



## Search panel tells why it resigned

by Dan Martin and Jim Newton

Members of a search committee to nominate a new president for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board unanimously say the reason they resigned was because of a "lack of trust" by the board of directors.

Since the search committee was appointed in June, fundamental conservative directors claimed the committee was made up of "moderate conservatives" and did not represent their theological views.

During the closed-door session of the seven members resigned. The one member who declined to resign, M. A. Winchester of Whitley City, said he refused because he is trustworthy, whether the board recognizes it or not.

Winchester said moderate conservatives on the HMB and in the convention "are trustworthy servants of Jesus Christ." He added: "I would not allow them to force me off the committee because my record speaks for itself and I will prove to them by my actions that I have been trustworthy and will continue to be trustworthy."

**ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE**, Lawanna McIver of Dallas, left the meeting in tears, but later prepared a statement which said she was speaking out because she felt she has a responsibility to the HMB and to the entire SBC. "There is nothing to fear in telling the truth and our SBC constituency is wise enough to discern that in time," she said.

"There were some things done (at the meeting) that were not only unethical but were downright unchristian," she added.

Mrs. McIver said that on Monday night before the board meeting about 40 members of the board—all in the fundamental conservative camp—caucused in what they called a "birth-

day party" and appointed a three-person ad hoc committee to negotiate with search committee chairman Eugene Cotey of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Mrs. McIver said the ad hoc committee requested that two or three fundamental conservative leaders be "co-opted" to attend all meetings of the search committee but not to vote.

"We were given an ultimatum that if we would not agree (with this request) they would table every item of business in the entire board meeting (including appointment of missionaries)," said McIver.

Mrs. McIver said the search committee, during a breakfast meeting Wednesday, agreed to accept the request "in an attempt to be conciliatory," and that Cotey was to make a motion to that effect as the first item on the agenda. "But Cotey," she said, "was never allowed to do so."

**JOHN CLICK OF TOPEKA, KAN.** said he was one of the three "ad hoc" committee members asked to negotiate with Cotey. He said he could not imagine how Cotey could have interpreted what was said as "an ultimatum. I can say categorically there was no idea of an ultimatum in our minds," said Click.

Click said conservatives on the board had been asking for the addition of representatives of their point of view on the search committee but Cotey and chairman Travis Wiginton of Norman, Okla. had refused, saying the bylaws limit the committee to seven persons.

Click added Cotey again refused on Monday night before the board meeting, so the board members attending the caucus decided to present a motion asking the committee to resign.

When the search committee met for breakfast on Wednesday morning and agreed to the co-opting suggestion, "it was too late," said Click. "It had gone too far then. But if they had been willing to do it on Monday night, it might have made a definite difference."

Both Click and Johnny Jackson of Little Rock, who made the motion requesting the committee's resignation, said there was never anything said in the board's executive planning session implying the search committee did not have integrity.

**CITING AS EVIDENCE OF LACK OF TRUST**, Mrs. McIver quoted one board member as saying that even if the (search) committee had nominated Paige Patterson as president of the HMB, the committee's nomination would have been rejected.

"I want to believe the request for resignation was not personalized toward any individual of the committee," she said. "However, I feel it held the unmistakable inference that our Christian integrity was called into question. Nevertheless, our individual pain pales in light of the grief for the HMB expressed by the committee."

Mrs. McIver said the action by the directors "has done great injury to the HMB, its missionary personnel and staff. We will feel the repercussions from the way this action was taken for years to come. At a time when reconciliation, unity and peace are being prayed for and being sought by Southern Baptists, it appears the schism in the HMB has widened."

**CONTACTED DURING A CAMPING TRIP** in Florida, Cotey said Mrs. McIver's account of the events is "basically true." Cotey said an ultimatum was implied by the ad hoc committee although none of them used the word. He added he was told some of the members of the group were so angry at the search committee "they wanted to table any business that came before the board."

Cotey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., said he did not have the power or authority to add any "co-opted" members to the committee on Monday night. He felt that was a decision only the committee could make and it was impossible to meet with the committee until Wednesday morning. But the ad hoc group wanted an answer immediately and Cotey said he did not have the authority to agree to their demands.

Other search committee members were contacted by Baptist Press.

"I resigned because I felt I did not have the trust of the board members," said Don Aderhold, pastor of Columbia Drive Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga. "There was no way the committee could function and do its work without the trust of the board."

Lula Walker, committee member from Beaverton, Ore., said she felt her integrity was being questioned, and more than 50 percent of the board members did not trust her, including those who did not know her personally.

"I really agonized over the decision to resign, and almost did not resign," she said. "I think the thing I felt the strongest about was the refusal of the board to listen to the report of the search committee. They knew they had the votes and the refusal to listen must have been out of fear that if we were heard, some people might have been swayed and they would lose control," she said.

**FRANK WELLS, PASTOR OF BRIARCLIFF BAPTIST CHURCH, ATLANTA**, called the action of the board "a dark day in the history of Southern Baptists." Wells, who opposed going into executive session, observed that when Baptists are not willing to do their business in the open they violate the Baptist tradition of "telling the truth and trusting the people."

"When we don't trust trustworthy people, we may be saying more about ourselves than we realize," said Wells. "What took place was a ruthless expression of power."

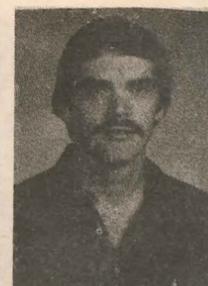
Troy Morrison, director of church-minister relations for the Alabama Baptist Convention, said he resigned as a member of the committee because he felt it was in the best interests of the board when it became apparent the committee could not work effectively.

"I'm not angry at anyone or offended," said Morrison. "I wish things could have been handled differently and better, but they weren't, and I'm not going to fuss about that."

Morrison added that a new committee will be appointed by the officers in keeping with the bylaws, "and the work of the Lord will go on. God is not finished with us yet and I believe Southern Baptists will work through all our differences and God will somehow lead us to victory." (BP)



Mrs. Nelson



Adler

## Two fill vacancies at Middletown, Somerset college

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Two new employes of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board were elected by the board's administrative committee last week at Middletown.

One will fill a vacancy created in May when Chip Miller was elevated from associate to director of the Sunday School Department. The other is as part time campus minister at Somerset Community College.

Jewell Wells Nelson, 54, of Floyd's Knobs, Ind., will join the Sunday School Department staff Sept. 1.

E. L. (Corky) Adler Jr., 32, was elected to the campus ministry position at Somerset Community College.

Mrs. Nelson, widely known as a Southern Baptist writer of books and curriculum materials for preschoolers and as a conference leader, will have primary responsibilities for directing preschool and children's work in the Sunday School Department. Other duties include promotion of vacation Bible school activities and the leadership diploma plan.

A native of Missouri, Mrs. Nelson holds the BS degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and MRE from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Married to a Louisville attorney, J. Paul Nelson, she is the mother of two sons, Jay, 21, a student at Georgetown (Ky.) College, and Scott, 18, a recent high school graduate.

Her experience includes six years as a public school teacher, five years as a private school teacher and three years on church staffs, including Highland Baptist, Louisville, and Central Park Baptist, Birmingham, Ala. In addition, she has been a preschool conference leader for the Baptist Sunday School Board 25 years.

The Nelsons are members of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, where Mrs. Nelson is a preschool teacher, Cradle Roll director and a member of day care, preschool and house and grounds committees.

Alder, a native of Jellico, Tenn., has been president of Kentucky Insurance Associates, Williamsburg, since 1977. During this time he has also been youth and education minister at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, and pastor of Saxton Baptist Church, Williamsburg, 1983-85.

He holds the BS degree in religion from Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

Married to the former Wookena Lynne Gibson of Corbin, he is the father of two children, Staci Lynette, 7, and Joshua Ryan, 8 months.

The Alders are members of Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg, where Alder was licensed to ministry in 1984 and ordained in 1985.

**REMINDER:** The fiscal year for KBC ends Sunday, Aug. 31. Cooperative Program contributions must be in the KBC office before Aug. 31 to be counted in the 1985-86 fiscal year.

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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Kentuckians respond to recent events at the HMB

By now most Baptists know there has been some considerable agitation among the directors of the Home Mission Board over the search committee appointed to recommend a new president. Since Kentucky has four members of that board and since Kentucky contributes heavily to the ministries of the HMB it is obvious we have a large stake in what happens. In light of these facts it seems appropriate to call attention to the reaction of our Kentucky people to the controversy at the HMB.

In an effort to be as fair and impartial as possible, Western Recorder has attempted to contact each of the four Kentucky members of the Home Mission Board and ask them to comment on the events of the past few days at the agency.

Those Kentucky members are Wendell Romans, pastor of Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association; Ron Burdon, pastor of Jeffersontown Baptist Church, Long Run Association; R. W. Hodge, a physician from Princeton; and M. A. Winchester, a physician from Whitley City.

Romans was unavailable for comment because he is on a mission trip to Zambia. The other three members of the board talked willingly with Western Recorder. The most extensive conversation was with Winchester since he was in the center of recent events.

In discussions with the members of the HMB from Kentucky we discovered considerable difference of opinion in some areas.

For example, Burdon and Hodge said the dissatisfaction with the presidential search committee came about because there was a lack of balance on the committee between the points of view represented by the board of directors. Winchester said the request for the committee's resignation came because the committee was not trusted by a majority of the members of the board, even though the committee was selected unanimously by the board officers.

Hodge said the intent was not to have the search committee resign but to add members to the committee, either voting or not voting, so as to achieve balanced representation. Winchester said the request for resignation was specific and immediate though the committee had agreed to accept additional members but was prohibited to do so by the bylaws of the HMB.

Burdon said the appeal from "a lot of members of the board" for a more representative committee was ignored.

All three men agreed the HMB is a strong organization with a strong, capable board and will make progress in the programs assigned to it in the days ahead.

Hodge said there would be a new, balanced committee and that the committee would have

no trouble finding a person to fill the presidential vacancy left by the resignation of William Tanner. Winchester disagreed, stating, "It will be difficult finding the right man now."

Burdon expressed the conviction that in spite of "diversity over ordination and other matters," it is a strong board and progress will be made.

An example of the tension present among directors of the HMB is found in the statement made by Winchester when he said, "It was reported to us (the search committee) that a person in the board room at the time of our meeting was ready to be elected as president (of the HMB). If this had happened it would have been tragic to elect by a 40-36 vote one who would be charged with the duties of the presidency, one who is identified with a particular group, one who is not a supporter of Woman's Missionary Union since 50 percent of the home missions funds come from Annie Armstrong and one who has possibly had a history of poor staff relations."

The implication in this remark is that a candidate for president of the HMB had already been selected. His selection apparently had been made before the board meeting and his election was a likelihood had not Winchester refused to resign from the search committee. The selection of William Tanner's successor obviously had been made without any input from the search committee, which had been appointed to find and recommend a president.

Is the call for the resignation of the search committee an attempt by fundamental conservatives to exert majority power in the affairs of one of the agencies of the SBC? Will this be the pattern of the future for other agencies and institutions?

The HMB is too important for Southern Baptists to permit anything less than above-board operation from those persons charged with governing our agencies and institutions.

Winchester sounds a note of hope when he says, "Nearly everything is good at the HMB. We have a tremendous, gifted, dedicated, called staff. We have a tremendous commitment to missions, commitment to ministry, commitment to congregationalize and evangelize our nation. It is an agency characterized by the highest integrity. The board of directors is committed to the above things and can lead the agency to attempt great things for God once they remember who Baptists are, why we are Baptists and the lessons of the past which have brought God's blessings."

Let us all join in prayer for the directors of the HMB as they seek God's guidance in providing this great mission force a competent, dedicated, God-called president.

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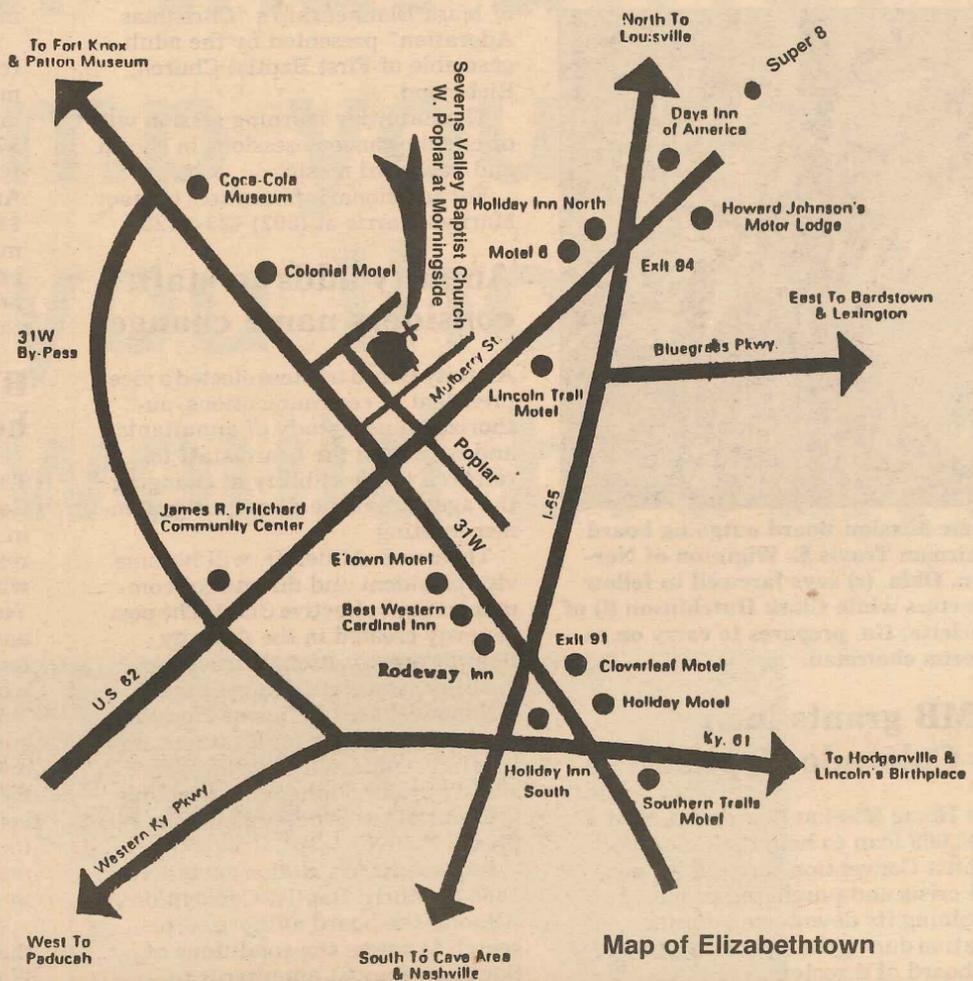
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# baptist news in brief



**Home Mission Board outgoing board chairman Travis E. Wiginton of Norman, Okla. (r) says farewell to fellow directors while Clark Hutchinson (l) of Marietta, Ga. prepares to carry on as interim chairman.**

## HMB grants loan to Colorado Baptists

The Home Mission Board approved a \$300,000 loan to help the Colorado Baptist Convention through a financial crisis and purchased property adjoining its downtown Atlanta location during the August meeting of its board of directors.

In executive session, the 85-member governing body also requested a seven-member committee to nominate a new president to resign so that a new "balanced" committee could be named by board officers.

Marvin Prude of Birmingham, Ala., chairman of the church loans committee, said the secured loan would enable the Colorado convention to meet a \$450,000 payment due bond holders who had purchased bonds through the Colorado Church Loans Corporation.

The new loan funds were added to \$600,000 loaned to the convention last year to help it through a \$1.2 million financial crisis incurred by its foundation and loan corporation.

In other business, board chairman Travis E. Wiginton resigned his post as an Oklahoma representative on the board because he is accepting the pastorate of Kona Baptist Church in Hawaii. Wiginton had served as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Norman, Okla., for the past 11 years.

Clark Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta, was elected interim chairman until regularly-scheduled election of HMB officers in March 1987. (BP)

## KentuckySing slated Sept. 5-6 in Lexington

"KentuckySing in Lexington" is scheduled for September 5-6, at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington. This event is for choir directors, church organists and pianists. The latest music releases from Word, Broadman, Brentwood, Singspiration and Lillenas will be featured.

The Friday evening session will feature a banquet, a choral reading session and a dual concert. At the concert Richard Dwyer, organist and Jay Flippin, pianist will present instrumental duets. The evening will conclude with a premier performance

of Mark Blankenship's "Christmas Adoration" presented by the adult ensemble of First Baptist Church, Richmond.

The Saturday morning session will offer simultaneous sessions in choral and keyboard music.

For additional information, contact Marilyn Harris at (502) 423-1422.

## Annuity adds to staff, considers name change

Annuity Board trustees elected a vice president of communications, authorized a new study of annuitants and requested the board staff to research the possibility of changing the agency's name during their summer meeting.

Thomas E. Miller Jr. will become vice president and director of communications effective Oct. 1. The post is newly created in the Annuity Board's organizational structure.

Miller, associate editor of the Richmond-based Religious Herald, a weekly newspaper for Southern Baptists in Virginia, will have the responsibility of developing and directing internal and external communications plans.

In response to a motion made at the 1986 Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, the board authorized research to assess the conditions of Southern Baptist annuitants to recommend how more adequate provision for retirement income can be made for them.

Also, trustees requested the staff to study the possibility of changing the Annuity Board's name to more accurately reflect the total scope of its

ministry.

Board president Darold Morgan reported net income for the first six months of 1986 was more than \$141.2 million, almost double that of the \$73.1 million income from the same period of 1985. Total assets of the Annuity Board increased to more than \$1.86 billion, a gain of more than \$305 million during the last 12 months. The board paid almost \$24.74 million in benefits to 16,145 annuitants during the first half of 1986. (BP)

## BWA acts on hunger, homeless, and peace

The Baptist World Alliance General Council concluded its annual sessions in Singapore with strongly-worded resolutions on world issues of peace with justice, action on International Year of Shelter for the Homeless 1987 and commitments to pray and work toward resolving the continuing world hunger crisis.

Resolutions dealing with current conditions in Afghanistan, Nicaragua and South Africa were approved. The BWA urged release of prisoners of conscience by governments holding them and called on all Baptists "to remember such prisoners constantly in their prayers...."

A major action of the council was the approval of a "Baptist Fund for World Evangelization." The fund, to be used by Baptist unions and conventions in developing or currency controlled countries for domestic efforts in evangelism and missions, would help support national evangelism workers' ministries where there is no other available resource. (BP)



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# clear creek comment

## Unique at 60

As we emphasize our 60th anniversary, we are in the midst of orientation week at Clear Creek. We invest an entire week in orienting our students and their families to "the new place where Daddy is going to school."

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Clear Creek is the most inexpensive college in the SBC.

Clear Creek is family-centered—most of our students are married with children.

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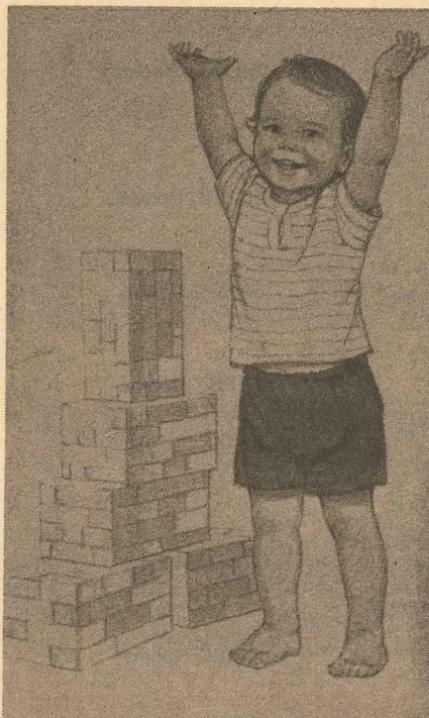
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## fourth estate

### Bionic boy revisited

It has been almost one year since our then 17-year-old son Jimmy was in a near fatal automobile crash on a Midletown street. I told about that experience several weeks later in one of these columns, titling it "Bionic Boy." I summarized that, following five operations, a lot of care, therapy and the prayers of friends on at least five continents petitioned in his behalf, Jimmy had come through the experience without losing his life, without any paralysis, and with keeping his right arm and hand which the physicians had predicted from the beginning he would lose.

Hardly a day has gone by in this last year that we have not answered the question expressed by scores of most sincere and caring people, "How is Jimmy doing?" It's a question I have never grown tired of answering, and have been grateful each time it has been asked.

For those who don't know Jimmy, he is doing very well. My guess is, he has regained 80 percent of the use of his arm and hand. He picks guitar every day, and seems to have difficulty only when he tries to lift something heavy, which gives him some pain.

He has no permanent scars beyond his hand and arm. The remainder of his body has healed satisfactorily.

While he is still wired together by metal and pins and screws in his fingers and a plate in his arm, I acknowledged in the previous article that to us he is a miracle. I still believe he is, just as I know there is a heavenly father who watches over us and who protects us in order that we may live out his purposes.

This week the young man whom we had feared could not graduate with his high school class, yet who did so after making up many weeks of absences during the year, begins a new adventure in college. My guess is, there are hundreds of other Baptist moms and dads across Kentucky who are experiencing the same types of separation pangs we are as we send our only son away to school.

Each of us has hopes and dreams for our offspring, and now arrive at the time when we must back off and allow those youngsters to apply what we tried to instill. Time will tell whether the lessons "took."

I empathize with parents who face these days with pride and joy, yet also bittersweet sadness. We can be grateful for the opportunities we have had and trust God can use the foundations we have laid.

It is a privilege to be Jimmy's dad. While I will miss him terribly, I wish him well in the new challenges that will be his in this next exciting stage of life.

## baptist forum

### Correction and apology

In the Aug. 5 edition of Baptist Forum a statement from Perry Spaulding was incorrectly printed. Mr. Spaulding had written, "How does an unbeliever become a believer?" Western Recorder printed this answer: "We must *just* hear the word." What Mr. Spaulding had written was, "We must *first* hear the word." We apologize to Mr. Spaulding and ask his forgiveness for this unfortunate error.

### King James not the only Bible

Occasionally I find comments in the Baptist Forum about the King James Version of the Bible which express varied beliefs about it. Recently it was called "the true Bible...because it is the English translations (sic) from the Hebrew to the Greek. The Dead Sea Scrolls prove this."

That one provoked me to look at the evidence before stating my opinions. The KJV was written under direction of King James I by 47 scholars of the Church of England beginning in 1604. The text, according to the King's rule, had to be as close to the Bishop's Bible as the scholars thought appropriate. That was the official Bible of the Church of England.

The primary sources for the KJV were the Tyndale and Coverdale versions from the early 1500s. Several Latin versions were consulted. The Greek and

Hebrew texts were few in number and of poor quality. There was also help sought from the Rheims New Testament (Catholic) and Martin Luther's German version.

The final text of 1611 included the Apocrypha which is rejected by Baptists. It was revised many times before 1800.

The Dead Sea Scrolls contain two major texts of Isaiah, one of which is complete. Where both have the same sections of text they are not identical. These texts and others found since 1611 are far older and not in total agreement with those available to the KJV translators. The writer claims the KJV "validates the true Southern Baptist doctrines." This implies that Southern Baptists predate the KJV. There are two problems here. The first is our own denominational records do not go back much beyond the Civil War. The second is if we did predate the only true Bible what Bible is the source of our true doctrines? There is evidence the KJV was written not to contradict established Anglican doctrines. Also many Puritans and English Baptists after 1641 rejected the Church of England and its Bible while embracing the Geneva Bible, first published in 1560.

I have one more problem with implying the KJV is the only true Bible. There are Baptists all over the world who read the Bible in languages other than English. Are they not "true Baptists" since they do not have a "true Bible?"

My family has 16 versions in five languages. They all differ slightly from one another but they all witness to Christ and his teaching that they and the Holy Spirit bear witness to him...not Baptists...not Anglicans.

Larry Riedinger  
Louisville

### Eliminate annual SBC meetings

Now that the dust has settled perhaps some brainstorming is in order with a view toward establishing a system which allows greater stability, less political infighting and much less disposition toward making a laughingstock of the SBC.

It seems clear national conventions need to be held no more often than every three years. An annual bloodletting, particularly from a group of self-appointed keepers of the collective conscience, is a bit much.

Business cannot be handled among thousands and thousands of messengers, many, if not most, of whom are interested only in the presidential election and operate mostly on the sands of uninformed emotion. This is to say nothing of the millions of dollars which would be saved by local churches as the result of establishing triennial conclaves.

It is not the business of the SBC to consider or authenticate resolutions regarding the public sector. Setting broad denominational policies should be the business of the messengers. There is absolutely no consensus among Southern Baptists on so-called spiritual matters. For the convention to presume to speak officially for all Southern Baptists is to misrepresent millions of members. These resolutions serve only one purpose—divisiveness. Moreover since they are not binding upon any individual or institution they are totally worthless as a force for change.

The Peace Committee should be dismantled. Though it is an innocuous panel, perhaps 99 percent of SBC members have no idea as to its personnel, its origin or its work. The committee is a constant and abrasive reminder of divisiveness. It is similar to the United Nations—while having virtually no consensus or power to do anything, it perpetually calls attention to dissension. The SBC has had enough of this.

James L. Clark  
Danville

### Do we mean what we sing?

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for Christians. A hymn can be a prayer, a testimony, praise or an invitation to others. Many of us apparently don't take the words we sing very seriously.

We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and pray only a few minutes a day.

We sing "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and don't use the ones we have to speak for Christ.

We sing "Blest Be the Tie" and let the slightest offense sever it.

We sing "I Love to Tell the Story" and seldom mention Jesus to anybody.

We sing "Serve the Lord with Gladness" and gripe about all we have to do.

We sing "Cast Thy Burden on the Lord" and then worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown.

We sing "The Whole Wide World for Jesus" and never invite our next-door neighbor to church.

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# mountains to the mississippi congregations

**First Baptist Church, Newport,** Northern Kentucky Association, began a year-long celebration Aug. 10 of its 175-year existence. Events and activities throughout the year will center around the development of the church as a ministering congregation and will climax Sunday, Aug. 9, 1987. The church was constituted in 1812.

Norman M. Willie is pastor of the church.

**Columbia Baptist Church,** Russell Creek Association, recently completed its annual summer missions project, which focused this year on work in Warren, Oh.

There were 23 youth and adults in the volunteer force. Their work included vacation Bible school, backyard Bible study, visitation, a survey and performance of the musical "Choose." The ministry took place at Tod Avenue Baptist Church, Warren, and was a part of the link between Steel Association of Ohio and Russell Creek Association of Kentucky.

C. Michael Watts is pastor of Columbia Baptist Church.

**Hillcrest Baptist Church,** Franklin Association, has begun construction of its new sanctuary. Louisville Trinity Corporation, a design/build general contractor that specializes in church building, broke ground in April 1986 and estimates the congregation will move into its new sanctuary in November.

Harry Nurse, president of Louisville Trinity and an ordained Southern Baptist minister, said, "The Hillcrest building committee has done an out-

standing job in determining the type of addition for their church so it blends with the existing structure yet provides the additional room the church needs to minister to the Frankfort community."

Ed Talley is pastor of Hillcrest.

**Green River Memorial Baptist Church,** Campbellsville, Taylor Association, dedicated its new educational building Aug. 17.

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church,** Long Run Association, will hold its homecoming Aug. 31. The congregation is the fifth oldest in the association and is celebrating 181 years of worship and service. Sunday school and worship will be followed homecoming Sunday by a basket dinner and a musical program.

Larry Petty is pastor of Pleasant Grove.

**Caskey Baptist Church,** Christian Association, commemorated its 100th anniversary Aug. 17. Worship included a homecoming with former pastors and dinner on the grounds.

Greg Burton is pastor at Caskey.

**Greensburg Baptist Church,** Russell Creek Association, has completed the annual poster contest for Cooperative Program emphasis. The Woman's Missionary Union sponsored the event. Girls in Action were urged to create posters depicting what the Cooperative Program does for Christ.

Posters are judged in neatness, originality and content, and awards are given for participation in the contest.

Mrs. George Price, WMU director at the church, said, "We have found this is a very effective means of explaining the Cooperative Program to the girls and



Girls in Action of Greensburg Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, display their posters depicting Cooperative Program works.

while the posters are displayed they give the message to our people."

Greensburg Baptist Church is giving 28 percent through the Cooperative Program with an additional three percent to Campbellsville College and two percent to associational missions. The church also participates in Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Eliza Broadus mission offerings. In addition the church has helped send the director of missions' wife to Kenya, contributed to a pastor in Ohio, sent money to a small church in Kansas and built a church in Kenya.

**Hebron Baptist Church,** Northern Kentucky Association, reports a successful youth retreat to Gatlinburg, Tenn., according to Mark A. Keith, pastor. Following the trip young people gave testimonies in the Hebron church and there were eight professions of faith and 17 rededications.

Youth minister at the church is Wayne Lipscomb, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Allendale Baptist Church,** East Lynn Association, gave \$510 and **Greensburg Baptist Church and Trammel Creek Baptist Church** in Russell Creek Association each gave \$500 to build a church in Kenya, according to James E. Casey Jr., director of missions.

Pineville, resigned as director of missions for Rockcastle Association. Aldridge will be one of four church strategists for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He will work in the southeastern region of Kentucky.

**Zelma Mullins Pattillo** (see picture) was named chaplain of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home of Kentucky, effective July 15.

Mrs. Pattillo will provide spiritual care for approximately 500 residents and employees at the home's campus at 3701 Frankfort Ave., Louisville. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., and holds MA and MDiv degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She has completed extensive clinical training in pastoral care at Central State Hospital, LaGrange, and at Humana Hospital, Louisville.

Prior to her appointment at Masonic Home she was pastoral counselor at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. Earlier she was on the ministerial staffs of Highland and Crescent Hill Baptist churches, both of Louisville, and was Baptist campus minister at Clemson (S. C.) University.

She is married to Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo Jr., vice president for development at Southern Seminary.

**Cleon Webb** retired from the pastorate of Aberdeen Baptist Church, Bracken Association. **Ken Forman** (see picture), director of missions for Bracken Association, is interim pastor.

**Leon Larimore** (see picture), 75, resigned as pastor of Third Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective Aug. 10, ending a 20-year career as pastor of the church.

Larimore has been active in Kentucky Baptist life since his ordination in 1937. He began preaching in 1934 and his pastorates include churches in Hart, Metcalfe, Edmonson, Green and Monroe counties. He was pastor of his home town church, Horse Cave Baptist Church, six years before going to Third Avenue.

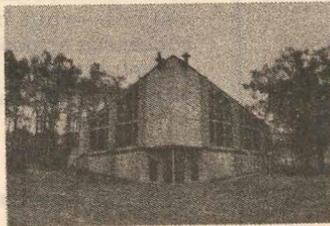
He is a graduate of Western Kentucky Teachers College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Campbellsville College, where he was a trustee 17 years, granted him a DDiv degree.

In addition to his work as a trustee at Campbellsville College, Larimore has also been a trustee of the Carver School; vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference; vice president of

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### personnel

**D. M. Aldridge** (see photo), former president of Clear Creek Baptist School,

the Kentucky Baptist Convention; recording secretary of the executive board of the KBC; and moderator of Liberty and Long Run associations.

He is married to Blanche Lile. They have one daughter, Mrs. Levy Broady, and one granddaughter, Mrs. W. D. Goodman, both of Horse Cave.

Larimore told Western Recorder he will spend retirement "doing supply preaching, holding revivals, catching up on fishing, playing golf and growing roses." He will continue to live in Louisville.

**Naomi B. King** has been called as associate minister of music/children's ministry specialist by Lyndon Baptist Church, Long Run Association. She is a graduate of Shorter College and is currently enroled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Hugh Goldsby is pastor at Lyndon.

**Larry D. Nichols**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Calvert City, Blood River Association, has announced his resignation. He is available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates, revivals or Bible conferences.

**Owen Edwards** has resigned Northside Baptist Church, Winchester, Boone's Creek Association.

**John Weaver** has resigned as pastor of Second Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association.

**Harold LeForce** is the new pastor of Jellico Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association. He has been pastor of Buffalo, Good Hope and Highland Park in Mt. Zion Association and Ryans Creek, South Union Association.

**Harold Bailey** resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Totz, Upper Cumberland Association.

**Jeff Davis** is the new pastor of Memory Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

### deaths

**Kay Beeler**, wife of Buffalo Baptist Church pastor David Beeler, died July 30. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Beeler is survived by two sons, Daniel, 4, and Andrew, 5 months. Buffalo Baptist Church is in Severns Valley Association.

**Jesse S. Bell**, 73, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, died July 26 in Preston, Ga.

Bell was a native of Georgia, graduate of Mercer University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He held several Georgia pastorates and was a high school teacher and principal before he went to Dawson Springs.

He was pastor at Dawson Springs 25 years. Upon his retirement the church

made him pastor emeritus.

### ordinations

**Doug Brock, Herbert Dean and Milford Swanner** were ordained as deacons by Ages Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Dale Osmond is pastor of Ages.

**Travis Bankester, Ellis Bentley, Mark Curry, David Dean, Bill Hoagland, Pete Howell, Carl Kell, Terry Leeper, Roger Smith, Darcy Tabor and Elster Willoughby** were ordained as deacons May 25 by Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowl-

ing Green, Warren Association.

**Robert L. Wright Jr.** was ordained to the ministry by Gethsemane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Aug. 3. He has been called to pastor Young Grove Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Chester C. Irvin, pastor of Gethsemane, preached the ordination sermon.

**W. J. Morrison**, pastor of Viney Fork Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, was ordained to the ministry by the church June 22.

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# homes for children

## A new arrival!

When a new arrival has been prayed for, wanted and needed, then the arrival is an occasion for rejoicing and celebration. Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is rejoicing because we have a new arrival! No, not a new baby, but a new director of the Spring Meadows Children's Home.

Spring Meadows has been without a regular director since the resignation of Chuck Corrigan four months ago. During the search period the campus has been under the capable leadership of Edna Woofter, who has served as the interim director. Miss Woofter, who has been with us 13 years, has carried this extra responsibility in addition to her regular work as director of Community Services. In spite of the heavy load, she has done a superb job.

Now a new director has been chosen and we are very happy to announce his arrival. I wish all Kentucky Baptists could meet Michael "Mike" R. Goodwin, who has just assumed the directorship of Spring Meadows.



**Mike Goodwin**

Goodwin comes to us with a sense of God's call to the ministry with children. In addition to his calling and Christian commitment he is well qualified educationally and experientially. Goodwin is a long time Baptist. He holds a BA degree from California Baptist College, a MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with an emphasis in pastoral counseling and social work, and a MA in Social Work from Florida State University. In addition to his educational background he has 15 years experience in the child care ministry. He has served with the Florida Sheriffs' Boys Ranch, the Florida Baptist Children's Home, and for the past five years has been executive director of the Hudelson Baptist Children's Home in Centralia, Ill.

Mike and his wife, Carron, are the parents of five children, including one foster child. Three of their children are in college.

Our new director and his wife are committed Christians. They love the church and children. You will be glad to welcome them to our work with children and families. Put our new arrival on your prayer list.

# christian education

## Seminary history highlighted on BTN

"Doing the Word Through the Years" is the theme of the August installment of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's video magazine on the Baptist Telecommunications Network.

The 15-minute program, which will be shown Friday, Aug. 22 at 12 noon, features a visual history of Southern Baptists' oldest seminary. The host is Jim Somerville, a second-year theology student from Georgetown.

"This program will be an enjoyable introduction to Southern Baptist theological education," explains seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt.

## Banks elected president of Richmond University

Samuel Alston Banks, president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., for the past 11 years, has been elected

president of the University of Richmond. He will succeed E. Bruce Heilman Dec. 1.

Heiman, who is retiring from the Virginia Baptist university after 15 years as president will become chancellor.

Banks, an ordained United Methodist minister, will be the first non-Baptist to head the institution since it was founded in 1830 by Virginia Baptists.

Banks, 58, is a native of Florida. He is a graduate of Duke University, Emory University and the University of Chicago.

## Georgetown College opens doors Aug. 24

Georgetown College is getting set to open for its 157th fall term on Sunday, Aug. 24, 1 p.m.

Preliminary to the return of 1000 undergraduates and 300 graduate students is a faculty workshop convening on Friday, Aug. 22.

At this year's workshop Joe Lewis, vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "We will feature two addresses by James T. Rogers, the executive director of the Commission on Colleges located at the Atlanta headquarters of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Georgetown will have a continuation of counseling registration Monday with classes set to begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

## Cumberland registers for fall semester

Cumberland College will hold registration for fall semester classes Tuesday, Aug. 26 and Wednesday, Aug. 27 in the Gatliff Gymnasium.

College residence halls will open to receive freshmen Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. and Aug. 23 at 8:30 a.m. Residence halls will open to receive upperclassmen Aug. 24 at 1 p.m.

Freshmen will spend Saturday and Monday in advising and orientation. Upperclassmen may see their advisers Aug. 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Aug. 26, 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Freshmen will register Aug. 26 beginning at 1 p.m. Seniors only will register Aug. 27 beginning at 8 a.m. Remaining upperclassmen will register Aug. 27 beginning at 10 a.m.

Classes will begin Aug. 28. The last day to register for a class will be Sept. 3. There is a fee for late registration.

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## oneida journal

### Quite a shock

"I worked in the hollows near Oneida with the Methodist Appalachian Service Project in 1976. It was quite a shock coming from New Jersey. I learned many things working with the very poor. One was compassion and the other a new sense of God and his works.

"Upon graduating from college in 1981 I began to realize the tough road ahead because of the recession. There were times when I just felt plain sorry for myself. Nothing would help me more than your letters telling of your children and their problems to realize how truly lucky I've been.

"From 1976 I've read your letters and wished that I might be in a position to help. I will give as I can. I am very much interested in what Oneida Baptist Institute is doing." This is from a friend now living in Delaware.

"I know personally what Oneida does for the children. I know how it helped my great-nephew who was there four years. He is now co-manager of a large food store. He is just doing great."

A teacher writes: "Mostly I hear negative statements about education. It is always inspiring to think about the many positive things I've heard about Oneida."

I read the above at the same time I came across a letter written some time ago from a retired teacher in central

Kentucky: "I certainly couldn't agree more with your ideas of education for our youth. I have seen some of the results of your school on youngsters we have had before. Most of them have been just wonderful."

A medical doctor writes from Frankfort: "I very much believe in your work. I especially appreciate what you are doing for several from here."

New donors from Indiana write: "We have never donated before. But after we saw your school with a friend, we feel your school deserves our help. We intend to do more as we are able."

From Michigan: "We first visited your institute 12 years ago. It is so much more interesting when a person has been there to see what you are doing."

A Lexington friend who visits at least once a year says, "Oneida is doing so much wonderful work. I wish more people knew." Another Lexingtonian writes: "Thanks for making our trip so meaningful. This was my second visit and I enjoyed the 'tour' even more than last year."

A generous donor to us is a retired state policeman in Alabama who once brought a Vietnamese refugee boy to us: "We had some money and were praying for God to show us where to send it. Your letter came and it has helped our faith. We are not rich but God does hear prayer." I remember this Godly man's rejoicing when I called him some years ago of Ly Duc's profession of faith.

"I visited Oneida last summer. I loved every minute of it and was very impressed with what I saw and heard there. This morning I thought before this day is over I will send my gift to Oneida. When I looked for an envelope I couldn't find one. When I checked my mailbox this evening there was a letter from you with an envelope enclosed. I couldn't keep from thinking how strange we both thought of this about the same time! I hope all your needs will be met."

Today I came across a letter I received over a year ago I intended to share with you, but haven't. It inspired me again:

"I was in New York this past year for a month on a business. On the way back I met a boy who had been involved in the high school drug world years ago. He told me he then went to Oneida. Being there changed his life. I am constantly on the lookout for evidence of your labor. Don't get uptight about finances. Jesus knows where you are."



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR AUGUST 24, 1986

### Life and Work Series

#### When marriage ends in divorce

**Matt. 5:31-32** When God established the institution of marriage, he intended there should be one man for one woman, and this relationship should be permanent or until death. The only scriptural justification for divorce is that act of unfaithfulness which is such a breach of the holy union as virtually to destroy it. Concerning divorce, terrifying statistics can be quoted, but they are not as appalling as the knowledge which most of us have of broken homes, blighted lives, blasted hopes, scattered families, delinquent children and decadent morals.

**Matt. 19:3-9** Seeking to trick Christ into making statements they might use against him, the Pharisees asked: "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" Our Lord referred them to the story of the creation of man and woman in Genesis 2:18-24.

The true foundation of a happy home is found in the God-ordained relationship in which he unites one man and one woman. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." The relationship is to be as long as life lasts.

**Eph. 4:32** Paul challenged the Ephesian Christians to put into practice that which they knew to be right. He urged them to put love into action in their

daily conduct by being kind to one another. Inasmuch as God has been gracious and merciful enough to forgive us of our sins and to bring us into a right relationship with him, we should care enough for others to help them to cope with their problems.

### International Series

#### God's presence with the faithful

To commemorate his great victories, Nebuchadnezzar had erected in Babylon a magnificent image of gold. He issued a decree that when certain music sounded all of the people were to fall on their knees and worship his god. Any who failed to do so would be cast into a fiery furnace.

**Dan. 3:14-18** At the given signal all except Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, three young Hebrews whom Nebuchadnezzar had captured in Judah, trained in his palace and promoted to positions of trust and honor, bowed themselves and worshiped the new god. These three refused to worship any other than Jehovah the creator.

Jealous Chaldeans informed the king these three had defied his authority. Filled with wrath, he summoned them into his presence, presuming to intimidate them by his anger. When he offered them another opportunity to comply with the imperial edict and thereby escape punishment, the young men told the king they would not comply with his demand. They knew their God was able to deliver them if he chose to do so. Their example tells us that loyalty to God is always more important than personal safety.

**Dan. 3:23-26** Nebuchadnezzar ordered them to be thrown into the furnace and commanded the furnace be heated seven times hotter than normal. Naturally the imperial officials who had assembled near the furnace to witness the execution of these three young men of magnificent courage and sublime faith did not expect them to survive. In stupefaction Nebuchadnezzar looked on something he could not believe. The cords with which they had been bound were consumed in the fire, but the three men of God were walking in the midst of the fire. In amazement the king declared: "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the son of God."

From this incident we learn God does not always keep his children out of the fiery furnaces, but he will always be with them and sustain them with his love and strength.



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## on mission together

### Forget not our togetherness

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The present relationship is strong, warm and vital.

And Kentucky Baptists must never take this special relationship for granted. To do so may lead to consequences reflected in this recent article by Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.:

"One of the saddest news stories in recent weeks is the account of a decision by trustees of an historic Baptist (Wake Forest) university to become a 'self-perpetuating' board of trustees. Because of the critical importance of strong Christian universities in the contemporary world, it can only be called a tragedy when an outstanding university severs its organic ties with the Baptist conven-

tion and its churches which once controlled it.

"Some years ago, I was given the privilege of addressing newly-elected trustees of all convention agencies and institutions in that particular state. The thrust of my remarks was that the first responsibility of trustees is to those who elected them. This does not mean there is no responsibility to the institution. It only means that the primary responsibility, is to the convention itself.

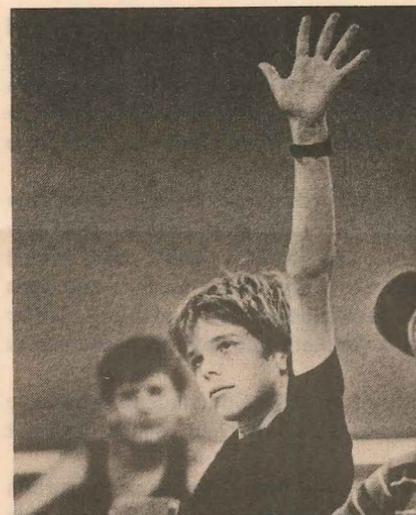
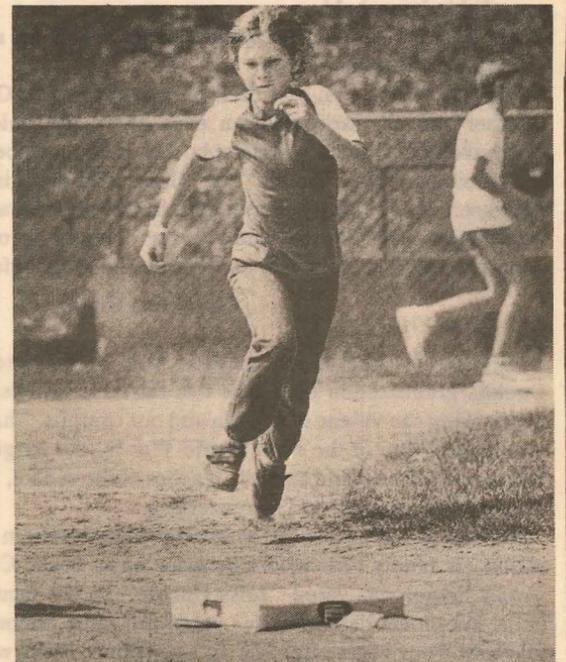
"I am well aware some Baptist colleges or universities were founded with varying degrees of independent status for their trustees, probably at times when the state conventions were less able to support and govern such institutions. Even so, I think the cause of Christian education is served much better today by a close and responsible relationship of the Christian college or university, through a board of trustees, to the churches organized into a cooperative structure such as a state

convention.

"The United States is abundantly supplied with colleges and universities of outstanding academic quality. Our urgent need is for more colleges and universities that are **strong both academically and in Christian commitment**. The natural evolution of a university is toward greater academic excellence, but all kinds of pressures and traditions militate against a Christian dimension that permeates employment policies, curriculum design, moral standards in student life and the daily calendar of activities.

"The shift from a convention-elected board of trustees to a self-perpetuating one may not at first appear to make measurable differences in the Christian dimension of the university. In the long run, however, there can be little doubt it will weaken the Christian structure of a university.

"I can only grieve as a great university is lost to a great group of Baptist churches."



**TOP L:** Along with individual skills, learning to work as a team is part of the Crosspoint daily diet. **TOP R:** Goal setting discussed in the classroom takes on a new dimension as Joshua Slack of De Ridder, La. runs for second base. **LEFT:** Following the directions of the staff song leader, Crosspoint campers enjoy a spirited rendition of "Father Abraham." **CENTER:** Kyle Washburn of Batesville, Ark. raises a question during one of the classroom sessions. **BOTTOM:** As each day ends campers join together for room devotions.

## Sports, gospel meet in Crosspoint camps

"When the desire to excel athletically and the message of Jesus Christ...meet," was written on the backs of T-shirts worn by campers attending Crosspoint at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

In its first summer, Crosspoint, sponsored by the Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department, is being held this summer on seven Baptist college campuses. It is designed for boys and girls who have completed the fourth through eighth grades and who wish to improve their skills in one of six sports—tennis, basketball, baseball, football, soccer and gymnastics.

Deane Hartzell, camp director from the board's Church Recreation Department, said that Crosspoint should not be viewed only as a sports camp.

"It's not only sports. Each day they're involved in Bible study, worship, singing and fellowship together. A strong emphasis is placed on building relationships between campers and staff. We put the spiritual and the physical together and have a good time with all of it," he said.

Lee Sanders, minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., brought a group from his church to Crosspoint. "Rather than competitive tension, bonding develops through the program's healthy approach to team building," he said. "Crosspoint works to answer legitimate needs in the lives of these young people."

A note written by Kris Traugher, Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, to two of the staff was evidence of the impact Crosspoint can have, Hartzell said. The note read, "You have taught me a lot, but most of all you have taught me how to love one another and to work as a team."

Hartzell said eight sites are scheduled for next summer and his enrolment goal is 1750. Two of his future goals include more Crosspoint camps nationwide and additional traveling teams. "Once people realize what Crosspoint camps really are, I believe they will grow rapidly," he said.



## A REMARKABLE MOUNTAIN FAMILY

By: Barkely Moore

Carl Barnes, Oneida Class of 1958, is father, husband and head of a remarkable household.

Mary Esther Webb Barnes, Oneida Class of 1959, is mother, wife and heart of a wonderful Christian home.

Both their daughters, and their only son, are also Oneida graduates.

Mother and all three children each share the unique distinction of having received one of Oneida's highest honors in their respective years of graduation. The accolade "Mr. Oneida" or "Miss Oneida" is bestowed after lengthy discussion of the faculty of students in the senior class. It is then decided in a secret ballot. The Barnes family is the only one in our school's history where every child was so honored, as their mother was before them.

### One of Ten Children

Mary Esther, one of ten children from her immediate family who attended Oneida, graduated in 1959. She was raised in a house on the highest mountain overlooking the village of Oneida and our campus. That beautiful place was built around the time of the First World War by the longtime chairman of Oneida's Board of Trustees, and an early teacher of the school, L.D. Sandlin, and his wife, Emma Witherspoon, of Lawrenceburg.

Carl was one of four children to attend Oneida from the Barnes family. He has raised his family near where he grew up in Leslie County.

Mary Esther was voted "Miss Oneida" by the faculty in 1959. Twenty years later, her oldest daughter was voted the same honor by another generation of teachers. Four years after Sherry's selection, Ricky was voted "Mr. Oneida" in 1983. Then along came Robin who was voted the honor of "Miss Oneida" in 1985.

### No Accident

The wonderful character of the children is no accident. It is a reflection and extension of that of their parents. Carl and Mary Esther married in 1960, shortly after their respective graduations from Oneida. The Barnes children have grown up in a Christian home. Carl and Mary Esther have seen to that. They not only have sent their children to Sunday School and church from infancy up, they have taken them and have worshipped with them.

Their church home is the Sizerock Baptist Church about one mile across the Clay County line in Leslie County. When the doors are open, the Barnes family are present. Carl is a deacon and teaches the adult Sunday School class, as well as serving as Sunday School superintendent. Mary Esther teaches and does whatever she is called on to do. In this faithfulness, Carl and Mary Esther represent thousands of other former Oneida students who have scattered across the nation, and to foreign lands.

Sad to say, of course, there are many other former Oneida students who have failed to nurture their children in the ways of the Lord. Their results have not been as happy as the Barnes example.

A person can be a success in many ways, or in every way, by the world's standards, yet be a "failure". If one does not claim Christ's salvation, there is ultimately total and eternal failure. Happily Carl, Mary Esther, Sherry, Ricky, and Robin are all "born again" Christians. They are a happy and united family in this world and have made provision to be so in eternity.

### Fulltime Mother

Mary Esther is a fulltime mother and housewife. Her whole life has been devoted to ministering to her husband and her children, and serving in the church. She presides over a love-filled modern home in a valley surrounded by high mountains.

Provider of the family is Carl. Quiet and unassuming, his adult life has been spent running his own used car and body shop. He has made a wonderful business success in a very unlikely location. The business is located close to the family's home and near the church. Carl's life revolves around his family, his work, and the church.

Carl and Mary Esther are both smiling, low key, humble, Christian people. They are faithful to the Lord. They are faithful to their children. The Lord has blessed their faithfulness with health, happiness, outward beauty, inner grace, worldly success and spiritual riches.

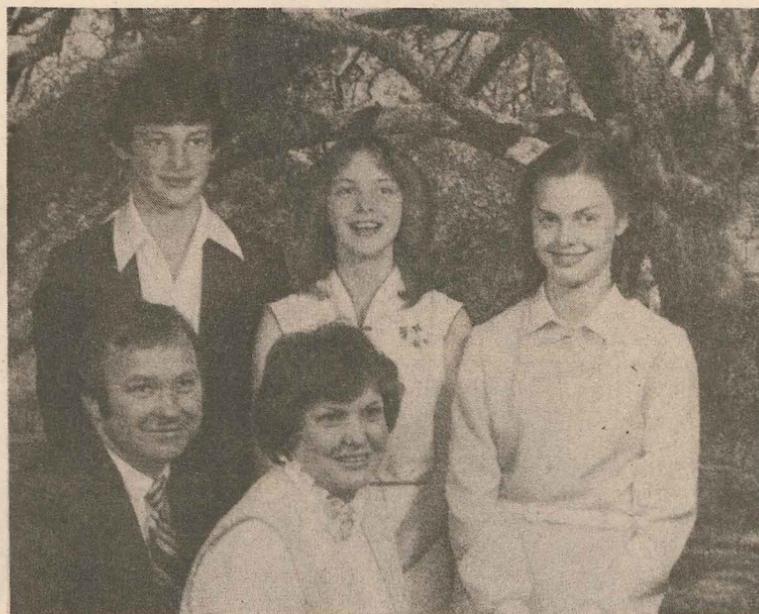
### Spared the Agony

These parents have been spared the agony of dealing with wayward children. They have not had to worry about their children being involved with alcohol or drugs. The children have not been afflicted with drug-driven parents, alcohol or otherwise. They have not been scarred by a broken home or abuse. Their joy has come from living the Christian life, not from a bottle. Their "highs" have come from shared Christian love, not from a pill or a "joint".

With parents who set the example, the children have followed as Sunday School teachers, workers in vacation Bible schools, singing in church and school choirs, and being active in the Baptist Student Union at college and university level.

Daughter Sherry is now a registered nurse and staff team leader at Appalachian Hospital in Hazard. After OBI graduation, she attended Georgetown College for two years. Then she transferred to Eastern Kentucky University because of the nursing program there. She earned a B.S. in nursing with a minor in psychology.

## Oneida Baptist Institute



Carl and Mary Esther Barnes  
Ricky, Robin, and Sherry

While an OBI student, Sherry lettered in track. She was elected senior class president, elected 1979 Yearbook Queen, was voted "most courteous" by her peers, was on the yearbook staff, co-edited the student newspaper, and was in drama. She often played for our daily chapel service, and is her church's pianist today. The faculty voted her "most outstanding" in her freshman and junior year.

All through high school, Sherry was an honor student academically.

At college and university, she continued her excellent grades. Also she found time to be secretary of Phi Mu sorority as well as of the Baptist Student Union. She served as BSU Executive Council Food Coordinator.

### Ways to Serve

Ricky also went to EKV. In high school he lettered in basketball several years, and has played intermural basketball at EKV. He plays for and sometimes coaches the church basketball team. He is Sunday school teacher for the junior boys, sings in the church choir, and has been a member of the BSU's Recreation Council at Eastern. While a senior at Oneida, his peers voted him "best dressed". He received a President's Award at graduation in addition to being voted "Mr. Oneida" by the faculty. Both his sisters also received President's Awards at graduation.

Robin, as a young child in the Oneida Elementary School, used to stand on the milk cooler of the school's cafeteria and sing for guests. She sang in our school choir all four years, often singing solos. She received the 1985 "most outstanding choir member" award.

Robin had the role of Liesl in "The Sound of Music", and sang beautifully all three nights. Voted "most outstanding" freshman by the faculty her freshman year, she was also "class favorite" by vote of her classmates. Her peers were still voting her honors her senior year including "most courteous" and "Ms. Success".

She is majoring in para-legal studies at the university.

A special feature of our 1985 Commencement was having Robin's great-aunt, May Bishop, age 97, present. Aunt May was the last person alive who was a student Oneida's opening day in 1900.

### Heritage A Key

Yes, the Barnes children are exceptional in their character. But this is no accident. Their heritage is a key to much of what they have done. They are who they are because of the love and concern of both parents. Both father and mother have actively encouraged and supported each child in every worthy activity. Unlike hundreds of thousands of teenagers, the Barnes children have never been tempted to engage in anti-social behavior just to get adult attention.

A school like Oneida, large enough to have a comprehensive and varied program, yet small enough that each child can actively participate, gave outlet and direction to their youthful energies and talents.

The Barnes ancestry is an excellent one. However, we do not have as many details of it as we do the Webb lineage. An ancestor of Sherry, Ricky and Robin was James Webb. He was an aide to General George Washington on that famous, dark, stormy night when they crossed the Delaware, with a small number of other soldiers, in a perilous move of the Revolution. Fourteen years later the first federal census of 1790 recorded 395 Webb families in the U.S., most of whom were located in North and South Carolina. From there some of them migrated through the Cumberland Gap into eastern Kentucky.

Yes, we are happy that these descendants of achievers of an earlier day are a part of our lives, and that Oneida has contributed to their preparation for life, both here and for eternity.

## Oneida Opens 87th Year

Dr. George Redding preached the first chapel service of the new school year at Oneida August 12. A former Oneida Bible teacher, Redding is now chairman of the Bible department of Mid-Continent Baptist College.

Nearly 500 students, the 55-member teaching staff, and 19 guests heard Redding preach on "A Toward Generation".

Chapel is held daily the year-round at the 87-year old Baptist boarding school serving grades 6-12.