



HMB requests new search committee for president

by Jim Newton

By a vote of 40-36, directors of the Home Mission Board, meeting in executive session, requested the resignations of seven members of a search committee appointed in June to nominate a new president.

Directors also asked their officers to appoint a new search committee "that will give fair representation and proper balance to all members of the board."

In response to the action, six of the seven search committee members resigned, but M. A. Winchester, a medical doctor from Whitley City, Ky., declined to resign "for reasons of personal integrity."

The motion was made by Johnny Jackson, pastor of Forest Highlands Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. Jackson said he was making the motion "in light of the apparent imbalance of the present search committee in regard to theological issues facing our board."

Although the action was taken during executive session in which media, staff and visitors were asked to leave, copies of Jackson's motion, including the vote count, were given to news media by Home Mission Board outgoing chairman Travis Wiginton of Norman, Okla.

Just before the meeting ended, Wiginton resigned as chairman of the board, saying he had accepted the pastorate of Kona Baptist Church in Hawaii, effective Sept. 7, and would no longer be eligible to serve as a board member from Oklahoma.

The board elected Clark Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., as "interim" chairman until the regularly-scheduled election of officers in March 1987.

Hutchinson won the election over Marvin Prude, a retired refining company president from Birmingham and current first vice chairman of the board. The vote count was not announced.

In an interview after the meeting, Wiginton said that the votes were a "clear indication" of the control of the board by what some have called "fundamental conservatives" in the Southern Baptist Convention.

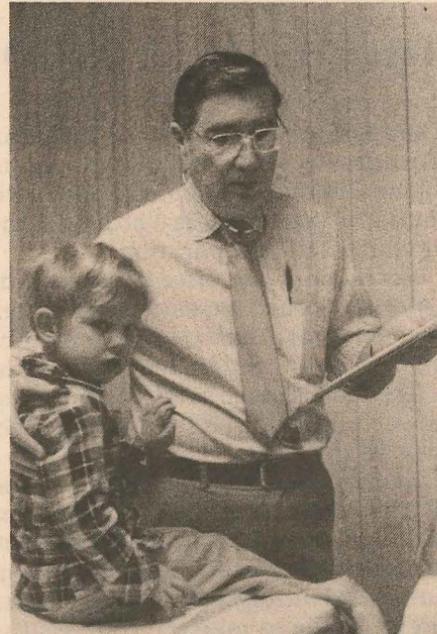
"The implication is the same old story we've had for several years—a lack of trust" between Baptists who disagree with each other in the political and theological controversy confronting the SBC, said Wiginton.

He said he was aware that board members who were unhappy with the board decided to ask that the committee resign, even before they had presented their first report.

Wiginton asked search committee chairman Eugene Cotey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., to lead the opening devotional and to present the search committee report as the first item on the agenda.

After Cotey's devotional, but before his committee's report, a motion was made by Ann Frazier of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. that the board go into executive session.

Wiginton ruled the motion out of order, saying he had already recognized Cotey for his report, but the board voted 38-31 not to sustain the chair and went into executive session.



M. A. Winchester, a medical doctor from Whitley City, Ky. refused to resign from the seven-member search committee.

Long-time board staff members said it was the first time the board had gone into executive session since 1973 when the board was dealing with a "sensitive personnel matter." The board has met in executive session only two or three times in the last 25 years, according to informed sources.

Behind closed doors, Jackson made his motion to ask the committee to resign, and Wiginton ruled the motion out of order. By a vote of 40-36, the board voted against sustaining the ruling of the chair, and voted by the same margin to approve Jackson's motion.

While the board was taking action on scheduled business, the seven-member search committee met privately to pray and discuss their response to the request to resign. No announcement was made during the "open" business session of

the actions taken during the executive session.

After Wiginton resigned as chairman and Hutchinson was elected, the board went into a second executive session to hear the response of the search committee.

All members of the committee except Winchester told the board they were resigning. They included Don Aderhold and Frank Wells of Atlanta, Lula Walker of Beaverton, Ore., Lawana McIver of Dallas, Troy Morrison of Montgomery, Ala., and Cotey.

Wiginton said he believed there is a possibility that some of the committee members who resigned may be asked to serve on the second committee to be appointed by the five officers.

Wiginton said he had received a great deal of criticism from board members because of a statement he made in the announcement of their appointment, saying that the committee was not chosen "on the basis of theology or politics in the denomination." Wiginton added in the announcement June 19 there was no attempt to "balance" political points of view on the committee.

"The reason those seven were selected," said Wiginton, "is because we wanted a team, we wanted harmony, we wanted experience—and brother we had it on that (search) committee."

In the news conference after the meeting, Wiginton was asked if he felt the board actions had been a repudiation of his leadership.

"Yes," he said. "I've felt that for some time." He added that although he had been criticized for appointing a search committee dominated by "moderates," the decision was made by all five officers of the board in keeping with the bylaws which spell out the process for selection of a new president.

Hutchinson, the new chairman, said he did not know when the new committee would be appointed and announced.

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Winchester defends actions

"We are trustworthy servants of Christ"

by Jack Sanford, Editor

He was appointed to the search committee of the Home Mission Board in what he called "a proper manner," and thus M. A. Winchester refused to resign his position when requested to do so by a majority of the board members.

Winchester agreed to discuss with Western Recorder the actions of the executive session of the HMB because, "Before I left Atlanta a member of Baptist Press told me he had been told the whole story. During the executive session two directors used tape recorders. One gave his tape to the board secretary before he left. The other man put his tape in his briefcase and left the meeting," Winchester said. "Finally I was told an Atlanta newspaper reported the executive session and it was quoted to me that 'director Winchester was not available for comment.'

"Therefore I did not break the integrity of the executive session," he claimed. "It was broken by others and once it is broken the integrity of the session is not valid for other members."

Winchester asserted the search committee was asked to resign because, "We were told there was dissatisfaction with

our selection."

Winchester further declared, "We were advised others would present a nomination for president (of the HMB). We were also told they would not accept any selection (for president) brought from our committee. It was also reported to us they would shut down the business of the Home Mission Board."

When asked to identify "they," Winchester said, "The persons referred to as they were not identified and I did not ask for their identity."

The search committee was asked to resign "immediately" according to Winchester. The chairman tried to rule the request out of order but was defeated by a 40-36 vote. They were asked to leave the room to consider the request and each individual made his or her own decision.

"We did not attempt a group decision. Decisions were made for various reasons, but it was obvious no selection from our committee was electable," Winchester declared. All members of the search committee resigned except Winchester.

"My interpretation of this," he continued, "was that the actions of the board meant a majority of the directors

told us they did not trust us to act in the best interests of the HMB or of God."

When asked why he refused to resign, Winchester stated he "had been told he was loved but not trusted. I was determined to prove that I, the other search committee members, the other 35 board members and 47 percent of the messengers at Atlanta are trustworthy servants of Jesus Christ."

He went on to say his refusal to resign came because, "I believe they needed somebody on the committee who would make the committee aware that we need a uniquely gifted man of God, a called man of God, to lead the HMB, not one of the boys."

When asked the present state of the search committee he said, "Since there are no other members I assume at this time I am the committee. I will remain in the committee until others are added by proper procedures. No unilateral actions or recommendations will be taken by me."

Editor's note: A complete report of conversations with Winchester and two other Kentucky directors of the HMB will appear in next week's issue of Western Recorder.

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Church-state problems ahead for Southern Baptists?

The appointment of Antonin Scalia and the possible elevation of William H. Rehnquist to chief justice of the Supreme Court may pose serious problems for Baptists and others who hold dear the concept of church-state separation.

Scalia does not offer as much a threat to the separation doctrine as does Rehnquist, simply because Scalia has made no significant rulings on this subject during his tenure as a federal appellate judge and his place as an associate justice is not as powerful as that of Rehnquist, though his opinions may be the same.

Stan Hastey, Baptist Press representative in Washington, made the following comment about Scalia, "Given Scalia's lack of experience in settling church-state disputes, one may conjecture—if wishfully—that a truly conservative jurist might decide to take the conservative stance, namely, that the First Amendment means what it plainly says." That of course is the conservative point of view and Scalia is certainly a conservative. It is also the historic Baptist point of view, and that is where the conflict may arise.

This is not however the position of Rehnquist, even though he too is a conservative. He has made pervasive argument the framers of the Constitution, and especially their thoughts on the First Amendment, did not intend to erect a wall of separation between church and state. Yet this is exactly what Baptists have believed and struggled to maintain in all the years of our existence as a denomination.

Those Baptists who came on the American scene long before there was a Southern Baptist Convention also contended strongly for church-state separation. Many of them suffered public punishment and imprisonment for their conviction that church and state must be separate.

In the Alabama silent prayer case, Rehnquist put forth the idea the framers of the Constitution wanted only to prevent establishment of a state-supported church or to prevent favorable treatment by government of one religious sect over all others. He even declared Thomas Jefferson's views were irrelevant to the debate in the first Congress because Jefferson was not even in the country at the time and was not consulted by the members of Congress as they debated the proposition. Rehnquist concludes, "There is simply no historical foundation for the proposition that the framers intended to build the 'wall of separation'...."

What is ahead if Rehnquist is confirmed as chief justice? The immediate changes will be minimal if noticeable at all. However the chief justice, by virtue of his role as chief law enforcement officer of the nation, will have tremendous impact in the years ahead. He will determine the tenor of the court in church-state matters thus influencing opinions. His views will have influence on Congress in matters of law relating to church-state legislation. He will also influence the people of the nation by virtue of the respect we have for the courts of our land and our general willingness to abide by the decisions handed down by judicial tribunals.

What this means for Southern Baptists is that we

must be informed, alert and ready to contend for the historic Baptist principle of separation of church and state.

We have some fuzzy thinking going on among us now. We have some Baptists who would dearly love to get into the public treasury to help finance expensive private, Christian schools though this violates a cherished stance we have had since our beginning. They see no conflict because of possible personal gain.

We have some shallow thinkers who see no harm in allowing a public school teacher or public school administrator the power of framing a prayer and calling all pupils to recite it in the classroom even though this would infuriate us if Moslems or Hindus insisted they frame the prayer.

We have some Baptists whose political label is more prominent than their Christian label and who have no trouble with a government whose education secretary sees no harm in providing tax money to parochial school parents to help them with the high costs of private education.

With this kind of thinking going on, what can we expect in the fire of church-state debate in the years ahead?

The Rehnquist episode will be interesting. It would seem he will be confirmed because of the strong notion that a sitting president should have the authority to appoint whomever he chooses to those offices over which he has appointive control. Control of the Senate Judiciary Committee is in Republican hands so Rehnquist most probably will be elevated to the office of chief justice.

What is more interesting is the reaction of Baptists whose great principle of church-state separation may be in the balance. We can expect to be at odds with each other on this issue since we have such strong political differences in the SBC.

But what a mistake it would be for us to fragment our great denomination over national politics. And the appointment of a chief justice of the Supreme Court is in fact an exercise in pure politics.

We must stand together in our acceptance that Caesar's kingdom and God's kingdom often clash in this imperfect world. What we owe Caesar must be paid—what we owe God must also be paid. To confuse and mix the two is tragic for all of us because it violates who we are as a free people under God.

Baptists have always stood for complete separation of church and state in America. If William Rehnquist is elevated to chief justice of the Supreme Court we must pray for him as commanded by the book we love even though we disagree with his views on this matter of such vital importance to all Americans.

But we must also refuse to surrender a principle for which our forefathers in the faith gave their all. Government interference in the affairs of the church is wrong regardless of what Rehnquist may think. Let us say so with no divided voice. And let us have the courage to keep our own hands out of the government trough, seeking no advantage for our particular point of view.

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Or it might be the kind of learning which takes place here: a quality liberal arts education which gives students the chance to explore new horizons in many different areas.

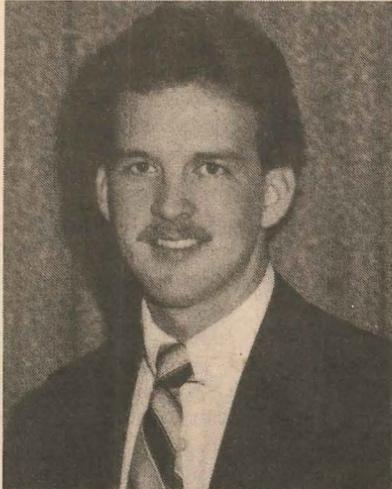
Whatever the reason, our students have one word to describe Cumberland College--home. It sums up a lot about this college overlooking the Cumberland River valley: the warmth and caring; the friendliness; the fun.



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"This is a place which makes it easy for you to grow. People here support you, but they also challenge you to try new things. I still miss my family back in Sweden, but I have a new kind of family here." Karin Erlandsson, a junior from Folling, Sweden



"I think I'll always be glad I went to a liberal arts college. I'm interested in biology, but there are many other subjects I want to know more about. A liberal arts education helps you explore areas that you never thought of before.

"Because the faculty here want you to learn as much as you can, they don't make things easy for you. But they help you in every way possible. Their enjoyment and enthusiasm make classes come alive.

"Cumberland has helped me to explore many different areas. Next year when I start medical school I'll know more than just biology. I've gone to Argentina with a mission team, and to the Bahamas with a field study group. I've been involved in student government and in music groups, and I've served on the residence life staff. I wouldn't trade my time here for anything."

Mike Clark, a senior from Dayton, Ohio

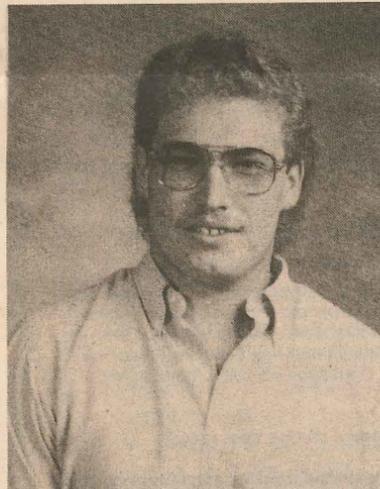


"I came to Cumberland for several reasons, but one of the most important was the fact that this a Christian college. Once I

graduate I hope to go into full-time Christian service. While at Cumberland I have been given many opportunities to strengthen my faith. The Baptist Student Union coordinates a lot of activities, and Mountain Outreach and Love-In-Action give us the chance to minister to the people of this area.

"Another benefit of being at Cumberland is that there are people here I can talk to about my plans for the future. They can give me advice based on their own experience in Christian service. People at Cumberland are interested and they give me as much help as they can."

Lee Claypool, a senior from Columbus, Ohio



"I think I've received an excellent education at Cumberland, one that's going to help me next year when I start medical school. The professors here really care about their students, and they've been more than willing to help me in every way possible when I needed it.

"I've learned so much from my Honors Research project, which gave me the chance to do independent

research on a subject that interested me. I now know a lot more about scientific research and all the work that goes into a single experiment.

"I like the atmosphere here and how everyone tries to help each other. It makes it easier for students to learn."

John Mobley, a senior from London, Kentucky



"One of the things I like about Cumberland is the beautiful campus--all the trees and nice buildings and the mountains all around. And the people in the town of Williamsburg are proud of the college and really try to make students feel at home here.

"I transferred to Cumberland from a university because I like the personal attention and friendliness here. I missed that at a larger school.

"I think I've developed into a much more well-rounded person since I've been at Cumberland, both academically and socially. There's always something happening on campus. I've been active in student government, the newspaper staff, and two different honor societies. All those activities have added so much to my education here." Melissa Bryant, a junior from Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

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When foresight is 20/20

Hindsight is usually very clear. As one looks back it is much easier to see what decision should have been made or what action should have been taken. Hindsight is much like playing ball from the sidelines or coaching on Monday morning. In both instances the situation is being looked at after the fact. When one looks back it is easy to have 20/20 vision. However, no matter how clear one's hindsight may be there usually is very little one can do about the past.

When one looks into the future it is difficult to see what events will take place. Consequently one's vision is often nearsighted or blurred. Foresight is usually much less than 20/20. However, there is one time when a person's foresight can be 20/20. It is when one makes a will. Because in making a will, one looks ahead, recognizes the inevitability of death, and deliberately determines what is to be done with one's earthly things after death. This is the only way one can control personal possessions beyond one's lifetime. The foresight to prepare a will, determining the distribution and use of possessions after death is foresight with 20/20 vision.

Using foresight to prepare a will allows one to care for other members of the family and also provide for ministries like Baptist Homes for Children. Friends in the past through their wills started an endowment fund for this ministry. One of our great needs for the future is to significantly increase this endowment. People are still showing love for children and clear foresight as they place Baptist Homes in their wills. This insures that they direct, while living, the use of their money beyond this time.

In recent months wills remembering Baptist Homes have been probated from the following places in Kentucky: Radcliff, Bowling Green, Bagdad, Danville, Lexington, Russellville, Eddyville, Union City, Alexandria, Frankfort, Burgin, Franklin, Owensboro, Louisville and Madisonville. Such foresight is a tremendous strength and support to this ministry. May many more people exercise Foresight with 20/20 Vision and remember Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in their will. For more information call me at 1-800-292-9440 or write to me at 10801 Shelbyville Rd., Middletown, KY 40243.

baptist forum

Diversity no problem to missionary

In the June 17 issue of Western Recorder a former foreign missionary commenting on the state of the Southern Baptist Convention concluded: "The diversity of theological opinions hurts us...we often must explain our own positions to those on the mission field before we can witness about Christ." This statement merits a response from the mission field.

"Those on the mission field" can refer to non-Christians overseas. These know little to nothing about the gospel or Baptists and don't care two twits about theological diversity in the SBC, if they are aware the SBC exists. To explain one's theological position before witnessing is both unnecessary and fruitless.

SBC missionaries work with national Baptist unions in a spirit of mutual confidence and cooperation. I have never heard that some of these unions believe our missionaries arrive with dubious theological credentials that require examination. If that

former missionary often had to account for convictions before being allowed to work, I would like proof (he) was held suspect because of the mere fact of diversity in the SBC. Poor relations and lack of confidence are caused by something that is not right on the field rather than Southern Baptist differences.

I do not agree diversity in the convention is harmful. I do agree it hurts us when we are compelled to spend more time putting out the fires of controversy than spreading God's word. The statement in question was not intended to fuel those fires. It is, however, an example of the inaccurate or misleading small talk that gives birth to groundless accusations.

Our convention crisis has not yet become a stumbling block to effective evangelism overseas. Theological diversity in the SBC does not make witnessing for Christ on the foreign mission field difficult.

Eric Fruge,
SBC missionary
France



Leon Simpson
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clear creek comment

Kentucky Baptists' best-kept secret

One would suppose the best school for training God's ministers would also be the best-known. But Clear Creek Baptist School seems to be Kentucky Baptists' best-kept secret!

It is little known among Kentucky Baptists that a great Bible college is a vital part of the Kentucky Baptist Christian education family. In fact, out of 125 Bible colleges affiliated with the American Association of Bible Colleges, Clear Creek is the only Southern Baptist Bible college listed!

Not only is the ministry of Clear Creek little known in some Kentucky Baptist circles, it is virtually unknown among Southern Baptists, even though almost 400 ministers who received training at Clear Creek assist Kentucky Baptists today. More than 1200 graduates serve the Lord in 46 states of our Southern Baptist Convention and several foreign countries.

As we look forward to another year and continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary, we are glad to 'brag' a little about the great work God has done here. We are remembering our glorious past in the biography of L. C. Kelly, our founder. We have also produced a 60th anniversary album, "Music and Memories," featuring the wonderful singing at Clear Creek and voices from the past.

If all this celebration seems like too much 'glorying,' please bear with us. Recognize we feel we are a vital part of the Kentucky Baptist family and the best undergraduate school for training in God's word and in ministry you can find anywhere!

Also realize Kentucky Baptists' best-kept secret is now revealed. In the past some may have thought Clear Creek was "that little hidden step-child of Kentucky Baptists down in the mountains." We are letting everyone know what a great work we are doing, how close a partnership we feel with Kentucky Baptists and how much we appreciate their support.

When speaking, I often love to say, "Kentucky Baptists: Clear Creek is conservative, cooperative and committed!" You will never have to doubt Clear Creek's loyalty to God's word, loyalty to Kentucky Baptists and loyalty to our purpose of training God's ministers for local Baptist churches. Spread the news. We will no longer be Kentucky Baptists' best-kept secret!

Don Spencer gives straight answers to your questions about the new expanded Church Annuity Plan:

Q. What is the new expanded Church Annuity Plan?

A. It is the retirement program Southern Baptists make available to people who serve our churches. This program has recently been amended and includes some important new features. These new features are the reason we call it "new" or "expanded."

Q. Why was a change necessary?

A. Of 13 main line religious denominations in the United States, Southern Baptists are last in the amount of retirement benefits provided for ministers.

Q. Why do we provide so little?

A. Some churches have chosen not to participate in the Annuity Board's Plan. Others participated at the absolute minimum rate. Overall, contributions to the Plan have been too small.

In some cases, church members have simply not been aware the Plan exists or have neglected it because they do not understand it.

Many church members have assumed that adequate retirement has been provided by the church when, in reality, it has been left to the minister. Too many of our churches are in the retirement plan by "default." They did not plan to be but went along if the minister participated.

We are asking every church in Kentucky to consider the Plan and to adopt it as a matter of church policy. Churches must take responsibility to do the right thing.

Q. Exactly what kind of changes are we talking about?

A. A major change involves "matching money." If a minister will contribute to the Plan and his church will match the contribution he makes, two for one (not exceeding 10 percent of his pay), the Kentucky Baptist Convention, as a partner in this plan, will match the church's amount by half (not exceeding \$420 each year).

The money contributed by the state convention will fund disability and survivor benefits during the active career of the minister. What's more, for the first time, a portion of the state convention contribution will be credited to the participant's retirement account.

Q. Is anything else involved in this "expanded" Church Annuity Plan?



A. It has been designed to include paid personnel of our churches who are not ministers. Church secretaries and custodians will be included. This may be done over a period of time.

Q. Is the Church Annuity Plan competitive with other retirement plans?

A. Yes, exceptionally so. The Annuity Board has an extremely strong record of earnings on its investments. When an investment does well in the marketplace, the participants in that investment benefit.

What's more, there are tax advantages in this plan that are not available to ministers participating in other plans.

Q. When does the new expanded Plan begin?

A. Not until January 1, 1988, but it is necessary for churches to adopt the Plan now. Time is needed to make the transition. We encourage churches not currently helping their pastor with retirement to begin contributing. Churches that do participate now should begin upgrading their contributions to meet the projected level.

Q. Is there something specific a church should do right away in addition to upgrading contributions?

A. A church needs to consider the new expanded program in its business meeting. After agreeing to participate in the Plan, the church clerk or treasurer should complete the Cooperative Agreement form and return it to my office.

Q. Where can I get material and literature on this?

A. Material has already been sent to all churches. If you were inadvertently overlooked or if you need additional material, contact me:

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Crises ministry

by Harley C. Dixon

Our world is filled with people who are in crises. These are people of all religious persuasions or no religion at all. Contrary to what some think, children of God have no promise of exemption from the hurts of life. We do have the promise we never face it alone. God meets us most often through the caring ministry of his servants.

The crisis we fear most is death.



Dixon

However, it is not always the most difficult to resolve. Most people who have experienced both death and divorce will agree divorce is more devastating.

One of the severe crises of the church is conflict between

staff and church members, especially termination.

Most people turn first to the pastor in time of crisis. The pastor is either equipped to help or will know to whom to refer. Other places to turn are primary and extended family members, physicians, psychiatrists, government agencies and chaplains.

A question most often asked is, "What do you say when someone dies?" You do not say, "Don't cry." Let the person cry. That is needed therapy. Most important is being there, caring and sometimes crying with them.

Such conduct says, "I feel your hurt and I hurt with you." At the time of death the pastor can assist in making immediate decisions, such as calling other family members or the funeral director.

Do not forget to minister to the losses of the dying patient. The dying person is losing multiple relationships where those remaining are losing only one. Let the dying person talk about death and anything else that needs clearing.

Dying persons are usually looking for someone to talk to about their feelings and they use symbolic language to see who is listening. Talking about death with a dying person will not increase fears nor cause a person to "give up." There are times it is necessary to give a dying person permission to die. He or she may be hanging on for a marriage partner who is having difficulty letting go.

The loss most neglected by the church and pastor is divorce. Often the divorcee has stated, "When I got a divorce no one from the church came to see me. This is a time I needed my church and it let me down."

One of the most effective ministries of the pastor is hospital ministry. Know who you are as a minister of our Lord and know to whom you are ministering. Know when to go, how long to stay and when to leave.

Listen! In every crisis the hurting person has a story to tell. Hear the suffering. You are a living symbol of the

living source who enters their struggle and discerns those agonizing questions.

Who is the pastor's pastor? In areas where our Baptist hospitals are located chaplains are available as resource persons and are frequently called by pastors and staff. We are open to this and most of us are continually involved in this ministry.

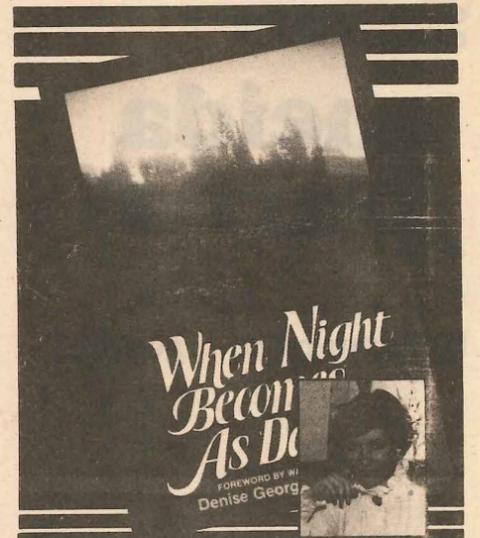
Chaplains want to be a pastor to pastors and their staffs when needed. We also assist in meeting crises among their church members when the situation is beyond their expertise or training. Since the chaplain's ministry is a crisis ministry he is a good person to call.

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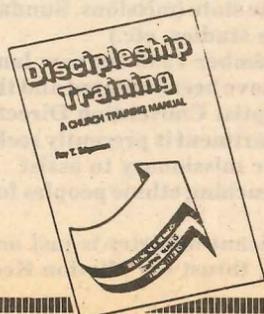
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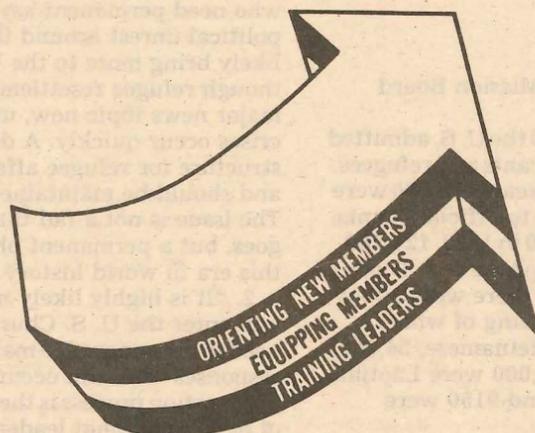
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Bodyguard to a general

One of our finest graduates is a sergeant in the army military police on a second tour of duty in Germany. His principal assignment at this time is being a personal body guard to a general.

He was here four years as was his wife. They met here as students and were married about a year after their graduation in our chapel. A recent letter says:

"Things have been quite hectic lately with the terrorist activity. Being a police officer doesn't help when it comes to time off. Being a bodyguard for a general is really interesting but it takes quite a few more hours per day. I travel quite a bit and see a lot of the country.

"We plan to stay 20 years, but when re-enlistment times comes we'll put it before the Lord. We have talked of the possibility of returning to Oneida after I retire. Oneida is special to us and we want to do everything we can to help people have the same opportunities that we had at Oneida.

"I don't think I ever told you how thankful I am for all the faculty and staff did for me. Terre feels the same way."

The next letter is self-explanatory: "Some years ago my daughter was in

the musical group of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. Their mission trip one year was to your school. She greatly benefited from this experience. My family and I are interested in the work you are doing. Enclosed is our check for \$200."

Another new friend writes: "Thank you for the kind, loving introduction to Oneida, the staff and students. We rejoice in the wonders that have been wrought in the lives of many, and with the dedication that is manifest in the teachers. We shall continue to give as we can and will certainly share the good word of your school."

We get letters and phone calls daily with basically the message of this recent letter: "I have a grandson who is a freshman and is interested in going to a Christian school. He is 16-years-old and an average student. The drug situation in his high school is so bad. He and his parents would like to get him away from that environment. He is regular in church attendance and youth group, sings in the choir and is learning to play handbells."

One of our girls wrote recently: "I know you care for all of us kids. I just want you to know I am grateful. It may not look that way by my actions, but I am."

A mother of a boy who has been with us since the sixth grade and is now ready for his sophomore year says, "I want to thank your staff for all you've done for John. He is a very different boy. He has learned so much more there than he ever could have here. I am very grateful to you for allowing him to attend for so small an amount."

"The recent visit to your campus was a revelation to me. I found it impressive, almost a miracle. First, I appreciated the spiritual atmosphere that prevails there. Next, I realize what it means for young people to have definite tasks to do as they develop. Too many children have everything done for them, and they have too many choices of doing just what they think they want to do. As a result they become lazy and don't want to do anything, even to work when they grow up. I see so many unemployed youths around the city, committing crimes and falling into bad habits, mainly because they have no idea what they could be doing." This is from a lifelong teacher in Indianapolis.

A couple writes from Vero Beach, Fla. with a \$1000 donation: "Your work with young people has always been important. From all the news we hear from the newspapers, TV, etc., we believe it is probably more important today than ever before."



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR AUGUST 17, 1986

Life and Work Series

Human sexuality

Genesis 2:21-25 Solitude was not good for Adam. He needed someone to share his joys and purposes and assist him in his labors and enterprises. Therefore God proceeded to create "a help meet for him." God put Adam to sleep, took one of his ribs from his side and made Eve.

When husband and wife are united in Christian marriage, joys are multiplied, cares are divided, burdens are subtracted and much happiness is added. Through the union of a husband and wife, God ordained a way whereby life should be propagated. If husband and wife are blessed with children, they are obligated to care for their offspring and to train them in the admonition of the Lord.

I Corinthians 6:9-10, 13 Grieved because some of the church members in Corinth continued their immorality, Paul wrote this epistle to inform them it was necessary for them to practice stern discipline and clean living.

Paul challenged their thinking with the arresting question, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" Paul admonished his readers not to deceive themselves by thinking they could live habitually in adultery, homosexuality or idolatry, or as thieves, coveters, drunkards, revilers or extortioners.

I Corinthians 6:18-19 If one thinks he is his own master, he needs to be brought to the realization that, since he has neither created or sustained himself, he cannot be his own. Inasmuch as "ye are not your own," you do not have any right to follow your own depraved affections or wayward will to the injury of self in the service of Satan. When one becomes a child of God, his body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit.

International Series

God honors faithful obedience

Daniel 1:3-5 King Nebuchadnezzar ordered a number of outstanding young men, who were skillful and wise, be selected from the ranks of the Hebrew captives to study at the royal college. A three-year course was to be offered to them during which the language of the Chaldeans was to be learned. The Chaldeans were the politicians, philosophers, theologians and teachers of the nation.

Daniel 1:8-12 Because of his attractive appearance, his obvious intelligence and tremendous possibilities, Daniel was chosen and marked for state service.

In Babylon Daniel found himself in an environment radically different from his God-fearing home. At the beginning "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." He preferred death to anything that would mar his testimony for God.

Resolving to keep his body clean, Daniel decided not to eat the king's meat. There were three reasons for that refusal: First, the Babylonians ate unclean beasts which was forbidden by the Jews. Second, they ate beasts which had been strangled instead of being bled properly. Third, the animals which were eaten were first offered as sacrifices to heathen gods.

Knowing that simple fare and the absence of alcoholic beverages were essential to mental acumen and good health of body, Daniel tactfully requested that for 10 days they be allowed to have vegetables and water only, and then they be compared with those who followed the king's diet.

Daniel 1:15-17 At the end of 10 days Daniel and his companions exhibited a better physical appearance. When the official saw they looked healthier than those who had eaten the king's dainties and drank his wine, he immediately granted them permission to continue their restricted diet. Thus God blesses those who exercise self-discipline and obey him.



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on mission together

Refugees: Our opportunity

According to Home Mission Board statistics:

"From 1971 to 1980 the U. S. admitted about 540,000 immigrants and refugees. During the next four years 475,000 were admitted. According to official counts, from Apr. 21 to Oct. 10 in 1980, 124,789 Cuban refugees entered the U. S. During 1982, 1983 and 1984 there were about 230,000 refugees arriving of whom about 90,000 were Vietnamese, 54,000 were Cambodian, 20,000 were Laotian, 16,000 were Polish and 9150 were Afghanistani.

"There is no way to predict how many more refugees will find asylum in the U. S. The latest report from the United Nations High Commissioner for Re-

fugees estimates 10 million refugees are temporarily sheltered around the world.

Implications:

1. "There are many more refugees who need permanent asylum, and the political unrest around the world will likely bring more to the U. S. Even though refugee resettlement is not a major news topic now, unanticipated crises occur quickly. A denominational structure for refugee affairs is in place and should be maintained indefinitely. The issue is not a fad that comes and goes, but a permanent phenomena of this era in world history.

2. "It is highly likely more refugees will enter the U. S. Church members need to be prepared to make appropriate responses when this occurs. Much of the preparation process is the responsibility of denominational leaders.

"To open one's doors to refugees is a commitment to change, usually to broaden one's perspectives, and to enrich one's culture. The world is full

of 'strangers' (refugees) and Jesus praised those who took in strangers (Matt. 25:35)."

Kentucky is host to 49,340 "ethnics" (persons whose native tongue is not English), many of whom have come to settle.

The five counties in our state with the greatest concentration of ethnics are Jefferson, Hardin, Christian, Fayette and Pike.

Currently, Kentucky Baptist churches, associations and the state convention have 52 language ministries throughout the state (missions, Sunday schools, Bible studies, etc.)

Since September 1985 six new language starts have been initiated and the Kentucky Baptist Convention Direct Missions Department is presently seeking a catalytic missionary to assist churches in reaching ethnic peoples for Christ.

This significant ministry is just one more exciting thrust of "Mission Kentucky."

baptist news in brief

WMU plans conferences during next two months

The theme of the state Woman's Missionary Union Leadership Conferences held throughout August and September reaffirms the unique contribution of each individual toward missions. "Gifted to serve, called to act" conferences will train local WMU leaders for the 1986-87 year.

WMU consultant Carol Noffsinger says the purpose is "to see women discovering and using their gifts."

Six of the eight conferences will be one-day events. The remaining two will include an overnight stay.

Overnight conferences feature speakers on media, centennial happenings and missionary testimonies. A session on the history of the WMU can be taken for church study course credit.

The conferences meet: Aug. 16, Cedarmore; Aug. 22-23, Cedarmore (overnight); Aug. 23-24, Cedarmore (overnight); Sept. 5, Jonathan Creek; Sept. 6, Jonathan Creek; Sept. 13, First Baptist Church, Madisonville; and Sept. 20, Clear Creek Baptist School. (KBC)

HMB honors work of 2 missions directors

Two Southern Baptist directors of missions have been honored for their work during the past year by the Home Mission Board.

Melvin Hill, director of missions for Blue River and Kansas City Baptist Associations in Kansas City, Kan., received the award from the Metropolitan Missions Department. Clarence Hanshew, director of missions in Savannah River Baptist Association in Ridgeland, S. C., received the award from the Rural-Urban Missions Department.

Hill was cited for his administrative and pastoral skills used to merge two strong associations into one. "He enabled a diverse group of churches to come together and form a healthy, united fellowship," said Jere Allen, director of Metropolitan Missions for the HMB.

Hanshew was cited for his 28 years of service in an area including isolated Daufuskie Island and the resort area of Hilton Head. "He has made sure residents on Daufuskie Island were not forgotten by Southern Baptists," stated Quentin Lockwood, director of Rural-Urban Missions. "Hanshew fought racism with a gentle but ever-persistent love borne out in quite visible action." (BP)

Journeyman deadline scheduled for Sept. 15

Those who want to be included in the next group of journeymen from the Foreign Mission Board must have their applications postmarked by Sept. 15.

The journeyman program is for college graduates with four-year degrees. They must be age 26 or under and interested in using their skills on overseas mission fields for two years.

Applicants must be active Southern Baptists, U. S. citizens, in good physical and emotional health and qualified for specific mission tasks. They may be single or married but not

divorced. Couples must be childless and married for at least a year by Sept. 15, and both must meet qualifications.

Positions are available in weekday ministries, youth work, student work, music, health care, media, agriculture, business, secretarial work and elementary and secondary teaching in missionary schools and local schools.

Those interested in applying for the 1987-89 program should contact the Foreign Mission Board immediately. Call Wendy Norvelle in the board's Personnel Selection Department at (804) 353-0151 or write to the department at Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230.

BTN subscriptions show steady growth

Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN) continues "touching lives" and "growing churches" through its subscribers. According to a recent report, the latest subscription list records 799 BTN subscribers: 25 more than the previous count.

Bob M. Boyd Sr., projects coordinator at the Baptist Sunday School Board writes, "That is almost one a day for the last month!"

Subscribers in Kentucky include individual churches and associations, the state convention and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Subscription proceeds provide the necessary funds for the network which receives no Cooperative Program money.

The Sunday School Board produces messages used on BTN for communication and training in the local church. Programs produced by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the SBC Historical Commission, Stewardship and Christian Life Commissions, the six seminaries and every other SBC agency also appear.

BTN offers programming on various topics such as church administration, church training, family ministry, missions, music, recreation, drama and Sunday school. (KBC)

State Media Department releases two videos

The Media Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, recently released two new videos to associational directors of missions and the Video Tape Service.

"Marrowbone: The Freeda Harris Story" is a docu-drama about the life of home and state missionary Freeda Harris. Mrs. Vicki Ragsdale joins a varied cast, playing the role of Mrs. Harris through her conversion, calling and early ministry. Footage of Freeda Harris actually working at the Marrowbone Center in eastern Kentucky caps the narrative, which includes testimonies of people she touched.

"Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition," Autumn 1986 exposes the viewer to news, features and stories about Kentucky Baptists. Highlights of the 20-minute tape include a look at "Sonburst," a college BSU entertainment/ministry team. Dee Gilliland, state Woman's Missionary Union director, fills in for William Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, in a closing segment, "On Mission."

"Marrowbone" and "Kentucky

Edition" are two appetizers that will hopefully lead Kentucky Baptists to a full diet of missions, evangelism and a closer relationship with God," says W. Mark Snowden, Media Department director and the programs' producer.

State skillshops teach Baptists about cults

Kentucky Baptists have opportunity to learn about minority denominations this month. Three "Interfaith Witness Skillshops" sponsored by the Direct Missions Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention focus on cults and provide training for persons interested in learning to relate and witness to followers of non-Christian sects.

The skillshops convene at: Berean Church, Elizabethtown, Aug. 18; Campbellsville Church, Campbellsville, Aug. 19; and Burton Memorial Church, Bowling Green, Aug. 21. All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tal Davis, associate pastor of Immanuel Church, Tallahassee, Fla., will lead a study on the beliefs of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect. A study on Mormon beliefs will be taught by Allen Harrod, pastor of First Church, Bellevue. Both men are certified by the Home Mission Board as interfaith witness associates.

Each year the Direct Missions Department sponsors five Interfaith Witness Skillshops. Two took place in Paducah and Murray earlier this year.

As a function of the Interfaith Witness Department, HMB, these training sessions represent part of the board's effort to improve the witnessing skills of Southern Baptists. (KBC)

A. U. opposes Rehnquist as Supreme Court head

Chief Justice-designate William Rehnquist's record on church-state relations makes him a "questionable choice" as head of the Supreme Court, according to Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

In testimony submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Americans United executive director Robert L. Maddox stated, "To preserve religious freedom it will be necessary to reject the nomination of Mr. Rehnquist." He cited Rehnquist court opinions which call for scrapping the wall of separation between church and state.

Maddox, a Southern Baptist minister, asserted, "At this critical juncture in United States history when change is buffeting our institutions at every level, we simply cannot take a chance on eliminating our best guarantee of religious freedom and our best safeguard against religious tyranny and religious conflict which has brought sorrow to so many nations on earth."

Teamwork develops between Brazil, U. S.

Two-nation missionary teams may become a trend in foreign missions. Already Brazilian Baptist and Southern Baptist missionaries are working as teams in Venezuela and Colombia.

At Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, Calixto and Suely Patricio from Brazil and Mike and Becki Glenn from the United States are in the second year

of their joint project to build a strong church that could become a model for the country. The Patricios are missionaries of the Brazilian Baptist Convention's Board of World Missions; the Glens are missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board.

In 1985 the Glens, at Calixto Patricio's invitation, moved to Puerto La Cruz to work with the Brazilians to strengthen the new Jesus Christ Is the Way Baptist Church. Featuring Bible study "cell" groups meeting in members' homes and reaching out to the neighborhoods, the church has grown to 120 members and regular attendance of 250 to 300. The church has a goal to have 18 such cell groups by year's end.

In a similar partnership in Bogota, Colombia, Southern Baptist missionaries Howard and Libby Atkinson were invited by Brazilian Baptist missionaries Idelfonso and Miriam dos Santos to work together in developing the Baptist Mission of Montes City.

Atkinson is heavily involved in Baptist outreach and in programs of the Colombian Baptist Convention. He helped create "Plan Bogota," a strategy for Christian witness to the city of over four million. (BP)

Church Training holds DiscipleYouth study

A conference conducted Aug. 29-30, in Madisonville, will teach Kentucky Baptist youth leaders about DiscipleYouth: a program for equipping young people, ages 12-17, in the practice of Christian discipleship.

The fee for the conference is \$30. Spouses may attend and share materials for \$10 extra.

For more information, contact the Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention. (KBC)

South Africans unite in relief ministry

South African Baptists of all colors are working together to provide shelter and relief for blacks who fled their burning homes during the recent violence in the shanty settlement of Crossroads.

Whites, Asian Indians and "coloreds" (the South African race of mixed ancestry), are taking supplies to the offices of the Western Province Baptist Association in Pinelands, a suburb of Cape Town. From there Southern Baptist missionary Charles Hampton and a black pastor distribute them to Crossroads refugees.

Hampton, a church starter from Monticello, Ark., has been working with the pastor, Michael Dwaba, to start churches in and around Crossroads. In the relief program, Hampton picks up food, clothes and blankets left at association offices and transports them into the black community of Langa, where Dwaba helps him with distribution.

Shielded inside his pickup truck behind stainless-steel mesh, Hampton also drives supplies about once a week to an army tent outside Crossroads that shelters about 5000 refugees. To distribute the supplies there he works with Baptists living in the camp. He estimates South African Baptists have cared for up to 1000 people through this program. (BP)

Campbellsville College holds 'Summer Studies in the Scriptures'

By J. Dele Adeleru
Campbellsville College
Student News Writer

"This was one of the quality Bible studies for me. It was a spiritual tonic for the soul," said A. Gilbert Sapp, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church of Campbellsville.

Sixty-six people registered for the Campbellsville College first annual "Summer Studies in the Scriptures" held July 14-18. Attendance averaged 60 per day. They came from all corners of Kentucky and there was one participant who came all the way from Chicago, Ill.

The studies, which focused on the January Bible Study book, James, chosen by the Convention for 1987, were initiated as a memorial to Dr. Paul G. Horner, late professor and chairman of the College Bible Department. "It was the feeling of the planning group that Horner would strongly endorse something of this nature that would link the church and the college," said Dr. H. E. Coker, coordinator of the program. He is professor of Christian Studies and chairman of Christian Studies Division at the college.

This year the program was in two parts. The preaching sessions, open to the public, were held at Campbellsville Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The teaching sessions, designed mainly for the church pastor, were 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Organized as a preparation for the teaching of the book of James next January, the series was led by Dr. Harold T. Bryson, professor of preaching and chairman of the division of pastoral ministries, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has written several books including "How Faith Works: Studies in James" and "Portraits of God."

The message of the book of James according to Bryson is that "if faith is real, it will produce works. It is impossible to see a calorie but you can see the result of taking it in. Faith is very much like a calorie, you can see the inevitable result."

Jim Woods, pastor of First Baptist Church of West Chicago, had heard about the studies from a friend and came. "I had expected what I have heard from Dr. Bryson, knowing his quality. I was aware of Campbellsville College but did not learn to fully appreciate it until my visit," he said.

"He did not spend a lot of time talking above your head. He teaches in such a way you can take it back to your church and teach it. The outline was good, it tells you where he is going," said Joe Ball, youth minister, Summit Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

"I feel that this man is a competent preacher and professor. He has dedication and compassion," added Sapp, speaking about Bryson.

Summarizing the feeling of those who attended the studies, Arnold Moon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ludlow, said about Bryson, "Love him, I think he's great." Speaking about the benefits of attending the studies Ball said, "I gained insight into the importance of putting faith into action rather than just saying you have it and (people) not being able to see it." Additionally, Ball benefited from the fellowship, made new friends and, as he said, "got to catch up on what's happened in peoples' lives."

"I attended all of the sessions and I think I benefited more than most. I have enjoyed attending both the morning and evening

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services," said Larry Orange, pastor of West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, referring to the teaching and preaching sessions respectively.

Sapp feels more prepared to teach the book of James next January. "I am going



The Rev. Sam Smith, from left to right, Dr. Harold T. Bryson and Dr. W. R. Davenport, president of the College, exchange a light moment following one of the sessions. [Campbellsville College

Photo by Joseph Adeleru]



Good fellowship was the order of the day during breaks between sessions at the Summer Studies in the Scriptures. [Campbellsville College Photo by Joan C. McKinney]

to teach it this January. What I have learned is an asset to me, and I am going to be preaching from it," he said.

There was a general feeling that the program should be expanded to make it more family oriented. Sapp would like to have a program for pastors' wives.

"I like the idea of including the wives so the women can have a program," said Moon.

Referring to the people who came, Coker said, "I was quite impressed with the earnestness to learn of all those who came. They represented all types of churches from the urban and rural areas in our state."

The atmosphere at the studies portrayed a good relationship between Campbellsville College and the churches according to Bryson. "There is a good relationship among the pastors. This kind of activity should be continued," he added.

Sapp, too, had something to say about the people who came. "They impressed me, they were here because they needed something," he said.

Speaking of his own impression, Woods said the participants were "very open, they seem to be stretching themselves to meet new people. I have felt instantly at home among them."

Participants expressed themselves about the duration of the studies also. Ball thought it was "short term enough that you can be away and not feel like you are gone forever."

Added Sapp, "four days is just right for

this type of thing, not too short, not too long."

Bryson was impressed with Campbellsville College. He describes the people as very warm and friendly. "There is excellent interest of the faculty in the students, a good faculty-student ratio. There is no short change in educational excellence.

"There is a good relationship of the college with the churches. It puts learning in a Christian context."

Referring to Coker, who coordinated the studies, Woods said, "Dr. Coker seems to understand the heart of the pastor and knows how to program to meet that need. Thanks to Dr. Coker for the planning of the Bible study. Everyone enjoyed the teaching of Dr. Bryson, the students were challenged, he was super."

Coker said, "I thought we had a very good study, everyone was pleased with Dr. Bryson. All comments were favorable."

The success obtained this year has placed added emphasis on next year's program. Preparation for it has already begun.

It is planned for the week of July 13 through July 17, 1987.

According to Coker, major activities planned for that time are a conference for pastors on preaching, another for those who work with religious education in the churches and a special program for spouses.

Indeed, this year's program seems to have whetted people's appetite for more. This was perhaps why Sapp could say, "I feel sure everyone will look forward to the planning of another meeting."

Orange attended this year's studies with Janet, his wife. He shares Sapp's feelings. "We will be back next year," he said.