



Baptist call to prayer set Sunday, Oct. 19

by Dan Martin

Sunday, Oct. 19, has been designated as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee on the eve of its three-day prayer retreat with executives of SBC agencies.

The request for the conventionwide prayer effort came from Peace Committee chairman Charles Fuller in a report to the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., urged all Southern Baptists "to seek the face of God, on behalf of all of those who will participate in the special prayer retreat, Oct. 20-22 at Glorietta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The prayer retreat has been planned to bring together the 22-member convention-created committee and the executives of the 20 national SBC agencies in an effort to seek reconciliation of the seven-year controversy in the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination.

Fuller told Executive Committee members, agency executives and more than 200 other persons present for the meeting: "I call upon us all, including the Peace Committee chairman, to ask of our motives, 'Is it reconciliation we seek, or only victory?'"

He urged his listeners to consider the example of Christ, who "although it was us who had offended him, took the initi-

ative in reconciliation."

Following the report, Executive Committee chairman David Maddox called all agency executives and members of the Peace Committee to the front of the meeting hall for a time of prayer, for the persons individually, for the convention and for the prayer retreat.

During his report, Fuller told the Executive Committee the Peace Committee "hopes to have a preliminary report to present to the Executive Committee in its February 1987 meeting. At that point, we would hope to profit from your response and, if the schedule we have made for ourselves progresses as planned, will attempt to release a final report with recommendations at least two months prior to the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis."

Fuller added: "There has been a great deal of political activity outside of the Peace Committee work. In my opinion, there have been violations of the convention's call for reduced politicizing on the part of individuals involved in both major factions of our controversy. But the Peace Committee has not been given the power to police such activity and that is probably as it should be.

"The Peace Committee itself must maintain a steady course regarding our assignment and I pledge again my attempt to chart that course." (BP)

Family exponent urges 'parenting by grace'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A new member of the Kentucky Baptist Building staff has called family life "one of the greatest tools for outreach" among Southern Baptists today.

John Lepper, speaking at the Haworth Conference Oct. 6-7 at Cedar-more Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, advocated a stronger ministry in Southern Baptist churches toward three types of family groupings: "traditional," including mother, father and children; "single parent," including one parent and children; and "blended," including

one or more formerly married partners and their offspring.

Lepper, a former Georgia pastor, became director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry and Church Administration Department July 1. One of his new responsibilities is to develop and direct the annual Haworth Conference each fall. Theme of the 1986 meeting was "Foundations for Parenting."

Other program speakers included two Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professors—Dan Aleshire, associate in psychology and Christian education, and Bill Hendricks, Christian theology—and Ron King, executive director, Personal Counseling Service Inc., Louisville.

Lepper advocated use of a new curriculum line, "Parenting by Grace," recently developed by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department. He defined grace as "God's redemption at Christ's expense," calling it an "unmerited favor."

"Parents facilitate God's grace to children today," Lepper went on. The new curriculum material, he said, will "help parents be instruments of God's grace to their children."

Lepper advocated that the material be offered to parents in 11 one-hour consecutive weekly sessions. He suggested that leaders of the "Parenting by Grace" material should be "sensitive" members of churches, "good role models as parents" and that team teaching either by couples or by men and women who meet these criteria might be alternatives to use of the traditional one-person leadership.

A three-day training opportunity for future teachers of the new material will be offered by Lepper's department Jan. 26-28 at Cedar-more Assembly.



Men attending the state Brotherhood Convention at Owensboro examine one of the organization's disaster relief vans during a coffee break.

State Brotherhood reelects Brandenburg layman leader

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A Brandenburg layman was reelected by his peers as president of the Kentucky Brotherhood Convention at the group's annual meeting Oct. 2-3 at Owensboro.

Russell Adkisson was elected to a second and, according to a revised constitution adopted at this meeting, final consecutive term as the organization's leader. He had been elected in 1985 at Campbellsville to a previous one-year term.

Other officers elected with Adkisson include Mike Melloan, Owensboro, first vice president; Kyle Douglas, Versailles, second vice president; and Randall Rogers, Greensburg, reelected recording secretary.

In addition, the following regional Brotherhood directors were elected: Mike Franklin, Princeton; Frank Dorris, Bowling Green; James R. Coffey, Louisville; Wendell Adkins, Crittenden; Glen Canada, Campbellsville; Carl Hibbard, Manchester; Arnold Turner Jr., Prestonsburg; William E. Jones, Beaver Dam.

Several program coordinators were also elected at Owensboro: Raymond Fields Jr., Glandale, missions and lay revivals; Bob Simpkins, Hodgenville, disaster relief; Ray Acree, Valley Station, laity abroad; Leroy Highbaugh Jr., Louisville, lay renewal.

This was the final Brotherhood Convention in which William L. Kaufman will be director of the state Brotherhood Department. He announced his retirement for summer, 1987.

Kaufman, giving an annual report, observed that 922 of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's nearly 2300 churches now have an established Brotherhood program. Of 79 Baptist associations in the state, 72 have Brotherhood leaders.

More than 300 persons attended the 1986 Brotherhood convention, meeting with Owensboro's Third Baptist Church. The organization had previously voted to hold its 1987 meeting Oct. 1-2 at Central Baptist Church, Winchester. First Baptist Church, Madisonville, was selected as site of the 1988 meeting, and Rose Hill Church, Ashland, as 1989 meeting site.

One speaker at Owensboro, Donald P. Bratcher, urged participants to get on board a nationwide program to witness in the nation's prisons.

Bratcher, pastor of Owensboro's Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and leader of a

Daviess-McLean Association prison ministry, called for 500 laypersons in Kentucky to testify Dec. 5-7 to inmates in the state's penal system in conjunction with a nationwide witnessing effort called "National Prison Invasion."

The heart of the two-day Brotherhood convention was a series of messages on the 1989 Brotherhood study topic, "The Doctrine of the Laity." Findley B. Edge, former professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has authored a book on this subject which was interpreted to the convention participants by Douglas T. Strader. Strader is director, Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

Strader observed that nearly half of Southern Baptists (seven million persons) are either non-resident or inactive members.

"We have talked people into being baptized and into joining our churches without ever leading them to have a sincere experience with Jesus Christ," he theorized. "We've said, 'If you'll join our church, you can live the Christian life and be saved.' But the truth is, it simply can't be done."

In a later session, Strader suggested that the call to salvation is "a call to service for every one of us."

"The responsibility of ministry rests more upon the shoulders of the laity than it does the clergy," he allowed. "A church cannot afford to hire enough ministers to do your work."

He then chastised Southern Baptists: "Bold Mission Thrust is more a slogan than it is anything else. If we doubled what we're doing between now and the year 2000 we shall still be right where we are. We're simply not committed to the doctrine of the laity."

"We've adopted Bold Mission Thrust to take the gospel to the whole world," Strader went on, "when we're losing our own U. S. to paganism. We're baptizing fewer and fewer souls year after year."

Returning to an earlier theme, Strader noted, "The fastest growing statistic in the last five years among Southern Baptists is that of the non-resident church member."

In a final address at the closing session, Strader termed it "our responsibility to confirm each other as Christian brothers and sisters."

"Ideally, every person should have only one area of major ministry in the church. You simply can't do several important tasks and do them all well."

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Healing process begins

It is a glorious day when doubt, suspicion, fear and distrust give way to reasonableness and Christian love. Such has happened in Kentucky and brought rejoicing in the mountains of our state because of a gracious act of reconciliation by one of our sister associations.

In a letter from Roy Carlton, pastor of Harlan Baptist Church, he reported the Upper Cumberland Association has accepted Harlan Baptist Church back into the fellowship of the association after 12 years of separation.

Carlton said, "The break in fellowship came over the issue of what constitutes proper baptism according to Southern Baptist understanding as interpreted by the New Testament. Because Harlan Baptist Church wanted to do everything possible to bring about reconciliation, the pastor and members spent nearly four months preparing a doctrinal statement that would thoroughly explain their understanding and practice of New Testament baptism.

"After several meetings between the church and the association the spirit of Christ took control and

an atmosphere of understanding and reconciliation was achieved. This good attitude was carried into the annual meeting and after some discussion the vote was taken and 12 years of broken fellowship and painful memories began to be placed on the altar of reconciliation."

Nasby Mills, director of missions for Upper Cumberland Association, made the following comment in his newsletter to the churches: "Didn't we have a marvelous annual meeting? The attendance was good, the messages were inspiring, most of the reports were good and the presence of the Holy Spirit was very evident . . ."

Praise to God and congratulations to the Baptists of Upper Cumberland Association for this example of Christian love and reconciliation. What glory it would be if that spirit would sweep across our state and across the Southern Baptist Convention.

If we would come together as brothers and sisters in Christ with a spirit of forgiveness and love we would see the baptismal waters stirred and our churches revived. At least one association has shown the way. We rejoice with them and thank them for taking a bold step of reconciliation.

Misinformation about hunger relief

The October issue of Reader's Digest carried an article, "Famine Relief: Were We Duped?," in which the author and editors charge the American public was "continually duped by their Ethiopian guides" in the matter of food distribution to starving Africans.

With a circulation of 28 million, plus the purchase of full page ads in the New York Times and Washington Post, the Reader's Digest assures itself a massive audience for the claim we were cheated by the politics of Ethiopia and that food for the hungry was misappropriated by politicians.

The SBC Christian Life Commission and the director of the SBC Foreign Mission Board's human needs ministry say the Reader's Digest article is wrong on several counts.

The FMB runs five feeding centers in the mountains of Ethiopia and the article in question does not represent what Southern Baptists are doing. Even a staff report from the counsel of the U. S. Senate subcommittee on immigration and refugee policy says that "in the end the American people should know their assistance got through to people in need. Our aid made a difference—a difference between life and death for millions."

Robert Parham, director of hunger concerns for the Christian Life Commission, says the editors of Reader's Digest "have made sweeping statements based either on incomplete information or complete misunderstanding. Either way they have discredited many relief organizations." He went on to assert, "Reader's Digest has misused its exalted status in the American home to sow seeds of doubt at the very time of year when many organizations emphasize world hunger and ways to help."

Two points in the article are incorrect, according

to Parham. One, the article states that the food given by Americans was used as bait in the resettlement program. The resettlement program was halted more than nine months before the article was published and during the resettlement program only a few persons were lured by food.

Second, the article charges hunger aid had been "massively misappropriated." This is wrong since only 50,000 out of 800,000 tons of food was channeled through the Ethiopian government. The remaining 750,000 tons went from our government through private relief agencies directly to the people.

Parham declared, "The possibility that private relief agencies would either massively misappropriate or allow the Ethiopian government to 'hijack' hunger aid is at best doubtful."

In the last decade Southern Baptists have given more than \$48 million to our convention's program of world hunger relief at home and abroad. We have every reason to believe those funds were used by Christian men and women, in the name of Christ, to feed people who were starving to death, not misappropriated or wasted by politicians.

Documentary records from the mission field constitute convincing evidence that the Reader's Digest has done a great misservice to all honest people who have gone the second mile in trying to help people in need.

We are now in the midst of another massive effort to raise additional funds for starving people around the world. Will we believe our own people, serving in foreign lands in the name of our Lord, or will we believe a secular magazine which has the primary goal of making money for itself? Our continuing gifts to world hunger will be our answer.

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baptist news in brief

Congress approves sweeping tax revision

Despite last-minute threats of blockage, the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives have given final approval to a wide-sweeping revision of the federal tax code.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986, which is expected to be signed into law by President Reagan within days, contains several provisions that will affect churches, church-related institutions and ministers.

The legislation will retain the tax-exempt status of church pension and welfare groups, including the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board. The House version would have stripped such boards of their federal tax exemption.

The compromise bill also will restore clergy housing benefits. Under a current Internal Revenue Service ruling—Revenue Ruling 83-3—only ministers who occupied their residence or had a contract to purchase one by Jan. 1, 1983, are eligible to declare mortgage interest and property tax deductions in addition to tax-exempt housing allowances. Even that limited eligibility is scheduled to extend only through tax year 1986. (BP)

Mrs. Seal to head Louisiana WMU

Nelda Seal of Bogalusa, La., has been elected director of the Louisiana Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, succeeding Kathryn Carpenter who will retire Oct.

31 after 43 years in the office.

Mrs. Seal was elected by the Louisiana Baptist Convention executive board. She will assume office Nov. 1.

In Louisiana Mrs. Seal, 53, has held numerous leadership positions, including being president of Louisiana Baptist WMU, member of the LBC Church Site Committee, member of the LBC Committee on Convention Arrangements and director of the Washington Baptist Association WMU. (BP)

Editors censure closed meetings

Editors of Southern Baptist state convention newspapers have passed a resolution which brands as "absolutely unacceptable" closed sessions of Southern Baptist Convention board meetings.

The Southern Baptist Press Association, comprised of editors of 37 state periodicals, unanimously passed the resolution during its late-September meeting, said Lynn P. Clayton, president of the organization and editor in Louisiana.

The resolution stresses the association's members "view with deep concern the practice of a board, commission or committee having meetings, for the purpose of discussing or conducting business, that are closed to any Southern Baptists."

It continues by urging "Baptist agencies at every level to review their by-laws to make certain that 'executive sessions' and closed business discussions are absolutely unacceptable except when sensitive personnel matters are

concerned." It requests "assurances be given to Southern Baptists that full and accurate reports be issued of all actions taken in their behalf by every board, commission and committee related to" the SBC.

The editors' action was prompted by recent closed board meetings at SBC agencies and institutions, Clayton said. He specifically cited closed meetings at the Home Mission Board in Atlanta; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. (BP)

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Sept 85	786,982	786,982
% Change	516,135	516,135
% Change	65.6	65.6
Budget	1,365,053	1,365,053
% Under	-61,936	-61,936
% Under	-4.5	-4.5

Commitment dominates talk at PGG meeting

Talk of commitment dominated the planned growth in giving national seminar held in Nashville in late September.

Planned growth in giving is a 15 year Southern Baptist Convention spiritual growth-stewardship emphasis campaign. Created in 1983 and launched in local churches a year ago, it is designed to help increase annual gifts to SBC churches from \$3.5 billion to \$20 billion by the year 2000.

"What we do about planned growth in giving likely will come down to commitment. Our goal is a higher level of commitment," Lloyd Elder, president of Baptist Sunday School Board, told about 85 denominational stewardship and program leaders at the seminary.

Keith Parks, president of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, challenged Baptists to commit themselves to worldwide missions and evangelism and let dollars take care of themselves. "We need the level of commitment to reach out and share Jesus with people," he said. "And once we reach that level of commitment, money won't be a problem."

"Our whole purpose is to tell people

about Jesus," Parks added. "The purpose, the only purpose I know that will galvanize the people of God (is to proclaim) Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost." (BP)

NewScene features Baptist newspapers

The role of state Baptist newspapers in denominational life is the subject of an SBC NewScene special to be televised on the Baptist Telecommunication Network (BTN) this month.

Taped in late September during a meeting of state Baptist newspaper editors at the Baptist Sunday School Board the program will air Oct. 15 at 10:15 a.m., CST, and Oct. 22 at 3:15 p.m., CST. Both telecasts follow the regularly scheduled transmission of SBC NewScene, a weekly denominational news program.

The program is moderated by W. C. Fields, vice president for public relations for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and director of Baptist Press.

Jack Brymer, editor of Florida Baptist Witness; David Simpson, editor of Indiana Baptist; J. B. Fowler, editor of Baptist New Mexican; and Bob Terry, editor of Missouri's Word and Way are the panelists who analyze the effect of denominational newspapers on Southern Baptist life.

Subject areas include reader interests, negative and positive news and educational functions. Editorial policy guidelines, readers' responses, information disclosure and increasing cost of publication are other discussion points.

Baptists strengthen ties in Ireland

Unlike independent Baptists, Southern Baptists have made a good impression on Irish Baptists, Rea Grant, the general secretary of the Baptist Union of Ireland said at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Southern Baptists currently have no missions personnel assigned to Ireland. Three more Southern Baptist volunteer teams were scheduled to work in Ireland the first week in October.

Grant said Irish Baptists are concerned about outsiders doing things "the right way" because many Christians who have come to Ireland have brought only trouble.

"It's the independent crowd causing us trouble," he said. "You just don't dash into town in the south of Ireland, have a campaign, plant a church and dash out again."

Sam Ballenger, area director for Europe and the Middle East with the

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Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said he is pleased with intensified relationships between Irish and Southern Baptists. Southern Baptists "extend assistance and especially personnel only upon invitation from the national bodies," he said.

Any work in Ireland will be done not to establish Southern Baptist churches, but Irish Baptist churches, he said. If Southern Baptist missionaries were appointed to Ireland, "they would actually work under the direction of the officials of the Baptist Union." (BP)

ACTS dinner raises support in San Jose

More than \$280,000 was pledged by about 1100 persons in the first "ACTS-Good News America" telemissions dinner in San Jose, Cal., Sept. 19.

Jimmy R. Allen, president of Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said the "event is by far the largest dinner we have had in a single community, both in terms of attendance and financial support."

Funds derived from the pledges will go to pay the costs of the dinner—estimated to be about \$40,000—and the remainder will be divided evenly between the local ACTS board and the ACTS satellite network.

The telemissions dinner was the first of about 20 to be held across the nation as ACTS attempts to raise \$10 million to fund operational costs above and beyond the \$5 million per year the commission receives from the SBC Cooperative Program. (BP)

Gov. Collins endorses offering for children

Kentucky governor Martha Layne Collins recently released her endorsement for the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's 1986 Thanksgiving Offering.

Mrs. Collins, a Baptist lay-person and member of Versailles Baptist Church, states she is pleased to endorse the annual fund campaign "for the vital work of this agency."

"The future of our state rests with the youth of today," the governor said. "For those children whose lives have been disrupted by neglect, broken homes, desertion and abuses, Baptist Children's Homes through the generosity of concerned Baptists meet their needs in a caring Christian atmosphere."

The 1986 Thanksgiving offering goal is \$710,000. Monies raised by churches throughout the state are used for feeding, clothing and sheltering dependent, needy children in care at the Spring Meadows and Glen Dale resident homes and the temporary shelters at Dixon and Elizabethtown.

Baptist chaplains endorsed by board

Baptist Home Mission Board endorsed 46 chaplains and their spouses at a recent church service in Lithonia, Ga.

The board does not appoint chaplains but it does endorse them to a particular place of service. The charge to the chaplains was given by Ron Long, pastor of Glenwood Hills Baptist Church, where the service was held.

The military chaplains and their

spouses from Kentucky are: William and Linda Fox, Ft. Campbell, and Linda Thompson, Ft. Knox. Hospital chaplains and their spouses from Kentucky are: Timothy and Leslie Kendrick, Louisville. (BP)



Kentucky native wins BWA logo contest

The General Council of the Baptist World Alliance voted during its recent annual meeting in Singapore on a new Alliance logo to replace those it has used since 1905 and the late 1970s.

Michael G. Buckingham, a native of Louisville, Ky., currently living in Gouda, The Netherlands, submitted the winning design of a globe with a cross centered in an open Bible. A freelance graphic artist, Buckingham has designed logos for churches and Baptist associations in Colorado and Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Murray State University in Kentucky.

Buckingham and his wife, Paulette, are members of Trinity Baptist Church in Wassenaar, an affiliate of the European Baptist Convention. Their pastor, Stephen W. Smith, in a letter to the Alliance, described the couple as "dedicated individuals with unique gifts to serve our Lord."

The quest for a new design began in March 1986 when the BWA executive committee, upon recommendation of general secretary-treasurer Gerhard

Claas, authorized a competition to solicit designs from Baptists worldwide. The call went out in Baptist media throughout the world and designs began arriving in early May. In all, 51 men and women, many of whom are not professional artists, from 16 nations, submitted a total of 68 designs.

Buckingham as the winning designer will be invited to attend the BWA executive committee meeting in March 1987 when the design will be recognized. (BP)

Terrorist attack delays volunteers' return

Three Southern Baptist volunteers were delayed in returning to North Carolina after gunmen attacked sections of Lome, Togo, the night of Sept. 23, killing six civilians, a Foreign Mission Board official reported.

None of the volunteers or the 11 Southern Baptist missionaries was endangered, said, John Mills, Foreign Mission Board director for West Africa.

One couple and a woman volunteer had been working in community development projects in Moretan, Togo. Roadblocks and disrupted airport service delayed by several days their return to North Carolina. The volunteers, Bill and Evelyn Reece of Thomasville and Liz Doles of Burlington, were expected to leave for North Carolina Sept. 29.

Five gunmen were reported killed and 19 captured during the fighting in Lome, the nation's capital city. The Togo government claims the gunmen are international terrorists; others have looked upon the attack as an apparent coup attempt. (BP)

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James H. Cox
Associate Editor

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Creative gift giving

It is an undisputed fact in most Southern Baptist churches that giving is "up" in the final quarter of the year.

Several reasons may be cited: Lottie Moon, Thanksgiving and Christmas benevolent and charitable causes, catching up on pledges, one-time gifts from unusual or unexpected sources, tax incentives.

I am indebted to two of our congregations for some creative ways to give at this time—Severns Valley, E'town, and Walnut Street, Louisville:

1. **Cash, checks:** The most popular giving method, up to 50% is deductible from itemized adjusted gross income.

2. **Stocks, bonds, mutual funds:** Securities held 12 months or longer which have appreciated in value are entitled to a charitable deduction based on full market value. At the same time, capital gains tax is avoided. Such tax incentives have made this a very popular year-end giving option.

3. **Real estate:** Real estate (house, farm, land, business, or other real property) usually carries the same tax considerations as securities when appreciation in value occurs. Property may also be given through a trust arrangement enabling the giver to live in and use the property until his demise or his beneficiaries' deaths. Tax deductions are granted in the year the trust is made and sometimes in the previous or subsequent years.

4. **Insurance:** A church may be made the beneficiary of any insurance policy, resulting in tax deductible premiums. A paid-up policy may be given a church and cost of replacement deducted from taxes. Other options: (1) cash value may be assigned as an immediate, current gift; or (2) annual policy dividends may be assigned to the church, becoming an annual gift for life.

5. **Personal property:** Antiques, a library, jewelry, retail inventory, office furniture and accessories, agricultural products, works of art, etc. may be given and converted to cash. Fair market value is basis for deduction.

6. **IRAs:** A church may become "final beneficiary" for anything remaining in an Individual Retirement Account.

7. **Corporations:** Employees of corporations may want to encourage employers to make gifts to the church since the corporation is entitled to deduct up to 10 percent of its taxable income. Some corporations have a program of matching dollar for dollar gifts which employees make to charitable organizations.

A little creative ingenuity may help in finding some rather painless ways to extend one's giving influence significantly in the closing days of 1986.

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- 9:15 Kentucky Baptist Instrumental Ensemble, Billy Orton
- 9:30 Call to Order of the 149th Annual Convention, Don Mathis
Prayer, President
- 9:40 Hymn, "Come Thou Fount"
- 9:45 Welcome, J. Howard Cobble
- 9:50 Organization of the 149th Annual Meeting, Secretary
Recognition of the Service of Leo T. Crismon
Appointment of Committees, Don Mathis
Appointment of Tellers, Don Mathis
Report: Committee on Credentials, Paul J. Godsey
Report: Committee on Order of Business, Herschel D. Morgan
- 10:10 Kentucky Baptist Chorale, Douglas Smith
- 10:25 Report: Cooperative Program, C. C. Brasher Jr.
- 10:30 Report: Baptist Hospitals, Ben Brewer
- 10:35 Report: Temperance League, Delbert Butts
- 10:40 Report: Committee on Public Affairs, Billy Hurt
- 10:50 Report: Western Recorder, Jack Sanford
- 11:00 Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers"
- 11:05 Central Baptist Church Choir, Corbin, Gary Carrier
- 11:15 President's Address, Don Mathis
- 11:45 Closing Prayer, James Squire

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 Hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal"
- 1:35 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Darold Morgan
- 1:50 Fraternal Greetings
Chaplains and others, Bill Rogers
- 2:20 Recognition of New Leadership, William W. Marshall
- 2:35 Hymn, "We Praise Thee, O God"
- 2:40 Report and Recommendations of Executive Board, William W. Marshall
- 3:10 Election of President
- 3:30 Hymn, "Serve the Lord with Gladness"
- 3:35 Business Session and Resolutions
- 3:50 Special Committee Report, Willis W. Henson
- 4:50 Election of President (Run-off, if needed)
- 5:00 Closing Prayer, William D. Howey

TUESDAY EVENING

- 6:45 Campbellsville College Collegiate Choir, Kenneth Martin
- 7:00 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Darold Morgan
- 7:15 Report: Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Eldred M. Taylor
- 7:35 Report: Baptist World Alliance, John M. Wilkes
- 7:40 Report: Foreign Mission Board, Ginny Sisk
- 7:45 Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
- 7:50 Report: Communications Division, Gregory Hancock; Media Department, Mark Snowden

- 8:15 Recognition of Kenya Volunteers, State, Home, and Foreign Missionaries, William W. Marshall
- 8:20 Testimony, Alvin Jerome Elmore Jr.
- 8:30 Prayer, A. J. Elmore Sr.
- 8:35 Message in Song, Campbellsville College Collegiate Choir
- 8:50 Hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing"
- 8:55 Introduction of Speaker, Bob Jones
- 9:00 Message, Kenya Speaker
- 9:30 Closing Prayer, Dixie B. Mylum

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:30 Hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
- 9:35 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Darold Morgan
- 9:50 Report:
Minister/Church Support Division, Bill Rogers
Annuity Department, Don Spencer
Family Ministry/Church Administration, John Lepper
Minister/Church Relations, Guy Futral
Cooperative Ministries, Lincoln Bingham
- 10:15 Election of Officers
- 10:25 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:45 Recognition of Seminary Representatives
- 10:50 Korean Choir, David Ahn
- 11:00 Scripture and Prayer, Ken Chafin
- 11:10 Hymn, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
- 11:15 Convention Sermon, William E. Crosby
- 11:45 Closing Prayer, William S. Childress
Seminary Luncheons

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:20 Hymn, "Be Thou My Vision"
- 2:25 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Darold Morgan
- 2:40 Report: Christian Education in Kentucky, Jim Hawkins
Report: Campbellsville College, W. R. Davenport
Report: Cumberland College, James H. Taylor
Report: Georgetown College, Morgan Patterson
Report: Oneida Baptist Institute, Barkley Moore
Report: Clear Creek Baptist School and message, Leon Simpson
- 3:15 Hymn, "Higher Ground"
- 3:20 Recognition of Past Presidents
- 3:25 Clear Creek Choir, Ron Goodwin
- 3:35 Report: Business Division, Barry G. Allen
Accounting Services Dept., Cathi Roy
Administrative Services Dept., Richard Carnes
Computer Services Dept., Douglas D. Hays
Support Services Dept., John Pate
Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Barry G. Allen
Camps and Assemblies Dept., Marshall Phillips
- 3:55 Report: Committee on Resolutions, H. Gary Coltharp
- 4:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 4:40 Closing Prayer, James E. Clay

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 6:45 Severns Valley Baptist Church Choir, Allen Case
- 7:00 Theme Interpretation and Prayer, Darold Morgan
- 7:15 Report: Office of Resource Development, Vernon Cole
Stewardship Department, Jesse C. Stricker
- 7:45 Report: Missions/Church Services Division, C. Benton Williams
Brotherhood Department, William Kaufman
Church Music Department, Eugene F. Quinn
Church Training and Special Ministries, Douglas Strader
Direct Missions Department, Robert C. Jones
Evangelism Department, Jay Brown
Student Work Department, Don Blaylock
Sunday School Department, Chip Miller
- 7:55 Report: Woman's Missionary Union, Dolores Gilliland
- 8:05 Hymn, "Reach Out and Touch"
- 8:10 Report: Home Mission Board, Gary Sharp
- 8:15 Report and Testimony of Kentucky Strategy
- 8:35 Hymn, "We've a Story to Tell"
- 8:40 Introduction of Speaker, Bill Jagers
- 8:45 Severns Valley Baptist Church Choir, Allen Case
- 8:55 Message, Bill Long
- 9:25 Closing Prayer, Evelyn H. Chandler

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Hymn, "Open My Eyes"
- 9:05 Prayer
- 9:10 Report: Committee on Committees, James R. Vandy
Report: Committee on Nominations, Ben Baird
- 9:25 Report: Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, J. Howard Cobble
- 9:35 Report: Committee on Arrangements, Deward Hurst
- 9:40 Report: American Bible Society, J. D. Herndon
- 9:45 Hymn, "O Zion, Haste"
- 9:50 Report: Committee on Obituaries, Franklin Skaggs
- 10:00 Report: Historical Commission, Wendell Rone
- 10:10 Report: Conventionwide Education, David W. Forman
- 10:20 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:30 Recognition of Convention Officers, William W. Marshall
- 10:40 Recognition of New Officers and Presentation of Gavel, Don Mathis
- 10:45 Introduction of Speaker
- 10:50 Hymn, "More About Jesus"
- 11:20 Message, Lloyd Elder
- 11:30 Closing Prayer, Newly Elected President

CONVENTION OFFICERS

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- Press Representatives
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Eugene F. Quinn

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

**Kentucky Baptist
Pastor's Conference
November 10, 1986
Severns Valley
Baptist Church**

*Theme: "The Pastor's Vision
for Bold Mission Thrust"*

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 Inspirational Music, Spirit Singers
- 1:50 Congregational Hymn, Bob Robinson
Introduction, Ferrill Gardner
Welcome, Howard Cobble
- 2:00 Theme Interpretation, Isaac McDonald
- 2:05 Inspirational Music, New Cumberland Singers
- 2:10 "A Vision of Bold Missions in the Pioneer Area," Kenneth Mahanes
- 2:35 Congregational Hymn, Bob Robinson
Offering
Inspirational Music, New Cumberland Singers
- 3:00 "Bold Missions Realized in Kenya," Allen West
Testimony, Joel Jones
- 3:15 Inspirational Music, New Cumberland Singers
- 3:30 "The Pastor's Vision for Missions," Fred Haynes II
- 4:10 Benediction, Leon Larimore

EVENING SESSION

- 6:30 Inspirational Music, Homeland Singers, Glendale Children's Home
- 6:50 Congregational Hymn, Bob Robinson
- 6:55 Welcome and Introduction, Isaac McDonald
- 7:00 Testimony "Joy of Vision Realized in Bold Missions," Verlin Kruschwitz
- 7:15 Inspirational Music, Campbellsville College Chorale
- 7:20 "The Pastor Ministering to a Hurting World," Fred Haynes II
- 8:00 Congregational Hymn, Bob Robinson
Offering
Inspirational Music, Campbellsville College Chorale
- 8:10 Election of Officers
Inspirational Music, Carlisle Avenue Church Choir
- 8:25 "Victorious Return of Christ," Nelson Price
- 9:00 Benediction, 1986-87 President

**Kentucky Baptist
Religious Education
Association
November 10, 1986
Holiday Inn North**

*Theme: "The Future of Religious
Education as a Profession"*

- 1:00 Registration
- 2:00 Welcome and Introduction
- 2:15 "The Future of Religious Education as a Profession,"
William B. Rogers, Dean, School of Christian Education, Southern
Baptist Theological Seminary
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Small Group Sessions
- 4:15 Report and Summary, W. B. Rogers
- 5:00 Business Session
- 6:00 Banquet
Entertainment: "Tim & Friend," Tim Thompson and Kelly Ragland

**Kentucky Baptist
Music Association
November 10, 1986
First Baptist Church
Hodgenville**

*Theme: "People with vision . . .
Musicians on Mission"*

- 12:00 Officer's Luncheon, Jerry's (South), Elizabethtown
- 1:00 Registration
- 1:30 Rehearsal of Kentucky Baptist Chorale
- 2:30 Worship (led by Kentucky Baptist Instrumentalists)
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Seminar: "Mission Strategies for Choirs," Marc Beaver,
Minister of Music, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.
- 4:15 Business Session
- 4:30 Kenya Mission Group Video and Report, Jim Cordell
- 5:00 Mission strategies for choirs, Part II
- 6:00 Banquet
- 7:30 Concert by Cumberland College Chorale
- 8:30 Rehearsal by Kentucky Baptist Chorale

**Kentucky Fellowship of
Directors of Missions
November 10, 1986
Kentucky Baptist Homes
for Children, Glendale**

- 6:00 Dinner hosted by Board of Child Care
Music, Mrs. Buckley and Children's Home Choir
Invocation, Harold Greenfield
Greetings, Eldred Taylor
Business Session
Minutes, L. M. Huff
DOM of the Year Committee Report, Ken Forman, chairman
Election of officers
Recognition of New Directors of Missions, Distinguished Guests
and Past Presidents
Special Music, Choir
Message, Dale Holloway, bivocational ministry, HMB
Benediction, President Elect



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
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clear creek comment

"The Lord's help hitherto"

After God had given his people a wonderful victory, Samuel set up a stone of remembrance (called Ebenezer, "stone of help") for them, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Sam. 7:12).

I am reminded of this passage as Kentucky Baptists finalize covenant agreements with their various agencies and institutions. The ad hoc committee relating to these agreements, chaired by Willis Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lone Oak, Paducah, has worked diligently for two years to enable Kentucky Baptists (and the institution involved) to speak accurately and positively about the present relationship with each institution in the state.

The covenant between Clear Creek Baptist School and Kentucky Baptists emphasizes our *commonality*. We are laborers together with God with a common goal of winning people to faith in Christ and strengthening his church.

It also stresses *service*. Every Christian should have a servant's heart and, as Browning says, "All service is the same with God . . . there is no last nor first." There is a sense in which we serve Kentucky Baptists and a sense in which Kentucky Baptists serve Clear Creek. But what binds us together is our common service to God. Wordsworth wrote, "Enough, if something from our hands have power to live and act and serve the future hour."

We are also bound together by *love*. Emerson expressed a vital truth when he said, "When I have attempted to join myself to others by services, it proved an intellectual trick—no more. They eat your service like apples, and leave you out. But love them, and they feel you and delight in you all the time." Empathy, not sympathy binds Clear Creek to Kentucky Baptists. Empathy says, "Your hurt is in my heart, your tears are in my eyes and your rejoicing is in my soul."

We are bound together more by a spirit of *cooperation* than by a formal covenant. We believe more can be accomplished for the Lord by working together than by being independent. For more than 40 years of our 60-year history Clear Creek has been a part of the Kentucky Baptist Christian education family.

"Nor shall I ask that life should give to me/Another friend—/Just keep me true to those I have, dear Lord,/Until the end.
B. Y. Williams

christian education

Georgia pastor leads seminary revival

Charles Bugg, pastor of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., will lead the annual seminary revival at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Oct. 14-17.

"The Seminary Revival is a time of renewal and recommitment for the entire seminary community—students, faculty and staff," explains seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt.

Donald Hustad, V. V. Cooke professor of organ, will lead music for the services. Hustad is former organist for the Billy Graham crusades, and is a popular recitalist, composer and arranger.

Services will be conducted each day, Tuesday through Friday, at 10 a.m. in the Alumni Chapel.

Holloway joins staff at Clear Creek

Leon Simpson, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, announced the appointment of John Holloway as director of campus operations at the school.

Holloway is a native of Sweetwater, Tenn. and graduate of Clear Creek

Baptist School ('59). He and his wife Lucille, native of Niota, Tenn. have four children.

Holloway has pastored churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio. He comes to Clear Creek from Fairlane Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, where he pastored since 1979.

Campbellsville adds education professor

Patricia Johnson, formerly of Greensboro, N. C., has joined the faculty of Campbellsville College as assistant professor of education.

For the 1986 fall semester, Dr. Johnson will be teaching fundamentals of secondary education, and human development and curriculum. She will also be acting as advisor to students doing student teaching.

She comes to the college from Northern Illinois University where she most recently supervised student teachers of the hearing impaired in the department of learning, development and special education.

She received her BA degree from Campbell University in North Carolina, her MRE from Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary, her MA from the University of North Carolina, and her EdD from Northern Illinois University.



Dr. Johnson



Holloway

Redding will teach Bible conference

George Redding, chairman of the Bible Department of Mid-Continent Baptist College, Mayfield, will teach the book of James in the fall Bible conference at the college Oct. 27-28.

There will be two sessions, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and one session Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m.

Campbellsville airs cable programing

Campbellsville College cable channel 21 began airing Monday, Oct. 6.

The college has received access to the local TeleScripps Cable system and will be doing original programing and community calendar announcements from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Virginia Flanagan, director of telecommunications, said the college has developed a wide variety of programs which will be aired locally for Campbellsville and Taylor County residents. TeleScripps has about 4500 customers in the city and county.

Programing for cable channel 21 will involve both college and community residents. Several programs will be filmed at the studio.

Mrs. Flanagan said the television production studio is a valuable asset to Campbellsville College. "We feel we will be able to contribute to the college and community. We hope to have programing that is both educational and informative."

Music institute set for Oct. 21-24

A concert by noted operatic singer Jerome Hines will spotlight the 26th annual Church Music Institute at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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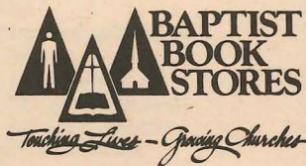
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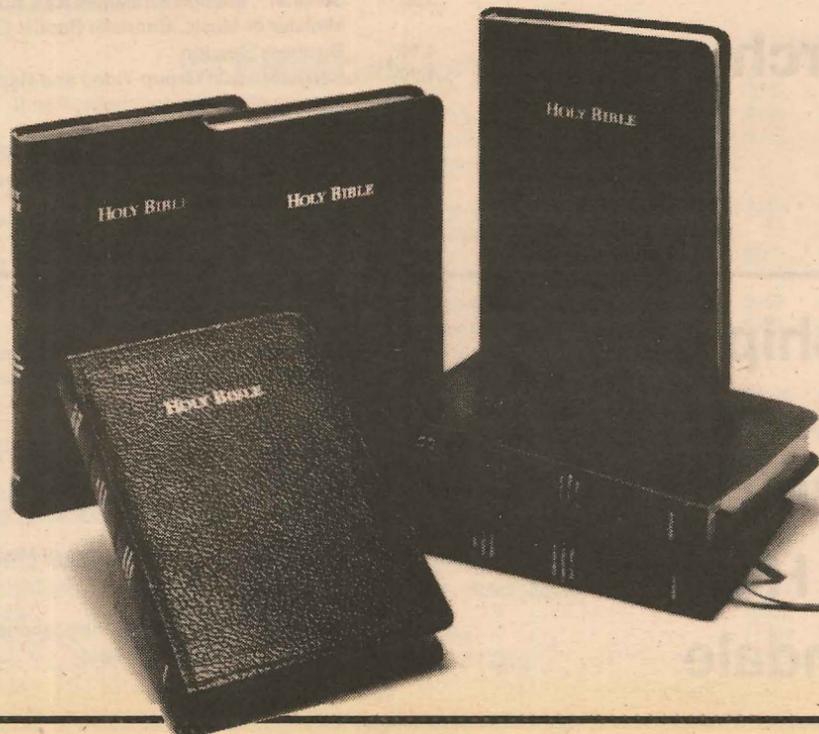
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Oct. 21-24, according to Paul A. Richardson, coordinator.

Other program personalities include: Austin Lovelace, president of Hymn Society of America; Donald Neuen, professor of conducting and director of choral activities at Eastman School of Music; Greg Berry, chairman of instrumental activities at Samford University; and Terry Kirkland, freelance composer, arranger, and author whose specialty is church music for children.

The program will include worship, a concert by Hines, a choral concert by the Belmont College Chorale, reading sessions, exhibits and a banquet. Cost for the institute is \$35 (\$44 if attending the banquet).

For more information contact: Church Music Institute, Box 1812, Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY 40280.

BTN airs segment on church drama

Drama in seminary education will be the topic explored in the October edition of "Doing the Word," a monthly video magazine produced for Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN) by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The video will air Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 10:45 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 24 at 11 a.m.

The program will feature interviews with Southern Seminary professors who are actively involved in church drama and a Southern graduate who works in drama with churches across the nation.

Vince named coach at Campbellville

David Vince has joined the faculty at Campbellville College as head baseball coach and instructor of health and physical education.

Vince is a graduate of McNeese State University in Louisiana where he received his BS degree in health and physical education. He received his MS in education with an emphasis in health and physical education from Henderson State University.

Before coming to Campbellville College, Vince was head baseball and assistant football coach at Catholic High of Pointe Coupee in New Roads, La. He was head baseball coach and assistant girls basketball coach at Port Sulphur High School in Port Sulphur, La. He was also a graduate assistant baseball coach at Henderson State University.

SBTS offers tips for "family Christmas"

A family Christmas preparation packet is now available from the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The packet offers a variety of suggestions for ways families can draw closer and emphasize the true meaning of the Christmas season, explains Michael Hester, director of the Gheens Center.

The material was developed from a workshop held at the seminary last year to help seminary families understand and manage the Christmas season more meaningfully, according to Hester.

To obtain the packet, write to the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry, Box 1786, Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY 40280.

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Georgetown graduate program has 20% gain

Georgetown College has its largest enrolment count since 1970, according to an announcement released by president W. Morgan Patterson.

The total student count is 1362 with seven more full time undergraduate students than in 1985, and a record 377 enrolled in the graduate program.

"There are 16 fewer part time students than in 1985," noted Mrs. Winnie Bratcher, the college registrar.

"But," she added, "we have a 20 percent gain in the graduate enrolment which accounts for Georgetown's major growth in numbers."



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homes for children

I Can

In his letter to the Philippian Christians the apostle Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me." (Phil. 4:13) I like the glow of that verse, especially the two words "I can," which are so different from "I can't." "I can" indicates a life of victory. "I can't" indicates a life of depressing inadequacy.

Paul's verse tells us how we can have a life of spiritual victory even when we face insurmountable obstacles. The secret is Christ. "I can do all things through Christ." I heard of an old man who was saved and was counseled to read through the gospels. When that was completed, he read on through Acts and the epistles. As he read Philippians, he came to verse thirteen of this fourth chapter. The verse began at the bottom of the page with the words, "I can do all things . . ." The old man thought, "No, Paul." Then he turned the page and read, "through Christ," and the old man said, "Ah, that changes things."

Wishful thinking is not enough. What if Paul had said, "If I were a Roman emperor." What if Peter had said, "If I were a learned philosopher." When we say "I can't," we are depending on ourselves. But "I can" is to depend on Christ, and he is able. Our Lord made a slave baby named Moses the champion of the Exodus. He made the shepherd boy David victor over the giant and the Philistines. He made the captive Daniel prime minister over Babylon. He transformed Simon into Cephas, and Saul the persecutor of Christians into Paul the apostle.

When you and I allow Christ to use us and work through us, we can say, "I can" because we can through Christ. However, for his power to strengthen us we need to guard against anything that interrupts our fellowship with him. When we lose the contact of fellowship the spiritual electricity ceases to flow and we become dead wires. We can keep the contact by living in daily communion with our Lord.

As Baptist Homes for Children provides loving, Christian care for children whose homes have been shattered we are showing them how they can put life back together one piece at a time. We can help them and you can help with your prayers and gifts because Christ will strengthen us as we serve him.

Attention Pastors and Laity!

Approximately 180 additional volunteers are needed November 18-December 30 to fill requests for the following vacancies:

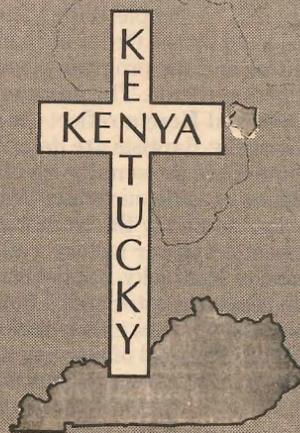
Team Number	Dates	Location	Persons Needed	Specific Tasks
87129	Dec. 3-Jan. 16	Brackenhurst	10 (1 team)	Construction
87128	Jan. 4-21	Embu	4 (2 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87127	Jan. 4-21	Embu	2 (1 team)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87116	Jan. 25-Feb. 11	Kericho	10 (1 team) (5 subteams of 2)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87113	Feb. 8-25	Kitale	8 (1 team) (4 subteams of 2)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87124	Feb. 12-29	Nyeri	4 (2 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87119	Feb. 15-March 4	Meru	4 (2 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87111	March 1-18	Nakuru	4 (1 team)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87121	March 1-18	Nakuru	6-12 (1 team)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87132	March 5-22	Kwale	2-4 (1 team)	WIN School
87110	March 8-25	Kakamega	6 (1 team) (3 subteams of 2)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87133	June 28-July 15	Kwale	10-12 (1 team)	Construction & Evangelism
87130	July 1-18	Malindi/Kilifi	12 (1 team)	Crusade Team
87103	Aug. 9-26	Malindi	12 (6 teams)	Revivalists
87134	Aug. 23-Sept. 9	Kwale	10 (5 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87135	Sept. 6-23	Kwale	10 (5 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87136	Sept. 17-Oct. 14	Kwale	10 (5 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87100	Oct. 4-21	Malindi	12 (6 teams)	Revivalists
87137	Oct. 11-28	Kwale	10 (5 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)
87131	Oct. 18-Nov. 4	Malindi	12 (6 teams)	Revivalists
87138	Nov. 1-18	Kwale	10 (5 teams)	Proclaiming (witnessing)

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oneida journal

We have heard . . .

"I visited the Oneida campus in October and was impressed with the quality of scholarship maintained by the school. Our daughter wants to become a scientist and a good foundation must be laid for the future.

"We feel the Oneida program will give her the skills she needs for the future she chooses."

This letter came from Antioch, Tenn.: "I have heard about your school through my sister who also has a daughter who attends Oneida. She recommends your school very highly."

Recently the director of graduate studies for Indiana University brought his daughter to enrol. His son is expected to begin his academic work here at the start of our summer session June 9.

There are as many reasons "why" young people attend Oneida as there are boys and girls here.

Every day of the year we get requests for information. There are numerous telephone calls daily. Every day's mail keeps someone busy answering inquiries. There are probably fewer than 10 days in a year when someone doesn't arrive for a first-hand visit.

This summer we will offer high school English, as usual, at each level. Also, we will teach high school math including different levels of algebra, calculus, etc. Old and New Testament courses are taught each summer as is American history. And civics will also be offered.

Our Special Help program continues through the summer months. This pro-

gram is for middle and high school students whose reading, spelling and math levels are less than sixth grade achievement.

The summer is divided into quarter terms and a student can earn one full credit in the summer session.

The executive director of the Baptist Convention of New England wrote several months ago: "Could you please have someone send any information you may have about Oneida and the procedures for admittance, cost, etc. A lady is having a great deal of difficulty with a ninth-grade grandson she has reared. She is a long time Southern Baptist and is interested in knowing of possible boarding schools."

A mother writes from an eastern Kentucky town: "We are interested in enrolling our daughter for the fall term. This year she is a cheerleader while maintaining the highest grades she has ever made. We want her in a school where she will not be allowed to become lazy and drop behind in her studies."

A mountain grandmother writes: "I have a grandson, 13 years old, who is a fine young man with great potential. At this point he needs discipline, incentive, guidance and love. His parents are divorced and his mother is about to lose control."

And then there are letters about those who have come in years gone by.

From Michigan: "Our son Lee died in 1983. He was 27 years old. As a teenager he came to Oneida to work on a summer work project sponsored by our church. Both he and his brother were with the group. It was a good experience for both boys. Please accept the enclosed gift as if Lee had given it."

A Campbellsville couple wrote a year ago: "God has blessed my wife and me in many ways. We're not rich, two public school teachers you know, but we can share a little along. We have heard many good things about your school. Keith was one of my former students and one of yours also. I learned much about Oneida by just listening to him."

These public school teachers have averaged donating \$100 per month for the past year. Why? They know, from first-hand experience, the situation of a particular student. They saw progress and changes in his life after he came to Oneida. A surprising amount of our support comes in this way, from people who have never even walked our campus but know what influence our work has had in young lives they have personally known. God works in many ways.

Reprint from Apr. 30, 1985



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sunday school lessons

Lessons for Oct. 19, 1986
Life and Work Series

Responsible relationships

Genesis 2:15-25 God placed Adam in perfect surroundings in the beautiful Garden of Eden. In the midst of the garden God placed "the tree of life" and "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The fruit of the latter gave insight into matters beyond what God knew to be best for man. Therefore, God prohibited Adam to partake of the fruit of that tree. In love God warned Adam of the penalty if his prohibition of eating from that tree were violated.

In giving Adam the privilege of choosing between being obedient or disobedient, God gave him a clear warning of the consequences of disobedience—"for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." That was not a threat. It was given in love, just as if you should forbid your child to touch a hot heater lest he should get burned.

Solitude was not good for Adam. Knowing he needed companionship—someone to share his joys and purposes, reciprocate his feelings, and assist him in his enterprises—God created "an help meet for him." God did so by putting Adam to sleep, taking one of his ribs from his side and making Eve. When Adam realized what God had done for him he was thrilled with joy.

When husband and wife are united in

Christian marriage, joys multiply and cares divide. God ordained a way whereby life should be propagated. If husband and wife are blessed with children, they are obligated to care for their offspring, to train them, and to rear them in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord.

It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the institution of marriage and the family. Becoming one flesh involves a complete identification of one personality with the other in interests and pursuits, under the direction of God.

International Series

The house of David

II Samuel 7:4-16 David sat relaxed and musing in the regal splendor of his beautiful and luxurious palace. As he sat he thought about the ark of the covenant. Haunted by a vision of the ark being sheltered only by a frail canvas tent, his conscience bothered him. David resolved he would build a temple to house the ark and to be a place of worship.

David went to Nathan the prophet and expressed his longing to build a temple. Nathan hastily gave the king his approval. That night God informed the prophet that the project was not in accordance with divine will. Quite frequently God's children make plans which are worthy of commendation, but are not in accordance with God's will.

We admire David for recognizing the importance of worship in the lives of his people, and in his noble interest in erecting a center for that purpose. Because David had been a man of war, it was not God's will for him to build the temple. That glorious task was reserved for Solomon, who was a man of peace. God vetoed David's plan, but he expressed his willingness for David to collect the materials to be used.

God instructed Nathan to inform David that he was going to build a house for him. God was not referring to a material house, but rather a dynasty, including the uninterrupted bloodline which culminated in Christ, whose kingdom is everlasting.

David was comforted and greatly strengthened by God's assurance that a king out of his family line would sit upon the throne permanently. David readily bowed to God's expressed wish. God's blessings are always available to his children who yield to his will and do their best for him.



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on mission together

KBC '86: Continued reflections

This is the second of a series of five "reflections" concerning the Kentucky Baptist Convention's 149th annual session scheduled for Nov. 11-13 at Severns Valley Baptist Church.

• **Theme.** "A People With Vision" has been selected by the Order of Business Committee and the program clearly supports that theme. The **partnerships** with **Ohio** and **Kenya** reflect the vision that Kentucky Baptists are determined to become more **personally involved** in the mission **outside** our state; "Mission Kentucky," some say the boldest state missions effort in our history, reflects the vision of Kentucky Baptist commitment to reach the estimated 1,000,000 Kentuckians who are either unchurched or unsaved. The goal of starting 400 new churches and/or mission points within the next five years clearly articulates that **the church is the best way to reach them.**

The vision of "better retirement sup-

port for ministers and church employees" will be reflected in the **theme interpretations** by Dr. Darold Morgan, president of our Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board. Such is especially timely only 14 months prior to the inauguration in 1988 of the new Church Annuity Plan.

• **Agencies Committee Recommendation.** For the past several months, the Agencies Committee has been enthusiastically generating a recommendation which, if approved, could set in motion the finest effort for Christian Education in years.

At their meeting in Elizabethtown Thursday, Oct. 2, the Agencies Committee developed and unanimously approved the following recommendation to be presented to the executive board at their session Monday, Nov. 10:

"The Agencies Committee recommends to the executive board that a committee be appointed by the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, consisting of a minimum of six

members of the Agencies Committee of the executive board and five Kentucky Baptists at-large, to study and develop a plan including the possibility of a **student endowment fund** to help more Kentucky Baptists attend our Kentucky Baptist schools and colleges."

While this would not require action by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, such a significant action would be reported to the Convention for prayerful support.

The committee would do its work and, hopefully, have a "plan" to recommend to the executive board by November 1987. It is possible the plan would have elements which would either require or benefit from Convention action.

Certainly the Agencies Committee has its finger on a crucial area of the future of Kentucky Baptist leadership. If the committee idea is approved, and they are able to develop a significant plan, Kentucky Baptists would have one more cause for rejoicing at our 150th convention celebration next year.

baptist news in brief

Highbaugh Hall doors reopen to students

Georgetown College will initiate work on the restoration of its historic Highbaugh Hall with a ceremony on Friday Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. on the plaza between the Asher Science Center and Highbaugh.

The announcement was made Oct. 3 by the co-chairmen of the Highbaugh Hall Project, Tom Benberg, vice president for administration and Joe Lewis, vice president for academic affairs.

The small classroom building, rich with tradition, will be redeveloped for academic use after a dozen years of almost non-use. The restoration will provide three medium size classrooms and a waiting area on two floors.

A half million dollar grant from Louisville's Brown Foundation is the major impetus for the project.

NOBTS sees jump in fall enrolment

Enrolment is up substantially at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, with 1443 students enrolled in degree programs during the first academic term.

The increase was registered "across the board," with nine of the seminary's 10 degree programs showing gains, according to Bart C. Neal, registrar and director of admissions.

Total enrolment, including non-degree program students, was up to 1901 as of Oct. 1. In the recently completed 1985-86 academic year, total enrolment was up 10.6 percent to 2993.

Hardin-Simmons nets \$2 million gift

Hardin-Simmons University has received \$2,051,000 the largest cash gift in its history.

Jesse C. Fletcher of the Abilene, Tex. school, announced the gift from the estate of the late Edward Leon "Jack" Frost and his widow, Adele, a San Antonio philanthropist and patroness of the arts.

Frost, a geologist, independent oil producer and cattleman, died Feb. 21, 1970. He was a student at Simmons College, now Hardin-Simmons, in 1919 and was a member of the school's board of development at the time of his death.

A portion of the cash gift, \$251,000, will be added to earlier gifts of \$750,000 from the Frosts which helped to fund the Jack and Adele Frost Center for the Visual Arts.

Balentine resigns Shorter presidency

Shorter College president George L. Balentine has resigned to accept the pastorate of Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, N. C.

Balentine, the 17th president of the Baptist college in Rome, Ga., has been chief administrator since July 1, 1982.

Balentine came to Shorter after seven years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga. He was co-founder of Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Wash. pastor heads Canadian seminary

Clinton M. Ashley of Pullman, Wash. has been named first president of Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, Calgary, Alberta.

Ashley was chosen by the executive board of the Canadian Southern Baptist

Convention in July. He began his duties Sept. 1. Canadian Southern Baptists plan to begin seminary classes in September 1987. Construction was scheduled to begin on the first building this summer.

Ashley goes to Calgary from Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pullman, where he has been pastor since 1978. He and his wife, Andrea, previously served with the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to Brazil.

Architects respond to changing needs

Changes in Southern Baptist churches of the future will require changes in church building designs, Gary Cook told more than 80 architects meeting in Williamsburg, Va., for an annual national workshop.

Cook, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church and Staff Support Division, said creative ministries in a "back to basics" mindset is a growing trend. Church emphases increasingly are centered in the basics of Bible study, prayer, missions, evangelism and discipleship, he said.

Also, "the idea ministry begins at home may be more true in the future than it has ever been in the past," he added. "We are likely entering a time in which more and more churches are going to insist the work be done first at home. Churches will want unique facilities for their specific community needs." (BP)

Disciple youth triples attendance goal

The goal to have 30 participants in the recent Disciple Youth conference, held Aug. 29-30 at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, was more than tripled, according to Douglas T. Strader, leader of the conference and director of the Church Training/Special Ministries Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention. With an attendance of 95, the meeting became one of the largest such conferences ever held.

The 10-hour conference trained church youth leaders to guide young people through the Disciple Youth program, a 26-week course designed to help youth become better disciples and bring others to Christ. The first 13-week phase (Disciple Youth I) concentrates on developing basic Christian disciplines; the second phase (Disciple Youth II) intends to deepen the Christian experience with a special emphasis on witnessing.

For more information on the Disciple Youth program contact the Church Training or Evangelism department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown. (KBC).

Evangelists convert church members

When one-half the people who made professions of faith in Christ and were baptized during the annual Starlite Crusade of First Southern Baptist Church in Del City, Okla., already were church members, pastor Tom Elliff was not surprised.

Nor are evangelists and preachers around the country surprised at the phenomenon of "lost" church members—people who have sat in the pews of evangelical, gospel preaching churches for years without making a personal commitment.

Too often, Elliff says, the call to commitment to Christ is one of "easy believism." Preachers offer eternal life through Christ without fully explaining the demands of the gospel. Preachers

are not fully explaining the "difference between sins and sin nature" to younger children. Believers are realizing ultimate evidences of salvation are not found in a specific confession, but in the witness of God's spirit.

Preachers like Elliff who see many church members seek salvation when they preach, say the new converts do not come after being manipulated from the pulpit but have struggled with their doubt for years.

Instead of criticizing them for helping church members resolve their years of doubt, Elliff thinks critics should be more concerned about the half of all church members who "never come to church, who don't want to come to church." (BP)

Theology is tied to church growth

"You can play church without having any theology, but you can't be church without Jesus," participants at a Baptist Home Mission Board conference on church planting were told.

Nelson Tilton, director of the Atlanta-based agency's Church Starting Department, challenged pastors to be sure their church's growth is tied to sound theology and not sociological trends. The conference was held at First Baptist Church of Houston.

Regardless of the denomination's rapid growth in recent years, Tilton reminded, "only 45 percent of Southern Baptists are actively involved in Sunday worship. The vast majority only attend when it is sociologically exciting. There is simply not much theological commitment and virtually no desire to be involved."

Tilton also cited statistics indicating when churches and denominations rise above middle-class values, they historically lose members and become much smaller.

"This regression is almost inevitable, regardless of theology," he said. "Rarely does theology play into the process; the theology may not have been that strong to begin with." He encouraged pastors to balance church growth through starting new churches as well as growing larger congregations. (BP)

Baptists praise life of Luther Rice

American, Southern and South Carolina Baptist leaders honored the life and influence of Luther Rice on the 150th anniversary of his death in rural South Carolina in 1836.

The Luther Rice sesquicentennial memorial service was held at Pine Pleasant Baptist Church, about 50 miles northwest of Columbia, S. C. Rice is buried in the Pine Pleasant Church cemetery.

Rice, who lived from 1783 to 1836, is considered by historians as the father of American Baptist missions. He and Adoniram Judson were congregational missionaries to India, and both became Baptists in India in 1812. Rice returned to the United States in 1813 to raise financial support for the Judsons and other Baptist missionaries who followed. Rice was instrumental in organizing the Triennial Convention in 1814, officially called the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Mission.

During the memorial service, Southern Baptist Historical Commission executive director Lynn E. May said, Rice, more than any other person, planted the seeds of the Baptist missionary movement and was the founder of Baptist cooperation on state and national scales. (BP)

Vietnamese survives to lead mission

Through years of terror, starvation and imprisonment Think Ngoc Kim sees the hand of God guiding him to minister at the Vietnamese mission of Jefferson Street Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Tex.

When the communists took over Vietnam, Kim was pastor of five churches in the Saigon area. As the communists set about destroying churches and dispersing members, Kim and his family were forced to live in the jungles of Vietnam for three years. Their prayers were answered, Kim says, when an uncle came to the jungle to cut wood and saw the condition of Kim and his family.

"Why don't you escape from Vietnam," the uncle asked. He sent his sons to repair two boats Kim had brought from Vihn Long, and Kim's father-in-law helped buy fuel, compasses, a map and other necessities for their flight to freedom.

At sea they were attacked by pirates who robbed them and kidnapped a teenage daughter. Two other children in another boat were separated from the family and had to return to Vietnam.

The Kims were moved to the Philippines, where they studied English for six months and then came to the United States under sponsorship of First Baptist Church of Ardmore, Okla.

When he was asked to be the pastor of the Vietnamese mission at Jefferson Street Church last June, attendance at the mission was about three. It has grown to about 20, and its future looks bright. (BP)

Black student leaders hold KSU conference

Black student leaders from Kentucky colleges and universities participated in the Black Christian Leadership Training Conference Oct. 10-12 at Kentucky State University, Frankfort. Through seminars, worship and discussions the conference was intended to improve black student fellowship on Kentucky campuses.

Seminars provided information on these topics: "History of the Black Church," "Interpersonal Relationship Between Black Males and Females," "Involving the Local Church with Your Outreach Program," "Mission Opportunities," "Steps in Organizing or Strengthening Your Black Student Fellowship Group," "A Christ-filled Life" and "Relating to Sororities and Fraternities." Other program features included music presentations and a film, "Upon This Rock." (KBC).

Twelve members join Cumberland faculty

Twelve members joined the faculty at Cumberland College.

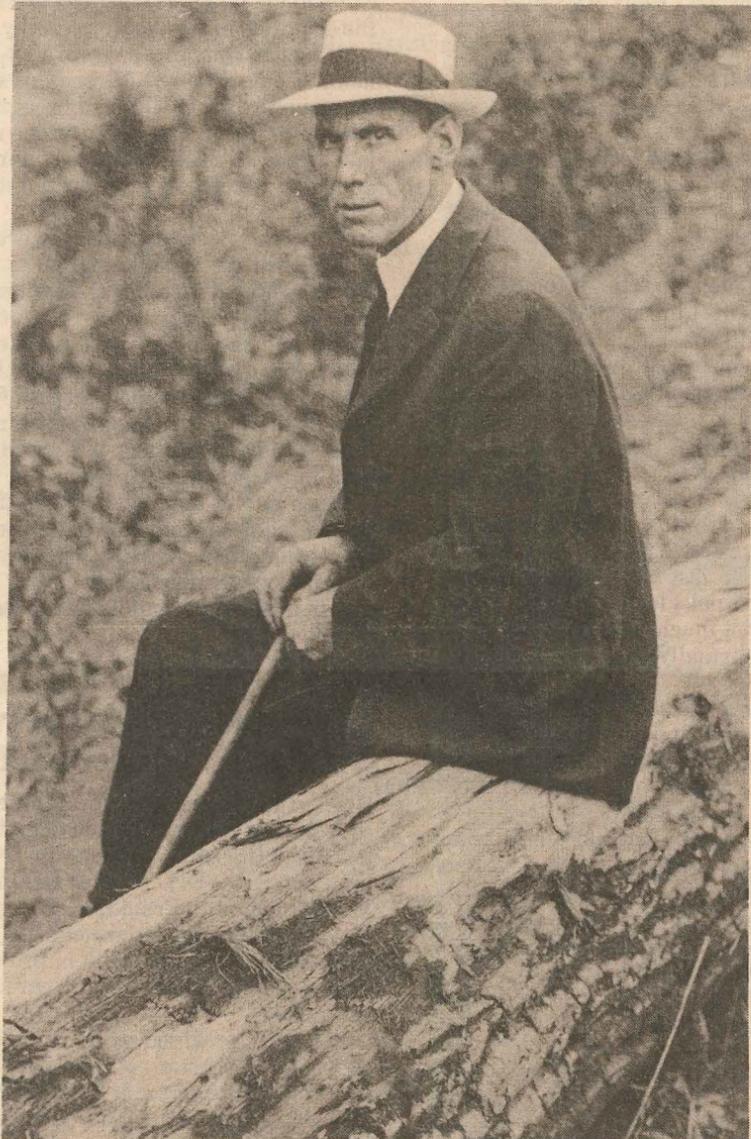
They are: Deborah Atkinson, graduate assistant in the learning skills center; Richard Cordaro, assistant professor of physics; Sam Dyer, director of forensics (the logical study of argument and debate); Steve Hall, assistant band director and percussion instructor; Bruce Hicks, assistant professor of political science; Beverly Knauper, assistant professor of biology; Steve Mitchell, associate professor of education; Judy Pennington, instructor of math; Thomas Stokes, instructor of French; Patricia Webster, instructor of business; John Wilson, professor of business and Virginia Young, assistant professor of math.

TWO NEW ONEIDA BOOKS PUBLISHED

Oneida Baptist Institute is the fastest growing boarding school in America. From its humble beginnings until now Oneida has sought to lead young people to Christ, to prepare them for service, to offer the widest range of academic and athletic opportunities, and occupational preparation. One such program has been the print shop. Recently dedicated as the *James A. Boswell Print Shop*, the student is able to acquire skills necessary to formulate an idea of whether graphic arts is a potential career. While printing most of the school's printed materials, larger commercial type projects have also come out of the shop. Recently a 440 page book entitled "*MOUNTAIN RISING*" by Darrell C. Richardson, has been completed. The book is hard-bound and has 90 black and white photographs dating from 1906 to 1916, 45 pictures of present day Oneida. For the first time color pictures have been printed and are of the Chapel Steeple and a color reproduction of James Anderson Burns from an oil painting. The text and pictures beautifully describe, in narrative form, the history and development of Oneida Baptist Institute.

A second edition of "*DAWN COMES TO THE MOUNTAINS*" is being released. For more information about the books call or write Oneida Baptist Institute, PO Box 67, Oneida, Kentucky 40972.

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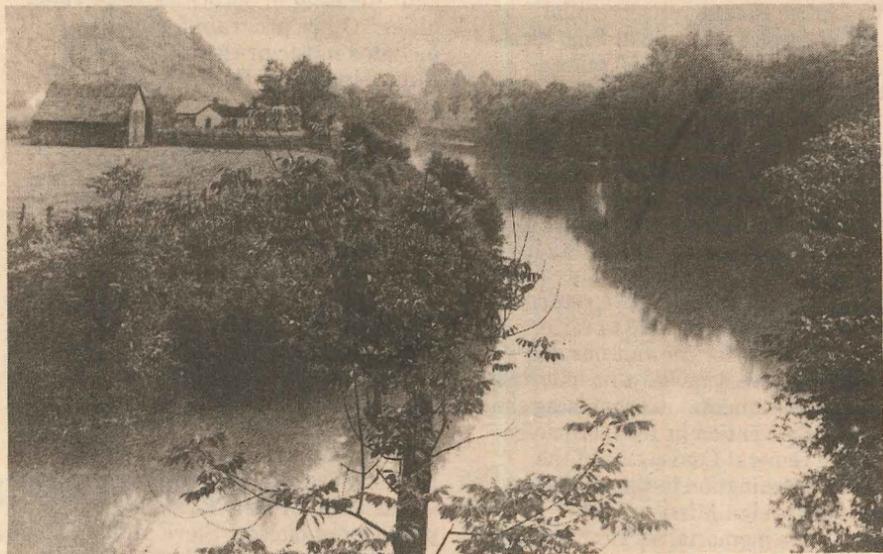
"Burns of the Mountains" (James Anderson Burns, founder of Oneida Baptist Institute) seated beside the South Fork of the Kentucky River, north of Oneida. (1913)



Baptism in the South Fork of The Kentucky River below Bull Skin Creek. Oneida founder James A. Burns is baptizing Charlie Roberts. It is in May 1916 and just one year after the shoot-out between George Baker and Charlie Roberts in which Baker's mule was killed. Charlie Roberts, the Postmaster, made his profession of faith at the close of the Oneida Commencement services just one year after the commencement he had disrupted with his shooting the year before.



On the way to church on Sunday morning near the Red Bird River. The worshippers carry their Bibles and Sunday School cards. On the mule are Frank and Ben Robinson. Mr. Ben Robinson will be 90 in March 1987 and has been a minister of the gospel for over 60 years.



The South Fork of the Kentucky River, as seen from Sandlin Hill in 1913. The Lee Combs (grandfather of Governor Bert Combs) farm is seen across the river from Oneida, to the left. The mountain, left of center, was named "Mount Dennison" after Dennison University, Granville, Ohio, where Oneida's founder briefly attended college.



A log raft going through the "Narrows" near Patty's Rock on the South Fork, north of Oneida. This raft carries its own john boat. (1910)