last January with pastor's briefing meetings across the state. This was followed by a people search and scripture distribution in local communities. In October, an emphasis upon cultivating people who needed to make commitment to Christ was launched. Prayer convocations were held across the state and January 1986 began with witness commitment day and use of the equipping center

module "Training Sunday School Workers in Evangelism."

Typical of the serious preparation being made by Kentucky churches is illustrated by the experience of Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, where Paul Welch is pastor. Third Church appointed a revival committee last summer and began enlisting members of the congregation for participation in the spring revival. Under the leadership of minister of education David Kolb, the congregation will spend 13 weeks in personal witnessing training and during February every family in the church will receive a copy of the booklet "Sweet Hour of Prayer" for personal and family devotional study. The final pre-revival preparations by Third

Church will be a seven week church-wide visitation effort climaxed with scripture distribution throughout the church community.

There are 78 local associations in Kentucky and 77 of them have agreed to participate in the revival effort. Brown is enthusiastic about the prospects for good results. He said that in state-wide meetings there has been about 50 percent participation by pastors who have received the planning material with high interest.

The Kentucky goal is 25,000 baptisms in 1986 and the simultaneous revivals are counted on to be the chief producer of new converts and new church members.



CRYING FOR 'MAMI'--This toddler, apparently orphaned by Colombia's killer mudslide Nov. 13, cried for his mother as Southern Baptist Missionary Mary Nell Giles entered his hospital room in Ibague. This photo, taken by Foreign Mission Board photographer Joanna Pinneo, will be nominated for a Pulitzer Prize by the Associated Press.(BP)

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Jack D. Sanford

Make your will now

January is Make Your Will Month on the Southern Baptist calendar, and the old saying is true, "If you don't do it, the state will." That means we have the opportunity to take care of an important aspect of stewardship without fear of mistakes in the final settlement of our assets. The opposite side of that coin is the simple fact the state stands in the wings waiting to take over what is left after we die. The state will make a will for us if we do not do it.

Every Baptist institution in the country receives benefits daily from the provisions made by conscientious Christians who included Baptist causes in properly drawn wills. Though these good people have gone on to be with God, the influence of their life lives on because they remembered God's work and left instructions to include that work in the distribution of their assets.

Making a will is often a very simple matter yet thousands of otherwise good Christian stewards fail to take care of this important item before death takes them.

Kentucky Baptists have created an agency to assist all of us in properly disposing of our worldly goods at the end of our life. That agency is the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

Barry Allen is now supervising the Foundation while the search is on for a permanent director. Allen will be glad to assist any of our people who need help in taking care of their estate. The Foundation is the agency which manages funds left by Baptist people for distribution to all Baptist causes.

Take care of business while you are still alive. Remember, "if you don't do it, the state will." It seems a travesty of faith to have a state official determine how the property and wealth of a Christian should be used. That task is our responsibility under God and a will is the instrument necessary to carry out our final act of service to Christ.

Watch out for CAUSA

Baptists face the possibility of being duped again if we are not careful. We have known how gullible we can be since many of us were taken in by the alleged petition to the Federal Communications Commission supposedly presented by Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Now CAUSA USA comes on the scene with an appeal to Baptists and other Christians.

CAUSA USA is an organization of the Unification Church, the "Moonies." The organization is trying to build a following in Kentucky and other states by declaring it is "God-centered" and strongly against communism.

In publicity for its meetings Baptist people are

frequently mentioned as participants and supporters of its work. However, they are usually not Southern Baptists and do not have any identity with what we are trying to do in the KBC.

The teachings of CAUSA USA are foreign to what we believe as Baptists and we are well advised to look with a jaundiced eye at the appeals coming from this organization. We do not want to be duped again and appear foolish in the eyes of the community God has called us to serve.

Good news and bad news

The new year finds Western Recorder staff rejoicing in the increased circulation resulting from the campaign last September-October which saw an increase in readers of more than 20 percent. That is good news which gladdens our heart and makes us more anxious than ever to do a good job of service to Kentucky Baptists.

The increase in circulation means we are now being read by more than 150,000 people every week since we calculate at least three readers for each issue. That represents about 20 percent of all the Southern Baptists on the rolls of our churches in Kentucky. If half our church members are active in the life of their local church, then we are doing well. That is the good news.

The bad news has to do with money, especially the cost of sending Western Recorder to our people each week. This is a matter over which we have absolutely no control, but are subject to the demands of the federal government.

The postal service increased postage rates for mailers such as Western Recorder, and that includes all the churches which send out a newsletter or other bulk mailing. The cost increase to us means an increase of more than \$900 every week. That is the increase, not the total cost of mailing.

We are now struggling with what to do about this bad news. We have instituted cost cutting procedures but we will have to absorb the increase or increase the cost of the paper. None of us would like to increase costs to you, so we will just have to see what develops. This is not the first time Western Recorder has been caught in such a pinch, but it is the first time for me as editor, and frankly I do not like it one bit.

The installation of a new typesetting machine with state-of-the-art capacity will make us more efficient in production and that should effect some considerable savings in the weekly cost of production. However, the fact remains, it is costly to do business, even the business of the Lord. We ask your patience and your prayers as we send our thanks to you for the wonderful way you supported your state paper in 1985. The new year can and will be even better with your continued support. We hope to find an answer to our financial dilemma, but in the meantime we assure you we will continue to produce a quality paper of which you can be justly proud.

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clear creek comment

The foolishness of preaching

I am a student of preaching and a teacher of preaching. I admire good preaching and preachers. In fact, I have committed my life to preaching and teaching for the Lord.

However, I think often on the foolishness of preaching. I realize that the verse in I Corinthians (1:21) could be translated "the foolishness of the thing preached"—perhaps I can muse on that thought with you in another column. But I believe that most rational men would agree that it is foolish to think that you can influence and change the world through standing and talking.

Some skeptics express their reservations about preachers and preaching. John Ransom speaks for many when he says, "Parson's coming up the hill, meaning mighty well: Thinks he's preached the doubters down, and old men never tell." Christopher Pitt describes the preacher who "talks much and says just nothing for an hour. Truth and the text he labours to display, till both are quite interpreted away." Sterne sarcastically stated, "The excellency of this text is that it will suit any sermon; and of this sermon, that it will suit any text!"

As you might guess, I do not share the views expressed above. In fact, the Bible speaks of preaching in very serious terms. Our Lord commanded the disciples (and us) to "go into all the world and preach . . ." (Mark 16:15).

Paul preached all over the known world. He preached Christ crucified (I Cor. 1:23, Col. 1:28) and preached the gospel (I Cor. 9:16). He preached in the market and to the common man (e.g. Lydia) and he preached before kings (like Felix and Agrippa).

He preached in human frailty and weakness but also in the power of the Spirit (I Cor. 2:3-4). Take heart, dear preachers! Some people didn't think much of Paul's preaching either (Acts 20:7).

Clear Creek loves good preaching—at one time this school was known as the "Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's School." We love all kinds of preaching—bluegrass preaching and mountain preaching, flatlander preaching and country preaching, any kind of preaching which bears witness to Christ!

Pray for your preacher and realize how unnatural and "foolish" preaching seems to some people. Praise God that through the foolishness of preaching he saves those who believes!

baptist news in brief

Bible called foundation of Sunday School Board

In response to continuing interest of Southern Baptists in the place of biblical authority in the work of the Sunday School Board, president Lloyd Elder said the Bible has been and will continue to be the foundation of everything the board does.

"The Sunday School Board is a Bible board, a special kind of educational board," Elder said during a Jan. 6 consultation on biblical authority attended by BSSB employees. "I do not believe the expectation of us as a Bible board will or ever should go away."

Elder emphasized he has found a high view of scripture—which he described as biblical conservatism—reflected in employe's work throughout the institution. "I stand in awe at the phenomenally consistent quality of work by our editors," he said.

James Williams, associate to the president, said the purpose of the one-day consultation was to enhance understanding of the place of the "Baptist Faith and Message" in the work of the board, identify key theological concerns facing Southern Baptists and evaluate principles of biblical interpretation including guidelines for board literature. Also, employees could receive counsel from the board president in dealing with questions related to biblical authority, Williams said.

Also during the consultation, reports were given on efforts to implement a guideline adopted by the board's trustees in August 1985 urging "special care in determining the biblical and doctrinal commitment of writers by carefully reviewing their published works, their public statements and their personal testimony."

Persons under consideration as writers are being asked to provide information about their beliefs and their writings and recommendations are being sought about potential writers, according to reports from several managers.

Elder said "enlisting writers is one of the most profound ways editors guide the board in meeting its editorial accountabilitys for what is published." (BP)

Bishop Tutu predicts end to apartheid

Bishop Desmond Tutu predicted an end to the South African system of apartheid during a Jan. 8 address at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D. C.

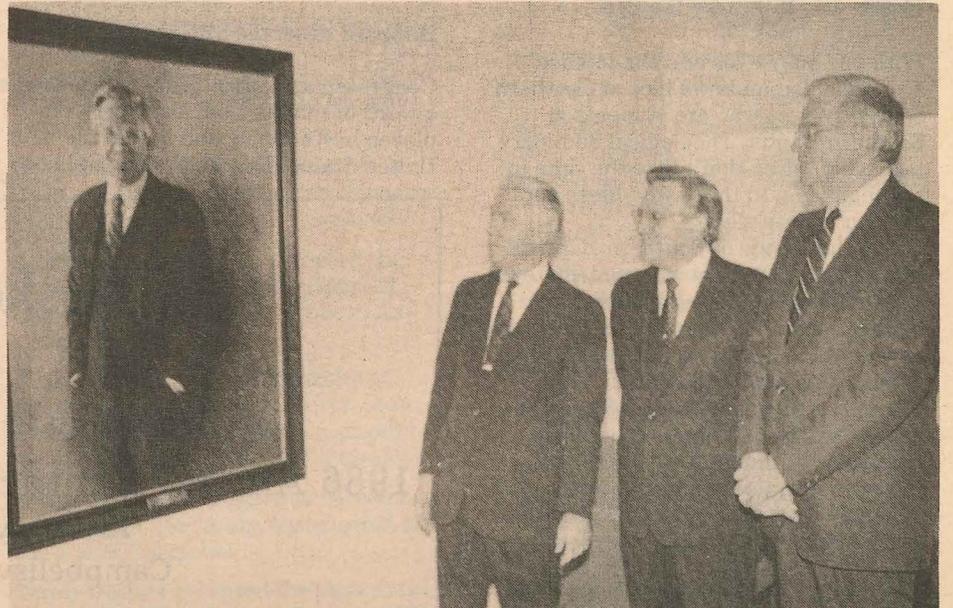
"We're going to be free," Tutu declared. "There's no doubt about it. We don't talk about if, but when. We will link arms with God and walk out of bondage."

The Nobel Peace Prize winner, who

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Georgetown College's 22nd, 21st and 20th presidents [l-r] W. Morgan Patterson, Ben M. Elrod and Robert L. Mills are admiring a portrait of Elrod unveiled recently in the Gheens Room of historic Giddings Hall on the campus. It joins portraits of the college's presidents dating back to the 1830s. Elrod was the college chief executive from 1978-83. More than a hundred friends and staff people were present for the event.

visited the United States to raise support and financial assistance for anti-apartheid efforts in South Africa, thanked the overflow crowd gathered at the Washington church "on behalf of millions for your love, caring, commitment to justice and peace."

He emphasized the importance of Americans protesting apartheid during the past year. Because of those actions, he added, the world has "seen history being made in months."

Tutu recounted how surprised he was to find so little coverage of South Africa in the American press prior to his 1984 United States visit. He recalled wondering why there was so much media interest in one missing priest in Poland and yet so little mention of the scores of those murdered in South Africa.

"I came in 1984," he said, "and God said, 'I run this world. I'm in charge.' I said, 'Why don't you make it a little more obvious?'"

"Many people have been trying to get others interested in South Africa. God said in his time." Tutu pointed to 1984 as the beginning of that time. He mentioned events including Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign, the South African riots, his Nobel Prize and American protests.

"We are now part of the victory movement," he declared. "We are not boasting. We are just saying, 'You have lost. You can't take on God and hope to win.'"

"In South Africa we know when the rubber bullets come, the police dogs, detention, torture, death, we can say, 'Ha-ha!'" (BP)

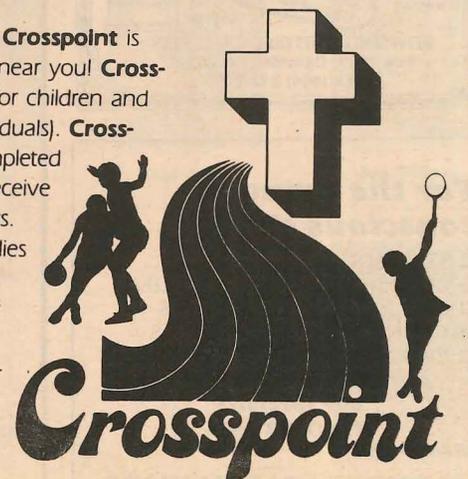
Nathan Pillow elected evangelism president

Nathan Pillow, director of evangelism for Arizona Southern Baptists, has been elected president of the Fellowship of Southern Baptist Evangelism Directors.

Pillow, a native of Missouri who has worked with the Arizona convention for 10 years, succeeds Clarence Shell, director of evangelism for Arkansas Baptists, as head of the organization of state convention evangelism directors and associates.

Elected vice president of the group during its recent meeting in Las Vegas was George Worrell, director of evangelism for the Missouri Baptist Convention, and named secretary-treasurer was Dan Agee, evangelism director for Virginia Baptists. (BP)

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baptist forum

Thank you, Kentucky Baptists

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The thousands of Southern Baptists throughout Kentucky who contribute to the seminary's funding materially benefit each of us as students. Many of us would not be able to attend seminary without this kind assistance.

I, personally, have been blessed in many ways by the Baptist people of Kentucky. Although I was born and raised in northern Ohio, I've spent about seven years in Kentucky at Kentucky Christian College, Morehead State University and Southern Seminary. Some of the finest persons whom I've had the privilege of knowing, including three former girlfriends, were all natives of Kentucky. I proudly claim Kentucky as my adopted second home.

Kentucky and Ohio are sister states that put feet to the great commission by combining resources and manpower to begin new churches and strengthen existing ones in both states.

To the Baptist people of Kentucky, I, as a Bluegrass Buckeye, would like to sincerely thank you for making possible my seminary education, for your many ministries in Ohio and for the privilege to fellowship with you daily in our common pilgrimage in Jesus Christ. You are very much appreciated.

Ralph Lepley, Louisville

Word from former Kentucky pastor

I retired Oct. 20 after 18½ years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Mo. Opal and I moved to Grandview, Mo. and as of Jan. 1 I will be minister of outreach at First Baptist, Grandview, Mo.

I was in the pastorate 36 years and 28 of them were in Kentucky. I miss my friends in Kentucky I am making new friends in Missouri. I have supplied in several churches and find the Missouri Baptists warm and friendly just like the people of Kentucky.

Thanks very much to Kentucky Baptists for all the kindness and the pleasure of serving them for many years.

Bob Wallace, Grandview, Mo.

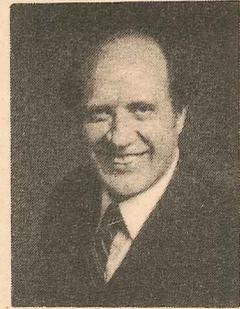
Hubbard deserves SBC thanks

Congressman Carroll Hubbard deserves a word of thanks from all Baptist employees in Kentucky and across the United States. During the recent house

debate over the tax reform bill a little known section which would tax church pension boards was brought to the Congressman's attention. Contrary to the expressed desire of leadership Carroll had the courage to sign a "dear colleague" letter to all other members of the Congress urging that the final bill be altered.

Please let Carroll know that you appreciate his action.

Alan E. Sears, Louisville



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homes for children

An experience of joy

He called my office to be sure I would be in. He did not want to come and not see me. When he came into the office, there was a pleasant smile on his face and a lightness in his step. We exchanged greetings, both glad to see each other. It had been a long time since we had been together.

Then my guest got right to the point of his visit. Standing up he said, "I have a surprise for you and I wanted to personally bring it to you." Putting his hand in his pocket he pulled out a roll of money and laid it on my desk, saying, "Count it." It totaled \$731.52. Then my friend said, "This is Thanksgiving Offering for the Children's Homes and it is from the church I pastor."

Who is this man who came with the offering? What church does he pastor? Don't many churches give much more than that for the Thanksgiving Offering?

My guest was Brother E. D. Houghton, who lives in the edge of Estill County. He is pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Owsley County. The unusual thing about the \$731.52 offering is that it came from a church with about 35 resident members, which is \$20.90 per member. Yes, many churches give much more than \$731.52 for the Thanksgiving Offering. But I have not heard of any church giving as much as \$20.90 per resident member to the Thanksgiving Offering.

No wonder that Brother Houghton was so proud of the people of the New Hope Baptist Church. This church had been going through hard times when Brother Houghton became pastor four years ago. First he sought to encourage the people and build their fellowship. Then he began to challenge them.

They had not been giving to the ministry of Baptist Homes for Children. Brother Houghton challenged them to give \$100 in 1983, and they did. In 1984 he challenged them to give \$200 and they did. This past Thanksgiving he challenged them to give \$400 and they gave \$731.52. Some of the members are shut-in and one is facing heart surgery, but they wanted to have a part.

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personnel

Barry Jeffries, interim pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association, was called to become pastor of the church Dec. 15. Jeffries is attending Clear Creek Baptist School.

David L. Simpson began duties as pastor of First Baptist Church, Junction City, South District Association, Jan. 1. He comes to Junction City from the pastorate of Temple Baptist Church, Springfield, Central Association.

Valda H. Cooper was recently called as pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Russell County Association. His first Sunday was Jan. 12. Preaching services are held on second and fourth Sundays.

Clayton Garland has been called as interim pastor and **Darrell Burton** has been called as music director at Reid Village Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Boone's Creek Association.

Gerald Sharon resigned as pastor of Hedgeville Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association, Nov. 10 to accept the pastorate of Dallasburg Baptist Church, Owen County Association. **John Toby** is now serving as interim.

Tim Duncan accepted the call to the pastorate of Cardinal Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Jerry Lester began duties as minister of music, youth and education Dec. 1 at

First Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association. He comes to Danville from a similar position at Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Elkhorn Association.

Luther Allen of Cincinnati, Oh. has been called as minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Association.

A graduate of Cumberland College, he comes to Mt. Vernon from Main Street Baptist Church, Lake City, Tenn.

Charles Hedrick is pastor of First Baptist, Mt. Vernon.

Michael Greer, 37, former missionary to Israel, is the new pastor at First Baptist Church, Carlisle, Bracken Association. The Georgetown College graduate is presently working on his PhD at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

John Brashear resigned as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association.

Doyle G. Searcy of Campbellsville began duties as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, Jan. 19. He is married to the former Arlee Mullins and they have two children, Michael, 23, and Kathleen, 16.

Larry Lindsey has begun duties as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, La-Center, West Union Association.

Bryan Parris has accepted the call of Hanson Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. He resigned as pastor of Ferguson Baptist Church, Pulaski As-

sociation.

William Henderson, pastor of Slate Branch Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski Association, resigned to go to Tennessee.

Gilbert Robinson has resigned as pastor of Mt. Pisgah, Faubush, Pulaski Association to accept the call of Slate Branch Baptist Church, Somerset in the same association.

Gerald Ashley has been called by Campground Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski Association, to be its pastor.

Billy Argiropoulos has accepted the pastorate of Sinking Valley Baptist Church, Cannon, North Concord Association.

Dale Rose has resigned as pastor of Branhan Grove Baptist Church, Bow, Freedom Association. He is a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Harry Meadows resigned as director of missions for McCreary Association at the end of December.

Teddy Collins accepted the pastorate of Charity Baptist Church, a recent addition to Bell Association.

Wayne Rambo has accepted the pastorate of New Liberty Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association.

J. Pat Garland, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pineville, Bell Association, resigned to move to West Virginia.

Leonard Wayne Dunn has become pastor of Greenbriar Baptist Church, Ir-

vine, Boone's Creek Association. Former pastor, Ray Snowden, will remain as minister of youth and education.

Charlie Bridges is now pastor of Summit Hills Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Bridges is a graduate of Mercer University and a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Don Yeager has accepted the call to be pastor of First Baptist Church, Paintsville, Enterprise Association. He comes from Cumberland Baptist Church, Pine Mountain Association.

Roy Britt resigned as pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Warren Association.

congregations

First Baptist Church, Raceland, Greenup Association, dedicated their new educational building on Nov. 17. The people of the church constructed the building, saving the church \$210,000. Charles Blevins is pastor.

Farmington Baptist Church, Graves County Association, is sponsoring the University Baptist Mission in Murry. Don Farmer is the mission pastor.

First Baptist Church, Richmond, Tates Creek Association, recently recognized William E. Ellis, author of the book about the life and work of E. Y. Mullins during a morning worship service. Ellis presented an autographed copy of **A Man of Books and Man of the People** to the church's media library.

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Good News America, God Loves You.

THEME: "GOOD NEWS AMERICA--GOD LOVES YOU"

Monday, 2:00 P.M. Session I-GOOD NEWS FOR THE PASTOR (II Timothy 2:21)

Message: "A Vessel Unto Honor"
 Message: "A Person Empowered by God"
 Message: "A Servant Strengthened" (Isaiah 41:10)

Ted Sisk
 Herman Rios
 Bob Norman

Monday, 6:30 P.M. Session II-GOOD NEWS FOR THE CHURCH (Matthew 16:18b)

Message: "The Church Triumphant"
 Message: "The Church: The Bridge of Christ"
 Message: "The Fellowship of the Redeemed"

Bob Norman
 Herman Rios
 Manuel Scott

Tuesday, 9:00 A.M. Session III-GOOD NEWS FOR THE HOPELESS (John 3:16-17)

Message: "God's Matchless Love"
 Message: "God's Transforming Power"
 Message: "God's Offer of Reconciliation"

Ronnie Sivells
 Herman Rios
 Wayne Bristow

Tuesday, 2:00 P.M. Session IV-COMMITTED TO THE GOOD NEWS (Romans 1:16)

Message: "Committed to Sharing the Good News"
 Message: "Committed to Loving for the Good News"
 Message: "Committed to Living for the Good News"

Harry Piland
 Wayne Bristow
 Manuel Scott

Tuesday, 6:30 P.M. Session V-GOOD NEWS FOR THE NATION (Psalm 33:12)

Message: "A Nation Under God"
 Message: "God Bless America"
 Message: "A Call to National Righteousness"
 (II Chronicles 7:14)

Bob Norman
 Wayne Bristow
 Manuel Scott



Robin Flood



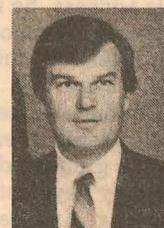
Susan Arnold



Phil Quinn



Ron Wilburn



Jim Cordell

Allen Case
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Mel Crosson
 Organist



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Two lasting gifts

Discipline is a difficult thing. It is often a very unpleasant exercise. But it is necessary. However, there can be no really effective discipline where there is no love. One must be fair. One must care. One must be firm. One must forgive.

I have large files filled with several thousand letters from students I have worked with for 16 years here at Oneida and over six years in northeastern Iran. Many are precious souls who never gave me a moment of grief. Others, just as precious, and often more vivid, are some who gave me much grief.

I am looking tonight at letters received from students I have had to expel from Oneida. At the time they left, often they were very bitter.

One writes from the army: "Sir, it really surprised me to hear from you, as long as it has been since I had to leave the school. It sounds as if OBI is growing by leaps and bounds.

"I wish now that I had taken full advantage of what was being offered me there. Since I finally decided to grow up and take on the responsibility of my own life, I am now in the army. I am earning money for college.

"Sir, I would like to thank you again for everything you tried to do for me. Even though I think I tried my best not

to cooperate. I am sorry for that. But at least I am getting it together now."

Another writes from Texas: "I hope you are doing well and not having any health problems. I am looking forward to seeing you this year when my wife and I come for Christmas. We are doing great and excited that we are married. I haven't been working because of a ruptured disk. But I have not had to have a major operation.

"I'm really glad that I went to Oneida. I have a lot of great memories there, and met a fine family. I'll always remember Oneida no matter where I go or what I do. Even though my stay was not as long as I had planned because of my 'pot.' But you do learn from your mistakes and go on.

"I know there is no hard feelings between us. We will always be friends.

"While I've been off due to my injury, I've been teaching myself to play the organ. I still look about the same as when you expelled me. But I have really matured since then. I'm really looking forward to the future. I'm happy I'm getting my own business started. Well, I'd better let you go. I know you are a busy man. I hope you do keep in touch and may God bless you always."

And, another, writing with the pain still fresh: "Please forgive me for what I did. I hope you don't feel too bad at me. I do respect you so very much. Thank you for what you tried to do for me, what you have done for my family. I am sorry for what I have done. I hope we can talk some time when I am not too ashamed. I know you done what you had to do. I understand."

Another writes: "I am sorry if I have interrupted your work. I would like it if you would allow me to come back to Oneida. I was a freshman when I was there.

"I have been having trouble at home with my father. I can not give you money. But I can give my time and effort to better the Oneida program. I remember sitting in the chapel and your saying that 'Oneida's education is the best that you will find.' I know now that what you said is true.

"I have not told my parents about this letter. I wish not to tell them until I hear from you again. I beg of you to please let me come back to Oneida. I will not take up more of your time. I would like to hear from you. Please write me back. I am now 17 years old."

Oneida children are given roots in the soil of God's wonderful love. And one day, in faith, each "will soar on wings like eagles."



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 26, 1986

Life and Work Series

Overcome all barriers

Matthew 8:5-6 A Roman military officer, who was in charge of 100 soldiers, corresponding somewhat to the rank of a captain in a modern army, approached Christ seeking help in behalf of his afflicted servant.

That he was a man of unusual sweetness of character was evidenced by his interest in and care for his servant. In those days slaves were not given much attention so far as their personal needs were concerned. The centurion overcame the barriers of pride, military position and social status in order to make his request for Christ to help him.

Matthew 8:7-9 Although neither medical skill nor the sympathy of the centurion could assuage the dreadful sufferings or give any strength to the palsied limbs of this faithful servant, the centurion was exceedingly anxious for him to be healed and expressed to Christ his sincere desire for him to minister to his needs.

Matthew 8:10-13 When the centurion rested his case entirely on his confidence in the power of Christ's word, there wasn't any hesitation whatever on the part of Christ to heal the servant. He healed the body of the servant because of the faith of the centurion in

Christ's ability and willingness to do so. Also, through the power of Christ the soul of the centurion was healed. To this day many barriers stand in the way of God's will being accomplished in the lives of people, but through the power of the Lord they can be overcome.

International Series

Be forgiving

Matthew 18:21-22 Christ's instruction about how a church should deal with an erring member raised a question in the mind of Peter on the subject of personal responsibility for forgiveness. Peter, who so frequently needed to be forgiven by the Lord, was familiar with the rabbinical limit of the third offense, after which the obligation to forgive ceased. Knowing that seven was the number used for perfection, and thinking that to forgive seven times would be the very acme of perfection in forgiveness, Peter considered himself extremely generous in suggesting to forgive his brother seven times would be sufficient.

Christ's reply, which doubtless startled and shocked Peter, was that forgiveness should be unlimited as long as repentance is genuine. Love demands that Christians forgive their erring brethren freely and fully.

Matthew 18:23-27 In the parable which Christ spoke he related very graphically how a certain king demanded an accounting from his servants. It was revealed that the first one had been guilty of extravagance, wastefulness and dishonesty. His misconduct had resulted in his incurring an indebtedness of such proportions that there was no possibility of his paying. In his helplessness and hopelessness the man prostrated himself before the king, acknowledged his debt over which he displayed a lack of remorse, and for which he failed to request forgiveness, begged for time and made the promise to pay the enormous debt, which was an utter impossibility. The king liquidated the entire indebtedness, which act was an illustration of how freely and fully God forgives a penitent and believing sinner.

Matthew 18:28-35 Immediately after this experience, the man who was forgiven of his debt went out and found a fellow servant who was indebted to him and demanded payment under threat of cruelty. Unable to pay his debt, this man was imprisoned by this unreasonable and unmerciful servant.



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on mission together

A work not over

While dressing for Sunday school on Sunday, Jan. 12, we happened across the radio band an address by Julian Bond, a black state senator from Georgia who was addressing a group of Kentucky educators in Louisville.

In the course of his address, he mentioned that his own great-grandmother was a gift to a white, Methodist minister's wife in Lawrenceburg, Ky.

This same great-grandmother sent her son, Julian Bond's grandfather, to Berea College where he graduated. According to Bond, the only payment the old mother had was an ox. And Berea took him in.

Only a few days ago in Virginia, Douglas Wilder was elected Lieutenant

Governor of that commonwealth.

Wilder is the first black to achieve that distinction and he won it handily, receiving a strong white vote.

Only the most uninformed would suggest that black Americans have at last reached the mainstream of social and economic America.

Even so, a considerable portion of the progress that has been made is due to the efforts of one man: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This young, eloquent, black Baptist minister raised the hope-level of American blacks while he raised the sensitivity level of many whites. Things changed because of this preacher.

His non-violent approach to injustice earned him the following of countless blacks, the respect of significant whites and ultimately the Nobel Peace Prize. That he was murdered by the violence he shunned only reinforced the reality of what he stood against.

This past Monday, many Americans celebrated the first Federal holiday in

honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Too many blacks celebrate in the midst of poverty. For many, hope for a way out is but a sputtering candle. For some, the candle of hope is out.

King's famous sermon given in Washington in 1963 still stirs the listener:

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

"I have a dream that my four little children one day will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Years ago, I stood in line to shake his hand following an address. Some years after his death, I had the privilege of an afternoon of fellowship with his father and widow, during a mission meeting in Israel on Mt. Carmel. In the course of conversation, the elder King said to those of us present: "Martin's work is not over."

ACTS to broadcast Home Missions Teleconference

by Carol Garrett

An additional three million people will be able to view the 1986 Home Missions Teleconference Feb. 8 when it is broadcast for the first time by the American Christian Television System.

This live teleconference will provide a rare opportunity for viewers to hear current missions information from missionaries and Southern Baptist missions agency leaders, and to talk personally with these missions experts.

"I am delighted that ACTS can be a vehicle for carrying the story of missions to the homes of people at the same time Southern Baptists are gathering in church houses to participate in the teleconference," said Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

In addition to being carried on ACTS, the Home Missions Teleconference will be broadcast by the Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN).

More than 300 central viewing sites across the country are expected for the teleconference. Southern Baptists will gather in churches, associational buildings, and private homes to participate.

Viewers will have the opportunity to call in questions for the missionaries and agency leaders in the studio. Missionaries from Wyoming, Virginia, Illinois, and Alabama will be on the program.

Dorothy Sample, national president of Woman's Missionary Union, will also field questions, along with Home Mission Board president William Tanner and Brotherhood Commission president James Smith.

Mrs. Sample lives in Michigan, a new work area for Southern Baptist home missions. She hopes the teleconference will provide a new challenge for people to "pray more for our home missionaries, because many of them are



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in very hard places, discouraging places at times, with numbers that overwhelm them, tasks that overwhelm them."

She also sees the teleconference as a fresh avenue of emphasis for personal commitment to missions. "I hope that we'll give more than ever and go beyond the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal, but I also hope this teleconference will help challenge more

people from among us to give themselves to do home missions," Mrs. Sample said.

Calling the Week of Prayer for Home Missions possibly the most important week in the life of the Home Mission Board, Tanner believes it is especially significant that the larger ACTS audience will be included.

"This opportunity to reach into

millions of homes via the ACTS network can greatly enhance not only the teleconference, but a positive assistance to the offering as well," he said.

The BTN signal will not be scrambled for this teleconference, and viewers are being encouraged to tape the program and share it with larger church and associational groups. The teleconference will be from 12 to 1:30 p.m. CST.

BWA Day theme is 'One in the Spirit - One in the Love'

by Reinhold J. Kerstan

Baptists love to celebrate, and the first weekend in February will give them a chance to do just that. As a matter of fact, close to 10 million Baptists all over the world will participate in the observance of Baptist World Alliance Day, Feb. 1-2.

The theme that will unite them will be the one that was announced and used at the 1985 Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles, "Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ—to Proclaim Good News."

"Very few Baptists from our nation had the privilege of attending the World Congress," writes a Baptist leader from a country where Baptists are a very small minority group. But just watch what happens in February! Nearly all of our churches will gather on the first Sunday in February to observe BWA Day. It will be a powerful demonstration that we are one in the spirit and one in the Lord, even though different languages and political barriers separate us."

Another letter, written by a woman who has carried a heavy load of leadership responsibility in her country, says: "Sometimes I forget

there was ever a time when I did not know about the work of the Baptist World Alliance. Now I can hardly wait from one world Congress to the next to meet my brothers and sisters in person. Yes, in our Baptist Union we will think of you all, especially on BWA Day in February."

There will be much sharing of memories collected at the 15th Baptist World Congress which was held in Los Angeles, Cal., July 2-7, 1985. But there will be more than memories. Baptists are also people who do not dwell too long on things that are past; they like to dream and plan for their future ministry. And there is still much to be done!

"Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ—to Proclaim Good News"—this is the marching order for more than 34 million fellow believers who belong to the Alliance. The 134 member bodies of the BWA that are found in 91 countries have all adopted the theme "to Proclaim Good News."

"That's what Baptists are all about," said a pastor from one of the Eastern European nations last summer as he preached in one of the many ethnic Baptist churches in the Los Angeles area. "And long as we have a story to tell, and we tell the

story, God's blessing will rest upon us."

G. Noel Vose, newly elected president of the Baptist World Alliance, shares this sentiment. On a recent visit to the United States, he stated that Baptists should view the opportunity to proclaim the Good News as a privilege. "The world is full of depressing news," said Vose. "What a joy and privilege for Baptists and all Christians to be able to sing to a different tune, to proclaim good news rather than bad!"

Often the Baptist World Alliance does this "proclaiming" with effective action rather than words. Immediately after the earthquake in Mexico City and the volcanic eruption in Colombia, Baptist World Aid, the relief division of the Baptist World Alliance, sent money and offered assistance. When the secular media told the world of the deplorable food shortage in Africa and especially in Ethiopia, the Alliance could show that it had been involved in relief there long before it seemingly became fashionable to do so.

Neither political martial laws, currency restrictions nor breakdown of transportation systems will hold back the efforts of the Baptist World Alliance to help their fellow Baptists

throughout the world.

Even though the Alliance is not a missionary-sending agency, it is in touch with thousands of missionaries and evangelists through their national organizations.

"Our member bodies are sending out missionaries, and the Baptist World Alliance attempts to pool their resources and make them available to all," comments Gerhard Claas, BWA General Secretary. "We have experienced wonderful cooperation in evangelism among nations who politically are not even friendly with each other."

Claas stated that the first allegiance of the BWA is to the Lord Jesus Christ "who knows no difference in race and political systems. He has called us to go into all the world and to proclaim the Good News to all nations."

Baptist World Alliance Day, Feb. 1-2, will indeed be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the unity of Baptists worldwide, and even more to demonstrate that in the Spirit of Christ we can overcome the sinful spirit of the world.

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Clear Creek Baptist School

60 years

'Standing firm on the word of God'

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A unique school

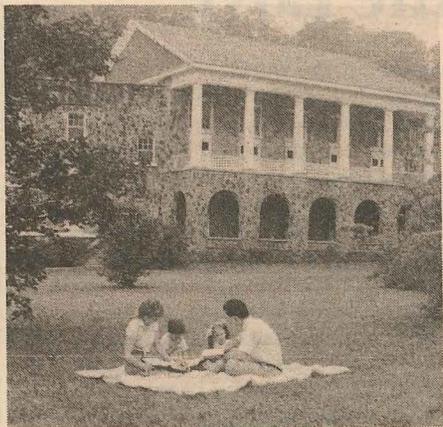
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Purpose

The philosophy of Clear Creek Baptist School is based on the belief that as God calls people into full-time Christian service, it is God's will that individuals be thoroughly prepared to carry out his call effectively.

Students

Our students range in age from 21 to 70 with an average age of 30. While many are Kentucky natives, students come from as far away as Colorado, and Korea. They leave their farms and factories and bring their families and their faith. They come to Clear Creek, answering the call of Christ to prepare for the ministry.



Family



Work



Kelly



Aldridge



Simpson

More than 1100 alumni serve in 46 states and six foreign countries, 300 Clear Creekers serving among Kentucky's 2200 churches.

History

In 1926, God inspired L. C. Kelly, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, to begin the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School. The first session was four weeks long and attracted 12 students. For many years, God-called men gathered each summer to study the word of God and train for the ministry.

D. M. Aldridge became Clear Creek's second president in 1954. The school had been adopted by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and received yearly financial support. Under his leadership new housing units, a pre-school center and more classroom space were added.

In 1982, Leon D. Simpson succeeded Aldridge as president. He had been associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and as director of ministerial training at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

Anniversary activities

Special events will commemorate Clear Creek's 60th anniversary.

Clear Creek will receive full accreditation by the American Association of Bible Colleges this year, recognizing the value of Clear Creek's contribution to ministerial training.

The biography of L. C. Kelly, written by Carvin Bryant, will be published later this year. Bryant was a student during Kelly's presidency, and currently serves Clear Creek as assistant to the President for Development.

A 60th anniversary record album, "The Sounds of Clear Creek" will be released later this year.

In April, Ridgecrest has scheduled a celebration of literacy work in the Southern Baptist Convention—work that began on the Clear Creek campus 25 years ago under the guidance of Professor John and Lillian Isaacs. Their commitment to literacy pioneered this vital convention project.

A Clear Creek Conference and Family Life Center will be dedicated this summer, mirroring Clear Creek's dedication to continued ministry.

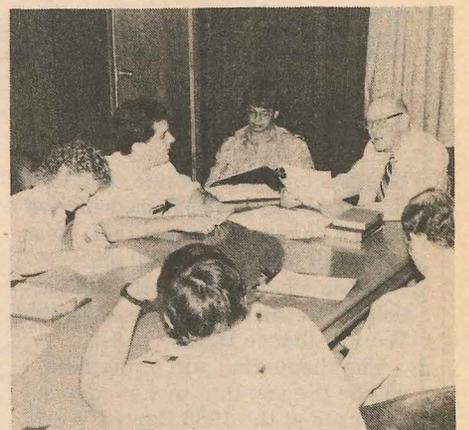
Future

What does the future hold? At Clear Creek, we believe that we should look ahead, plan for the future and make our work count for time and eternity. We teach about growth, change, movement and progress in God's will. We go forward with optimism and enthusiasm, developing our imagination to penetrate new horizons for the Lord.

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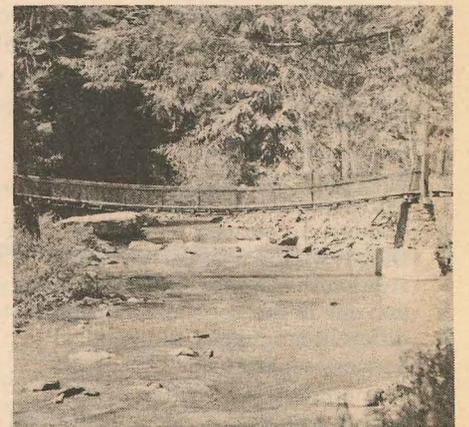
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