



Paducah Baptists fight teenage liquor sales

by Jack Sanford, Editor

Several months ago a fight broke out at a Paducah-area drinking establishment which resulted in the death of a young man who was beaten to death by two other youths.

The two men responsible for the death have drawn prison terms.



Henson

However, at the trial a parade of young people, some as young as 15 years old, testified that it was easy to obtain liquor in Paducah and the surrounding area.

This testimony shocked the community and spurred Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church and a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, to action.

Henson organized a citizen's committee designed to put pressure on

local legislators and law enforcement officers to stop the carnage resulting from teenage drinking.

Henson reported a positive response from across the community and specific progress. For instance, there were no arrests for liquor violations during the past six months. Yet on Jan. 21, there were 14 arrests for selling liquor to minors.

About 80 percent of the people asked to do so have signed petitions circulated by the citizens group. In addition the legislators from the area, state senator Helen Garrett and state representatives Joel Ellington and Alice McNutt have agreed to sponsor a bill in the current session of the legislature which would make the driver's license of persons under 21 different in color. This would make it easier to identify under-age people and make it harder to reduplicate driver's licenses in Kentucky.

Henson has requested all Kentuckians contact legislators now so there will be broad state-wide support for the license law.

The group hopes to present to the current session of the General Assembly a bill which would revoke the liquor license of anyone convicted of selling liquor to an under-age person.

The Paducah citizens group hopes to arouse public opinion for support of enforcement of alcohol-related laws. The group also wants to support lawmen in their efforts to enforce liquor laws.

The citizens group is composed of

high school principals in the area, pastors of area churches and concerned laymen from the churches. McCracken County officials and Paducah mayor Joe Viterisi have given assurances of support of the group's efforts.

Henson is quoted in The Paducah Sun stating the citizen's group hopes to continue to have strong influence for law enforcement and not just die after dealing with teenage alcohol-related problems.

Missions emphasized in West Kentucky



Badgett

The Fulton County Association and the West Kentucky Association joined together to sponsor a Baptist Men and WMU missions rally at First Baptist Church, Fulton.

William Kaufman, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department, and his wife Lorraine were principal speakers at the meeting, attended by representatives from nine area churches.

Chester Badgett, retired pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church, a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a former volunteer missionary for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, challenged the gathering to par-



Kaufman

ticipate in and support the Kentucky-Kenya project with prayers, financial support and volunteers who would be willing to serve on the Kenya mission field.

Other program personalities included James Everett, who directed the associational choir and Mark Fields, Brotherhood director for Fulton County Association. R. Charles Blair is Director of Missions for the West Kentucky Association.

James Cooley, who retired after 25 years as clerk of the Fulton County Association, was honored with a plaque and a gift certificate for his years of service to the Baptist churches in the area.

Halbrook steps down from Kentucky Sunday School post

by Todd Deaton, staff writer

Fred Halbrook, Sunday school department director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has announced his retirement effective Jan. 31, 1986, after more than 11 years in the post.

Before coming to the Sunday school position in 1974, Halbrook was educational director at First Baptist Church, Culman, Ala. Earlier in his career he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary to Brazil.

His tenure at the KBC saw the implementation of eight area Sunday school training teams and the revitalization of Associational Sunday School Support (ASSIST) Teams.

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Sunday school assemblies increased from one to five and the state's Sunday school enrolment gained 10,000 people during Halbrook's last five years as director.

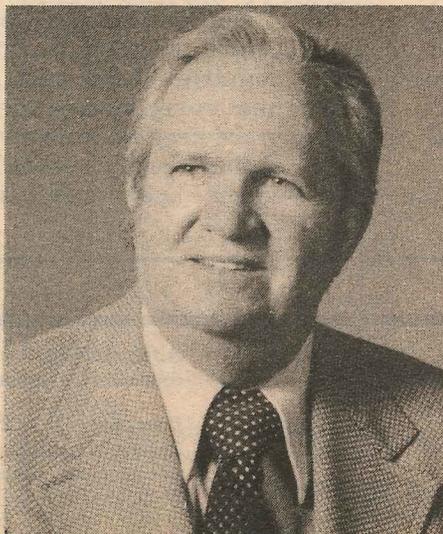
He is a native of Alabama and received the AB degree from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. and the BD (now the MDiv) degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Halbrook and his wife Hazel have two sons: Bill, a school teacher in Miami, Fla. and George, who has a degree in Airline and Travel Marketing Management.

The director, who recently reached the KBC's suggested retirement age of 65, plans to become a part-time director of missions for Nelson Association and a consultant for a church buildings systems company.

Halbrook expressed his gratitude to Kentucky Baptists and his Sunday school support staff at the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "These people have gone beyond measure in supporting me and extending their love," he said.

Resumes of qualified persons to fill the position of Sunday school department director may be sent to William Marshall, executive director, KBC, Middletown 40243.



Halbrook

Franklin Pollard resigns Golden Gate presidency

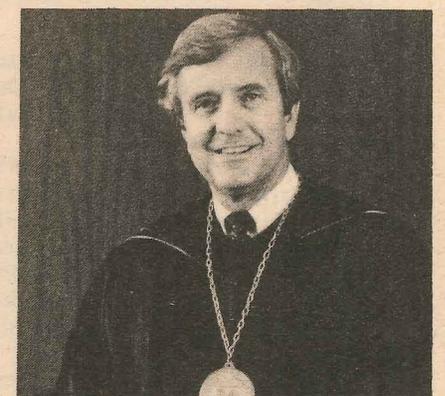
Franklin D. Pollard, president of Golden Gate Theological Seminary since May 1983, has resigned to return to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., effective March 1, 1986.

He was unanimously selected in a business meeting of the church Jan. 19. Pollard, 51, was interim pastor for Sunday services and previously had been pastor of the 7000 member church from 1974-80.

The pulpit of the Jackson congregation has been vacant since October following the unexpected resignation of H. Earl Craig, who moved to Dallas. Pollard almost immediately became interim preacher, travelling from California each weekend.

In his statement of resignation, Pollard said he and his wife Jane announced the decision to leave "reluctantly" because of their love for Golden Gate seminary, its ministry and its people. They are thankful for the opportunity to experience first-hand the challenge of Southern Baptist work on the West Coast.

Asked about the future of Golden Gate, Pollard responded, "The future of seminary is very bright. With the board of trustees' current composition, I am



Pollard

sure they will make a good decision about future leadership and the continued progress of Golden Gate Seminary."

Pollard came to the seminary from San Antonio, Tex., where he was pastor of First Baptist Church for two years. He has been host and Bible teacher for "At Home With The Bible," a program sponsored by the SBC Sunday School Board and the convention's Radio and Television Commission.

Additionally, Pollard has been preacher for the world wide "Baptist Hour," radio program and has authored three books. In 1979 he was selected by Time magazine as one of the "seven most outstanding Protestant preachers in America."

sanford's perspectives

ACTS needs help



Jack D. Sanford

Last week Western Recorder carried a page one story by Todd Deaton, one of our intern staff writers, detailing the difficulty the Louisville area Baptists are having with Storer Cable company about the telecasting of ACTS, the Southern Baptist Convention's newest venture in mass media.

The local cable company does not want to carry ACTS and insists one of the reasons is the lack of interest from cable subscribers in the Louisville area. Storer company officials have said Louisville area residents do not want ACTS and have indicated no displeasure at the failure to have the SBC programming. So there will be no ACTS on Storer Cable in the Louisville area.

This is an important matter to all Kentuckians because Storer operates cable systems in other Kentucky cities and can make the same arbitrary decision without regard for public opinion, which means ACTS may be the victim of capricious cancellation in areas of Kentucky now receiving the programs from the ACTS network.

If you are a cable subscriber and want to help other cable subscribers view the first national Southern Baptist network programming, then let Storer know your

feelings.

A flood of phone calls, letters and other "pressure" on Storer in the Louisville area just might convince the cable company there is economic power out there among the Baptists. And economics has a way of talking these days, especially in the entertainment industry.

I heard of one locality where the subscribers wrote a terse note across their cable television bill each month. "We want ACTS," is what was written on those bills and the company got the message and provided air time for ACTS.

ACTS has had some financial trouble and is trying to make things go in this new venture. Recent reports from the SBC Radio and Television Commission indicate the money problems, though not solved, are nonetheless improving. Broad coverage in Southern Baptist areas at this critical time would do much to strengthen ACTS and guarantee the continuance of this modern missionary effort to spread the gospel and present to Americans some wholesome entertainment.

If you have not sent Storer your request for the opportunity to view ACTS in your area do it now before it is too late.

Hope for Baptists in China

Southern Baptist foresight may prove to be helpful for the Christian people of China. It seems that many years ago the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC spent a lot of money acquiring land in China for future mission use. Then the Red Chinese drove missionaries out of the country during the communist take over in 1949 and Southern Baptists found themselves with deeds to land they could no longer use, nor was there much hope of ever being able to use that land for the Lord.

Now that China seems to be making a change toward openness, the foresight of the FMB may prove helpful to the Chinese people after all these years. If those deeds, carefully secured by the FMB in file boxes for many years, can be used to reclaim property for the work of the Christian ministry then we have one leg up on a resurgence of gospel witnessing in the vast nation of China.

At one time in history China was a fruitful mission field for Southern Baptists with such renowned missionaries as Lottie Moon, Bill Wallace and Baker James Cauthen serving the Lord and the Chinese people as missionary evangelists.

Let us pray the Lord has given us another opportunity to witness to the multitudes of this vast country, and has opened the door for Christians to reclaim the property once owned by our FMB. There are scores of young men and women, as competent, as dedicated, as ready to serve as Moon, Wallace and Cauthen, now standing in the wings at this very moment anxious to

respond to the call of God for service in China.

Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest for workers and for another chance to evangelize the strongest nation in the Far East. We may have the property needed for success because someone before us had foresight enough to acquire the land for God's purposes.

Those among us with perception will say God blesses us with leaders who had sensitivity, spiritual discernment and foresight in days gone by. The wise leadership of those Baptists pioneers will bear fruit to those who now wait in patience for the dawning of a new day in China.

Perhaps the lesson the Lord would teach us all in these troubled times is that men and women committed to God's will can be trusted to do what is right, and time will vindicate the decisions made by faithful Christians. Today we have in all our agencies and institutions men and women just as faithful, just as trustworthy and just as dedicated as those who have gone before them. We must trust these people and pray for them as they make decisions which will bear fruit in years to come.

Not only is there hope for new work in China, but there is promise in many countries of the world for significant missionary advancement. May the Lord of grace keep us from rivalry and contention so that we may free the hands of our leaders to once again make wise decisions for the future.

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baptist forum

Baptists and church-state separation

Your editorial comments on "Baptist identity" were very interesting. I am sure many Baptists are wondering what Baptists believe or should we say are supposed to believe. Your suggestions are just that.

You mentioned "the priesthood of believers." You feel that places a responsibility on each individual Baptist to interpret the scriptures for himself. Obviously many of us Baptists priests have interpreted the scriptures and found that God must be put ahead of the "state." You should be reminded also that nowhere in our Constitution is there any statement that church and state are to be separate. Our Constitution guarantees freedom to practice one's religion as one sees it, but there is no provision for "separation of church and state." That appears in the Russian constitution.

Richard C. Porter Jr., Louisville

The danger of 'divine dictators'

This is to express a word of appreciation for your editorials generally and especially for your courageous and prophetic statement, "An insult to lay people." (December 17, 1985)

Ministers who insist that all members must vote their way on issues are not only insulting the intelligence of the laity, but setting themselves up as divine dictators.

Have you ever noticed that when preachers try to play God, they tend to act like the devil?

Henlee Barnette, Louisville

Kelley's commentary praised

Thank you for publishing the report in "Viewpoints" by Dr. Page Kelley on higher criticism and textual criticism (Jan. 7, 86). It was clearly stated; I for one welcome the information enclosed, because so many of our people seem to need it if they are to understand contemporary scholarly thought as it impinges on modern Sunday school teaching.

Thank you also for your sturdy editorial in the Dec. 17 editorial—"An insult to lay people." While you may have trodden on some important toes, your judgment here needs urgent emphasis.

Finally, isn't it heartening that Congress has decided the term "secular humanism" cannot be defined? I hope someday you will find a discussion of the term worth a statement in Western Recorder.

Maurice A. Hatch, Nicholasville

Florida pastor responds to story

I wish to explain a recent statement of mine concerning liberalism that received wide coverage in Baptist Press.

First, the most vicious of attacks upon the human family came in the Garden of Eden when the serpent deceived Eve by placing questions in her mind about the exactness of the word of God. The results were devastating, even until this very day. Therefore, I am on safe scriptural ground when I assert that the most destructive of instruction is that kind which short-circuits the power of God in an individual's life by asking, "Did God say?" Instead, we should proclaim, "Thus saith the Lord!" Anything other is of the old serpent, the devil.

Second, it is my conviction that messengers should know the mind of the congregation that they are representing and vote accordingly on certain crucial issues such as the election of the convention president. Since God has made the pastor an overseer of the church (Acts 20:28), he should do everything within his power to see that his church's wishes are expressed by the messengers. If a church is overwhelmingly conservative in its theology, its messengers ought to reflect the same. If liberal, then liberal.

Third, our church has already designated 10.32 percent of its 1986 budget to the Cooperative Program.

My concern is of a theological nature that recognized the deadly eternal consequences of liberal theology that deceives otherwise noble men and women into becoming its most ardent proclaimers and defendners.

Harold Hunter, Jacksonville, Fla.

Pastor accuses editor of bias

Your bias is clearly seen in your editorials and editing in general. Certainly you have the right to be of the moderate persuasion if you so desire, but I was under the impression when you became editor you were going to be unbiased and unprejudiced in order to be a peacemaker. May I respectfully say that the moderates new independent paper seems to be more objective than the Western Recorder.

However all of that doesn't bother me as much as your erroneous interpretation of the priesthood of the believer. My reference is to your statement in the Jan. 7 editorial that states, "For 140 years Southern Baptists have said any and every believer can and must determine for himself what scripture is, what scripture teaches and how scripture directs him to live his daily life." If that statement was true there be no need for teachers, pastors, seminaries, colleges and etc. That is like saying a three year old child has as much knowledge and wisdom as a mature adult. Furthermore, Baptists have always believed that Genesis through Revelation is scripture plus or minus nothing. It is not left up to me, you or anyone else what scripture is. The Bible is scripture and scripture is the very word of God. Anyone that has a problem with that should have a problem being a Baptist in the historical sense of the word.

The priesthood of the believer is under attack all right, but it is under attack by liberal theologians who with every generation change their doctrines to suit the time and situation.

May I ask you to please open your eyes and be objective and honest with your readers. You stand to accuse conservative Baptists of trying to change Baptist heritage when even a casual glance at the facts reveals that it's liberal theologians who are seeking to strip Baptists of their distinctives.

Historically Baptists have never been ecumenical. They have never been like other denominations and that's what makes us Baptists. I don't understand why those folks who doubt the word, ordain women and believe that baptism can be performed anywhere by anyone in any manor don't join one of those denominations that believe that way and leave Baptists alone.

May I say in closing that your interpretation of the priesthood of the believer is found in I Cor. 14:16, "...everyone of you hath a psalm, hath

a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation." It is interesting to note that they were being reprimanded by a fellow Christian. Could it be that their brother Paul knew more about God's will than they did.

Clark A. Brown, Madisonville

Church Training a matter of concern

Last June you had an excellent editorial, "Conditions for Peace," which was right on target. You covered all the bases necessary for a reasonable reconciliation in the SBC.

You stated, "I find it incredible that some (the bold is mine) lay people are still in the dark about the struggle which has shaken Southern Baptists for at least the last six years." You are being kind when you say "some." I would guess it would be between 60-80 percent. It reasonably follows if that many are in the dark about conditions in our convention, they probably don't care all that much.

Ignorance abounds about Southern Baptists. We can expect a lack of knowledge from outsiders, but there is really no excuse for Southern Baptist church members. There have been many explanations why we are in the mess we are in. Mine would be the lack of emphasis on Church Training. As I recall some of the objectives of Church Training were to teach us about theology, ethics, church history and church polity. These are areas where most lay people are deficient. If we were all knowledgeable in these areas of church I really don't believe we would have the contentions we are presently facing in our denomination.

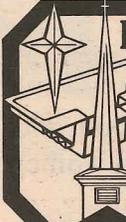
Finally we need to get back to basics. I wanted to say "fundamentals" but like the word "gay" fundamental and many other words have been corrupted until their meanings have been changed drastically, hence the word "basics."

Back to the Bible. Then theology, ethics, history and church polity. But Church Training has taken a back seat to Sunday school for so long we are now reaping what we have sown, or not sown.

Speaking of words again "united" can become "untied" just by reversing two letters. We apparently have somehow reversed those two letters in our convention and are in the process of becoming "untied."

Let's become "united" again. It's much more enjoyable.

Oscar Davidson, Somerset



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Association responds to Crowders' suit

(Editor's note: Blood River Association Mission Board passed the following resolution voicing disapproval of the suit brought by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crowder.)

"Whereas the 1985 SBC meeting in Dallas, Tex. encouraged Baptists to work together in a spirit of peace and unity; and

"Whereas the convention appointed a peace committee to seek ways to bring this about; and

"Whereas all Baptists were urged to work for reconciliation and to refrain from actions and rhetoric which might make reconciliation more difficult; and

"Whereas Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crowder, because of dissatisfaction with a ruling of the chair during the 1985 meeting of the SBC, have instituted a lawsuit against the SBC; and

"Whereas this action is at variance with the teaching of Scripture (I Cor. 6:1-7 is quoted in the resolution); and

"Whereas this action will further polarize our beloved convention and will bring reproach upon the name of our Lord and his churches;

"Therefore we the Mission Board of the Blood River Association express our deep regret and sorrow at this unscriptural and unwise action by Brother and Mrs. Crowder; and

"We urge others to refrain from undertaking this kind of action which will prove counterproductive; and

"We pledge our prayerful support of our Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee and the elected officers of the convention: president Charles Stanley, first vice president Winfred Moore and second vice president Henry Huff.

James T. Garland, Assistant Clerk



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christian education

Two Bible schools to share estate

Mid-Continent Baptist College, Mayfield and Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville will share in the estate of Emily Marie Skinner, Murray. Miss Skinner died December 26, 1985.

She was the sister of Edward Miller Skinner who resided with her until his death in May 1985. The writings of Miss Skinner's father were bequeathed to Prince Edward Claybrook and her personal collection of books to Mid-Continent. After other bequests of personal property to friends and relatives are distributed, Mid-Continent and Clear Creek receive the remainder.

McCoy to give recital at Campbellsville College

Steven McCoy will perform a guest piano recital Thursday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. in the recital hall at Campbellsville College.

McCoy will be performing "Fantasia in A minor, S. 894" by Johann Sebastian Bach, "Sonata Op. 26" by Samuel Barber, "Sonata in E Major, Op. 109" by Ludwig van Beethoven and "Hungarian Rhapsody No. XV" by Franz Liszt.

McCoy is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and the New England Conservatory of Music. He has been a soloist with the Virginia Commonwealth University Symphony Orchestra and the New River Symphony.

A recent winner of the Kentucky Music Teachers Association State

Competition in piano, McCoy is currently a student of Maurice Hinson at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Comet show held over at Georgetown

Georgetown College has decided to extend its planetarium program entitled "Catch the Comet" two additional days, Monday, Jan. 27 and Monday, Feb. 3. The 24 foot hemispheric screen is located in the school's George Matt Asher Science Center on the central campus.

Astronomer David Duszynski of the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History is discussing comets in general and Halley's Comet in particular, according to Joe Lewis, vice president for Academic Affairs at Georgetown.

The 7 p.m. shows cost two dollars per seat. Children held in laps are admitted without charge. Reservations for seats can be made by calling Betty Snyder at (502) 863-8034.

Dallas Holm to perform at Campbellsville Feb. 8

Dallas Holm & Praise, a well-known contemporary Christian music group, will perform in concert at Campbellsville College Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Athletic Center.

A food drive is being sponsored in conjunction with the concert. Proceeds are to go to the Baptist Student Union. Those attending the concert are urged

to take a canned good to help feed needy families in the area.

A \$2 donation will be requested at the door to cover concert expenses, and a free-will offering will be received during the concert for the ministry of Dallas Holm & Praise.

Large groups are urged to call Campbellsville College at (502) 465-8158, extension 222 or 229 and inform the sponsors because of limited seating.

Georgetown to offer course on Japanese

Georgetown College is offering a non-traditional course during February and March entitled "Japan: its people, language and customs," taught by Keon Chi, veteran associate professor of political science at the school.

Lewis in his course description defined it as "discussion and demonstration of basic Japanese customs and business formalities with introductions to standard greetings and responses."

Chi, a native Korean will offer the non-credit course on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. from Feb. 6-March 13.

Chi has an undergraduate degree from Yonsei University of Korea. He holds the masters and doctoral degrees from Claremont Graduate School and University, Claremont, Calif. He has since teaching at Georgetown College since 1969.

The fee for the course will be \$50 according to Lewis. Those interested should make a telephone reservation at

(502) 863-8034 and checks confirming your reservation should be mailed to Community Education, Georgetown College before Jan. 31.

Arts festival to focus on women and the arts

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's first Festival and the Arts, April 21-May 3, will focus on women and the arts, announced William L. Hendricks, director of the seminary's Center for Religion and the Arts.

The festival will feature two major productions. On April 22 and 24 the Church music Drama Workshop will premiere "Esther, The Queen," a full-length English opera composed by Ted Nichols. Nichols is minister of music at Bethany Bible Church in Phoenix and former dean of church music at Western Seminary. Nichols himself will conduct the Tuesday performance, while Southern Seminary's Lloyd Mims will conduct the Thursday presentation.

On May 1, 2 and 3, the musical drama "Rubies" will explore the lives of a variety of women from the Old Testament to the present. "Rubies" was written by Ragan Courtney, associate professor of Christian drama, with music composed by Cynthia Clawson and Raymond Brown.

A special art exhibition featuring art by women will be displayed on campus during the festival.



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Hobbs continues to aid Bible study

'Our greatest need is for Southern Baptists to know what they believe'

Sometimes the mark of a man should be measured by the number of footprints he leaves instead of the depth of a few.

Herschel Hobbs is a theological giant among Southern Baptists who could number in the millions the lives he has touched through his ministry which spans nearly six decades.

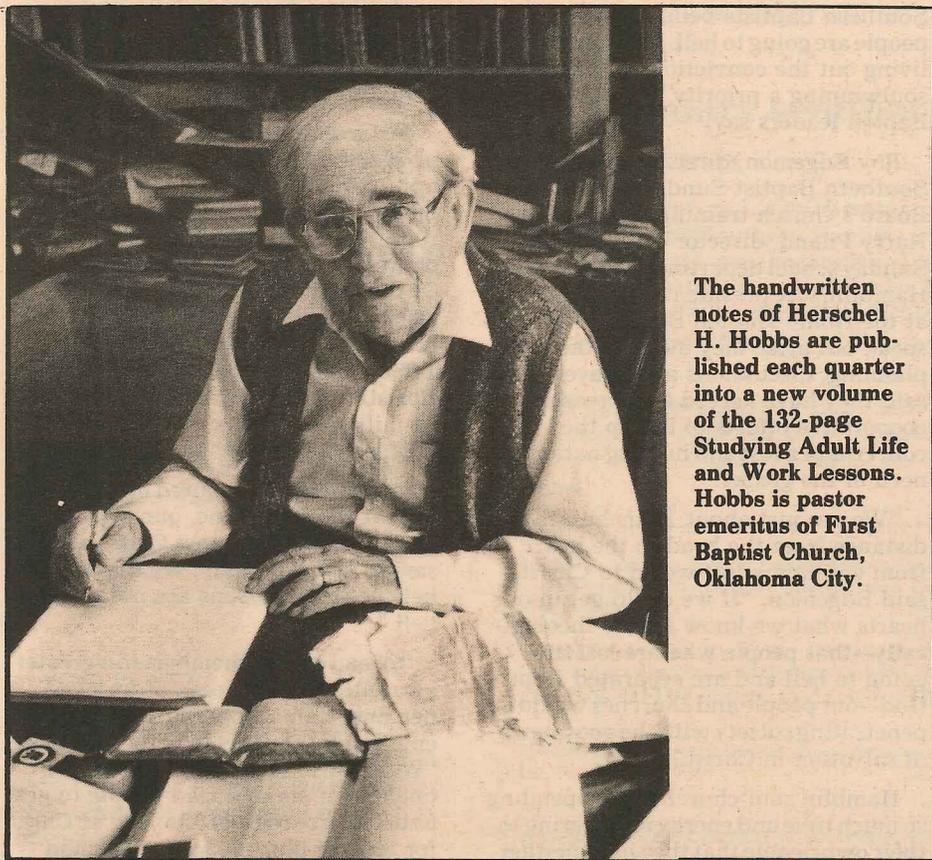
As a preacher he holds the undivided attention of congregations in sermons sprinkled with illustrations, historical insights, humor and Greek interpretations. At 78, his handshake remains strong and his voice booms.

As a writer, his accomplishments are prolific. The former SBC president and chairman of the committee which wrote the Baptist Faith and Message, has written 111 books, including 62 consecutive quarterly volumes of *Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons*.

These weekly Bible study helps were first written informally by Hobbs because of requests from church members and shared on mimeographed sheets with teachers in First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, where he was pastor for nearly 24 years. On Wednesday nights Hobbs taught the teachers and officers from the lesson helps.

Word of the Bible study helps quickly spread among Southern Baptist churches, and requests soon followed for copies of Hobbs' materials. Hobbs and Wallace Parham, minister of education at First Baptist Church in 1968, contacted A. V. Washburn, head of the Sunday school department at the Sunday School Board and requested permission to share the mimeographed helps.

After permission was received, Hobbs said he expected 25 or 30 churches to ask for copies. Instead, copies were quickly being sent to some 250 churches to aid with the Bible study preparation of teachers using the then newly introduced *Life and Work Series*. One church was printing enough of the



The handwritten notes of Herschel H. Hobbs are published each quarter into a new volume of the 132-page *Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons*. Hobbs is pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

lesson helps to share with every church in the association.

Hobbs said the large number of requests necessitated stopping the mailing of the sheets because of copyright violations. When this was done, James L. Sullivan, then president of the Sunday School Board, and a classmate of Hobbs at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said he received a flood of letters asking permission to receive the lesson helps. Sullivan then asked Hobbs if he would begin a crash program of preparation to be available to churches the next quarter and Hobbs agreed.

Since then, the popularity of *Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons*

has increased until today quarterly sales of the 132-page booklet are more than 78,000.

At the time of his retirement in 1972, Hobbs said he received many requests to continue writing the lesson helps. He said he knew of no other way he could help that many people each week, so he decided to continue.

Every week Hobbs spends approximately two days preparing and writing one of the lesson units. To stay on schedule, he says he must do one each week, which means many are written in hotels and on airplanes as he travels around the country speaking to Southern Baptists.

All of Hobbs' writing is done by hand.

He doesn't use a typewriter or dictating machine, primarily because of the convenience of being able to write whenever or wherever he wants. He said many times he is up in the middle of the night by a circulation problem in his leg, which is no real danger to his health, but interrupts his sleep. Frequently he sits down at the desk in his study when he is awakened and writes 30 or 45 minutes before returning to bed.

It is estimated that teachers and leaders who use *Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons* touch as many as two million people each week. Additionally, Hobbs writes a weekly column which is carried in several state Baptist newsmagazines. Hobbs said he receives comments of appreciation everywhere he goes, especially for the lesson helps.

For 18 years Hobbs was widely heard on radio as the Baptist Hour preacher, a work for which he received no pay. During that time he had an estimated audience of as many as 50 million people every week.

Hobbs resigned from the Baptist Hour in 1976 to devote more time to his writing. "I have a talent for writing and an obligation to develop and use it in the Lord's work. We have no abilities or talents that we can't take and serve the Lord."

Since his retirement, Hobbs said the greatest number of requests have been for him to teach and preach about doctrine. "People are starving for doctrine," says Hobbs, who also is a member of the SBC Peace Committee. "Today, the average Baptist, especially a young person, doesn't know what Baptists are. We have reared a generation of Baptists who don't know who they are.

"Many of our pastors either do not know Baptist doctrine or do not know how to teach it or preach it," Hobbs said. "Our greatest need is for Southern Baptists to know what they believe." (BP)

Issue analysis: Hope in a season of hunger

by Robert Parham

The African hunger crisis is far from over. At best the continent is moving from a situation of acute hunger to chronic hunger.

The 30 million people who suffered from drought in 1985 were the most vulnerable and visible, but they were not "extra" to the 100 million Africans chronically malnourished. Yet across our land, public attention to and action for Africa may be waning.

A recent comic strip in *Newsweek* magazine suggests this point. A faddishly dressed American college student acknowledges: "I was into the hunger thing for awhile...the whole scene: USA for Africa, Harry Belafonte, Bob Geldof, Live Aid. But that was a real downer. Now I'm into Miami Vice and not shaving. But not to worry...when hunger is cool again, you can count on me."

Americans may not find the hunger issue cool again for some time. For Christians, however, responding to the hungry is not a matter of coolness but calling, not faddishness but faith. If Southern Baptists are to remain faithful to the biblical message and to Christ's example, then being aware of why public attention may be waning is the first step to offering hope in the season of hunger. At least four factors threaten to diminish public concern and action.

First, images of the fragile, matchstick-like human beings are no longer seen on the nightly news. The gate-keepers of information have decided that other stories are more urgent. Some people mistakenly believe that the lack of news coverage means the lack of a crisis. The reality is that news reports and real human needs are not the same thing. When the TV camera lights go off, the hunger of Africans continues.

Second, reports of rain have been interpreted to mean that the continent is on the road to recovery. A few good

rains here and there across the second largest land mass in the world does not make up for 17 straight years of below-normal rainfall. In the search for something hopeful about the crisis, the temptation exists to overstate the good news about rain.

Third, as the African situation shifts from acute hunger needs to chronic hunger needs, the heroic nature of hunger relief work loses its appeal. Americans are far more interested in scrambling to respond to disaster, such as drought, than to working methodically on deep political, economic and environmental problems. We tend to view disasters as those events beyond human responsibility. We feel good about helping victims of natural disasters, but we are far less confident about helping victims of political and economic injustice. Americans could make a more substantive contribution to helping hungry people if we retained our sensitivity to disasters and developed a commitment and the endurance to working on the deep

human reasons for hunger.

Fourth, after a year of giving, some Americans may be suffering from "charity fatigue." Some people are simply tired of giving money to a problem that doesn't seem to go away. "Charity fatigue" threatens to undermine the present and future hunger relief and development work of private voluntary organizations. We must not tire too soon.

The mix of these four factors may cause the public to lose interest in Africa. Awareness of these problems will enable Southern Baptists to interpret correctly what is going on at home and abroad. Moreover, it will help us to stretch beyond our record level of concern in 1985 to reach new levels of commitment in 1986.

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homes for children

Affirmation, thanksgiving

It was during our beautiful October! My wife and I had enjoyed the beautiful fall foliage as we attended associational meetings. Even when weary from travel we were invigorated by the warm fellowship among Baptist people and the kaleidoscopic beauty of the fall leaves. The handiwork of God was seen everywhere.

On Sunday October 13, we drove to Providence Baptist Church, located in an open farming area of Simpson County. Brother Steve Curtis, the fine, energetic pastor, had asked me to come and speak at the morning worship service. Occasionally he invites a denominational worker to speak to his church so his people will be informed about their Baptist work and will know denominational leaders. Of course I was to tell about Baptist Homes for Children which was a joy to do.

Being in the Providence Church was a delightful experience. I found an enthusiastic, caring group of people. They not only provided a warm fellowship but were involved in reaching others, and had a concern for missions and evangelism. They listened intently as I spoke of our ministry to dependent, neglected children. After the service they expressed appreciation for the information and seemed happy to be a part of our great Cooperative Program ministry.

At lunch Pastor Curtis and his wife shared with me and my wife their vision of reaching the lost in the church community and leading the church to increased giving to advance the Lord's work beyond. He spoke of challenging his people with the Thanksgiving Offering for the Childrens Homes and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Now we know what happened! The members of the Providence Baptist Church accepted the challenge, met it, and went far beyond it. Last year the church gave \$300.03 for the Thanksgiving Offering and \$1,873.74 for the Lottie Moon Offering. The pastor challenged the church to substantially increase both offerings this year. When the final count was taken their offering for Baptist Homes for Children was \$1400 and their offering for foreign missions was \$2800.

What an affirmation of missions and how thankful we are that people care and share! When Baptists know, Baptists will do.

baptist news in brief

Leaders urge Baptists to remember hell's reality

Southern Baptists believe that lost people are going to hell, but they are not living out the conviction by making soulwinning a priority, three Southern Baptist leaders say.

Roy Edgemon, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department; Harry Piland, director of the BSSB Sunday school department, and Robert Hamblin, vice president for evangelism at the Home Mission Board, decided to speak out after they met together for planning, discussions and prayer. They said they have agreed to increase cooperative efforts to lift up the concerns of a lost and hurting nation in need of the gospel.

"We are just about 18 inches, the distance from the head to the heart, from winning a lost world to Christ," said Edgemon. "If we could get in our hearts what we know is true theologically--that people who are lost are going to hell and are separated from God--our people and churches would be penetrating society with the good news of salvation in Christ."

Hamblin said churches are spending so much time and energy ministering to their own people that they have neither the time nor the inclination to be concerned about the needs of people who are not Christians. "We find a lot of satisfaction in ministering to

ourselves and are not penetrating the world as we should," he said. Piland said many churches growing numerically may believe they are evangelizing lost people when, in fact, they are almost exclusively gaining members from other churches.

For example, he cited 1984 baptisms of 372,028. Of that number, he said approximately 199,000 were persons under 17 which primarily would represent conversions of children of church members, or biological growth. Of the remaining 173,000, between 40-55,000 were persons baptized from other denominations, leaving 124-140,000 persons reached from non-Christian homes by a denomination of 14 million members, Piland said.

"We may rush to the aid of persons trapped in fires or injured in accidents, but, at the same time, our next door neighbors do not know Christ as their savior," said Piland. "We live as if we believe these persons are not going to hell."

To lead church members to a greater awareness of the needs of unsaved persons, Hamblin urged pastors to emphasize the concern in their sermons. "We need to talk about the consequences of sin and lead people to get under the burden of the love of Christ for lost people," he said. Edgemon urged increased emphasis on training people to witness, including use of the church training module, Training Sunday School Workers in Evangelism.

High court hears cases on religious freedom

After hearing oral arguments in two church-state cases, the U. S. Supreme Court appears ready to refine further the constitutional balance between the free exercise of religion and the government's need to regulate the military and the Social Security system.

In one dispute, an Air Force captain who is a practicing Orthodox Jew, tried to convince the high court justices in oral arguments Jan. 14 that his right to exercise the longstanding Orthodox practice of wearing a yarmulke--or skull cap--while on duty as a psychologist in a military hospital outweighs the military's need to enforce its uniform regulations.

Simcha Goldman, who wore the skull cap on duty for four years before being inducted to remove it, argued through his attorney Nathan Lewin of Washington, that accommodation of religious freedom rights of military personnel should be protected in much the same way as are those of civilians.

In the other case, the court heard Justice Department deputy solicitor general Kenneth S. Geller, argue that the family of a five year old American Indian girl is not entitled to the federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children program or to food stamps because the child's father refuses to allow her Social Security number to be used for identification purposes.

Geller said the "integrity" of the Social Security system would be at stake if individual citizens who claim religious exemptions are allowed not to participate.

Stephen J. Roy, father of the child, Little Bird of the Snow, argued through attorney Gary S. Gildin of Carlisle, Penn. that the government has not been able to prove that exempting his daughter would cripple the system. In the absence of such "compelling governmental interest," Gildin argued, the state must respect Roy's free exercise of religion. (BP)

Supreme court rejects Church of Christ fight

Two elders in a local Church of Christ dispute over control of church property lost their final legal appeal Jan. 13, when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to hear arguments that they--not the entire congregation--have authority to decide who their minister elders will be.

Mannie Black and Moses Williams, elders of the Liberty City (Fla.) Church of Christ, argued throughout their two year legal battle in state courts and in two appeals to the nation's high court that they possessed sole authority to hire and fire a minister and to control the congregation's purse strings.

When they sought to dismiss their minister, Freeman T. Wyche, the congregation rebelled, voting to retain him and to discharge instead the two trustees.

Black and Williams then sought relief at trial, contending Church of Christ doctrine vests such authority in the elders, not in the whole congregation. But Wyche disputed that claim, arguing church polity is congregational in

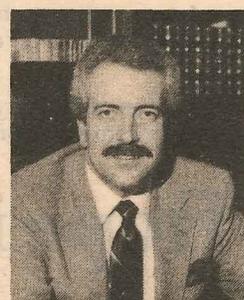
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nature, leaving final decisions to the entire body.

After the trial court ordered a new vote to decide the dispute finally, the congregation once more voted to retain Wyche and discharge the trustees. A Florida appeals panel affirmed the congregational vote. It was that ruling Black and Williams unsuccessfully appealed to the Supreme Court. (BP)

Virginia executive announces retirement

Richard M. Stephenson, executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, has announced he will retire Feb. 27, 1987, after 19 years in the post, the longest tenure in Virginia Baptist history.

Stephenson became chief executive for Virginia Baptists in January 1968, coming from Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va., where he had been pastor 17 years.

He is a native of Southampton County, Va., and grew up in Millfield Baptist Church, Blackwater Association. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and was ordained by his home church in 1944.

The executive, who will be 65 in December 1986, met and married Noralee Mellor during his first pastorate at First Baptist Church, Ft. Myers, Fla. Their two daughters are attorneys and their son is a United States foreign service officer.

It is anticipated board chairman Sherrill G. Stevens will name a special committee to bring a recommendation to the General Board. The General Board is charged with presenting nominations to the Baptist General Association. (BP)

Arms expert demands ban on nuclear arms

The American public must "demand an immediate end" to the testing of nuclear weapons as the "first step" towards arms control, participants in a Southern Baptist conference on peace with justice were told.

Retired Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll, an expert on arms control issues, said the ban should include refusal by Congress to fund the Reagan administration's proposal for a nuclear defense system in space.

Carroll, now associate director of the Washington-based Center for Defense Information, spoke at a regional conference sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the SBC. About 135 persons from several states attended the day-and-a-half meeting which was followed by a similar conference on world hunger.

In his address Carroll warned that the U.S. military philosophy of "peace through strength," which relies on nuclear technology, makes nuclear war "a near certainty in this century." For arms control to work, "we must change our way of thinking about security," Carroll said, adding there can be no real security in a world which lives in the shadow of 55,000 nuclear weapons.

In a question-answer session, Carroll outlined the relative strengths of U.S. and Soviet military forces. "One of the great myths today," he said, is the idea

that "the only thing that keeps the great Soviet bear in his den is U.S. nuclear deterrents." Talk about an overpowering Soviet advantage is "pure hog-wash," intended to exploit citizens' fears in order to justify further expansion of the U.S. military complex.

Carroll described the Reagan administration's Strategic Defense Initiative, dubbed "Star Wars," as an "absolute disaster." He added, "there is nothing benign or purely defensive about nuclear space weapons. SDI, if pursued, will end all arms control agreements" because of Soviet fears about its offensive capability.

Carroll challenged Southern Baptists to join other concerned Christians to help create "a cooperative world environment in which the nations of the world renounce the development and the use of nuclear weapons." (BP)

Missionaries leave Beirut as fighting intensifies

Five Southern Baptist missionaries evacuated east Beirut Jan. 18 after several days of intense fighting in that sector.

Fourteen other Southern Baptist missionaries remain in the Beirut area.

Leaders of the Southern Baptist mission in Lebanon recommended the evacuation for families with children and others with potential mobility problems.

Temporarily relocating in Cyprus are Mac and Linda Sacco and two of their five children; Gary and Jeree White and their two children, and Vivian Trimble. The Saccos' other children are attending school outside Lebanon.

The group will remain in Cyprus two or more weeks before deciding about returning, said Elise Bridges, Foreign Mission Board associate area director for Europe and the Middle East. "They want to return," Mrs. Bridges said.

The Saccos have been assigned to Lebanon all but two of the last 15 years. He is the mission's business manager. The Whites moved to Beirut last year to be involved in educational work. Mrs. Trimble is an English-language teacher at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, where her husband, Bill, is dean of students. The Trimbles have been assigned to Beirut all but two of the last 25 years.

Case honors seminary publication

"Family and Future," a publication produced by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has received a Special Merit Award in the District III Awards Competition of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

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Year of the preacher

Paul asked the question, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14). 1986 is a celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Clear Creek Baptist School. For 60 years we have been training God's great men called preachers.

Consider God's call to be his preacher. Paul stated, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (I Cor. 9:16) Everyone who has been truly called of the Lord into fulltime proclamation of his word feels a sense of urgency and necessity. When God says, "Preach the Word!" (II Tim. 4:2), our hearts respond, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

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If God is dealing with you about special service, you will not be fully happy in the Lord until you say, "Yes, Lord." At Clear Creek we have students from 21 to 70 years of age. Some heard God's call at an early age but resisted and did not answer for years. With others the call comes gradually later in life. When assurance finally came, the response was glad and immediate. The reason still others responded later in life is because they were not touched and saved by the Lord until later. Then soon after the Lord said, "Go and tell!"

1986 is Clear Creek's banner 60th year. It is also the Year of the Preacher. Treat your preacher as a man and a fellow Christian. But rejoice that God has called him to special service. Be a special friend to him and help him serve the Lord. Realize that God has called him to be your friend and to serve you.

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personnel

Jewell Barrett, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, West Union Association, celebrated 17 years as pastor of the church, giving him the longest continuous tenure among West Union Association pastors.

James Kelly of Sidon, Miss. has been called as interim pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bell County Association.

Kelly is a fourth year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He is accompanied by his wife Julie and son Ryan.

Joey Rosas, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fisherville, Long Run Association, has been granted a study leave. He has been pastor there for just over one year.

Part of the requirements for his Ph.D. at Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Louisville, is study time in a university setting. With some hesitation Rosas requested the deacons and the congregation consider the possibility of his

study at Oriel College, Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Through a student loan, the contribution of friends and family and more than \$1100 in love offering from the Fisherville congregation enough funds were raised to cover travel and eight weeks study from mid-January to mid-March 1986.

The Fisherville congregation not only granted the study leave, but also voted to pay the pastor's salary and benefits while he is away.

Bill Rodas of Lancaster has been called as pastor of Blue Lick Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association.

He is a fourth year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. Rodas is accompanied by his wife Mary.

John Meadows has offered his resignation to Bardwell Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association. He will leave at the end of January to join Mid-Continent's faculty on a full time basis.

Jimmy Stairs resigned the pastorate of Crutchfield Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, Dec. 31.

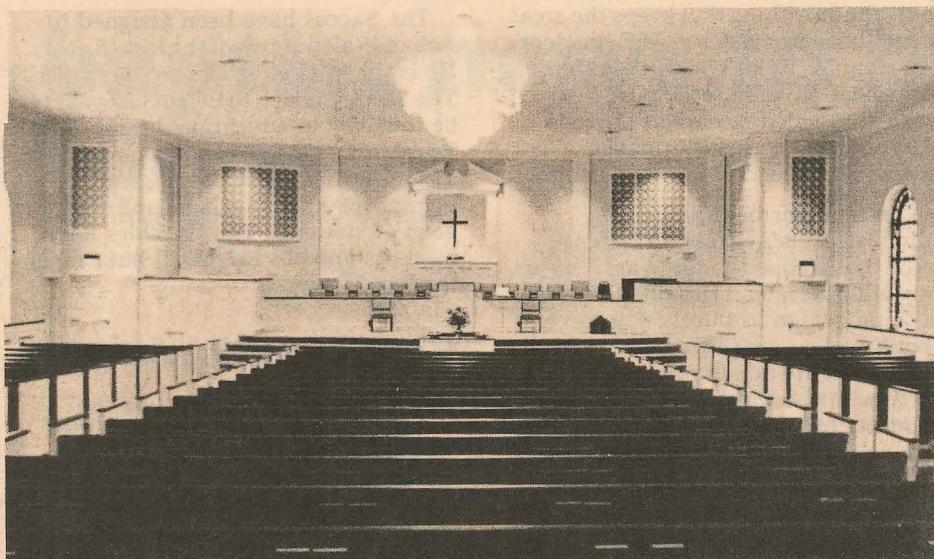
Carl Lane has attended Mt. Salem Baptist Church, Hustonville, Lincoln Association, every Sunday Morning for the past 35 years. The church recently presented him with a plaque commending his accomplishment.

Lane has been very determined over the years to be found in God's house on the Lord's day. Once when he needed surgery his doctor scheduled him late in the week which would have required him to miss church on Sunday. Carl objected, and the doctor rescheduled his appointment.

Last winter when the weather was so treacherous that services had to be called off, Carl would still drive to the church, make a circle and return home even in the roughest snow.

The pastor of Mt. Salem is Clarence Dorman.

Gary Daugherty of Centertown has been called as pastor of Roadside



Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, Caldwell-Lyon Association, dedicated their new sanctuary Sunday, Jan. 5. The sanctuary, which seats approximately 560 people, is constructed in colonial style and features stained glass windows. Northside Baptist Church was organized on Sept. 4, 1949. David Royalty is pastor.

Baptist Church, Barbourville. He is a first year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Daugherty is accompanied by his wife Paddy and children Caleb, Hannah and Sarah

Charles E. Powell has accepted the call as pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Bill Ogden has been called as pastor of Wice Memorial Baptist Church, West Union Association. He is already serving the church.

Ray Calfee was called as minister of music at Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, Dec. 15.

Calfee had been interim pastor for a short time. He is a first year student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, in the school of church music.

He earned an AA degree from Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tenn., and a BA degree in music from Middle Tennessee State University.

Scott Kevin Cox has been called as pastor of Clear Creek Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. Cox was ordained by Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.

George Beasley-Murray of London, England will teach at Mid-Continent Baptist College, Mayfield, as distinguished professor, June 30-Aug. 1, 1986. He will teach the book of Revelation.

Beasley-Murray was chosen by the editors of the new Century Bible Commentary to write the volume on Revelation. He is also author of **Highlights of the Book of Revelation** published by Broadman Press in 1972 and is former principal of Spurgeon's College, London, England.

Pastors and others who are interested are invited by the college to enrol along with the regular students in the three hour course. Enrolment may be for college credit or auditing.

Glen Crowe of Wickliffe has been called as pastor of Ohio Valley Baptist Church, West Union Association.

George Phillips has retired as pastor of Pinckard Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Douglas Simpson has been called as pastor of Pinckard. He comes from St.

Johns Baptist Church, Frankfort, Franklin Association.

congregations

First Baptist Church, Sandy Hook, Greenup Association, celebrated its 50th Anniversary Oct. 27, 1985. The BSU choir from Morehead (Ky.) State University sang at the morning services.

Two charter members of the church were present: Pauline Adkins, Sandy Hook, and M. L. Archer, Georgetown. Stephen Waddle is pastor.



First Baptist Church, Sturgis entered a float in the Sturgis Christmas Parade which carried the message, "Good News America, God Loves You." The float was titled "Home is where you hang your heart" and reflected the parade theme, "A hometown Christmas." Heart-shaped paper ornaments, which carried an invitation to worship and a schedule of activities of the church were given to bystanders at the parade.

The W.M.U. of First Baptist Church, Somerset honored Mae Tandy for 73 years of service Dec. 2.

Mrs. Tandy joined the church's auxiliary in 1912. She married in 1914 and soon began teaching an R.A. class. Mrs. Tandy smiled remembering those days. "I just loved those boys." In addition to missions, she has taught nearly every age group in Sunday school.

"I've gone all over this state to W.M.U. meetings," Mrs. Tandy reflected. After celebrating her ninetieth birthday in December, she remains active in all phases of church life.

ordinations

Shelva Barnes, Jerry Hurt, Dave Grant,

Ron Johnson and Ray Robinson were ordained as deacons of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Tom Keumsup Song was ordained to the ministry by Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Jan. 5. He began his ministry as director of church music at Korean Community Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, Ga. in January as well.

Waymon Jones, Charles Short, and Stanford Simmons were ordained as deacons at Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Muhlenberg Association, Jan. 12. Rick Shannon is pastor.

Hugh Gillespie, Jim Shuttler, Mark Godwin, and Jerry Taylor were ordained as deacons of Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. James B. Lewis is pastor of Westport Road.

Larry Anderson and Sid Wright were ordained as deacons by Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Sept. 29, 1985.

H. Lloyd Storment is pastor of Bethany.

Paul Elliott and Robert Richards were ordained as deacons in December by Lovelaceville Baptist Church, West Union Association. Larry G. Mulberry is the pastor.

Mike Wright and Dale Ezell were ordained as deacons Jan. 12 at Cadiz Baptist Church, Little River Association. Harold R. Skaggs is pastor.

revivals

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greenup Association, had eight professions of faith in a Thanksgiving weekend revival. Charles Price is pastor at Emmanuel.

missions

David M. Jackson and Linda Jackson, missionaries to Senegal, have completed language study in France and arrived on the field. Their address is BP 3300, Dakar, Senegal.

The Jacksons are natives of Kentucky. They consider Louisville their hometown. He was born in Mt. Sterling, and she is the former Linda Barnett of Shelbyville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

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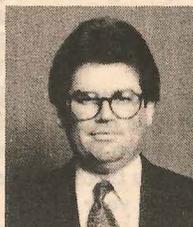
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Expectations exceeded

I'm still trying to catch up with Christmas mail. Indeed there are many letters unanswered from some months ago. There is so much to be done. There are only so many hours in the day.

Going through many of these letters, there is this one from the mother of a boy we had here nearly 10 years ago.

"Rod is well. Thank you for asking about him. We speak of Oneida often. He wishes he had returned there to finish school. He loved basketball, Gritton style. He never got the chance he deserved elsewhere. He joined the Marines and left for Paris Island the week after his graduation. He is married, seems happy, and he and his wife are active in church work.

"Rod loved Mr. Gritton dearly and does to this day. He asks that you give "Coach" his love and fondest regards. Blessing on all of you at Oneida."

I get many letters that refer to this or that loved staff member. Coach Gritton is now in his 13th year of coaching with us as well as teaching French. He holds a special place in hundreds of hearts.

One of our girls writing: "I hope you are feeling well today. I just thought I should give a little thanks to you for letting me come to Oneida. It has been a great experience. Possibly the best thing that has happened to me. You have given to me and, someday, I would like to come back to Oneida and serve. Every time I am in the chapel I am lifted. Oneida has a quality of kindness. Thank you for the opportunity to

grow.

"Dr. Moore, hopefully, in the next few weeks, I'm expecting an income tax refund. It should help bring my bill up to date. I'm not neglecting you purposely. We've just had several unexpected expenses.

"For the good your school has done my son, there isn't enough money I could send. When things improve for me, Oneida is on the top of my list."

Another mother, who is a former Catholic nun, writes: "I am so grateful to you and all the teachers of Oneida who have helped my son along the way. I am sending this offering in thanksgiving."

A donor of our school writes: "Last night I reread the letter I received from you in July. I am sure more interesting things have happened there in 14 years than you will ever have time to tell.

"We Americans waste so much energy because the strength and energy of our young people is not channeled in the right direction. We may waste even more when we do not ask for guidance and direction in our daily lives.

"I have kept the letters you send from Oneida. Once in a while when I pick one up and read it I am inspired to do a better job as a Christian. Thank you for your work and thank God for making it possible."

From a Louisville pastor some months ago: "To God be the glory, great things he is doing at Oneida! My recent visit on your campus exceeded all my expectations. As I told you, I had been trying to get to Oneida for 14 years. Thanks for your generous hospitality to the wife and I. I desire to be used of God to help OBI financially. I'm confident God will provide a way."

A saint of God writes: "I enjoyed so much your visit to our church some years ago. Your article is the first thing I read.

"I think you are doing a wonderful work, helping young people get an education that they could never get elsewhere. Enclosed is a small donation. I am an 84-year old amputee in a wheelchair, a widow living alone."

A basketball coach of one of the great Texas universities is faithful to share with Oneida. With a recent gift, this precious note: "God bless your every work. Your faithfulness will be honored."

A \$50 gift from a Versailles woman and this word: "I know of several people who have visited your campus personally. They came away very impressed."



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 2, 1986

Life and Work Series

Maintain your witness

Matthew 10:26-31 Instead of leaving the apostles in the dark regarding the coming persecution which they would encounter, Christ challenged them to maintain a faithful witness in spite of their opposition. He told them that they would need courage in their work.

Matthew 10:32-33 It was the joyous privilege and tremendous responsibility of the apostles to proclaim to all who would listen that Christ was their savior and Lord, and the same is true of all Christians today. Christ informed them that when he spoke to them in secret, it was their duty to speak forth that message openly, and far and wide, in order that all others might hear it and be enriched by it.

Matthew 10:34-37 Christ never came to stir up needless strife between the members of any family, but he knew that as the result of true discipleship and of maintaining a faithful witness certain divisions would be inevitable. In every case Christ must be given the first place. Love for and devotion to Christ must come before everything else.

Matthew 10:38-39 The experience of multitudes of Christians substantiates that those who follow Christ in the pathway of Christian service will have a

cross to bear. If a child of God keeps his life for his own personal interests he will lose it, whereas if he will commit it wholeheartedly to Christ he will receive it back transformed, enriched, and glorified by and through God's marvelous grace and blessing. In the end he will discover that instead of a seeming loss there will be a real gain, and instead of regret there will be a real joy.

Life and Work Series

Love your neighbor

Luke 10:25-29 A certain man versed in the law of Moses presumed to test Christ with the query, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Their discussion revealed to the man that he could not get it by works. Attempting to justify himself, the man then asked Christ, "Who is my neighbor?" Christ replied by telling him a beautiful and immortal story.

Luke 10:30-35 Christ told him about a man going along a dangerous road between Jerusalem and Jericho, when robbers sprang out from behind the rocks and seized the man, beat him until he was almost dead, stripped his clothes from his body, robbed him and left him wounded and suffering.

A priest approached the wounded man and, with an attitude of indifference toward the unfortunate and helpless, "passed by on the other side" of the road. A Levite gazed at the wounded man and passed down the road without rendering assistance. Then a Samaritan approached the man, "had compassion on him," promptly alighted from his beast, treated the man's wounds by "pouring in oil and wine," lifted him into his saddle and walked until they reached an inn. After remaining with him as long as he was needed, he made provision for his future care.

Luke 10:36-37 Christ asked the lawyer which one acted like a neighbor to the wounded man—the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan? The man answered correctly by saying, "He that shewed mercy on him." Christ said to him, "Go, and do thou likewise." Thus Christ taught the man and those who read this passage of scripture that the cultivation of this neighborly spirit is the duty of all through all the seasons of the passing years. Let every Christian demonstrate his faith in God and his surrender to the divine will be proving his love for his neighbor by his actions!



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on mission together

The lottery: a big lie

Pastor of First Baptist, Frankfort, Billy Hurt is also chairman of the KBC's Public Affairs Committee. His article in the church bulletin dated January 16 deserves the attention of all Kentucky Baptists. Here is the article, somewhat abbreviated:

"According to an AP sponsored poll, a majority of Kentuckians favor a statewide lottery, especially if the proceeds were to be earmarked for education . . ."

"I question whether the citizens of our commonwealth have enough information on the issue to intelligently answer questions about a lottery.

"How many know, for instance, that the odds against winning in a lottery

are the longest of any form of legalized gambling? How many Kentuckians know about the experience of the state of Missouri, where the voters accepted the pro-lottery arguments and decided to begin a state lottery?

"After the first year's operation, guess how much income will be realized from the Missouri lottery? Zero. That's right, the lottery goose will lay its golden egg in the laps of the lottery industry people, not in the state's general fund revenues.

"But another and, perhaps, greater shock was in store for the citizens of the 'Show Me' state. They were shown that other states required total lottery ticket sales of \$800 million or more per year to pay the revenue costs of running the program.

"Compare that figure to the estimate of state officials that the total lottery sales for next year will be \$250.6 million, less than a third of the tickets that must be sold just to pay for the lottery itself! But wait, there was even worse

news for the people of Missouri!

"The costs of running the lottery, figured originally at 10 percent were found to be 21 percent for the first six months and 17 percent for the year.

"Where did the citizens of Kentucky and Missouri get the idea that a lottery would produce a bonanza of painless revenues? From the 'lottery industry' people, the only ones to have a guaranteed profit through the sales of lottery equipment and paraphernalia. When asked where the figures and projections used to sell Missourians on the idea of a lottery came from, officials explained, 'People in the industry advised us . . .'"

"I hope the citizens of our commonwealth educate themselves on the lottery issue by discovering the facts!"

And I would add, have you written to your representative(s) to oppose the lottery? It is not too late!

(Data used taken from the 1/9/86 issue of the Louisiana Baptist Messenger)

Commentary

A responsibility for leadership

by Arthur L. Walker Jr.

By the beginning of the 21st century current college-age students and recent college graduates will be assuming leadership roles in all segments of society.

Shaping these leaders is a major concern of Southern Baptist educational institutions, which see responsibility for more than the transmission of information.

Education and a means of providing leaders were primary reasons for forming denominational structures and founding colleges. Today there are 63 universities, colleges, Bible schools and academies sponsored by various Baptist state conventions. The Southern Baptist Convention sponsors six theological seminaries and co-sponsors the American Baptist College of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, a predominantly black school in Nashville, Tenn., with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

These schools are supported in part by Cooperative Program giving of Southern Baptists. These schools, however, need more than just monetary support. They need Baptist pastors and laypersons who will recommend potential students and who will encourage them to attend Baptist institutions.

Baptist schools are the institutions better equipped to train tomorrow's leaders in both denominational and secular life. Contrary to some beliefs, Baptist schools are not just for those interested in church-related vocations.

Baptist colleges and universities believe it is equally important to train Christian doctors, nurses, lawyers,

business professionals, journalists and leaders in other professions. Because they do not seek training for a church-related vocation does not mean they will not play an important role in the future of society. It is these people who will become the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

There is little doubt but that Southern Baptist higher education can make its contributions to these characteristics of effective leadership. Our purpose for existence centers around these same concerns.

Baptist schools also provide the place where students can receive the additional information they need to be good laypersons in local churches. Students at Baptist educational institutions have opportunities for contact with denominational leaders as well as experiencing opportunities for personal experiences with volunteer missions efforts.

Southern Baptist schools are in a world where adequate numbers of outstanding educational institutions exist. The Southern Baptist schools exist because there is a needed additional element in education which says there are commitments and purposes which go beyond simply knowing the right information in the right way.

Perhaps this additional reason for being is also the same reason Baptist schools have made an unusually significant contribution in the training of leaders in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

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Asian Baptists seek projects for their own missionaries

by Erich Bridges

Baptist leaders from five Asian nations and Hong Kong are jointly seeking evangelism projects for their own foreign missionaries.

The leaders—representing Baptists in South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the Philippines—met in Hong Kong in mid-December. They elected Korean pastor Han Ki Man chairman and promised to work for support for foreign missions from their national conventions.

The leaders also agreed to submit specific proposals for cross-cultural evangelism and church-starting projects.

Han Ki Man, pastor of Yoido Baptist Church, Seoul, South Korea, "set the direction for the group. . . . He made an impassioned plea for joint cooperation in evangelism, pastoral training, church planting and discipleship," said Jimmy Maroney, evangelism and church growth consultant for the Foreign Mission Board. Maroney represented Southern Baptists at the meeting.

The eight Asian leaders moved ahead with a strategy discussion begun last June in Ridgecrest, N.C.

They met there with Baptists from 15 other countries who already send or plan to send missionaries abroad. The global evangelization consultation at Ridgecrest, proposed by Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks, encouraged the Baptist leaders to begin sharing information on their existing and potential foreign mission work.

The Asians decided at Ridgecrest to explore ways to coordinate their mission efforts. In Hong Kong, all eight came together again and formally organized as a regional group.

Most of the Baptist groups represented have sent mission workers of some type abroad, but on a small scale and often for short periods of time. The leaders examined the problems Asian missionaries face, such as lack of available training and financial support. Many missionaries depend entirely on individual church support where convention mission programs are weak or nonexistent. And most of them work abroad only with people who speak their own language.

The leaders discussed the potential for cooperation in missionary work among their conventions and how to develop a strategy for truly cross-cultural missions in Asia and

beyond. A number of possible mission fields within their own region were mentioned, along with nations such as India, Sri Lanka, Brazil and several Communist countries in Asia.

The regional group doesn't necessarily intend to become a missionary-sending body, at least not any time soon.

"I think they look at themselves right now as initiators and promoters of projects, trying to get their conventions to recognize the need," Maroney said. "They're trying to find out what they're capable of doing."

When the group meets again in April in Seoul, each representative will propose a cross-cultural evangelism or church-starting project identified by his own national convention. The group will select one or two projects with a good chance for success and consider how each can be funded and supplied with trained mission personnel. The selected proposals will then go back to the conventions for final approval and action.

The group is recommending the first several projects be completed within a year of approval. If they

succeed, longer-term projects will be attempted, possibly involving career-type missionaries.

The Asian leaders also are asking Southern Baptists for a permanent representative to their group. During the Seoul meeting they want detailed suggestions from the Foreign Mission Board on how their conventions can begin their own foreign mission departments or boards.

Foreign Mission Board staffers took a deliberately low profile at last summer's Ridgecrest consultation to allow maximum interaction and avoid Southern Baptist "domination" of the meeting. In Hong Kong the Asian leaders expressed appreciation for that approach. But they repeatedly said they want active Foreign Mission Board participation and support, especially in the areas of missionary strategy and training.

Maroney said a "strong, solid base" was established in Hong Kong, though it may be years before the effort actually produces career missionaries fully supported by the conventions. But he added that the Asians are moving surprisingly fast. Han Ki Man will spend the time between now and the group's April meeting contacting key Baptist leaders in each Asian convention and asking for support. (BP)

Can they be saved?



Bible study, devotions, and prayers at meals are a regular part of cottage life at Glen Dale, Spring Meadows and in our temporary shelters.

In 1869 after much prayer and commitment on the part of Baptists, a ministry to Jesus was begun. The reason I say "ministry to Jesus" is that the Scripture quotes our Lord as saying, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me."

We have been ministering to the needs of children and their families for these 117 years. There are many ministries that are carried on by Baptists in our churches, in our associations, and in our state — but of all these, the ministry to children as carried out by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is the only one providing surrogate parentage for children in need.

When we talk about becoming surrogate parents, we mean assuming the parenting role for children who for various reasons cannot live at home, who cannot live with their own parents. Unlike many other worthwhile educational programs, we at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children assume the role of a parent. Our calling is to provide 24-hour, 365-day care for these special children until they graduate from high school or enter the work place.

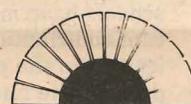
Just as any conscientious parent cares for every need of his child, whatever that need may be, we accept that responsibility for every child that comes to live under the influence of this ministry. Some children may come and stay with us for a matter of months — but there are great numbers of children who will stay with us for a matter of years. Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children does more than meet the daily needs of these children. We help to prepare them for this life and for eternity. Our primary concern and continual prayer is that our children will come to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

We count it a privilege to care for every child and to work with over 800 families a year to try and find the answer for their children's needs. We as Baptists are thankful for the calling of Christ to minister. What a joy it is to take a child that is in need and work with him 24 hours a day, to care for every need, and to bring him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! Should the Lord tarry, we shall continue to glorify Him through caring for children.

Yes, every child can be saved!



Our young people enjoy participating in a variety of outside activities. Here some Glen Dale youth take part in a local parade.



Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children



High school graduation is an important time in the life of every young person. Shown here are four Spring Meadows youth who reached that milestone in 1985.



Opportunity for children to learn from and share with caring adults is an important part of Kentucky Baptists' ministry through Homes for Children.