

Baptists join hands with America

Members of Faith Baptist Church, near Cleveland, Oh., and their minister, Michael J. Cox (center), participated in Hands Across America, a national fund raising effort for domestic hunger. According to Nathan Porter, Baptist Home Mission

Board domestic hunger consultant, Faith was among an undetermined number of Baptist churches, individuals and Baptist student unions who joined hands across America Sunday, May 26.

'No sale' sparks more controversy on convention eve

A decision not to sell a book on controversy within the SBC at the annual meeting has sparked disagreement between the book's author and Baptist Sunday School Board officials.

"The Truth in Crisis: The Controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention" by James C. Hefley will not be sold at the board's Baptist Book Store exhibit during the convention

said William S. Graham, Book Store Division director.

The decision not to sell the book is in keeping with the board's understanding of the SBC Peace Committee's request that all Southern Baptists exercise restraint from division or controversy, Graham said. He noted the book has been and will continue to be available through any of the chain's 63 book stores and mail order centers.

Hefley, writer-in-residence at Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., said he respectfully disagrees with the board's decision not to sell the book at the convention.

"The book is not inflammatory but even-handed," he said. "It clearly presents both sides of critical issues and provides extensive documentation for events in recent turbulent history."

For their part BSSB officials have disagreed with statements in a news release by Criterion Press, publisher of the book, charging the board is conducting an unofficial boycott of the book.

The news release quotes Robert Mendenhall, director of the Book Store Division's southeastern region, as saying, "It is not in the best interest of the Sunday School Board to sell this book."

Mendenhall said he did not make the statement, which was attributed to him in conversations with Hefley and publisher George Draper. He said he told Draper in a May 15 telephone conversation, "I am sorry, but we will not stock the book at the convention."

Graham released a letter dated May 27 from Hefley in which Hefley wrote Graham, "I think each of us understands the other's point of view on the book situation. I respect your position and decision and I believe you respect mine." (BP)

Tax exemption: Does it apply while building?

A Texas state district court will decide if a church under construction is a place of worship when it hears a case involving First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.

The appraisal district claims the Richardson church was not using its facilities as a regular place of worship when the tax year began Jan. 1, 1985. Therefore facilities should not be tax exempt and the church is liable for about \$100,000 in taxes.

Church leaders contend the facilities have been used for worship and the church should be exempt from paying 1985 taxes. Construction on the church's new \$13 million plant began about two years ago. The appraisal district exempted the church from 1986 taxes.

Roy Armstrong, a lawyer for the appraisal district, contends until the church is completed and used for regular worship services it is not exempt from taxation.

To obtain property tax exemption a church must show that its property is used primarily as a place of regular religious worship and is reasonably necessary for engaging in religious worship. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in 1951 on a case involving a claim that a charity hospital in Houston did not qualify for a tax exemption because its new medical clinic was still under construction. The court ruled that without the construction work there would not be a clinic and therefore the construction qualified as use of the property for charitable purposes. (BP)

Louie D. Newton, ex SBC president, dies in Atlanta

Louis D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1946-48 died June 3 of pneumonia at Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta. He was 94.

Newton, who was pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta for 40 years, was the oldest-living former SBC president when he died.

Born in Screven County, Ga. in 1892, he was a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, and Columbia University, New York.

As a young reporter for the New York World he refined his writing skills through interviews with John D. Rockefeller, Thomas A. Edison, Charles Evans Hughes and Rudyard Kipling. Those skills later aided him as publicity director for the SBC's "75 Million" campaign to pay debts owed by hospitals, schools and agencies. The same year, 1919, Georgia Baptists purchased the Christian Index from private interests and named him editor.

Following the death of his pastor at Druid Hills, Newton, who was chairman of the deacons, was offered the ministerial post. He became pastor Apr. 1, 1929.

Newton became a frequent visitor to the corridors of power and counseled with presidents. This year, following a unanimous vote of the Georgia General Assembly, his portrait was hung in the state capitol. He was only the third minister so honored.

Newton was chairman of the SBC's finance committee for 25 years and vice president of the Baptist World Alliance. He also was a cofounder of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Newton's weekly radio program, on which he and his wife interviewed notables, ran every Sunday for 57 years until his death. (BP)

Seminary grads include man, 70, hoping to pastor

Seventy-one-year-old Rene B. Jacques has proven it is never too late to graduate from seminary. He received an associate of divinity degree in pastoral ministry this spring from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jacques was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in 1915 and turned 71 just days after he earned his degree. He has three children and five grandchildren.

Although French is his native language he attended classes in Spanish through the New Orleans Seminary extension center in Miami, Fla.

After 11 years serving as president of the men's association in a church in New York, Jacques felt God calling him to move to Miami for seminary.

Now after studying four years for his degree Jacques is waiting for "lo que Dios quiera" (whatever God wants).

Presently Sunday school director and deacon at Eglise Evangelique Baptiste Haitienne in Pampano Beach, Fla., Jacques hopes to be pastor of a French-speaking church one day. (BP)

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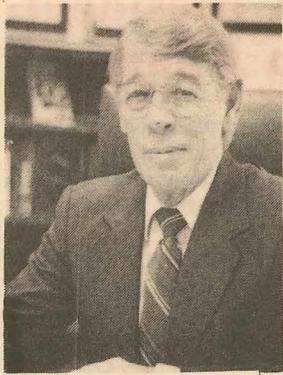
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Jack D. Sanford

Crisis time in daily life

It seems I have spent most of my adult life waiting in the emergency room or the ICU lounge while the drama of life and death runs its course. More than 30 years as a pastor saw me spending hour upon hour in that painful situation, trying to serve the needs of my church family during times of great stress.

This is common practice for every pastor in the world and though I am no longer a pastor, I had the experience once again this weekend when my mother was rushed to the emergency room with what appears to be a mild heart attack.

There were others in that crowded, tension-filled room. Some were without hope because the trauma of a loved one was fatal. Others were hanging on every word the harried hospital staffer spoke. Still others were in a state of shock, not aware of what was happening around them.

It is in this arena most pastors spend hours every week. These men of God share the tension, the pain, the fear, the hope and the anxiety of their church members. Often the pastor is the first one on the scene to minister in the name of Christ to persons who are in deep need of comfort, assurance and a renewal of hope.

I saw the local pastors this past weekend at their best. They were speaking softly, praying

fervently and supporting those whom the Lord had called them to serve.

But most of all they were just there. And that is what is so important about crisis ministry. Being there is the sign of God's presence through his called servants. Words are sometimes not important. The presence of the pastor at a time of stress is like the balm of Gilead to those who are grasping for straws.

The next time you have a tendency to criticize the weaknesses of your pastor just remember he may have spent hours, in the middle of the night, at the bedside of a dying person or hours in the tension-filled waiting room of some hospital. He may never tell you how agonizing this is for him nor what a strain this is on him personally, but if you look closely you can see the marks of this kind of ministry in his eyes. He too feels the pain when others hurt. He too would like nothing better than to do his preaching and be free from the pain and suffering of life and death.

Yet it is out of that pain and suffering he discovers a word from the Lord, and it is out of that crisis service that he becomes a shepherd. Love him for it and pray the Lord will give him wisdom in the dark hours of the night to be a true shepherd to a hurting flock.

Doing the word of God

Respect, trust, goodwill, love. These are great virtues which comprise the stuff of which Christianity is made. They are words which describe the attitude of Jesus toward sinners and they are words which describe personal characteristics which have been lost by many Southern Baptists.

James, in his little New Testament epistle, calls upon believers to "be doers of the word, not hearers only." It is ironic that in this day when the Bible is the center of such raging controversy we have failed to do the Bible, though we loudly proclaim our belief it is THE WORD OF GOD.

Today we respect only those who think as we think. We have goodwill only for those who are in agreement with us on all the details of faith, even the minor ones. We trust only those who are theologically cloned from our own image. We love only those who can speak the language

which we have decided is truth.

The great fundamental virtues of respect, goodwill, trust and love are conspicuous by their absence in Southern Baptist life.

The world watches us in our senseless fratricide. Our posturing and our claims of God's leadership are sounding brass. Any claim to faith is proven by action, not words. And our actions deny the word we claim to believe.

The ancient psalmist cried out, "How long, oh Lord? How long?"

The cry of the holy man of old is echoing across the Southern Baptist Convention, and many are asking, "How long, indeed?" As you read these words we will be in Atlanta, carrying on the business of the SBC. Will this be the week we start doing the word and not just believing the word? It is time, indeed.

New health insurance requirements

Beginning July 1 the SBC health insurance program will require some additional action by all members who must be hospitalized.

On that date every insurance plan participant who needs to be hospitalized must complete a Medical Review Request form and mail it to the address on the form. For emergency admissions you or your representative must telephone intra-corp within 48 hours, or the next business day. The number for emergency admissions is 1-800-222-3711.

This medical review program is intended to help all of us by keeping costs down. The hope is that all participants will cooperate so that

increases in hospitalization insurance will be kept at a minimum. The Annuity Board and the insurance carrier hope to accomplish this by receiving a second opinion on all hospital admissions, length of stay and the necessity for emergency care.

Additional information is available from the Annuity Board of the SBC. In the event the procedures prescribed in this new plan are not observed, participants will lose some of the coverage they would otherwise enjoy.

Be alert. Fill out the forms and help all of us control the high cost of medical care.

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Southern, Boyce graduate 52 Kentuckians

Forty-three students from Kentucky were awarded degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, during the school's 157th commencement May 23.

The Kentucky Baptists were among approximately 350 persons to receive degrees from the schools of theology, church music, Christian education and social work.

Cathrine Allen, associate executive director, Women's Missionary Union, delivered the commencement address.

Kentucky graduates included the following:

Master of Arts in Christian Education—Eric Brian Allen, Louisville; Melva J. Curry, Columbia; Herbert Joel Dick, Monticello; Pamela Gaye Dyer, Mortons Gap; Christopher B. Egbert, Earlington; Suzanne L. Humes, Louisville; Kerry Wray Jones, Louisville; Darrell Ray Monroe, Burna; Clyde Eugene Pillow, Sebree; Anna Louise Riley, Mayfield; Joel David Strouth, Barbourville; and William Eugene Wood, Lexington.

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Doctor of Ministry—Daniel J. Garland IV of Burnside.

Doctor of Musical Arts—Lawrence William Mayo of Louisville.

Doctor of Education—Nancy Jane Vickers of Lexington.

Doctor of Philosophy—William Maurice Blanchard Jr. and Timothy Lee Noel both of Louisville.

Nine students from Kentucky were awarded diplomas from Boyce Bible School during the school's 24th commencement May 23.

Oscar Romo, director of Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, delivered the commencement address to the largest graduating class in the school's 12 year history.

Kentucky graduates included the following:

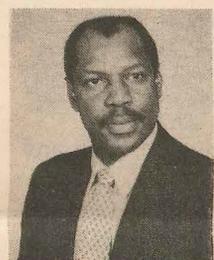
Diploma in Christian Ministry—Paul

E. Brewer Sr., Hopkinsville; Ronald Lee Embry, Louisville; Garnett K. Morris, Louisville, Curtis H. and Phyllis E. Southwood, Monticello; and Myron Glen Whitaker, Somerset.

Diploma in Education Ministry—James Riley Jagers, Cub Run; Margaret Anne Smith, Louisville.

Diploma in Advanced Ministry Studies—Roger Dale Polston, Ekron.

Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary, was founded in 1974 to provide ministerial training for persons without a college degree. More than 400 persons are presently enrolled in the school and its eight off-campus centers.



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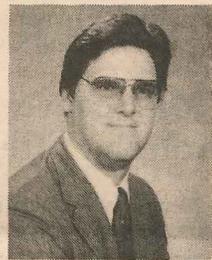
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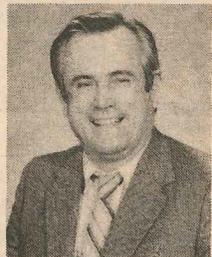
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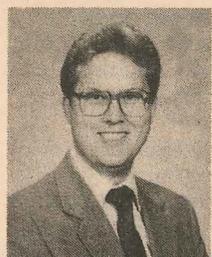
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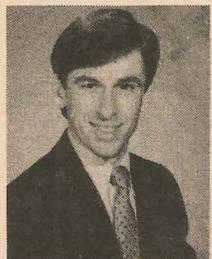
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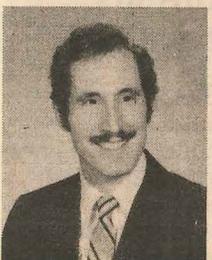
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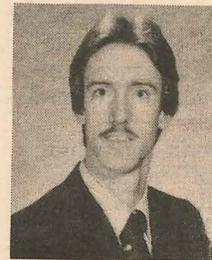
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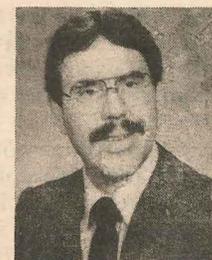
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baptist news in brief



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clear creek comment

Finding Christ in the valley

Mrs. Millie Muth, my secretary for the past year, and her husband John have graduated from Clear Creek and are going to seminary. I want to share how they found Christ in the valley of the shadow of death.

"The Lord sometimes uses hurting experiences to get our attention. I grew up in a Christian home with all the 'right' things—Sunday school and church on Sundays, etc. During revival one August I invited Christ into my life.

"Teen years neared and I put Christ into that back room and closed the door. Sometimes that door opened and just for a little while I let him lead me instead of me leading me. All the Bible truths I had learned early in life I decided were my parents rigid interpretations.

"I met and married a 'big city Catholic boy' against the wishes of my parents and especially my pastor. John had told me, 'Yes, I'm a Christian' (not even knowing what one was). My problem was solved, he was Christian and so was I. Mom just said, 'Be sure you marry a Christian.'

"We started out going to the Baptist church at 11 a.m. on Sundays and the Catholic at 1 p.m. This wore off after a year to one or the other service. Soon after that it turned into no church at all. God was put back into the back room.

"Summer of 1975 proved to be one of the hardest experiences of my life. My younger brother drowned and I found myself angry with God yet knowing David was present and safe in the arms of God. I still did not yield my total self to God.

"Two years later, January 1977, we were blessed with a beautiful daughter. Heidi was born with a congenital heart disease and lived only 17 days. Through this painful experience God finally got my attention. But, it was still 2 1/2 years before I found a church. There I was revived and refreshed, and I made him Lord of my life.

"One month after I had yielded my total being to the Lord my husband of 8 1/2 years was saved. God has truly blessed us and given John the highest calling: being his servant in the ministry."

The testimony of John and Millie Muth is an example of how God is calling out a people for his name and using them in his service. Many of our students can testify to having found Christ in the valley!

Missionaries in Kenya will view SBC

Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya will be far removed from Atlanta and the 1986 Southern Baptist Convention proceedings. However, media ministers in Kentucky realize that the missionaries need to know what happens at the convention and they have provided a means through which the missionaries can learn of the convention events.

During the meetings, all business sessions will be videotaped. The tapes will include elections; convention sermons; Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and WMU reports; and the president's address. The day after the convention, James Whaley, Kenya coordinator of the Kentucky-Kenya project, will return to that country taking the tapes with him. Thus, within two days of the completion of the convention, Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya will know exactly what happened.

For those in Kentucky not able to go to Atlanta, media ministry will provide live gavel-to-gavel coverage in the chapel of the Kentucky Baptist Building. The large-screen projection of the meetings will be available to building personnel and anyone else who would like to view the convention.

MK 'prayer walking' abroad after surgery

Missionary kid Mark Shelby, who underwent surgery in January to remove a cancerous brain tumor, has been given a clean bill of health by his neurosurgeon.

May 22 the 16-year-old and his missionary mother, Avah, flew home to Bangkok, Thailand to be reunited with Mark's father, Jack, and 13-year-old brother, Scott.

Mark suffered from seizures before his parents took him to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis in December for testing and eventual surgery. Later, surgeons reopened the wound to remove infection.

In early May the teenager accompanied his mother to the state Woman's Missionary Union Convention in Springfield, Ill. Avah, from Harrisburg, Ill., came to the platform first and asked: "Have you ever seen a dream walking?" As her son left his front row seat to join her, she continued: "Well, I've seen a prayer walking."

"I want to thank you for your prayers," Mark told the audience. Those prayers "kept me steady during the ordeal of surgeries and radiation treatment," he said. (BP)

Tornado, flood drain BWAid emergency fund

Requests for emergency funding to meet pressing needs in 27 countries over recent months has used up the Baptist World Aid Emergency Response Fund, according to BWAid director Archie R. Goldie.

Disaster Bulletins issued May 19 from the BWAid office announced that aid in amount of \$8000 for tornado relief in Bangladash and \$5000 for flood relief in Boliva, sent immediately after requests were received from Baptist World Alliance affiliates in those countries, had depleted the Emergency Response Fund.

The Bangladesh Baptist Fellowship

cabled a request for assistance in food, medicines, blankets and building materials after tornadoes struck several areas, including Gopalganj and Mymensing.

Bolivian Baptists are continuing programs of emergency assistance and rehabilitation around Lake Titicaca. The famed lake has risen far above any previous flood levels recorded this century. The homes of more than a quarter-million persons around its borders have collapsed as flood waters soaked the clay and stone foundations. Farms are under water; crops and grazing lands have been destroyed. The floods have affected access to cities because highways and roads have been cut.

Alabama youth wins Jerry Clower award

David Gainey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gainey of Troy, Ala., has been selected as the winner of the 1986 Royal Ambassador Missions Speak Out National Jerry Clower Award. The annual speak out competition is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission.

Gainey, who will be a senior at Henderson High School in Troy, won the award in competition with finalists who represented nine SBC state conventions.

He previously placed first in Alabama's missions speak out competition. Gainey's five-minute original speech titled "A Well-Informed Responsible Follower of Christ" was videotaped and sent to Memphis, Tenn. for judging at the Brotherhood Commission.

As national speak out winner Gainey will receive an expense-paid trip to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, where he will deliver his speech during the annual Brotherhood breakfast June 11. He also will receive a \$500 scholarship from Brotherhood Commission trustees and a Royal Ambassador blazer and plaque.

Russian congregation evacuated after blast

Baptist World Alliance leaders have begun to show guarded optimism in their concern for members of the Baptist church nearest Chernobyl in the Ukraine as reports from the explosion and fire at the nuclear reactor plant there indicate far fewer deaths than were feared earlier. Members of the church, described as "lively Baptist congregation," are supposed to have been evacuated along with thousands of other citizens in the area.

There are several congregations affiliated with the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR, the BWA affiliate in the Soviet Union. About one-half of the members of council churches are found in the Ukraine, where there are more than 2500 Baptist churches.

Baptist institutions need strong trustees

"The laid-back good old boy trustee was never helpful and today he is absolutely unacceptable," said James P. Guenther, attorney for the SBC Executive Committee.

Speaking in St. Louis to a conference of administrators and trustees of institutions affiliated with the Mis-

souri Baptist Convention, Guenther said, "Executive directors and presidents are hired hands. Trustees hold the real power. In the eyes of the law and in the minds of Baptists, trustees are in control of the institution."

Guenther told the trustees they can either see that an institution is well managed or they can watch it go into bankruptcy. Trustees determine whether an institution ministers as intended or becomes perverted from its cause.

Guenther challenged the trustees to "act like trustees." A trustee is a corporate director who requires that corporate affairs be managed in a legal manner. A trustee also is a fiduciary which implies scrupulous integrity in financial affairs.

"It is not the president, not the faculty, not the hospital administrator. You, not they, are ultimately responsible," Guenther reminded the Missouri trustees. "You are responsible for them. They are not responsible for you." (BP)

Walker Marlowe dies after lengthy illness

Walker Marlowe died Dec. 28, 1985 after a lengthy illness. Marlowe had been a Christian 70 years and served as a deacon 60 years. He was a strong supporter of Southern Baptist causes around the world. He was a member of Fordsville Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Katie and two daughters.

State Baptists feature human needs emphasis

Kentucky Baptists made known their concern for the hungry and needy at a state human needs conference May 22 at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown.

Two objectives were increasing awareness of human needs and developing techniques for the local church in meeting these needs.

Four human needs awareness conferences will be held in churches across the state: Second, Hopkinsville, Aug. 11; First, Pikeville, Aug. 12; Highview, Louisville, Aug. 18; and Beacon Hill, Somerset, Aug. 19.

Ideas gained will also be used in developing an effective training method for the local church in the area of human needs.

Responsibility for human needs ministries has been assigned to the KBC's Special Ministries/Church Training Department.

Audience for SBC will increase this year

The ranks of members keeping a watchful eye on this year's SBC will be increased greatly over last year because of coverage by the Baptist Telecommunication Network.

One month prior to the June meeting of the SBC there were a minimum of 500 viewing sites, with a potential of 1000. Last year's audience was estimated at 20,000, while this year's is expected to be much greater.

The state with the most reported viewing sites for this year is Texas with 72. Georgia is second with 49. Following that are Florida, Alabama, Missouri, South Carolina and Oklahoma. California will have the largest number of sites in the western part of the country with 18. (BP)

Kentucky/Kenya connection

Partnership breeds partnershipby Richard F. Hale,
State Correspondent

Participation by two Simpson Countians in the Kentucky/Kenya partnership has led to a unique partnership involvement between the churches where they are members. Joel Jones, pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, and Larry Dixon, a member of First Baptist, Franklin, went to Kenya to serve on a revival team in February. Jones and Dixon worked with the Shikhambi Baptist Church near Kakamega, Kenya.

Shikhambi Baptist Church had four members when Jones and Dixon arrived. They met in the local schoolyard for the weekday services of the revival. For the Sunday services they were fortunate enough to meet inside the school building.

Throughout the week visitation in the homes of the area resulted in over 80 professions of faith in Christ. Many of these new Christians have since joined the small congregation bringing the present membership to over 40. More than 80 are attending the services now.

"We tried to teach by example," Dixon said. "We used our working among them as an example of what Christians should do. We tried to teach leadership skills, tithing and prayer by our own example."

As they talked about prayer, Julia and Mary, two of the Shikhambi Christians remarked, "Our prayer is that the Lord will send us a church." Hearing this Jones commented, "Wouldn't it be nice if our churches could build them a building?"

As Jones and Dixon continued their work among the Kenyan Baptists, they learned that a piece of land was being considered for purchase by the Foreign Mission Board for the location of a permanent building for the Shikhambi Baptist Church. After they returned to the states, missionary Ed Horton advised them that the land had been obtained.

Jones returned to his church and mentioned the possibility of using part of an estate settlement they had received to help build the church in Kenya. The



Jones (l) and Dixon joins hands in a "sign of brotherhood" with new Christians in Shikhambi.

initial response from most of the church seemed to be that this was just another pet project of the preacher.

When First Baptist received money from an estate settlement in April, pastor David Crocker called Jones. In discussing what Sulphur Springs was doing with money they had received, the subject of helping provide a building in Shikhambi was mentioned.

Some of the members at First Baptist had mentioned earlier that they felt their church spent too much on things at home and not enough on mission causes. As discussion of the idea to help build the church in Kenya continued between the pastors of these two churches and some of their members, interest began to peak. Jones' desire to see his church more actively involved in a personal way in the Kentucky/Kenya project was getting closer to becoming a reality.

Learning that First Baptist was also interested in helping with the project made it seem more than just the pet project of their pastor to the people of Sulphur Springs.

Jones and Crocker worked with Ed Horton and with the Foreign Mission Board in securing information concerning the probable cost involved in the project. It was determined the building could be erected for about \$20,000. Ironically the amount that had been proposed by the two churches as their shares of the cost totaled \$20,000. Sulphur Springs had set aside \$11,000 and First Baptist had \$9000 available.

Both pastors consider this new venture to be an extension of what their churches have been doing in missions and also a step forward in the mission commitment of the members.

Crocker and Jones both emphasized the leadership of God in bringing the project together. "The time table worked right for all of this to happen," Crocker said. "Larry Dixon and Joel Jones were there at the right time to learn of the need. The money was available and the people were willing." To complete the time table to the present both churches voted in their own business meetings on May 14 to participate on the condition that the other church be a part of the project.

Both of the Simpson Association churches are actively involved in missions. Sulphur Springs gives 20.5 percent of their undesignated gifts to missions through the Cooperative

Program. They have given pastoral aid support to a mission in Sudbury, Mass. until last year when the church was able to carry their full financial obligation themselves.

First Baptist has been active through the years in their support of Cooperative Program causes. They have also sought to establish missions as needed in Simpson Association. Calvary Baptist and Barbe Baptist churches are a result of the local mission involvement of First Baptist. Fairview Baptist Mission is currently sponsored by the church.

For many the venture might have ended with providing the finances for the building in Kenya, but not for these mission-minded churches.

The partnership between two Kentucky Baptist congregations has blossomed into untold blessings for them and the promise of a permanent meeting place for the Baptists of Shikhambi.

Jones, Crocker and Dixon continue to dream. They hope to see members from Sulphur Springs, First Baptist and other Simpson Association churches go to help with the actual construction work on the building. They also hope that Crocker and Jones can go to Kenya for the simultaneous revivals there next year and share in preaching the revival in the new building.

This, in their view, would complete the work of this unique partnership. A partnership which began when two men, receiving financial help from their own churches, their association, the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference and from individuals grew to involve their churches in a greater way in missions. The partnership between two Kentucky Baptist congregations has blossomed into untold blessings for them and the promise of a permanent meeting place for the Baptists of Shikhambi.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Summer in my heart

Years ago, as we stood waiting for the door to open at the dining hall at Ridgecrest, we would sing a little chorus that went like this:

*It is summertime in my heart,
It is summertime in my heart.
Since Jesus saved me,
New life he gave me;
Even in wintertime it's summer in my heart!*

Of all the seasons, summer is and always has been my favorite. I can tolerate 95 degrees more easily than I can stand 25 degrees. Snow may be pretty, but it's also pretty cold.

I remember complaining to C. R. Daley how cold I was during my first winter in Kentuckiana, having moved from the "subtropics" of Nashville. He listened to about all of it he wanted to hear and said, "I think if the Baptist Building were a mile north of here we never would have gotten you."

He was probably right.

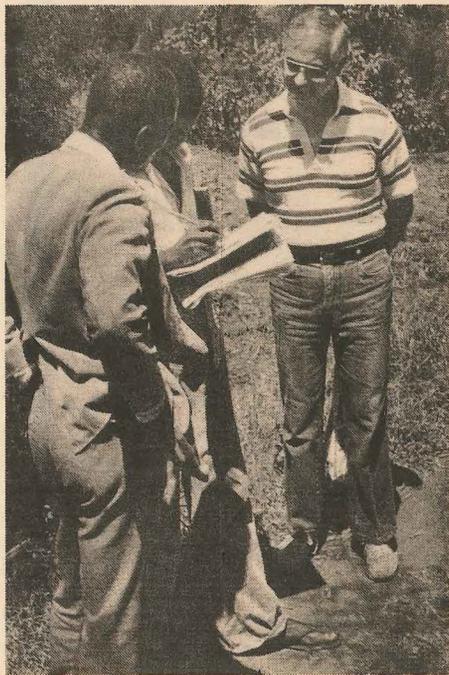
As a child, I yearned for the end of May. School would be out and the pace would relax for three months. I've heard of kids who get bored in the summer. That's a luxury I seldom had time for. There was simply too much to do! Unlike our country counterparts who had required chores on the farm, we cityslickers pursued other interests. Many of mine have stayed with me: baseball . . . swimming . . . reading . . . hiking . . . picnics . . . travel . . . flowers . . . produce from the garden . . . working in the yard.

To a lover of long days and short nights, Daylight Saving Time is like money in the bank. Whatever creative genius gave birth to that idea has earned my undying gratitude forever.

Several years ago a newspaper editor penned the following lines about June, my favorite month. It succinctly sums up my thoughts about the warm season:

No wonder poets sing of June. It is the keystone month of the year, the month of long days and gentle winds, of heavy shade and the fragrance of roses and honeysuckle, the month when the whole earth pauses before it begins the long, slow swing back toward mid-winter and long, dark nights. No wonder the world loves June, the month of ripe berries and bird song and long evenings, of butterflies and fireflies and high clouds in deep blue skies. There is universal agreement with the singer who wrote, "Slower, sweet June, each step more slow; linger and loiter as you go."

All creative acts are the work of our heavenly Father. And I believe he smiled upon earth's creatures just a little more when he created summer. Surely the psalmist was right: "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches" (104:24).



Dixon (r) and Shikhambi pastor John Imbarabara (l) enrol prospect in Bible correspondence course.

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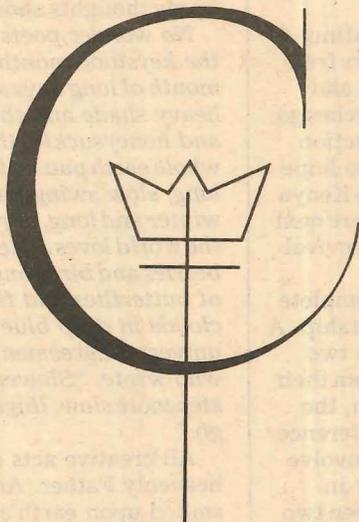
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Marvin Cress

Highway engineer, fireman becomes fisher of men

by Beth Wyatt,
State Correspondent

Marvin Cress is a busy father, pastor, engineer and volunteer.

Ten years and 100,000 miles ago this Clay County man who was a 13 year employe of the Kentucky Highway Department thought he was a busy man. What spare time he had was spent fishing in the nearby rivers and lakes. Little did he suspect that he did not know what busy really meant.

Then came the persistent efforts of Lytle Baptist Church and its evangelistic pastor succeeded in winning the entire Cress family to the Lord as in the case of the Phillipian jailer. Now, Cress is busy fishing for men.

"I was 30 years old with 13 years on the job and thought there was no way God was calling me to preach," Cress stated as he told of his entrance into

the ministry. He immediately added to his crowded schedule a full load of classes at Clear Creek Baptist School. For three years he made the 100 mile trip daily, using his vacation time to attend classes at the Pineville campus in the morning and reporting for work in the afternoon. During his student days he pastored Hopewell Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

After Clear Creek he continued his education at Cumberland College. Cress is a strong believer in education and has encouraged his sons, Marvin Jr. and Kenneth, to further their education at Cumberland. Daughter in law, Lula, also attends Cumberland. His daughter, Cindy, is a senior at Clay County High School.

Having a unique concern for his fellow man, Cress is an active member of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He participates in ongoing training given

by State Vocational Training instructors.

In 1982, Cress accepted the pastorate of Hart Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, and along with his wife Shirley began putting more miles on the family vehicles. Their front door and the church are 30 miles apart.

His civic duties occasionally cause his members to see him on Sunday looking as if he has spent a "wild Saturday night." Recently when the fire department was attempting to extinguish a house fire the rescue squad was called and he had to tell the same family whose house was burning that their daughter had been injured in an auto accident.

Hart Baptist has grown under the leadership of the multi-talented man. Several rehabilitation projects have been completed and mission gifts have increased including the inception of regular monthly giving to Clear Creek

and Oneida. The church ranks high in the association in per capita mission gifts.

A Kentucky colonel, Cress has been an employe of the Department of Highways 23 years. He is presently District Utilities Engineer for District Eleven and is proud of the fact he has worked on all the major corridor reconstruction in the southeastern area of the state.

Major projects he has been associated with include Interstate 75 from the Tennessee line to the Rockcastle River, Highway 80 from Rockcastle River to London, the Daniel Boone Parkway from London to the Leslie County line, US 119 from Pineville to Cumberland, and US 25 E from Corbin to Middlesboro.

"Accessibility brought about by good roads has made Eastern Kentucky more attractive to tourists and investors and enables more to see how beautiful the mountains truly are," stated Cress who is proud of his mountain heritage.

When asked to sum up his philosophy and theology he smiled and said, "I am what I am by the grace of God and God's grace is sufficient for me."

Parkland observes centennial, dedicates sign

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Although Parkland Baptist Church, Long Run Association, may give some the impression of being a modern sanctuary in a growing suburb of Louisville, its roots grow deep—100 years deep to be exact.

Members of Parkland Baptist gathered Sunday, June 1 to celebrate their centennial anniversary and reminisce about the "old days." They marked the occasion with the dedication of a new sign to proclaim the church's promising future on Old Shepherdsville Road, where the congregation has met for the past two decades.

"A hundred years is not a large segment of Christian history," said Tom Curry, pastor of the church. "But it seems long and extremely important when we think of all God has done through Parkland Baptist Church in those 100 years from 1886-1986."

Representatives from the association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention were on hand to recognize the church's active participation in ministry during the morning service.

Director of the KBC Direct Missions Department, Bob Jones, praised the congregation for its aid in mission endeavors through the Cooperative Program, and Russell Bennett, director of missions, presented a cup commemorating the church's fruitful service in its community.

Don Zuberer, former pastor of the church from 1963-79, returned to deliver the centennial address. He charged the congregation to seek a renewal of the Holy Spirit at work in their midst. "The great need of the church is the manifestation of the power of the Pentecost," he stated.

"We have the provisions and the money now more than ever," he continued. "But do we still have the message to proclaim? Salvation for everyone—that's God's plan. The great need of any person is to know Jesus Christ as savior."

Reaching the lost for Christ has not been a problem for the Louisville church, however. Parkland has been a thriving church throughout much of its history. Four missions have been started: Chapel Park, Ralph Avenue, Virginia Avenue and Lee's Lane. And,



Members of the sign committee of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, pose before dedicating the church's new sign during its centennial celebration June 1. Pictured (l to r) are Dennis Kissinger, Don Zuberer, Morris Nacke, George Heck and Tom Curry.

since Parkland moved into the area in 1965, the church has reached out to better than 1600 people.

The church was organized with seven members June 8, 1886 in a small car barn. During the next four years property was purchased on Catalpa Street and a one-room brick building was erected. An auditorium was constructed by 1909 as the membership neared 300.

The church gained 300 more souls during the next handful of years, and in 1915 Parkland claimed more professions of faith than any other church in the association. By 1922 the church record revealed 843 members.

While H. Leo Eddleman was pastor a \$300,000 educational plant was added. And, when Ercil Barker came in September 1959, the church congregation had swelled to more than 2500 members.

But, because of a rapidly changing community during the next few years, Parkland's people were leaving. A radically new ministry was needed in the community.

Donald Zuberer, who became pastor of Parkland in 1963, led the church to a new location on Old Shepherdsville Road. The properties on Catalpa Street were sold to Long Run Association and Central District Baptist Association (National Baptists).

Only 82 adventurous members remained to start afresh in 1965. But in less than two years the congregation moved into its present chapel and readied itself for ministry in a new

community. Another sanctuary was needed by July 1971 to accommodate the crowds as membership exceeded 700 again.

Zuberer resigned in October 1979 after pastoring Parkland 16 years—longer than any other pastor. More than 1400 were added to the church during his pastorate.

The present pastor, Curry, was called in May 1984. He, too, is determined to continue the church's strong, mission-minded tradition. "Let us...pledge ourselves to the same mission spirit (of our Christian forefathers) that has characterized Parkland Baptist Church for a century," he advocated.

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Increasing gifts to missions

by Rick Shannon

Perhaps every Southern Baptist would welcome a method of increasing the church's gifts to missions without resorting to undue pressure on the members. We have found a way at Second Baptist Church, Greenville.

Mission Vision is a systematic way of supporting the denomination's major mission offerings. It rests on the premise we can give more and do so more easily if we give to the special offerings all year, rather than at the designated time of emphasis only.

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I have used this method in two

churches with tremendous success. In Mill Creek Baptist Church, Radcliff, we called it Missions Extended. We use Mission Vision here at Second Baptist. Whatever label is chosen, the method works.

Every one of the five major mission offerings has dramatically increased since we began using this systematic approach. We used it during 1985 to support mission offerings with the following increase in percentage giving:

Lottie Moon	42
Annie Armstrong	17.5
Eliza Broadus	135
Children's Homes	141
World Hunger	144

(two years)

In 1985 we gave more to the Lottie Moon offering than had been given to all five offerings in 1983. Total giving to these mission offerings went up 99.2 percent in two years.

How does one start using systematic giving? Present the idea to the church council or appropriate group. With their support lead the church to adopt the procedure. Plan a commitment Sunday and have the people sign

commitment cards to give a certain amount per day to Mission Vision. Provide special envelopes or a place on your regular envelope for the people to use and keep them informed.

What offerings are included and how do you divide the money? We include Lottie Moon (50 percent), Annie Armstrong (25 percent), Eliza Broadus (nine percent), Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children (eight percent) and World Hunger (eight percent).

Do you still emphasize each offering at the proper time? Yes. We do so for continuing education concerning mission needs and for those who still choose to give only at the time of special emphasis.

When do you forward the money to the Cooperative Program? The money received during the special emphasis is sent immediately. The Mission Vision gifts are sent at the end of the year.

May God enlarge our mission vision.

Rick Shannon is pastor of Second Baptist Church, Greenville. He is a native of Danville and a graduate of Georgetown College, University of Louisville and Southern Seminary.



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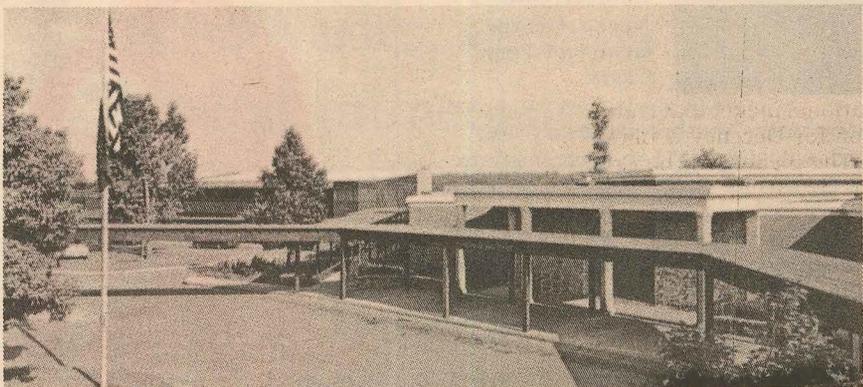
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baptist forum

May the harmony prevail

As a member of the Young Women's Auxiliary during the early 20s I recall the map of the Southern Baptist organization covered only the southern part of the United States. God has richly blessed us in growth during these 60 or more years.

Why would a group now want to interfere with progress by creating discord at the convention? We pray the sweet spirit of harmony will prevail and the emphasis will be on the spread of the gospel.

Edna G. Nunn
Hiseville

Editor's note: Daniel Hatfield, pastor of Hiseville Baptist Church has said, "Edna Nunn is an 84-year-old saint who is completing her fifth decade teaching grade school children in our Sunday school. Her convictions originate from keen insight that is independent from any pastoral coaching. She is a true Southern Baptist who is deeply concerned about the future." Western Recorder prints the letter of Edna Nunn because we believe many Southern Baptists share her concern.

Theological assassins must be stopped

Thank you for your timely and appropriate editorial on the recent statement of Lee Roberts, chairman, SBC Committee on Boards.

I applaud your efforts to be fair in reporting as many sides as possible, but there comes a time when someone must say, "That's enough!" I appreciate your continuing the reputation of Western Recorder as a denominational publication with integrity.

Robert's statements come as close to "Norrism" as anything I've heard recently. Winfred Moore does not deserve theological assassination (may or may not "believe in truth" or will not believe the Bible to be "the perfect work of God") just because he allows his name to be placed in nomination for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. Surely, even in times like these a person outside the "machinery" can be nominated without being subjected to such unfounded verbal abuse.

By the way, I'm still trying to find the Frankfort appointment to an agency Board which Allen Harrod referred to on page one of the May 27 issue of Western Recorder. One appointee formerly served here but now resides in the Louisville area. Maybe that's close enough to count.

Malcolm G. Lunceford
Frankfort

Layman rejects editor's panic

In your editorial of May 27 you affirm "only a direct manifestation of God's presence among us can save us from self-destruction." Do you suppose a light similar to that which blinded Paul will bring three days of sightlessness to the messengers in Atlanta? Would it be better for messengers to collectively put out a giant fleece the night before the presidential election?

I am a layman but I suspect God's presence, though bruised and often ignored, is yet within the convention. The panic evident in your editorial is a clerical phenomenon not experienced by the laity.

The remarks attributed to board chairman Roberts bespeak a shallow, self-serving attitude shared by only a handful of his fellow laymen. It is doubtful that five percent of the

people in the pew (assuming that even that small number is remotely aware of current convention politics or the meaning, if there is one, of inerrancy) could care less about the whole business.

A pox on all your houses. And on all your peace committees as well. The people in the pew will have none of it. The threatened "split" is a contrivance confined to a relative handful of preeminent pastors and ideologues who are preoccupied with winning the argument at all costs and attempt to whip up enough frenzy among their constituents to bully the "other guys" into submission in order to save the convention, or perhaps in order to feed egos.

The great mass of those who have invested their lives in the convention, after the dust kicked up by the agitators of both sides has settled, will still be there in the pew giving to Lottie Moon, taking visitor cards and singing in the choir.

The self-destruction feared by you will come only when the denomination becomes too fat, lazy and self-satisfied to function properly, not at the hands of a few prejudiced "leaders" whose range of vision is interdicted at roughly the bridge of their respective noses.

J. L. Clark
Danville

Keep the spirit going

The Good News America: God Loves You campaign was a great and timely emphasis for our churches. Our people felt a great uplift of spirit, concern and renewal to the purpose and mission of Christ. Especially helpful were the advertisements and announcements through the secular media and I trust these kind of things might continue. All those who led in this fine effort are to be congratulated and are worthy of our sincere appreciation.

In this campaign we were truly about the Lord's business. My sincere prayer is that we might take this same attitude, spirit and commitment to Christ's mission to Atlanta. May God grant it.

Thomas R. Kinman
Crestwood

Meet me at the Air Force Academy

The Baptist Student Union of the Air Force Academy would like to contact the men and women coming to the academy this July. We would like to meet their plane, provide transportation and housing overnight, and help them to report to the academy at the required time. If pastors, parents, friends, or the cadets themselves will contact us with name and address, we will correspond to secure flight arrival times and provide further information.

The Academy Baptist Student Union is a widely recognized organization and is here for the purpose of contributing to the cadet's spiritual growth. Through the support of our Home Mission Board and Colorado Baptist General Convention, the BSU ministry has been carried on at the academy since the late 50s. We seek to minister to cadets through involvement in Bible study, discipleship, church involvement, worship and mission endeavors. We invite the new incoming cadets to get involved with us.

For anyone attending West Point or the Naval Academy, similar ministries are provided. At West Point contact:

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George was left where?

As a long time reader of Western Recorder I continue to enjoy reading it and most especially your "Perspectives."

Usually when I detect an error in a publication a shrug of the shoulder suffices but the one in your May 20th edition is a matter of Baptist history. In the interesting story, "George: a living testimony of love," the author says, "George was left as an infant at the old Walnut Street home in downtown Louisville." The Louisville Baptist Orphans Home (as it was called then) was located in the 1000 block of South First Street between Kentucky and St. Catherine streets.

I came to Louisville as a small child in 1920 when my father, Russell Johnson Pirkey, was called as pastor of Broadway Baptist Church then located at 125 E. Broadway. Half of the children at the home attended Broadway and the others went to Walnut Street located at Third and St. Catherine streets. Our church always had a close association with the home.

Just wanted to set the record straight and thank you for giving us the Baptist news.

Mary Frances Pirkey
Louisville

Citizens will picket porn shops

Citizens for Decency through Law will picket the downtown (Louisville) porn zone in conjunction with a national picket that National Federation for Decency is planning.

The picket will be Friday, June 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The group will walk down Third Street to Jefferson, to Second, to Market. We will meet at Second and Jefferson at 11 a.m. for a brief prayer meeting. We will have a permit and also will have police protection.

The purpose of the picket is to focus attention on the problem and to let our public officials know we expect them to enforce the obscenity laws.

CDL has two main purposes: to inform the public regarding pornography and to insist the law be enforced. We have held many seminars in various churches throughout the state during the past two years and Christians are beginning to wake up and become mobilized in this battle.

Dana Webb
Louisville

Praise for professors

Just a note to say "thank you" for the editorial in the May 20 edition.

I too wish professors would use language of the common people because there are so many of us but I feel academic freedom must be allowed.

I attended seminary at Southern and Southwestern and was a trustee at New Orleans. I have always held in high respect every professor I studied under or was acquainted with.

I pray the Atlanta convention will help further the healing.

J. R. Covington
Fulton



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homes for children

I know a secret

Young children take great delight in knowing something their friends do not know. Perhaps you remember, as I do, how we used to attempt to make others envious by chanting, "I know a secret, I know a secret." Such tantalizing chanting made the others want to know the secret. Refusing to tell gave one a superior edge on a piece of information.

Well, I want to say to all of you, "I have a secret, I have a secret, and I'm going to tell it." In fact, I want to tell it and tell it until it is no longer a secret at all. Are you wondering what is the secret I have? My secret is the story of the great and wonderful ministry Baptist Homes for Children provides for hundreds of dependent/neglected youth each year. Yes, unintentionally this ministry has been kept a secret for too long.

It is no secret that Kentucky Baptists have two wonderful children's homes, Spring Meadows and Glen Dale. But the secret is that so many Baptists do not really know the needs children and families face, the depth of our ministry which is helping meet those needs and the wide variety of services provided by Baptist Homes for Children.

At our request, the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention did a state-wide survey of attitudes about our ministry. The survey showed that Baptists throughout the state know we exist and almost everyone has a warm feeling of love and concern for the children's homes. However, the survey also revealed that our program of ministry, what we do and the things accomplished in the lives of children, is one of the best kept secrets in the state. People simply do not know much about our work.

Therefore, we are committed to telling this secret everywhere. Our first step has been to make the "secret" of our ministry available to everyone through a brief video tape, "Hearing the Cries of Our Children," which is now available through the office of your associational director of missions. Help us let out the secret by showing this film in your church soon.

I am determined to abolish this secret as soon as possible. Call on us to help others know the secret of who we are and what we do in ministry to children.



Barkley Moore
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oneida journal

A salute to the class of 1986

A. B. Colvin, "Mr. Kentucky Baptist" to thousands, preached an unusually good baccalaureate sermon May 18.

This last service for the graduating seniors is always held in the Oneida Baptist Church. It is an intimate service limited to the class members themselves, their parents and loved ones, staff, alumni and other guests.

The invocation was followed with the singing of "When We All Get To Heaven" by the congregation. Then prayer by Gifford Walters, Oneida pastor and Bible teacher 50 years ago, who was back to help the 1936 class celebrate their golden anniversary.

Many eyes filled with tears as the class and congregation sang the haunting "Bless Be The Tie That Binds."

Three hours later the colorful academic procession into Davidson Chapel began. Nearly 100 Oneida staff, trustees and invited guests were in academic regalia. Leading the march was Mrs. Sudie Turner Robinson of the 1921 class, back for her 65th anniversary. Tall, straight of bearing, a lovely face capped with snow white hair, one would never have guessed she was 86 as she strode up the aisle.

I showed her perfectly preserved OBI diploma to the congregation and then gave her a print of the old Marvin Hall in which she had studied. The same was done with each member of the 1926 and 1936 classes who were individually

recognized.

Facing the congregation and the class of 1986, I thought to myself, "Oneida has been producing a class product from the very beginning." I remembered my own graduation from OBI in 1958. Each one of our school's first graduating class was back 50 years after their 1908 graduation.

Matt Hensley was the oldest and lived to be 97. A retired teacher and farmer, he came to see our new chapel when 95. As he stepped through the door, he burst into tears and exclaimed, "Surely God is in this place!"

Another remarkable member of the class was C. Walter Craft. A graduate of Georgetown, he taught many years in the Phillipines in the early years of the American occupation there. Then he was a Kentucky teacher and principal.

All the class lived to be nearly 80. The last to go was 93. He was Paul Houchell, who had led the Georgetown graduating class of 1911. He and two other of Oneida's first class finished their college work in three years. He died as dean emeritus of James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. Immediately after his college graduation Paul served at Oneida six years as dean.

Some of those early graduates began a tradition that has continued to this day. Many of the "cream" of our students return to serve Oneida for a portion of their lives. Currently there are three of our valedictorians on our staff and three who received the Evans Medal, the highest honor an Oneida graduate can receive.

Having honored a medical doctor, John Baird of Danville, for longtime faithful service as a trustee and the anniversary class members individually, the congregation rose to sing "God Of Our Fathers."

Then the top student of each grade level from sixth grade up received a trophy, as did the student of each grade level deemed to have made the most progress by vote of the faculty.

Joy and Oliver Hawkins were honored for 10 years of service, as was Bonnie Turner. Rosemary Celichowski and Wilma Hensley received five-year plaques. Margaret Webb, a volunteer teacher, was honored for outstanding service.

The congregation sang "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" and then each graduate was individually honored. Trustee chairman D. C. Anderson and principal Hawkins awarded the diplomas. Then followed the congregational singing of "Oneida Fair" first sung at the 1911 commencement.



H. C. Chiles
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sunday school lessons

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Life and Work Series

The Lord's second coming

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 The Thessalonian Christians had a restless anxiety and eager longing to learn more about "the times and the seasons" of Christ's second coming.

Paul taught the Thessalonian Christians that the second coming of Christ was a future event of tremendous importance and absolute certainty. He taught all Christians should exercise vigilance with reference to Christ's return. Paul informed his readers he was looking forward with great anticipation to Christ's coming again, which would be personal, visible, sudden and unexpected. Paul was exceedingly anxious for the fact of Christ's return to be an incentive to watchfulness, holiness and sacrificial service, and a source of great comfort to all God's children.

It is certain that God does not want anybody to be the object of wrath and retribution, but he is always desirous that every person shall believe on his son and be saved.

Christian living is the conformity of a life to the will of Christ during one's sojourn on earth. God's word emphasizes the importance of those bearing the title of Christian really living as

Christ would have them. Instead of conforming to the ways of the world, all Christians who are waiting and watching for the second coming of Christ are challenged to test things according to Christian standards and to do that which is right.

As long as we await the return of Christ, let us do our utmost to encourage and assist all who need our help.

International Series

Jeremiah's temple sermon

Jeremiah 7:1-4 God commanded Jeremiah to "stand in the gate of the Lord's house" when the people were entering the temple, presumably for the purpose of worshiping God. The temple had been repaired and the Book of the Law had been found, resulting in much enthusiasm on the part of the people. The religious life of the people was at an extremely low ebb, so the prophet called upon them to change their manner of living and to obey God faithfully. Through Jeremiah God assured the people that genuine repentance would make it possible for them to remain in their city and nation.

Jeremiah 7:8-10 Jeremiah let the people know God had protected and delivered them, but it was not to enable them to indulge in the abominable practices which might appeal to their fancies. Their entrance into the temple did not give them any security unless their character and conduct were acceptable to God. Jeremiah preached that they must be honest in their dealings, strive to meet needs of others and serve God.

Jeremiah 26:7-9 Jeremiah's hearers interpreted his preaching as blasphemy against God and treason against the nation. The priests and the prophets resolved that he should be put to death. Under those dangerous conditions Jeremiah kept on urging the people to repent and to receive divine forgiveness, whereupon God protected his faithful and obedient prophet.

Jeremiah 26:12-14 What was Jeremiah's response to the demand that the death penalty be inflicted upon him? Instead of retracting what he had proclaimed and predicted, as his opponents most likely anticipated, Jeremiah staunchly reaffirmed that he had faithfully delivered God's message.



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on mission together

Our best argument

Foreign missions remains a high priority with Southern Baptists. Since 95 percent of the world's population lives outside the United States, our emphasis on foreign missions seems appropriately placed.

The logistical impact of appointing an increasing number of new missionaries, and placing thousands of volunteers overseas, requires excellence of leadership in the internal workings of the Foreign Mission Board.

I can recall the early 1960s when only 25 or so of us "elected" staffers met for prayer in the room adjacent to Dr. Cauthen's office. There were then about 100 employees at the Foreign

Mission Board. Now approximately 500 employees work in the building at 3806 Monument or at the new Missionary Learning Center.

Many of today's problems and challenges faced by Dr. Keith Parks were just beginning to surface during the administration of Dr. Baker James Cauthen. Only the most uninformed would assume that the mantle of leadership of this organization could be worn well by just any strong leader. And only a leader with great spiritual and physical stamina could endure its demands.

Dr. Keith Parks has done a splendid job for all of us and deserves our affirmation and continued prayer support.

As leader of the world's largest non-Catholic foreign missions agency, his report to the SBC this week will include these encouraging results:

- Average of 435 persons baptized per day.
- A record 429 missionaries ap-

pointed.

- Overseas Baptist membership topped two million.
 - A 10 percent increase in theological student enrolment.
 - Mission work opened in the 106th country.
 - Hosted an historic meeting among leaders of Baptist groups which send missionaries.
 - Almost \$12 million given for hunger and disaster relief.
 - 6759 Southern Baptist volunteers went overseas.
 - A new channel established for volunteers to work in China.
 - More than 20 million pieces of literature produced.
 - More than 1.5 million treated in hospitals and clinics.
 - More than 100 million saw Baptist TV programs and 133 million heard Baptist radio broadcasts.
- Foreign missions may well be our very best argument for the Cooperative Program.

Southwestern student not deaf to call of Holy Spirit

Although Yvette Aarons was born deaf, she has no trouble hearing the call of the Holy Spirit.

"The Lord has called me to foreign missions," Miss Aarons said.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student is undaunted by the barriers between her and her goal. "My deafness has nothing to do with my understanding of God," she said. "I really believe God will send me overseas. But until then my job is to get experience and wait. And wait."

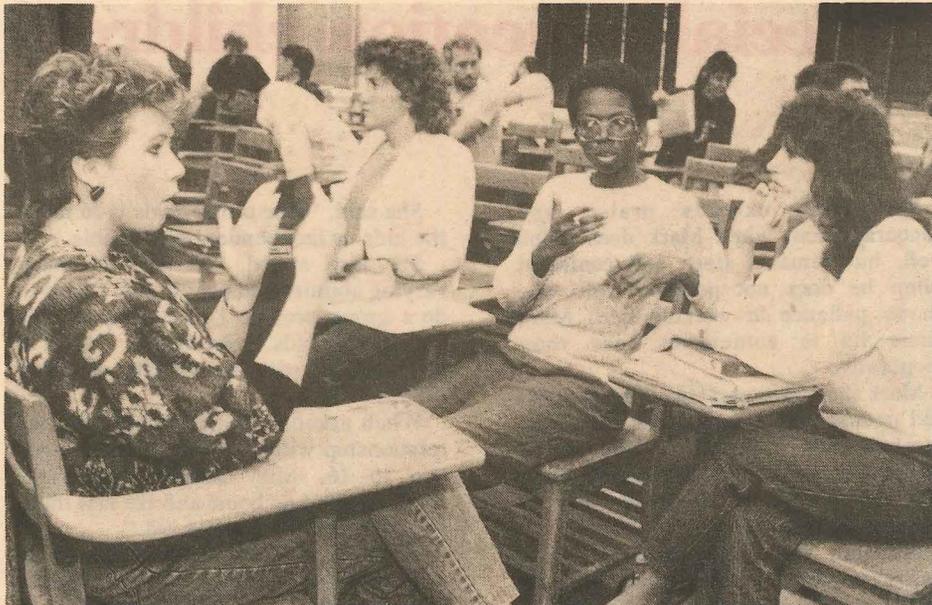
As a high school student in Kingston, Jamaica, Miss Aarons began attending a deaf mission operated by Pentecostal missionaries. Not long after her salvation experience she became interested in foreign missions.

"I was impressed that people would leave their homes to help people in another country," Miss Aarons said. "I knew I would like to do that."

In 1975, just months after becoming a Christian, Miss Aarons and her mother moved to the United States for better educational opportunities. She was bewildered by the profusion of denominations. "I thought all Christians were one church," Miss Aarons said.

So she was receptive when a man on the street handed her a tract. "The picture on the front was of Jesus holding a lamb—it looked very comforting," she said.

Two weeks later she left home to join the Church of Bible Understand-



Yvette Aarons (cr) and interpreter Rebecca Hicks converse before a class convenes at Southwestern Seminary. Miss Aarons hears professors through her interpreter's hands and provides another student with carbon paper to copy class notes.

ing. But her mother tracked her down and persuaded her to leave the cult.

Miss Aarons kept searching for a "church where they really taught the Bible" and eventually found the Long Island Church of the Deaf, a Southern Baptist congregation.

After obtaining a BA degree in English and visual arts and a MA degree in deaf education, Miss Aarons felt the need for additional religious educa-

tion.

At seminary she chooses her own interpreters for classes. She supplies carbon paper for someone in each class to copy notes, which she recopies while studying.

Miss Aarons does not use tutors. "I have to rely on my own mind," she said. "I like to do it on my own."

In class, she reminds her professors to speak to her and not to the interpre-

ter. She asks the interpreter to "use the professor's exact words so when I see it on a test I'll know what it is."

She works with hearing children in a YMCA after-school program and performed in Southwestern's production of "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in April.

But still the call to foreign missions is a constant. "The deaf are just as much a language group as any spoken language in Africa," she said.

Miss Aarons hopes to teach deaf children in a mission school and give other children the type of opportunities she has had.

Deaf children in many foreign countries do not have the advantages found in the United States, Miss Aarons said. "Many times a deaf child is locked away in a closet and called dumb. I'd like to tell them they aren't dumb and to teach their parents they don't have to feel guilty if their child is deaf, that it's okay to have a deaf child."

Miss Aarons sometimes wonders if she may be "the only deaf person in the world who is considering foreign missions," but she won't abandon the call.

"I feel I have so much inside of me that God wants to let out," she said. "I haven't done much yet, there are talents God can use I haven't turned over to him. That is my struggle—to be more and more what he wants me to be."

Missionary improves crops while sowing gospel seeds

Barring some natural or political disaster, Fred and Sammille Sorrells aren't likely to show up on the six o'clock news.

Agricultural missionaries don't often address evangelism conferences, and Burundi is not among the better-known countries of the world.

But Fred Sorrells is becoming well known in one corner of Burundi. In the land-locked, mountainous country of East Africa he addresses a basic human need—hunger, both physical and spiritual.

Working with Burundi farmers on potato and corn crops has helped "Southern Baptists earn the right to be heard when they witness," he explained. That right became even more valuable recently when the government revoked visas of two evangelist/church planter missionaries.

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The Sorrellses return to Burundi in July after he completes his MA in religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They will be the only Southern Baptist missionaries in the country of 4.7 million people. Several other couples with medical or agricultural credentials hope to secure visas within the coming

year.

The loss of co-workers is just an added reason for their eagerness to resume work in the Kirundo area. "We feel like we laid the foundation during our first term there (1980-84), learning the language and meeting people," Sorrells said.

That eagerness thrives despite some rough times the first several years. They learned both French and Kirundi, and encountered severe medical problems.

But they love the Burundi people. Sorrells, who holds a master's degree in agriculture, doesn't see himself as an educated American pouring out knowledge to grateful tribesmen. "These people are scientists in their own right. There are many things I can learn from them," he said.

"They may not be able to read or write, but their research is judged by life or death," Sorrells said. "If they are successful in their farming methods they eat. If they are wrong, they can starve."

Burundi farmers value consistency of yield more than volume, Sorrells said. "They are looking for security—not 'how much' but something for sure."

So he works to match appropriate technology with the country's needs. "We can't jump from the hoe to the motorized tractor," he said. "But maybe we can move from the hoe to animal-powered tractors."

Contacts with farmers and other developmental workers lead naturally into opportunities for the Texas couple to share Christ. "In Burundi talk of farming is talk of life and death, and it is easy to move into considerations of spiritual life and death," Sorrells said.

But Sorrells refuses to manipulate



Fred Sorrells, agricultural missionary to Burundi, examines a potato plant. In Burundi, potato plants are one of his primary crops.

people. His agricultural help is offered with no strings attached.

That witness has helped win 500 new Christians in the past two years. Sorrells preaches some for the area's three congregations, but nationals carry

much of the load.

As the Burundi people desire consistent crops, the Sorrellses hope for a consistent ministry in Burundi. They remain confident the God who calls them will also sustain them.

Campbellsville College students work with special education children

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The classroom looks like any typical elementary school classroom. There are blackboards, children's desks and a bulletin board reminding the students of good manners. This classroom, however, is not a typical classroom.

It is the special education classroom at Taylor County Elementary School. It is in this special classroom that special children are being taught by special people.

One of these special people is Sherry Hein, a student at Campbellsville College. Ms. Hein is working in this classroom as part of a seminar class in multi-cultural education.

Ms. Hein is a junior majoring in elementary education with a kindergarten endorsement. A seminar class in multi-cultural education, according to Dr. Drewry Meece, professor of education at Campbellsville College, is a "senior level seminar in which persons and groups who are considered different are considered."

It is this type of class that allows students to explore many different areas rather than just the one area that they are studying.

Although she works with most all the children, there is one student in particular who receives her special attention. That student is Mark.

Mark is 16 years old and has been in the special education program about eight years. He had a high fever which left him brain-damaged when he was only a few months old. He is unable to identify himself or his address, which are essential skills in case of an emergency.

Ms. Hein and Mark were video-taped twice recently by the staff member of Campbellsville College's Telecommunications Center. There was a time period of about four weeks between tapings, in order to view any progress that had been made between the first taping and the second taping.

Ms. Hein extends praise and encouragement when Mark does a job well, but remains stern and confident when he does not perform well. She shows patience in working with Mark since he is sometimes less than cooperative.

Mark showed interest in all the gadgets and people that accompanied the video camera. His interest in the video equipment served as a distraction when Ms. Hein tried to challenge him to perform some tasks.

Although the video camera was a distraction, Mark was so overwhelmed he performed some things better than usual. For instance, Ms. Hein commented that he controlled his physical tendencies to swing his arms without reason.

The college stresses the importance of community involvement.

When the video team taped Ms. Hein and Mark the second time, Mark performed well again. Although the camera did distract him, he did not show as much curiosity about the equipment as he did the first time.

Between tapings, Mark made an accomplishment that would seem trivial to most people. Mark was able to identify Ms. Hein's car, open the door, get in, put on the seatbelt and close the door. Ms. Hein commented that a month before he could not even open a car door.

Ms. Hein is working under the direction of Racheal Knight, the special education instructor at Taylor County Elementary School. Mrs. Knight has been working with special education children for eight years.

In an interview, Mrs. Knight elaborated on some of her goals and frustrations with being a special education teacher.

She said, "One of my goals is to make the kids as independent as possible."

She also stated, "I have so many varying abilities and ages that it's hard to do a group project. I have six-year-olds and 18-year-olds." She added, "A lot of my work is with individuals or small groups."

When asked how her job affected her relationship with her four children ages two to 16, Mrs. Knight responded, "Sometimes I go home and the last thing I want to see is another kid."

However, she said she was able to do some of the same things with her children as her students. She said she was able to read some of the same stories and play some of the same games.

Ms. Hein was asked how working with handicapped children affected her view of handicapped people. She said, "It's made me more cognizant of the idea that they are capable of learning, given a structured situation and the timing necessary for that learning to take place."

Ms. Hein was also asked how working with the handicapped can be frustrating. She said, "You'll sometimes get so enthusiastic, you'll set these really unrealistic goals for the kids, and when they don't meet them then you're frustrated and you feel they have failed; that you have failed them. So it's real important to always keep yourself focused and realistic about what you're trying to do, and sort of take it one day at a time."

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She was also asked if she had an outlet for the frustrations. "If it ever gets bad enough, I will just go outside and shout, and carry on my own dialogue with the heavens. Usually it doesn't get to that. I like to walk and hike, and if I get frustrated, I'll take a long walk."

Mrs. Knight and Ms. Hein were both asked the question, "Do you believe each of these children has a talent of some sort?" They both agreed that the children do have talents, although they may not be the talents people normally acknowledge. For instance, Ms. Hein commented that a smile and an outgoing personality would be considered a talent for these special children.

Ms. Hein is not the only person who gives Mrs. Knight a hand in working with her special children. Three other Campbellsville College students work with her and her special students.

One of Mrs. Knight's projects with the children include swimming at Campbellsville College's swimming pool. All four of the College students working with Mrs. Knight and her class help during the time that the children are in the pool.



MARK learns hand skills by threading a bead. Tasks such as these help Mark develop coordination and also provide Mark with a sense of accomplishment. [Campbellsville College Photo by Mary Mounce]

The children really enjoy swimming, but they sometimes go bowling which they enjoy just as much.

Mrs. Knight explained a new project developed to help the children in the community, called "community-based project." In this project, the older children are taken to town and taught to buy groceries and do laundry. She said one of her students could even pump gas into her car.

Mrs. Knight commented that the children were learning things in the classroom and were unable to do the things they have learned outside the classroom. This project helps the children relate to the community and better adjust to the community.

Rose Johnson is another of the four Campbellsville College students helping in the special education program. She is a senior majoring in psychology and social work. Unlike Ms. Hein, Miss Johnson is working with the children as part of social work requirements.

This is only one example of Campbellsville College's concern and involvement with the community. The college stresses the importance of community involvement and encourages all its students to become involved with and to maintain an involvement with the community.

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'I try to do the best I can and the rest is in God's hands.'

Ms. Hein was asked if she sometimes becomes saddened by the children's inabilities, she said, "Not with Mark particularly. Sometimes I look at some of the other kids, and I do feel sad. I have a pessimistic outlook toward their future. I realize I'm only one person, and my work is very limited, and I try to do the best I can and the rest is in God's hands."



MARK, right, delights in showing Ms. Hein newly acquired skills. [Campbellsville College Photo by Mary Mounce]