



Disaster team responds to tornado

Brotherhood-sponsored organization does relief work in Northern Kentucky

by Suzanne Darland,
State Correspondent

In a few minutes it was over.

A heavy thunderstorm and small tornado ripped through northern Kentucky, peeling walls and roofs from stores and homes in Covington and Newport.

Within 24 hours the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood-sponsored disaster relief team rolled in.

After contacting local disaster-relief agencies to determine where they were most needed, the team began serving chicken and dumplings and sandwiches to the dazed residents of a low-income housing complex in west Newport.

The nine members of the team planned to stay a week, dishing up hot meals, kind words and help in cleaning yards and patching roofs.

"We wanted to be where we could be a Southern Baptist witness in a heavily Catholic area," commented Bob Simpkins, state coordinator of the Minuteman Disaster Relief Team. He

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added that setting up the team's Winnebago van and food trailer in the parking lot of a shopping center near the housing units put them closer to the people who were hurtling than the official disaster shelters.

From early morning until nine each evening, members of the team, assisted by volunteers from First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, passed out coffee, soft drinks, donuts, sandwiches, canned fruit and a hot entree for the homeless who had come back to salvage their belongings.

"A person in crisis needs a warm meal," noted Simpkins, who is pastor of

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South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Lynn Association.

Throughout the day Wednesday families with young children, young couples and older adults picked up food for themselves and for neighbors. Some nearby apartments and houses weren't damaged but had no electricity.

One woman, her hand black with mud from picking up bricks and pieces of the roof of her house, took lunch back for her husband.

"Just one sandwich," she said when offered two apiece. "There's plenty other people who need it."

This is the third mission for the 2 1/2-year-old disaster relief team and the first that's been primarily involved in feeding. Members have also wielded



Helen Perkins, with glasses, accompanied her husband from South Fork church to assist the team.

chain saws in West Virginia and eastern Kentucky after heavy flooding.

While Simpkins says the team is probably the newest among the 14 or so state conventions that have such units, it is quite organized.

About 130 Baptist men and women from across the state are trained in disaster relief and are ready to assist in



Bob Simpkins and a local policeman survey the damage in Newport.

their areas, Simpkins said. He would like to have some 300-400 complete a training program the next few years.

In his church 30 people have completed the four-hour training program, and four members of the team in Newport this week are from South Fork church.

Simpkins boasts that most team members were in Newport within six hours of being contacted, and that included time to shop for the 1000 meals they plan to serve.

But speed is necessary after disaster, he maintains.

"We found it good to move that fast," Simpkins said. "We find that groups who are already here are dazed at first in a disaster situation."

Contacts with the Northern Kentucky Association office and nearby First Baptist Church, Newport, which was also damaged in the storm, directed the team where it was needed. Newport's Community Action Commission is located in the shopping center and that office suggested the site.

Pek Tooley, a member of Slate Branch Baptist Church, Somerset, was called at 1:30 a.m. to join the team.

"My wife asked me where I was going," said the former state Brotherhood president. "I told her to just listen to the news. I didn't take time to ask. I was just going."

C. A. Easterly handed out copies of



National guardsmen and local citizens refresh themselves at the food van.

the Gospel of John to those who were fed.

"I was supposed to have retired in 1981," he chuckled, "but I have just changed my priorities."

"I love the Lord. It thrills me to death to help someone."

Easterly also shoveled mud in West Virginia for eight days with the disaster relief crew. A member of Simpkins' church and a former president of the state Brotherhood, he said he gets a blessing from his involvement with the team.

"I figure I owe the Lord that much after what he's done for me. I should do more."

Near the shopping center, National Guardsmen were using heavy equipment to haul off debris and warning residents to enter some buildings at their own risk.

Simpkins surveyed the damage and invited residents moving their furniture from roofless top-floor apartments to pick up something to eat from the Baptist relief van.

"I feel more comfortable with this work than any 'religious' work," he confided.

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A Newport resident carries food home to his family. Guardsmen wait for refreshment outside the relief van.

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Happy wanderings in Kentucky

This past weekend was a happy, joyous time. It was the kind of time you dream about at the tag end of a sometimes weary winter.

Margaret and I left Louisville Saturday as bright sunshine bathed the country. The interstate highways to Paducah were sparsely traveled while most Kentuckians were either packed into the arena or parked before their television sets as the Wildcats played basketball. Thus the drive to Paducah was a delight.

I was honored to return to Paducah, a place loaded with wonderful memories from days gone by. I had been asked to fill the pulpit at the great old Immanuel Baptist Church in the absence of pastor Bill Cubine.

My first experience of Immanuel was in the mid-50s when the congregation met in a grand building on Murrell Boulevard. Frank Norfleet was the pastor in those days. Even then Immanuel was a strong missionary, evangelistic church with a wide influence all over the western end of Kentucky.

Today Immanuel people worship in a beautiful sanctuary, learn about the word of God in an adequate educational plant and are ready to expand their facilities with the addition of a family life center so as to carry on the tradition of reaching people for Christ.

The weekend was made richer for us because we were with friends who had been strong supporters of mine when I was pastor of the Oaklawn church years ago. Sue and Gene Puckett and Ruth and Jim Reid took us to lunch and it was like old times as these friends demonstrated the generosity Kentucky has been noted for around the world. These dear people have been friends for nearly 30 years and I have a heart-tug whenever I think of some of the roads we have walked together. But last Sunday it was all bliss as we simply shared friendship. Table fellowship with people with whom you have laughed and cried is one of the rich rewards of ministry and every pastor can say amen to that.

It seems table fellowship dominates Baptist life, for after church Sunday night a group of Oaklawn members, along with their pastor Earnest Carpenter, met us for late pizza. None of us was in the mood to remember anything but the good times and that made the day complete as we laughed at how it used to be.

Monday morning Tom Lewis, DOM in West Union Association, invited some pastors and laymen to breakfast as a welcome home to me. It was typical of this generous man.

Tom is one of God's choice servants, a self-sacrificing, humble man whose generosity is unparalleled among Kentucky Baptists. He made some great sausage gravy and the talk was light and with no Baptist controversy permitted in the discussion. Needless to say, all of us ate too much.

The return to Louisville in the driving rain prompted a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the simple joy he gives us through fellowship with the saints. There is no joy comparable to that we know among Bible believing Baptists whose generosity and care help soften the trials and tribulations of our pilgrimage. I thanked God for the honor of being a preacher and of the gift of friendship given me by so many wonderful people. I thanked the Lord for the confidence expressed in me by pastors all over Kentucky who have invited me into their pulpits and given me the delight of sharing life with their people.

These stormy days at the center of Baptist strife are made bearable for me by these brief sojourns into the real world with the people of God.

My wanderings have taught me to treasure each day of life, each expression of friendship and each opportunity to meet another fellow pilgrim. Life is so brief we must take advantage of every opportunity to know each other better and offer each other some token of love and concern. Kentucky Baptists have given this to me, and I use this way to say thank you, thank you, thank you. Life is so much more enjoyable when we give friendship and love. I wonder why we don't do it more often.

Legislative fiasco

The latest evidence of genius in the Kentucky legislature is the passage of a bill which will imprint the twin spires of Churchill Downs on the license plates of every car registered in our state.

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Sure, the twin spires represent the most famous race track in the world and will no doubt stir a lot of conversation about Kentucky by people who see these new license plates.

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Sunday morning going to church with a race track advertisement on the back end of our automobile?

Picture the parking lot of your church. There are the cars, neatly arranged while the people are inside at worship. On every car there is an advertisement for a race track.

It may not be the most earth shattering event in recent times, but it seems a poor way to spend state money and an insult to God-fearing people who abhor the trappings of a gambling enterprise.

Yet the wisdom of our elected officials has now given us the opportunity of selling Kentucky to the world by advertising our famous race track.

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baptist news in brief

The good news is in the media everywhere

Someone said recently, "Good News America, God Loves You may be the most important evangelistic effort ever attempted by Southern Baptists." Leonard Sanderson said, "More prayer has been offered for Good News America than anything Southern Baptists have ever done."

The Home Mission Board, in cooperation with Missouri and New York, purchased 42 spots on WTBS-TV Super Station, in Atlanta, and five ads (one-fourth page) in USA Today. The WTBS spots in February reached 85 percent of U. S. cable households. The USA Today schedule is: Friday, Mar. 7; Monday, Mar. 24; Wednesday, Apr. 9; Tuesday, Apr. 15; Thursday, Apr. 24.

A Good News America informational news release will go to 7000-plus newspaper editors across our nation.

More than 10,000,000 scripture portions are expected to be given away by Southern Baptist churches. A five percent decision return would mean 500,000 decisions for the Lord. As of Feb. 7, 1986 Holman had sold 8,850,300. Of these scriptures sold, 6,341,300 were New Testaments.

Crowders respond to lawsuit criticism

Robert and Julia Crowder have responded to four associations and two churches that were critical of the Birmingham couple for filing suit against the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee.

Crowder said the associations and churches have taken official action, citing scriptural admonitions against Christians suing Christians, which have been communicated to him. The actions ask the lawsuit be dropped, he said.

In the letter, which was sent to state Baptist newspapers in Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Kentucky, the Crowders note they "share your desire to resume our emphasis on Bold Mission Thrust and see our home and foreign mission efforts grow as souls are won to Jesus Christ."

"We feel the lawsuit is indeed a tragedy," they write. "Unfortunately if the inappropriate and illegal actions which occurred in Dallas are not corrected, a greater tragedy will take place: The SBC will be ruled by the whim of the person who holds the gavel and those who advise him."

Macedonia Baptist Church, Jonesville, Ky., was one of the churches that passed a resolution criticizing the Crowders' action. (BP)

BJCPA adopts position on rights of churches

Noting an emerging pattern of government insensitivity to the rights of churches, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has adopted a statement on government infiltration of churches.

According to the statement: "The BJCPA condemns the use of paid informants, undercover agents and surreptitious tactics by any government agency investigating religious organizations as improper and illegal when less intrusive means of investigation or fact gathering are available.

"We lament the chilling effect upon worship, prayer, faith and fellowship freely exercised when worship services

are invaded through the use of electronic eavesdropping equipment. We abhor government agents' fraudulent use of the name of Jesus Christ to gain access to the household of faith."

The task force that drafted the position statement was set up last year following a report on alleged church infiltration by U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agents and paid informants, who tape recorded worship services in Phoenix, Tucson and Scottsdale, Ariz. (BP)

Former Baptist editor joins Texas staff

Don Turner, former editor of Rocky Mountain Baptist, newsjournal for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, is managing editor for Fulness magazine. Ras B. Robinson, president of the Ft. Worth, Tex.-based magazine, made the announcement Mar. 3.

Turner is a journalism graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He previously worked on the Amarillo (Tex.) GlobeNews and the Odessa (Tex.) American.

He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Midkiff, Tex. before assuming editorship of Rocky Mountain Baptist in 1982. That position was vacated in November 1985 following financial problems of the Colorado convention. (BP)

It's the laity that starts churches

Church-type missions conceived by laity are twice as likely to become self-supporting churches as those begun by clergy, participants of a national church extension conference were told.

The insight into starting new churches was compiled from a study of 3963 churches which constituted between 1972-84, said Jack Redford, Church Extension Division director, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The study also revealed missions that constituted were more likely to have had 10 or more lay leaders. In contrast, three-fourths of missions that disbanded had five or fewer lay leaders.

"If we're going to reach our goal of 50,000 new churches by the year 2000, we must start 1000 churches annually," Redford said. "The last few years we have averaged between 400 and 450." (BP)

Non-profit postal rates on the rise again

Non-profit mailers including state Baptist newspapers and some church newsletters experienced an additional postal rate increase of about seven percent Mar. 9, the U. S. Postal Service board of governors announced.

This additional rate increase follows closely behind an increase that took effect Jan. 1 for non-profit mailers.

In December the U. S. Postal Service board of governors approved the initial increase of about 30 percent. That increase, however, was based on the governors' assumption that the Postal Service would receive \$820 million in federal funds to subsidize non-profit mailing rates during 1986.

The President vetoed the bill that contained the \$820 million figure and signed a substitute measure that contained only \$748 million. That final

figure fell \$233 million short of what the Postal Service said it needed to maintain the 1985 level of subsidized rates. (BP)

Former Recorder staffer appointed as intern

Darrell Monroe, 27, joined Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children as a student intern in the development/communications office during his final semester at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Monroe will complete the MA degree in Christian education in May.

Born in Burna, Ky., Monroe is a 1981 graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University. After completing his BA degree in journalism and English, Monroe worked as an innovator for the Home Mission Board at Lake Placid (N.Y.) Baptist Church.

He later worked as a reporter/photographer for the Crittenden Press before entering Southern Seminary in 1983. He has been an intern at Western Recorder and news director at Southern Seminary. Additionally, Monroe has been a managing editor of Southern's alumni publication, The Tie and an editor of Towers, the campus newspaper.

Florida staffer admits theft of mail

An employe of the Florida Baptist Convention has entered a guilty plea to a charge of stealing mail from a postal branch office in Jacksonville.

Allen Knight, 27, a service center attendant in the Baptist building, was arrested following a four-week investigation by postal officials in the disappearance of some 500 letters from the Southside postal station. Knight was arrested after trying to conceal a package that had been planted as part of the investigation.

He had been a suspect in the investigation for some time. His supervisors were notified of the investigation and asked to cooperate.

Don Hepburn, director of public relations for the state convention, said Knight, who was hired two years ago, falsified his employment application in order to conceal the fact he had served time in prison for previous criminal convictions for petty larceny and forgery.

Hepburn said the theft did not involve FBC mail or money, adding, "All Cooperative Program and mission offerings are received in a special locked mailbox and handled by the bank." (BP)

SBC preschool care available till May 1

Atlanta Baptists will offer a model program of preschool child care when the SBC meets in Georgia World Congress Center June 10-12.

Total care will be offered for up to 450 children who have not entered first grade.

Tommy Gilmore, preschool director at First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and Carol Crowder, preschool director at Briarcliff Baptist Church, Atlanta, are co-chairmen. They said child care would be provided for all SBC sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but not pre-convention meetings Sunday and Monday.

A fee of \$5 per child per session will be charged with maximum charge of

\$25 for the three days. Parents wanting child care must make reservations by May 1, giving names and ages of children. Write SBC Preschool Committee, 754 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30365, or call (404) 881-1212. (BP)

Seminary heads respond to peace report

Affirmation mingled with concern characterizes reactions of Southern Baptist Convention seminary presidents to a statement on "theological diversity" drafted by the SBC Peace Committee.

The Peace Committee's statement says in part, "We have found significant theological diversity within our seminaries reflective of the theological diversity within our wider constituency."

The seminary leaders unanimously expressed support for the work of the committee. "I applaud the work of the committee," said Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary. "They have the only viable means of diffusing some of the anger and heat in the denomination."

Despite their affirmations of the concept of diversity, the seminary presidents expressed some concerns.

"I'm very supportive of the committee," said Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Seminary. "We had a good experience with the subcommittee that visited here. However, I was surprised to see the Peace Committee making reports through the press rather than to the convention."

Roy Honeycutt, president of Southern Seminary, related a concern regarding wording which located the diversity "within our seminaries" rather than among faculty members who teach at the seminaries.

"We need to keep in focus that these are not seminary divergencies, but rather diversity among professors who teach." He stressed that even with diversity, seminary professors have not been accused of teaching contrary to the guiding statements which they have signed. (BP)

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The Lottery: A deadly game

Editor's note: This piece by Billy Hurt is a speech he gave in testimony before the Government Affairs Committee of the Kentucky General Assembly. Hurt is chairman of the KBC Committee on Public Affairs which monitors the legislature, and his words are presented here for the information of all Kentucky Baptists.

I would like to acquaint members of this committee with the most recent action of the Kentucky Baptist Convention with regard to the issue of a state lottery.

Meeting in Lexington on Nov. 12-14, 1985, the Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers expressed their unanimous opposition to, and I quote, "A state lottery or any other gambling device offered to help pay for goods or services under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

Mr. Chairman, allow me to state some of the concerns of those who are opposed to a state lottery.

We view a lottery as a regressive source of taxation. Analysis of the existing lottery operations reveal the revenue derived from the lottery comes from those who are least able to pay. It would not be an unfair statement to say that a lottery preys on the poor. That a lottery is one of the most regressive forms of taxation was demonstrated by the research done in connection with the Presidential Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling. Daniel B. Suits, an economics professor at Michigan State University, has pointed out that low-income lottery players wager a disproportionately high percentage of their income on the lottery.

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We fear a state lottery will produce an environment in our commonwealth which can be exploited by organized crime. In 1980, Forbes magazine published a series of articles on organized crime that estimated the income of organized crime at \$150 billion per year. Of that amount, approximately \$22 billion came from illegal gambling activity. In January 1984, Sean McWeeny, chief of the FBI's organized crime section, disagreed that legalization of some types of gambling will reduce the amount of illegal gambling and thereby reduce organized crime's association with gambling. According to McWeeny, "Legal gambling creates new gamblers who switch over to illegal gambling when their money is exhausted."

We fear a state lottery will contribute to more problem gamblers. Every member of the Kentucky legislature needs to know the heartbreaking story of Richard Kaczor.

Kaczor and his family are lottery losers. Big losers. He's been fired from his job, his wife is in prison, and the family is in hopeless debt and in danger of losing its home.

The troubles began less than two years ago when Richard's wife, Valerie, 32, went on a lottery gambling frenzy

that lasted 18 months.

The suburban homemaker, whose husband earned about \$20,000 a year, began cashing bad checks and spending hundreds of dollars every day on tickets in state lottery games. Using a home computer to select the hundreds of numbers to bet, she would occasionally win several thousand dollars and become convinced she had worked out a computerized probability system to beat the odds.

After it was over, she had cashed an estimated \$250,000 in bad checks, and she lost most of it on the lottery.

Mrs. Kaczor, whom a psychiatrist had diagnosed as a compulsive gambler, is in prison serving a 14-year sentence.

Kaczor, 39, cannot find a job and is collecting unemployment benefits. He declared bankruptcy and cannot make the mortgage payments on the family home.

"I think it is a sad case," said U. S. District Judge Horace Gilmore, who presided over one of the many criminal proceedings against Mrs. Kaczor. "I seriously think the state ought to start reconsidering this whole business," stated Gilmore.

Estimates vary as to the number of compulsive gamblers in the nation today. In 1981, the American Psychiatric Association classified compulsive gambling as a mental disorder. An estimated eight million persons in our nation are unable to control their urge to gamble.

The introduction of the state lottery places the state in a paradoxical role in relation to these individuals. If we are to take seriously the mandate to "promote the general welfare," our nation and states must provide medical attention for these individuals just as we seek to do so for the drug addict. Yet, the introduction of a state-operated lottery would put the state in a position of being the huckster that promotes the activity which is detrimental to the health of individuals.

We fear the likely implications of a concept of a "state-sanctioned" or "sponsored" lottery. The citizens of our commonwealth accept with gratitude the state's traditional role in our lives, namely the protection of the rights of the citizens and providing those services which the public demands and for which it contributes to the public treasury. The regulatory role of the state government has been accepted as necessary and beneficial. Some enterprises, while viewed as necessary for the maintenance of high quality of life by some, are viewed as unnecessary for the maintenance of high quality of life by others. Consequently, the state has assumed a regulatory activity by seeing that the demand for goods and services deemed necessary by some do not infringe upon the rights of others. The state has consistently regulated the sale of alcoholic beverages but it does not engage in the manufacturing and sale of said beverages as a revenue raising device. The state has profited by taxation of certain other so-called "vices" without actually promoting those activities.

If the state is to sponsor a successful lottery program then it must promote it. For the first time citizens of the commonwealth will live within the boundaries of a state whose government must promote an activity of doubtful

morality, unproven as a tool for revenue enhancement. By directly engaging in the promotion of a gambling business, the state takes on the responsibility of insuring that the enterprise is conducted as openly and honestly as possible, and since the presumptions would exist that the state would be acting on behalf of the people, it would have an obligation to inform them of the odds and character of the games being offered as well as of its intention to profit from their participation.

The revenue producing potential in other states is encouraging, yet it is still to be proved that a lottery is the answer to financial problems.

Members of this committee, can you imagine the commonwealth of Kentucky advertising a state-sponsored lottery by telling the citizens the odds of their winning are considerably less than their odds of being struck by lightning? Will the commonwealth maintain a commitment to "truth in advertising" if it should be engaged in a state-sponsored lottery? Will we tell our citizens the odds of winning a jackpot in a lottery has been described by an M.I.T. math professor as equivalent to being dealt four straight royal flushes, all in spades, and then leaving the poker table to meet four complete strangers who have the same birthday?

I would like to leave the committee today with the thought expressed in the Louisville Catholic Record of Feb. 6, 1986, and I quote: "While arguments can be made both for and against a lottery—on moral grounds as well as other factors—perhaps a question the state should consider is whether this method of raising revenue is really a financially sound solution to a problem. The success of a lottery depends upon the willingness of the people to support it. The revenue-producing potential in other states is encouraging, yet it is still to be proved that a lottery is the answer to state financial problems. Gambling, by its nature, is a game of chance both for the players as well as for the benefactor.

"Ultimately, the state must face a reality which no public official wants to face—that taxation is the most effective means of producing revenue.

"A lottery may be a partial solution, but it is not the final answer to get a state on sound financial ground. Sooner or later, the taxation question must be considered, whether there is or is not a state lottery. The lottery is not the pie in the sky or the easy solution to the limited revenue that plagues Kentucky and other states."



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homes for children

Mixed signals

In the early 1900s my wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kerrick, were a young married couple living on a farm. The young husband spent his days in the field and the young wife worked alone at the house.

Kerrick, concerned for his wife's safety in case she needed him, worked out a signal. He told his wife if she ever had an emergency or was in need of his help to ring the dinner bell. This would alert him and he would leave the team standing and run to her aid.

One summer a hawk began carrying away some of their chickens. Kerrick occasionally would see the hawk in the bottoms where he was working. Desiring to destroy the hawk to protect their chickens, he devised another signal. He told his wife that if she ever saw him leaving the team and running toward the house it would be because he had seen the hawk. Therefore, he wanted her to grab the shotgun and run to meet him.

One morning Mrs. Kerrick, in a burst of energy, got her work done and the noon meal prepared early. But she had looked at the clock wrong and thought it was 11:50 a.m. In reality it was 10 o'clock. With the meal ready, she rang the dinner bell for her husband to come to lunch. Kerrick looked at the sun and knew it was not noon. So he thought his wife had an emergency. He left his team standing and started running to the house. Mrs. Kerrick looked out and saw him running. She grabbed the shotgun and ran to meet him, thinking he had seen the hawk.

When they met, he said, "What are you doing with the shotgun?" His wife said, "Why are you running to the house and leaving the team in the field?" They laughed about their mixed signals and the family has laughed with them ever since.

I Cor. 14 says the trumpet must give a certain sound. Through Baptist Homes for Children we are giving a clear certain sound that God is love and Jesus saves. These truths must never get caught in mixed signals from adults.

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fourth estate

Superlatives

Some of us remember superlatives. I heard the term as early as junior high when we elected the most popular student, the one most likely to succeed, the friendliest, etc.

I recently returned from a six-week tour of Southern Baptist missions in east Africa. Here are my superlatives:

The greatest need: Despite poverty and physical needs most Americans could never imagine, the biggest single need is to hear the gospel. More than half the Kenyans are professing Christians; over eight million are without Jesus, in the world's fastest growing nation.

The most gracious hosts: James and Wilma Whaley, Kentucky's on-premises partnership coordinators. They met every request, promptly, thoughtfully.

The friendliest people in the world: The Zimbabweans. Here's a country which was dominated by a white ruling class as recently as 1980. You'd expect them to scoff at whites now but the opposite is definitely true.

The sharpest contrast: Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, is as similar to a large American city as any in the world. People smartly dressed, nice homes, fashionable stores with big show windows on landscaped boulevards. At Nairobi, Kenya thousands were in rags, carrying all they owned on their backs, in their hands and over their heads, milling about streets, often pulling banana carts or other wares. Some 150,000 live wedged into a tin shanty district in Nairobi.

The times I felt uneasy or afraid: Never. Not once. I felt exasperated while changing planes in Johannesburg, South Africa with a system which includes an inordinate number of inspections and interrogation plus showing passports perhaps eight times, then locking transients in holding rooms until boarding time. Blacks not allowed to live in the city limits of Jo'burg, unless they work on a white man's property. How barbaric!

The most imposing view: Full moon rising over the Indian Ocean, palms swaying in the wind, at Malindi, Kenya.

The greatest moment: When missionary Ralph Bethea of Mombasa, Kenya took me to the beach, within 30 seconds he was telling two black Moslems about Jesus. I led in prayer and heard those men express intense interest. Bethea said he would get New Testaments for them "given by Kentucky Baptists and other Baptists who want you to know Jesus." I was grateful for Jesus, for the Word of God, for Ralph Bethea and for Kentucky Baptists.

The most startled reaction: Friends ask, "Would you like to live over there?" My unhesitating reply: "Yes." If they only knew the people, they'd never question, "Why?"

AT KENYAN BIBLE SCHOOL

They're learning to pastor in Nyanza

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The Nyanza Province of western Kenya, surrounding well known Lake Victoria, includes four Baptist associations.

At a Baptist Bible school in Kisumu, on the eastern shore of Lake Victoria, 29 student pastors are currently equipping themselves to be under-shepherds of their flocks.

Justice Okal, moderator of the province, acknowledged recently that the work is "really moving fast" and that the Lord is "really blessing us abundantly."

He observed that, in the last four years, more than 70 churches have been constituted in the Nyanza province.

Kenyan pastors, for the most part, are not paid for their service. Rather, they

work on their own shambas (small farms) for sustenance. This is especially true in the rural areas of the nation.

Many churches are currently applying to the government for free plots of land, Okal noted. But, he cautioned, the government "must move slowly" because many congregations do not have the resources to complete a building.

Land is fairly easy to come by in rural areas, according to Okal, but "not in urban areas."

The Nyanza province Bible school for pastors meets one week per month, with pastors enrolling in a three-year course. The three weeks per month the pastors are not in session they are usually tending to their farm duties.

Baptist work in Nyanza began in

1958. Okal attests that the churches have been very weak "because we have not had trained men." Presently, in addition to the 29 in training at Kisumu, one pastor from that province is now enrolled at the Baptist theological seminary at Arusha, Tanzania, immediately south of the Kenyan border, and three others are in a Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program at Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly, near Limuru, Kenya.

There are two faculty members at the Kisumu school. The only expenses a student incurs are his food and transportation costs.

Okal says the school "would like to have visiting teachers from Kentucky" during the Kentucky-Kenya partnership years.

MEDIA AND MINISTRY

Behind the camera at a videotaping

by J. P. Schubert, Staff Writer

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Media Department premiered a videotape titled "Media and Ministry" at the convention's annual Church Media Library Retreat at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora, Mar. 14-15.

The video is the second annual edition of "Cooperative Communications: Video Journal." It focuses on various types of ministries possible through using media not only in the small church but in the large churches with televised services as well.

"Media and Ministry" was written, produced and directed by Lonnie McNorrill, a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary intern working with W. Mark Snowden, director of the KBC Media Department.

The videotape is the Media Department's first use of drama, rather than a documentary format, and it required cooperation among several Baptist organizations as well as extensive use of volunteer talent.

The story opens as a college student

tells of his answering God's call to be a "media minister," which his friends mistakenly assume to mean a TV evangelist.

Through flashbacks of the student's experiences, the audience learns what a media minister is and sees examples of media being used in the local church.

"Media is more than showing a film Sunday evening and then going home," said Snowden. "It is also part of preparation for teaching, illustrating lessons and a guide for discussions."

McNorrill expressed concern that churches realize the advantages of using all types of media. "A media ministry is not just having church services on television. It includes using ACTS, BTN, graphics, the media library and all types of printed materials." The minister of media, he added, is often a lay person serving part time in smaller churches.

Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church, Richmond's First Baptist Church, Campbellsville College officials and students and students from Southern Seminary cooperated in this project by providing locations and

volunteer talent.

The use of volunteers as actors and technicians can be strenuous but also rewarding. An unwanted shadow or an unplanned background noise can require yet another retake of a scene.

Some scenes are taped in large rooms which require many lights that raise the temperature considerably. Others are in small spaces where six people are jammed into an area designed for three.

But there is humor, too.

The makeup artist drenches an actor with her special brand of hair spray or she uses a small paint brush to apply powder to a man's shiny bald spot that is reflecting too much light.

Careful preparation by the director was the major key to the success of this project. Credit also goes to the volunteers who were willing to work long hours and repeat their efforts until their best came forth.

"Media and Ministry" is available through associational offices and from the video library at the Kentucky Baptist Media Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243. There is no charge for loan of the tape.

RUTH OUZTS

When it came to the Baptist Book Store, she managed

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Ruth H. Ouzts, Louisville Baptist Book Store manager since 1970, was honored at a retirement banquet hosted by Baptist Sunday School Board officials Feb. 20 in Louisville.

She is completing 36 years of service to the board in several stores of its nationwide book store chain. She has managed the stores at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; at Roanoke, Va.; and Louisville.

Miss Ouzts, who is returning to her native South Carolina to live in retirement, told the crowd of more than 100 persons at the retirement dinner, "I don't know any employer that is fairer to its employes than the Baptist Sunday School Board, and particularly the

Book Store Division."

Al Crawford, supervisor of the board's Central Region Stores Department and Miss Ouzts' supervisor in recent years, praised her for her dedication to the task. "These shoes will be very very difficult to fill," he allowed. No one has been named to succeed her.

Others participating on the program included members of the Louisville store staff; Bill Graham, director of the Book Store Division, Nashville; other Nashville aides and all of the managers from the Central Region Stores Department; and representatives of Miss Ouzts' civic, club and professional organizations and her local church.

She was presented a retirement check by the Sunday School Board.



baptist forum

There is no middle ground

We are writing to say amen and amen in strong support of letters by Lloyd Dawson and Leon Whitis concerning the Masters of Deceit, the Soviet Union.

The Bible tells us in no uncertain terms either we are on the Lord's side or against him. There is no middle ground. Those of us who claim the name of Christ are admonished to examine ourselves to determine whether to take a firm stand on current issues affecting all humanity and all Christendom.

Praise the Lord for these two men who like Jeremiah have taken their stand to alert us to the facts of life and the evils of the Masters of Deceit.

We wish to suggest some additional areas where the SBC could be used of God in a "super way" to bring a "super blessing" in our nation. At the same time SBC would be exalted to a new and higher plane as the "greatest witness for God" the world has ever seen.

Other areas include:

1. Secular humanism in our schools. This "ism" is the atomic bomb in satan's arsenal. It is being used to spread the most evil concepts of evolution, atheism and amorality for the purpose of destroying all concepts of almighty God. It glorifies the power and wickedness of mankind.

2. God removed from the classrooms of our schools. Is there any wonder the schools are in trouble from riots, violence, assaults, bombings, etc.? Not at all. When God and prayer are left out there is no standard of excellence and conduct for children.

3. Baby killing, pre-meditated murder. Millions of little "images of God" have been slaughtered in our country. Neither Herod or Hitler can be compared to this. Herod did not murder all the girl babies and Hitler's wrath was not solely upon children. The Bible clearly states that at the moment of conception, the unborn becomes a living being.

4. Sex education in our schools. We have the dubious honor of being the highest pregnancy rate in the world for school girls.

5. Homosexuality. If the gay community has their way and gets their rights, they will be legally capable and able to come into our schools, our churches, our hospitals, our medical profession and our food services. Is that what Christians want and believe is the will of God?

6. Pornography and related child abuse. This needs no explanation.

We must remember Sodom incurred the wrath of God by fire and brimstone. The people of Noah's day were destroyed. The people of Jeremiah's day were taken into captivity for turning their back on God.

How long can we expect our loving, just God to withhold wrath from us when we have allowed these wicked things. He will say, "I've had enough," and possibly allow the Soviets to devastate our nation.

All that is necessary for any nation to be taken over and ruled by tyrants is for good people to do nothing.

CDR and Mrs. Marvin Clayton
Louisville

Laity under attack

Lay people beware! Not only are the fundamentalists after the seminary professors and others who disagree with their limited point of view, they are after you as well.

A recent article (Western Recorder, Mar. 11, p. 7) quotes W. A. Criswell as saying, "The pastor is the ruler of the church. There is no other thing than that in the Bible." This is totally foreign to Southern Baptist polity as I have experienced it in my lifetime. It is, however, in keeping with the way our Independent Baptist brethren have operated.

Southern Baptists have always believed and taught that the man or woman in the pew is the strongest asset. The lay person has the same access to the Holy Spirit and his leading as the pastor. Now we are being asked to believe that the pastor is to be the "ruler" of the church.

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Statements such as these should help us all understand the road we are being asked to travel. It is a road unfamiliar to most who call themselves Southern Baptist.

Barry D. Dennis
Taylorsville

Missionaries proud of Kentucky

We are native Kentuckians and proud of it. After 22 years in Africa, we feel "out dated" in regard to Kentucky Baptist work, to say the least. During this furlough it has been a joy to be in many churches and some Kentucky Baptist institutions. What a thrill it is to see what Kentucky Baptists are doing through the Cooperative Program.

In our attempt to learn and up-date we have been to the Baptist building in Middletown on many occasions. Everyone we have met in the halls and in all departments has been so friendly and helpful.

We are proud of you, Kentucky Baptists! May God bless you.

Gene and Reva Milby,
Zimbabwe, Africa

Home missions & estate planning

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation holds endowment funds of about \$300,000 for home missions through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While Kentucky Baptists this month are praying for and giving through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, the Foundation encourages Kentucky Baptists to also consider "home missions" in their estate planning.

Barry Allen
Acting Executive Secretary

Reader calls for boycott

Some Baptists in Louisville have complained that Storer Cable dropped ACTS. Some wrote letters to express to the cable company that ACTS was never given a fair chance. It was nearly impossible to find out the schedule of what ACTS programs were carried. ACTS shared a channel with horse racing. I am convinced if Southern Baptists really believe in ACTS and want it full time in Louisville, we must make our point in a way the stock holders of Storer Cable will listen.

Today I returned my converter box to Storer Cable. I explained I originally subscribed to the cable service because

ACTS was offered; when ACTS is offered again, I will again subscribe. If 100,000 Southern Baptists canceled their subscriptions to the cable service, Storer Cable executives would be in Ft. Worth the next day and would not leave until they had a firm contract with the Radio and Television Commission. If we as Southern Baptists believe in the ACTS concept of family programming, we should be willing to tell Storer Cable in a way they will listen. If we do not believe in ACTS we should tell the Radio and Television Commission. There are many more ministries that need Cooperative Program dollars.

Today many people wonder if Southern Baptists stand united on anything. We are a diverse people and God has used our diversity to touch the lives of lost people around the world. I believe through ACTS we could reach many more. This can only happen if we stand together supporting ACTS. Storer Cable obviously believes we would rather have the Playboy channel than ACTS. Playboy has a dedicated channel. Rock video has several dedicated channels. Do we as Southern Baptists stand together on this issue? Do we prefer Christian family programming or pornography?

Butch Brown
Louisville

Our resident saint

E. Glenn Hinson and his family are beloved and respected members of our church. He and his wife are active and effective Sunday school teachers and have served in numerous leadership roles in our fellowship. They are faithful in attendance and support of the church. Their love for their Lord and his church as well as their concern and generosity toward the needy in both spiritual and physical need are known to all.

We are appalled at the outrageous charges brought against our brother by persons who cannot possibly know him, his teaching or his piety well enough to make such judgments.

We protest this false accusation of our brother and admonish those who speak these things in the terms of James 3:6-18 and 2 Cor. 13:1-5 to beware. The Lord will judge everyone who slanders his saints, and Glenn Hinson is called by many with good grounds, "our resident saint."

By official action of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville,

Lorenda Wilhelm,
Church Clerk

Are you listening W. A.?

I have just read W. A. Criswell's statement that "A laity-led, laymen-led, deacon-led church will be a weak church anywhere in God's earth. The pastor is the ruler of the church. There is no other thing than that in the Bible."

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I am amazed that someone with as much biblical, cognitive knowledge as W. A. Criswell could be so ignorant to suggest anybody is the "ruler" of any church except God.

Surely he recognizes the job of a pastor is to equip saints for the work of ministry. If a pastor is not equipping saints then that pastor is not doing the job assigned in scriptures.

I, for one, applaud the deacon who visits the widows and orphans to encourage them and care for their needs.

I, for one, applaud the Sunday school outreach leader who is burdened for lost souls of the community and who makes every effort to schedule and administer a program.

Each of us has the responsibility to be the church and God as "ruler" of the church speaks to all who will listen.

Are you listening, W. A. Criswell?

John O. Hamblen,
Middlesboro

Pastor questions fundamental stance

I read with interest the statement on diversity adopted by the Peace Committee. The findings of this group, with representation from fundamental conservatives and moderate conservatives, are encouraging.

One of the contentions of the fundamental conservatives is their theological position is not presented in our SBC seminaries. Therefore they do not want their Cooperative Program dollars used to support a position contrary to their own.

The findings of the diverse Peace Committee make the fundamental conservative position no longer feasible. There is already evidence of the theological parity the fundamental conservatives have demanded.

If the theological diversity of the SBC is currently reflected in our seminaries, why all the fuss? What has been the purpose of the political manipulation, messenger busing, organizational meetings, committee stacking and parliamentary procedure ignorance these past seven years? The fundamental conservatives started this mess. I want to know why?

The Peace Committee has undermined the fundamental conservative position. With integrity their cries of rampant liberalism in the SBC can no longer be made.

I have always maintained the ultimate purpose of the fundamental

conservative was not to gain theological parity, but absolute control. In the Mar. 4, 1986 Western Recorder there was a Baptist Press release which stated Paige Patterson's reaction to the Peace Committee report. All Paige can say is that "there are substantive theological problems" and that every seminary professor ought to stop playing semantic games and declare their acceptance of biblical inerrancy.

Declare to what ends? So the fundamental conservative may begin a theological witch hunt? If diversity of the convention is reflected in our educational institutions, wherein lies the problem?

You only have a problem with diversity if uniformity and control is your aim.

Rick White
Lebanon Junction

Agrees with editor

For many years I have enjoyed Western Recorder. My favorite feature was the editorial page by C. R. Daley. Now that you are editor my favorite feature is still the editorial page.

You approach and handle the issues as they should be handled. You bring us the pertinent issues and information we need. Thank you for your leadership in making our Baptist paper the best.

George C. Wiles
Louisville

Editor's note: Pardon the indulgence which prints such a letter. However, we receive some bad ones and on balance we thought it good to include something complimentary for a change.

Challenges Criswell's position

In response to remarks made by W. A. Criswell regarding the pastor as sole ruler of the church, I believe Southern Baptist churches are always governed by the local congregation.

Even though Criswell has a great disdain for the "shared ministry" concept, I stand for active lay participation as taught by scripture and Southern Baptist tradition.

Moses leads the example by giving certain "lay people" authority to minister to congregational needs as per Jethro's Godly counsel. There are many other biblical examples, including the "priesthood of the believer" concept so vital to Baptist life.

The sovereign who reigns in Dallas needs to remember that Jesus Christ is the ruler of the church. ALL the rest of us are servants for his sake.

Vaughn A. Leighty
Pineville

Kenya service praised

I am writing to encourage more pastors and laymen to become involved in the Kentucky-Kenya project. There is a great rewarding work to be done in Kenya.

I recently returned from the Meru district after holding revivals in three churches. The people are so kind and loving and very responsive to the gospel message of Christ.

I want to compliment the great work James and Wilma Whaley are doing in helping volunteers process in and out of the country. They are most gracious hosts, filled with love for the Lord's work and the work being done voluntarily in Kenya.

There are a few hardships and inconveniences there, but they are not even mentionable when you consider the people who are won to Christ. The first one I witnessed to and won to Christ was a woman over 90 years old.

We hope many will go and be blessed as we were. If we can give any information or encouragement in any way, we will be delighted to do so.

William L. Cook
Morgantown



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

Our glorious future

You will find that Clear Creek is making plans for the 21st century by turning to the back page of this issue of the Western Recorder (unless your church uses this space).

It hardly seems possible that we are preparing for the 21st century—how time passes when you are having fun! Things have changed so much from when Clear Creek Baptist School began under the leadership of L. C. Kelly in 1926.

Clear Creek has had a glorious past. It has trained and sent out hundreds of men and their families as God's missionaries. The celebration of our 60th year will include the graduation of our 1200th graduate in May. Alumni preach and serve in 46 states and several foreign countries. Strong leadership, great Bible teaching, conservative theology, evangelistic zeal and practical, local church-centered training have characterized Clear Creek in the past.

Clear Creek has not changed! Recently a graduate of 1954 visited our campus for the first time in many years. He asked about several former professors (whom I had not known) before he mentioned professor Robert Fitts (who is still teaching at Clear Creek). Then he said, "Are you still standing strong on the word?" I was glad that I and other professors were able to assure him of our faith in God's inspired word. But I was more glad that he talked to several students before he left. He stated, "I drifted away from supporting Clear Creek years ago. I have never found another school where anyone called of God can come with his family and be trained for the ministry. I am just sorry that I can't do more for these young preachers."

We have a larger faculty, more and better classrooms and facilities and improved student housing at Clear Creek. However, we still love the Lord, preach the word and win the lost to Christ. We still live by faith and have a family-like closeness at Clear Creek.

Clear Creek has a glorious future in prospect. As we prepare to launch into the 21st century, we lean on the Lord and trust his promises.

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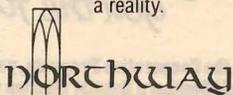
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Scholarship auditions set at Campbellsville College

Campbellsville College will hold a music scholarship competition on Apr. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Three \$1600 vocal, keyboard and instrumental scholarships will be awarded.

To be eligible, a student must be a first-time freshman planning to major in music during the fall 1986. Participants may also audition for a performance grant scholarship at this time as well as May 10, June 21, July 21 and Aug. 26.

For an appointment or additional information contact Mark Bradley, music department, Campbellsville College, (502) 465-8158, ext. 270.

Three Kentuckians win seminary scholarships

Three Kentuckians will receive Rice-Judson awards from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to begin ministry studies in the fall. They are William C. Clarke of Salem, Lora Ann Hass of Henderson and Mark Borchert of Louisville.

Clarke is president of the Campbellsville (Ky.) College Student Foundation and will graduate in May with a degree in church music. His parents are J. W. and Marca Lee Clarke. His home church is Salem Baptist.

Miss Hass, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hass Jr., calls Zion Baptist in Henderson as her home church. She graduated from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., with a degree in human relations and was recipient of the Dickson Sociology Award.

Borchert will graduate from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., in May with a degree in English. His parents are Gerald and Doris Borchert. Lyndon Baptist, Louisville, is his home church.

Recipients of the Rice-Judson Awards are selected on the basis of outstanding leadership, scholarship and commitment to ministry.

Cumberland TV show wins district award

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education District III has presented a special merit award to Cumberland College for the 1985 Cumberland College Christmas program "Our Best to You," a cooperative production by the public relations and music departments.

The program was produced through WBIR TV 10, Knoxville, and was telecast by Channel 10 on two different occasions. The program was also telecast in Lexington, Bowling Green, Williamsburg and Paducah. Songs from the program were telecast in Louisville.

The program was produced by B. J. Canupp, assistant to the president for public relations. Joe Tarry, chairman of the music department, was assistant producer.

Murrell will direct Campbellsville library

Irvin Henry Murrell Jr. has been named director of Montgomery Library at Campbellsville College.

His library experience includes being reference and circulation librarian at New Orleans (LA) Baptist Theological Seminary. He held this position from August 1980 until December 1985.

Murrell received the BS degree from North Carolina State University, Raleigh; MRE degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; MCM degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He earned the DMA from New Orleans Seminary. He is working toward a MLS degree at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Preview conference set at Southern Seminary

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will host a student preview conference Thursday and Friday, Mar. 20-21.

Prospective students are invited to the campus to meet professors, tour campus facilities and learn about Southern Seminary.

Information is available from the Office of Prospective Student Services, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

Real estate donated to Campbellsville College

J. Chester Porter, a 1962 graduate of Campbellsville College from Mt. Washington, Ky., gave the college a gift of real estate valued at \$80,333.

College president W. R. Davenport expressed appreciation for Porter and his continuing support of his alma mater. "Gifts of this size do not come our way every day. When they do, they make a dramatic impact on the life and vitality of our institution. I thank God for Chester and his willingness to invest in Christian education."

Porter, a lawyer and businessman, graduated from Campbellsville College in 1962 with a BS degree. He also graduated from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1965 with a J.D. degree. He is a member of Porter and Edison, a law firm in Shepherdsville.

13 form planning panel at Georgetown College

Members of Georgetown College's strategic planning committee have been named by president W. Morgan Patterson.

The committee will focus its interest on long range concerns and goals of Georgetown College.

Those from the administration joining the president include four vice presidents: Tom Benberg, treasurer; Joe Lewis, academic affairs; J. Richard Carleton, development; and Jim Hawkins, student affairs.

The faculty is represented by Georgetown's academic council. Its members are: James Heizer, John Blackburn, Marvin Stringfellow, Robert Davis and Margaret Greynolds. Two students appointees were picked. They are Mike Eden and Fay Horn.

Paul Parks, Bowling Green, of the college's board of trustees, has also been named to the committee.

Their first assignment is to review the college's statement of purpose.

Dehoney Center opens with Mar. 24-26 event

The inaugural event at the Dehoney Center for the Study of the Local Church will be held Mar. 24-26 on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The study, "Leadership for the Local Church," will bring together local church staff, key volunteers, seminary faculty and students to explore critical issues related to ministry.

Faculty members Ernest White and Mike Haston have worked with BSSB people to plan the conference so seminary faculty and students may have maximum participation. White is director of the Dehoney Center and Harton is the BSSB liaison professor.

Workshops will be spread over three days and will focus on pastoral care, education, administration, worship, family ministry, missions, community ministry, the Black church, media, communication and planning.

Individuals may register by sending \$10 to the seminary conference center. A group registration fee of \$20 enables any number of leaders from one church to participate.

Graves interim leader at Golden Gate

President emeritus Harold Graves has been named interim president of Golden Gate Seminary as the executive committee of the school's board of trustees searches for a successor to former president Franklin Pollard.

The trustees' executive committee met Feb. 26 to begin its work as a presidential search committee and in that meeting named Graves, president of the Mill Valley, Cal. seminary 1952-77, as interim.

Since his retirement Graves has been interim pastor of several churches and was acting president of California Baptist College, Riverside, from February to July 1984. During February Graves spent three weeks as a consultant to the International Baptist Theological Seminary of Eastern Africa in Arusha, Tanzania at the request of the Foreign Mission Board. (BP)

Writing workshop set at Southern Seminary

Trent Butler of Holman Publishers will lead a workshop on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Wednesday, Mar. 26 at 3 p.m. in Norton 195. The workshop will explain how to write for BSSB publications including Holman, Broadman, Convention Press and Sunday School Board curriculum materials and periodicals. The workshop is free and no reservations are necessary.

Catch the Comet II comes to Georgetown College

Georgetown College will present Phase II of Catch the Comet in its planetarium in George Matt Asher Science Center, highlighting current interest in Halley's Comet.

The second presentation will offer 12 shows beginning with two on Monday, Mar. 24 at 7 and 8 p.m. and continuing on Thursdays and Mondays until Apr. 10.

Joe O. Lewis, vice president for academic affairs, announced that astronomer David Duszynski of the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History will again direct the shows as in the earlier series back in January and February.

Participants will learn how to locate the comet in the planetarium's sky and will be provided with detailed observing information. Duszynski will also discuss telescopes and binoculars and their usefulness for comet watching under the "real" sky.

The shows will be \$2 per seat. Children held in laps will be admitted without charge. Reservations for seats can be made by calling Betty Snyder at (502) 863-8146 before 5 p.m.

SBTS spring enrolment brings 14 percent jump

More than a 50 percent increase in entering students contributed to a dramatic rise in spring enrolment at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, according to Harold Songer, vice president for academic affairs.

Fed by this large influx of new students, total enrolment for the spring semester is up 14 percent over the same period last year, Songer explained.

Final registration figures showed a 20 percent increase in entering students in professional (master's) programs. Leading the unexpected jump in entering students was a more than 17 percent increase in students entering the MDiv program.

Total enrolment figures for the 1985-86 academic year reflect a 16.4 percent increase in entering students, with a 7.8 percent rise in those entering professional programs.

Georgetown gears up for Toyota with course

Georgetown College, to prepare for the arrival of the Toyota Corporation, will offer a course, The Toyota Experience: A Community in Transition, taught by Robert Snyder, chairman of the school's political science department.

The six week non-traditional course will meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning Mar. 24 and continuing until Apr. 28.

Joe O. Lewis, vice president for academic affairs noted, "The course has been planned to take advantage of Snyder's historical background of business development in Scott County, his careful observation of community organization, and his awareness of redevelopment factors affecting future growth."

The cost for the 12 hours of instruction is \$50 per person (non-refundable). Lewis has suggested that those interested in this course register by calling Betty Snyder at (502) 863-8146.

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Hitting rock bottom

Opal (not her real name) is about to get married. I am so thrilled for her. She has done so well since she graduated. She deserves a lot of happiness.

I remember the miserable, rebellious girl who came to us some years ago. I spent at least three hours with her that first day. She so much needed to know that life could be better. But, despite my best efforts, she was rather unbelieving that day, but she did stay.

Her most recent letter tells much of the story: "Enclosed please find my check to be put to good use at OBI. It's been awhile since I've been able to give, but financially I'm starting to bring my head above water.

"I often think of OBI, what it stands for and what it means to me. I came there in the fall of 81 after hitting rock bottom with my family and myself. I used drugs, not heavy drugs, but drugs all the same. When I first came there I was 17, and I vowed when I turned 18 in February 1982, I would leave. Of course, I stayed on to graduate.

"After graduation I moved back with my mom and dad and found a job. I became self-sufficient and was proud of myself for succeeding.

"In 1984 I moved to the Washington, D.C. area because I felt I still had the stigma of being worthless in my home community. I needed a change of scenery and pace.

"I've lived here for 1 1/2 years. I've met a man whom I will be marrying in September. I couldn't be happier.

"I owe it all to the loving people of

OBI, the people who didn't care where I came from or why. But they did care where I was going and gave me the strength to succeed.

"Thank all of you for making OBI available to me and so many other youths. It has made a difference in my life.

"I'm glad I gave OBI a chance."

A letter like the above gives us new courage in our daily struggles. Each day we suffer some defeats. But victories are also won, not dramatically in most instances, but won nevertheless. That is the way it happened with Opal. How wonderful to be remembered and to share in her success and happiness.

The mother of one of our boys writes:

"When we first met, I promised you I would pay more than \$100 monthly if and when my finances improved. I am a woman of my word, therefore find enclosed a check for \$225. I am well pleased with the progress my son is making both in academics and attitude. He now has a far better attitude toward school and its importance. His manners have improved, and his thinking seems to be more positive than last fall. He is considering whether to go work for his older brother this summer or stay at Oneida for summer school and be a senior in the fall. This is from a boy who always hated school!

"His younger brother will be a freshman next school term. He hopes to attend the Air Force Academy. He knows he will have to do far better than he has in the past to pass the entrance exam. It is possible he will apply to Oneida also. He knows himself well enough to know he won't work hard unless he is closely supervised. Unfortunately a mother who must work two jobs often cannot provide that supervision."

Our regular school term is divided into four nine-week academic quarters, and our summer session is divided into four quarters. So there are eight times in a year when a student gets that last required 1/4 credit and graduates. However, there is only one graduation ceremony each year, which this year will be held May 18 at 3 p.m. Students who have finished previously return for the ceremony on that day.

We had four to finish their work at the end of third quarter earlier this month. One of their mothers wrote: "Thank you for being so good to my daughter. I feel she has had the best possible chance to live a good life and to have more confidence in herself. I am grateful for all that your staff has done and given my daughter."

Prince of peace or war

It's scary, this time in which we live! It appears more and more that those who hope, talk, and act—especially act—for peace are being labeled as "liberal" or are, at best, scorned as "peaceniks." Worse, those who oppose providing funds to the "Contras" for arms against the "Sandinista" government in Nicaragua are being accused of favoring Communism.

What is more disturbing to me is the attitude, gradual shifting of the Christian people toward a strong, war-like posture. Does this reflect a simmering volcano of anger that will ultimately spew fire and death upon earth's people? Was Jesus, after all, the God of War? Did his "scourging of the temple" or mention of "fire and sword" reflect,



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 23, 1986

Life and Work Series

Hope from the cross

Matthew 27:11 Pilate wisely retired into his palace, where he knew the Jews would not enter because of fear of defilement in the abode of a Gentile, and had Christ brought into his palace to avoid a public examination. When Pilate asked the prisoner, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" Christ answered, "Thou sayest," meaning "You said it." He was a king in a spiritual sense but not in a political one. Concluding that Christ was only a harmless enthusiast and not a rival of Caesar, Pilate returned to the open court and announced the accused was not guilty. **Matthew 27:28-29** As soon as Pilate yielded to the clamouring, blood-thirsty mob, the soldiers took Christ into the palace, stripped him, put a robe on him, placed a crown of thorns on his brow and a reed in his hand. In utter contempt they mocked him, spat on him, and hit him repeatedly on the head with a reed. **Matthew 27:37-43** After Christ was subjected to indignities and sentenced to death, he was delivered to the soldiers to be executed and led to the skull-shaped hill outside the city of Jerusalem. He was nailed to the cross and left to suffer a painful, lingering death. A superscription was placed above his head: "This is Jesus the King of the Jews."

Religious leaders challenged him to perform another miracle by coming down from the cross. Had he done so the scriptures would not have been fulfilled, his mission would not have been accomplished, Satan would not have been defeated, sinners would not have been saved, and God's will would not have been done.

Matthew 27:54 Although they were accustomed to seeing men die on crosses, when the centurion and those who were associated with him witnessed the manner of Christ's death and saw the supernatural manifestations, they exclaimed: "Truly this was the Son of God."

International Series

A hope leading to action

I John 2:1-6

The elder statesman referred to his readers as "my little children." After using this affectionate designation John informed them of the purpose for which he was writing these words—that they might not sin against God.

In the expression "if any man sin," John admits the possibility of sinning. There is in every Christian a tendency to evil. Sometimes we yield to the temptations both from within and without. What then? Are we to despair? Not at all.

No allowance is made for sin, but in case we do sin, there is a divine provision for us. "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." But, this does not excuse sin, any more than one does set fire to a building which has a fire escape so he might have a chance to use the escape.

I John 2:28-29 Those who have received Christ as savior, acknowledged him as Lord, been anointed by the Holy Spirit, and continue to abide in him have the blessed assurance of eternal life. They are obligated to be consistent and steadfast because of what Christ has done and promised to do for them.

I John 3:1-3 The glorious hope of the believer like Christ when he returns and being like him is based upon the love of God. This hope arises out of Christian sonship—"now we are the sons of God."

There is an unrevealed feature of this glorious hope—"not yet is it manifested what we shall be." A revealed feature of this hope is that we shall be like Christ. We cannot find a more assuring word than this, "We know that when it shall be manifested, we shall be like him."



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on mission together

after all, a Jesus who was only pretending to be a peacemaker?

I, for one, believe peacemaking is an appropriate following Jesus Christ. And in our day, that response will result in distrust, cynicism, and, perhaps, persecution.

The following by Herman Wouk, is taken from Parade Magazine, Feb. 6, 1983. It is a worthy statement:

"Just because war does go back to the first records of man, gloomy skeptics argue that there will always be war; that is part of unchanging human nature.

"I reply that until 400 years ago, the time of Shakespeare, there had always been human sacrifice somewhere on earth. Until the early 19th century, there had always been duelling. Hamilton, one of America's founding fathers, died by a duellist's bullet. Until Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1862, when my own grandfather was alive, there had always been human slavery. Yet these barbaric curses have dimmed from the scene of mankind. To

this extent, if human nature has not changed, it has come under control.

"My study of the whole matter has wakened a whisper in my heart that our grandchildren, if the race can get through this dark time, may yet see the dawn. Herodotus, the Greek historian, narrates that two ancient warring armies, frightened out of their wits by a total eclipse of the sun, threw down their arms and made peace. The eclipse is now nearly total. Perhaps the peace, then, is more nearly at hand than we dare hope.

"Nation will not lift up sword against nation," wrote the prophet Isaiah more than six centuries before the Christian era, "neither will they learn war any more."

"If I do not utterly give up that hope, it is because I cannot and will not. Meantime, men of goodwill have to hang in there. As Victor Henry, the hero of the Winds of War, sums up the lessons of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, we are nearing the moment in human history when 'Either war is finished, or we are.'

baptist news in brief

Acteen critical in Waco accident

A 13-year-old Acteen from University Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., is in critical condition in a Ft. Worth hospital following a car-pedestrian accident on Baylor University campus.

Stefani Johnson has been in a coma since being admitted to a hospital shortly after the accident. Doctors are reported to be "cautiously optimistic" after a CAT scan.

Two other Acteens and their 33-year old leader also were hospitalized with injuries resulting from the same accident. The four were in Waco for the "Acteens Impact 1986" held at Baylor.

The driver of the car, a Baylor student, was not injured.

Responses from Baylor administrators, members of University Baptist Church, Southwestern Seminary and more than 7000 Boy Scout leaders across the country flooded into the hospitals.

Waco homes of Baptist church members were opened to the families arriving in Waco, and the prayer chain among Boy Scouts was started by one of the members of the Ft. Worth University Baptist Church, himself a Scout leader. (BP)

Smith says nobody wept over 4000 abortions

Former Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey Smith said all America wept when seven astronauts died in the Challenger space shuttle explosion, but nobody wept that same day when 4000 babies "were murdered in their mothers' wombs."

"It's time we wept and confessed our sin before God" for not fighting legalized abortions, Smith said in a Bible conference sponsored by his "Real Evangelism" organization at Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga.

Smith also said 1100 Baptist pastors filed for divorce last year. "This breakup of so-called Christian homes is at epidemic stages," he said.

He spoke twice on the program that featured Adrian Rogers and Charles Stanley. He also expressed support for the conference's closing speaker, Jerry Falwell.

"I'm just thankful for somebody who stands for the truth," Smith said of Falwell. "We'd better get behind people who stand for the unadulterated, unmitigated truth of God." (BP)

Jordan missionaries saved from explosion

Six Southern Baptist missionaries and two children in Aman, Jordan, escaped injury in a nighttime fire that was extinguished before it ignited five 2000-liter fuel tanks, most of which were full.

Damage was limited to three furnaces in their apartment building.

Residents in the mission-owned building are missionaries Pat Frost, Parks, Ark.; Lynn Smith, Birmingham, Ala.; Geraldene Volkart, Boonville, Mo.; Wilson and Cheryl Tatum and their two children, James and Russell. Wilson Tatum is from Shreveport, La., and his wife Cheryl is from Frost, Tex.

Other residents of the building included missionary journeyman Patricia Raffield from Dexter, Ga. and missionaries Bernie Fairchild from

Great Fall, Mont., and Graydon Hardister and Hardister's son, David, from Pine Bluff, Ark. (BP)

Baptists work to bring recovery to Haiti

Haiti still is picking up the pieces after months of upheaval and nearly everyone, Baptists included, agrees the job of national recovery will take a long time.

Information on Baptists continues to trickle in from various parts of the country. Jack Hancox, Southern Baptist missionary in Haiti, said about 90 percent of the more than 60 Haitian Baptist pastors have been accounted for and no Baptist deaths have been reported.

Hancox is buying and distributing food and materials for Baptist churches, schools and food storehouses damaged or looted during the unrest. More food will be distributed this month to 60 Baptist schools after the Foreign Mission Board's regular shipment of food arrives. (BP)

Elder says music should focus on Christ

Baptists have no more business singing a song that is not biblical than they have preaching a sermon that is not biblically accurate, Baptist Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder said.

Speaking to 400 musicians and music missionaries, Elder told participants in a first musicians on mission workshop the focus of church music should be "Jesus Christ is the Savior."

"I thank God that most of the musicians I know have studied the text to be sure it is biblical," he said. Christianity is a singing religion. Baptists historically have been a singing people. We come by this honestly and biblically. There is power in music in the midst of Southern Baptists." (BP)

Bible study plan bridges gap to unchurched

Bernadette Salviano sees a new mission field for Southern Baptists in the "yuppie" world of business professionals.

"I'm a missionary in the business world," Salviano, graphic arts manager for Purvis Systems of Middletown, R. I., said while attending an Outreach Bible Study National Institute in Nashville.

The aggressive generation in the high-tech business world, popularly known as yuppies, is finding success but not happiness, Salviano explained.

Yuppies are just one of the many groups of people who previously have been disassociated from churches but which could be prime target groups for the Outreach Bible Study program developed by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said Salviano, who has been involved in marketing and advertising for more than 20 years.

Outreach Bible Study, to be launched in October 1986, involves church-sponsored short-term Bible study groups held away from church buildings to involve persons who are not Christians or who do not attend church.

"An invitation to Bible study," the materials for Outreach Bible Study, are written for persons without a church background or familiarity with the Bible. Church and Bible terms are

explained in common terminology.

Ex-Texas collegian H. D. Bruce passes

Harvey Daniel Bruce, president of East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Tex., for 18 years, died in Toccoa, Ga. Mar. 2.

Bruce, 90, was president of the Texas Baptist school from 1942-60. His wife, Merle, preceded him in death in December 1983.

During his tenure Bruce saw the college step up from two to four-year status. Twelve major buildings were added and more than \$1 million was in endowment when he retired. (BP)

Bullock joins staff of SBC Brotherhood

Joseph Edwin Bullock has joined the SBC Brotherhood Commission staff in Memphis, Tenn. as executive director of the Fellowship of Baptist Men. For the past five years he has been associate director of the Volunteer Enlistment Department of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Fellowship of Baptist Men brings together men with similar vocational skills and interests and provides a forum to exchange ideas and determine how to best use abilities to serve Christ through the denomination.

Prior to his employment at the FMB Bullock, 51, directed North Carolina Brotherhood work 16 years. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Seminary. (BP)

SBC unity possible, college president says

Common ground is possible between factions in the current SBC controversy, Larry Lewis said during a student-led forum at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Lewis, president of Missouri's Hannibal-La Grange College, was a guest of Student Evangelical Forum, an organization of students committed to "cherish our evangelical heritage and...spiritual awakening, strengthening and renewal."

Lewis offered propositions he feels could bring unity to the convention:

(1) Love for a brother in Christ must be unconditional, he said, adding, "It must never be predicated on his agreeing with my theology or doctrine."

(2) Concepts are more important than words. He did not insist everyone subscribe to his words such as inerrant and infallible, but he did insist on agreement on the concept.

(3) Southern Baptists can find common ground if they can affirm four basic "historic tenets," which he defined as: "The word of God is inspired in its whole and every part; the word of God is incorruptible; the word of God is indestructible; the word of God is indispensable." (BP)

Tanner says statistics indicate SBC not racist

Statistics compiled by a Methodist weekly newspaper have shattered the stereotype image of the Southern Baptist Convention as a racist denomination, the president of the Home Mission Board said in a report to the agency's directors.

William G. Tanner, president of the board, said the data indicated the Southern Baptist Convention is now the most ethnically diverse Protestant-Evangelical denomination in the United States.

Tanner said research—compiled by the National Christian Reporter, the world's largest weekly religious newspaper with a circulation of 550,000 published in 450 editions—documents a belief he and other mission leaders have had for a long time but could not support with solid statistical data.

The statistics revealed American and Southern Baptists now have more ethnic members than United Methodists, who have claimed for decades to be the most ethnically inclusive denomination. Since 1974, ethnic membership in Southern Baptist churches has increased by 70 percent, making it the fastest-growing denomination in ethnic membership growth, the data indicated.

Based on 1984 data, Southern Baptists reported 590,000 ethnic church members, slightly behind the 610,000 ethnic members in the American Baptist churches. At the present rate of ethnic membership growth, SBC ethnic membership will exceed that of American Baptist churches sometime this year, Tanner told the board. (BP)

Baptist editor testifies about postal increase

A Baptist state newspaper editor described the importance of his and other such newspapers and the devastating effects recent postal rate increases have had on those publications during testimony before the Postal Rate Commission.

Bobby S. Terry, editor of Missouri's Word and Way, testified before the commission during a non-profit mail hearing. Other witnesses included representatives from the Disabled American Veterans, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and American Red Cross.

Terry, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, told the commissioners members of that press association annually mail almost 100 million pieces using second-class, non-profit rates. He contended the role of Southern Baptist state newspapers is "critical to the welfare of the denomination" due to the denomination's congregational nature.

A person must be aware of the pertinent news and information of the denomination if he is to participate in and support it, he said. "Take away the common base of information and one sows the seeds of destruction for all the ministries supported by the 14 million people who make up our national denomination," he added.

Terry said the dramatic postal rate increases experienced by non-profit mailers since the beginning of 1986 threaten the vitality, if not the existence, of state Baptist newspapers. He offered several specific examples of increases experienced by his own publication, including the fact that Word and Way's postage has risen 75.83 percent since the end of 1985.

Recent postal rate increases probably will force his newspaper to cut its annual number of issues by 25 percent, Terry said. Although such a cut might prove a short-term solution, it could have disastrous long-term effects, he added. (BP)



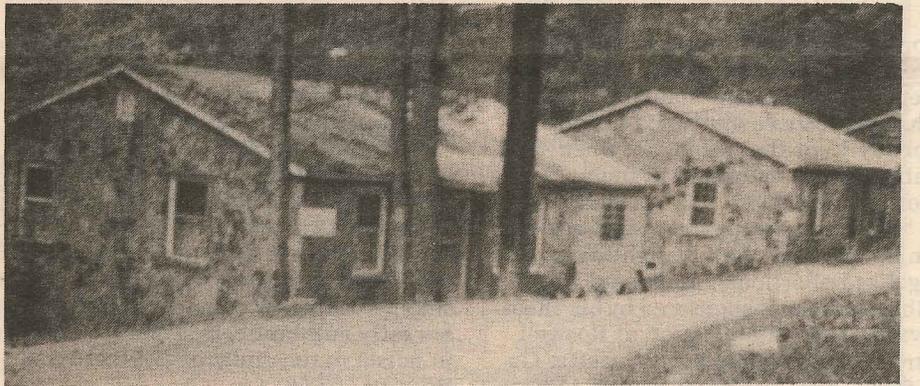
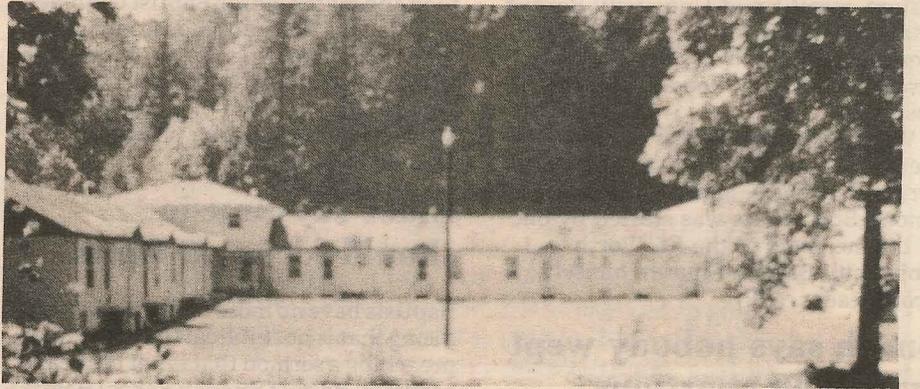
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President, 1926-54

Progress of the past and strides of today unlock plans for the future....



D. M. Aldridge
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The excitement of dreams supported by faith.

Clear Creek Baptist School was built on dreams. As we prepare for the 21st century, all of us are dreaming of improved facilities here to meet the needs of our students and their families.

The dream of a Conference and Family Life Center at Clear Creek has become a reality, with the formal dedication on Aug. 5, 1986. The planned activities point out the very real need this Conference Center fills.

We will hold classes, conferences, and retreats here. Many area churches as well as Kentucky Baptist Convention departments will use this center for retreats and conferences. This facility will enable us to also learn the importance of a sound body as well as a sound mind in serving our Lord.

Three views of student housing— Alumni Hall (top), the Courts and the Cottages

Fellowship and family ministry will be greatly enhanced by the activities and programs carried on in this 22,000 square-foot facility.

Alumni and friends of Clear Creek are bearing the cost of this magnificent building.

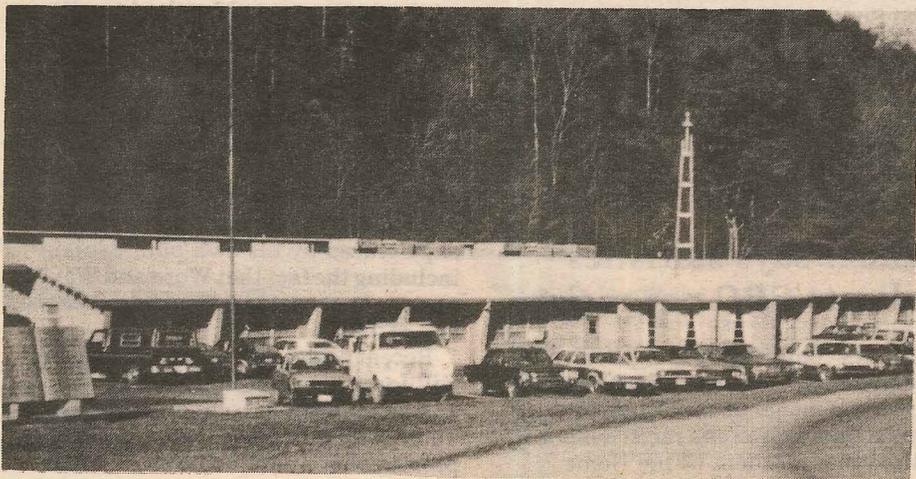
Other dreams excite us as we prepare for the 21st century. In the next 15 years we plan to build four apartment buildings for student housing consisting of 60 three-bedroom units at a cost of

\$1,500,000. The complete remodeling of Kelly Hall will cost more than \$300,000. The addition of a second story to the Aldridge Administration Building and an enlarged chapel will cost \$700,000. We plan to build a new and larger Pre-School Center in the next few years at a cost of \$150,000.

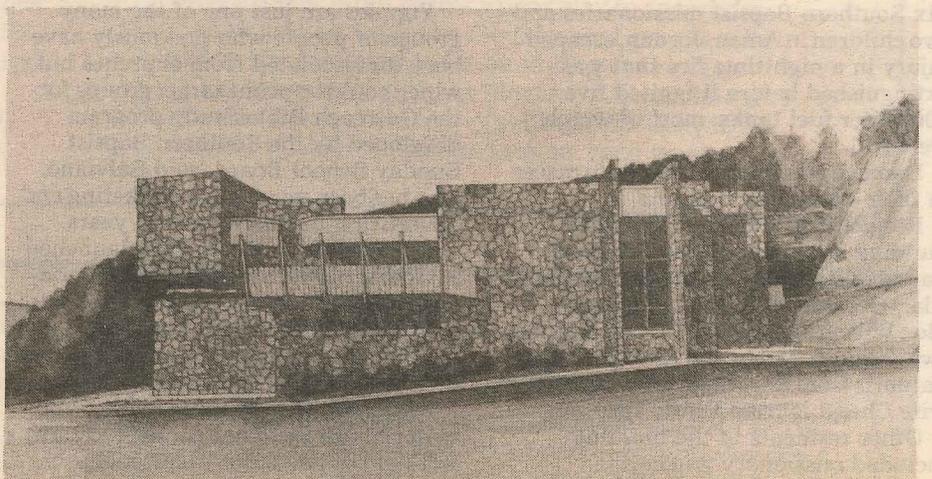
We do not have the present resources to bring these dreams to reality. Nevertheless, we are proceeding in faith that God will provide.



Leon Simpson
President, 1982-



Aldridge Administration/classroom building



Conference and Family Life Center