

'Breakthrough near' peace chairman says

by Dan Martin

"There is more reason for hope for peace" than at any time in the past 18 months, Southern Baptist peace committee chairman Charles Fuller said. He made the statement after a three-day prayer retreat of the 22-member peace committee, executives of SBC agencies and seminary presidents.

During the retreat at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center, the presidents of the six SBC seminaries made a seven-point series of "commitments" aimed at resolving the theological/political controversy that has occupied the attention of the denomination for nearly a decade.

Both Fuller and SBC president Adrian Rogers expressed high hopes after the presidents' proposal.

Rogers said the action was a "significant breakthrough" and called the action of the presidents "courageous."

Fuller told Baptist Press the presidents' Glorieta Statement "provides great promise for breaking through the logjam." He added, "I have too much respect for the integrity and stature of our seminary presidents to believe they would offer a plan which compromised their consciences."

Although the presidents said their plan would be implemented "regardless," the peace committee voted 19-0 to affirm the presidents and to accept the plan "at face value."

The committee also voted to end its continuing dialog with three of the seminaries—Midwestern, Southern and Southeastern—and to leave lingering questions about theology for the administration and trustees.

The committee also voted to affirm the SBC Foreign Mission Board and its president, R. Keith Parks. The committee had left open dialog with the FMB regarding Ruschlikon Seminary in Switzerland.

The action of the seminary presidents and the committee did not meet with universal approval.

Cecil Sherman, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., "absented" himself when the vote of affirmation on the seminary plan was taken and later resigned from the committee.

Despite Sherman's resignation Fuller described the meeting as "refreshing" and said it offered more hope than at any time since the committee was created in 1985. "We saw more reason for hope than at any time in the life of the committee," he declared.

He said there are five reasons the meeting was "refreshing" and productive:

"First was the enormous importance of prayer by people all over the world for this retreat and the large proportion of time given to prayer during the retreat agenda.

"Second was the inspiration of this strategic assembly of leadership meeting with a common agenda.

"Third is the honest, open contributions made to our session by the SBC agency leaders. We heard them.

"Fourth is the weariness with the controversy which produced room for movement.

"Fifth was the crucial statement of the seminary presidents which provides great promise for a breakthrough."

In addition to the prayer retreat and the presidents' statement, the peace committee also:

Voted to ask William Crews to continue as a member even though he was elected president of Golden Gate Seminary.

Encouraged Southern Baptists to abide by the peace committee request to declare a year-long moratorium on political activities.

Passed a motion affirming the leadership of all Southern Baptist agencies.

Set its next meeting for Dec. 1-2 in Atlanta.

Affirmed its previous decision to make a preliminary report at the February meeting of the SBC executive committee and to have a final draft ready for release in early April.

Brotherhood approves Korea seminary pact

Baptist Brotherhood Commission approved a covenant relationship between the commission and the Korea Baptist National Brotherhood Convention during their meeting in Memphis, Tenn. Oct. 25.

They also agreed to underwrite a laity-centered educational program at the Korea Baptist Seminary for three years at a cost of \$20,000 per year.

"Because of our mutual desire to involve all Baptist men and boys in missions through their local church and because of our concern for all lost people throughout the world," the agreement reads, "we covenant to pray for one another and to help in every way mutually agreed upon for spreading of the work of Baptist Brotherhood throughout the world."



Prayer was emphasized during a retreat of the Southern Baptist Convention peace committee. Praying together are (from left) Adrian Rogers, SBC president; Herschel Hobbs, former SBC president; and Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Harold Sanders dies, KBC leader 1961-72

by James Cox
Associate Editor

Harold G. Sanders, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, died Oct. 30 in Louisville after a long bout with cancer.

Following services Nov. 2 at Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church his body was carried to Tallahassee, Fla. for burial.

Sanders, 79, was a native of Aurora, Mo., the sixth child of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sanders.

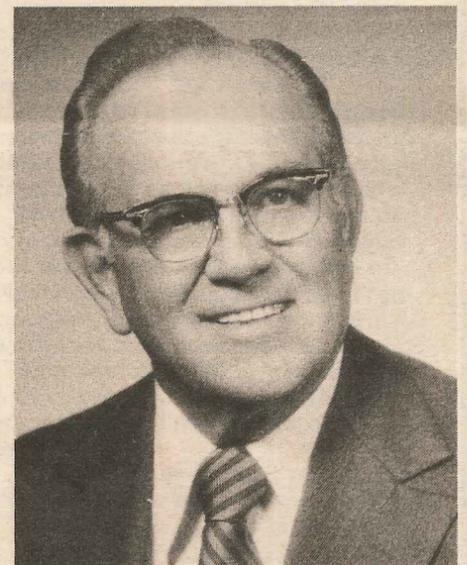
He was educated in the public schools of Webb City, Mo., and earned undergraduate degrees from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He did additional work at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and earned the ThM and ThD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Married to the former June Holloway, he was the father of four children: Margaret Ellen Harrison, Cincinnati, Oh.; Harold Jr., Louisville; Susan Adkins, Louisville; and Ronald, Bloomington, Ill. All survive him along with five grandsons, one granddaughter, two sisters and a brother.

Sanders held student pastorates at Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Spruce, Mo.; Christiansburg Baptist Church, Shelby County, Ky.; Riverview Baptist Church, Cox's Creek, Ky.; and New Liberty (Ind.) Baptist Church.

He served Norwood Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., 1941-43, in his first full time pastorate. That was followed by a 15-year ministry at First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., 1946-61. He left the Tallahassee church to become executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, serving until his retirement in 1972. He was pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, Louisville, 1976-85.

When he became executive secretary-treasurer, the Southern Baptist membership in Kentucky numbered 617,507. When he retired it had in-



Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 1961-72, died Oct. 30.

creased to 673,479. Total mission gifts that first year of his leadership were \$4,213,110, but had increased to \$7,221,972 at the time of his retirement.

Sanders served in many places throughout the denomination, including chairman of the Stewardship Commission of the SBC; president of the Florida Baptist Convention; president of the board of trustees of Florida Baptist Retirement Centers Inc.; a member of the Home Mission Board of the SBC; chairman of the committee on order of business of the SBC; trustee of Stetson University; and president of the alumni association of Southern Seminary.

A U. S. Navy Chaplain during World War II, he was president of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association in 1955. He was also national chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The family requested expressions of sympathy take the form of gifts to the Harold G. Sanders Memorial Fund for Missions Investors, Florida Baptist Convention, 1414 East Indianhead Dr., Tallahassee, FL.

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Jack D. Sanford

Mixed Reaction to the Glorieta Statement

The Glorieta Statement issued last week by the presidents of the six SBC seminaries has received mixed reaction across the convention.

Some persons denounce it as a cave-in to the schools. Others see it as the opening move toward peaceful relations among Baptists.

Cecil Sherman resigned from the peace committee because he said the statement would cause theological education "to wither." Several seminary faculty members are pessimistic, one stating the presidents did more damage to the seminaries overnight than the fundamental/conservatives have "done in the past decade."

Adrian Rogers praised the statement, calling it "a courageous action." The peace committee chairman, Charles Fuller, stated he felt the statement gave "more reason for hope for peace" than at any time in the past 18 months. Several pastors have a "reserved expectancy" and feel the document may be a key to peace. Several faculty members have also seemed willing to wait before pronouncing judgment.

What is pronouncing is, what does the average Southern Baptist think of the statement? Will the people who fill the pews and the pastors scattered across the nation see this as a ray of hope or will

they see it in some negative light?

All of us hope the average Southern Baptist would exercise maturity, spiritual insight and bold personal thinking. Bold thinking has not characterized us as much as it should.

Many of our people have been willing to go along with what leaders say without thinking for themselves. The leaders may be right, but the great concept of personal responsibility before God demands we think this one through for ourselves.

Will the average Baptist see this statement as something that is fair? Will he/she see this as an honest effort by our seminary presidents to move toward persons with whom they have been at war? Will he/she demand the leaders at least try to reach some kind of concensus and give peace a chance? Will the average Baptist demand an accounting from all sides in an effort to reach some middle ground?

The Glorieta Statement cannot be ignored or pushed aside. It must be dealt with by all sides. How we do that will determine whether or not we move toward peace or continue the fratricide which has shed Baptist blood all over the country.

The KBC Special Committee Report

For the past two years a special committee to study ascending/descending liability has been hard at work preparing a statement for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. That statement will be presented to the KBC next week in Elizabethtown.

The statement has generated some misunderstanding and some false statements.

One pastor declared the denominational leaders have given away the Baptist institutions. That is false information which does not square with the facts, to say nothing about demeaning good people who are trying to serve God.

The statement recognizes the institutions of the KBC are owned by the trustees under law. That is the way it has always been and that is the way it will continue to be. The KBC elects trustees who are the official owners of the institutions. They set policy, negotiate contracts, hire and fire people and generally are responsible for running the institution. This has now been clarified in the document, but is not some new idea created by the special committee.

In the past the presidents have submitted names of persons who would make good trustees. The presidents have suggested names for each vacancy and the nominating committee of the KBC has selected a person to fill the position. If that person did not meet the president's approval

the process was begun over again until there was agreement.

The documents which will be presented to the convention do not change that process in any way. All the special committee has done is put in writing the method we have been using for many years in our relationships with the institutions.

All of this is being done to help clarify just where the KBC stands with regard to the institutions. The climate in our country makes this necessary because lawsuits against state conventions are growing each day. The special committee has sought to put our legal house in order so the effects of future litigation against the KBC will be minimized.

To accuse good people of changing the way we do business or suggesting the KBC has given away the institutions is to misread the whole process and is unfair to the people who have spent many hours trying to help us do a better job.

The covenant agreements were published in Western Recorder last week and will be available during the convention. Read what is proposed, be prepared to ask questions, enter debate and then make up your own mind. That is your God-given right as a Baptist and your obligation as a responsible Christian.

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baptist forum

Pastor protests HMB action

As a Kentucky Baptist pastor I wish to register my dismay and anger at the recent action of the directors of the Home Mission Board regarding financial support for ordained women pastors.

It is a sad day when a Southern Baptist institution will hide behind both the U. S. Constitution and the Bible to pass such a blatantly discriminatory policy which is aimed at the denial of the legitimacy of women in ministry.

It is time to realize those who have taken power in our convention do not have a biblical agenda. It is a cultural one. They wish to take us back to a time when southern Christianity justified and even deified racial and sexual segregation. All of the gobbledygook about the desire to protect the authority of the scriptures does not fool me. The New Pharisees love the scripture, for they can make it say whatever they desire—even that God agrees with society's cultural biases and prejudices. These are the new "liberals" who abuse both the Bible and the spirit of Christ.

I for one have determined I am bound not to participate in the Home Mission Offering this season. I undertake this protest with the sad realization that there are many fine people associated with the HMB. Yet I feel I must personally protest this offensive desire to use my financial gift to promote a policy of sexism.

G. Michael Greer
Carlisle

Editor's note: Would Pastor Greer encourage his church members to withhold their tithes and offerings to protest a decision he had made as their pastor? It is the right of all to withhold offerings, but there seems a better way to protest that does not penalize innocent people.

HMB seeks retired chaplains

We are attempting to update the mailing list of retired Southern Baptist chaplains who were endorsed by the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. In order to improve our contact with them, we would invite those retired chaplains in Kentucky to give us the following: their name, mailing address, the category of chaplaincy to which they were endorsed, the years they served and the year of retirement.

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Student praises Norton Lecturer

In response to the letter by Terry L. Norris in the Oct. 21 Western Recorder concerning the guest lecturer for the Norton Lectures, Morton Kelsey, was Terry Norris there?

I was, as were many other faculty, staff, students and visitors. It was one of the most well-attended weeks I have seen since enrolling here in 1982. Not only were his lectures well founded in biblical scholarship and church tradition but I found no conflict between his beliefs and my Baptist heritage.

I hasten to point out to Terry Norris

that because Kelsey's views do not align with his/her views of the Bible does not make Kelsey "anti-biblical," but that he interprets the Bible differently.

As to whether "God's truth was spoken" God certainly spoke to me in a way which answered some spiritual questions which had long gone unanswered. Kelsey allowed himself to be used of God to give me a clearer sense of direction in my pilgrimage as a Christian minister.

Considering the rich heritage this seminary has and its unwavering commitment to biblical scholarship, I doubt seriously that it will be "led astray by false beliefs." I do not believe "a more judicious use of funds" could have been found. I am thankful for the seminary's insight in selecting him.

H. Michael Barnes
Southern Seminary Student

Honeycutt explains lecture policy

As seminary president, I am writing to respond to the letter two weeks ago from Dr. Terry L. Norris of Owensboro relating to the recent lectures of Dr. Morton Kelsey here at the seminary.

Frankly, I was surprised that he should first share his complaint in a public medium. Is it appropriate for any brother or sister within our Southern Baptist family to address in the public forum of a state paper a concern that is properly internal to any of our institutions or agencies before registering a complaint or making constructive recommendations to a proper authority within the institution? The New Testament gives guidelines for how individuals should handle conflict that are fitting in our institutional life as well (Matt. 18:15-17). We at the seminary take seriously that clear teaching of the holy scripture. We would have hoped that Jesus' words could have guided Dr. Norris first to communicate directly his concerns to us here at the seminary.

Dr. Norris alluded to several of Dr. Kelsey's views he judges should disqualify him from lecturing at a Southern Baptist seminary. Without attempting to evaluate the legitimacy of Dr. Norris' criticisms, I am writing to reaffirm the seminary's policy on guest lecturers and to commend Dr. Kelsey's Norton Lectures. Periodically, we have distinguished lecturers at Southern Seminary during any academic year, scholars who represent a broad cross section of theological perspectives. We normally invite speakers to focus on a subject we consider to be within their expertise and of value to the life of our community and the development of our students. We do not examine their detailed views on every subject before we invite them. Consequently, we have various speakers with whom we might have disagreement on certain issues. Our historic requirement that every faculty member teach within the confessional guidelines of Southern Seminary is not a prerequisite for individual speakers who deliver limited lectureships in the seminary. The exposure of our students to a range of views is valuable in education. That general policy has existed throughout the history of Southern Seminary.

Dr. Kelsey, a noted authority on

Christian spirituality, was invited to lecture specifically on that topic. He delivered four stimulating lectures that forcefully challenged the closed worldview characteristic of much of the contemporary Western world. He argued passionately for an incarnational worldview, grounded upon understanding human life and the universe. Beyond the intellectual stimulation, Dr. Kelsey embodied a deep spirituality that was sharply focused upon his personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He could hardly have been more Christ-centered in his emphasis here. Most colleagues within our faculty have not read everything, and some not much at all, that Dr. Kelsey has written. If we did, it is likely any one of us would find specific ideas with which we disagree. That is part of academic life. We do know the presence of God was mediated through this particular lecturer in a way that blessed our seminary community. Few Southern Baptists, of whatever theological persuasion, would have found anything even slightly objectionable in Dr. Kelsey's lectures.

We are open to and appreciative of Dr. Terry's concern. We are committed to being sensitive to all our Southern Baptist constituency as we continue to teach within the seminary doctrinal guidelines, the oldest confessional statement among Southern Baptist institutions. We welcome suggestions from any Southern Baptist that will enhance the quality of our stewardship of theological education. It is most constructive when they are made to the trustees, administration and faculty of Southern Seminary—the groups charged with the responsibility to manage the institution.

Roy L. Honeycutt
President, Southern Seminary

HMB vote is 'segregated, sexist'

The directors of the Baptist Home Mission Board recently voted to withhold financial support from any woman who felt called by God to pastor a church. In doing so, they allegedly acknowledged their responsibility to the sentiments of the Southern Baptist Convention. They did affirm mission board funds could be used to help support women who are missionaries or chaplains. Can anyone viewing this action consider the vote to have been kind or loving?

As a Southern Baptist, I would like the members of the Home Mission Board to know I do not approve of this segregated and sexist view of women. Nor do I approve of any other discrimination based on sex, race or age.

Mary M. Stewart
Pewee Valley

Search committee seeks assistance

As you know I have been requested to serve as chairman of the Search Committee of the Home Mission Board. Please remember the entire committee in your prayers. I am pleased with the initial work of the search committee.

We would be pleased to receive comments, suggestions and recommendations from you. Individuals may submit recommendations by sending them to: Troy L. Morrison, P. O. Box 11870, Montgomery, Ala. 36198.

Troy L. Morrison



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clear creek comment

"Our Fruitfulness"

Psalms 90, 91 and 92 form a trilogy expressing the relationship of God to his people. In Psalm 90 we are told that God is *our dwelling place*, in Psalm 91 we understand that he is our *protection* and in Psalm 92 we learn about our *fruitfulness*.

In Psalm 92:2 we read that our fruitfulness is rooted in the mercy and faithfulness of God. In verses 4 and 5 we are told our faithfulness is possible because it is his work. And in verses 12-14 we are taught the righteous are flourishing and fruitful (verse 14 even says 'fat') even in old age.

We must also be fruitful to serve God's people. The reason Christians burn out is because God's people hurt or disappoint them. If we look to God's dear saints for approval, reward or love, we are doomed to failure. We must love him and serve them. Because he loves them, I can love them and serve them in his name.

We must also be fruitful for the future. At Clear Creek we are in the business of preparing God's servants for the doing of God's work in the future.

The Bridge Builder

*"An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen
tide.*

*The old man crossed in the twilight
dim;*

*The sullen stream has no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other
side*

And built a bridge to span the tide.

*'Old man,' said a fellow pilgrim near,
'You are wasting strength with build-
ing here;*

*Your journey will end with the ending
day;*

*You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and
wide—*

*Why build you the bridge at the
eventide?*

*The builder lifted his old gray head:
'Good friend, in the path I have
come,' he said,*

*'There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall
be.*

*He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge
for him.'"*

Will Allen Dromgoole

christian education

Trustees hold annual meeting at SWBTS

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees heard president Russell Dilday's annual report on an "outstanding year" and elected two faculty members at their fall meeting.

In addition, trustees of the Ft. Worth, Tex. school adopted a motion by a vote of 19-11 recommending Dilday for "the obvious restraint which he has manifested over the last two years" in addressing the Southern Baptist Convention controversy.

Trustees unanimously elected Terrell M. Peace as instructor in foundations of education and Royce Alan Rose as assistant professor of administration. (BP)

Southeastern elects trustee chairman

Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary elected a chairman, made changes in the process for employing faculty members and dedicated a student center during their October board meeting.

Jesse P. Chapman, a deacon at First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., was elected chairman of the 30-member board, winning 14-13 over James R. DeLoach, a staff member of Second Baptist Church, Houston. DeLoach was elected vice chairman.

Chapman, a surgeon, said he wants to be known as a peacemaker in the present crisis in the SBC. DeLoach, identified with fundamental-conservatives in Southern Baptist life, described himself as not only "a representative of the 30 trustees but also of all Southern Baptists."

During the two-day meeting, trustees adopted a recommendation which calls for changes in the procedure used for employing faculty members. Currently, the trustee instructional committee comes into the selection process only when a potential candidate is selected for a vacant faculty post. Under the revision, the committee will become more fully involved much earlier in the process, receiving infor-

mation on the top five or six candidates for the post.

During the meeting, the new Ledford Student Center, which includes the Cannon Gymnasium, was dedicated. The new facility is named in honor of the Hubert F. Ledfords, Raleigh, N. C., and Charles A. Cannon, Concord, N. C. (BP)

Seminary to study N. Y. City Opera

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is operating a program in Metropolitan Opera productions, backstage tours, three church performances, one Broadway musical, and three days in the arts at the Metro Baptist Church in downtown New York City. It will also include study of the various operas.

The trip is open to all students, faculty, and community residents. It will include seeing six Metropolitan Opera productions, backstage tours, three church performances, one Broadway musical, and three days in the arts at the Metro Baptist Church in downtown New York City. It will also include study of the various operas.

The cost of the program will be in the area of \$350 per person, which includes round trip airfare, housing, and performance tickets. The group will stay in dorm rooms at the Metro Baptist Church.

Persons interested in making arrangements for the program or receiving further information may contact Mozelle Clark Sherman, professor of Church Music, at (502) 897-4574 or by writing SBTS Box 2011, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40280.

Midwestern offers correlated degree plan

A dozen students at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary are participating in a new degree plan to "relate their college and seminary work more effectively and more productively," seminary president Milton Ferguson announced.

The program of study, MDiv: Correlated, was initiated at the Kansas City, Mo., school this fall as a five-year pilot project. A first for any Southern

Baptist seminary, it is open to graduates of Baptist colleges who have majored in religion, maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average and been recommended for the program by their college religion department.

Midwestern academic dean Larry Baker said the goal of the program "is to provide the student the opportunity to build on what he already has and to fashion his degree in a more personal manner." He said that is accomplished by offering "a greatly reduced core of required classes and greatly increased electives, providing more options and tailoring for the student."

Like Midwestern's more traditional MDiv: Comprehensive degree, the correlated degree requires 88 hours of seminary academic credit. The difference, Baker noted, is how those 88 hours are structured.

Upon the successful completion of an eight-week foundations study, each student will earn 20 hours of academic credit. That will be followed by work with Baker to tailor their remaining seminary training to their individual interests, needs and goals. That process results in the students being able to complete the MDiv degree in two years rather than the traditional three.

Charles Martin, vice president for academic affairs at Mississippi College in Clinton, noted more than 50 percent of students entering Southern Baptist seminaries have "attended Southern Baptist colleges. 'if we're in the business, we ought to make a program to meet students' needs to make them want to come' to Baptist colleges, he said. "Just the very fact that Midwestern's program is coordinated is important. You don't want to overstructure preparation for the ministry, but there should be some general guidelines." (BP)

Congressman praises Georgetown professor

Dwight Lindsey, recently retired chairman of the Biology Department at Georgetown College, was honored during October by a former student, the Honorable Carroll Hubbard, U. S. Congressman from Kentucky's first district.

Hubbard, a 1959 graduate of the college, expressed his appreciation for the outstanding teacher/scientist in the Congressional Record.

Hubbard said, "His work and counsel with Georgetown's pre-med students has brought notable attention to the college's pre-med program and will be missed and remembered by all

of us who are close to the school."

Lindsey taught a total of 38 years at Georgetown College. The native of Madison, Ind. holds an undergraduate degree from Hanover College, a master's degree from the University of Kentucky and a doctoral degree from the University of Cincinnati.

College radio voice obtains stronger signal

Georgetown College's radio voice, WRVG-FM, located at 89.9 on the dial, has acquired equipment that can produce a signal strong enough to cover all of Central Kentucky.

The station, located in the school's art building, has been operating with an "electric light" 150-watt signal for 23 years using equipment made up of odds and ends.

Wayne Wilson, a senior from Columbus, Oh., is student manager of the station this year. He indicates the new 7,000-watt signal will touch a radius of 75 miles.

"The station will broadcast state and national news after the signal is increased. We will also encourage music requests from listeners," Wilson said.

"Georgetown College hopes to have its new tower in place this winter and the equipment ready to function by or before next fall. The final transition is awaiting approval from the Federal Communications Commission," said faculty advisor Rick Leigh. "We are expecting the o.k. to proceed in January 1987."

DJ tells students to say no to drugs

"You always have a choice and you can always say no." That was Liz Curtis' message to the students of Campbellsville College Oct. 14. Miss Curtis spoke to a crowd of about 200 as part of Campbellsville College's Drug/Alcohol Awareness Week Oct. 13-17.

"For the next few minutes I want to be your big sister," Miss Curtis told the students. Then she gave an account of her ordeal with drugs and alcohol. She said she used to begin her days with coffee or something with caffeine like soft drinks. By noon, she was drinking wine to calm down; by 2 p.m. she was taking speed to pep her up; and by dinner, she was smoking a joint; and by 10 p.m. she was taking cocaine.

Miss Curtis said she worked with a couple who had everything she wanted. They talked to her about their discovery of the Lord, and how they had once been into drugs and alcohol.

After much persuasion, the couple finally talked her into going to church and she was saved in 1982. She said her discovery of the Lord helped her overcome her need for drugs.

She told the students to make the right decisions now before they would regret it later. "The most important decision you can make is to follow the Lord. He gives you the strength to make the right decision."

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Campbellsville College "goes for the gold"

Campbellsville College will be "going for the gold" at this year's homecoming in November.

The theme for the Nov. 17-22 week-long events will be "Going For The Gold: An Olympic Tradition." Grand marshals of the 10 a.m. parade Saturday, Nov. 22 will be Special Olympics participants from Campbellsville and Taylor County school systems.

Classes to be honored at an Alumni Luncheon at Newton's Dinner House will be members of 1986, 1976, 1966,

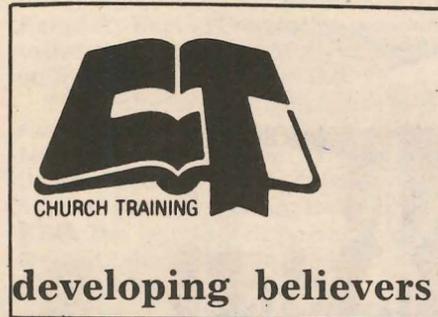
1956, 1946, 1936 and those in the Golden Heritage Club, persons who graduated or attended the College in 1935 and earlier.

Also, there will be reunions of former Lady Tigers basketball team members, who will play the current team Nov. 22 in a basketball game, and the Campbellsville College Singers.

John Ed Pearce, Courier-Journal columnist and humorist, will address the Alumni Banquet Friday, Nov. 21 in the Athletic Center. The banquet is at 7 p.m.

Week-long activities include actual

olympic games with students choosing teams and competing for gold, silver and bronze medals.



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homes for children

The lesson of the tulip bulb

Coming home from work I noticed a package had been left at our door. I picked it up and brought it into the house. I said to my wife, "Marjorie, I wonder what this is." She took one look and said, "Oh, that contains the bulbs I ordered from Holland."

It turned out some months ago Marjorie placed an order for an assortment of bulbs that were to be shipped at the appropriate time. Opening the box we found an assortment of flower bulbs, all neatly packaged and labeled with planting instructions. There were tulip bulbs in several colors, pink hyacinths, snow crocus, blue grape hyacinths and daffodils.

It was now my turn to act. I am the gardener and yard person at our house. So we began to talk about where these bulbs were to be planted. I read the instructions and learned how these bulbs were to be planted. I read how these bulbs, now in a dormant stage, already have next spring's beautiful flowers formed in the heart of the bulb.

The dormant, almost dead looking bulbs are to be planted in October or November before the ground freezes. They winter in the ground and with the change of the season they begin to peek through the ground in late winter. By early spring they provide brilliant color in the yard.

Preparing to plant the bulbs I kept thinking about the beautiful blossoms that would appear in the spring, although there was only a small bulb now. These thoughts transferred to the children we care for in Baptist Homes for Children. They come to us in a dormant stage. Often they have been neglected and improperly dealt with. They have either drawn into a shell or reacted in inappropriate ways. Therefore, their real potential is unseen. But in reality each one of them has unbelievable potential to grow and blossom into a beautiful and useful person.

For these youth to develop from dormant shells they must have love, care, nurture and guidance. As we provide the warmth and nurture that comes with Christlike compassion, these dormant flowers spring forth from within and beautiful young people are seen. Your prayer and financial support of this ministry makes you a part of this important ministry. Have a part in the Thanksgiving Offering in your church.

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Green River Baptist Church celebrated its sesquicentennial in August with guest speakers and a large dinner. The church was organized July 16, 1836 in a home near the present church site. The church has had 43 pastors, including KBC president Don Mathis.

Sixth grader triumphs in Bible drill competition

Linda I. Johns
State Correspondent

Quick—what book of the Bible comes before Haggai? Can you recite Malachi 3:10? Where are the Beatitudes found?

This is only a part of what sixth grader Anthony Owen, of Brandenburg, had to learn in preparation for competition in the state Bible drills this year.

In addition to knowing all of the books of the Bible and what precedes and follows each, Anthony had 26 verses to memorize and 10 "key passages" such as the Beatitudes to identify and recite.

What makes Anthony so unusual? Well, he had no competition at the church or associational level but still did an impressive job at the state level where he had plenty of competition. Also, the day of the first competition at the church level, he discovered that the procedures he had been practicing were not exactly correct.

He had to make adjustments on the spot. Because there were no other participants, Anthony fielded all the calls at both the church and associational drills.

While Anthony may not have had competition, he certainly had encouragement. His Church Training teacher, Vicki Mitchell, first got him started on this project. She introduced the Bible drill material in her Church Training class and then reviewed it in fun ways like a bean bag toss game that involved naming the books of the Bible.

After the church level competition, Anthony's home church, Salem Baptist, Salem Association, presented him with the Bible he used in all his practices for the associational and state competition.

Anthony's mother, Mrs. Fonda Owen, also helped him with verses over and over again at home. "I'm his favorite fan," laughed Mrs. Owen. But Anthony's own determination was the key factor in his success.

Anthony said that it took him at least three months "to learn it all." That's quite a long time for a sixth grader to stick to anything voluntarily. He explained, "Once you start, you feel like you can't do it. About a week

before the first Bible drill, I thought, 'I can't do it.' But I did it."

Even with no "friendly competition" along the way, Anthony made it to the state finals at Highview Baptist Church, Louisville. When he was the one chosen to answer the first call of the drill and he answered it correctly, he knew once again that he **could** do it. As a matter of fact, out of 26 calls for answers during the drill that night, Anthony missed only three.

Looking back, Anthony declared his favorite verse would have to be Psalm 56:3, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Another special verse was Isaiah 6:8, "... Then said I, Here am I, Lord, send me," because it reminded him of his older brother, Morgan, who served as a summer missionary.

Were there any dreaded verses? Anthony confessed, "Malachi 3:10 was the longest verse and the last one I learned. I didn't like it."

Is the youth speakers' tournament something else Anthony will tackle? "I don't know," said Anthony with a sheepish smile, "Maybe."



Teresa Gilbreath and her son Andrew play together on their farm. Gilbreath dates her interest in music back to her childhood.

Ohio County church marks 150th anniversary with joy

by Betty Anderson
State Correspondent

About a mile outside Cromwell on the way to Bowling Green the road curves and on a hill sits a church overlooking Ohio County meadows. The Green River is in the distance. A large cemetery is to one side of the sanctuary.

This is the setting for Green River Baptist Church which, in August, celebrated its sesquicentennial. Speakers for the day included Jay Brown, Evangelism Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Dr. Wendell Rone, Owensboro, a retired minister and church historian. Dinner was served to a large crowd, many of whom ate in a tent erected on the lawn just outside the fellowship hall. Hayward Casey is pastor of Green River.

The church was organized July 16, 1836, in a home near the present church site. Elders Joseph and Alfred Taylor and George Render were the first leaders. Fourteen members came from the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Names were different then and the new church was called "The Church of Jesus Christ on the Green River" and then "The United Church of Jesus Christ on the Green River." They practiced footwashing in connection with the Lord's Supper.

During its first revival, or "protracted meeting," 55 people came into the church through baptism. In the

next three years 44 were baptized. In those days members came by baptism, letter and by restoration. Members who for various reasons had been "dis-fellowshipped" but had since repented were restored into the church.

When the church had a building in 1837 it hosted the annual meeting of the Gasper River Association. The Ohio County Baptist Association was not formed until 1901. Associations at that time might include several counties. Green River was a strong supporter of the Kentucky and the Foreign Bible Societies during those early years.

The church has had 43 pastors during its history, some of whom returned for a second or third term. In his fourth year as present pastor, Casey also pastored the church in the late 50's. Current KBC president Don Mathis was the pastor 1966-68.

The day was an emotional occasion for Rone, who, 73 years before, on Aug. 17, 1913 was born just across the river at Rochester. In researching church records, Rone found elders Taylor, Joseph and Alfred, were, respectively, his great-great grandfather and great grandfather.

With 300 resident members, Green River is now having its largest attendance in church history. In summarizing, Rone quoted George W. Truett, "Hats off to the past. Coats off to the future."

Writer takes note of kids

by Charles Willis

"Music has revealed so much of who God is in my life and has given me so many points of worship as I have grown up," said Teresa Gilbreath, a writer for the June, July, August issue of "The Music Leader."

"As I think about the children I've worked with over the years, especially those who have accepted Christ through the choir, it has given me incentive," she said of her contributions to Baptist Sunday School Board church music publications.

Gilbreath, her husband, Clinton and their four-year-old son, Andrew live on a farm in the quiet community of Culleoka, Tenn. She is a volunteer children's choir coordinator at First Baptist Church, Columbia, Tenn., and is preschool director for Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Columbia. Clinton is a deacon at First Baptist.

Gilbreath talked about her work with children during the Sunday School Board report at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

A long-time writer for Southern Baptist music curriculum and leadership publications, Gilbreath described herself as "a product of one of the first attempts at graded children's choirs in the Southern Baptist Convention." Her love of music goes back to early childhood, she said.

"I can remember getting a spanking for staying after church without permission to hear the organ being played," she laughed.

Today, her son is using materials in his preschool choir that she wrote while he was an infant.

Being a composer of published preschool music, as well as a writer of teaching materials and inspirational

articles, has given Gilbreath somewhat a celebrity status among children she teaches at church.

"You mean these composers aren't all dead?" the children asked in amazement upon seeing her name in print.

While Gilbreath characterizes her writing and composing as fun and challenging, her personal goal is to provide a means for children "to dream—to reach out and open some doors that they might not have thought were possible."

"I think in terms of children rather than leadership," she said. While she receives calls and letters seeking advice on teaching techniques, the most meaningful contacts with readers includes references to young singers.

"I recently got a letter with a photograph of a group of children using a learning activity I had written," she said. "I got kind of a lump in my throat just looking at those children and knowing that even if I don't know their names, the father could use something I dreamed up in my head to touch those tiny lives."

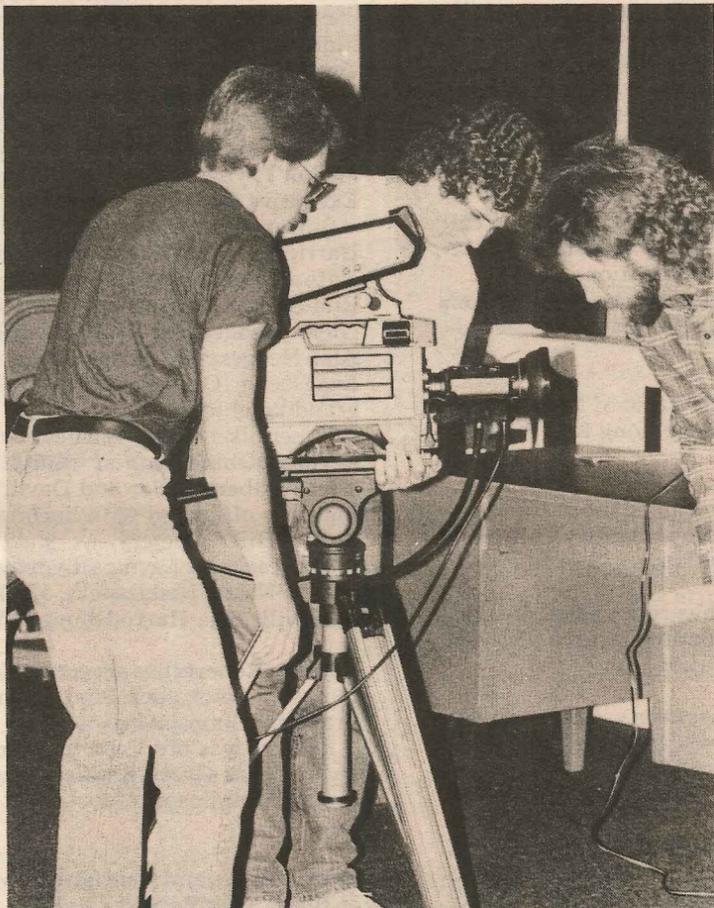
While Gilbreath acknowledged that not all children who participate in church choirs will become adults who are musically talented, her personal philosophy is that "hopefully they will sing a hymn or hum a tune" because of their early exposure to Christian values through music.

Gilbreath dismissed any references to her seemingly endless creative talents or her tireless work to provide children, in person and through Southern Baptist literature, with a love for music.

"I do it for the sake of the children," she said, "and for the father." (BP)

ON THE AIR

Campbellsville College Begins Broadcasting



CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE'S Telecommunications Center is operating four television cameras and is going on location to film for the Campbellsville and Taylor County High Schools. Three of the work-study students involved in production include, from left: Mark Hale, a senior from Defiance, Ohio; Jerry Daugherty, a freshman from Campbellsville, and Corky Mohedano, a senior from Owensboro.



JERRY DAUGHERTY, left, a work-study student in the TV center, and Virginia Flanagan, director of telecommunications, discuss a shot at the studio.

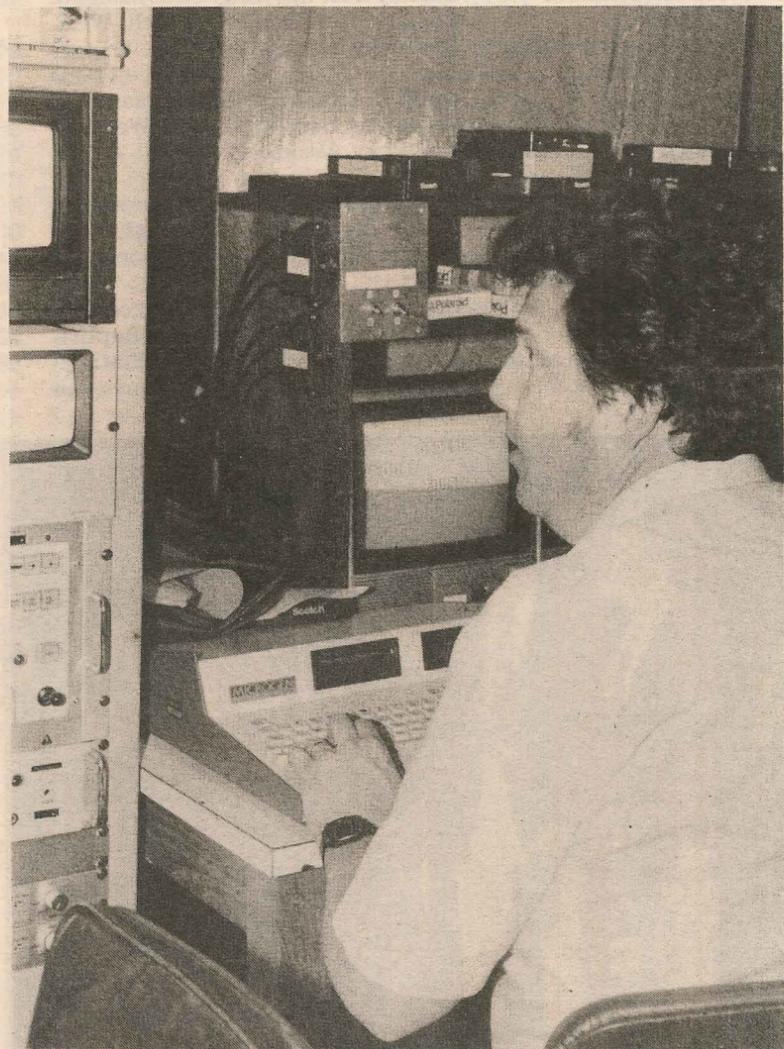
We're on the air!

Campbellsville College is now broadcasting three and one-half hours Monday-Friday on Campbellsville Cable Channel 21.

Original programming consists of shows such as "Moving With The '60's," an exercise show for the elderly; "What's Cookin', Neighbor?," a cooking show with community and campus cooks; "Living Today," an interview show concerned with various general interest topics, and Campbellsville and Taylor County High School shows.

The Campbellsville College Telecommunications Center has a philosophy of broadcasting for educational and entertainment needs of both the College and the Campbellsville community.

We're looking good!



DAVID SHAFFER, a work-study student from Chardon, Ohio, works the character generator to air the campus and community calendars which are run daily. Shaffer is a senior at Campbellsville College.

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Eddie Hager

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Jeanette Hazel has been called as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, Nelson Association.

Irving Gipson resigned the pastorate of Calloway Baptist Church, Bell Association.

John Gibbons, has resigned his position of pastor of Blackmont Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Jeff Brown has accepted the call to pastor Fonde Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Don Bruce has been called as minister of education at Richmond First Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Walter Robinson has accepted the pastorate of Galilee Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Gene Smith has been called as pastor of Pilot Knob Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Damon Jones resigned as pastor at Valley View Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Earl Horn is interim pastor of Gilberts Creek Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Richard Easterling has accepted the call to pastor Kirksville Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Paul Pierson resigned as pastor of Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Wayne Henson resigned the pastorate of Clear Creek Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Jim York has resigned as pastor of Freedom Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Clyde Coffey has accepted the call to pastor Livingston Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Wayne Harding has resigned the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

James Hill resigned as pastor of Coxton Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Mathias Williams resigned as pastor of Huff Settlement Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Marty Brooks, who has been interim pastor at Lynn Camp Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association, has been called as pastor.

Bennett Hall has been called as interim pastor at Northside Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

James Crum has accepted the pastorate at New Hope Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Paul Brewer is pastor of Mill Street Baptist Church, a mission of London First Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Clyde Eversol is interim pastor of Hazel Patch Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Dallas Huston resigned as pastor of Slate Lick Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Claude Maggard resigned as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Tommy Rose has resigned as pastor of Poplar Grove Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Joe Thorn has been called as pastor of Columbus Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

John Apple has been interim music and youth director at Springfield Baptist Church, Central Association.

Bob Rush of Silas, Al. has accepted the call to pastor Lancaster Baptist Church, South District Association.
W. B. Casey has been interim pastor of the church.

Burton Callico will be honored with an open house held by members of Russell Cave Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, Nov. 9

The open house will honor Callico's 50 years in the ministry. All workers and co-workers are invited to attend. The hours will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the church



Hedgespeth



Williams



Sledd

Mrs. Mary Hayden, a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, was honored for 30 years of perfect attendance at Sunday school. She has been a Sunday school teacher at the church for many years.
William S. Roberts is the pastor.

Eugene Powell has accepted the call to pastor Oscar Baptist Church, Oscar, West Union Association.

He was ordained Oct. 12 at Altona Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Rolfe Dorsey is editor of The Colloquy, newsletter of the Long Run Association.

Gerald Britt resigned the pastorate of New Middle Fork Baptist Church, Allen Association.

Otis Skaggs has resigned as pastor of Brush Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Will Barker has been called as minister of music and youth by Apollo Heights Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Nancy Ann Sledd, Paducah, Ky., has been named manager of the Macon, Ga. Baptist Book Store, the newest store in the 63-store chain.

She is a graduate of Hillcrest High School, Jos, Nigeria. She earned the B.S. degree at Murray State University, Murray, Ky., and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Daniel J. Martin has resigned as pastor of Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He goes to serve as pastor of a congregation in Nashville, Tenn.

George DeRousse has accepted the call to pastor New Palestine Baptist Church, Christian County Association.

Chris Egbert is minister of education and youth at Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.
Ralph Thomas is pastor of the church.

Henry Coleman Hedgespeth, 68, of Harrodsburg, Ky. died Oct. 18 in Danville.

Hedgespeth attended public school in Campbellsville and in 1939 graduated from Campbellsville Junior College. His B.A. was from Western Kentucky University. He attended Southern Seminary in Louisville and graduated with the B.D. and Th.M. degrees.

He was an active pastor until July

1980. His pastorates included Bradfordsville, Willisburg, Tatum Springs, Mackville, Gethsemane (Danville), and Pioneer (Harrodsburg), all in central Kentucky. He also pastored at Morgantown and Crabtree in Owensboro.

Hedgespeth also worked in several capacities in the associations. He was chairman of evangelism for 25 years and for 12 years was on the Kentucky Executive Board.

Survivors include: his mother, Harriett Bennett Richardson; his wife, Natha Colvin Hedgespeth; a daughter, Rita Smith, Harrodsburg; two sons, Glenn Hedgespeth, Harrodsburg and Alan Hedgespeth, Henderson; a sister, Eva Deener, Campbellsville; and four granddaughters.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20 at Harrodsburg Baptist Church. Bob White, Albert Gisler and David Simpson officiated with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Natha Hedgespeth, 1759 Mackville Rd., Harrodsburg, KY.

Winston Roberts has accepted the call to pastor Black Jack Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association.

Roberts was ordained to the ministry at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association, Oct. 19.

Mossie Mayes and **Henrietta Randolph** of Black Jack Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association, were honored with certificates of appreciation for 30 years as Sunday school teachers.

Ron Williams has been called to pastor Lewisport Baptist Church, Blackford Association.

ordinations

Hazel Elliott and **Lewis Atwell** were ordained as deacons at Cayce Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, Sept. 28.

Dylos "Sam" Burden and **Dennis Jones** were ordained as deacons at Fern Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Oct. 19.
Mark Hopper is pastor.

Harold Cole was licensed to the ministry at Blue Lick Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

James Ashcraft was licensed to the ministry at Beattyville Baptist Church, Red River Association. He is interim pastor at Brush Creek Mission.

Fred Cummins was ordained to the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association.



First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Mt. Zion Association, honored Harold and Donna Mauney on their fifth anniversary with the congregation. At the close of the morning service Sept. 21, deacon chairman Jerry Hodges presented them with an all-expense paid Caribbean cruise. They were given a reception and a framed copy of the bulletin from their first Sunday in Williamsburg. Pictured (l-r) are Harold Mauney, Jerry Hodges and Donna Mauney.

Ricky Vaughn was ordained to the ministry at Thixton Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He is youth leader at Howard's Mill Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Clarence B. Walker and **Bob A. Osborne** were ordained as deacons at David's Fork Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, Sept. 28.

David R. Moss was ordained to the ministry at David's Fork Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, Aug. 24.

Moss is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, and a part time youth minister at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Wayne Armstrong, Tim Hargrove and **Herman Potter** were ordained as deacons at First Baptist Church, Middletown, Long Run Association, Oct. 5.

Charles White is pastor.

Randall Jesse and **Donald Goff** were ordained as deacons at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Dallas Vincent is pastor of the church.

Richard Buckler was ordained as a deacon Sept. 21 at Lebanon Baptist Church, Central Association.

congregations

Second Baptist Church, Christian County Association, reported 35 additions in their revival. Don Short was the evangelist, and Steve Shirk was the music evangelist.

Dry Run Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 185th anniversary Oct. 12 with a homecoming service.

The service was at the end of a week of revival with Buddy Day as evangelist.

The homecoming speakers were Harold Poe from Elkhorn Association, and C. Benton Williams of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. There were 115 persons in attendance.

Roger Barkley is the pastor.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, celebrated its homecoming Sept. 14.

North Fork Baptist Church, Franklin Association, celebrated its 186th

anniversary Oct. 12 with a homecoming service and a dinner on the grounds.

Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will celebrate its 80th anniversary with worship and fellowship Nov. 7-9.

Theme will be "Your Family Waits at Deer Park." Members, friends and former members are invited.

associations

Freedom Association has sent the Kentucky Baptist Convention a \$500 check to help build a church in Kenya.

Louis Shepherd, director of missions for the association, said the executive board of the association sends a challenge to the other 78 associations in Kentucky "to make a matching gift for building churches in Kenya."

The **Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Dinner** will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church. Departure by bus from Severns Valley Baptist Church will be at 4:30 p.m.

Cost of the meal is \$6. Tickets will be available during the convention meeting. Theme is "Apples of Gold."

Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Jane Waggoner, 949 N. Woodland Dr., Radcliff, KY 40160

missions

Dr. and Mrs. David L. Graham, missionaries to Dominica in the Caribbean, have been in the states on furlough beginning July 1986. Their furlough address is 3700 Nanz Ave., Louisville, KY 40207.

Dr. Graham was appointed a dentist and Mrs. Graham was appointed a church and home worker in 1981. They will return to the field in July 1987.

Mr. and Mrs. Takahiro Oue, missionaries to Japan, report a change of address (15-19-2 Tokiwadai, Itabashiku, Tokyo 174, Japan).

He was born in Kochi, Japan, and lived in several Kentucky towns while a high school student. The former Lana O'Banion of Kentucky, she was born in Larue County and grew up there and in nearby Meade County. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell D. Cruse were reappointed by the Foreign Mission Board in its October meeting. They will live in North Brazil where he will start and develop churches.

Cruse has been pastor of Gano Ave. Baptist Church, Georgetown, Elkhorn Association since 1974. He was born in Sonora.

The former Elizabeth Brame, Mrs. Cruse was born in Madisonville, Ky. They have two daughters.

David and Carol Hill were appointed missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14. They will work in equatorial Brazil teaching music in a seminary and working with various outreach ministries.

Hill was born in Arlington, Va. and

received the MCM degree from Southern Seminary.

The former Carol Wilson, Mrs. Hill was born in Lynchburg, Va., and received the MCM degree from Southern Seminary.

Stephen and Claudia Hall were appointed missionaries to South Brazil by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14.

Hall was born in Harriman, Tenn. and received the MCM degree from Southern Seminary.

The former Claudia Estes, Mrs. Hall was born in Dickson, Tenn. and attended the University of Northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee State University.

The Halls have two children.

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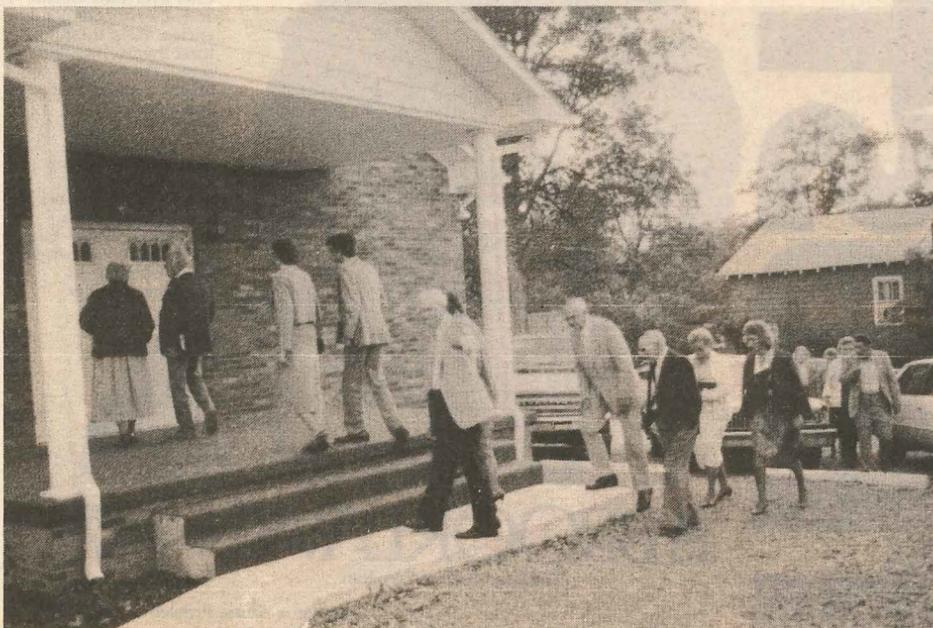
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87149	Jan. 21-Feb. 7	Kitui	2-4 Men	Construction
87116	Jan. 25-Feb. 11	Kericho	1 team of 10	Proclamation
87120	Feb. 1-18	Nakuru	1 team of 6-12	Proclamation
87113	Feb. 8-25	Kitale	1 team of 8	Proclamation
87119	Feb. 15-March 4	Meru	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87157	Feb. 15-March 4	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87141	Feb. 25-March 4	Mombasa	1 team of 8-12	Music Evangelism Team
87126	Feb. 22-March 11	Kakamega	1 team of 4 Men	Construction
87145	March 1-18	Kilifi	1 team of 2-4	Training for WIN School
87146	March 1-18	Malindi	1 team of 2-4	Training for WIN School
87132	March 4-21	Kwale	1 team of 2-4	Training for WIN School
87109	March 8-25	Kitale	1 team of 4 Men	Proclamation
87110	March 8-25	Kakamega	1 team of 6	Proclamation
87118	March 15-April 1	Meru	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87158	March 15-April 1	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87124	April 12-29	Nyeri	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87142	June 7-24	Mombasa	12 teams of 2-4	Proclamation
87159	June 14-July 1	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87130	July 1-18	Malindi/Kilifi	1 team of 12	Crusade Team
87143	July 5-22	Mombasa	12 teams of 2-4	Proclamation
87164	July 12-29	Kwale	1 team of 8	Crusade Team
87103	Aug. 9-26	Malindi	6 teams of 2	Revivalists
87165	Aug. 9-26	Kwale	1 team of 8	Crusade Team
87166	Aug. 9-26	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87134	Aug. 23-Sept. 9	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87135	Sept. 6-23	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87169	Sept. 9-26	Mombasa	6 teams of 2	Church Starters
87162	Sept. 13-30	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87101	Sept. 20-Oct. 7	Malindi	6 teams of 2	Revivalists
87136	Sept. 27-Oct. 14	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87144	Sept. 27-Oct. 14	Mombasa	12 teams of 2-4	Proclamation
87170	Sept. 30-Oct. 17	Mombasa	6 teams of 2	Church Starters
87100	Oct. 4-21	Malindi	6 teams of 2	Revivalists
87163	Oct. 11-28	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87137	Oct. 11-28	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87131	Oct. 18-Nov. 4	Malindi	1 team of 12	Revivalists
87138	Nov. 1-18	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87167	Nov. 8-28	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation

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Messengers enter the sanctuary of Second Baptist Church, Clinton, to celebrate the merger of Fulton County and West Kentucky Association.

baptist news in brief

SBC executives react to tax revision law

On the day President Reagan signed into law the most dramatic revision of the federal tax code in over 40 years, Southern Baptist agency executives reacted to provisions in the legislation that will affect churches, church-related institutions and their employees.

"Of great importance is the continuation of the tax exemption for church pension boards," said Darold H. Morgan, president of the Baptist Annuity Board. "The original House version of the tax bill would have stripped that exemption and been a major problem to the retirement programs of ministers and other church and agency employees."

The tax law, as signed by the president Oct. 22, retains the tax-exempt status of church pension and welfare groups, including the Annuity Board. Had the legislation included the House's provision to strip that exemption, Congress in effect would have

exposed the part of the church's ministry that provides pension and welfare benefits to taxation.

"The Baptist Joint Committee's major interest in tax reform was avoiding the direct taxation of the church pension boards," said James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. "If the House version of the legislation had passed, for the first time in history the federal government would have been directly taxing churches."

The law, which takes effect Jan. 1, 1987, also will restore ministers' eligibility to declare mortgage interest and property tax deductions in addition to their tax-exempt housing allowances. Ministers who have been ineligible to claim those deductions since 1983 may file, under the new law, amended returns—Form 1040X—seeking refund of taxes owed. The statute of limitations, however, requires amended returns for 1983 to be filed no later than April 15, 1987.

The new law, known as the Tax Reform Act of 1986, will end the

eligibility of non-itemizing taxpayers to claim deductions for charity contributions. That benefit will end Dec. 31, 1986.

Morgan added: "Our work was made easier and reinforced by the excellent services of James Dunn and Oliver Thomas of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The reputation of this agency is solid on Capitol Hill for providing dependable and timely information to lawmakers." (BP)

Foreign board fills black relations post

A Suffolk, Va. pastor has been named manager of the black church relations section of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Victor L. Davis, 34, pastor of East End Baptist Church, Suffolk, since 1980, started work Oct. 22. Davis is to promote foreign missions in churches, recruit black Southern Baptists for foreign mission service, serve as a liaison between the FMB and black Baptist conventions in the United States and communicate with pastors and lay people of the 900 black Southern Baptist churches.

Davis wants to see more blacks in the missionary force, both short term and long term. He wants more blacks to get "hands-on experience so they can come back and share among their own community about the experience," he said.

Another of Davis' goals is to improve relationships between black Baptists and white Southern Baptists in light of racial problems of the past. "There are many who are somewhat leery of white or predominantly white organizations, especially if they have had a history that has not always been favorable to blacks." (BP)

Students respond to Parks' challenge

Dozens of students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary walked the aisles of Alumni Chapel making commitments to service in response to a challenge by Keith Parks, president of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, to be kingdom builders instead of empire builders.

Parks' message concluded World Mission Week, a major emphasis on world missions at Southern Seminary, Louisville. During the week-long effort, more than 70 classes were closed and turned over to mission representatives to discuss world mission needs and opportunities.

The purpose of the emphasis—which included forums, lectures and chapel services—was to "capture a fresh vision of the world and to dream again in this critical juncture in Baptist life," said Richard Cunningham, professor of philosophy and coordinator of World Mission Week. (BP)

Missionaries retain zeal for service

Most of them grew old on the mission field.

But while the 67 retiring missionaries no longer can dream the dreams of youth, the vision of sharing the gospel still burns brightly in their lives.

The group, with a combined 1962 years of overseas service, was honored Oct. 13 at the annual Baptist Foreign Mission Board recognition service. And the talk was of memories, thankfulness and the future.

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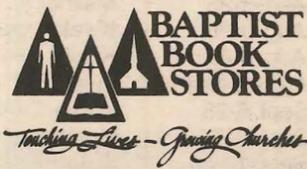
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longer," and "if I had another life to give, I would give it in the same way and in the same place," were mixed with challenges to those in the audience for someone to "come take my place—there is still so much to be done."

Board president R. Keith Parks, noting the long tenures, said, "As you have walked these years with God, you have absorbed qualities of grace from him that are clearly evident to us who observe your lives."

The Cooperative Program, the plan through which Baptists voluntarily support a wide range of convention programs, was cited numerous times for allowing missionaries the freedom to minister without worrying over financial burdens.

"Over and over we saw Cooperative Program dollars converted into miracles on the mission field," related Harold Hurst, who worked for 27 years in Honduras, Panama and Mexico with his wife, Alice. (BP)

Community church in California votes SBC

The independent United Community Church of Glendale, Calif., has voted unanimously to affiliate with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The \$7 million church facility, which sits on property larger than a city block, is comprised of a 2,200-seat amphitheater, chapel, garden fellowship building, educational and office facilities and a full gymnasium.

With 800 members, the church automatically became one of the larger churches in the California convention. According to the convention's 1985 annual, average church membership in the convention is 292.

The "transdenominational" church made the decision in order to "maximize its efficiency for Christ" and become an integral part of the "great commission," said pastor John Myrick.

"We didn't want to be an island unto ourselves," Myrick said. "We felt we could accomplish more for Christ in cooperation with other churches." The church also needed the resources of a mainline denomination to help with training and involvement of teachers and members, he added.

"Since they are of 'like faith and order,' I am pleased to welcome them into the convention," said C. B. Hogue, state convention executive director. Hogue said he discovered the only differences between the church and most others in the state convention were its name and independence. The doctrines, polity, constitution and bylaws are typical of Southern Baptist churches, he added.

Two other people instrumental in helping the church decide to affiliate with the convention were Jess Moody,

pastor, and Jim Rives, executive associate pastor, of First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, Calif. Myrick described Moody as "probably the number one factor outside the church," in persuading the church to consider convention affiliation. Myrick is a former staff member of the Van Nuys church.

Church rejects EPA funds for cleanup

Tower Grove Christian School in St. Louis declined an offer of \$250,774 from the Environmental Protection Agency to be used for asbestos cleanup funds. The school is operated by Tower Grove Baptist Church. The EPA offer, made under the Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Act of 1984, included a \$54,668 grant and a \$196,105 loan.

Tower Grove's educational and worship facilities were evacuated earlier this year due to an asbestos hazard caused by rain damage. The asbestos was removed in July, and the congregation faced a bill of \$1.8 million for its removal and for repair work on the building.

Stipulations of accepting the funding were sent to the church. The church then sought advice on experts on the separation of church and state. Copies of the "inclusions" were sent to the Christian Law Association of Cincinnati, Tower Grove's attorney, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and Hugh Wamble, a professor of church history at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

All church-state experts who responded to the St. Louis congregation were in agreement it should not accept aid from a government agency. "On the basis of their verbal and written recommendations, we decided it would be in the best interest of the school to reject the offer," Taylor explained. (BP)

KSU dedicates center for Baptist students

Students and faculty members of Kentucky State University gathered with Kentucky Baptist Convention personnel to dedicate a new Baptist student center on the Frankfort campus Oct. 26.

The center, a five-room house that sits adjacent to the campus on East Main Street, was recently restored by the joint effort of students, the Brotherhood of Franklin Association and the KBC. The facility will provide a place for KSU students to worship, meet for Bible studies, hold fellowships and coordinated outreach ministries to their peers.

"When I see the new Baptist Student Center on the Kentucky State University campus, I don't see a building or an organization. I see the lives of students who will be changed," C. Benton Williams, director of Missions and Church Services Division, KBC, commented during the dedication service.

Williams challenged the students, "When you begin to be involved in

missions and pray, not only does your life grow but you touch the lives of others," he asserted. "Learn how to share Christ, learn how to love and how to give. When you have learned that, you have learned how to live."

Baptist Student Union president Jimmy Elliot exhorted his peers to become involved in the work of BSU. "As students, we have heard people say, 'I can make a difference in the world just because I try,'" he began. "You, too, can make a difference in the lives of others because you try."

William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, KBC, was on hand to point to the significance of this event for Kentucky Baptists. "I can sum up what this center means to Kentucky Baptists and for Kentucky State University in one word: commitment."

"Somewhere back in the past some people recognized that students in our colleges, both state and denomination, need attention. They need a spiritual support group and a center for outreach ministries to their peers and to the community...That is the task of BSU groups," Marshall concluded.



New Hope Baptist Church, Winchester, recently received a \$10,000 check when Bill Jagers, associate director, Direct Missions Department, KBC, presented the gift. Contributed by sister churches through Cooperative Program and state mission offerings, the money will help the church purchase property and a building.

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Seminary 'off the list,' Honeycutt tells faculty

By James H. Cox
Associate Editor

Calling an overture to peace made by six Southern Baptist seminary presidents "a high risk," one of their number has told his faculty, "If it's right, we come out ahead. If not, I bear the brunt of it, not you."

Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, claimed the six seminaries had demonstrated "good faith" in a document attempting to bring harmony in the denomination's current struggle over biblical inerrancy. The commitments were offered during a peace retreat Oct. 20-22 at Glorieta, N. M. and were printed in Western Recorder's Oct. 28 issue, page 3. The retreat was attended by the convention's peace committee, agency and seminary heads.

Addressing the seminary's faculty and administration in a called meeting Oct. 28 to interpret that material, Honeycutt said he did not "know of a time" when the six seminary presidents have "stood together more."

Before the Glorieta meeting, Hon-

eycutt allowed, Southern, Midwestern and Southeastern seminaries and the Foreign Mission Board were on a continuing controversial "list" prepared by fundamental-conservatives. "Now, after Glorieta, no one is on anyone's list," he declared.

In answer to a question by a faculty member about "how much time this document has bought," Honeycutt said his "hunch" is that most people would like to "lay this issue to rest." Given a "reasonable" proposal at St. Louis (site of the 1987 SBC annual session), Southern Baptists might be willing to "lay it to rest."

He acknowledged that "of course, some won't ever be satisfied." But he thinks it is "possible" to satisfy the majority.

While not predicting what would happen at the 1987 annual session, Honeycutt declared he thinks St. Louis will be the "liveliest convention since Denver" (when messengers in 1970 asked the Baptist Sunday School Board to rewrite the Genesis portion of the Broadman Bible Commentary).

Honeycutt attempted to allay the fears of his faculty by stating again

what he has said previously: "Inerrancy is not for me a way to interpret our high view of scripture."

Twice he said essentially the same thing: "I'm committed to this faculty and nobody is going to be fired so long as he adheres to the Abstract of Principles" (a confessional statement of beliefs signed by each new faculty member). "That's simply not up for consideration," Honeycutt affirmed.

He acknowledged that "we are on the short side" of the approximately 55-45 vote percentage split (fundamentalist-conservatives and moderate-conservatives) at recent annual meetings of the SBC. He said his feeling was that any move that will be made "has to be made by the 45 percent."

Honeycutt offered to the Southern Seminary faculty and administration six comments about the overture to peace made by the seminary presidents:

1. It is a proposal "made in good faith." We simply "can't go any farther than this," he said. "We can't do any better later."

2. It is a "proactive" statement,

"not in response to any particular individual."

3. It represents the "diversity and differences" in the SBC.

4. No one is calling on anyone to "abandon" his or her convictions.

5. It "presupposes enlarging the circle" to include "all" Southern Baptists.

6. The commitments which are referred to in the document are "almost already implemented."

Honeycutt concluded the 70-minute session noting that those in opposition to a moderate, or more balanced view, "will always be out there."

"My hope is that they will be in the minority," he said. "There is no change on my part as to what this institution is and what it ought to be."

Certainly I have not abandoned my longstanding and widely known convictions about the theological and political dimensions of the controversy within the Southern Baptist Convention," he added. "As a Southern Baptist, however, I reach out to every person in our denominational fellowship with the hope that authentic reconciliation can occur."

Sherman resigns panel; can't share 'euphoria'

Saying he cannot be part of the current process, Cecil Sherman has resigned from the Southern Baptist peace committee.

Sherman made his surprise resignation at the end of the three-day retreat during which presidents of the SBC seminaries issued a seven-point commitment statement.

Sherman said he "absented" himself when the peace committee voted 19-0 to "affirm the seminary presidents" and to "express our appreciation to them for their effort at reconciliation."

Sherman stated, "The peace committee has begun to 'make progress.' Most of my friends in the peace committee are elated at the 'progress' we have made in the Glorieta meeting. I do not share their euphoria."

"The statement made by the seminary presidents a course for theological education in the SBC for years to come. What fundamentalists have wanted the peace committee has helped them get."

"Now the majority of the peace committee is of the opinion the way to make peace is to help fundamentalists toward their ends."

"I cannot be a part of the process."

Sherman declared the seminaries have "taken a long step toward their critics." He said, "What they have done will satisfy for a season but fundamentalists will ask for more concessions from our educators. In the end serious theological education will wither."

In his resignation statement, Sherman noted "some of us have offered the peace committee several ways to reduce tension."

Among them have been suggestions to "restructure the Pastors' Conference, making it representative of all Southern Baptist pastors. In exchange the Forum would be abandoned."

Another offer for peace called for a "division of both theological educa-



Southern Baptist Convention peace committee members, agency executives and seminary presidents opened the prayer retreat at Glorieta, Baptist Conference Center Oct. 20-21 by holding hands and asking God's assistance in bringing peace and reconciliation to the troubled SBC.

tion and Sunday School Board literature, with one track for moderates and another for fundamentalists."

Also suggested was "some serious, measurable way to make appointments in Southern Baptist life. Both sides would be represented to the strength of their vote in the last presidential election."

Finally, "Design a better way to register and vote at the SBC so the hint of irregularities can be reduced."

"To date none of these proposals has much life in the committee," Sherman declared.

Sherman said, "A few months from now I see a peace committee report coming that I cannot sign and hold in

good conscience. At that point I could be part of a minority report should others hold my views. It seems to me it would be ironic to divide the St. Louis convention over the report of the peace committee. Resignation seems the better course."

Peace committee chairman Charles Fuller told Baptist Press: "We regret Cecil's departure from the committee. He has been a vital part of our work from the beginning. He is a man of consistency and principle. He has kept before the committee an outspoken and earnest viewpoint to which he is deeply committed. I respect his integrity as a valuable part of our Southern Baptist family." (BP)

Rogers lauds presidents after Glorieta statement

Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian Rogers has called a plan by the SBC seminaries to work toward reconciliation "a courageous action." (See Western Recorder, Oct. 28, p.3.) Rogers made the statement to Baptist Press following the three-day prayer retreat at Glorieta, N. M.

Rogers also is a member of the SBC peace committee which met with the seminary presidents and agency heads.

In his written statement Rogers made seven suggestions for Southern Baptists as they seek peace and reconciliation.

"The road to peace is a two-way road. None of us need forsake convictions but I want to suggest some things that we all ought to do together," he said.

"First, we can intensify our prayer effort as we see how much is at stake."

"Second, we can renew our commitment to Bold Mission Thrust."

"Third, we can prayerfully, intelligently and enthusiastically come alongside our agency heads and seminary presidents to help them be all they can be for Christ and his kingdom."

"Fourth, we can increase significantly our Cooperative Program giving to show love and good faith in this movement toward solid biblical faith and world evangelism."

"Fifth, we can pray and work for fairness in all appointments so that we have the best Baptists cooperatively and theologically represent us."

"Sixth, we still have a way to go, so it will behoove all of us to guard our rhetoric and cease divisive actions."

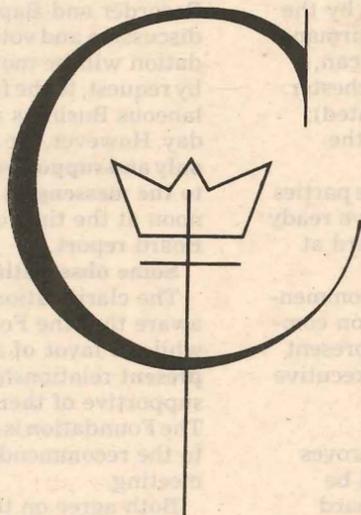
Seventh, please pray for me that I can have the touch of God upon my life to be all Southern Baptists would have me to be." (BP)

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After nearly 400 of our boys and girls and staff had boarded 10 of our buses to return to Oneida, her absence was discovered. Her older sister began to cry, and all of us were concerned. The principal, Oliver Hawkins, and I began to walk the several blocks back to the stadium. But, wonderfully, we saw our girl confidently limping toward us, her hand in the big hand of a policeman. We were so relieved and thankful.

Coming within sight of her bus, one of our girls darted from the bus. Not much bigger than the one lost, she grabbed the limping one in her arms and carried her back to the bus. I was amazed she had the strength to carry her. Then the words flashed into my mind: "She ain't heavy. She's my sister."

Yes, the larger part of our Oneida family was present for UK's opener. A week before had someone told us we would all be there we would have thought they had taken leave of their good sense. But a friend of ours, who also loves UK and football as well as Oneida's kids, decided our boys and girls should see a university football game. He made it financially possible.

Naturally, we were grateful for such an opportunity. Many of our staff volunteered their Saturday to drive the buses and to chaperone and away we went. When you think about it, a rather large undertaking, logistically, and a great responsibility.

But everything was well organized, a careful list of each bus' occupants, bus numbers noted (in case of accident which possibility we must ever be mindful of), and a master list left with the dean of students in case of emergency.

Our hardworking and efficient kitchen staff had worked since early morning preparing hundreds of sandwiches and other food, and were ahead of most of the buses stopping at a roadside park near Richmond. There we had a wonderful picnic.

Then on to Lexington to see a fine game played on a beautiful late summer afternoon. Many of our group will probably never again see a university football game, but they will have a memory to treasure a lifetime. Our crowd was fed again on the way home arriving 12 hours after departure, tired and happy. Our little girl missing for a few moments was the only unsettling experience of the day.

Our choir sang at the annual meeting of our own Booneville Association. It was their first public appearance this academic year, and all Oneidians present were so proud of them. They sang again Labor Day. We celebrate this national holiday each year by going about our daily routine of classroom work and other duties. We had two special events noting the day. We had a surprise showing of Walt Disney's beautiful "Light in the Forest" in the morning. When school was out at 3:10 p.m., students and staff went to put on their Sunday best and assembled in the chapel at 4:30 p.m.

This Labor Day was very fittingly the 85th birthday of our oldest staff member and gardener, David Cooper. Several score of his family joined our students, staff and other Oneida friends in an hour of worship and inspiration.

Many came forward after the service to offer congratulations. Perhaps most touching was the handmade card given by one of our smaller boys, Scott, in which he had drawn flowers and placed in the petals nickels and dimes from his allowance.

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Life and Work Series My Brother's Keeper

Genesis 4:3-12, 15 When Cain was born his mother, Eve, gave the credit for her joy to the proper person in the words: "I have gotten a man from the Lord." He was named "Cain" signifying an "acquisition." To her second son was given the name of "Abel," which signifies "vapor" or "not lasting," which was prophetic of the brevity of his life. These brothers were quite different in personalities and occupations—one became a tiller of the soil and the other a shepherd.

Cain brought to God an offering from "the fruit of the ground," and Abel brought one from "the firstlings of his flock." Cain's offering was bloodless and Abel's was one of blood and life.

When God rejected Cain's offering and accepted Abel's, Cain was highly displeased and offended. His attitude was unseemly in character, unjustifiable in its cause and wrathful in its manifestation.

Cain killed Abel.

God's judgment upon Cain for his sin, which was unconfessed and unforgiven, thrust him from his home and made him a vagabond. Instead of receiving forgiveness, Cain complained his punishment was more than he could bear.

Board members was named by president Don Mathis and elected by the Board: John Kruschwitz, chairman, Robert DeFoor, Michael Duncan, Peggy Hicks, and M. A. Winchester.

Their assignment (abbreviated):
1. review for clarification the existing relationship
2. meet with all appropriate parties
3. complete review and have ready a recommendation to the Board at their May 1986 meeting.

Unable to have ready a recommendation in May, the clarification committee was extended and will present its recommendation to the Executive Board Monday, Nov. 10 in Elizabethtown.

If the Executive Board approves their recommendation, it will be presented as an Executive Board recommendation to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Lest the matter be confused with the report of the Convention's **Special Committee** (which report does not

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II Kings 24:18-20 When the forces of Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem a second time, Jehoiachin recognized the futility of resistance. Wisdom prompted him to meet the king of Babylon, voluntarily surrender to him and humbly appeal for mercy. For years God had been warning his people if they did not cease worshipping idols and refusing to obey him, he intended to permit their enemies to take them captive. God allowed Jehoiachin, the members of the royal household, the elite of the nation, including the skilled craftsmen and soldiers to be taken into captivity.

When Zedekiah was 21 years of age, Nebuchadnezzar made him king of Judah. Swayed by his advisors, after a reign of 11 years as a puppet king, Zedekiah dared to attempt to break the yoke of the Babylonians.

II Kings 25:1-9 Incensed by the treacherous revolt of Zedekiah, Nebuchadnezzar promptly directed a campaign to bring that sort of thing to an end. He quickly amassed his forces, cut off all means of communication with the outside world, and prevented any additional supplies from reaching those who were within the city walls. Within a year and a half a terrible famine reached such proportions and the suffering became so intense the conditions were indescribable.

When Zedekiah fully realized the hopelessness of his venture, he and a number of his loyal men tried to escape, but that attempt failed. He was captured and brought to the king of Babylon. The last thing he witnessed, immediately preceding their destruction of his sight, was the slaying of his own sons. After binding his hands and feet with fetters of brass, they took him to Babylon and there he died.

King Nebuchadnezzar commanded the captain of his bodyguard, Nebuzaradan, to destroy Jerusalem. After he had torn down the walls and laid waste to the city he marched the people into captivity in Babylon, with the exception of a few of the most incompetent. The ones left were required to cultivate the crops and care for the vineyards.



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1986 Final Reflections: Recommended Change

The Kentucky Baptist Foundation was chartered as an agency of the KBC in June 1945.

In 1959, the KBC took action to make the **Foundation also a department of the Executive Board.**

The ambiguity in such a relationship has presented problems through these years for **both** the Executive Board and the executive secretary of the KBC. Neither entity, Foundation or Executive Board, feels the **present relationship** is adequate for the future.

Upon the retirement of Grady Randolph, the previous executive secretary of the Foundation (also director of the Executive Board's Foundation Department), I asked that a clarification committee be named at the 1985 December Board Meeting.

A committee of five Executive

include the two agencies: Western Recorder and Baptist Foundation), a discussion and vote on this recommendation will be moved from Monday, by request, to the first item of Miscellaneous Business at 10:25 a.m. Tuesday. However, the motion will be **read only and support material distributed to the messengers** on Monday afternoon at the time of the Executive Board report.

Some observations:

The clarification committee is aware that the Foundation Board, while in favor of a change in the **present** relationship, is not fully supportive of their recommendation. The Foundation is scheduled to speak to the recommendation at the Board meeting.

Both agree on the need for change and both share the long-range hope of a self-supporting, highly-regarded, well-endowed Foundation. The disagreement lies in what is the most effective way to reach that goal.

Seminary student makes prison his classroom

by Scott Collins

Frank Van Dyck believes God has opened the door for him to go to prison. "When the Lord opens the door, he opens the door. I've learned to trust him," said Van Dyck, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first student intern at the Huntsville, Tex. state prison.

Southwestern Seminary has had chaplain interns in other prisons, but Van Dyck is the first to receive special funds donated by Clifford and Jareen Schmidt of Ft. Worth.

His work is also unique because it will contribute to a new chaplaincy curriculum at Southwestern. Van Dyck will keep a daily journal during his 12-month internship. The program is part of an overall effort at Southwestern to improve classroom and practical experience for chaplains in training.

But the results of Van Dyck's internship will reach beyond Southwestern's curriculum. According to Carroll Pickett, Van Dyck's supervising chaplain at Huntsville, at least four other seminaries are monitoring

the program and considering similar plans.

Bob Brackney, associate professor of social work, said a Southwestern Seminary survey of prison administrators and chaplains has shown chaplaincy students need knowledge of biblical social ethics—"how the Bible relates to today."

"Nobody is prepared for prison ministry," said Pickett, a Presbyterian minister. "No seminary has the curriculum. Southwestern needs to be commended for stepping out."

Schmidt gave Southwestern's plan a boost when he offered to fund the initial program. Through his donation the seminary can conduct research on the academic needs of chaplains and pay Van Dyck a monthly salary.

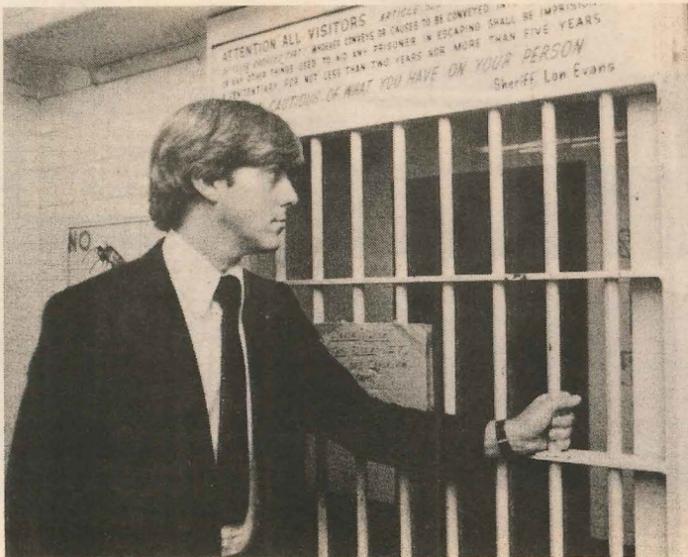
The influence of Bill Glass Ministries sparked Schmidt's interest in

prison ministry in 1978. Schmidt believes prison systems offer a "wide open field" for ministry. He wants to see seminary-trained chaplains in prisons.

Van Dyck will work 40-hour weeks in a ward of more than 2000 inmates. He will conduct Sunday services, visit inmates, counsel prisoners on death row and minister to patients in the prison hospital's terminal unit.

Van Dyck said statistics show that 75 percent of released inmates return to prison. But the return rate among professing Christians is less than 20 percent, he said.

"All I want to do is see men's lives changed by Jesus and see them ministered to by the spirit of the Lord and have victory in Jesus," Van Dyck said. "The answer to rehabilitation is not prison, but the Lord."



Frank Van Dyck opens the door to the Tarrant County, (Tex.) Jail on a visit there before he left Ft. Worth for a new assignment at the Huntsville State Prison. Van Dyck is Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first chaplain intern at the Texas state prison.

SWBTS key student contributor to Mission Service Corps

by Mark Wingfield

After earning a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Frank and Connie Derrick packed up all their worldly possessions and moved to Pennsylvania for a job that pays nothing.

It's not that they couldn't find any other job. They chose to give two years of their lives as Mission Service Corps volunteers in campus ministry.

Mission Service Corps is a nine-year-old program of the Home Mission Board which places volunteer ministers across the United States for one- or two-year terms. The Derricks minister in an area where Southern Baptists cannot yet pay full time staffers. In return, they get practical ministry experience.

A growing number of young men and women are combining seminary education and volunteer mission work as preparation for ministry. Campus ministry is greatly benefitted by such students, according to Bob Hartman, national student ministries consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Hartman said Southwestern Seminary is the major contributor to campus ministry volunteers. Of the 100 people currently doing student work through MSC, 28 have attended Southwestern.

Derrick has boosted a student program at Lock Haven University which otherwise would not have had full time help. Fellow Southwestern graduate Jeff Lewis and his wife, Elaine, went to Lock Haven as MSC volunteers three years ago. Now the Lewises and Derricks combine their efforts in the ministry of Big Woods

Chapel, which includes a student group of nearly 100.

Even with the large number of Southwestern graduates in MSC, most volunteers go to seminary after their terms of service.

Mike Riggins was a MSC volunteer in Las Cruces, N. M. before coming to Southwestern. Now he has taken a paying position as area BSU director in San Jose, Calif. where he hopes to enlist other MSC volunteers.

As assistant Baptist Student Union director at New Mexico State University, Riggins developed a ministry to athletes that would otherwise have gone undone.

He began "integrating athletes into BSU," he said. Although the athletes were "a little skeptical at first," the second year two of them served on the BSU council. By the next year, one of them was BSU president.

MSC volunteers must find churches and individuals who will pledge to support them monthly. Riggins received about half his support from three churches and half from individuals. The Derricks get two-thirds of their support from one country church in Texas.

Derrick's interest in MSC was sparked in a class at Southwestern with W. F. Howard, adjunct teacher in adult education. Howard teaches two student ministry courses each semester. "I nearly always invite someone to come in and lecture on Mission Service Corps," Howard said.

The seminaries and volunteer programs benefit each other. Dan McLallen, Southwestern's director of admissions and registrar, said those who come to seminary from volunteer missions are good students.

"The Weaver" tells gospel in serious musical style

A new musical work by two widely-known Southern Baptist musicians illustrates God's remaking of the creation mankind has broken.

Buryl Red and Ken Medema are the creative artists whose one-year collaboration resulted in publication of "The Weaver" by Van Ness Press last month.

Medema and Red, in Nashville for the recording of the album, said the work is both a cantata and a concert work, done in a serious style with folk-like qualities and melodies. The text presents basically the sum and substance of the gospel, they said.

"God is pictured as a weaver," Medema explained, "who, in the beginning, sews the tapestry of the universe together. There is a lengthy section about the weaving together of things natural, and then we see the weaving of humankind.

"With the entrance of sin into the world, human beings take the thread and break it, making their own designs which bring about estrangement from God," Medema continued.

The coming of Christ shows the weaver's dream for the world and gives man a chance to re-connect the threads of the tapestry, he said.

"God is always remaking what has been broken," he said. "The Weaver"

presents images of connectedness and brokenness and of a new hope."

Red, who is known for musical dramas such as "Celebrate Life," sees his newest effort as a different style for different times, calling it "melodic, but interesting rhythmically."

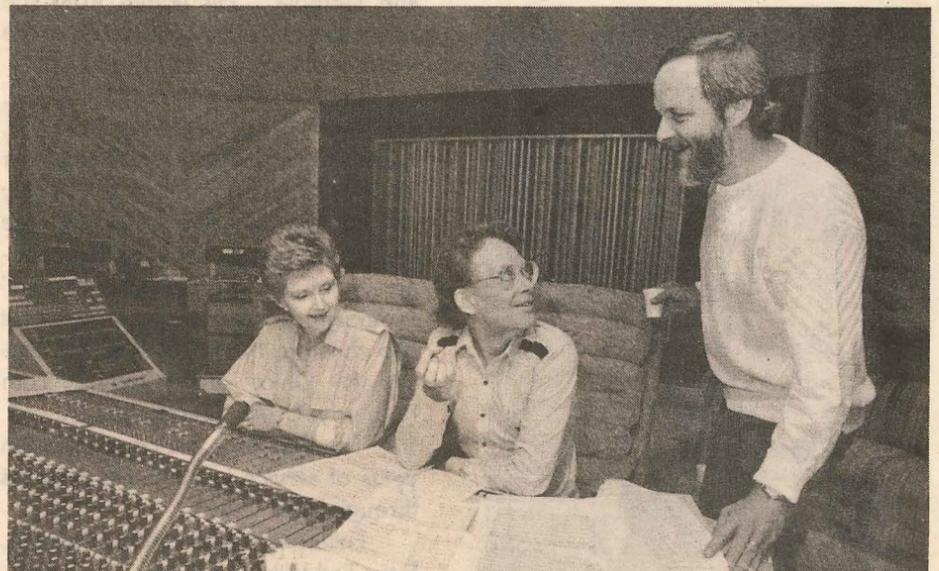
He said the work, written for mixed voices, is well-suited for college choirs and church choirs with instrumental ensembles of as few as nine players.

Medema and Red began work on the composition in spring 1985. Throughout the summer and winter, Red of New York and Medema of San Francisco met occasionally to compare work that been done individually.

They said while their joint effort took approximately a year, they worked face to face four times during the process.

"Our hopes are that, as opposed to the tradition in terms of so-called Christian musicals, this is something very different," Medema said. "We see this as an extension of the musical development of the last decade.

"The lyrics were written out of a heart that is committed to good old, solid evangelical Southern Baptist tradition, but with a mind that wants to tell the story in a new way," he concluded.



Ken Medema and Buryl Red work with Sharron Lyon, music/recording editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board, during recording sessions for "The Weaver."



CLEAR CREEK DEDICATES POMEROY FAMILY LIFE AND CONFERENCE CENTER

For sixty years, Clear Creek Baptist School has carried on a ministry to God-called men in the mountains. A continuing part of this ministry is a commitment to providing opportunities for families to be involved and trained in local church ministry. That is one reason why Clear Creek maintains WMU and Brotherhood programs for all ages as well as a graded music program.

Friday, October 24, Clear Creek again affirmed its ministry to the whole person with the dedication of **The Dudley Thomas and Jean Asher Pomeroy Family Life and Conference Center**. Amidst a gathering of outstanding representatives from the Southern Baptist Convention and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the state government, local governments and friends from many parts of the United States, the Clear Creek family celebrated this new milestone with great joy.

The dedication activities actually began on Thursday evening, October 23, at 7:30 with a concert by Betty Jean Chatham, Artist-in-Residence at Georgetown College. Mrs. Chatham's relationship with Clear Creek is a cherished one, stemming from early experiences in GA camps held at the school. Her performance demonstrated the warmth, expertise and grace that makes her a highly respected and sought-after composer, recording artist and concert pianist. A specialist in classical and sacred music, her performances have taken her to U. S. Air Force bases in the United States and the Philippines, and concert tours in Europe, East Africa and the Orient.



Dr. and Mrs. Dudley T. Pomeroy

Mrs. Chatham is a dedicated Christian artist who has given over 2,000 concerts for colleges, civic clubs, conventions, churches and crusades.

Friday, October 24, dawned in great excitement and expectation of a day long to be remembered. From the prelude to the dedication service by members of the Clear Creek Choir through the benediction by Clear Creek Alumnus, Rev. Sammy Adkins, pastor of High Street Baptist Church, Somerset, joy abounded.

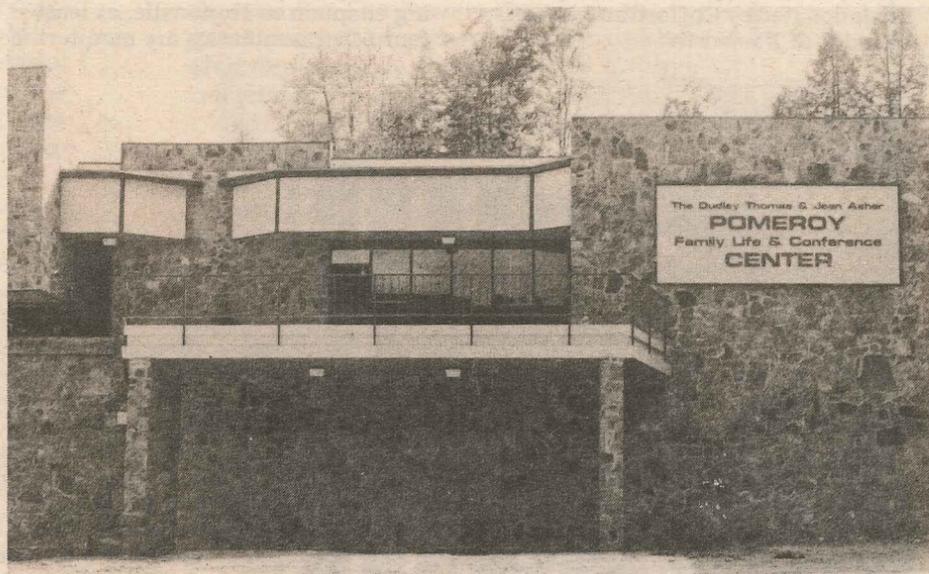
Congratulatory messages were heard from representatives of the Home Mission Board, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia Baptist Conventions and local and state government leaders. Charges to the Clear Creek family and friends were heard from Rev. Ray Conners, Church Recreation, SBC; Dr. William Marshall, Executive-Secretary, KBC; Dr. Bill Slusher, retired superintendent of the Bell County school system; Rev. Fred Cummins, Clear Creek student body president; Dr. Leon D. Simpson, president of Clear Creek and Mr. Charles Dean, chairman of Clear Creek Trustees.

Dr. Dudley Pomeroy gave a response to the charges of the day. He expressed delight at another dream coming true for the school. A native of Ohio, Dr. Pomeroy grew up in Cincinnati. He holds the A.B. degree and Doctor of Divinity degree from Georgetown College, the Th.M. and D.Min. degrees from Southern Seminary, and is a graduate of the Advanced Career Course of the U.S. Army chaplain school. His pastoral experience spans thirty-seven years in churches in Kentucky, Ohio, South Carolina and Georgia. He retired from the U.S. Army chaplaincy in 1977 at the rank of colonel.

Dr. Pomeroy and Mrs. Pomeroy, the former Jean Asher of Pineville, Kentucky, were married on September 10, 1939. Mrs. Pomeroy is presently serving Kentucky Baptists as a trustee of Georgetown College and co-chairperson in the "Investing In People" campaign of that college. They have two children, Mary Dobranski of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Captain Tom Pomeroy, USAF, Germany.

The Pomeroy's are completing ten years of service to Kentucky Baptists through Clear Creek.

Following the Pomeroy's response, Rev. Ted Wilson, a Clear Creek graduate now attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, led the



The Dudley Thomas and Jean Asher Pomeroy Family Life and Conference Center

assembled congregation in a dedicatory response. Wilson had served as a graduate assistant and project director through most of the work of the Family Life Center.

Dr. Don Mathis, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, led the dedicatory prayer. He requested God's full blessing on the school, its faculty, staff and student body as they continued to serve the needs of preachers convention-wide.

An informal luncheon was served after the dedication service. An estimated five hundred people enjoyed a very fine meal in Kelly Hall. This historic building, the first built by Dr. L. C. Kelly, founder and first president, has been refurbished inside during this sixtieth anniversary year. The beautiful blending of visions created by the use of both buildings on this historic day give great impetus and hope to the future of Clear Creek.

Dr. Leon D. Simpson, Clear Creek's president, remarked, "The dedication of the Pomeroy Family Life and Conference Center is the second greatest experience I've had as president. The first was, of course my inauguration in 1982.

Clear Creek is a vision spanning sixty years of great days. From the first burden in the heart of Dr. Kelly for a unique institution for mountain preachers, to the present realization of the Pomeroy's dream, Clear Creek remains a monument to the glory and graciousness of a loving God.

Everyone here today, I believe, senses the presence of Divine blessing and destiny on this school. This is really a shared venture. So many people locally and state-wide have contributed time, money, labor and insight that I feel Clear Creek is becoming a much larger part of Kentucky Baptist life. We are proud to be Kentucky Baptists' and Southern Baptists' only Bible college. We're proud to have sent more than four hundred graduates to serve in Kentucky Baptist churches. Today, we re-emphasize our commitment to training God's men for a complete ministry in his churches."



Mrs. Betty Jean Chatham