

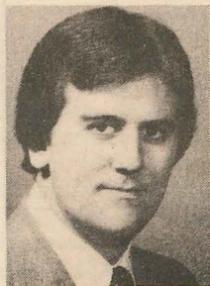


W. Mark Snowden resigns media post to be agency rep

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

W. Mark Snowden, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Media Department since November 1983, has resigned effective Sept. 30.

He will become southeast regional manager for the American Christian



Television System (ACTS), an entity of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. He will be based in Atlanta, Ga. and will travel the following states: Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Ken-

tucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

Snowden, 29, has been responsible while with Kentucky Baptists for promoting ACTS, Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN), church media libraries, video tape service (VTS) and for audiovisual production and consultation.

Earlier he was a staff producer at the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., for three years and in TV production at Kentucky Educational Television, Lexington, two years. He has produced over 50 radio programs.

A native Louisvillian, he is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, with a BA in broadcasting and film. He has also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Snowden holds membership in Baptist Public Relations Association, a national organization of more than 400 Southern Baptist professional communicators.

Married to the former Mary Leigh Gilkison of Winchester, Ky., Snowden is the father of a daughter, Lauren Maeg, 18 months.

Editor's hands tied in silence move

by Dan Martin
and Michael Tutterow

A five-member review board to oversee the "editorial policies, practices and personnel" of the Georgia Index, the newsjournal of the Georgia Baptist Convention, has been named by the Index board of directors.



The action was announced Aug. 26 after a special called meeting of the 10-member Index board and followed four months of closed-door investigation by a special study committee into charges leveled against the Index,

the oldest state Baptist newspaper in the Southern Baptist Convention, and its editor, Jack U. Harwell.

HARWELL, 53, WHO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED with the Index since 1957 and its editor 20 years, has been under fire since 1979. That year, a joint GBC-Index committee affirmed Harwell's freedom to discuss issues deemed "to be of interest and concern to Georgia Baptists" but instructed him to be governed by the Baptist Faith and Message statement and to "reflect the spirit and theological position of Georgia and Southern Baptists."

The statement issued following the Aug. 26 meeting reaffirms the 1979 statement but asks "that the editor conform in both the letter and the spirit of this declaration."

While the 1979 study was launched after an effort had been made to fire Harwell at the annual meeting of the Georgia convention, the current controversy boiled over in May 1986 after Harwell wrote an editorial critical of the nominations of the SBC Committee on Boards, which was chaired by Lee Roberts, a Marietta businessman.

Roberts prepared and distributed a 32-page document to the study committee detailing complaints against Harwell, including an allegation Harwell had misrepresented circulation figures for the Index, and also questioned the editor's Christian ethics, fairness and effectiveness.

The businessman, a member of Eastside Baptist Church of Marietta, called for "replacement..." of Harwell, "not restrictions."

Christian Index board chairman George Barnett, pastor of Noonday Baptist Church of Marietta, in late May appointed a 7-member study committee "to make a serious study of the problems relating to the editorial policies, practice and personnel" of the Index.

Barnett said Roberts' charges, as well as other complaints, prompted the formation of the committee. "We decided to seriously evaluate the material," he said.

The chairman refuses to link the Index controversy to the larger SBC battle but noted the bulk of negative mail against Harwell and the Index originated among fundamental-conservatives.

ALTHOUGH NO ONE INVOLVED REVEALED SPECIFIC CHARGES against Harwell, the Atlanta Constitution reported Aug. 25 there were six

primary issues: "That circulation failed during Harwell's editorship; that Harwell has served as a director of a potentially competing newspaper, SBC Today, an independent, Decatur-based journal that favors the moderates; that he has lost his objectivity and sides frequently with moderates; that he labels people unfairly in his editorials, making too free use of terms like fundamentalist and 'militant'; that he is not accountable to anyone; and that he has been too aggressive in helping seminary graduates find churches to pastor in Georgia."

The study committee was made up of four members of the Index board and three members of the GBC executive committee. Executive director-treasurer James N. Griffith was an ex-officio member. It was named during an executive session, the first such closed-door meeting of the Index board in more than 30 years. The committee conducted five closed-door meetings during the summer and reported back to the board in another executive session Aug. 29.

In addition to Barnett and Griffith, members of the study committee were Index vice chairman Charles Carter, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jonesboro; and directors Stanley R. Hendricks, pastor of First Baptist Church, Colquitt, and Clark Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta; Woodrow Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Douglasville, member of the GBC executive committee; Billy Nimmons, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dalton, chairman of the executive committee; and Gene Tyre, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newman, chairman of the administration committee.

HARWELL MET WITH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ONCE and was excluded from other meetings, including the two Index board executive sessions. On Aug. 26 the board met three hours behind closed doors before summoning Harwell for a two hour session.

Following the session with Harwell the editor and the chairman met news media representatives and announced the formation of the review board and issued a three-point statement about the action.

The statement encouraged "the editor and staff of the Christian Index to affirm and follow the statements of the SBC Peace Committee as approved at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1986." The Peace Committee statement deplored the use of "intemperate, inflammatory and unguarded language," called for fairness and accuracy in reporting and asked journalists "to refrain from labeling and attributing improper motives."

The August statement said the review board will "review each issue of the Christian Index and will meet at the call of the Index chairman and on the day preceding each regularly scheduled Index board meeting."

Members of the review board will be the chairmen of the GBC executive committee, its administration committee and the Index chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Harwell, who has been secretary of the Index board, will be replaced and a "member of the board will be elected to this position," the statement says.

Currently, the review board will be Barnett, Carter, Nimmons, Tyre and a

secretary to be elected later. Membership, however, is expected to change following the November meeting of the state convention.

The action said "if the editor...does not comply with these recommendations and the counsel of the review board, he will then be encouraged, by Index board action, to seek other employment."

UNDER THE GEORGIA CONVENTION STRUCTURE, neither the review board nor the Index board has power to fire Harwell. The Index board, however, could make a recommendation to the executive committee, which does employ the editor and appoints the Index board, should Harwell receive unfavorable reviews.

Barnett said the "review board is for both critique and affirmation," and said the "intention is not to censor or to muzzle." He added he would have opposed a recommendation which would have stilled "the prophetic voice of the editor."

Harwell said he is satisfied with the board decision: "It was a sensible, workable and realistic solution to a difficult problem. I will not feel any more restrictions than the normal constraints of Christian courtesy."

He added, however, that if the board "had said they would have screened editorials before the fact, they would have had my resignation."

ROBERTS SAID HE THINKS THE ACTION "is a step in the right direction" but added he believes it is a "dark and bitter day for Georgia Baptists when we have an editor who is so mistrusted that we have to have five men to oversee what he does.... It is difficult to understand how he could remain the editor in the light of absolute and undeniable proof of his misdeeds and ineffectiveness," Roberts said. (BP)

Associate editor in Georgia resigns for Virginia paper

Robert H. Dilday has been named associate editor of the Religious Herald, newsjournal of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, effective Sept. 15.

He will be associated with editor Julian H. Pentecost in all phases of the newspaper's operation, with primary responsibility in production, Pentecost said.

Dilday has been associate editor of the Christian Index, newsjournal for Georgia Baptists, since August of 1984. He also has been a newswriter for the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, newsjournal for Baptists in that state.

He has been assistant to the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington and an intern with the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Dilday is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has done additional studies in journalism at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and the University of Texas, Arlington. (BP)

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sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

What kind of person should be president of the Home Mission Board

When a new search committee is appointed to recommend a president of the Home Mission Board, a question seems in order: what sort of person should head this important agency?

Surely every informed Baptist knows the election of the Home Mission Board president should not be a reward for loyalty, nor an honor for a friend, nor a prize of politics. The job should be given to the man whom a majority of the board of directors is convinced has God's hand upon him.

The original search committee, all of whom resigned except M. A. Winchester of Whitley City, asked a subcommittee to put together a profile of the kind of person they were seeking to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of William Tanner.

In conversation with Western Recorder Winchester, who was on the subcommittee charged with development of the profile, said, "...it is the only standard we set. I challenge any future committee or any board of directors of the HMB to accept any person less qualified and any person less committed to our Lord Jesus Christ."

The full search committee did not formally adopt the profile, but Winchester said, "I fully expected (it) to be adopted without any or only minor change."

Here is the document as it was drawn up by the original subcommittee:

SEARCH COMMITTEE PROFILE

I. Personal Data

1. A man of God, deeply spiritual; evangelistically enthusiastic; possessing a real heart for missions that will embrace every human being; sensitive to every possible avenue and movement of God through innovative and usual ways to bring people to Christ; and capable of directing a large mission operation characterized by the highest integrity.

2. Adequate background, education and experience in Southern Baptist life, preferably educated in a Southern Baptist institution.

3. Christian home life with a companion and family who are fully supportive in their Christian commitment.

4. Sound mind and body; willing to undergo a comprehensive examination at the time of consideration; and physically, emotionally and psychologically able to handle the responsibilities and stress.

5. At an age that provides years of practical experience but with the best and most fruitful years still ahead.

6. Open to creative expression and change and understanding of the diversity of cultures and situations in which Southern Baptists minister, particularly in urban and pioneer work.

7. Willing to commit himself totally to the ministry of the Home Mission Board.

8. Compassion for the lost and concern for human need.

9. Theologically in the mainstream of South-

ern Baptist life with an appreciation and understanding of the rationale behind differing doctrinal opinions without being identified with any particular position.

II. Church and Denominational Data

1. Active participation in a local Southern Baptist church.

2. Unquestioned loyalty to the Cooperative Program.

3. Capable of developing a good working relationship with all facets of denominational life and other Christian groups as needed or necessary.

4. Capable of leading the Home Mission Board in a spirit of unity toward evangelism and missions.

5. Loyalty to the SBC and a knowledge of its distinctive doctrine, polity and methods of cooperation.

III. Gifts and Abilities

1. An able administrator with expertise in financial management.

2. A person of vision who leads with boldness and creativity in developing and initiating goals and strategies.

3. A leader who can challenge and motivate; one who excels in interpersonal relationships.

4. Ability to delegate responsibility and evaluate the results of assignments made.

5. Capable of generating loyalty, dedication and responsiveness from the staff.

6. Willing to embrace and accept his staff as called people of God carrying out that call and ministry through the Home Mission Board, and willing to give them freedom to minister.

7. An outstanding communicator and coordinator and an enthusiastic planner.

8. Able to reevaluate old strategies and accept or evaluate new ones.

9. A good listener capable of receiving and assimilating counsel and criticism.

10. Have courage to be a risk-taker.

11. Not interested in power.

Surely this is a high standard but not less than the job demands nor less than Southern Baptists need. The emphasis upon cooperation, openness and commitment to urban and pioneer work are crucial to the success of the Home Mission Board as Southern Baptists face the challenge of millions of lost people in America's great cities.

Winchester is correct in challenging the new search committee and any board to settle for less than the profile establishes as the standard. "One of the boys" is not good enough.

We join this challenge and call upon the new search committee to weigh the qualities outlined in the profile against the need at the Home Mission Board. To ask Southern Baptists to accept a person deficient at any point in the profile is to ask us to accept what is unacceptable.

Hats off to the original subcommittee for providing a high standard worthy of the greatness of our mission task. We pray their successors do as well.

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Brazilians wait patiently for their turn in the clinic.



Dr. William Rowlett (l) is pictured with Brazilian and American doctors.

Volunteers work with Brazilian Baptists

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

"It's a privilege to go!" Bill and Marilyn Rowlett insisted, referring to the 12 medical mission trips they have taken since 1967. Their most recent trip was to Vitoria, Brazil, a city of 275,000 between Rio and Salvador, where they spent two weeks.

Bill Rowlett, ophthalmologist, and Marilyn, his surgical assistant, are members of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association. Their daughter Janie joined them in this year's project.

The Cooperative Mission Team consisted of 16 people who came together through the Christian Medical Society. The Rowletts became connected with the society through professional contacts.

Bob Lumpkin, a Birmingham dentist, led the group which included two ophthalmologists, three optometrists, two dentists, four nurses and five general workers.

Members came from Kentucky, South Carolina, Florida and Virginia.

The sponsoring Brazilian group was the Igreja Batista da Praia do Canto Church, whose pastor is Joao Brito Nogueiro. The mission pastor is Joao Rangel da Costa.

"We literally worked in a garbage dump!" exclaimed 15 year old Janie, who worked dispensing eye glasses.

The project was located in San Pedor II, a squatter area located in a tidal basin where the city dumps garbage. Many of the shacks, "favella," are on pilings and are connected by elevated walkways through the garbage.

One of the many health problems is toxoplasmosis which affects the eyes. Another is foot worms.

"We carried a small wagon train of 66 boxes of equipment and 5000 pairs of glasses which had been donated and cataloged," Rowlett said.

During the two weeks' time about 3200 people received eye examinations and 2800 pairs of glasses were given. Nine eye surgeries were performed and one glass eye was given. This was the second year for the project. No surgeries were performed last year.

Two women had been told by local doctors there was no hope for their eyes, but Rowlett performed cataract surgery on both and they were extremely grateful.

Another woman had glaucoma in one eye and when she had cataract surgery in the other, lost it because of infection. She prayed for a miracle. With glasses she can now distinguish



Baptist Center in San Pedor, where Baptist volunteers worked with nationals to provide medical services and a gospel witness.

colors and see things she had not seen for months!

Scores of teeth were pulled and many filled. Pap smears and first aid treatments were given. Contacts were made with some of the local ophthalmologists. Hopefully, this will open doors in years to come.

"There were many ways to witness," Mrs. Rowlett explained. "Worship services were held every morning. Team members also participated in the local churches by preaching, giving testimonies, singing and playing instruments."

Rowlett praised his coworkers. "Our missionaries and Brazilian hosts worked many long hours helping us. They translated, provided transportation, fed us at noon. They deserve most of the credit for the success of the project.

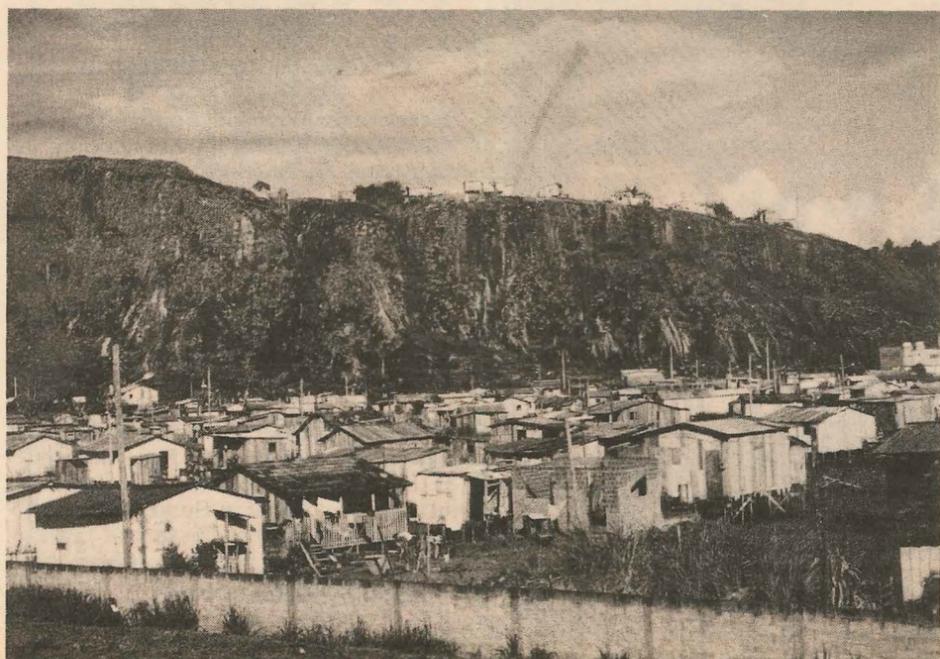
"We really grew to love the Brazilian people. They are warm and hospitable.

"It is wonderful how the Lord brings Baptists together in missions and causes them to work together," he continued. "Unity in the Lord Jesus makes it work."

Since contacting the Foreign Mission Board 19 years ago and volunteering to do short term missions, the Rowletts have been to seven African countries, India, Taiwan and Brazil.

Future missions?

"As the Lord leads," Rowlett firmly stated. "We depend on the promise in Psalm 37:5: 'Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.'"



"Favella" are the hillside shacks in which many people live.



Marilyn Rowlett examines glasses.

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Scott Pittman (see picture) began work Aug. 25 as pastor of Simpsonville Baptist Church, Shelby County Association.

Pittman is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and the University of Tennessee at Martin. He goes to Simpsonville from First Baptist Church, Fairdale, Long Run Association, where he has been minister of youth three years and interim minister of music one year.

Wayne Rogers resigned as minister of music and youth education at Seven Hills Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, effective Sept. 14. He has been at Seven Hills nine years.

T. A. Prickett is pastor.

George W. Cummins Jr. resigned as pastor of Russell Cave Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, effective Sept. 27.

Joe Cox resigned the pastorate of Emmaus Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Aug. 31.

Clay Scott Jr. resigned as pastor of Gradyville Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Joseph Edward O'Quinn, from Alabama, has accepted the pastorate of Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. His duties begin Sept. 28.

Harlan Avera Jr. accepted the call to the pastorate of Long Branch Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. He was ordained July 27 at First Baptist Church, Bronston, Pulaski Association.

J. Kenneth Allaby retired Aug. 24 after three years as pastor of Brooksville Baptist Church, Union Association. He is moving to Louisville to continue his work in the DMin program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

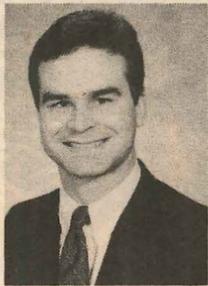
Allaby was ordained to the ministry 45 years ago in his native Canada. His pastorates included Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, and churches in Reynoldsburg, Oh. and Toronto, St. John and Moncton, Canada.

He is a graduate of Southern Seminary and has been on the executive board of the Kentucky and Ohio Baptist conventions and the committee on boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was moderator of the Capital City Association in Columbus, Oh. two terms.

Wayne Dozier, pastor of Ballardville Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, for almost nine years, resigned Aug. 24 to accept the call of Temple Baptist Church, Sioux City, Iowa.

Chester E. (Skip) Snyder Jr. accepted a call as minister of youth and education of First Baptist Church, Princeton, Caldwell-Lyon Association. A native of Greenville, S. C., Snyder is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Jimmy York resigned Freedom Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Association, to accept the pastorate of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Rus-



Pittman



Armstrong

sellville, Bethel Association.

York's first Sunday at Woodlawn was Aug. 17. He had pastored Freedom three years.

Boyd Armstrong (see picture), assistant pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., resigned Aug. 17.

Armstrong, married to the former Jessie Sidebottom, Greensburg, Ky., is a native of Franklin County. He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He entered the ministry in 1941.

He has been active in Kentucky, Mississippi and Alabama Baptist life having been on the executive board in Alabama and on the committee on committees of the Southern Baptist Convention. Along with several churches in Alabama and Mississippi he was pastor at Beech Ridge Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, and Beaver Baptist Church, Union Association.

Armstrong will continue part time with Shades Mountain, having been at the church 10 years. He will do supply, interim and revival work upon request.

Roy Lewis is the new pastor of Baxter Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Wayne Padgett has resigned as pastor of Plum Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association. His last Sunday was Aug. 17.

Mrs. Pauline (Miss Polly) Crowley of Audubon Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Association, has the record of serving as counselor at

Cedarmore music camp for a group of girls from her church during 10 of the last 11 years.

The only reason she missed the 11th year, in 1984, was her husband died on the Saturday before camp began that year.

"It has been worth it because I have seen 19 children from Audubon make professions of faith during these 10 camps," says Mrs. Crowley. She even brought 20 children during the year her church had no minister of music.

Curtis Keith, pastor of Cedar Point Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, recently resigned.

Keith Spencer has resigned as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Vincent C. Carman has been called as pastor of Hays Fork Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association. He goes to Hays Fork from Bethel Baptist Church, Eubank.

Gilbert Sowers has accepted the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Mission, Tates Creek Association.

Don Hiles resigned as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Carl Evans accepted the call as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Dennis Rush retired as pastor of Horse Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association. He held the pastorate there 37 years, and the church has been in the top 10 in missions giving and baptisms for several years.

Larry Cooksey has been called as pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Joe Bodkin received the God and Country Scout Award in a brief ceremony at Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown, Elkhorn Association, July 27. Bodkin is the first person from his church to receive this

award. He is the son of Robin Bodkin and a member of troop 177 in Georgetown.

Terry Rhye has been called as pastor of Locust Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Darrell Vance has accepted the pastorate of Ferguson Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Jimmy McKinney is now pastor of Rock Lick Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Marion Howard has been called to pastor Deer Stables Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Shelby Money is the new pastor of East Pineville Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Ronnie Eversole has accepted the pastorate of Roundstone Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. He goes to Roundstone from Hazel Patch Baptist Church, Laurel Association.

Douglas Lewis is the new pastor of Big Creek Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

Robert W. Jones has resigned the pastorate of Enon Baptist Church, Chester, Va., to become a resident in the patient counseling program of the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals, Richmond, Va.

Jones is the former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jamestown, and former minister of education at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Gary New accepted the call to pastor Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. He goes to Poplar Grove from Good Hope Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, and Pond Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association.

C. S. Moore resigned as pastor of Livingston Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

congregations

Calvary Baptist Church, Irvine, Boone's Creek Association, celebrated the church's 75th anniversary July 30. Charter members present for the service were Gertrude Baker, Sudie Finney and Pearl Miller.

Max Hester is pastor of the church.

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

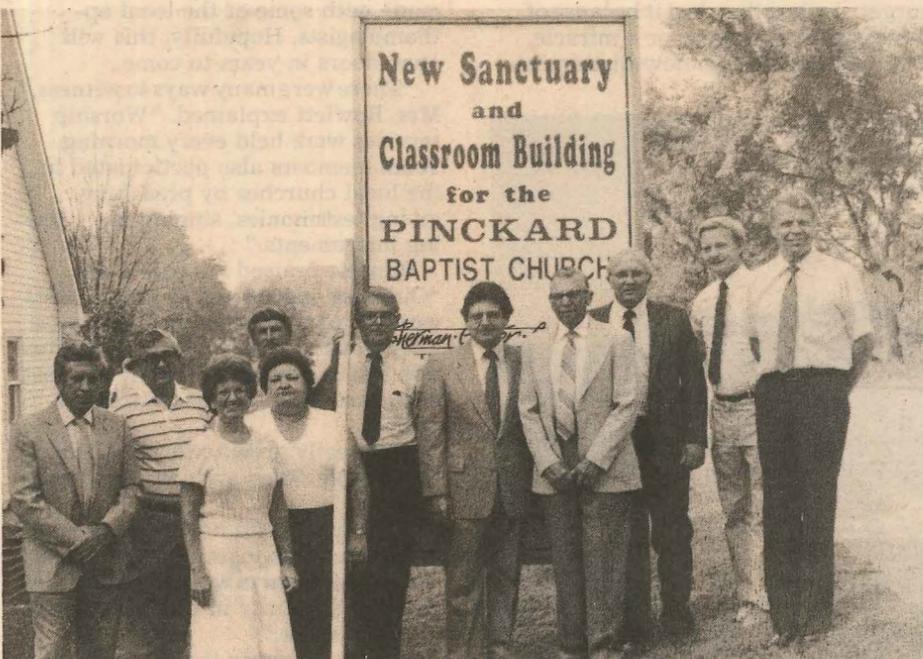
Valley View Baptist Mission, Boone's Creek Association, was damaged by fire. Churches in the area are collecting a love offering.

Calvary Baptist Church, Irvine, is the mother church.

Hopewell Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Caldwell-Lyon Association, observed its homecoming July 23. There was an attendance of 200 in Sunday school, one baptism, one profession of faith and one decision for the ministry.

Jimmie Gibbs is pastor.

Buffalo Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, would like to express its deep appreciation to the



Pinckard Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, recently began building a 12,000 square foot church, which is to be completed by January 1987. The building and grounds committee includes (l to r) J. B. Stratton, Lloyd Castle, Nina Drury, Marie Jordan, Bob Wade, Bill Ward, pastor Doug Simpson, Claude Kaenzig, Whit Biggerstaff, Doug Bledsoe and Howard Murphy.

surrounding churches and their pastors for the support, prayers and other expressions of sympathy extended to its pastor, David Beeler, in the death of his wife Kay.

Macedonia Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, dedicated its educational facilities Aug. 3.

Under the theme "Yesterday's Visions—Tomorrow's Victories," **Central Baptist Church**, Paris, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Present for the occasion were former pastors Don Carroll, Vernon Mallow, William Cubine, Harry Lee Wainscott and Bill Jones.

Drew Martin is pastor.

associations

East Lynn Baptist Association voted to build two churches in Kenya. They mailed \$1000 to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, recently for this purpose.

James E. Casey Jr. is the associational director of missions.

The seventh annual Starlite Crusade for Christ, sponsored by 20 churches in the **Long Run Association**, will be held in the Iroquois Amphitheater Sept. 14-18. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The evangelist for this year is Rich Scarborough. He has been an evangelist 11 years and has held meetings across the United States and various parts of the world, averaging over 30 crusades a year.

In 1981 his ministry witnessed over 5000 public commitments to Christ. In 1982 during a three week mission endeavor in India his team recorded 10,000 public decisions.

Pat Roper from Greenville, S. C. will be music director.

The crusade will focus on special groups each night. Monday the members of Sunday school departments will be honored. Tuesday at 6 p.m. a pizza supper will be held for all the youth. Wednesday will be "Bring Your Neighbor" night. The final night will be children's night and a hot dog supper will be provided at 6 p.m.

Thirty-one members of the **West Kentucky Association** youth choir spent a week on tour in Florida in August, working with a US-2 team in the Orlando area.



These men from Sand Spring and First Baptist churches, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Association, traveled to New Hampshire recently to help build on to the church where Ken Hale is now pastor. Hale was minister of music and outreach at First Baptist several years. Pictured are (front row from left): Troy Shelton, Chris Holt, J. T. Shelton, Vernon Holt, Marvin Robinson, Robert Gentry; (second row) Preston Price, Terry Wilder, Elmo Allender, J. D. Westerfield, Garvice Gibson, Billy Gritton, Cecil Wells, Michael Ray, Harold Carter and Kenneth Hoskins.

This is the seventh summer for the unique associational program, which has presented a different musical each year under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Terry of Berkley Baptist Church.

The group sang in two campgrounds and a large rest home and spent a day at Disney World. Several commitments to Christ were made during the trip.

ordinations

Ed Hagan was licensed to preach by Calvary Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

James S. Jones is pastor of Calvary.

Samuel Drummond was ordained to the ministry at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, July 27. He and his wife Margaret were commissioned for missionary

service to El Salvador.

James Despain was ordained to the ministry at Brush Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, Aug. 10.

Larry Noffsinger was ordained as deacon by Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Christian County Association, Aug. 24.

Roy W. Field Jr. is pastor.

Neal Myers was ordained to the ministry by St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Aug. 17.

Doug Harris was ordained as a deacon July 27 at Olivet Baptist Church, West Union Baptist Association.

Tommy R. Tucker is pastor.

Clayton Clarkson, recently called to a church in Wilson County, Tenn., was ordained to the ministry Aug. 24 at Indian Creek Baptist Church, Monroe Association.

Raymond D. Aldridge was licensed to preach by Hopewell Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Caldwell-Lyon Association, Aug. 3.

deaths

Mrs. Elsie Bettis Northern, 79, of Crossville, Tenn., died at the family home Aug. 17 following an extended illness.

Mrs. Northern was the wife of Earl A. Northern, who pastored churches in Franklin, Brownsville and Trenton, Ky. She was also the mother of career missionary Mrs. James (Rae) Morehead appointed to Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baquico City.

Memorial contributions may be

made to the Foreign Mission Board in care of First Baptist Church, Box 452, Crossville, TN 38555.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Dillard, missionaries to Kenya, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Box 895, Nyeri, Kenya). He is a native of Tyronza, Ark. and she is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Hicks, Baptist representatives to Israel, have arrived in the states for furlough (3828 Landsdown Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45236).

Born in Highland Park, Mich., he also lived in Cincinnati while growing up. The former Beverly Miller, she was born in Georgetown and lived in several states.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Conrad, missionaries to Korea, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (201-50 Jung Dong, Taejon 300, Korea).

They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Falmouth and she is the former Vivian Coleman of Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1985.

Ronnie and Frieda Adams, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed language study and arrived on the field. Their address is Apartado 80920, Caracas, Edo. Miranda, Venezuela 1080-A.

He was born in Cairo, Ill. and considers Cunningham, Ky. his hometown. The former Frieda Gupton of Kentucky, she was born in Paducah and grew up in Cunningham. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.



Calvary Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, celebrated its 65th anniversary in August with the theme "65 Years of Ministry: Redreaming Not Retiring." Organized July 31, 1921 during a tent revival meeting, the church recently held Heritage Day and recognized its three surviving charter members (l to r): Mrs. Gertrude Baker, Pearl Miller and Mrs. Sudie Finney.



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homes for children

A child leads

An eight-year-old boy who had accumulated three dollars came to his dad to discuss how he wanted to dispose of his three dollars. What do you think an eight-year-old child would like to do with three dollars? Usually we would think that such a child would want to spend it on something for himself. This boy had something else in mind.

Recently I received a letter with three dollars enclosed and the following story:

"I am a Baptist pastor of a small congregation....I have an eight-year-old son who came to me this past Sunday morning and 'out of the blue' all on his own said, 'Dad, I want to send my three dollars to our missionaries.' To be honest, I was sort of in shock, yet I was deeply touched by his desire to help others. As I began to name some of our Baptist agencies, he stopped me at the children's homes. Children do have a way of being open and sincere—something we often lose as adults. 'A little child shall lead them' perhaps is appropriate here."

What a refreshing letter of encouragement and what a generous gift! Yes, as a child he leads the way now, and it is very likely that when he is an adult he will still be leading the way in supporting Baptist Homes for Children.

Another letter brought a one dollar gift from a four-year-old girl who wanted her aunt to send her dollar to help the children. Isn't it refreshing to experience the generous heart of children toward those who hurt? Surely, it challenges each of us to be more sensitive to all mission causes. And indeed the care of dependent, neglected and often abused children is pure missions.

It also is important that children in our churches and with their parents learn about missions and respond to the needs with their gifts. This kind of training will help them be better stewards when they become adults.

Children are joining with parents all across Kentucky in doing missions now. This is the week of prayer for state mission offering. It provides both training and an opportunity to give. Also, through the month of September families are bringing food items to church for the children's homes. Again, children lead the way in caring for children. May we adults follow and give generously.

baptist news in brief

Direct missions names church strategists

The Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, recently introduced four church starter strategists for Kentucky: James W. Watt northeastern region; D. M. Aldridge, southeastern region; Harold Wainscott, metro areas (northern Kentucky, Lexington, Louisville); J. William Jones, central-western Kentucky.

Watt has been Director of Missions for Pike and Lynn associations and County Missionary for Lewis County.

Aldridge was president of Clear Creek Baptist School 28 years and has recently been Director of Missions in Rockcastle Association.

Wainscott pastored four Kentucky churches. While pastoring, he was on almost every committee of the KBC Executive Board.

Jones retired in June finishing a six-year pastorate at First Church,

London. He worked on several boards and was a trustee of Georgetown College and Clear Creek Baptist School.

All four church starter strategists are retired and will work part time, three days a week, to assist churches and associations in starting new missions, preaching points and churches.

The men will do feasibility studies to determine areas of mission need and the kinds of mission work most appropriate for each area of Kentucky. (KBC)

BJCPA asks court to review vatican case

Calling President Reagan's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican a "blatant violation" of the First Amendment's demand of government impartiality toward various faiths, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has asked the Supreme Court to review lower decisions upholding the action.

In a friend-of-the-court brief written by its general counsel, Oliver S. Thomas, the Baptist Joint Committee argued the high court should review the case because Reagan's action more than two years ago conferred upon the Roman Catholic Church a status not enjoyed by any other religious group.

In the Baptist Joint Committee brief, Thomas asked the court to reaffirm the longstanding legal principle that even in conducting foreign policy, "the president's power is not unlimited. He does not have the power to violate the First Amendment by appointing an ambassador to a church....In short, it is the responsibility of the court to see that the Constitution is upheld and that even the president abides by its commands." (BP)

State ACTS meeting to be held this week

The first Kentucky ACTS Affiliates meeting will be held Sept. 12-13 at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown using the theme, "The ACTS Advantage," the meeting will provide information about the use of ACTS (American Christian Television System) in the local community.

Workshop leaders will conduct sessions on three topics: "Making TV Ministry," "Options and Opportunities" and "Local ACTS, Making It Work."

Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, president of ACTS and Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, TX, will speak on "Taking the Advantage" at the Friday evening banquet. Saturday morning activities include a recognition breakfast for ACTS Board chairmen and continuation of workshops.

A registration form and fee of \$25.00 per person must be received by Sept. 10. For more information, contact the Media department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown. (KBC)

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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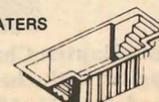


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Church/state conference features Marlette, Dunn

Doug Marlette, nationally acclaimed political cartoonist and creator of the Kudzu comic strip, and James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will be keynote speakers at the fourth bi-annual Theology is a Verb conference.

The conference is planned Sept. 25-27 at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and will focus on the separation of church and state issues in recent government and court decisions.

The agenda also includes such Southern Seminary professors as Glenn Hinson, Bill Leonard, Molly Marshall-Green, William Rogers and Glen Stassen, as well as Cynthia Clawson and Darrell Adams.

Steve Shoemaker, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, says, "This year's Theology is a Verb conference is intended to cause people to think clearly about the complex issue of church and state. Workshops will be provided in several areas such as peacemaking, bioethics, arts and worship, storytelling and journaling and women in the ministry."

The event is being sponsored by four other Louisville Baptist churches: Broadway, Deer Park, St.

Matthews and Walnut Street.

Registration fee is \$45 for couples, \$30 for singles and \$15 for students and includes three meals. For more information contact Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206.

Seminary extension offers fall classes

Kentucky Baptist associations will provide ministry education opportunities in several locations again this fall. They will be part of a nation-wide network of more than 300 centers affiliated with the Seminary Extension Department. Each center offers one or more seminary-type classes on a pre-college or college level for pastors and other persons engaged in some form of ministry.

Associations which have scheduled classes within the past year include: Bell, Bethel-Logan, Boone's Creek, Bracken, Caldwell/Lyon, Daviess-McLean, Green Valley, Little River, Muhlenberg County, Ohio River, Pulaski, Severns Valley, Union, and Warren.

For specific details regarding this fall's classes, interested persons should contact their own director of missions or the associational office in one of these locations.

RTVC restructures debt; Obtains \$10 million loan

A \$10 million loan to restructure debt incurred with the start and operation of the American Christian Television System has been obtained by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The loan, which will allow the commission to refinance \$8,516,000 in short-term loans and general obligation notes, also will provide slightly more than \$1 million for operation of the two-year old network.

Fred Roach, a Dallas homebuilder and chairman of the commission finance committee, said: "This loan will give us breathing room. The (debt) restructuring process puts the financial affairs of the RTVC in a more ordered way."

Roach explained that in all development activities "you invest money to create funds, but we have been having to invest too much money for too few funds. We are going to have to reallocate our funds to efforts which are more consistent with our kind of operation. We are not a university and so do not have alumni to draw on. We are going to have to do more rifle shooting in our development efforts rather than take the shotgun approach." (BP)



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clear creek comment

"Life and lifestyle"

I was recently interviewed by a high school student about my views on various lifestyles. As I shared convictions based on the word of God, I was reminded of how the scripture speaks of life and living.

Life (and eternal life) is a gift from God. Longfellow said, "Life is real and life is earnest; and the grave is not our goal. 'Dust thou art to dust returneth' was not spoken of the soul." There is only one life and it will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last.

Life has meaning because God created it. Christ came that we might have abundant life (John 10:10), and we are raised with Christ to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:14).

The importance of one's life dictates the importance of one's lifestyle. If "to be what we are and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end of life" (Robert Louis Stevenson), then it matters how we live.

The Bible does not tell us specifically whether we should buy a better car, keep the one we have or buy no car at all. It does not specify a size of house, family or income. But God's word teaches us that we are his creation and that we can live the richest, fullest and most satisfying life when we love, serve and obey him.

Various elements of society today emphasize **tradition** or **altruism** (unselfishness) as the way to live. **Materialism** (a life based on material gain) is a dominant lifestyle in America.

Many people live a life of **hedonism** (the pursuit of pleasure) and others a life of **humanism** (a secular lifestyle centered around an individual's needs as a human being). All of these alternative lifestyles ignore God and break the first commandment ("Thou shalt have no other gods before me").

A Christian builds his lifestyle on the trinity of love—love for God, for others and for oneself. Many so-called intellectuals believe the Christian lifestyle has failed. However, it is people who have failed to adopt and yield their lives to God's will and purpose.

At Clear Creek we have found life to be so real and satisfying in Christ that we are glad to turn from the world with all its charms to serve him. Christ is our life and he dictates our lifestyle!

30 and still counting

Eugene Quinn reaches a milestone

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Eugene F. Quinn first pulled up his desk chair and set to work as director of the Church Music Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Sept. 10, 1956. Three decades later, he is still at that position as a faithful force, shaping the music of Kentucky's churches and inspiring other musicians to use their talents as ministers for Christ.

Quinn has been a state music secretary longer than any other person in the Southern Baptist Convention, having served the denomination 39 years. He also held a similar position in his native state, Illinois, before he came to Kentucky.

"The primary objective for the Church Music Department is to meet the continual need of church musicians across the state to get the proper training to lead Kentucky Baptists in a worship experience. We accomplish this through offering various classes, workshops, associational camps and regional leadership training labs," says Quinn, who holds degrees from both Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Among the many programs his department is currently responsible for are statewide music reading sessions, preschool music workshops, leadership retreats at Jonathan Creek, associational music directors' briefings, state youth choir festivals, the Kentucky Baptist Chorale, "Musicians on Missions" workshops and annual children's music camps at Cedarmore.

He is enthusiastic about the state's recent emphasis on "music and missions" at home and abroad. "This is our main purpose as church musi-



Quinn

cians," he acknowledges. "My hope is that dozens of music ministers will come help small, young churches grow through developing strong music programs."

"I'm delighted we are in a great position to contribute to spreading the gospel both in Kenya and with the Ohio partnership project," he claims.

Just returning from Kenya Aug. 22, Quinn has a renewed vision of the music ministry.

"During the two weeks the group of Kentucky pastors and ministers of music were in Kenya, we led vacation Bible schools in Nairobi for the missionaries' kids. The next week the six ministers of music helped train about 125 Kenyan Baptist music leaders sharing with them ways of using music to lead people to Christ," Quinn says.

Over 30 years Quinn has recognized many trends in church music. Perhaps the most noticeable, according to him, is the recent decline in participation

of youth in musical programs.

"There are several reasons for this," he begins. "We are finally seeing the rebound of the baby boom years. But, there are still plenty of youth out there whose interest we must gain.

"The interest youth showed in folk musicals the past 10 years is waning and we have not found a solution to revive their interest," Quinn explains. "Southern Baptists need to reverse this trend by creating a new music style that will catch their imagination and creativity."

Another trend he cites is the introduction of music into children's Sunday school and worship. "While this is a much needed emphasis, it may have also contributed to the present lack of interest of youth, especially with those who have already experienced a great deal of training as children."

The latest development in church music programs is witnessed by the rapid growth in the number of handbell choirs across the state. "For the first time," says Quinn, "Kentucky Baptists will sponsor two statewide handbell festivals."

Senior adult choir membership has also been on the rise. Quinn accounts for this by the increase in the number of senior adults, better health care, longer life span and a growing interest in activities and tours after retirement.

Quinn believes the most significant events in his career have been his various missions trips to other states and countries, like the Philippines crusades and Kenya. But, for Kentucky Baptists his most significant contribution has been the continual effort he makes in "helping churches in their use of music to reach the lost and glorify God."

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baptist forum

Satan laughs at HMB, Baptists

The front page of last week's Western Recorder distressed me greatly with its coverage of the recent developments at the meeting of the board of directors of the Home Mission Board.

Why does a spirit of divisiveness and distrust pervade our convention at every turn? Why did it have to manifest itself on our mission boards—the very heart of Southern Baptist work in the world? God is not so weak he cannot be trusted to control the decisions made by the men and women who serve as directors and trustees of our boards, agencies and seminaries.

There are many self-appointed prophets within our convention today who cry loud and long that we are losing our distinctiveness as Southern Baptists and at the same time seek to compromise our commitment to evangelism and missions. It is imperative we retain that which sets us apart from all other denominations: our unequivocal commitment to evangelism and missions, not the pursuit of a particular agenda set forth by a group within the convention. We have a word for the world—a word of peace and hope. How can we communicate that word with integrity

as long as we compromise the integrity of our mission boards? We are losing our distinctiveness as a people of mission, a people committed to winning the world to Christ.

Southern Baptists are now characterized by strife, contention and disunity. What has become of the denomination whose heartbeat was a commitment to evangelism and missions?

Ezekiel reminds us we have been set as watchmen to warn the wicked of his evil way. If we do not warn him we will be held accountable for his blood. I believe Satan is laughing today because he has succeeded in sidetracking us from our God-given task as watchmen.

We will have to give an account for the way we have responded—or failed to respond—to the Great Commission. We had better repent as a denomination for our actions and ask God to intervene in our current situation before any more people die without Christ while we sit idly by arguing over committee appointments. Remember: "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Rob Edwards
Louisville

KBF *Helping deserving students in need*

by Gregory L. Hancock

When the account ledgers open on fiscal year 1986-87 this month the Kentucky Baptist Foundation enters an era of "high profile," supporting such future investments as Christian education, local and church financial stability and Baptist missions and institutional strength.

Barry G. Allen, director of the Business Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, acting director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, chose the month of September to reveal several Foundation innovations.

"September is Baptist Foundation month," Allen reminded denominational workers. "Our board of directors has been active all year in planning strategies to give the Foundation greater visibility and make it more productive for a greater number of Kentucky Baptists.

"We have had a couple of substantial gifts to the Foundation that have made it possible for us to offer 146 scholarships to deserving students attending the three Kentucky Baptist colleges, Clear Creek and Southern Seminary."

Twenty of these scholarships representing \$15,000 in Kentucky Baptist Foundation grants go to students attending Clear Creek Baptist School in 1986-87. Clear Creek, having not received scholarship funds heretofore, learned of the windfall following the Foundation meeting May 13 at the Kentucky Baptist Building. The nine-member board, over which P. A. Stevens, a layman from Lyndon Church, Louisville, presides, appropriated the unprecedented allocation as a means of helping bivocational and non-seminary trained ministers.

Clear Creek School has long been considered the primary avenue by which persons without college degrees might receive training in ministry in Kentucky. Boyce Bible School, an SBC agency and extension of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has entered that market in recent years, but is not a Kentucky Baptist institution.

In announcing the availability of the new scholarships, Allen specified the Clear Creek monies would be designated to 20 students at \$750 per student, strictly on the basis of need. Applicants for the funds must apply through the financial aid office at Clear Creek.

Nearly \$95,000 in scholarship funds will also be made available at Cumberland, Georgetown and Campbellsville Colleges and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Through the Francis and Ruth Moore, Ruby King and Bernie Tichenor scholarship funds, 126 students on Baptist campuses in Kentucky will receive Foundation backing.

Scholarship funds managed by the Kentucky Baptist Foundation come from estates donated to the Foundation and restricted for use in Christian education. The Foundation board of directors evaluates scholarship need annually and makes grants to students at the various Baptist educational institutions in Kentucky. One of Allen's goals, as acting director of the Foundation, is to increase the base of scholarship monies available so a Christian college education can become financially feasible for more students.

"We feel like Christian education is something Kentucky Baptists can get behind and support," Allen contends. "The reason more estate money has not been given to the Foundation for Christian education purposes is probably that people don't know it can be done. Once the word gets out that this is a possibility, we should see gifts of this type to the Foundation increase."

Horse Creek Baptist Church pays tribute to pastor

Rush steps out from behind pulpit after 37 years

by Beth Wyatt,
State Correspondent

On Aug. 31 Denvis Rush preached his last sermon at Horse Creek Baptist Church, the Booneville Association congregation he has pastored since 1949.

"He has been with us 37 years and at least 75 percent of our members cannot remember any other pastor," quoted his granddaughter, Mrs. Melessa Thompson.

"He has been with us 37 years and at least 75 percent of our members cannot remember any other pastor."

Rush is frequently called on for funerals, weddings and other events in other denominations and communities.

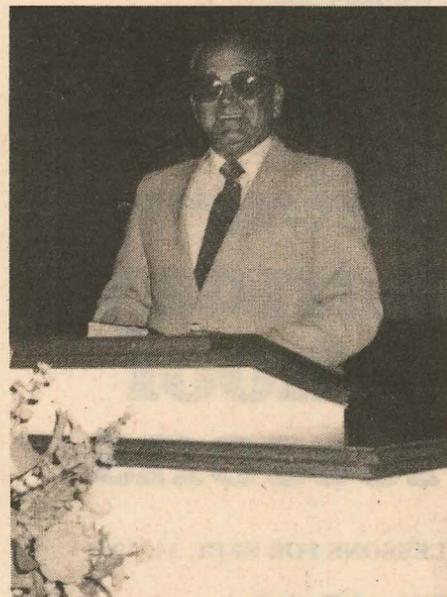
"He is just a good man and our county is not going to be the same. He taught us good citizenship and love for our fellow man outside the church," said a resident who had never attended the Hima community Baptist church.

Rush was born in Bush community of Laurel County and retired to the farm where he was born. His mother, Mrs. Ellen Rush, lives near-by.

He was saved at age 14 and preached his first sermon at 16 at the McKinney Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He spent the first 10 years of his ministry in Laurel River Association. He resigned the Laurel River Church to accept Horse Creek.

"I was young then and served a number of quarter time churches," he smiled.

Mrs. Rush is the former Juanita



Denvis Rush behind the pulpit where he has preached for the past 37 years. The Booneville Association pastor retired Aug. 31.

Rudder, a retired school teacher. One daughter, Joy, two grandchildren and one great-grandson live near Manchester.

A "mountain missionary" in every sense, Rush led in re-opening Lilly Grove Church, a black congregation, and pastored them and the 800-member Horse Creek group 17 years. Both churches have been listed in the top 10 in Kentucky in missions giving.

Continuing his missions endeavors, Rush has been on preaching missions

in Korea, Indonesia and Kenya and is looking forward to returning to Kenya next year. After his visit there in 1985, he came home and rallied the Horse Creek members to send funds through the Kentucky Baptist Convention for erecting two churches in the area where he worked.

For many years he led the ladies of his church to share vegetables with Clear Creek Baptist School students. He and Mrs. Rush have taken many truckloads of corn, tomatoes and potatoes, which they grew for the students.

The couple also headed a "cookie drive." They went to a northern factory and loaded the sweets and brought them back for Oneida Baptist Institute and Clear Creek.

He has been moderator of Booneville Association six times and held other state and local offices.

For the past 14 months Rush has been pastor emeritus and has not accepted pay from Horse Creek. During this time he has been instrumental in the organizing of a preaching mission on Otter Creek in southern Clay County. This group meets on Sunday afternoons and plans to be one of the projected 400 new churches in our state by the year 1990.

The building he went to in 1949 has been replaced by a new auditorium and an educational building. Lilly

Grove has a new church building and their own pastor. Kentucky Baptist mission offerings have soared in addition to the 35 percent given to the Cooperative Program and substantial gifts each year going to Clear Creek and Oneida. On this school year's opening at Oneida a check was presented for \$10,000.

During his 37 years he has ministered to five generations in one family and presently several families have four generations who are members of Horse Creek.

When asked about future plans Rush says he wants to spend time with his bride of 45 years, hold revivals, do supply work and travel.

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Goose Creek fishing

It is a bright and sunny Saturday morning, a wonderful day to be alive. I was with some visitors a few minutes ago, and some of my schoolboys approached me with exciting news.

Their eyes were dancing. They had already been fishing in Goose Creek this morning. The fish are biting! Each boy had already caught one. They were whoppers. One was eight inches! Breathless! Exciting!

Personally I've never been able to get too excited about sitting around waiting on a fish. But I managed to put on a show of enthusiasm for the boys.

Also, I recalled that our founder loved to fish and he wrote in his autobiography **The Crucible** of some fishing and other experiences nearly 80 years ago. Let me quote:

"We charged one dollar a month for tuition, but very few of our students were able to pay it. The tuition fund would scarcely pay the coal bills.

"The responsibility was tremendous. We had before us, in every class, little children who really hated each other—had been taught to hate each other (because of the feuds) in their cradles. Our task was to teach them to love each other and while doing so teach them as much grammar and arithmetic as we could.

"To this end we had chapel services each morning, and a hymn service each noon. We keep the love of our savior and the golden rule before our students every hour in the day.

"In a very short time a few of the older

students caught the vision and began to help us. They made the work much lighter for us, and their moral support was a great encouragement.

"There was not a scholar in our faculty. Our advanced class had learned all that we could teach them. They knew as many things as we knew, except one; we knew that they did, and they didn't know it. We were the best scholars by such odds, only.

"They clamored for a high school course. We held a faculty meeting and decided to learn the lessons over night which we were going to teach them the next day.

"One night when our lessons for the next day were learned, we sat in silence for a few minutes. Then I went to the blackboard and wrote this sentence and signed my name below it: "We agree to work till the end of each month, take what money the Lord has sent us, pay off the grocery bills for our helpless students, and then divide equally among ourselves whatever is left over."

"I went back to my seat. Not a word was spoken. Dan Hacker went to the board and wrote his name below mine, then Louis Sandlin, then Luther Hatton, then Luther Johnston. Still, not a word was spoken. We each went home in silence.

"One morning I ate breakfast with Dan Hacker. As we finished, Lucinda said, 'This is our last piece of meat.' Dan and I walked into the yard. He said, 'What will we do today?' I replied, 'Let's finish laying by our corn crop,'

"Without another word we crossed Goose Creek in a little boat, got our hoes and went to work. At 11 o'clock the last row had been hoed and we started home. The crop was laid by.

"When we reached the river it was very muddy and swollen about a foot. There had been a heavy rain the night before on the head waters. I paddled the boat. It struck something which was not there when we crossed in the morning. I stopped paddling. Dan reached into the muddy water and drew up a fish basket, a sort of trap. It had 14 very large catfish in it—meat for several days. It had floated down the river from somewhere. We never knew.

"We didn't talk about it, but I saw a strange light in Dan's eyes. Coincidence? Yes, undoubtedly. But who controls and directs all the coincidences of life, even the very small and seemingly insignificant ones? Believe as you may, but let me believe as I may. It encourages my heart in troubled times to think that our heavenly father knows and tempers every wind that blows.

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 14, 1986

Life and Work Series

Prayer of confession

David plunged into horrible sin and committed a terrible crime. He wrecked the home of a faithful and loyal soldier and then caused the loss of his life.

Approximately a year after David had sinned so grievously, God sent his faithful prophet, Nathan, to declare unto him his intense displeasure.
Ps. 51:1-4 David's plea for pardon found its basis in:

1. His consciousness of sin.

David could not hide his sins from his view or erase them from his memory. His realization that they had grieved God, injured others and hurt himself caused him to be miserable.

2. His confession of sin.

David said: "I acknowledge my transgressions," meaning his lusts, covetousness, adultery and murder, which were violations of the will of God.

3. His confidence of divine forgiveness.

Ps. 51:5-11 David requested God to "blot out" or expunge completely his sinful record. He recognized the necessity of being washed and made clean in the sight of God.

1. David prayed God would purge him.

After acknowledging his sinful nature and confessing his sinful deeds, David expressed a desire he might be purged.

2. David prayed God would purify him.

3. David prayed God would protect him.

Ps. 51:12-15 David prayed: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." This request implies three truths:

1. There is joy in salvation.

One cannot become a child of God and not become the recipient and possessor of joy.

2. The joy of salvation may be lost.

David had not lost his salvation, and never said anything about losing it. He was simply praying for the restoration of a lost joy.

3. The joy of salvation may be restored.

The restoration of joy is desirable. Of this you may be sure, anyone who has truly experienced the power of joy will never be content to live without it.

The restoration of joy is possible. David's prayer, "Cause to return unto me the joy of thy salvation," indicated his firm belief in God's willingness to forgive and his power to restore.

International Series

A rainbow for humanity

Gen. 9:1-7 Sin had been punished by the floodwaters, grace was working, and God was ready to guide and bless those through whom the earth was to be populated and ruled. There was to be a new beginning, full of hope and divine blessing.

God blessed Noah, the second head of the human race, and instructed him about replenishing the earth and respecting the value of human life. In emphasizing the sacredness of life God demanded if a man takes the life of another his life shall be forfeited. God will hold every slayer responsible for the blood he sheds.

Gen. 9:8-15 In these verses is the account of the first great covenant. The initiative came from God's love and grace. God made an unconditional promise to Noah and his descendants that he would never again destroy the earth with a flood. God ratified this promise by giving the rainbow. Noah had seen the rainbow many times, but thereafter he saw more in it than just the radiant beauty of its seven prismatic colors.

The rainbow was a visible sign which would confirm men in their faith and dispel their fears. It shall ever be a symbol of God's protection of his people. Regardless of what unfavorable circumstances they may encounter, or what tragedies they may experience, God's children can and should trust in his reliability.



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on mission together

Diamond in the rough

Anyone who reads my column regularly would be aware I refrain from promoting each of the three special offerings each year.

This is not because I don't believe in or support them, but because I have tried not to make **promotion** the primary focus of this column.

However, the foreign, home, and state missions offerings, promoted in churches by Woman's Missionary Union, are far more important than many Baptists know.

It may even surprise many Baptists to realize that the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings now provide **more** of the operating budgets of the foreign and home mission boards

than the Cooperative Program. There is little, if any, evidence to suggest that this trend will change.

Kentucky Baptists are not as dependent upon the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions. The \$494,473 given for this offering last year represents only 3.1 percent of the total KBC/SBC budget of \$15,600,000 and **five percent** of the \$9,847,879 Kentucky Baptist portion of the larger budget.

In short, Kentucky Baptists could survive without the Eliza Broadus offering but the work of home and foreign missions would be devastated by any serious curtailment of those two special offerings.

Several observations from the above may be worth noting:

• The ministry of missions education and promotion by WMU must never be taken for granted. Statistics prove, with rare exception, churches which have an organized WMU, provide greater financial support for missions than those churches which do not.

• Kentucky Baptists have continued, through the years, to provide substantial support for home and foreign missions through these two special offerings and through the Cooperative Program.

• Kentucky Baptists have lagged behind a good many "sister" state conventions in our state missions offering. Last year's \$494,473 Eliza Broadus offering represents about .90 cents per **resident** church member.

Perhaps more concerning is the fact only 1136 of our 2247 churches contributed to the state offering. That means, of course, one-half of our Kentucky Baptist churches made no offering to state missions last year.

We have never had a greater state missions challenge than "Mission Kentucky." The Eliza Broadus offering is a "diamond in the rough," waiting for Kentucky Baptists to bring it to its fullest potential.

In the meantime, let's surpass this year's goal of \$500,000!

Survey reveals Baptist colleges efficient in leadership training

by Lonnie Wilkey

A recent survey sponsored by the Southern Baptist Education Commission revealed graduates of Southern Baptist colleges place equal value on academics and Christian atmosphere.

The Research Services Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board was commissioned by the Education Commission to determine how graduate leaders of Baptist colleges perceived their schools and the impact the schools had on their lives.

The study, conducted prior to the National Congress on Leadership June 4-7, surveyed a sample of graduates from Baptist colleges who are identified as successful leaders.

Baptist colleges were asked to select about one-half of one percent of their graduates from 1940-1980, based on career accomplishments, year of graduation, sex and career areas.

A total of 2373 prospective participants were submitted by 40 colleges. From this list a sample of 754 names, representing 37 colleges, systematically was selected for inclusion in the study.

Of the graduates identified, the greatest number (26 percent) had served or currently are serving in education. "This was followed by business, with 19.5 percent.

The survey claims of Baptist col-

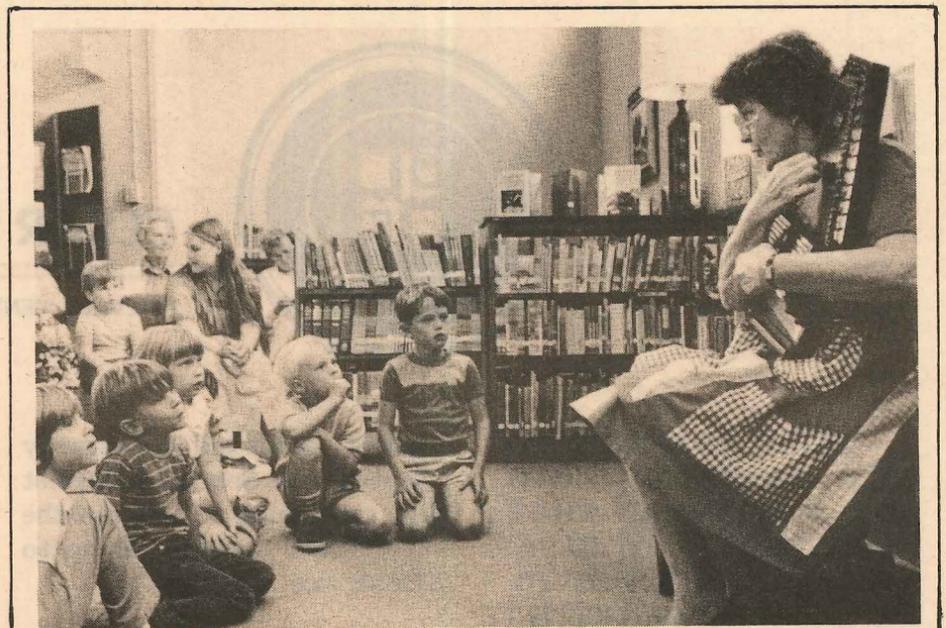
leges that they do more than prepare church leaders. Only 15.3 percent of the leaders identified by the colleges were serving in churches or denominational positions.

Percentages dropped appreciably in other categories—medicine (9.8 percent), government (8.3 percent), media (5.2 percent), sports (4.1 percent), law (3.6 percent) and science (2.5 percent).

Respondents to the survey had a favorable evaluation of the contribution of their college experience to their lives. Two-thirds (67.4 percent) indicated their "school experience was extremely helpful, resulting in vital personal and social growth." Another 27.3 percent indicated the experience was helpful and instrumental in personal development. Less than three percent interpreted their college experience as having limited value or being a negative influence.

The items most frequently identified as being related to the institutional impact on the lives of the respondents included religious activities and emphases, Christian commitment of the faculty, small class size and the formation of close relationships with classmates.

The second tier of high scores reflected appreciation for Christian lifestyles and values, but also em-



Children are in rapt attention as Maxine Bersch begins a storytelling session at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

phasized the attitudes and competence of the faculty.

The primary conclusions of the researchers was educational experience of a Baptist college/university should "rest upon the twin pillars of academic/learning skills and the Christian orientation/atmosphere."

They also concluded appreciation for the institution and development of leadership capabilities among the graduates "must be credited in large measure to the faculties of the various

institutions."

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission, agreed with the significance of the importance of faculty members cited by the survey.

"In terms of human resources, the survey indicates the greatest way colleges can influence leaders is by bringing them in contact with leaders (faculty members) who model in their own lives the kinds of persons we want our students to be," he said. (BP)

Storytelling builds bridges with preschool children

by Jim Lowry

"Give us this day our jelly bread" was the serious, literal interpretation of one child reciting the Lord's prayer and the basis for Maxine Bersch's warning to "watch out" for symbolism when working with children.

Bersch, who led conferences for participants in the church media library and Bible Preaching Administration conferences at Glorieta Baptist

Conference Center, said there are many benefits to teaching children object lessons about life through stories.

One of the first red flags of storytelling with children is to avoid symbolism which most surely will be taken literally by children in the four to seven age range.

She said that many of the symbols of the Christian faith, such as blood of the cross, will frighten children who will remember the story and the fear for a long time. Consequently, care must be taken in the selection and preparation of stories before they are shared with children.

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Bersch urged story tellers not to talk down to children, but to give them credit for intelligence. "They are very aware, have good vocabulary and understand a lot that would amaze you."

She said storytelling can be a pleasurable experience for children and will make them aware of good material in the church media library which will enhance their learning.



Richard Brown, director of properties and food services and manager of the custodial staff at First Baptist Church, Nashville, displays one of his many talents, playing the organ, during a Church Training Leadership week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Turning five talents into 10

Organist, pianist, writer...Richard Brown does it all

by Terry Hackey

Richard Brown could be compared with the man in the book of Matthew who doubled his five talents to ten.

Brown is also a guy who has gotten a great return on his investment of gifts.

For starters, the director of properties and food services and manager of the custodial staff at First Baptist Church, Nashville is an excellent cook. Gourmet, of course.

He is also quite musically inclined. And, although he leans closely and whispers he has a knack for the accordion, he sticks out his chest when he speaks of playing the piano, organ and "keyboard stuff."

Brown, a burly native Nashvillian, also has a flair for decorating homes and offices. His talent in the arts doesn't stop with music or decorating. The bearded Brown is also a writer.

Brown has co-authored a cookbook, **The Special Occasion Cookbook**, published by Broadman Press, and

has written several articles for the Baptist Sunday School Board Church Administration and Family Ministry departments.

The cookbook, written with co-author Melva Cook, is designed to "help church hosts or hostesses pull off quasi-fancy meals for groups of between five and 50," Brown said.

Next, there are Brown's talents which lean toward the other end of the spectrum, such as his acumen for business.

Brown claims he has the ability to buy and sell cars with the knack of "matching just the right car with the right person."

And he is no slack buyer of carpet. "I bet I've ordered 15,000 square yards," he quipped. Because he is the director of properties at his church, Brown is also in charge of remodeling.

His reasoning for dabbling in so many activities is ethereal: "To know life is to love many things." And he means it.

Brown has problems when asked to

choose his favorite talent.

First, he selects playing the organ, and more specifically, playing for audiences at Ridgecrest or Glorieta Conference Centers.

For the past 10 years, he has spent three to four weeks of his summers playing for various conferences at the centers, including this summer's Church Training Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest. He also plays the piano for his church.

But then when asked about cooking, his eyes light up, and he launches into memories of another year when he was 12 and organizing dinner parties for his grandparents.

If arranging large dinner parties is Brown's "thing," then why does he consider owning an interior decorating firm someday?

"Well, I guess my first love is really decorating. I see so much potential in home and office situations," he said.

Whatever Brown winds up doing with his life, he said he is sure "it will be under the Lord's leadership."



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"STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDED NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH." (II TIMOTHY 2:15, KJV)

Paul's concern for Timothy's growth and development as a servant of God is one of the most touching aspects of the apostle's ministry. A concern for the spiritual nurture of the man of God is always characteristic of God's choice people.

Sixty years ago, Dr. L. C. Kelly founded a school in the mountains of Kentucky where young "Timothys" could train for a deeper and wider ministry. Today, Clear Creek Baptist

School, stands tall in Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist life, continuing to seek out the "Timothys" God is calling to His service.

The commitment to providing training for the man of God which first inspired Dr. Kelly lives on at Clear Creek today. A new class schedule, formulated with the busy minister in mind, is being instituted this fall. The new schedule, offered by no other institution, allows ministers from Cincinnati to Louisville and Middlesboro and from Ashland to Pikeville and Paducah to obtain up to 16 hours of credit toward a degree.

Here's how the three-day/two-day schedule works. Any

minister who desires to enroll may choose classes to fit his schedule. Class offerings are grouped into Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday and Thursday-Friday sessions. Therefore, according to individual schedule, a minister or any person seeking training for ministry may attend classes on Monday through Wednesday only and receive up to 16 hours of credit. Or, he may attend on Thursday and Friday and receive up to 12 hours of credit. In both instances this is made possible by the new class groupings and our expanded night school.

Another facet of the uniqueness of Clear Creek lies in its commitment to families. The average Clear Creek student is 32 years old, married and has at least two children. In its desire to minister to the ministers and their families, Clear Creek maintains a pre-school center and provides a recreation program for pre-schoolers, grade school children and teenagers. This program is in addition to the Southern Baptist missions programs for all ages.

October 24, 1986, will bring another milestone in the ministry of Clear Creek to its families. That date will see the formal dedication of the new

Family Life and Conference Center which is currently under construction. The 22,000+ square foot facility will provide space to meet the physical needs of our students and their families, in addition to providing much-needed conference and classroom areas. We hope you will be able to join us for this momentous occasion. If you desire more information please contact us.

During our 60th anniversary year we want to share the ministry of Clear Creek in a special way. As a part of our celebration, Clear Creek commissioned Dr. Carvin Bryant to write a biography of Dr. L. C. Kelly which will become available this fall. In addition to the book, an anniversary album, Music and Memories, featuring our chapel congregation, Clear Creek choir and excerpts from sermons by our three presidents, is being prepared for release. We hope in the next few weeks to be able to provide these historic publications to ministers throughout the state.

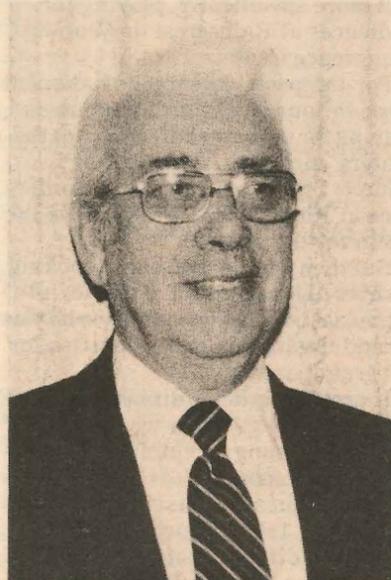
Clear Creek is more than an institution, it is a family. Nowhere else will you find such a spirit of love and cooperation. We are sending some of our "family" your way in the next few weeks. Look for some of these familiar faces at your associational meeting and the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Elizabethtown. We hope you'll love our family and look for our booth when we come your way.



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