



Flurry of motions creates work for SBC agencies

by Marv Knox

A flurry of motions presented by messengers to the SBC annual meeting will result in an avalanche of work for agencies throughout the coming year.

Messengers showered a record 51 motions on the convention. Most of those motions were referred to appropriate agencies for action prior to next year's meeting.

"Bylaw 28 of the SBC constitution directs that any matter which deals with a convention agency's program must be referred to the trustees of that agency," explained Reginald McDonough, executive vice president of the SBC Executive Committee.

"All of the motions for referral officially are communicated from the president of the Executive Committee to the president of the appropriate agency," added McDonough. "Then agency trustees consider the motion, take action they feel is appropriate and report back to the convention the following year. In some instances, referrals become recommendations for full convention action."

The number of motions presented has risen sharply in recent years, observers note. This year's total represents a 27.5 percent increase over the previous high—40 motions in 1985.

McDonough cited a rise in the number of SBC messengers as a primary reason for the increase. More than 45,000 messengers participated in the Dallas convention in 1985, and almost 41,000 came to Atlanta; the previous high was less than 23,000.

Most of the motion-related action will be taken by the Executive Committee, which received 23 referrals. About half of those relate to the SBC constitution or its bylaws.

Among the Executive Committee's referrals are:

- A proposal to "remove the (SBC) from participation in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and establish an exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington, D. C. for the purpose of more truly reflecting our views...."

- A suggested change in Bylaw 21 which would limit the SBC president's choices for appointment to the Committee on Committees to four persons from each qualified state convention who have been recommended by that state convention's president.

- Four separate proposals to change Bylaw 16, which provides guidelines for the election of SBC board members, trustees, commissioners or members of standing committees.

- A move to require each convention messenger to be at least 13 years old.

- A request that the formula for determining how many messengers a church can send to the convention be studied "with the idea of bringing greater parity between the numerical basis and the financial basis."

- Two proposals which would provide guidelines for SBC presidential nominees—one which would require any officer's church to give 10 percent of its total offerings as undesignated gifts to the denomination's Cooperative Program, and another which would designate "after a presi-

dent leaves office, he is thereafter ineligible for service as...president."

- A request for a study of the feasibility of a Southern Baptist seminary in the Northeast.

- A motion asking for a study of the feasibility of "satellite convention locations."

Among motions referred to agencies were:

- A proposal, referred to all six SBC seminaries, requesting them to adopt a "directional statement" and to require each professor to "sign a statement indicating complete agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message and willingness to teach only in agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message."

- A recommendation that SBC agency employes be allowed to serve as convention messengers only if they attend the annual meeting at their own expense or at the expense of their local church or association, referred to each agency.

- Two motions were referred to the Peace Committee, one requesting it to conduct a convention-wide survey "concerning theological differences in our convention," and the other asking it to re-open its investigation of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



Carole Engle, homes editor for *Southern Living* magazine, Birmingham, Ala., represents many single Baptists who will be highlighted on Single Adult Day, traditionally slated for the Sunday following Labor Day. Engle, a single parent, leads seminars on loneliness, dating and professional burnout at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina. With Engle is Louis Joyner, senior design editor, and Cheryl Sales, staff photographer.

CP nears 97 percent of goal

Southern Baptists' national Cooperative Program budget should reach almost 97 percent of its goal if trends established during the first nine months of 1985-86 continue.

The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist Convention's unified system of financing SBC mission, education and ministry programs

worldwide. The program's funds are sent by local churches to state Baptist conventions. The state conventions retain about two-thirds of the funds for their own ministries and pass along the rest to the SBC Executive Committee, which disburses the funds to about 20 agencies and institutions.

The 1985-86 Cooperative Program national allocation budget is \$130 million. Through June, the ninth month of the fiscal year, \$94.3 million had been contributed from churches through 37 Baptist state conventions. If the monthly average of almost \$10.5 million holds for the July-September quarter, the final tally should be about \$125.8 million.

The current year's budget was boosted by receipts of \$10,106,146 in June, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Executive Committee. Although only 1.16 percent ahead of receipts for the same period of 1985, the monthly total made this June the first \$10 million June in the 61-year history of the Cooperative Program.

The 94.3 million in receipts for the first three quarters of the current fiscal year has put the Cooperative Program 7.04 percent ahead of its 1984-85 pace and growing about twice the U. S. rate of inflation. Expected receipts for the year should allow dependent SBC agencies to meet the first phase of their operating budgets and allow convention-selected entities to receive capital funds. (BP)



Conver

Poindexter

Two store managers named for Louisville

Two managers have been named for Baptist Book Stores in Louisville.

Chris Conver, a native of Washington, D. C., is manager of the store at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Edwin Poindexter, a native of Winston-Salem, N. C., is manager of the store at 1235 Hurstbourne Ln.

Conver is a graduate of University of Richmond, Va., and earned the MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary.

He has worked as a part time clerk in the seminary store while completing his degree. Earlier he was recreation assistant at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He and his wife Patricia have two sons.

Poindexter, an employe of the 63-store Baptist Book Store chain since 1981, was manager of the Lutherville, Md., store since 1982. Earlier he was a manager trainee in the Raleigh, N. C. store.

He and his wife Betsy are the parents of three sons.

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Jack D. Sanford

Baptist Joint Committee deserves prayerful consideration

During the Atlanta meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention a motion was presented which concerned the work of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (BJCPA). This organization is the only voice Southern Baptists have in Washington. The BJCPA also represents eight other Baptist bodies in North America and is the strongest evangelical force on Capitol Hill.

The SBC referred to the Executive Committee the motion by M. B. Daniels, Mobile, Ala., which would have withdrawn Southern Baptist financial support from the BJCPA, thus crippling this organization since Southern Baptists provide most of the operating budget. The Executive Committee must now decide if withdrawal of support is a wise move. The thrust of Daniels' motion was to withdraw entirely from the BJCPA and establish an "exclusive Southern Baptist presence" in Washington "more truly reflecting our views."

Almost without exception Washington insiders will tell you the BJCPA is a strong voice for religious liberty and that voice is heard by members of Congress. The positions taken by the BJCPA have been in line with traditional Baptist practice, yet these positions, especially with regard to prayer in public schools, education vouchers for parochial school parents and the recent Reagan appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, have drawn the fire of spokesmen for the fundamental conservative element among Southern Baptists. Thus the BJCPA finds itself in conflict with many Southern Baptists on

fundamental issues of church-state separation.

Do Southern Baptists want to disassociate from the larger Baptist body in our country and go it alone? Do we actually believe we will have a stronger voice in the affairs of government if we stand aloof from our fellow Baptists? Are our current positions on school prayer and public funding of private education by tax dollars actually what Baptists believe and have always believed? Is the effort to defund the BJCPA actually the easiest way to get at James M. Dunn, the outspoken executive director of the organization, who has angered many Southern Baptists by calling us to account for the stewardship of our heritage as supporters of church-state separation?

The Executive Committee will begin deliberations on this proposal in the September meeting and has one year in which to make up its mind and report to the SBC next June in St. Louis. There will be pressure from both sides of this issue and the Executive Committee has a difficult task.

During this year let us carefully consider the ramifications of distancing ourselves from other Christians who share our deep conviction that church and state must remain separated. As we consider the problem, let us also pray for the wisdom from above for the members of the Executive Committee and for each other that all of us may have the mind of Christ in this important matter.

Uncertainties of life made easier

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention came into existence to help Baptist people guard against life's uncertainties and to help church employes prepare for their retirement.

Life is an uncertain pilgrimage which can end at any moment. All of us know this, but we rationalize the grimness of a possible sudden end to our life by supposing accidents and terminal disease happen to others, not us.

But it does happen to us and the Western Recorder family experienced this sad truth with shocking suddenness.

Ronnie Coke, husband of Western Recorder subscription clerk Sandy Coke, was killed in an automobile accident during the course of a normal day's work.

One month later the Annuity Board has sent a check for \$50,000 to Sandy in settlement of the accident insurance policy provided through the Annuity Board and Western Recorder for Ronnie, Sandy and other members of their immediate family.

Nothing will replace Ronnie. But the Coke family can at least stay above water economically because of the excellent benefits available to church employes through the Annuity Board, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the trustees of our agencies and institutions.

Some of you who read these words—church

treasurers, personnel committee members, deacons and others—are responsible for the kind of protection your church employes have, or do not have. Many of the people for whom you have salary and benefit obligations are underinsured or not insured at all simply because some of our churches have been poor stewards toward the Lord's called servants.

The programs of insurance and retirement income made possible through the Annuity Board are as essential to the good life as a weekly pay check. Take it from those of us who have had first-hand experience with tragedy here at Western Recorder—provide for your people before it is too late.

None of us thought the joyous, happy marriage of Ronnie and Sandy would be shattered by sudden death. But it was.

A check, no matter how large, does not heal the hurt, but what other agony would be ahead without that check?

All of us at Western Recorder thank God our board of directors has seen fit to provide us help in time of trouble by insuring us against the possibility of accident and death. We are also grateful to the Annuity Board for the prompt way they handled the claim of our fellow worker.

We urge every church in Kentucky to provide adequate protection for **all employes—before it is too late.**

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Chaplains begin witnessing in vacationlands

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

"It's a tremendous opportunity to witness to those in the camping community!" Dene Sills, executive secretary for the Land Between the Lakes Area Ministry Council, spoke enthusiastically.

Since its formation in 1966 the ministry has provided spiritual support to campers at the vast vacationland related to Kentucky and Barkley Lakes. As a result, almost 3500 attended services last year. Of the 104 services held, Baptists were in charge of 51.

Interdenominational in nature, the ministry is supported by nine denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Cumberland Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and United Church of Christ. Each denomination pays dues and is given chaplaincy assignments and dates for worship services.

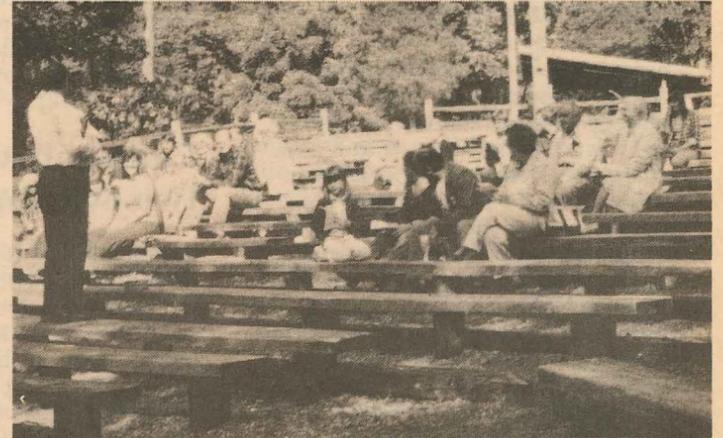
A coordinating council, representative of the various denominations, meets four or five times a year to conduct business and make decisions.

Worship services are held every Sunday morning at 8:30 from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends at Kentucky Dam, Kenlake and Barkley Lake State Campgrounds in Kentucky; Paris Landing State Campground in Tennessee; Hillman Ferry and Piney in the TVA National Recreation Area Between the Lakes; and the Canal Campground of the Corps of Engineers. This year two private campgrounds have been added to the ministry: Lakeside and Sportsman's on Jonathan Creek.

Chaplaincies are held at Piney, Hillman Ferry and Kentucky Dam. The chaplain comes in on Monday and stays through the following Sunday morning worship service. He mingles with the campers, serves as a counselor, visits at other campgrounds and is available for emergencies that might arise.

The Sunday morning I attended services at Hillman Ferry, I walked from the parking lot into the empty amphitheater and took a deep breath. The aromatic odor of the tall pines and the screen provided by the oaks, elms, gums and poplars provided a pristine

Campers gather for Sunday morning worship services at Hillman Ferry led by chaplains of Land Between the Lakes Area Ministry.



setting for the worship service that was to come.

People came, and soon a sizable group from Kentucky, Illinois, Texas, Georgia and Missouri was assembled.

Bulletins containing the words of familiar songs were passed out for the song service. Chester Culver, pastor of Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Murray and chaplain for the week, delivered the message.

Later, he emphasized that due to the many family groups at the campgrounds each week, emergencies are likely to arise.

"For example," he explained, "last week a little boy drowned. That was a time when a chaplain could really help."

Travel trailers are provided for the chaplains to live in. Tennessee Baptist Convention placed one at Piney. The one at Hillman was purchased by combined funds from the LBL Council, Kentucky Baptist Convention Direct Missions Department, Blood River Association, Caldwell-Lyon Association, Little River Association, Ohio River Association, Kentucky WMU and other denominations.

Kentucky WMU has paid insurance premiums on two campers for the past two years.

"Offerings are received at each service as a part of the worship experience," said Dene Sills. "The ministry is almost totally dependent on these

offerings as a means of carrying on this vital ministry."

The campground personnel requests worship services for special occasions: Springfest; Easter at Piney, Hillman Ferry and Kentucky Dam; Septemberfest; Arts and Crafts Festivals; and Campers Fair. Baptists held all of these services this past year.

Bob Jones, director of the Direct Missions Department, KBC, stated, "The Land Between the Lakes Area Ministry is probably one of the best area ministries of its type in the state or in the nation.

"It has crossed denominational lines and has the potential to reach large numbers of people due to the popularity of the area," he continued.

Jones said the Direct Missions Department has mainly contributed moral support, encouragement and a small amount of money.

"It is certainly commendable that this ministry has done so well with mostly local effort and has not had to depend on the convention. Denominational lines have been crossed successfully, and yet Southern Baptists, strong in western Kentucky, have had a big part in the story."

Dene Sills thinks the roots of the LBL Ministry are deep. "We have found that many campers return to this area year after year and expect us to provide a worship service in the campground."



Council members of Land Between the Lakes Area Ministry, meet to share experiences at living quarters for chaplains at Piney Campground.

APHA cites Richardson for service beyond duty

by Susan Shaw,
State Correspondent

C H Richardson thinks people should serve their church, denomination and community if given the opportunity.

For 23 years Richardson has done just that through his work with Baptist Hospitals of Louisville, and at age 70 he shows no signs of stopping any time soon.

Recently Richardson was recognized for his contributions by the American Protestant Health Association.

Richardson was honored with the Citation of Achievement of the American Protestant Health Association during the group's 66th annual convention in Denver, Colo. The citation is presented to individuals such as hospital trustees and other volunteers who have achieved outstanding accomplishments in church-related health activities, primarily on a local level.

Richardson joined the board of directors of the Louisville hospitals in 1963. He says he was asked to serve because his church, Crescent Hill

Baptist in Louisville, had given him the opportunity to serve in the church, where he has been a member since 1954. And because of his involvement with the hospitals, Richardson was elected as representative of the Baptist hospitals to the board of the Blue Cross Hospital Plan, Inc., where he served until 1984.

Since his retirement from the hospitals' board of directors in 1982, he has been general counsel, representing the hospitals in preparation of contracts, medical staff relations and bond issues.

Born in Buffalo, Ky., Richardson lived in Georgetown from the ages of two to 12 while his father taught at Georgetown College. In 1928, his father joined the faculty of Bucknell University, where Richardson later completed his AB and MA degrees before attending law school at Duke University.

After a four-year stint in the Navy, Richardson moved to Louisville, which he considered his second home since he had spent many summers there with his mother's parents. For a while he worked for an accounting

firm and then became a member of a small law partnership. In 1972, Richardson began to practice law alone until he was joined by his oldest son, Lee, in 1979.

"We are put on this earth to serve.... Each person has talents and abilities, and God expects us to develop those."

During his years at Crescent Hill Baptist, Richardson has taught Sunday school and been a member of the board of deacons and occasionally has been its chair.

Richardson sees his work with Baptist hospitals as a part of fulfilling the Great Commission. He believes hospital trusteeship is "a matter of Christian service," which is part of his Christian ministry and part of his Baptist ministry.

"We are put on this earth to serve," Richardson says, and "Each of us has

our opportunities to assist others. Each person has talents and abilities, and God expects us to develop those."

Richardson feels Baptist hospitals offer a number of unique areas of ministry, such as the chaplaincy program, social services division, and the personal care ministry rendered by the nurses.

He also feels other laypersons should become involved in Baptist enterprises. He points to other opportunities besides the hospitals where laypersons could make contributions—colleges, child care, Baptist Foundation.

Of his citation, Richardson maintains he has been singled out merely as a representative of many others who are volunteers in many areas of service.

By word and example, Richardson says that all Christians, no matter their age or status, should become involved in some form of service. "This is one of my favorite phrases," he says, "God has no fixed retirement date." And the way Richardson is going, he'll be around doing God's work for a long time to come.

christian education

Cumberland honors three with degrees

Three people will receive honorary doctoral degrees at Cumberland College's summer commencement exercises to be held Aug. 9 at 8 p.m.

Ralph M. Denman, a specialist in cardiology and cardiovascular disease, will receive the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Denman is a graduate of Williamsburg High School and a 1936 graduate of Cumberland College. He earned the BS degree from the University of Kentucky, where he holds membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and the MD degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He was appointed to the University of Louisville School of Medicine as a faculty member in 1951. In 1975 Denman was appointed to his current position as a clinical professor of medicine, cardiology.

Richard D. Sanborn, president and chief executive officer of Seaboard System Railroad, Inc., will receive the honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Sanborn earned the BA degree, magna cum laude, from the University of New Hampshire and the LLB from Harvard Law School. He is a Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the Massachusetts, Florida and American Bar associations. He began his railroad career in 1961 as a law attorney and 20 years later was appointed president of the Family Lines Rail System, now Seaboard System Railroad, Inc.

M. A. Winchester, a family practitioner and active Baptist layman, will receive the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Winchester earned the BS degree from the University of Kentucky and the MD from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He is a senior partner in Winchester, Patton and Burgess, P.S.C. Winchester also is chairman of the administrative committee of the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and is a member of the business and finance committee.

Lay renewal weekend planned for Oct. 16-18

"Doing the Word" will be the theme of Lay Renewal Weekend Oct. 16-18 sponsored by the Southern Seminary Foundation. The program events will be held at Louisville's Brown Hilton Hotel and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Highlights of the weekend, which begin with dinner on Thursday and conclude at noon Saturday, include Bible studies in James, led by Harold Songer, professor of New Testament, and a mini-concert by Cynthia Clawson, popular Christian concert artist.

Speakers will include William Hendricks, professor of theology, and Kenneth Chafin, professor of preaching and author of **Help! I'm a Layman and Is There a Family in the House?** Seminar leaders will include marriage and family counselors Lewis and Melissa McBurnie—who will discuss topics such as conflict and stress, parenting and building better marriages—and Jack and June McEwen, who will discuss simplifying one's lifestyle.

Cost for the three-day event is \$150 per couple, which includes conference registration and materials, two dinners, two lunches and refreshment

breaks. For more information write: Lay Renewal Weekend, Southern Seminary Foundation, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280, or call (800) 626-5525 (in Kentucky, call 502-897-4142).

Campbellsville begins two evening programs

Campbellsville College is broadening its continuing education programs with the formation of two associate of science evening degree programs beginning with the fall semester, which starts Aug. 27.

The two programs consist of an associate degree in data processing and an associate degree in business administration. Either evening degree program can be completed in a minimum of five semesters.

The data processing degree will consist of several computer classes in which a student will learn how to operate computers. The business administration degree offers a computer class, but it focuses on general business procedures, accounting and economics.

Cost of the evening degree program, with all available grants, will not exceed one-half of regular tuition. The cost per credit hour for the 1986-87 academic year will not exceed \$70 with all financial aid and grants applied to the student's bill.

Classes for the new evening degree programs will be Monday through Thursday, 6:30-9:15 p.m. Students will obtain an associate of science degree in data processing after completion of 65 credit hours. The business administration degree will be awarded following completion of 63 credit hours.

For more information about the evening degree programs contact the college admissions office by calling (502) 465-8158, ext. 218.

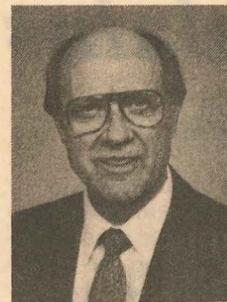
Two staff members added at NOBTS

New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary has added two persons to its administrative staff.

Ferrell Foster has been named director of public relations, and Craig Gilliam has been chosen assistant to the vice president for development. Both are graduates of New Orleans Seminary.

Foster, 30, a native of Dallas, was acting director from January until May when he received the MDiv degree. Before coming to New Orleans as a student in 1984 Foster was managing editor of the Marshall (Tex.) News Messenger.

Gilliam, 27, a native of Shreveport, La., was pastor of First Baptist Church, Onida, S. D. before joining the seminary staff. (BP)



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homes for children

It's goooood!

What tickles the taste buds better than fresh vegetables right out of the garden? All spring we look forward to summer when green beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, cucumbers, etc. can be picked right out of the garden. I really like vegetables, but what is better than fresh corn? It is good boiled on the cob and fried in a black iron skillet. It's goooood!

We have a lot of good corn to eat at Glen Dale and Spring Meadows. This week has been "corn fixin" week at both campuses. A beautiful picture of love, caring, working and cooperation has unfolded before our eyes in recent days.

Pastor Willis McCracken of Pond Run Baptist Church, Echols, Ohio County Association, and his church members have taken a keen interest in our ministry to children. They decided they wanted to do more than just visit the campus and take up a Thanksgiving offering. Last year they provided a lot of hay and corn for the Glen Dale farm animals.

Early this spring they decided to plant three acres of sweet corn for both Glen Dale and Spring Meadows. Church member Bill Burden furnished the land; the church paid for the seed; and church members cultivated and helped harvest the roasting ears.

It was inspiring to see Pond Run church members, children and staff all working together to pick the corn. It was then transported to the campuses where staff, children and helpers from the church worked together to process the delicious food.

An assembly line procedure was worked out. Some were shucking, some silking, others carried the corn into the kitchen where one crew blanched it, another crew chilled it, others worked hard to cut it off the cob and still others bagged it for freezing.

The work all came at an extremely hot time and it was hard, but it surely will be good eating. Pond Run Baptist Church has started the food round-up early, and I predict it will be a bountiful year. Pond Run folk also are growing more alfalfa hay for our livestock. God bless these dear people and all the others who support our work.

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Leon Simpson
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clear creek comment

Living on the Sunday side

Recently I looked at a book (haven't read it yet) entitled, **It's Friday, but Sunday's Comin'**. I don't know if the book points out that Sunday has already come and Christ did, in fact, arise. But I know that the scripture does. We are "risen with Christ" (Col. 3:1) and should be living on the 'Sunday' side of the resurrection, not on the 'Friday' side or in-between.

This leads me to comment that attitude is more important than aptitude. Attitude is the first quality of a successful man. If he has a positive attitude and is a positive thinker who likes challenges and difficult situations, then he has half his success achieved. A. W. Tozer said, "Things are for us only what we hold them to be. Which is to say that our attitude toward things is more likely in the long run to be more important than the things themselves."

Our attitude toward others often depends on what we are ourselves. If we are selfish, we will be suspicious of others. If we are of a generous nature, we will be more trustful. If we are quite honest ourselves, we won't always be anticipating deceit in others.

Develop a 'Sunday' and a sunny attitude. Be positive about your spouse, your children (grandchildren?), yes, even your in-laws! Always think and say good things about your friends, job—and speak positively about your church, pastor and fellow-members.

Think positively about your Sunday school. If you would like to learn more about how your Sunday school can grow and bless your church, come to Clear Creek at 9 a.m. this Saturday to our regional Sunday school conference. This conference is designed to excite, inspire and inform all Sunday school workers to be positive and live on the 'Sunday' side of life!

"But now I give you certain news/To bid a world rejoice;/Ye may crush truth to silence;/ Ye may cry above his voice;/Ye may close your ears before him;/Lest ye tremble at the word;/But late or soon, by night or noon;/The living truth is heard. But now I give you certain news/To spread by land and sea;/Ye may scourge truth naked;/ Ye may nail him to the tree;/Ye may roll the stone above him;/And seal it priestly-wise;/But against the morn, unmaimed, new-born,/The living truth shall rise!"

Theodosia Garrison

baptist forum

The true Bible is the King James

So far as the feud among Southern Baptists is concerned **power** is the name of the game. Fundamental, as an adjective, means forming a foundation for change. As a noun it means theory.

Liberal means changing or reform, conservative means keeping something from being damaged; in religion it means sticking to basic doctrine.

The true Southern Baptist believes in the doctrine Jesus taught and instituted when he established his church. The true Southern Baptist church is the church Jesus established and is not a Protestant church (the Catholic church was established 200 years later).

The word fundamental has no place in a Southern Baptist church and if a Baptist is a true Southern Baptist then he or she is a conservative because he or she will not submit to a change in the beliefs taught in the King James version which validates the true Southern Baptist doctrines.

To become a fundamentalist or a liberal that Baptist becomes a Protestant because he or she is protesting our Southern Baptist doctrine handed down to us by Jesus and which he expects us to preserve.

The true Bible is the King James version because it is the English translations from the Hebrew to the Greek. The Dead Sea Scrolls prove this.

By changing words from noun to adjective or vice versa, the modern translations change the meaning of the original scriptures and thereby confuse many who see the real truth. These new Scofield Bibles are only good to read when they are used as a book of fiction.

So let's get our priorities straight and return to true Baptist teaching of the true Baptist doctrines every Sunday and all other times so as not to confuse our own people as well as other denominations.

Guess I'm from the old school because I believe the Bible (every word) from cover to cover and that every word is the inspired word of God. Let's back the conservative Southern Baptists and receive the eternal blessing from God.

L. Vernon Devine
Utica

Kentucky-Kenya link deserves praise

I have just returned from Kenya as part of the Kentucky link-up and I feel a need to share with Kentucky Baptists.

This is a project that needs to be in the hearts of all Kentucky Baptists. The fields are white unto harvest. There is an openness to the gospel there like no other place I've been.

If we as Kentucky Baptists don't go then others who are preaching some other gospel will. There is hunger in the hearts of the people of Kenya. If we are not there with the bread of life others will offer stale or artificial bread and they will be led astray.

We were able to preach the gospel in reform schools, open air markets, prisons, public schools and on street corners. The state officials want religion taught to their people. We have an open door that may some day be closed. By the grace of God we as Kentucky Baptists must go through.

I was involved with a team of 24 from Kentucky. We worked 12 to 15

hours every day, preaching and door to door visitation. There were well over 5000 souls saved in two weeks. We passed out 40 to 50 thousand pieces of literature yet not one piece was ever found on the ground. Many are now reading the word of God for the first time because of Kentucky Baptists.

I was so impressed with the missionaries we have over there and the mission program as a whole. I'm proud to be a Southern Baptist and support Cooperative Program giving as never before.

The "Good News Kenya, God Loves You" project will be in full swing soon. The goal next year is for 700 Kentucky Baptists to go to Kenya with the good news.

Please pray about this project and the people of Kenya.

Don Short
Kuttawa

Someone should straighten out WR

I am shocked that Western Recorder does not support our President in whatever means available to keep Russia from enslaving us along with the rest of the world.

They are fighting an unprovoked war in Afganistan and helping communist countries as they slaughter millions in Southeast Asia. Is that the kind of world you are asking for?

I believe you must be confused and need someone that knows to straighten you out...I, a 50-year reader of Western Recorder.

Western Recorder has been in our home since my grandmother came to live with us in 1904. I am now 89. I was converted at age 10 at a Baptist church in Jefferson County, moved to Christian County and joined First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, in 1915.

I pray you will seek better information.

Lois Haydon
Hopkinsville

A. U. needs support for issues

During the 1986 legislative session in Frankfort members lobbied for Americans United on issues in which we have a vital concern.

Vice president Denver Cavins was prepared to testify before a committee against another effort to pass a resolution calling for a constitutional convention on the balanced budget.

We were able to defeat it. Americans United does not have a position on the balanced budget. But a constitutional convention is our most important issue. Most constitutional scholars believe a convention could not be limited to the issue of a balanced budget, but would jeopardize all our constitutional rights including First Amendment rights to religious freedom.

On other fronts Americans United is continuing its legal action against use of Title I funds in parochial schools.

The suit against the U. S. Ambassador to the Vatican is still alive. Our attorney is preparing an appeal for the Supreme Court.

The Kentucky Federation presented a \$500 check to the national organization. This is the largest contribution made by any chapter in the country and we thank all individuals and organizations for generous support.

Regardless of the odds we must stand firm in this organization for the defense of those rights so no one has any question whose side we are on.

Edwin E. G. Shafer, president
Kentucky Federation,
Americans United

Pastors affirm the value of BJCPA

It is our privilege to be pastors of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs staff. Because of our relationship with the staff we feel qualified to report...that, without exception, members of the BJCPA staff are deeply committed Christians, loyal Baptists and dedicated church members.

Because we live and minister in the Washington, D. C. area the opportunity is ours to view the effect of the BJCPA. We can testify both to the staff's quality of churchmanship and the excellence of their work on behalf of Baptists.

We are saddened and disturbed that the BJCPA was targeted at the SBC in Atlanta. The motion to place an "exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington" would undermine an agency which for 50 years has served Baptists as champions of the historic Baptist position on religious liberty, especially in the preservation of the separation of church and state. There may be valid reasons for establishing a Southern Baptist office in Washington, but this should be done without disrupting the work of the BJCPA.

For Southern Baptists to withdraw support from the BJCPA would be a grave error, if for no other reason than together Baptists have a strong voice in our nation's capital. It is vital Southern Baptists realize the respect which the BJCPA has earned in Washington.

It is also vital in our opinion for Southern Baptists to realize the BJCPA represents eight other Baptist bodies (totaling) 27 million Baptists. Such cooperation has significant influence for practical reasons. For example, not every congressional district has a strong Southern Baptist presence. The staff of the BJCPA can call upon the leadership of American or Progressive or National Baptists to help with issues that are of great interest to Southern Baptists. In a strict political sense an exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington would be severely limited in its effectiveness.

We urge our fellow Southern Baptists to join us in affirming the value of the BJCPA and to continue our strong support through the Cooperative Program. We urge others to let the Executive Committee know of their support as that group considers withdrawal of support from the BJCPA.

Steven B. Hyde, pastor
First Baptist Church
Silver Spring, Md.

Everett C. Goodwin, pastor
First Baptist Church
Washington, D. C.

George W. Hill, pastor
Calvary Baptist Church
Washington, D. C.

Mark S. Caldwell, pastor
University Baptist Church
College Park, Md.

mountains to the mississippi

missions

Leonard and Carma Lee Chandler were commissioned as summer missionaries to Hawaii by Bandana Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Frank Queen is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Warford and **Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Elmore Jr.** were among 67 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board June 29 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

As missionary associates, the Warfords will live in West Germany, where he will work as a pastor of an English language church and they will be involved in outreach ministries.

Born in Cairo, Ill., Warford is the son of the late C. H. and Marcia Warford, formerly of LaCenter. While growing up he also lived in Ballard County, Grahamville and Sturgis. He considers Bandana his home town and Oscar Baptist Church, LaCenter, his home church.

He received the BA degree from Georgetown College and the MDiv, MRE and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He has been pastor of Bethabara Baptist Church, Philpot and churches in Georgia and Maryland.

The Elmores will live in Kenya, where he will be starting and developing churches, and they will be involved in outreach ministries. He is acting pastor of Oakland Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Born and reared in Louisville, Elmore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Elmore of that city. His father is senior pastor of Oakland.

He received the BA degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, and received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

Although Mrs. Elmore grew up in Macon, Ga., she considers Oakland as her home church. She received the BS degree from Mercer University,



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warford

Macon, and has recently been a teacher in the Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville.

revivals

Munfordville Baptist Church, Lynn Association: 14 professions of faith; four additions by letter; 65 rededications; Randy Smith, Campbellsville, evangelist; Wayne Foropoulos, pastor.

personnel

Yvonne H. Clark, director of music and youth, and **K. Rebecca Martin**, director of education and youth, resigned their positions at First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Three Forks Association, to take similar positions at First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Pike Association. Their last Sunday at Whitesburg, where Thomas Stokes is pastor, was June 22.

Glenn Mollette is pastor at First, Pikeville.

Charles Johnson has accepted the call to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Albany, Freedom Association. He goes to Albany from West Point Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Elmore Jr.

Tony Stinnett was installed as pastor of LaCenter Baptist Church, West Union Association. He moved from Oak Grove Baptist Church, Cadiz, Little River Association.

Jeff Eaton has been called as pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association. Eaton became pastor May 15 and is the son of Thurman Eaton of Campbellsville.

Jim Winsett resigned as pastor of Oscar Baptist Church, West Union Association, to become pastor of Sand Hill Baptist Church, Graves County Association. He will begin duties Aug. 1.

Dana Hawkes has been called as pastor of Aberdeen Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Thomas Standridge has resigned as pastor at First Baptist Church, Iuka, Ohio River Association.

Roger S. Oldham of Mayfield has accepted the call to First Baptist Church, Martin, Tenn. Oldham has completed a tenure as professor of Greek, theology and New Testament at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield prior to his first Sunday, July 13, at the Martin church.

He holds a BA degree from Western Kentucky University and MDiv and

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Robert and Beth Wyatt were honored by Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Booneville Association, on their 25th wedding anniversary July 1. He has been pastor of the church since 1976 and she is a state correspondent for Western Recorder.

Keith Hildabrand has been called as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Bethel Association.

Tom Lawhon has accepted the pastorate of Cave Spring Baptist Church, Logan Association.

Larry Fitzhugh has resigned as pastor of New Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Logan Association.

Charles Jackson has resigned after a 12-year pastorate at Dripping Spring Baptist Church, Bethel Association.

Joe Allen Youngblood has been called as pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

James L. Simmons has accepted the pastorate of Memorial Baptist Church, Murray, Blood River Association.

Eddie Mill is the new pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

David Jennings was called as minister of youth by Valley View Baptist Church, Sevens Valley Association. Jennings is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, and is now a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

John Charles Littlejohn has been accepted as minister of youth at Evergreen Baptist Church, Franklin Association.

Littlejohn goes to Evergreen from Shadybrook Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C. He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. He will be attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in the fall.

Mrs. Nora Gossom was recognized by Milton Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, on her 75th anniversary as a member of the church July 13.

Mrs. Gossom, 89, is faithful in her

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attendance every Sunday. She taught Sunday school and sang in the adult choir 45 years and was active in Woman's Missionary Union.

Paul Peterson is pastor of Milton.

Mrs. Addie Cavanaugh (see picture) was honored for 42 years' teaching in the Bible school of New Salem Baptist Church, Nortonville, Little Bethel Association.

Mrs. Cavanaugh, 73, has been a teacher since the beginning of the Bible school at New Salem. Her seven children were raised in the New Salem church and all were saved there.

She was given a pin by the Bible school committee and a memorial Bible in recognition of her faithful service.

Jeff Hays was accorded special recognition by First Baptist Church, Lewisport, for outstanding service as a Royal Ambassador. He was presented



Mrs. Cavanaugh



Mefford

a certificate by Mike Mellone, the western Kentucky regional Brotherhood director on behalf of the Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Hays, son of Jimmy and Shirley Hays, also was presented a license to preach by Randy Stallings, pastor of the church.

James David Mefford (see picture) was the only Kentuckian among the 169 men and women receiving degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., July 11.

Mefford received the MDiv degree. He is the son of David H. Mefford of Bowling Green.

President Russell H. Dilday conferred the degree upon the Kentuckian during summer commencement ceremonies at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth.

Paul Crocker has accepted the pastorate of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Bill Steele has been called as pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Central Association.

Gregory Brook is now pastor at Willisburg Baptist Church, Central Association.

congregations

East Baptist Church, Paducah, West



Louisvillian and former SBC second vice president Henry Huff discusses convention proceedings with members of a Southern Seminary class during the SBC in Atlanta. Led by professors Dan Aleshire and Larry McSwain, the class attended and studied the convention to get a better understanding of the way the SBC operates.

Union Association, will dedicate its new building Aug. 10.

Workers have been putting the finishing touches on the 10,000 square foot building at the Husbands Road—Interstate 24 interchange. Construction began there in November 1985.

Members will gather at the present church sanctuary at 270 Clements St. at 9:30 a.m. for a brief ceremony, then form a caravan to the new site. The dedication service for the new facility, which includes a 360-seat auditorium, will begin at 10:45 a.m.

The congregation is observing its

95th anniversary this year. It was established in 1891 by members of First Baptist Church, Paducah. Since then more than 55 members have become ministers, missionaries or are serving in other full time Christian vocations.

James O. Green is pastor.

ordinations

Jeff Story was licensed to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association.

Richard Bridges is pastor.

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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- August 11 (Monday)
Second Baptist, Hopkinsville
- August 12 (Tuesday)
Highview, Louisville
- August 18 (Monday)
First Baptist, Pikeville
- August 19 (Tuesday)
Beacon Hill, Somerset

Conference Leaders

include:

- Nathan Porter, National Consultant on Hunger, Home Mission Board
- Robert Parham, Director of Hunger Concerns, Christian Life Commission
- Pat Bailey, Professor of Social Work, Southern Baptist Seminary
- David Aker, Director of Missions, Pulaski Baptist Association
- Jim Holladay, Pastor-Director, Baptist Center, Long Run Baptist Association
- Cindy Weber, Associate, Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Long Run Baptist Association
- Brotherhood Personnel
- WMU Personnel

Who Should Attend

- Associational Directors of Missions
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Schedule

- 7:00 Opening Session led by A. Harold Pike, Pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Covington
- 7:25 Select a Conference
 - How to Find Local Resources to Meet Human Needs
 - What Are Southern Baptists Doing About Hunger and What Can My Church Do About It?
 - How to Use the WMU and Brotherhood in Meeting Human Needs
 - How to Begin a Clothes Closet and Food Pantry
 - What Is Christian Social Ministries in a Local Church?
- 8:10 Break
- 8:15 Select Another Conference
- 9:00 Dismiss

baptist news in brief

High court rejects church-state disputes

In a pair of actions in church-state disputes, the U. S. Supreme Court has refused to review lower rulings that churches may choose not to employ women in pastoral positions without violating a federal anti-discrimination law but that a private athletic club may not refuse to hire employees who are not "born again."

Acting on the last day of its current term, the high court left standing a ruling of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not subject to the anti-discrimination provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act for refusing to hire a woman, Carole A. Rayburn, to a pastoral position. The lower panel held earlier the church's refusal was protected by the religion clauses of the First Amendment.

Appealing that decision, attorneys for Rayburn argued unsuccessfully the government has such a compelling interest in eradicating race and sex discrimination in employment that it should be allowed at a minimum to investigate the Seventh-day Adventist claim that being forced to hire women in pastoral positions would violate its free exercise of religion.

The church claimed government would violate the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion were it to subject the church to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act in the employment of ministers.

In the other rejected case, the high court left in place a ruling by the Minnesota Supreme Court that a chain of sports and health clubs was forbidden by the state's Human Rights Act to hire and promote only "born again" Christians to management positions.

Minnesota's high tribunal ruled last year the state has an overriding and compelling interest in prohibiting discrimination in employment and public accommodations, an interest that takes precedence over the club's claimed free exercise right. (BP)

SBC congregations outpaced by large cities

A mid-decade report of Southern Baptist progress in the 45 largest American population centers shows a slow but definite trend of growth toward larger urban churches.

The growth, detailed in a new research project from the Center for Urban Church Studies at the Sunday School Board, also points to significantly higher resident membership growth in northern cities as compared to the South.

The Southern Baptist Convention, long comprised of a majority of churches with a membership of less than 300, is experiencing an increase in the average size of churches because of the growth in urban areas, reported Kirk Hadaway.

Hadaway, research director for the Center for Urban Church Studies, said the growth in the North is necessary if the denomination is to reach large cities, because the largest U. S. cities are located outside the South.

The only large city to break the top five in net change in membership and percentage change in membership for the past five years was Los Angeles, where 26,212 new members,

or 29.4 percent, placed third in net change and fourth in percentage change. The only Southern city to rank in the top 10 in percentage and net increase was San Antonio, Tex. Phoenix, Ariz., and San Francisco join Los Angeles to make three western cities in the top 10.

The number of churches in the 45 largest population centers in the U. S. registered a gain of 7.7 percent from 1970 to 1980, compared to a 4.3 percent gain for the total number of churches in the convention. For 1980-85, churches in urban centers also are projected to outdistance all SBC churches by 14.8 percent to 11.4 percent during the 80s, based on growth for the first half of the decade of 7.3 percent for urban churches over 5.4 percent for all SBC churches.

Additionally, Southern Baptist churches in the top 45 population centers will represent more of the total number of churches in the denomination at the end of the 80s. In 1970 churches in the urban centers represented 18.6 percent of the total, compared to a projected percentage of 19.6 by 1990. (BP)

Volunteers needed to witness overseas

Southern Baptists are being invited to help spread the gospel in one of the world's most responsive countries through an effort coordinated by the Foreign Mission Board this fall.

Missionaries in the Philippines are asking for up to 30 people to help them with crusades in the greater Manila area Oct. 29 through Nov. 11, when they hope to see the groundwork laid for 10 new churches.

Also, missionaries in Chile, Brazil and England are asking for Southern Baptists to help them in special evangelism crusades planned this fall.

In England 25 lay people are needed Sept. 10-23. In Brazil, 24 people are needed Oct. 2-14 and 25 people Nov. 13-25. In Chile 16 people are needed Oct. 15-28.

Working with local churches, volunteers will form pastor-led teams and go with local Baptists to witness in homes and/or businesses and schools. For about a week they will share their testimonies in the morning and afternoon and participate in evening services.

Men and women, and youth in 11th grade or older, are eligible to participate. Volunteers pay their own expenses. Interested people should contact the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at (804) 353-0151 and ask for Barbara Epps, Volunteer Enlistment Department.

Kinchen elected leader of West Va. Baptists

Thomas A. Kinchen has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

Kinchen, director of the continuing education and doctor of ministry programs at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, will succeed Thomas E. Halsell, who will retire Dec. 31. Kinchen will begin work with Halsell in West Virginia Sept. 12 and will assume his new post Jan. 1, 1987.

A native of Thomasville, Ga., Kinchen has been pastor of churches in Georgia and Louisiana. He also has

been a high school and seminary teacher. In addition to his current position at New Orleans Seminary, he has been administrative assistant to the vice president for student affairs, director of church-minister relations and communications and vice president for student affairs.

Kinchen, 39, is a graduate of Georgia Southern College, the University of Georgia and New Orleans Seminary. (BP)

Baptists lead gifts to Bible society

Southern Baptists led all denominations and religious groups in gifts to the American Bible Society last year, according to the society's "1985 Report of Denominational Support."

The society received \$298,339 from the Southern Baptist Convention, down from \$309,610 in 1984. The SBC contribution comprised 16.5 percent of the society's denominational receipts, which totalled \$1,805,006 in 1985.

The other top denominational/organizational contributors to the society included the Bible-a-Month Club, \$176,279; Presbyterian Church (USA), \$110,090; United Methodist Church, \$103,381; and the Apostolic Christian Churches of America, \$101,295.

The American Bible Society cooperates with United Bible Societies around the world to distribute Bibles and scripture portions to people in a variety of languages and circumstances. Last year the society contributed more than \$12.5 million to aid in scripture translation and distribution worldwide, Alice E. Ball, the society's general secretary, noted.

Working together the United Bible Societies distributed more than 548 million copies of scripture and supported translation projects in 544 languages, she said, pointing out the society also spent more than \$8.5 million for scripture production and distribution in the United States. (BP)

Oklahomans assaulted during mission trip

Blindfolded and beaten in Zambia, two Oklahoma Baptists learned the difference between easy faith and that tested by fire.

Don Stiver and Eddie Zuniga, two of eight members of Angus Acres Baptist Church, Sand Springs, Okla., who were on a leadership training mission to Zambia in June, were taking an evening stroll with a small group of Zambian church members when several men on bicycles stopped them for questioning.

The bicyclists' spokesman was in military uniform. Dismissing their passports as forgeries, he refused to believe the Americans were anything other than South African paratroopers sent to Zambia to destroy bridges and communications.

The soldiers took the shirts from several Central Baptist Church youths who were walking with Stivers and Zuniga. They used the shirts to blindfold the Americans, threw them into a commandeered truck and drove to military barracks. On the way, the men punched and kicked Stivers, bruising his face. They kicked Zuniga in the side. All the while they told the pair they would die that night.

A Catholic priest drove to the

barracks and convinced the soldiers the Americans were part of an evangelistic team he was familiar with and for which he could vouch. The men then loaded Stivers and Zuniga in another truck and took them to the police station. There the priest continued to plead their case, a truckload of women from the church pleaded for them and Southern Baptist missionary John Sapp, who coordinated their trip, arrived to plead for them.

They finally were released, about two 1/2 hours after their ordeal began. A council, which convened the next day to consider whether to allow them to remain in the country, resolved their stay.

With the trauma behind them, the team proceeded in pairs into the bush country where evangelistic teams from the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists had preached the year before. The Angus Acres teams were to develop leadership for new churches resulting from the previous year's efforts. They also held evangelistic services at night. (BP)

Nicaraguans appeal to U. S. Baptists

On July 4, 1986 the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua issued an "Open Letter to Baptists and Other Christians in the United States," appealing for support in opposing current U. S. policy toward that country.

The letter explicitly condemns the recent \$110 million congressionally-approved aid to Nicaraguan rebel forces and calls on U. S. Christians to remember "those noble principles...of life, justice, dignity, sovereignty, liberty..." which are "being trampled."

Ken Sehested, Baptist Peace Fellowship executive director, commented: "I have never been so proud to be a Baptist as when visiting with our Nicaraguan Baptist friends. And I've never been so infuriated at the discrepancy between news we get...and the reality.... Our people here are caught in a history they don't understand and manipulated by political forces and interests they don't perceive." (BP)

Lake Barkley rec lab scheduled Oct. 20-24

Training church staff members to minister through recreation is the purpose of a rec lab offered this fall by the Sunday School Board Church Recreation Department at Lake Barkley State Park, Cadiz, Oct. 20-24.

Phil Briggs, professor at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will be the worship leader at Lake Barkley, where the seminars will be offered to teach fundamentals of recreation ministry.

Seminars for those with 10 or more years in recreation ministry will be offered, as well as specialized seminars in adventure recreation and clowning.

A program fee of \$135 includes instructional costs, a lab notebook, basic conference materials, but not room, board or travel. Program fee for seminary students is \$100.

For more information write the Church Recreation Department, MSN 166, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN 37234.

Missouri executive announces retirement

Missouri Baptist Convention executive director Rheubin L. South has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, 1986.

In a written report to the convention's executive board July 15, South noted he will celebrate his 65th birthday Dec. 16. In December 1985, the executive board asked South to continue beyond his 65th birthday, through 1988.

South, who was diagnosed as suffering from leukemia in April, thanked the board members for their support

during his recent hospitalization. He said doctors were delighted and surprised at his progress, adding, "the answer is in the hundreds of prayers of Missouri Baptists and others around the world."

To implement his decision to retire, South wrote convention president Wallace E. Jones, pastor of Fee Fee Church in St. Louis, formally announcing the retirement decision. In the letter of June 30, South said, "The extent to which my illness affects my ability to serve as executive director has been much in my thoughts and prayers. Verna and I have discussed our future and we feel the Lord has led us in a decision concerning what

is best for us and Missouri Baptists."

South began his Missouri service on Feb. 17, 1975, coming from a 23-year pastorate at Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark. (BP)

Goodwin tapped for Spring Meadows

Michael R. Goodwin will join the staff of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children the last week of August 1986 as director of Spring Meadows Children's Home.

Goodwin and his wife Carron have five children and have been living in Centralia, Ill., where he has been the

executive director of Hudelson Baptist Children's Home since 1981. Before working with the Hudelson ministry, he was with the Florida and Louisiana Baptist Children's Homes.

Goodwin is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and also holds a MSW from Florida State University.



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Wednesday, Aug. 13 PADUCAH
First Baptist Church

Thursday, Aug. 14 OWENSBORO
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Friday, Aug. 15 LOUISVILLE
Hurstbourne Baptist Church

Monday, Aug. 18 FORT MITCHELL
Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church

Tuesday, Aug. 19 LONDON
Corinth Baptist Church

Wednesday, Aug. 20 WINCHESTER
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - Understanding the
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11:00 AM - Choose one:

- A. Understanding Life, Medical, & Disability Insurance for church employees
- B. Five Basics in Planning Adequate Retirement
- C. (For Ministers Only) Planning a Minister's Financial Support Package

12:00 Noon - Lunch

12:50 PM - Choose one:

- D. Questions and Answers for those approaching retirement
- E. Understanding IRA's and Tax Sheltering by means of a Salary Reduction Agreement
- F. (For Laymen Only) Planning the Financial Support Package for Ministers and church employees

2:00 PM - Conferences End

Conference Leaders will be available as needed for individual consultation.

Each conference will begin at 9:30 AM & conclude at 2:00 PM. All ministers and full-time church employees and a key lay leader from each church are invited to attend.

THOSE REGISTERED & ATTENDING will receive a free copy of a workbook, "Planning the Minister's Financial Support Package" and will be guests of the KBC Annuity Department for lunch.

TO REGISTER TO ATTEND, contact the Annuity Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, PO Box 43433, Middletown, Ky. 40243.



Barkley Moore
President
Oneida Baptist Institute
Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

A rude, disrespectful punk

In the spring issue of "Life More Abundant," a publication of Cumberland College, was an article about a 1982 OBI graduate:

"David Robinson, an outstanding leader on our campus, came through many troubled times before arriving at Cumberland College. David, one of seven children, was given as an infant to a baby sitter, who in turn gave him to a couple who had no children. When given to the sitter, he was suffering malnutrition and was nearly blind because of abuse. At age two he had an eye operation which repaired a great deal of the damage.

"David grew up in a very low income district of Cincinnati, Oh. By the time David reached the fourth grade he was heavily involved in drugs and street gangs. He was classified as a teenage alcoholic by the eighth grade. He was kicked out of school by the eighth grade. His mother tried to place him in a boarding school without any success. Oneida Baptist Institute was their only hope.

"David arrived at Oneida in 1977. During his sophomore year at Oneida, during his senior year he was voted 'Mr. Oneida' and received a President's Award. He graduated 11th in his class. He decided to continue his education at Cumberland College and major in sociology and physical education.

"While at Cumberland, David has

been very active in Baptist Student Union. He has participated in the following: BSU Choir, sports committee, missions committee, Love-In-Action program, revival teams, special children's ministry and summer missions. This year David has served as the BSU vice president and was recently recognized for his contributions during the past four years to BSU.

"David will graduate from Cumberland soon. Upon graduation, David plans to return to Oneida to teach. David feels the most important thing he was shown at Oneida was the Christian love from the faculty and staff. Cumberland has nurtured that love through the programs David was involved in. His desire is to work with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds."

Reading that article and thinking about David's life made me so happy that Oneida accepted David in 1977 when no one else would agree to work with him. God blessed our efforts and David is one of literally hundreds whose lives have been salvaged, for now and eternity, because of our conviction that God makes each person, Jesus died for each, and that is reason enough for us to try.

In late April I received a letter from a Cumberland College student with a \$200 donation for Oneida! She wrote of the differing OBI graduates she had come to know there and especially of David.

"My life has been so richly blessed by many of Oneida's graduates. Ethel, B. T., Andy, Rick, Greg, Oliver, David. Each one is extremely special and I'm positive Oneida had a great part in each of their lives.

"David has often expressed to me the tremendous part Oneida played in his life. The kindness and encouragement he received from all of you to continue his education has greatly benefited us all. He has served in many capacities. He and Ethel (a 1982 graduate of OBI who came to us from Brazil) received the BSU service award this past February.

"David truly is a wonder. Thank you for taking the time and love to mold a rude, disrespectful punk from Cincinnati into a terrific witness for Christ."

David graduated magna cum laude in 1982 and received three honors from Cumberland College. David began his teaching career at Oneida with the start of summer school. He is doing a superb job. Every time my courage falters, every time I hear "so-and-so is hopeless," I look at David and know that all things are possible with Christ.



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LESSONS FOR AUG. 3, 1986

Life and Work Series

Peacemakers

Matt. 5:9; Ps. 34:14; Heb. 12:14; Rom. 14:19; 12:17-19 Peace is the condition of harmony with the will of God and conformity to the word of God. One can never become a peacemaker until Christ dwells in his soul. Next to the enjoyment of peace is the delight of knowing that we are the diffusers of peace and love.

After praising God for his great deliverance from trouble, the psalmist exhorted his readers to refrain from doing evil, and urged them to do good. He also admonished them to strive for peace.

Heb. 12:14 teaches God's children should strive to live amicably with Christians and non-Christians. They should never fail to draw upon the grace of God for the strength which they need to live victoriously. They should yield themselves unto God and strive for that holiness without which "no man shall see the Lord."

In Rom. 14:19 Paul exhorted Christians to pursue the things which make for peace. He emphasized they should live in such a manner as to glorify and glorify the Lord, as to edify, strengthen and encourage the saved, and as to enable the unsaved to see Christ living in and through them.

In Rom. 12:17-19 Paul warned Christians not to seek vengeance because they have not been mistreated. To the Lord

alone belongs vengeance. Just when and how he will repay is none of our business, but it is enough to know he will do so.

Isa. 9:6-7 Isaiah pictured Christ as being "wonderful" in his person—Son of God and Son of Man, in his purpose—the revelation of God, in his redemption of man from sin, and the reconciliation of man to God, and in his power—as revealed in his ability to save, to sustain and to supplant. "The mighty God" speaks of his deity and power. "The everlasting father" emphasizes the fact that he is eternal. "The Prince of Peace" portrays him as the one who has brought peace to the hearts of all who have trusted him.

International Series

Renewal of God's people

Ezek. 36:22-23 Determined that his holy name should not be held in contempt by the captors of his people, God declared that he would demonstrate his power in such a remarkable manner that the heathen would be compelled to acknowledge he was unique and supreme.

Ezek. 36:24 Not because they deserved to be restored to their homeland, but for the sake of his great name which had been defiled and dishonored without justification, God announced the regathering of his people from captivity and their restoration. It would be a clear demonstration of his sovereign power to all who observed what took place.

Ezek. 36:25-30 When the penitent exiles returned to their homeland, in any form of idolatrous worship. In grace and mercy God had forgiven them and cleansed them as soon as they had genuinely repented. Through the miracle of divine grace, their former relationship with God was restored.

Ezek. 36:31-32 Through Ezekiel God called to the attention of his people that the wonderful demonstrations of his love and mercy would cause them to blush with shame on account of their previous sinful deeds. Many can testify the remembrance of their past sins often brings regret, shame and self-rebuke.

Ezekiel taught those who were vitally concerned about their national restoration that in God's own time and manner thousands of them would be permitted to live in the promised land. He assured them of God's presence with them, protection of them, and provision for them.



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on mission together

Tomorrow has come

Among the lines from Margaret Mitchell's **Gone With The Wind**, perhaps none are better remembered than those which Scarlett O'Hara uttered in the midst of her awareness that she would have to rebuild her beloved Tara without Rhett Butler. Those words were: "I'll think about that tomorrow!"

Unfortunately, those words also characterize an embarrassingly large number of Southern Baptist churches in helping their pastors prepare for retirement. As a result, for thousands of undersupported ministers and their spouses, tomorrow has already come and they are ill-prepared.

It is regrettable the average Kentucky Baptist pastor is receiving **less than \$200 per month as pension** for his many years of church employment. Worse, many elderly widows of pastors are often forced to request supplemental assistance in order to exist.

Across our larger convention, there

are over 14,600 Southern Baptist annuitants. Just over 6600 receive an annuity of less than \$100 a month and another 4150 receive between \$100 and \$200 each month.

While many of these are eligible for Social Security, the amount of support is minimal because of low salaries in prior years.

Traditionally, churches have provided a parsonage for their minister, and many still do. Those ministers who live from "parsonage to parsonage" throughout their ministry are often unable to purchase a home at the time of retirement. Too late for the many already retired, today's minister must keep this in mind in his preparation for retirement.

Presently in Kentucky, only 1080—not even half—of our churches participate in the Southern Baptist annuity program, which includes 1456 ministers and other church staff. Many of these are at minimal levels. Few churches have a policy, plan or procedure for

determining what they could or should put into the retirement plan of their ministers and other employees.

The reader should be pleased to know that Kentucky Baptists, during the 1985 Kentucky Baptist Convention, voted to adopt the bold new program of annuity support, not only for ministers but for all qualified church employees. The convention has agreed to provide the necessary dollars for its portion of the plan.

However, the real difference will be made by the determination of the individual churches and the church employees. **Each church must take official action on the plan.** If both agree to do their important part, retirement for church employees will no longer be a matter of such embarrassment.

Information to pastors and key church leaders about the new plan is on the way. I would plead with them not to put it aside.

We can't afford to think about it tomorrow—tomorrow has come.

Missionaries survive war in Uganda

Everyone hoped "the worst was over" when dictator Idi Amin fell from power in 1979. Religious freedom was restored, but otherwise it got worse....

by Art Toalston

Missionary Jim Rice is too mild-mannered to boast about persevering in a land where more than one million people have died at the hands of their own rulers.

"I've often wondered, 'Why am I here? What talent or talents have I got?'" Rice states. He concedes he does "an adequate job" as chairman of Southern Baptist missionaries in Uganda, but "it may boil down to availability. I may not be so talented, but at least I'm here."

Missionary Rick Goodgame, a physician, recalls everyone hoped "the worst was over" when dictator Idi Amin fell from power in 1979. Religious freedom was restored, but otherwise "it got worse."

Six times the reins of power have been grabbed through military coups, a suspicious election or a war. The forces of Milton Obote, in power from 1980-85, may have equaled Amin's in the number of people they killed—an estimated half million. The mayhem reflected longstanding tribal



Two words sum up the past few years in Uganda: "Lwero Triangle." It is a region where skulls and bones have been moved to roadsides so farmers and their animals won't stumble over them in the fields. Genocide was especially heavy there.

animosities in Uganda. Many soldiers had no qualms about murder, rape, breaking into homes or demanding payments at roadblocks throughout the country. "Sin had free reign," Rice recounts.

However, Ugandans feel they have cause for celebration. Yoweri Museveni, whose National Resistance Army came to power in January, has pledged there will be no "thieves, murderers or any remnant of the bad governments of the past" in his regime. Museveni's troops are under control and roadblocks are no longer points of harassment.

Southern Baptist missionaries have faced times of peril. Five years ago a drunken soldier shot and killed a milkman in front of Larry and Sharon Pumpelly's home. A vehicle Linda Rice was driving was stolen by four men with machine guns in broad daylight. The Rices, of Christiansburg, Va., again weathered a vehicle robbery in 1982 as did the Pumpellys of Newark and Cuyahoga Falls, Oh.

Nevertheless, "I'd like people to understand we believe we're in the Lord's will here," Linda Rice says. Southern Baptists in the U. S. should "keep praying for us, not tell us we're crazy."

When Museveni's forces invaded Kampala the part of town where the Rices and Goodgames live became a battleground. The Rices spent two days huddling in the hallway of their house, with two-year-old Kristen and 11 other missionaries and children. Rick and Susan Goodgame and their five children spent much of the time barricaded in their kitchen.

A recording from the Rices' hallway at the time sounds like a war movie. "The gunfire and artillery were deafening at times," Goodgame declared, but residential homes were not targeted.

Goodgame, senior lecturer in Makerere University's School of Medicine, called his family together to say, "We don't know if it's going to be next week, next month, next year, two



Jim Rice, Southern Baptist missionary in Uganda, holds up a charred typewriter. It was found in the midst of debris that once was home for missionaries Harry and Doris Gavin.

years. If we leave we'd just be sitting around waiting. But we're going to do our work.

"I'm going to the hospital," he continued. "Mom is going to take care of the things she always does. You're going to go to school. We're going to work with the church."

"When the war comes, we're going to get to our house, lock the gate, block the doors, get on the floor and read books and play games for a few days. Then the war will be over and we'll get back to work," he said.

Goodgame, from Clearwater, Fla., and his wife from Houston, Tex., had to decide six years ago, "What are we willing to risk for the sake of the gospel? God in his sovereignty can handle any circumstance—our own deaths, our children's deaths, loss of property, illness. You have to leave yourself open to all those possibilities."

On several fronts Baptist work is progressing. Kampala Baptist Church opened a new building in May. New work is beginning in Uganda's most prominent indigenous language.

"A number of churches given a little bit more encouragement will be self-supporting," declared John Ekudu, general secretary of the Baptist Union and a botany teacher at Makerere University.

Six hundred oxen are being purchased with Southern Baptist hunger relief funds.

During recent years, "It seemed like evil was rewarded and godly characteristics were punished," Linda Rice notes. "It's spoiled a whole generation in Uganda." Sharon Pumpelly adds, "It was the view of a lot of unsaved people and even some saved people that to survive in Uganda you had to do something illegal. People were beginning to rationalize their corruption. Very few had any interest in doing what was best for the country."

But for faithful Christians, "this tribulation" can be a blessing, says Methusela Sebagala, a Baptist associate pastor and high school teacher in Kampala. "Many people have cried to God for help." Peace is at hand. "It is quite a ripe time," he says, "to preach the gospel vigorously."



Ugandan Baptist pastor Methusela Sebagala uses his skills as an educator to care for his wife, three young children and 13 refugee relatives—all driven from their rural village by warfare in Uganda. Sebagala works as deputy headmaster and teacher at one high school each morning, teaches at another high school until after 5 p.m., then engages in tutoring sessions.

Georgetown College faces big unknown opportunities in a quiet setting being altered by a major industry

by KEN FENDLEY

Georgetown College faces one of the most challenging opportunities in its 157 years of Christian service.

Suddenly, the quiet climate of a small college city, located in one of the world's most beautiful pastoral settings, has become the locale for a major automotive industry that will generate thousands of jobs and 200,000 Toyotas a year.

The official announcement came early last December, when the two top leaders of Toyota Motor Corporation revealed the plan. Since then the region around Georgetown has become an anthill of activity.

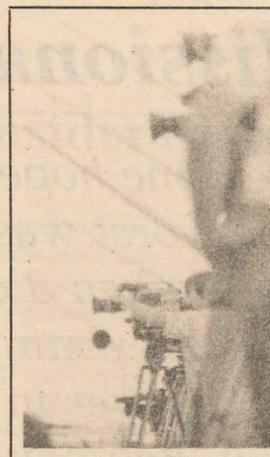
Millions of cubic yards of dirt and rock have

been pushed and dragged from the site's high points to level out the base for a very large industrial operation. The main plant will have a 67 acre roof surrounded by housed support systems, parking spaces, rail and truck transportation facilities . . . all to handle the unknown logistics of a high tech "state of the art" facility.

The Toyota development is being termed

"the finest automotive assembly system" in the world. It will employ the best robotical engineering and automated techniques ever brought together. They will be under a roof big enough to cover over 1200 basketball floors.

Georgetown College has already responded to the new combinations of circumstances that are developing. Three courses have been offered to the college neighborhood . . . addressing issues of Japanese language and culture, economic style, community changes, developmental impact on Georgetown and Japanese industrial method.



It is certain that a large number of satellite industries will settle within a convenient distance of the \$800 million assembly plant.

What's to come is longer than a grocery list. No one feels comfortable about climbing out on a limb with guesses that none can substantiate. A few have predicted that Georgetown, a city of



Hundreds from America and Japan attend official Toyota Plant ground breaking last May 5.

5,000 in 1955, will expand to more than 30,000 before the turn of this Century.

Georgetown College has been challenged by its president, Morgan Patterson, to contribute the very best academic benefits it can to this ultra modern industry that is caught up in the wave of the future.

Patterson has been in close proximity with some of Japan's industrial elite listening for hints that will invite the genius of an old and productive Georgetown College, holding claim to one of America's finest college science track

records, to join in this new adventure.

The Georgetown president has expressed the hope that our Kentucky Baptist College will exemplify its great Christian spirit in this period of industrial pioneering. It is certain that the role of Georgetown College faces some non-traditional changes as an institution of learning in a Christian environment.



President Patterson offers prayer at ground breaking.



Here is an artist's presentation of the car assembly plant.