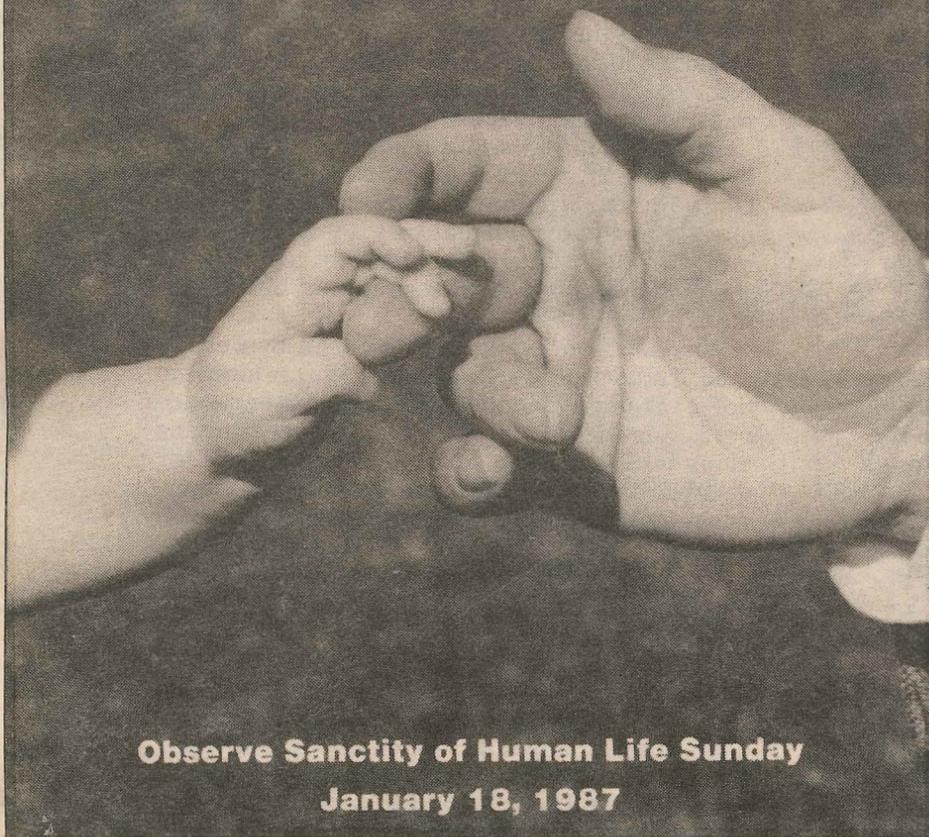


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Observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 18, 1987

Baptists recognize sanctity of life

Fourteen years ago this January the Supreme Court legalized abortion. By a vote of seven for and two against, the highest court ruled that a woman has a constitutional right to decide in consultation with her physician whether to terminate a pregnancy. This ruling has had a dramatic impact on the nation's abortion practices.

In 1972, the total number of abortions reported in the U.S. was 586,760. By 1981, the year with the most recent complete statistics available, the total number of abortions reported in the United States had climbed to 1,300,760. That year 358 legal abortions were performed per 1000 live births.

Although early reports indicate the

number of abortions has leveled off and even begun to decline slightly, some communities now have more abortions than live births. According to marital status, unmarried women obtain an estimated 81 percent of all abortions. According to age category, 27.5 percent of abortions are obtained by women age 15 to 19, 35.2 percent for women 20 to 24, 20 percent for women 25 to 29 and 10.6 percent for women 30 to 34.

Against this backdrop of the tragic reality of abortion, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is an occasion for Southern Baptists to concentrate on this moral issue.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a time to confess. As with other moral issues, the church has often failed to address abortion with the degree of moral insight, compassion and steadfastness that is needed. We need to confess that as church members we have not respected the dignity of human life with the depth of commitment called for. We have not spoken with courage against society's cheapening of God's gift of life.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a time to choose. God has made us free moral agents. As such we must make decisions. We cannot escape, ignore or forfeit this responsibility. We must decide as individuals and as communities of faith what we think about moral issues. Even though we are free to decide which road to travel, God urges us to choose life.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a time to commit ourselves. The choice for life involves a commitment to act in the world. Southern Baptists need to pray about abortion, seeking God's guidance for moral clarity about positive actions to take. Searching for the causes and solutions, Southern Baptists need to work for alternatives to abortion.(CLC)

KBHC set for "Beyond this time"

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, which supervises the oldest continually-operated children's home in the Southern Baptist Convention, Spring Meadows, will launch the first endowment campaign in its 118-year history Jan. 19.

The campaign, "Beyond This Time," projects raising a minimum of \$3 million from individual pledges made over the span of the next three years.

"Through the years, because the moral shifts in our society have continued to bring more complex problems for families and children, the need for professionally trained staff and the expense of food, clothes and shelter have increased the cost of operation," explains Eldred Taylor, director of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

In addition to Spring Meadows, Taylor and the KBHC also supervise Glendale Children's Home, authorized by the KBC in 1915. Taylor hopes that all the 14 cottages and four other buildings for administration and recreation on the two campuses can be endowed for at least \$100,000 each for annual upkeep and maintenance.

Presently, the Cooperative Program contributes a ceiling amount of \$225,000, to the financial resources for the children's homes. While these are significant funds for the operation of the institution, additional funds are still necessary.

"Consequently, we began to see if we're going to help children 'beyond this time,' we are going to have to start an endowment program. This would provide a constant source of revenue for the children's homes that would pay back into operational expense accounts until the Lord comes," he explains.

"I have a dream about the significant investment people in the present can make for children in the future," says Taylor, who has been active in Kentucky Baptist life for more than 40 years. His longest pastorate, 1958-81, was at First Baptist Church, Somerset.

Taylor, who has also been president of the KBC and a member of the SBC Executive Committee, has spent the past year laying the groundwork for the campaign with the help of a feasibility study conducted by the SBC Stewardship Commission. He initially presented the endowment proposal to the KBC at the 1985 convention in Lexington.

"We are really just going to work the campaign in 1987 to raise the \$3 million," Taylor comments. "But, we are asking individuals to make a commitment to fulfill at their own pace by the end of 1989." These commitments may be in the form of cash donations, stocks or bonds, insurance policies, wills or real estate.

The campaign is being led statewide by Mike Bryant, a layman from Florence Baptist Church, Florence, and a State Farm insurance representative.

On the associational level, the project has been broken up into 8 regions for better promotion and publicity. The first three Kentuckians to accept the challenge of chairing a

regional endowment campaign are: Herbert Booth, a Florence physician and KBHC trustee; James M. Ratcliffe, a certified public accountant with Coopers and Lybrand of Louisville; and Doug Flynn, a former professional baseball player for the Cincinnati Reds.

These men will work closely with Taylor and Bryant in the North Central and Central regions, giving general supervision and counsel to other campaign volunteers. Booth will direct the campaign in North Kentucky, Ten Mile and Union associations; while Ratcliffe's region includes Anderson, Breckinridge, Henry County, Long Run, Nelson, Salem, Severn's Valley and Sulphur Fork associations.

Flynn will head the endowment drive in Boone's Creek, Bracken, Elkhorn, Franklin, Owen and South Union associations.

The regional chairmen will be trained by John McBain, consultant for the Stewardship Commission. McBain helped design and coordinate the "Together We Build" endowment program used by the commission.

Perhaps one of the most exciting dimensions of the KBHC's "Beyond This Time" emphasis is its early success. Pre-campaign efforts have already netted pledges for \$700,000 of the projected \$3 million goal from the KBHC's trustees, women's advisory board and personnel.

"The key to the endowment drive is the philosophy of the 'Hearing the Cries' publicity campaign," explains Taylor. "Kentucky Baptists must have the information to hear the children who are hurting."

Robin Oldham, associate director of public relations and communications at KBHC, summarizes the significance of the endowment campaign for Kentucky Baptists: "Even the secular world is becoming aware of the tragic plight of children in broken homes and distressed families.

"The KBHC is trying to minister to these children in a Christian context," says Oldham. "We stress the importance of a relationship with Christ. We hope what we do will have eternal ramifications—not just for today, but for beyond this time."

Worthy laborers

For the next five weeks, Western Recorder will introduce members of your Baptist Building staff in Middletown in a personal way. The series is one of the highlights of a planned year-long 150th anniversary observance of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

KBC Communications Division and Western Recorder staff interns interviewed members of the Baptist Building professional staff for the series. All are communications students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Reporters include Cathy Butler, Todd Deaton, Catherine Edwards and Beth Warf.

Their interviews begin on page 6 of this week's issue.

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sanford's perspectives

Walking a new road



Jack D. Sanford

As we enter 1987, perhaps a passage from the Old Testament book of Joshua could serve as a fitting text for our journey into the unknown.

Standing beside the Jordan River which separated Israel from the land of promise, the priests called all the people together and said to them, "You have not passed this way before." To which Joshua demanded, "Sanctify yourselves for the Lord will do wonders among you."

There is the text, not for a sermon although it makes a good one, but a text for the days that are before us. We have not in any real sense "passed this way before," and not a one of us knows what the year will hold. Thus we need to sanctify ourselves because the way ahead is known only to our God.

What we do know is that if we are set apart, sanctified unto the Lord, he will do wonders among us. That is the promise of the scripture and the experience of millions of Christians through the ages proves the word of God is truth.

To sanctify means to set apart, in the same way the temple vessels were set apart for exclusive use in God's service. If in like manner we are truly set apart for God's use we will then have his will as the first order of business in all our doings, both within and without the church.

To be set apart means we will see great increases in the number of people who are won to saving faith in Christ because we will win them. As God's people live for God, the yoke of sin is broken in their own lives and they become useful instruments of the Holy Spirit to break that yoke of sin for others. The result will be multitudes saved to godly living and useful discipleship.

Surely every true Southern Baptist is weary with our pathetic results in evangelism. Are we ready to pass into a new year, on a journey that will take us to places we have not known heretofore,

with nothing more than we carried through the last year? If so then we are destined to make the same poor record which now haunts us and mocks our protestations that we are committed to the Bible as the living word of God and salvation as the first order of the church. We say these pious things, but our record of achievement gives reason to ask if we truly believe them.

Joshua's call for sanctification must be heard by all of us if we are to see the mighty works of God which can free our land and send our people on the way to spiritual maturity. Piety and commitment to Christ are the marks of maturity in the church and we must see more of both these days.

What is true of evangelism is true in most every area of our corporate Baptist life. We are slowing down in Sunday school enlistment with enrolment percentage decreasing each year; we are crawling along in discipleship training; we walk with a decided limp in stewardship growth at a time when more people have more money than at any other time in our history.

When you look at the average church, the answer to our deepest need is obvious: we must have people who are set apart for God's exclusive use if we are to see his wonders performed among us. Only then will we begin to grow spiritually as his people and only then will we see his mighty hand opening doors of service to our lost and dying world.

Can we grow up in 1987? Can we stop fighting over politics and theology? Can we dedicate ourselves to God's service without thought of who wins or who loses, who gains power or who loses power, who is in charge and who is not in charge?

We believe Christ is Lord. We declare we are servants. Therefore, "sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." May it be so.

Baptist Men's Day

January 25 is the suggested date to observe Baptist Men's Day in our churches.

This time of recognition for men could be a catalyst to spark needed progress in the work of extending God's kingdom. Men are essential to any real progress in winning a lost world, and Baptists have good men in abundance if we could only discover how to adequately harness all that potential power.

The convention theme is "Mission Involvement Through Prayer." Perhaps the challenge should go out from every pulpit in the land for men to fall before the Lord in prayer daily. We could call men to intercessory prayer in support of our missionaries. We could call men to confessional prayer and lay our sins before the Lord for cleansing. We could call men to petitionary prayer and thanksgiving prayer as we lay our needs before the Lord.

This kind of discipline in prayer would bring the power of God as nothing else can because prayer is our power line to God.

Out of prayer discipline we hear the cry of the world and sense the leading of God in mission

action. Surely one of the continuing needs among all churches is an active corps of men in mission for Christ who believe in prayer and who practice what they believe.

Out of prayer discipline we become alert to the needs within our own community of faith. A corps of praying men is one of the greatest human assets any church could have.

Out of prayer discipline comes a tenderness of spirit which makes us pliable in the hands of the Lord and sensitive to the needs of others. Can you think of a more powerful force for Christ in your church than a group of men who have learned to be loving, tender hearted and generous through the discipline of prayer? It is in prayer that we learn to be like the Master who was a man of tender heart and who was constantly in touch with God through prayer.

Baptist Men's Day can be more than just another date on the denominational calendar. It can be a day when your church begins to shape your community for the Lord. But it takes committed men who have gained spiritual power in prayer before the Lord.

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Glimpses of our heritage

Early Kentucky Baptists 1770-1800

Squire Boone (1744-1815), a Regular Baptist preacher and brother of the famous frontiersman Daniel Boone, was the first known Baptist to set foot on what later became Kentucky. They met on January 1, 1770, in this western Virginia area.

The first recorded Baptist preaching took place at Harrodsburg in April, 1776 when Thomas Tinsley, an aged minister, and William Hickman, a licensed minister, conducted services.

Although there were several Baptists, mainly from Virginia, who came to Kentucky in the period 1774-1780, it was not until June 18, 1781, that the first Baptist congregation was formed—Severn's Valley. It was followed by Cedar Creek on July 4, 1781. Both were then in Jefferson County, Virginia, now Hardin and Nelson Counties respectively.

Among the early Baptist ministers who shepherded many pioneer flocks were: William Hickman (1747-1834), John Taylor (1752-1836), Lewis Craig (1737-1829), William Marshall (1735-1813), Benjamin Lynn (1750-1819), John Shackelford (1750-1829), John Gano (1727-1804), John Rice (1760-1843), Thomas Ammon (1740-1811) and Ambrose Dudley (1750-1823), as well as many others.

Baptist associations generally follow the organization and functioning of Baptist churches. Therefore, on September 30-October 1, 1785 the first Baptist association west of the Alleghany Mountains (Elkhorn) was formed "in the house of John Craig on Clear Creek" in Woodford County. Messengers came from six churches: Gilbert's Creek (1781), Tate's Creek (1785), South Elkhorn (1783), Clear Creek (1785), Great Crossings (1785) and Limestone (1785).

On Saturday, October 29-30, 1785, four churches had their messengers meet with the Cox's Creek Church, Nelson County, and form the Salem Association. The churches were: Severn's Valley (1781), Cedar Creek (1781), Bear Grass (1784) in Jefferson County, and Cox's Creek (1785) with an aggregate membership of 123 members. The Elkhorn and Salem bodies were Regular Baptist.

The first Separate Baptist Association was formed on "the first Friday in October, 1787, at Tate's Creek Meeting House, in Madison County" by messengers from eleven churches.

Baptists had increased to six associations, 106 churches and 5119 members by 1800 in Kentucky, but infidelity and skepticism abounded. Therefore, one historian said: "There was a spiritual dearth throughout the land."

33 Kentuckians receive diplomas in Southern's December ceremony



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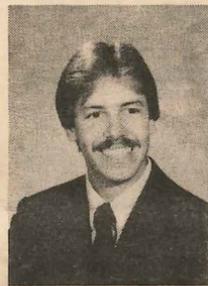
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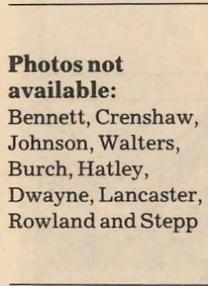
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Twenty-four Kentucky students were awarded degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the school's 158 commencement Dec. 19.

The Kentucky Baptists were among approximately 225 persons to receive degrees from the schools of theology, church music, Christian education and social work.

Benjamin S. Baker, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Lexington, delivered the commencement address.

correction

In the Dec. 16 issue Western Recorder listed the wrong person as pastor of Lewisport Baptist Church, Blackford Association. Ron Williams is pastor of the church. We apologize to Bro. Williams and the congregation of Lewisport Baptist Church for any embarrassment our mistake may have brought.

Kentucky graduates included the following:

Seminary Diploma—Daniel Kent Barry, Louisville

Doctor of Education—Gary A. Chapman, Asheville, N. C.

Doctor of Musical Arts—James Eudelle Castlen, Owensboro.

Doctor of Ministry—Steven Bland McSwain, Louisville.

Master of Arts in Christian Education—Paula Riley Burch, Louisville, Ricky Dallas Hatley, Dawson Springs; and Otto Joseph Payne Jr., Louisville.

Master of Church Music—Bonnie Joy Lancaster, Cadiz.

Master of Divinity—Thomas Earl Allen, Louisville; Ronnie L. Brasher Sr., Corbin; Forest Bond Chilton, Louisville; Thomas Wayne Cox, Williamsburg; Jacqueline M. Divine, Mentor; Estill Lynn Dotson, London; Timothy Alan Eckardt, Bowling Green; Timothy Lee Miller, Louisville; Millie Horning Peters, Marion; Royce Duane Pile, Louisville; George David Redding, Georgetown; Jimmy Lynn Rowland, Wickliffe; Gerald Douglas Sharon, Danville; and James Oscar Stepp, Inez.

Doctor of Philosophy—Timothy Lee Noel, Ashland.

Nine students from Kentucky were awarded diplomas from Boyce Bible School during the school's 25th commencement Dec. 19.

James H. Taylor, president of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, delivered the commencement address.

Kentucky graduates included the following:

Diploma in Christian Ministry—Frank Allen Claycomb and Timothy B. Safley, both of Louisville; David Wade Johnson, Stanton; Marion E. Stice, Fairdale; and William Thomas Walters, Irvine.

Diploma in Educational Ministry—Eula Mae Bennett, Ludlow; Mary Ann Perry, LaGrange.

Diploma in Advanced Ministry Studies—Darryl Leen Crenshaw, Stephensburg and Marian Ruth Smith, Dayton.

Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary, was founded in 1974 to provide ministerial training for persons without a college degree. More than 400 persons are presently enrolled in the school and its eight off-campus centers.



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homes for children

Faith and Vision

"The Lord said to Moses, 'Send men to spy out the land of Canaan.'" (Numbers 13:1f) This familiar Old Testament passage presents a story of tragedy and failure, of unbelief on the part of 10 spies and faith on the part of two. It is a story of people who saw the Promised Land, but were afraid to enter. Those who lacked faith and vision saw only the obstacles, and fear took over. They said the promised land could not be taken. Two of the spies believed God wanted them to go in and possess the land. They had both faith and vision. Unfortunately, Israel believed the report of the 10 spies and turned back to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. This ancient story provides truths for today. Even now, many come up to the Promised Land, look in, then because they have not faith and vision, turn back into the wilderness.

As we begin the year 1987, may we, with faith and vision, see what God would have us do and move forward in boldness to do it. Your Baptist Homes for Children enters 1987 with great excitement. We not only provide care for children day by day, but we are concerned about providing the care children will need tomorrow. Therefore, with a vision for tomorrow and faith in God, we are launching a Beyond This Time endowment campaign. This effort is designed to increase our endowment a minimum of three million dollars. Such funds, though never spent, will work to earn money until our Lord returns. Such endowment earnings, laid alongside the Thanksgiving Offering and our Cooperative Program allocation, will greatly strengthen our ministry to children.

The Beyond This Time endowment campaign will offer individuals an opportunity to invest in children for eternity. This effort will reach into all regions of Kentucky, encouraging friends of children to make three-year financial commitments to our endowment. Gifts can be made in various ways: cash, real estate, stocks and bonds, insurance, or a gift can be provided in one's will as a bequest to our endowment.

Our vision tells us of the great needs of children Beyond This Time. Our faith assures us friends of children will respond to this worthy challenge. At the launching of this campaign this month, already \$700,000 has been committed.

baptist news in brief

FMB trustees focus on concert of prayer

Pray like never before, especially the first Sunday of every month, Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees urged the denomination's churches during their December meeting. The trustees' plea is that churches will join in a monthly "concert of prayer" for world evangelization beginning Feb. 1.

"Widespread spiritual awakening and world evangelization will never take place without a united, sustained concert of extraordinary prayer," said Barbara Cunningham, chairman of the committee that brought the recommendation.

While trustees planned a concerted prayer effort for world missions, they also rejoiced at the appointment of 43 missionaries at a service at Weather-

ford Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., Dec. 9. This addition brought the year's total of career missionary appointments to a new record, 256.

Throughout the meeting, prayers were offered for George Senter and his son, Philip, 15, in the aftermath of the Nov. 26 murders in Liberia of George's wife, Libby, and Rachel, their 10-year-old daughter. In a resolution of "deep appreciation for faithful service," the board pledged its prayer support for the family in days ahead.

Major attention at the December meeting was focused on Parks' plan for reorganization of the board's staff to gear up for global evangelization. At Parks' request, the board elected a transitional committee to work with staff members in preparing detailed plans for the reorganization. (BP)

Enrolment rise gives WMU bright future

Woman's Missionary Union might be on the verge of a "science fiction" future if current enrolment and financial trends continue, according to the national WMU president, Marjorie J. McCullough.

WMU membership nationwide increased by an estimated 1.5 percent this year, bringing the total WMU membership in Southern Baptist churches to almost 1.2 million.

Additionally, the WMU national headquarters showed more than a \$500,000 surplus of revenue over expenses in the 1985-86 operating budget of about \$9 million—continuing WMU's history of operating "in the black," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, SBC.

Although a final decision has yet to be made, it is anticipated that the finance committee of the WMU Executive Board will designate most or all of the extra revenue for debt retirement. (BP)

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High court to choose between teachings

A simmering national debate over the validity of teaching "creation science" in public school classrooms came to the U. S. Supreme Court Dec. 10, leaving justices with the dilemma of deciding whether the hotly disputed discipline amounts to true science or religion.

Hearing oral arguments in a case challenging the constitutionality of a Louisiana law requiring "balanced treatment" in the teaching of creationism and evolution as theories for the origins of the universe, the high court also was presented the option of sending the dispute back to lower courts before deciding the basic questions at a later time.

That option was urged upon the justices by a special assistant attorney general for Louisiana, Wendell R. Bird, Atlanta, who argued a federal

court of appeals erred by not accepting as true what he called "uncontroverted evidence" presented by expert witnesses that creation science is indeed scientifically valid. Bird said the case should be sent back to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans with instructions to weigh that evidence in making a ruling.

The lower panel held last year that Louisiana's law, "The Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act," violates the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion. Bird reminded the high court that the vote in that decision was 8-7. Earlier, a U. S. district court also had stricken the law as unconstitutional.

Asked by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor if the Constitution permits the teaching of a purely religious concept to balance what is perceived to be an anti-religious view, Bird refused to concede creation science is a religious concept, a key argument throughout his half-hour presentation. (BP)

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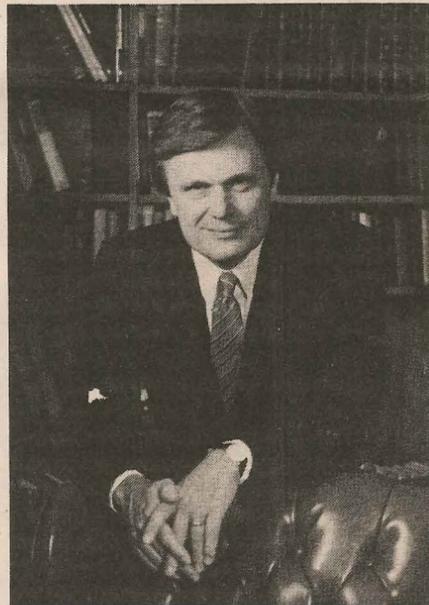
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New and Now

Every time we reach the milestone of a new year, I think of Tennyson's words,
"The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true,
Ring out the old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace."

The Christian faith is characterized by the word "new." In Christ we are new creatures and all things are become new. We have a new name and a new covenant. We are marching toward the new Jerusalem, and we worship a God who makes all things new.

The coming of a new year urges us to turn from the past and make a clean break with what was. Forgetting those things behind we must press toward the new.

The new year speaks of potential, of mystery and of movement. We know not what a day (or a year) may bring forth.

"Life is a book of Volumes three/The Past—the Present—and the Yet-to-be:/The First is written and laid away./The Second we are writing day by day;/The next and the last of the volumes Three—/Is locked from sight—God holds the key."

The God we worship and love also stresses the now of life. Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Now is Christ risen and we who were alienated have now been returned to the shepherd of our souls. Now we are clean, now justified and now the sons of God.

I am struck by the thought that the only new in the new year we have is the now. The past is gone, the future is yet to be. This leaves for me the now of life.

"The clock of life is wound but once,/And no man has the power/To say just when the hands will stop;/At late, or early hour./Now is the only time we own/to do his precious will,/Do not wait until tomorrow;/For the clock may then be still." Selected

I want 1987 to be better than 1986 (although 1986 was a good year for me and for Clear Creek). But I am impressed anew with the truth that great things for God are not accomplished by nostalgia or novelty but in the today of life. As Longfellow said, "Trust no future, how'er pleasant! Let the dead past bury its dead. Act—Act in the living present! Heart within and God o'erhead!"

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Worthy laborers: your Baptist Building staff

'Missions is for all,' says Anna Mary

"Everybody is the WMU—even Mission Friends," says Anna Mary Byrdwell. As WMU consultant for Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women, part of Mrs. Byrdwell's job is clarifying the role of BW and BYW in the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Byrdwell received her bachelor's degree in music from Campbellsville College and continued to take elective hours in music while she worked toward an MRE degree at Southern Seminary. During her last year of study, she took a class on camps, geared to help students learn skills in camping and serving on camp staffs.

"Part of my decision to go to Southern centered on working in GA camps. From 1957-64, I worked in camps from one to 10 weeks each summer."

Immediately after graduating from elementary she accepted the position of elementary and kindergarten director at Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church. Three years later, she was asked to become the Sunbeam director for Kentucky WMU.

Mrs. Byrdwell accepted and for three years devoted her time and attention to preschoolers throughout the state. In 1970 she began to work with Acteens. She became BYW consultant in 1980, and in 1985 began working with Baptist Women as well.

"People sometimes assume that WMU is only for women but the truth is that we have something for everyone in every age group on missions," she asserts. "WMU is only the umbrella term for all the things we stand for."

Ideally, there would be opportunities to train BW and BYW directors from

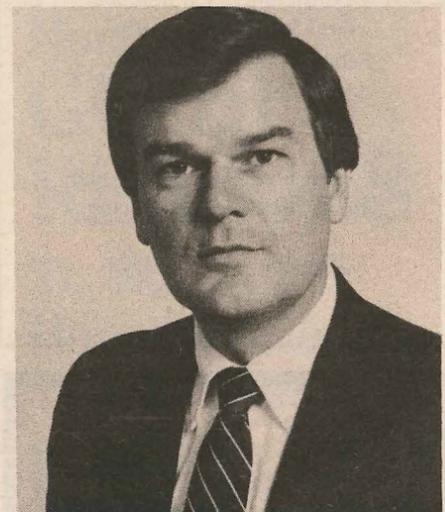
every church in the state, she explains, but that is not possible. Instead, associational leaders throughout the state are trained to become resources for the local church. The Kentucky WMU consultants, in turn, are resource people for associational directors.

Despite a busy schedule, Mrs. Byrdwell takes time for herself. She sings, plays piano and collects recipes. She walks a mile every day her schedule allows, and "loves" a dip in the pool. Her true love, however, is missions and missions work, which is, after all, for everyone.

—Catherine Edwards



Byrdwell



Cordell

Family important to Jim Cordell

Coming from a family of seven children Jim Cordell, associate in the Church Music Department, sees family as a priority in his life. He and his wife Joyce have a son, Jason, in the sixth grade and a daughter, Julie, a high school sophomore. Since Julie will be leaving home in a few years, Cordell says, "I value family time quite a bit." The Cordells try to plan family activities such as hiking, shopping and eating out.

Cordell has worked with the KBC family since 1985. "This position was a surprise," he says; denominational work was not a vocational goal. He had always planned to be involved in the local church, yet he now feels all his background prepared him for his present ministry.

Cordell began at age 16 directing music in his home church in Cincinnati, Mt. Carmel. He also directed music at Porter Memorial Church, Lexington, and Shively Church, Louisville. Upon completion of his degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Cordell became minister of music at First Church, Somerset.

Accepting the call to Somerset immediately after seminary meant a turning point in his life. The larger church setting provided a position he would not "outgrow," and it "served as a model" for the rest of his ministry. He sees his role now as "first of all

being a minister to the minister of music. Having served in a church, I can empathize with them." When ministers of music realize his concern, they confide in him. They "share joys and sorrows" with him and it gives him an opportunity to minister to them.

According to Cordell, there is a "real challenge musically in the state." Of 2247 Southern Baptist churches, only 125 have full time ministers of music. His goal, then, is "to help small churches develop leadership and develop music ministries."

Cordell is uncertain about long term future plans but believes that part of God's leadership in life involves unexpected open doors for ministry. He does not seem to exclude any possibility and remains open to God's guidance.

—Beth Warf

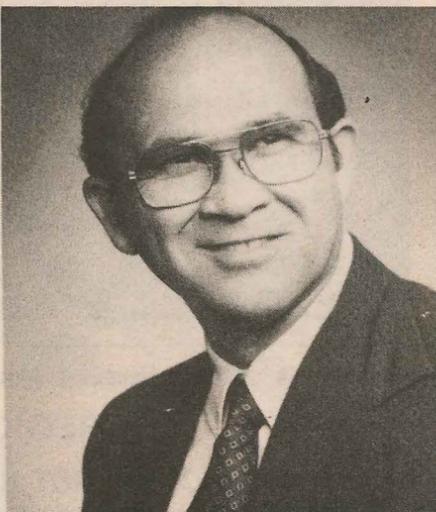
In God we trust, Kaufman believes

After Bill Kaufman retires, he wants to do three things: rest, write and fish. He expected to retire in June 1983 when he left his position as director of missions and ministries with Long Run Association. Before he could retire, however, Franklin Owen, then executive secretary-treasurer of Kentucky Baptist Convention, asked Kaufman to take his present position as Brotherhood director on an interim basis. Kaufman agreed and although his much deserved retirement has been delayed, he is enthusiastic about his work. He says, "I suppose I have enjoyed this work better than just about anything I have ever done. . . . I see it as a good cap on my ministry."

In addition to the Long Run position,



Kaufman



Cole

Warm fuzzies come from Cole's work

"I never thought I'd end up in denominational work," says C. Vernon Cole.

Cole (the C. stands for Charles) as a child wanted to be a pilot, then decided on a career as an architect. But things changed when he met his wife, Pat.

It was mainly through her influence that Cole became involved in church and became a Christian.

"I became a Christian at Ridgecrest. I had one of those 'pew-gripping' experiences," he recounts.

"I didn't even know how to pray. All I could say was 'Forgive me,' and then 'Thank you,' he says.

Shortly after his conversion he was called to preach. He graduated from

Kaufman's 38-year ministry has included pastorates near Falmouth and Williamstown, and in Louisville and Valley Station, including seven years of service as director of East Baptist Center. Although quite different from his previous "hands-on kind of ministry," his present job allows him to meet many Christians across the state. "God's choice people are not always in one place," he concludes. For Kaufman, the real joy of his position lies in working with men in local churches.

Kaufman, a creative person since his youth, seems confident that he will focus on this creativity when he finally does retire. He would like to continue work on a volume of poetry he has collected since teenage years and already has outlines for two books—*The Process of Re-Imaging* and *The Fullness of Christ*.

He explains that "re-imagining" is a process which takes place during the many times of change in one's life. Two such times in Kaufman's life allow him to write from experience. During his time in the military service as an engineer, he "cemented" his commitment to ministry. He began to see the necessity of Christian work in the world and in October 1946 he surrendered his life to the ministry.

In 1960 Kaufman was forced to re-examine his ministry, his relationship to God and the meaning of life when his 19-year-old daughter Judy died in a car accident. Through his experience his faith was strengthened. "I came out reaffirming my ministry."

Perhaps the success of Kaufman's ministry has resulted from a confident philosophy: "We must put our faith in the God 'to' whom we pray and not in the prayer itself." He believes we must pray while trusting that God will work things out for our good.

—Beth Warf

Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., his home state.

His wife graduated after he did and Cole went on to earn a BD degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"I was pastoring in Cincinnati and left to work with James Whaley in the Church Training Department in 1969.

"James taught me to appreciate administration," Cole says. He admits that as a pastor, his administration had been the bane of his career.

In 1975 Cole became Kentucky director of Church Training. Through the years his job responsibilities have changed until he is now director of resource development for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

He tends to overcommit himself to his work, but enjoys having a dream and working to make it happen.

"I enjoy bringing various resources to bear on a problem," he smiles.

When he is not working at KBC Cole does woodworking projects around his house. Last year he and his son Kevin built a deck.

He is also preparing for his daughter Renee's wedding, and completing a DMin degree at Southern Seminary.

As a denominational worker he has been able to develop family life festivals and deacon retreats and seen better relationships develop from them.

"Helping people this way is one of the warm fuzzies of my job," he concludes.

—Cathy Butler

Carol Noffsinger's reciprocal ministry

"I've been involved in missions all my life," claims Carol Noffsinger, consultant for Kentucky's Woman's Missionary Union.

She grew up in such mission organizations as Sunbeams (now Mission Friends) and Girls in Action, both mission education groups for young people in Southern Baptist churches.

After college she spent two years in Liberia as a journeyman and returned to Southern Seminary, Louisville, and completed an RE degree.

"I was Acteen director in Georgia six years, Baptist Young Women consultant in Kentucky almost six years and have been WMU consultant about a year now," she said.

Part of her job is being accessible as a field worker in churches and associations, demanding a lot of travel.

"I like the traveling most of the time," she laughs.

Her dog, Wiggles, however, does not like her owner to be away from home. "Whenever she sees me with a suitcase in hand she gets in her dog house and pouts," Miss Noffsinger explains.

She admits her job could be all-consuming, but she refuses to be a workaholic.

"I enjoy staying home and reading, going camping, playing softball and basketball and watching sports," she says. She admits she is not fond of cooking.

Miss Noffsinger has a lot of dreams

for the future. She would like to learn more about the women's evangelical associations of other denominations and how they view their role in the church.

She would also like to buy or build a log cabin, and write a book. "I like to play around with free verse," she says, smiling. "I'd really like to publish a book one day."

Though she says honors and accolades are not important to her, Miss Noffsinger does take joy in seeing young women who have worked for her enter the ministry.

"To do for them and help them as someone helped me is one of the best things I've ever done," she confirms.

—Cathy Butler



Noffsinger

Doris Yeiser finds China in backyard

Over the years, Doris Yeiser, archivist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has discovered Kentucky is her backyard for missions.

"As a child, my mother gave me a book with short stories of people involved in Christian vocations," she explains. "In the book was a story about a girl who felt called to China, but couldn't afford to go. At first she was distraught, but later she learned that her China was in her own backyard.

"At 13 years of age, I felt a call to foreign missions, but I couldn't see any way to get money for an education to get there," she says.

"My father gave me a calf to raise and sell to pay for my college education. But

the calf had to be sold early to help with the family finances.

"I ended up going to a business college and one of my first jobs was working for a rural doctor for \$3 a week plus bus fare." After several months she returned to Owensboro and was hired in 1951 as secretary at First Baptist Church there.

Shortly after she began working at the church, the General Assembly of Kentucky Baptists was held in Owensboro. There, she met Eldred Taylor, then state director of missions and evangelism. This encounter brought her into his department for three years, before she advanced to be W. C. Boone's secretary in the executive office.

Since then she has worked under several executive secretary-treasurers. Her role was expanded to being on the convention's program committee, setting up other committee guidelines and doing research work for various boards. Her title was later changed to executive assistant and she was charged to "get down in writing everything you do so others will know what to do in organizing committees."

Miss Yeiser remained in the executive office 30 years before aptly becoming archivist in 1985. "Kentucky Baptists have been my whole life," she asserts.

That doesn't mean there weren't diversions along the way. "I have had bridge and golf lessons. When I retire I want to learn to play the piano and dance," she maintains. "I'd also like to write about some of my great experiences with Kentucky Baptists."

—Todd Deaton



Yeiser

Best job in KBB? Jones says it's his

"I have the best job in the Baptist Building," boasts Bob Jones. "I would not trade with anyone."

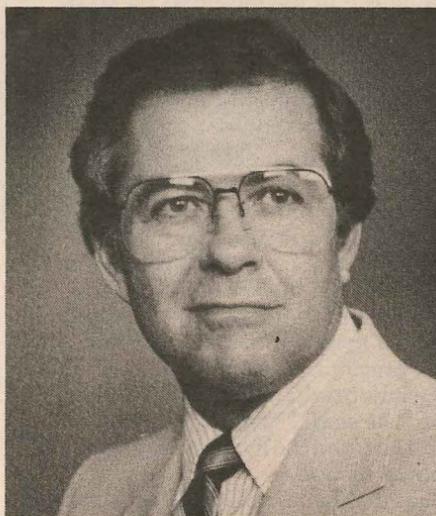
Jones has been director of the Direct Missions Department since 1975. Direct Missions works with associations and individual churches promoting missions work. This includes working with deaf, language and literacy ministries, supplementing the incomes of state missionaries and putting people who want to help in touch with people in need by placing groups and individuals in missions work.

Before assuming the position of director, Jones was an associate in the department and director of mountain missions for seven years. He also was a missionary in Pike County Association four years and pastored churches in West Virginia and Kentucky.

Jones describes himself as a "people oriented person," insisting that "missions has more to do with leading people than promoting programs.

"I see myself as a resource person," Jones continues. "Not as a person who has all the answers, but a person willing to help people find the resources they need."

Jones is a 1952 graduate of Georgetown College and received his BD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1956. He is a sports enthusiast, preferring to participate rather than watch and is fond of boating, fishing and other water activities. "I have a strong sense of family," Jones says soberly. He and his wife, Maxine,



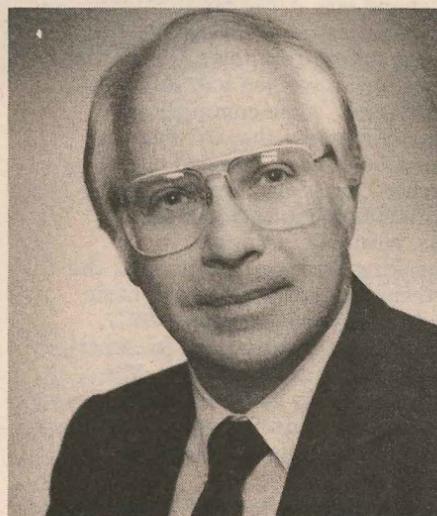
Jones

have three grown children, all living within two hours' drive. "We stay in touch," he adds.

Jones balances his home life with a true love for his work. "My work is never a chore—I'm really most happy when I am dealing with people," Jones muses, smiling. "I think missions is at the heart of all we do. Missions is where it is."

Jones says a "must" is keeping up with the latest in missions work. "We attend conferences that keep our skills sharpened and keep us on our toes," Jones explains, then adds, "We have top-notch people working in our department. I'm very proud."

—Catherine Edwards



Miller

Miller: hammering away night and day

After he steps out from behind his desk in the Sunday School Department, the lights often come on in Chip Miller's woodworking shop, and the sounds of a hammer, saw and sandpaper may be heard late into the night.

While many folks across the state know of his aptitude for leading state Sunday school conferences, perhaps only a few know of his woodworking prowess.

A visit to his office where one of his large handmade Shaker clocks hangs over his desk, however, attests to the latter. In many ways this Shaker clock symbolizes for Miller his role in Kentucky Baptist life: encouraging

churches to stay abreast with the times through their Sunday school outreach programs.

A native Louisvillian who grew up along Upper River Road roaming the banks of the Ohio, he claims, "As state director of Sunday school, I see myself as a 'player-coach,' working with three associates to design training events and set membership goals. Our present goal is to net 5000 new members each year for five years.

"In the local church, I'm a cheerleader for Sunday school work by promoting the department's regional conferences, speaking for pastors in their pulpits, and training Sunday school directors," he states.

"On the road again" has become a way of life for Miller. In the last three months alone he has visited in more than 155 churches in approximately 20 associations while he developed study guides for Sunday school leadership and trained more than 1000 new workers.

Before joining the KBC staff Miller held church staff positions in Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama and Kentucky. He pastored Highland Baptist Church, Lexington, and was minister of education at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

One of his goals is to train trainers for Sunday school work. After visiting Kenya, he hopes some day to return to help build their program.

"Christian education is a wide open field in Africa. We are far better at music and evangelism than teaching curriculum and methodology for Sunday school outreach," says Miller.

—Todd Deaton

Workers bring myriad of gifts to Kenya

by Kima Jude, *Correspondent*

Brackenhurst Baptist International Center - A conference center much like Kentucky's own Cedarmore, but located in Kenya, near the teeming city of Nairobi.

It is the gathering place for the country's career missionaries in their annual meeting. At this point in time it also is a stopping point for six of Kentucky's volunteers, who converge there before fanning out over the rest of the country, serving in different capacities.

Ted Sisk, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, was in Kenya with his wife Ginny for six weeks of special assignments, primarily preaching. The minister of music in his church, Bill Williams, and his wife Betty arrived later as music volunteers.

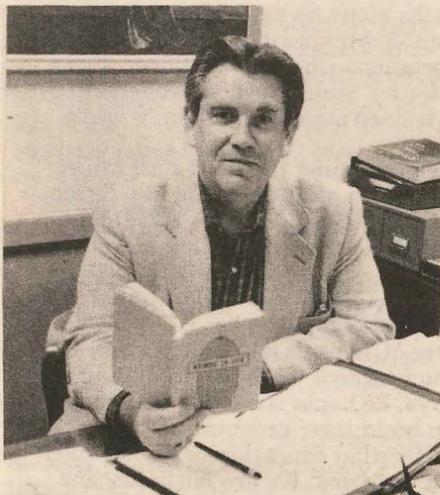
Next, Kay Trisler and Jane Allison arrived to help Kenya's program. Trisler is a member of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Mercer County Association, but was formerly a member of Sisk's church when she resided in Lexington. Mrs. Allison's husband is the pastor of Georgetown Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, the same association to which Immanuel Baptist belongs.

Mombasa, Kenya - A very old, large city on the Indian Ocean, a vacation haven for Europeans, particularly Germans. It also is the home of Mombasa Baptist high school. Sisk and his wife were there to present a \$10,000 gift to the school from Immanuel to help with completion of its building. Sisk also preached to the students, faculty and staff.

Nahuru - Sisk spent eight days in revival at First Baptist Church with pastor Arthur Kinyanjui, moderator of the Kenya Baptist Convention. In the morning Sisk and his wife taught in the pastor's Bible school. Mrs. Sisk's courses included ones in organizing a Sunday school, the ministry of WMU in a Baptist church, pastor/wife relationships and a mini course in Evangelism Explosion.

Brackenhurst - Kenya's career missionaries gather for their annual meeting. They will conduct the business of their ministry and spend time in spiritual renewal. Sisk was there by invitation to lead daily morning Bible studies and preach in the evening services.

Williams and his wife arrived as



Bill Williams, minister of music at Immanuel Baptist in Lexington, worked with music missions two weeks in Kenya.

part of a group of 12 Kentucky Baptist musicians. Their assignment: conduct a vacation Bible school for children of the missionaries during the annual meeting. The Williamses taught the preschoolers. Because sessions are four hours long instead of the three-hour ones they are accustomed to, extra planning and preparation was required. But the clown costume Mrs. Williams uses at home works equally well with missionaries' kids in Kenya.

The musicians also provided music for the annual mission meeting worship service, drawing on a wealth of talents to provide meaningful worship in music, forming choirs, trios and the like. They also gave brief devotionals each morning.

Tanzania - The mission meeting over, Sisk moved on to conduct a seminar at the International Baptist Theological Seminary at Arusha.

Brackenhurst - Back at the conference center WMU Starteams (including Mrs. Trisler and Mrs. Allison) arrived for orientation. Eight in all, they broke into two teams and traveled to different areas of the country. Their assignment: train church leaders in organizing WMU.

Mrs. Allison and her husband thought early in their ministry they might answer a call to foreign missions and that interest hasn't waned. When the Kenya opportunity arose, the "whole family felt like I should go." At Brackenhurst missionary Cherry Fitzpatrick explains how they might use the WMU emblem and posters as tools. "That's what was frightening us—because in America we have everything," Mrs. Trisler said.

They flew first to Malindi. Mrs. Trisler and Mrs. Allison both said the people impressed them greatly. In order to attend training sessions, many Kenyan women had to walk several miles, some coming from distances so great they arrived the evening before and camped out in churches. Many also brought young children, carrying them on their backs, wrapped in kongas.

Speaking through interpreters, the Starteam concentrated on the basic task and purpose of Kenya WMU, which differs slightly from its American counterpart. Sometimes, Mrs. Trisler said, they could tell even the interpreters could not grasp the meaning of their message, so they learned to role play.

From Malindi they went to Kilifi. Each place they visited was by request of a missionary, who lodged them and helped with their travel. Travel is difficult in Kenya. Roads are full of holes. However, the church in Kilifi is gracious.

They moved on to Mombasa, via ferry. Everywhere the two women stayed, it seemed, missionaries were preparing to send children off to school.

In the Kwale area there are no church leaders to work with WMU, so the women gave devotionals instead. They arrived at another church and no one was there. They rang the church bell, and people came from all over. Children sang specially rehearsed songs and gathered round to say goodbye when the time came.

"The people are just so warm and loving and gracious," said Mrs. Trisler, vice-president of Kentucky WMU. "Many times when they gave us a



Kay Trisler, at front right, and Jane Allison, in back right, helped train Kenyan church leaders. Like other volunteers, they taught through translators, left, Esther Magore and Rose Wanje.

luncheon or refreshments, they gave us the best they had."

Both women were particularly impressed with the children who attended meetings with their mothers. Most of them speak English and listened raptly. "I have great hopes for them," Mrs. Allison said.

Brackenhurst - The second phase of the assignment for Kentucky Baptist musicians began with the First National Leadership Conference. Choir leaders, most young adults, men and women, some pastors, attended courses in piano, voice, guitar, hymnology, conducting and music reading.

All the musicians attempted to teach music to the nationals on staff. "I don't know how successful we were, but I have never seen so many people so eager to learn," Williams said. The musicians used Swahili hymnals and interpreters.

Williams also taught hymnology, using a technique of matching meaningful songs point by point to the Baptist Faith and Message. His eyes welled with tears as he tried to explain how privileged he felt to have introduced some of the most well-loved and powerful hymns to people who had never previously heard them.

"Hymns to me are second only to the Bible," he said. "The Bible is God's word to us, and the hymnal is our best response to God."

Maasai - The so-called African bush country is actually more like stretches

of desert land. Sisk finished his travels in Kenya there, preaching through the medium of interpreters, who translated his messages into Swahili and Maasai. Almost everywhere he preached translators passed on his message in as many as three languages.

"There was great response to the gospel," he says. "Every time I had the opportunity to preach there was a free and great and visible response to the gospel, most of them adults." Sisk says all were dealt with individually with names and addresses procured and follow-up planned.

Lexington, Ky. - Home to Williams and his wife. "Right now Kenya is more responsive to the gospel than any other place on earth. We need to put every possible resource into that. It may not always be that way. It's a wonderful, outstanding, unique opportunity to present the gospel."

Harrodsburg, Ky. - Home to Mrs. Trisler. "As we look back on it, we planted the seeds with the children."

Georgetown, Ky. - Home to Mrs. Allison. "I really do think I became more aware than I have ever been. Each of us has our task. While foreign missions is certainly important, I don't think it's more important than seeking God's will wherever we happen to be and doing it." Mrs. Allison also says, "I really feel like this whole experience has taught me what I felt like I already knew about depending on prayer."

Lexington, Ky. - Home to Sisk and his wife. Sisk has preached in every state and 30 foreign countries.

"Our Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania are first class missionaries, Christians and servants. They are among the most devoted people to the mission task that I've ever met.

"Major credit needs to go to Jack and Sally Conley and James and Wilma Whaley for the high level of success of the Kentucky-Kenya partnership." Conley is mission administrator of Kenya Baptist missions. Whaley is coordinator of the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership program.

"There is a great hunger for the gospel and the word of God in Kenya. There is open, warm, visible response every time the gospel is preached. I've never been anywhere where the gospel has such free course."



Ted Sisk, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, spent six weeks preaching and teaching in Kenya.

Cova Duvall honored for faithful service

by Jack Sanford, Editor

In 1952 Cova Duvall, along with his wife Connie, came to Corinth Baptist Church in Boone's Creek Association to serve in his first pastorate out of Campbellsville College.

In reflecting on the ministry of Duvall, Boone's Creek director of missions, Mack Pressley, declared, "Cova came to plant his life in Boone's Creek as his place to serve the Lord." He did indeed "plant his life" in the association and has stayed there for all his ministry, retiring as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church early in December.

In addition to his work in the association as pastor, Duvall conducted a radio program for many years.

The Boone's Creek Association

executive board held a dinner in his honor, presented him a plaque and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Reverend Cova Duvall has exhibited the highest principles of Christian vision and leadership in his ministry for Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, Reverend Duvall has been instrumental in the establishment and growth of the Boone's Creek Baptist Camp, and

WHEREAS, Reverend Duvall has tirelessly and energetically served the Master in Corinth Baptist Church and Macedonia Baptist Church, and

WHEREAS, Reverend Duvall, aided by his loving wife, Connie, has served as an outstanding witness of Christian values and servanthood to the benefit of his fellowman,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Boone's Creek Baptist Association express its utmost appreciation for the

ministry of Reverend and Mrs. Cova Duvall and, further, that this association extend its love and prayers for a happy retirement to these precious servants of God.

Retirement ceremonies were capped when the Macedonia Baptist Church held a church-wide dinner in honor of Cova and Connie Duvall.

In 1954 Duvall began a camp ministry through the Corinth Baptist Church. This work has grown through the years and is now the Boone's Creek Baptist camp. Many people in the association believe the camp's ministry through the years is related directly to the energy and commitment of Duvall who gave much of his effort to see the camp grow and minister to all the people of the region.

The Duvalls will continue to live in Winchester and work with the people of Boone's Creek Association.



Cova Duvall was recently presented with a plaque by Boone's Creek Association, recognizing his 34 years of ministry in the association.



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Conference is conducted by the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention
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oneida journal

"Through a magnifying glass"

One of the exciting events of this new year of 1987 will be a second edition of our new book, *Mountain Rising*. We are already at work on that. The book was just published three months ago. Without putting it in book stores and the usual things, a second edition is needed. Book and postage are \$17.75.

This is what varying readers have written about the book:

"It is the most interesting and informative book about Kentucky I have read." (Campbellsburg)

"The books about Oneida and the people of the mountains are so interesting I have had trouble laying them down. They are books to be treasured. I know it is a struggle keeping the school in operation, but it is so worthwhile. It is a work God blesses." (Ashburn, Va.)

Mountain Rising brings back pleasant memories of the trip my husband and I made to Oneida in 1980. I no longer can read normal print. But the book is so fascinating I am reading a few pages at a time with my magnifying glass." (Benton Harbor, Mich.)

"Thanks for the excellent book by Darrell Richardson. He is an interesting writer, also an interesting person. I am enjoying this book immensely. Because of the amazing work being done at Oneida perhaps this should not be true, but I am amazed at the splendid print job done in your shop."

(Piedmont, S. C.)

"I am only a few years later than the first chapter. I can relate to living in a small home, plowing a mule, having little or no money. But it was a good life and I am glad I lived then." (Louisville)

"We have only had time to thumb through Oneida's newest book. But the beautiful pictures make it very exciting." (Livermore)

The chapter about 'Rafting the Kentucky River' brought back memories. My aunt, a widow with three boys to rear, cooked and housed some of these men at Valley View, Ky." (Sanders)

"The book is a delight. It brought back happy memories. Thank you for making the older Oneida live again. It is indeed a miracle and we do thank God for it." (Albert Lea, Minn.)

"The author has done a beautiful job of bringing to life the mountain folk of the past into the present." (Mt. Sterling)

"Received the book a week ago and read it. I have enjoyed this book more than any book except the Bible." (Louisville)

A Methodist pastor and his wife in Indiana appreciated *Mountain Rising* so much they sent a gift of \$800 commenting, "Oneida is accomplishing great things."

A couple, devout life-long members of the Christian church and among the most generous of our donors in recent years, write: "It has been a thrilling experience to read *Mountain Rising*. The importance of this accurate and interesting account of the lives of the early settlers cannot be overestimated. What a vision that has made all the difference in countless lives. Every Kentuckian should be forever grateful for the research of Dr. Richardson." (Lexington)

"I can't tell you how excited I was when the book came in the mail. The book is really a testimony of the Lord at work in Oneida. The book and all the pictures have brought back a lot of good memories." This from a former OBI teacher writing from Florida.

A Lexingtonian writes: "*Mountain Rising* is more than a book. It reveals a vision and a labor of love that could only be accomplished with the power of faith and love. You surely can be proud of your print shop for a professional and superb accomplishment in the printing of the book. I congratulate all who contribute so much to make Oneida the unique institution that it is."



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sunday school lessons

LESSON FOR JAN. 11, 1987

Life and work series

Priority of persons

Luke 5:30-35 When Christ said to Levi, "Follow me," he was calling him to friendship, fellowship and employment. Levi forsook all and followed Christ. So great was his joy and so real his sense of appreciation Levi sought occasion to make Christ known to his friends. This he did by giving a great feast in honor of his Lord.

The scribes and Pharisees stood outside the publican's home and made remarks about the conduct of Christ in eating with publicans and sinners. These self-appointed critics thought they were entitled to find fault with anything not in accordance with their own pet notions. Christ informed them he had not come for the purpose of patching any old ecclesiastical system, but to save sinners and give them an abundant life.

Christ indicated that fasting, which was a symbol of mourning, was inappropriate at a wedding feast, which was an occasion for joy.

Luke 6:1-5 To the commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," the Pharisees added 39 burdensome requirements. Because Christ disregarded their silly regulations he encountered their bitter opposition.

One sabbath Christ and his disciples were walking through a field of grain.

The hungry disciples began to pluck some grain. The critical Pharisees saw this as an opportunity to make a point against Christ, whom they held responsible for what his disciples were doing. These hypocritical Pharisees sought to make it appear that plucking, shelling and eating the grain were equivalent to reaping, threshing and grinding.

International series

Man of compassion

Luke 7:11-17 As the saviour, attended by his disciples and others, approached Nain in central Palestine they came upon a scene of sadness. A funeral procession emerged from the gate on the way to the cemetery for the burial of a corpse which was wrapped in linen and laid on an open bier.

This young man had been taken in the prime of life. His mother was left childless, which to the Jews was an almost intolerable affliction.

When Christ saw the procession and the grief of the mother, his heart was filled with compassion. He insisted the bereaved mother not weep because he was about to remove her sorrow.

Without any ceremony Christ walked over and touched the bier. He said, "Young man, I say unto thee, arise." To the astonishment of all, he sat up and began talking. When Christ gave the young man back to his mother, that terribly dark day became the most blessed in her experience.

Luke 14:1-6 A leading Pharisee invited Jesus to be the guest in his home on a certain sabbath. The invitation was extended seemingly for the purpose of entrapping him. In the guest-chamber was a man afflicted with dropsy. This was done so these hypocrites and enemies of Christ might hear what he would say and see what he would do. The sight of this afflicted man moved Christ with compassion.

Christ asked the Pharisees: "Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?" Unwilling to get into an argument, Christ's enemies refused to reply. They realized should they answer in the affirmative their opportunity of finding fault with Christ would be removed, and should they answer in the negative that would make them open to the accusation they were without compassion. Christ healed the man and dismissed him from his presence.



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on mission together

To start a new year

First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Our pastor at that time was Dr. Luther Joe Thompson. He and his wife, Evelyn, now reside in Shelbyville, Kentucky while he serves as a professor of preaching at Southern Seminary.

One of his many gifts is the gift of preaching. I especially remember his Wednesday evening devotionals which he delivered while we were all still gathered at the dinner tables.

As we begin a new year, I share with you from some notes I took from one of those Wednesday devotionals:

Nothing lasts forever. Even the hardest of times pass; the sharpest of pain ultimately diminishes; behind the darkest clouds is the sun.

Choose the color of the glasses you will wear when trouble comes. One's attitude will determine whether trouble, which is inevitable, or the person ultimately wins the victory.

Make up your mind what you will not do in the face of trouble. There are

some things that you simply must not let trouble cause you to do.

Resolve to hang onto your faith at all costs.

Try to learn from your troubles. Be confident that there are some legitimate lessons to be learned during those times of stress and trouble. Be sensitive and expect to grow from trouble.

Permit the troubles to point you to God. Troubles have the capacity for creating the need for God; let troubles lead you to Him and learn to experience the deeper meanings of His presence.

As I recall his wrap-up statement, he reminded us that life is to be lived a day at a time.

As we enter the year 1987, I want to do so "one day at a time," taking time to smell the flowers along the way.

And may I take this once-a-year occasion to thank you for taking the time, occasionally, to read "On Mission Together."

For most of the years my family and I served on the staff of the Foreign Mission Board, we were members of

Khayamnandi is sweet home for orphans

by Robert O'Brien

Keith and Terry Blakley felt a powerful attraction to the three little boys shivering in the late-night air on the city street on South Africa's cape.

The children, huddled against a wall eating scraps from a nearby hamburger stand, looked like so many other children the two missionaries had seen on the streets. Mainly boys ranging from preschoolers to teens, they begin each day of struggling to survive by stealing, begging, and foraging in garbage cans. Or they fall prey to rape or prostitution at the whim of "bunnies," homosexual men who stalk children because prospective adult partners fear AIDS.

"We started to pass, but we couldn't," Keith says. "We felt a strong leading of God to stop and talk to them."

The boys spoke poor English, but the Blakleys learned they had no home and nowhere to sleep but the street.

A few blocks away, Chelsea Blakley, then two years old, and Angela Blak-

ley, then 4, were with their sitter, tucked warmly and safely in their beds, with not a care in the world—or so their parents thought.

Keith and Terry, after an exhausting day of work, had gone out for the evening to relax and spend a little time together. They didn't need something else to worry about, especially three little African boys with lice-infested, matted hair and dirty, ragged clothing.

But the next thing they knew they had a bathtub full of boys at their home near the University of Cape Town, where the two Southern Baptist missionaries do Baptist student work. While he liberally applied hot water, soap and disinfectant, she took the sitter home.

"I'm not surprised you brought those three home tonight," the sitter said. "Angela and Chelsea prayed before they went to sleep that God would take care of the orphans and give them a place to live."

But God had only begun a series of answers which would lead to the miracle of "Khayamnandi."

After a frustrating day on the telephone, Terry realized no childcare facilities existed for these boys or thousands of other homeless black children who wander the streets as refugees from disrupted family units in South Africa's troubled black townships.

"It's a shame," one person explained. "There's a 'bottomless pit' of kids in the streets, and we have nothing for them. We wish we could help." A temporary home for "coloreds," South Africa's term for people of mixed race, agreed to shelter the trio for awhile but soon put them back on the street.

"I really became so disturbed I cried out to God to find some way to help these kids who suffer from violence, hunger and disease," Mrs. Blakley says. Then one day, she saw the three boys' photo in a local newspaper and an article on the "Hole in the Wall Gang."

Rose McKenna, a local white Christian woman, had found the boys and others living in a hole in a canal wall and learned what Mrs. Blakley had—no help existed. So she took the story to the newspaper, *The Argus*.

Terry Blakley traced down Mrs. McKenna, and they talked about what could be done. Soon a committee formed, including students from the University of Cape Town's Baptist Student Union, who took the children as a mission project.

Within days, a government agency donated an old barracks in the black township of Langa. It was one of a group of old buildings vandals had turned into a pile of rubble. But it was a beginning.

"We thanked the father for giving that to us," Mrs. Blakley says. "All we could do was pray and ask him to make this heavily damaged building into a home for these boys."

Soon, a white government official talked to them about their plight and took a personal interest. A couple of days later, he said, "I've found a construction company which will renovate the building for free."

By the time they moved into the humble but renovated building six weeks later, donations from the community had provided enough food, clothing, supplies, furniture and funds to get underway and hire some help.

"Ah, this is going to be a 'khayamnandi' ('sweet home' in the Xhosa language)," exclaimed a black Salvation Army captain, who teaches literacy at the home. So it became "Khayamnandi," the "Sweet Home" for 33 boys from the streets and the only facility for black children in South Africa's Western Province, which has a population of more than 800,000 blacks.

But the sweet home retained a bitter tinge. How would it survive?

The committee had assumed the Salvation Army, which sat on the committee, would take it over. That didn't develop.

That's when South Africa's Western Province Baptist Association agreed to run it and Southern Baptists gave \$45,000 in start-up funds from world hunger contributions. The money, equal to more than 100,000 South African dollars, gave Khayamnandi a strong start and resulted in another story in *The Argus*.

Soon, workers at the home began to realize some of the boys in their care had great potential for leadership. As the word spread, it reached Karin Steven, one of five Anglican women from Good Shepherd Church in Kirstenbosch who meet regularly for prayer.

The five white women, grieved over the needs of black children and South Africa's future, had prayed for four months that God "would raise up leaders in the biblical tradition of Daniel from among black youth and inspire them to minister to their people."

"We can go to trouble spots to minister, but it's better for people to rise up among themselves and become the voice of God," she says.

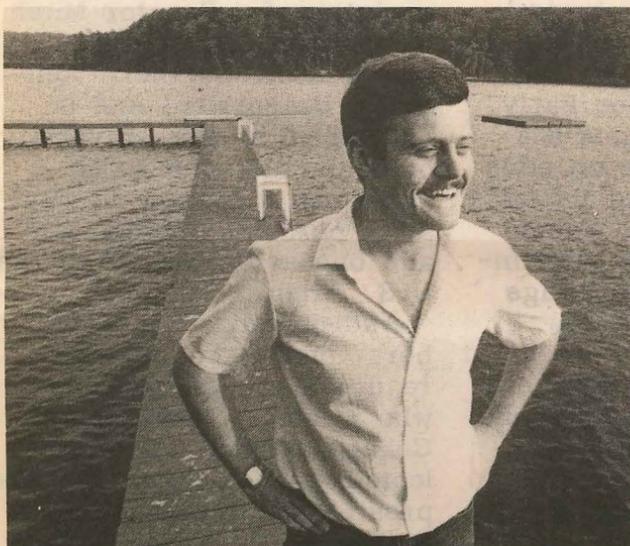
"You never think of yourself as part of something so global," she says of the Southern Baptist gift from America, which got media coverage and boosted the morale of many South Africans.

"God's plan is so fantastic. It seems to dovetail as people all over the world pray," she continues. "We have since zoomed in more than ever on our prayer for the young Daniels."

The Blakleys and South African Baptists know the problems have only begun for Khayamnandi. Southern Baptists granted the start-up funds if Western Province Association would take full financial responsibility by mid-1987. Now, the prayer centers around where the hard-pressed association will find the money in an economy made worse by the world's economic sanctions.

"The association gulped hard and said, 'Yes, in faith, we'll do this,'" Mrs. Blakley says.

They'll need a lot of faith—as much faith as two little girls named Angela and Chelsea, whose prayers started all this in the first place.



South African Rodney Green, Johannesburg, enjoys the beauty of Georgia Baptist Assembly where he recently attended the National Renewal Evangelism Conference. Green says the best solution to the political and social turmoil in his country is for people to turn to God.

South Africa solution must be work of God

by Jim Burton

Hope for peace and equality among the mixed races of strife-torn South Africa lies in the working of God, according to Rodney Green, a Johannesburg native.

"It's a difficult situation," says Green. "There's not an easy solution to the problem. I think a peaceful solution to the situation in our country can only be a work of God."

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of bad influences. There are a lot of communist influences. But I believe the Lord can do it," adds Green.

Green, 23, is visiting the states to participate in lay renewal weekends. He attended the national renewal evangelism conference, Oct. 1-5, at the Georgia Baptist Assembly.

South Africa is suffering political and social turmoil due to apartheid, a policy which makes discrimination by a white minority against the black majority legal.

"As a Christian there is no way I can agree with the policy," says Green. "All men are created equal in the sight of God so why should we have to discriminate against some?"

"If we humble ourselves and pray and turn from our wicked ways, which is a big problem, then God is going to

heal our land."

Green says there are pockets throughout South Africa where discrimination is being torn down by the moving of the Holy Spirit in the churches. People are learning to accept each other on equal terms. He believes through renewal, this understanding will grow.

Green says he became a Christian 15 years ago and has felt a strong sense of the Lord's presence in his life since then. Three years ago, he participated in a lay renewal weekend at his home church, Rossettville Baptist in Johannesburg. It was led by lay people from Texas. Shortly after that, he began two-year compulsory service in the South African army.

"Those two years were the lowest time I've had spiritually in my Christian life," says Green. "Only for about the first three months did I have any other Christians with me (in the service)."

Among Green's assignments during his duty in military service was riot control. It entailed patrolling areas of unrest to keep peace. The main concern of the military is to insure safety, according to Green.

"The soldiers who worked with me made a concerted effort to restore confidence in the people, to let them

know that we weren't there to harm them in any way," says Green. "Who likes conflict? Who likes strife? It's not in me. I refuse to be violent. I refuse to be an animal."

Following his release from military duty in June, Green participated in a discipleship weekend led by Texas lay people. Among the Texans participating were Don and Lena Gibson. They invited Green to visit the states to learn more about church renewal before resuming his college studies toward a degree in electrical engineering.

As a layman, Green feels called to continue ministering through church renewal, an emphasis which encourages lay people to discover their spiritual gift and call to ministry.

Green will work with the Baptist Union of South Africa as a volunteer while studying at the University of Natal in Durban. He will be a youth coordinator for lay renewal weekends and discipleship weekends at churches throughout South Africa.

Church renewal is a joint emphasis of the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board. It will be highlighted during 1988-89, a year that has been designated as the Year of the Laity in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Cumberland College

A Winning Tradition

Being the best in the nation has become both a habit and a tradition for the Cumberland College Upsilon-Upsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, an international history honor society.

For the 1985-86 academic year, the chapter earned the nationwide Best Chapter Award for the eighth consecutive year.

In a letter to faculty advisor Dr. Eric Wake, Dr. Donald B. Hoffman, International Secretary-Treasurer of Phi Alpha Theta stated, "Out of the last nine years you have won the Best Chapter Award eight times and a Special Commendation for the other year - it is a record equaled by none and surpassed by no other Chapter. Congratulations certainly to the student members, the faculty and the administration of your College whose willingness to support academic excellence, I am sure, is most encouraging to all of you."

Dr. Eric Wake, chairman of the Cumberland College History and Political Science Department and the faculty sponsor of Phi Alpha Theta, praised the students, "They win with hard work. Actually, the students won't let us not win-- it has become a tradition.

"Each group of officers asks 'what can we do? What new things can we do to continue winning?'"

Examples of new projects for Phi Alpha Theta include participation in the Admissions Office's Fall Visitation Days for prospective students, and sponsorship of a History and Political Science social during which students and faculty members of Phi Alpha Theta attempt to "... create a spark ..." within new students to want to join the chapter.

Usually containing 10 to 20 members, the Phi Alpha Theta chapter had 13 members during the fall semester of 1986. Membership is open to students who have completed 12 hours in history courses and who have maintained a 3.0 grade



Pictured above, the members of Phi Alpha are: (front row, left to right) Oline Carmical, Lisa Noble, Shelly Oakley, Marjorie Helvey, Janie Hall, Melissa Bryant; (back row, left to right) John Broome, James Crisp, Charles Shackleford, Eric Wake, Maria Bryant, Doug Atkins, and Grover Wilson. Not pictured are Janet Bentley, Richard Evans, Karen Gilreath, Oliver Hopkins, James Scaff, Richard Russell, Leila West, and Laurie Whitlock.

point average (B average) in both their history courses and in their overall course work. If a student qualifies, the approval is seconded by a democratic vote of the Phi Alpha Theta members.

Membership can be exciting and is rewarding. Wake elaborated, "One of our members flew to New York City for the first time to attend the national convention: his first trip to New York and his first time to fly."

The members attend history meetings across the state of Kentucky and attend the national convention which is held every other year. This year at least one student will deliver a research paper at the regional Phi Alpha Theta Convention.

The chapter also creates a monthly bulletin board which is displayed to all of the college. The chapter also publishes a periodic newsletter, invites and sponsors the visitation of the Historymobile from the Kentucky Historical Society, sponsors bi-annual book sales, and has sponsored presidential debates during presidential election years.

One of the most popular events sponsored by the chapter is the Phi Alpha Theta Lecture Series. This lecture series uses speakers from both on and off campus who speak on a variety of topics and provides a standard of excellence not

usually found in a typical classroom setting on any campus.

Recently, Dr. Joe Early, Cumberland College's academic dean, spoke on educational reform and its impact on Kentucky. Other recent speakers of note include U.S. Federal Judge Eugene Siler; Dr. Tom Clark, professor emeritus at the University of Kentucky and former chairman of the University of Kentucky History Department; and Ray Betts, chairman of the University of Kentucky Honors Program and professor of European History.

Wake, who became a member of Phi Alpha Theta while he was a graduate student of Texas Christian University and who believes that being a member is an honor because Phi Alpha Theta is one of the oldest honor societies in existence, helped establish the Cumberland College chapter in 1974.

The Cumberland College Phi Alpha Theta Chapter was founded by Dr. Chester Young, a former Baptist missionary who came to Cumberland in 1967. Dr. Young served as history department chairman from 1971 until his retirement in 1985. Under Young's leadership the chapter won the Best Chapter Award seven times.

Several recent Cumberland College graduates who were members or officers in Phi Alpha Theta have continued their pursuit of excellence: one in law school at the University of Kentucky, who also served as an intern for Senator Mitch McConnell; one at Chase Law School, Northern Kentucky University; one in law school at the University of Louisville; one as an assistant in history at Eastern Kentucky University; and one as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Additionally, two members, one a graduate already mentioned and one who is still a Cumberland College student, were selected as participants in the prestigious summer Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Will the Cumberland College Phi Alpha Theta chapter continue winning the Best Chapter Award? No one can answer that question for certain, but can only reflect on Dr. Wake's statement, "... the students won't let us not win-- it has become a tradition."



Phi Alpha Theta initiates Lisa Noble and Maria Bryant take the oath of membership led by Eric Wake.