

3500 youth challenged at evangelism conference

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

"Sometimes young people think they can leave witnessing to someone else. But, I believe when the Lord gave the great commission he was talking to young people, too," Jay Brown told more than 3500 young people attending the state youth evangelism conference June 26-27.

"The word missionary often describes someone who is going to serve in a foreign country," continued Brown, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department. "But, Jesus instructed us to begin where we are. When planning youth programs we should include some meaningful experiences in which we become witnesses to our communities," he exhorted.

The conference's agenda also included addresses by Home Mission Board youth consultant Dean Finley, two leaders in the Kentucky Baptist Crusaders and winners of both the state and national youth Speakers Tournament.

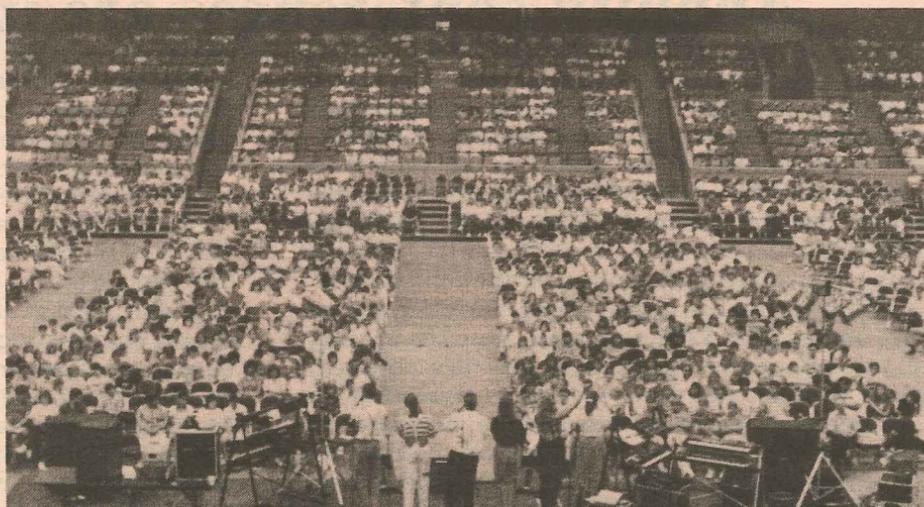
Finley related his experiences in growing up at Springfield, Mo. as "Normal Nolan."

"I wanted to be somebody. I wanted to be noticed as a teenager," he confided.

"Two friends once encouraged me to sneak into a football game through a hole in the fence. I crawled first under the fence. But, when I turned around my friends were laughing. Then, I looked in front of me and saw the biggest billy club I have ever seen in my life!"

The youth consultant explained, "In these experiences I was desperately hurting on the inside and asking if anybody cares about 'Normal Nolan.'"

During a youth evangelism conference Finley made a decision for Christ and realized that without Christ he was nothing. "Jesus knew who I was and the difference the decision made was that I



Over 3500 Baptist youth from throughout Kentucky attended the state Youth Evangelism Conference held recently in Louisville's Broadbent Arena. Additional photo essay on page 7.

became a listening disciple."

In his final message Finley used the movie Karate Kid to illustrate the saving grace of God in his life. He told of how Daniel, the Karate Kid, was once saved when his instructor slipped in between him and his arch-enemy.

"I was reminded of 2000 years ago when Jesus Christ stood between me and Satan as I was about to take a beating. Jesus stepped in and said, 'No longer. No longer,'" claimed Finley. "He didn't have to do that, folks, but he did it because of his grace and love."

Finley challenged the youth, "Last year, we baptized more people in every group except the one between 13 and 18."

"Nowhere in the Bible does it say the function of the church is to entertain you with activities" he continued. "Jesus instructed the church to be a serving community of God. It's time you found a place of service and got plugged in."

Larry Pursiful, minister of activities at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, shared his experiences in sports evangelism.

Pursiful recently returned from participating in the Kentucky-Kenya partnership where he coached 12 players who played 13 games and led 12 clinics. His team, the Kentucky Baptist Crusaders, shared Christ with more than 2800 people and saw about 700 decisions.

"You say, that's way over in Kenya. But, you have a Kenya right here in Kentucky," he explained. "God's miracles aren't limited to Kenya. All you have to do is be willing to tell someone else."

Robby Spears, minister of activities at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, and a leading participant on the sports evangelism team, confessed, "I guess the neatest thing was the enthusiasm in which people received the gospel. They loved Jesus so much they wanted a total stranger to know."

"There are people around you who do not know Jesus," he stated. "It's up to you to be bold enough to tell them how much God loves them."

Hal Poe, associate in the KBC's Evangelism Department, conveyed a simple four point outline of delivering an effective witness for Christ.

"First, let them know of God's love and our problem called sin that separates us from God," he instructed. "Then, tell them of God's provision, his

free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. And, finally, share with them the need for our response of faith."

National youth Speakers Tournament champion Tony Carney of Mt. Washington shared his thoughts on witnessing.

"In order for our lives to be totally committed to God, our lives must reveal a good witness for him—not just in our words, but in our actions," he declared.

Carney concluded, "Unless people around us can see the difference, then we can't even hope to bring them to Christ."

Joy Hinton of Hopkinsville, a winner of the KBC youth Speakers Tournament, stressed, "Humility is a quality seen in a person who is governed by the mind of Christ. It is an attitude that insists upon giving up self."

"We like to serve God when it is convenient or when his demands aren't too harsh," she confessed. "Empty, serve, give, obey—these are actions. The humble person doesn't wait for others to act, the humble person is a person of action."

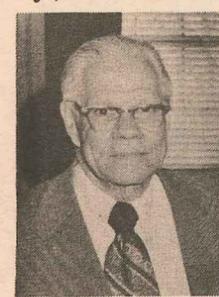
KBC youth tournament speaker Marisa Smith of Litchfield explained the meaning of grace. "Grace is the heavenly remedy for the very contagious human disease called sin. By grace you receive the gift of life everlasting," she declared.

"Most importantly we need to remember that grace is a necessity, but it is something of which we are not worthy . . . I know God's grace as he guides me daily in a life I don't deserve, but am given by his wonderful grace," she testified.

Say So, a contemporary Christian group from Nashville comprised of Jim and Kim Thomas, moved the youth with three performances. Their music stresses their belief that true Christians must be willing to stand up and "say so."

Boswell honored as outstanding educator

James M. Boswell, president emeritus of Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky., has been named recipient of the



1987 Charles D. Johnson Outstanding Educator Award.

The award, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Education Commission, was presented to Boswell during the annual meeting of the Association of

Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in Kansas City, Mo.

Boswell was president of Cumberland College, a Kentucky Baptist school, from 1947 to 1980.

While Boswell was chief administrator at Cumberland, the school grew from a junior college with a pre-World War II enrolment of 200 to a senior college with a current enrolment of almost 2100 students.

Prior to becoming president at Cumberland, Boswell was a mathematics and physics professor at the college and also coached the school's basketball team.

The award, given annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to Southern Baptist higher education, honors Charles D. Johnson, who wrote "Higher Education of Southern Baptists" and was chairman of the Education Commission from 1932 to 1953.(BP)

Carney wins national award

What does a 16-year-old high school boy from Kentucky have in common with a world famous comedian from Mississippi?

Both are happy that Tony Carney, a Pioneer Royal Ambassador from Mt.

Washington, Ky., just happens to be the winner of a national speech contest named in honor of Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

The Royal Ambassador Missions Speak Out is sponsored annually by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and endorsed by Clower.

Carney's winning speech was presented as part of the Brotherhood breakfast at the SBC annual meeting.

More than 200 people attended the breakfast where Tandy Rice, Chief Executive Officer of Top Billing, Inc., presented the National Jerry Clower Award to Carney and paid high tribute to all the young men from Southern Baptist churches across the country who entered the speech competition. The award honors Jerry Clower for his outstanding Christian convictions and his commitment to the work of the Brotherhood in the SBC.

Carney won the National Jerry Clower Award in competition with nine other finalists by delivering a five-minute original speech. Carney's talk, entitled "Sharing Christ With Others," is consistent with the missions education emphasis of Royal Ambassadors.

In addition to an expense-paid trip to the St. Louis convention, Tony received a \$500 scholarship from the Brotherhood Commission trustees, a trophy and a trip to the Grand Ole Opry, hosted by Jerry Clower.

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Annuity conferences are important

Several Annuity conferences are scheduled across Kentucky Aug. 10-14 to explore the expanded annuity plan, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1988.

It is imperative each church in the state have representatives at one of these important conferences. The changes in the plan and the way these changes will impact the future of church employes is the main topic of discussion for the conferences.

When you realize many retired church employes live on less than \$200 per month from the annuity plan of Southern Baptists, it becomes painfully clear we have not done as well in providing for our people as we should have done, nor have we who are employes done as well as we should have done in planning our own retirement. The conferences planned by Annuity Department director Don Spencer will help all of us plan more adequately for the future.

Horror stories abound about how many retired people live at or below the poverty level. For this to happen to members of the family of faith, especially those who have given their lives to serve the needs of the churches, is inexcusable.

There is not a single church in the Kentucky Baptist Convention which could not participate

in the Annuity Board's retirement plan. In addition, many churches now participating only at minimum levels could greatly increase participation and help their own people have a little better time in their retirement years.

All of this is to say these conferences are important and should have wide participation by pastors, ministers in other positions on the church staff and, most of all, laymen who design and oversee the church programs. Retirement planning has become such an important matter in modern life we must give more and more attention to the process if we are to free ourselves from the stigma of neglect and the guilt we often feel when we see a church employe living in need after spending a lifetime in church work.

Check with your director of missions to determine the meeting place and the time of the conference nearest you. Then take members of your church to the meeting, learn all you can about what is available and make an attempt to upgrade the retirement plans of your church employes. You will be glad you did and those who now work in your church will thank you for years to come.

I have asked various members of the Board of Directors of Western Recorder to share what it means to them to be given responsibility to oversee the work of our state paper. I asked them to express in their own way their sense of stewardship to the Kentucky Baptist Convention and their sense of God's calling to this work. Below is the first of these responses, presented by Alan Jolly, a layman who is a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville. Alan has been involved in Baptist life in many ways and is serving his first term on the board of Western Recorder.

Thank God I Can Serve

I consider my nomination and election as a director of Western Recorder God's calling from the more than 750,000 Kentucky Baptists who also called me to represent them.

I was delighted to accept for these reasons: (1) Communications is my called profession and I'm aware I am God's steward for God's people;

(2) I believe the Word of God is just what God revealed the Bible to be in II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21, I Peter 1:25, Psalm 119 and Hebrews 4:12 and I believe Western Recorder is the ideal communications instrument God's people known as Kentucky Baptists may use to strengthen each other in the word;

(3) I believe Western Recorder has an obligation to present all sides of an issue, even when it disagrees with Kentucky Baptist Convention leaders, with Western Recorder leaders and/or with my own opinion;

(4) I believe, insofar as it is humanly possible to achieve, Western Recorder should be an objective voice—always under God's leadership, but committed to no one person, to no one group, committed to Christ only;

(5) I believe Western Recorder belongs to Southern Baptists in Kentucky and the directors are dual stewards of God and each church member;

(6) I believe Western Recorder should be a good

"listener" to God, his holy word and to each of you (if I/we don't listen as you believe we should, I/we would like to hear about it; that's one reason we read his word, listen in our prayer times and give you "letters to the editor" columns.) If you want to discuss something, feel free to give Western Recorder a call or make an appointment to visit one or more staff members or directors in person;

(7) I believe God has a great work for us to do in his kingdom and one of the opportunities in that great work is to witness to Christ's loving presence in our lives and work;

(8) We Kentucky Baptists can pray for and affirm our leaders in the associations as well as our churches, in our state convention, in other state conventions and in every leadership position in our Southern Baptist Convention, including each board, each agency and each individual teacher.

(9) I believe God placed every leader, called of God, where they are today; and

(10) I am grateful for every leader God has called to our denomination and who is willing to serve, to sacrifice life in his call and to save us from the comfortable satisfaction known as "Christian mediocrity."

Thank you God for allowing my life, my Christian calling in my professional talents to be used any way Kentucky Baptists see fit.

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baptist news in brief

High court strikes down creation science law

The Supreme Court, acting in its most publicized church-state case of the current term, has struck down a Louisiana law mandating the teaching of creation science in the state's elementary and secondary schools when evolution also is taught.

In a 7-2 decision announced June 19, the high court rejected the contention of Louisiana officials that the law's purpose was secular, not religious. Rather, the court held, the law's stated purpose was a "sham."

The decision marked an end of a protracted battle to save the law, whose primary sponsor, state Sen. Bill Keith, is former Southern Baptist foreign missionary and director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Justice William J. Brennan Jr., who wrote the majority opinion, ruled the Creation Act violated the First Amendment's ban on an "establishment of religion" because "the pre-eminent purpose of the Louisiana Legislature was clearly to advance the religious viewpoint that

Bennett named provost at Southern Seminary

G. Willis Bennett, dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been named provost of the seminary.

The appointment, which became effective June 15, was announced by president Roy L. Honeycutt at Southern Seminary's annual alumni luncheon during the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Bennett, dean of the school of theology since 1963, will serve as the seminary's chief academic officer. Most of those responsibilities had been retained by former provost Honeycutt after his election as president in 1982.

Bennett, 67, is a native of Candler, N. C. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., the University of Louisville and Southern Seminary. After serving as pastor of Southern Baptist churches in North Carolina and Kentucky, Bennett has taught in the areas of Christian ethics and church and community since joining the faculty in 1959.(BP)

Convictions broaden pornography war

The first convictions under a federal statute enacted in 1983 have put two national "dial-a-porn" distributors in Los Angeles out of business and stepped up the Justice Department's war on obscenity.

The two distributors, Adult Entertainment Network, Inc. I and II, were fined \$50,000 each after pleading guilty to the charges and permanently were enjoined from engaging in other such practices by the federal district court in Salt Lake City.

Rob Showers, executive director of the Justice Department's National Obscenity Enforcement Unit, said records of the two companies show they used 38 different telephone lines in 12 cities and received up to 2.8 million calls per month.

Showers said an FBI investigation revealed that a significant number of these callers were children between the ages

a supernatural being created human-kind." As such, it was designed "to change the science curriculum of public schools in order to provide persuasive advantage to a particular religious doctrine that rejects the factual basis of evolution in its entirety," Brennan wrote further.

The court's senior justice concluded, "The Act violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment because it seeks to employ the symbolic and financial support of government to achieve a religious purpose.

Dissenting for himself and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Justice Antonin Scalia charged the court majority

'Chicken preachers' blamed for problems

America's problem is "chicken preachers," "weenie men" and "lily-livered congressmen," Bailey Smith told participants at the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists June 17 in St. Louis.

Smith, vocational evangelist from Del City, Okla., urged more than 200 evangelists not to "compromise" their message of repentance through Jesus Christ: "I'm tired of trying to get a meeting if I have to apologize to a backslidden pastor. If they (pastors) want me to compromise my message of repentance . . . they can get someone else. I'm not for sale."

Pastors should preach repentance without fear of "committees, deacons or the WMU (Woman's Missionary Union)," the former Southern Baptist Convention president said. He blamed "x-rated movies, four-letter words on television, abortions and an increase in homosexuality" on pastors who have compromised their messages of repentance.

Many pastors today are "chicken preachers" because they "don't preach the unadulterated, unmitigated word of God," Smith said.

He received a standing ovation when he said he did not compromise by saying, "God does not hear the prayer of a Jew," while he was SBC president in 1980. "A lot of friends came to me saying what I had said was true but telling me I shouldn't have said it. If the Bible says

of 10 and 16.

Showers, a Southern Baptist attorney from North Carolina who was named in March by Attorney General Edwin Meese to head the new National Obscenity Enforcement Unit, said, "The purveyors of telephone sex are making money on kids at a cost which goes far beyond the mere expense of the calls. These prerecorded telephone messages contained explicit dramatizations of sex acts whose effect on young people who might tend to model their behavior on them is a serious national concern.

According to Larry Braidfoot, general counsel for the Christian Life Commission, the successful prosecution of the Los Angeles companies comes at a time when federal legislation is pending that even more effectively would prohibit the use of telephones for commercial distribution of sexually explicit conversation. (BP)

had ruled in effect "that the members of the Louisiana Legislature knowingly violated their oaths and then lied about it." Rarely in the past, he noted, has the Supreme Court invalidated a law because it failed the "secular purpose" test.

"Striking down a law approved by the democratically elected representatives of the people is no minor matter," Scalia wrote, adding, "The people of Louisiana, including those who are Christian fundamentalists, are quite entitled, as a secular matter, to have whatever scientific evidence there may be against evolution presented in their schools." (BP)

it, it is true, and you should tell it," he said. He added he loves the Jewish people but noted, "Unless they repent and get born again, they are in trouble."

Smith recalled how he had been criticized for asking Anita Bryant to speak to the SBC Pastors' Conference after she had been outspoken against homosexuality. "A woman would not have had to take the lead," he said, if there were not "so many weenie men."

And of abortion, he said, "Every Supreme Court justice, lily-livered congressman and liberal preacher will stand before God Almighty and answer for 'babies who have been murdered' in America.(BP)

Mexican sentenced in Philpot killing

A Mexican man has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for the 1985 killing of Southern Baptist representative James Philpot.

Luis Alfredo Gutierrez Jimenez was originally sentenced to a 25-year prison term for shooting Philpot, according to the American Embassy in Mexico City. But the term was reduced to 12 years on appeal.

An American Embassy official informed Southern Baptist workers June 15 of the conviction and sentencing. Southern Baptists have relied on the embassy for most of the scant information available on the murder investigation and trial.

Philpot, an Arkansas native who had worked in Mexico since 1967, was killed Oct. 11, 1985. He was driving in Mexico City that afternoon when his car was struck by another car emerging from a side street. According to witnesses, one of the two men in the other car jumped out and shot Philpot in the head. He died at the scene. Abel Hernandez Figueroa, a Mexican in the car with Philpot, was shot several times in the stomach but survived.

The killer and his companion escaped, but police reported the arrest of two suspects Oct. 14. A witness took down the license plate number of the car speeding away from the shooting scene, which led to the arrests, according to police.

From that point on Baptists and American embassy officials learned very little about the investigation. Investigators took official statements on several occasions from Southern Baptist workers and a Mexican Baptist. But

HMB staff asked to reaffirm BFM

Professional staffers of the Home Mission Board will be asked to reaffirm their commitment to the Baptist Faith and Message Statement as interpreted by the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee, HMB president Larry Lewis said June 26.

Lewis also said future employment practices may be tightened and that there is a need to review the doctrinal stance of missionaries on the field.

"We must give careful attention to the doctrinal integrity of our agency," Lewis said. "Trustees and administrators who will not be responsive will be replaced."

Lewis made his remarks to about 150 employees who attended Friday morning chapel services at the Atlanta offices of the HMB. Employees of the main offices of the HMB include 138 elected staff and 215 other employees. According to the annual report, the HMB has 3637 appointed missionaries.

"I see this (the Peace Committee report) as a mandate. I pledge, as president, I will do everything in my power to lead the board . . . to be commensurate with guidelines of the Peace Committee," he said.

Following the chapel address, Lewis told the Atlanta bureau of Baptist Press that although the recommendation of the Peace Committee was specifically directed to seminary administrators and faculty, "I believe the spirit is such for all agencies to comply."(BP)

none was called to testify at the trial, which reportedly began in spring 1986. Southern Baptist representatives were not officially told if a motive for killing was established during the trial, or what that motive might have been. (BP)

WMU Building sold to Birmingham firm

The former national headquarters building of Woman's Missionary Union has been sold to LTC Joint Venture, composed of Land Title Company and Colonial Properties Inc. of Birmingham.

"I am glad the building will be in the hands of an old, established, Alabama company," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of national WMU. "I feel good that it is now owned by such a stable respected company."

The \$2 million payment has been applied to the \$5 million debt which resulted when the national staff relocated in 1984 from the downtown facility to the new headquarters complex atop New Hope Mountain on the outskirts of Birmingham.

Contributions to a Centennial Thank Offering are expected to retire the remaining debt when WMU centennial is celebrated in 1988.

The final Centennial Thank Offering will be taken at the WMU Centennial Celebration May 13-14, 1988 in Richmond, Va., WMU's founding site. WMU officials expect to be debt free by the end of the centennial year.(BP)



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

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Lighthouse on the corner

Being on the ground floor of the organization of a new church is probably something most of us have never experienced. I have marveled over the years at the reports in this paper concerning the start of new work across the state and in many other parts of the world. It has been not only inspirational but also intriguing. On the one hand there is a sense of joy in establishing a new mission or preaching point. At the same time, there is excitement in anticipating the dimensions of that work.

While I have not been a charter member of a Baptist congregation, I remember very well the cross-town mission my layman father and others worked diligently to begin in the late 40s. I was too young to fully comprehend it then, but I attended worship services and prayer meetings in a community where no organized Southern Baptist presence had ever been. The mission they began is one of the foremost congregations of its association today.

My family participates in a fellowship now that is still young enough to actively involve several of its charter members. In fact, our little band of 850 on Westport Road began just 25 years ago this October, a mission of Louisville's Lyndon Baptist Church. It grew from a conviction that the church is called to reach outside its walls to enlist new Christians. Determination brought forth "a lighthouse on the corner, a beacon to the world, a testimony to a contemporary age that Christ's fellowship is alive, its heartbeat strong, and that love is spoken here." The quote is from a brief history of the church I prepared for the anniversary.

Westport Road was established in that golden era of Southern Baptist life when the denomination had launched "The 30,000 Movement." C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C. directed it. Its purpose was to increase the number of Southern Baptist churches and missions to 30,000 in the period 1959-64. Westport Road received a certificate certifying it as "one of 30,000." It was signed by denominational luminaries Warren, Ben F. Mitchell, Harold G. Sanders, James L. Sullivan, Alma Hunt, Courts Redford and George W. Schroeder.

At the close of the printed history, I suggest something that may have relevancy for some other churches: "The next 25 years would seem to offer this congregation two major ingredients for future achievement—*opportunity* and *resources*. If these elements are amply provided and can be combined with a third requirement—*commitment*—the potential exists for a much stronger Westport Road in the days and years ahead, all to the glory of God."

I believe that, and I trust in the Lord that it will come to pass in my church and in yours.

baptist forum

Convention raises pastor's concern

Here are some reflections on the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis:

In spite of the obvious one-sidedness of the Peace Committee report, I felt better about the convention until the convention sermon. This sermon was abrasive and unnecessarily emotional.

The litmus test being applied by those in power to persons who are prospects to serve on boards and agencies is offensive and divisive.

Ends, which may or may not be Christian, do not justify the means.

Ben Baird, pastor
First Baptist Church,
Hazard

Making a difference: Our struggle

I wish to share a few thoughts from the editorial which appeared in the June 2 issue of Western Recorder. The following words from our editor have become very significant to me:

This endorsement of an avowed lottery supporter is hard to understand since many churches, several associations and practically all our Baptist leaders have spoken out against a lottery. This is strange because Baptists constitute the largest evangelical religious group in the state.

Somehow after reading these words my

mind avoided the usual rush of routine and engaged in battle. The true issue seems to go much deeper.

Really, do I make a difference? Do I make a difference in matters of government? Can I pass another person on the street and give a positive influence? More to the point, do I make a difference in the spiritual health of my neighbor?

Do we as Baptists make a difference? Do others look to us as the "largest evangelical religious group" for guidance and direction in matters of philosophy and policy? Do we make a difference in the moral fiber of our land?

Has indifference in society affected us? If so, we are playing the role of the priest and Levite rather than the role of the Samaritan.

Making a difference: my struggle and yours.

Gerald Chafin
Louisville

Negativism of reports astounds pastor

I am astounded! I have just completed reading the June 23 issue of Western Recorder. I am astounded at the 'ring' of negativism from both the editor and associate editor concerning our recent convention.

Both my wife and I came away from St. Louis feeling better about our convention than we had in years. I stood in my pulpit Sunday and said to my people,

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Then when I read the state paper of Kentucky Baptists and sense that negative spirit towards such men as Adrian Rogers and Jerry Vines along with the raising of "serious questions" about the Peace Committee report, it certainly throws cold water on my feelings.

Concerning the Peace Committee. To suggest these men are a "police" group is ludicrous. The committee stated in the report that "its desire" was for Southern Baptist institutions to build their professional staffs from those who reflect the dominant convictions and beliefs of Southern Baptists at large. What could be more reasonable?

In the associate editor's article entitled "Convention Impressions," the paragraph "Eight is Enough" was greatly out of line. It seems to me there is very little effort being made by Western Recorder to promote peace, instead there is a continuation of picking at old sores.

Now I for one believe our Baptist family has been answering the hard questions of truth and honesty for several years. Anyone who hasn't gotten the message is the one who is out of line, out of step with the mainstream rank and file of Southern Baptists.

Gary D. Frizzell, pastor
Northside Baptist Church,
Mayfield

Baptist heritage near high risk

Some of our historic Baptist principles and traditions are the priesthood of the believer, local church autonomy, separation of church and state, authority of the scriptures and an aversion to creeds. Our Southern Baptist heritage is now being threatened by a cadre of pseudo-Baptist fundamentalists who have taken over the SBC and are systematically excluding from SBC leadership positions those who disagree with their non-Baptist agenda.

Consider the following:

- As reported in the June 20 *Louisville Courier-Journal*, LaVerne Butler said of the Peace Committee report: "The bottom line is that it calls for everyone to be responsible to someone." So much for the priesthood of the believer.

- The Home Mission Board will not provide funding to support mission churches which call a woman as pastor. So much for local church autonomy.

- Fundamentalist leaders attack the

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Baptist Joint Committee for opposing a school prayer amendment which would require government (school) officials to write and supervise the daily recitation of innocuous, non-sectarian prayers. So much for the separation of church and state.

• An idolatrous creed of inerrancy is substituted for both the authority of God as revealed in scriptures and the omnipotence of God to continue to work in human history. So much for the authority of scriptures and non-creedalism.

Do these now in control of the SBC truly represent the beliefs of the majority of Southern Baptists? I think not! We must recapture our SBC and again be an inclusive organization where all of us can be as equal before each other as we are equal before God.

Steven L. Zimmer
Louisville

Too many voices remain silent

Thank you for your editorial in the June 23 issue. You have expressed some of the same fears and concerns I have with regards to the Peace Committee report. I am glad you have spoken your conscience with courage and conviction. Too many voices remain silent due to fear and cowardice.

The way fundamentalists have acted these past few years reminds me of what Paul said of the Jews: "I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened" (Rom. 10:2).

The proceedings of the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy clearly demonstrate the issue in our convention is not biblical authority but biblical interpretation. Our Baptist Faith and Message preamble states: "Confessions are only guides in interpretation, having no authority over the conscience." Apparently this qualification does not apply to appointees, trustees, denominational employes and seminary professors. They will now have to yield their consciences to the whims of whoever is in power and to the Peace Committee.

I can only speak for myself. I am tired of people scurrying, like scared rabbits,

under the umbrella of "inerrancy" in an effort to demonstrate who believes the Bible the most. The Bible is a sword meant to fight Satan and sin. Instead, it may become a sword by which our beloved convention mortally wounds itself.

The time has come for all sides to acknowledge their need for each other and get on with missions and evangelism. My prayer is that our heavenly father will reveal to us all his way out of this tragic impasse.

Paul Frick, pastor
Rosedale Baptist Church,
Richmond

Walnut Street takes anti-lottery stand

In business session June 10, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, voted unanimously to express our strong opposition to the establishment of a state lottery. We believe a lottery will be detrimental to the moral and spiritual life of the people of Kentucky.

Jon M. Stubblefield, pastor
Harold Lester, church clerk
Walnut Street Baptist Church,
Louisville

CLC minority report 'out of step'

We would like to share what we feel is an important observation of our recent convention in St. Louis. We commend the trustees who were in the minority in the recent election of Larry Lewis as head of the Home Mission Board for not bringing a minority report. We com-

mend the minority Peace Committee members for not bringing a minority report to the convention. Both minority groups surely could have brought such reports, but it seems in the interest of genuine peace within our fellowship they refrained from doing so.

It is sad to us, on the other hand, that the minority trustees on the Christian Life Commission felt they had to bring to the convention a minority report which reflected their dissatisfaction with the election of Larry Baker. Such action did not reflect the honest attempts by many to find reconciliation and prayerful support of our leaders.

It remains our hope and prayer that all our agency trustees will work together in support of our leaders and ministry programs as we continue to find creative ways to reconcile our differences and live in peace and common ministry for the sake of the coming Kingdom of God.

Mark Hopper, pastor
Linda Barnes, minister of music
and youth
Fern Creek Baptist Church,
Louisville

Reader seeks "literalist" answer

I would like to ask those who promote literal interpretations of the Bible if they would keep the kosher dietary laws and believe in the transubstantiation of communion, the actual change of the elements into the body and blood of Christ?

Carol David
Louisville



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

The Clear Creek Factor

In Luke 9:18 our Lord asked, "Whom say the people that I am?" By this question he seemed to give some importance to **credibility**.

The rise of these marvelous new machines called computers has expanded the usage of the mathematical term "factor." A factor is an element which changes the entire complexion of a mathematical formula when it is introduced. "The Emmanuel Factor" (Emmanuel meaning 'God with us') simply means that when Christ came he changed both human history and destiny.

In our last Clear Creek Comment I mentioned "The PTL Factor." Christian broadcasting has been changed by recent events and revelations. I also shared with you my strong conviction concerning "The SBC Factor." I am convinced our greatest strength as Southern Baptists is our **integrity** and our **credibility**.

Integrity relates to how we feel about ourselves while **credibility** expresses how others feel about us. My last column dealt exclusively with integrity because it is of paramount importance whether I like myself and believe in myself.

However, credibility is also important. I will not be able to accomplish much in life unless others believe in me and share my vision of ministry to a lost world. This is what I call "The Clear Creek Factor."

At Clear Creek we are carrying out the Great Commission by training God-called men and their families for the gospel ministry. We cannot accomplish our task without the support of Kentucky Baptists. People like you must share our vision and believe in our cause, if we are to be successful for Christ.

Ward says, "A good conscience is thinking well of yourself; a good reputation is being well thought of by others." Clear Creek wants to be well thought of by the world, by all Christians and by Kentucky Baptists in particular. The Bible says that our savior increased "in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). We want that to be true of our great school.

God is blessing Clear Creek. We are "God's Miracle in the Mountains" and "God's Voice in the Mountains." We want Kentucky Baptists to know of God's hand on our ministry. Someone has said it takes only a very short time to lose a good reputation but a long, long time to get another one. We want to always guard our good reputation. This is "The Clear Creek Factor."

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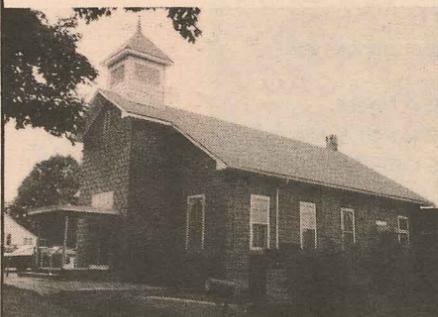
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The critical difference: A values oriented education

by Samuel Coad Dyer Jr.
Cumberland College

Any careful reader of the newspaper need not be reminded of the crisis our country is facing in the field of ethics. Daily we are reminded of the pitfalls of a values orientation in our country which seems to prefer the "get rich quick" ideology to the Christian ethic "be of service to your brothers and sisters in Christ."

Across the country one finds university after university facing the question: "Are we imparting good values to our students?" Often the answer is: "Maybe not."

I know of one institution that has always stood for imparting good Christian values to its students. That institution is the Baptist affiliated college or university.

That's the critical difference that a Baptist college can offer the students of our day. Exemplified by the motto of Cumberland College, the critical difference is "a quality education in a Christian atmosphere."

Whether it is a government official caught in a less than honest dispersal of funds or an "electronic minister" tempted by a mountain of gold, every aspect of our culture seems caught between the love of God and the love of money.

One institution that stands at the forefront of the fight for Christian ethics in this country is the Baptist college. Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky. is one of these.

As an instructor at Cumberland College I witness the struggle our students engage in against the materialistic longings of our culture. A plethora of competing media bombards the student with

often contradictory messages concerning personal conduct and right living.

The challenge presented daily to the Christian sensibilities of our students is great. College students have to answer such tough questions as, "What does it mean to be an ethical businessman?" "What constitutes ethical communication in our society?" "What are the qualities of an ethical athletic coach?" "What is my Christian responsibility to the society in which I live?"

As a Christian educator, my responsibility is not to answer these questions for students. My responsibility is to aid students in their critical faculty; their ability to think.

What is guiding the teaching of this critical faculty should be of utmost concern to parents and educators. Is it the love of money or is it the love of Jesus Christ our Lord?

Values guide our conduct. Values are that critical ability in people to decide what is right or wrong, just or unjust, good or bad.

The U. S. Department of Education recently revealed that only 19 percent of Americans over the age of 25 have a college degree. The minority this educated segment of our society represents is a powerful minority.

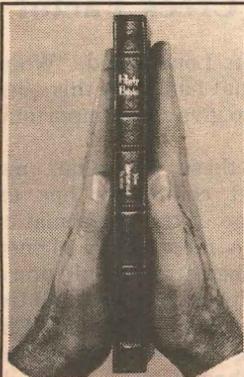
The question becomes, how many of these students have an education tempered by the cross of Calvary? The answer may be "too few students."

Managers and administrators in business and education are searching to hire people with a strong liberal arts background and a sense of ethical values. Our Baptist colleges provide that background.

Whether the skill is communication, critical thinking, organization, administration, people management or ethical considerations that surround each one of these skills, the Christian college stands ready to provide that knowledge. The Christian college should provide that knowledge with the critical difference of a values orientation.

Clearly, our young people who are now aspiring to higher education are going to be the leaders of our country in the future. Our concern as Kentucky Baptists should be, "Are our young people learning what it means to be responsible and ethical leaders?"

Let us pray we can all answer that question in the affirmative."



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EVANGELISM YOUTH

This year's state Youth Evangelism Conference offered an opportunity to visit Kentucky Kingdom theme park. (A) Andrea Shemwell, Kim Orr and Krista Blackburn from Marion Baptist Church take a break. (B) A youth group from Ballard Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, leaves the bump cars behind, while (C) Chris Turner and Steve and Brian Rose of Carrollton Baptist Church discover another ride. Highlights of the meeting included (D) national Speakers Tournament winner Tony Carney, Mt. Washington, and (E) KBC Speakers Tournament winner Joy Hinton, Hopkinsville.

(F) Members of Son Celebration, KBC student music team, and (G) Son Share, KBC student drama team, perform for the weekend conference. (H) Four youth from Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, enjoy the rhythm of Son Celebration.

(I) Say So, a contemporary Christian group from Nashville, thrilled the crowd with three concerts. (J) Scott Neal, Dewey Keys Jr. and Scotty Smart (l to r), Mayfield, answered a call by Say So for backup vocalists.

christian education

Mohler, Mabe named to posts at SBTS

Albert Mohler, a native of Pompano Beach, Fla., has been named director of capital funding and assistant to the president at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Thomas F. Mabe, 52, vice president of the Baptist Medical Center Foundation, Kansas City, Mo., has been named vice president for development at the Louisville seminary.

Mohler, a graduate of Samford University and Southern Seminary, is currently a PhD candidate at the seminary. He has been pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, Bedford, and coordinator of foundation support/assistant to the president for the seminary.

Mohler is a member of the Council for

the Advancement and Support of Education and the Baptist Public Relations Association and is assistant editor of *Preaching*, a national evangelical journal for preachers.

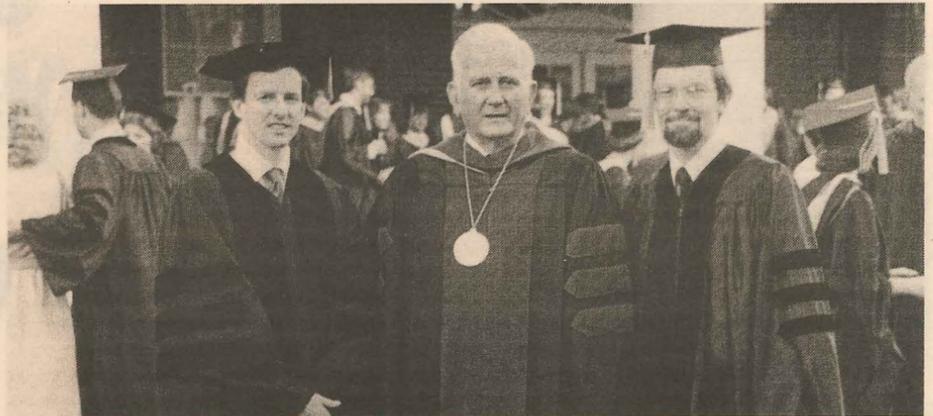
A graduate of the University of Richmond (Va.) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., Mabe was previously director of development and denominational relations for the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Mabe has also served as executive director of the Lynchburg (Va.) Baptist Association and on the staff of several Virginia Baptist churches.

As vice president, Mabe will direct the seminary's development programs, including capital funding, annual giving and estate planning.

Roger B. Murchison, former director of capital funding and assistant to the president at Southern Seminary, became associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga. June 24.

Murchison has been on the seminary administrative staff since 1972, as assistant to the theology dean, assistant to the provost and director of placement and college relations before assuming his most recent post.

Murchison is from Little Rock, a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary. He has been associate pastor and youth pastor in Hawaii and Texas.



New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary conferred the doctorate degree on two students affiliated with Kentucky. Pictured, left to right are: Terence Ellis, ThD; Landrum P. Leavell II, seminary president; and Joseph Scott, DMin.

Georgetown prepares for celebration of education

The city of Georgetown and Georgetown College are jointly preparing for the celebration of 200 years of education in Georgetown/Scott County beginning in fall 1987 and continuing through spring 1988.

A committee of 10 people has already designed the opening celebration events for Sept. 20 on Giddings lawn which fronts 147-year-old Rockwood Giddings Hall on the Georgetown College campus.

According to committee cochairmen Joe O. Lewis and Ann Bevins, the celebrants will be treated to music from Scott County High School and the col-

lege. Georgetown College professor George McGee, author of a monologue based on the life of Elijah Craig, founder of Georgetown's first program of education, will honor the memory of the famous frontiersman during the Sunday afternoon event.

Planners have extended a special invitation to Governor Martha Layne Collins to address the gathering.

Others appointed to the 10-member planning committee include: Steve Cook, Bill Feltner, Rick Leigh, Martha Simpson, Nelda Smith, Robert Snyder, Mayor Tom Prather and college president W. Morgan Patterson.

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"Jubilation," the 33-voice youth choir of Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church, has just completed a concert tour through the northern states and Canada. During the eight-day tour they presented concerts in Battle Creek and Detroit, Mich.; Toronto, Canada; Allison Park, Penn.; and Vermilion, Oh. The choir is directed by Philip Hearn. Timothy Alexander is pastor.

ordinations

First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Shelby Association, ordained **Greg Lewis** to the ministry May 31. Lewis has completed seminary and is returning to Australia. Robert Vassar is pastor of the Shelbyville church.

congregations

Liberty Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, is a living example of what dedicated leadership can do to revive the Lord's work.

A little more than four years ago the church was running 35 in Sunday school and ready to close its doors. Then they called Gilbert Sapp out of retirement to be their pastor. He went to work. Visitation, prayer, preaching and a ministry of encouragement saw results as the church began reaching lost people and enlisting new members in Sunday school.

Today the church has 121 enrolled in Sunday school with a high attendance of 99 on a recent Sunday. Two years ago a new religious education building was erected and furnished for \$75,000. The building debt is now paid off.

The church has a fully graded WMU and Sunday school. Under Sapp's leadership they have baptized 31 per-

sons and now have a membership of 176.

The congregation is giving 10 percent through the Cooperative Program, has supported various mission offerings, given \$5000 to Campbellsville College for the Chair of Christian Studies and has voted to send two or three persons to Kenya. In addition they gave \$3000 for new church buildings in Kenya.

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, **First Baptist Church, Flatwoods**, Greenup Association, released 200 colorful balloons with "Love" and the name and address of a Sunday school member printed on them. The message told about the 40th anniversary and requested persons who retrieved the balloons to contact the church.

Many balloons were found in Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina and the most distant place, Clover, S. C. Mrs. Rosa Black of Clover recovered the balloon which had Lisa Arthur's name on it. Lisa is a fourth grader and received a \$15 gift certificate from a Christian bookstore for sending up the balloon which traveled the greatest distance from Flatwoods. Pastor of the church is Kenneth D. Holden.

deaths

Sallie K. Trout, 86, widow of George W. Trout, longtime pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, died June

21 in Newport, Ky. She had been president and a life member of Central Baptist Hospital Auxiliary. Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Helen and J. R. Estes, Louisville; Kenneth and Joyce Cole, Walton; sister-in-law Varner Lester, Harrodsburg; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

personnel

Terry Yeager has been called as minister of evangelism and outreach by First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Shelby Association.

Walt Wexler has joined the staff at West End Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, as minister of music and youth. He began his full time ministry there May 24 after serving for three months as interim.

Tyre Denney was honored by Alton Baptist Church, Anderson Association, on his 20th anniversary as pastor. The church presented Denney and his wife, Betty, a monetary gift in appreciation of their long service to the congregation.

Calvin Hibbard has been called as pastor of Laurel River Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Paul Wilson resigned as pastor of Horse Creek Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association.

Teddy Collins resigned as pastor of Charity No. 2 Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Jimmy Clem has accepted the pastorate of Coxton Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Gentry Farmer resigned the pastorate of Red Lick Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Lee Bailey resigned as pastor of Arjay Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Charles Justice, pastor of Mayflower Unity Baptist Church, Pike Association, resigned. The church has called **Chet Cantrell**, a student at Southern Seminary, as pastor.

Tommy Thomas has accepted the pastorate of Macedonia Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association. He goes to Macedonia from Rose Hill, Va.

C. W. Turner has tendered his resignation as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Dallas Messer has been called as pastor of Black Mountain Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Kay Richardson is minister to children at Audubon Baptist Church, Long Run Association. She was previously WMU staff consultant for the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware, and is the daughter of Southern Baptist home missionaries to Puerto Rico.

Carmel Hoskins, pastor of Kettle Island Baptist Church, Bell Association, resigned.

Ed Pitts resigned the pastorate of Heidelberg Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

James Watt Jr. resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Belfry, Pike Association, to accept the pastorate of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Muhlenburg Association.

Joe Metts, minister of education and outreach at Harlan Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, resigned.

Church Secretaries Meet

The Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries in Kentucky has announced plans for a summer conference July 30-Aug. 1 at Georgetown College.

Small group conferences include: How to be a Professional on the Job, Newsletter Design and Pasteup Workshop, Helps for the Small Church Secretary, Stress in the Workplace, and Counseling Others . . . How Far Can You Go? Other sessions will feature a style show, banquet and planning for retirement.

A conference fee of \$58 for overnight, includes accommodations, meals and program. A registration fee of \$15 must be sent to Paula Collingwood, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243. Churches may wish to honor and encourage their secretary by making the time available and paying the registration fee and transportation costs.



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homes for children

Homecoming at Glen Dale

Homecoming at Glen Dale Children's Home is held annually on the last Sunday in June. The events of the happy

day began at the Gilead Baptist Church at the morning worship service.

It was a joy to be in that service and worship with our friends there. There is an excitement in the air as one observes the friendliness of the people and the warm fellowship between the community people and the Glen Dale children. The children are well behaved and the adults are obviously proud of them.

The Glen Dale Homeland Singers provided the special music. It is always inspiring to hear these young people sing. The relationship of the pastor and these young people was revealed when they dedicated the special music to the pastor.

Pastor John Paul Brady's message was entitled "Caleb's Mountain." It had an appropriate appeal to both youth and adults. The worship service at Gilead set the tone for the special day.

Back at the Glen Dale campus much hard work had prepared for the day. Everything inside and out was clean and neat. The weather cooperated and pro-

vided such a pleasant temperature under the large, shaded park-like area. The meal of steak, potato and slaw was well prepared and served. However, the popular spot was the bean pot. The large black kettle was filled with beans and ham hocks. The fire was lit under the kettle at 5:30 a.m. Did we ever enjoy that bowl of beans and cornbread!

Glen Dale youth proudly showed some of their animals as they led them up to the park arena. One brought a sample of the beef cattle, another a goat. Others rode horses, and still another demonstrated his trained dog. They handle their animals well.

Alumni came from far and wide. They were there from California, Oklahoma, Idaho and South Carolina, as well as other points closer. Hattie Singer, alumnae from Stamping Ground, presented Buckley Carlin, Glen Dale director, and his wife Sue each with a "Kentucky Colonel" citation from the governor. It was a delightful day, and everyone had a happy time.



Barkley Moore
President
Oneida Baptist Institute
Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

Oneida's Auto Techs

So much has happened in recent months that I have not had the space to write.

For example, our auto mechanics class had a wonderful trip during a school break several months ago. They had earned the money for the trip, and made the trip on their time, not school time.

Leaving at 5 a.m. on day one they arrived in Detroit at 3 p.m. They then crossed the Ambassador Bridge into Canada and it was their first experience in a foreign country. They got a little lesson in economics as they wrestled to understand why one U. S. dollar is worth \$1.25 in Canadian money. They returned to their motel in Detroit that night by the tunnel built many years ago under the river.

Day two our boys and their instructor, Harold Underwood, were met at the motel by a General Motors College coordinator who arranged all the tours for our group. Our boys toured the GM Training Center in Warren as well as their product test center. While there, each of our boys got to drive a Cadillac sports car, not yet in mass production, and carrying a \$53,000 base price. You can imagine their excitement!

Later in the day they took an excellent tour of the GM wind tunnel. There they

learned how cars are tested for aerodynamics and wind noise.

Leaving Warren they went back to Detroit to see the Hydromatic plant. They observed how GM's front-wheel drive transmissions are assembled and tested in the largest GM transmission plant in the world. They also saw how wheels and control arms are manufactured.

Having enjoyed their few hours in Canada the day before, they went back that evening for more sightseeing and their evening meal.

Day three they were at the Pontiac Fiero plant in Pontiac, Michigan by 8 a.m. They had a super tour, seeing Fieros assembled from the first piece to its final stage off the assembly line. They also saw how robots are becoming widely used in the automotive field. Robots are used for anything from welding to driving their own carts onto a train and sending those parts automatically to where they are needed.

In the afternoon they saw the Chevrolet-Pontiac Engineering Development Center. They saw how parts and pieces for all the vehicles are drawn up and made into parts. Whether it is a door, seat, horn or engine, each part is tested for accuracy and durability.

The day ended with window shopping in the Detroit Mall, and their best meal of the trip—pooling lunch and supper money for this extra treat.

Day four began with a 9 a.m. tour of the GM Technical Center. A modern shop and parts department is operated there. The group felt this to be the most beneficial part of the entire trip. They saw how computers are vital to the technician. Things as modern as parts baskets automatically bringing parts to the technician, and the use of automotive repair manuals, have been made obsolete by the computer.

In the afternoon they toured the 12-acre indoor Henry Ford Museum. They saw nearly every type of machinery that has been invented.

They arrived in Dayton, Ohio that night and saw the Western Auto Service Center in Loveland before traveling back to Oneida on day five.

Oneida's automotive shop includes a hydraulic car lift, power cooling system flush machine, brake drum and rotor lathe, a diagnostic computer, a two-ton engine hoist, an air-conditioner re-charge station, a valve grinder and refacer, a hydraulic press, numerous jacks and jackstands. This variety of equipment provides comprehensive training for Oneida's young automotive technicians.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 19, 1987

Life and Work Series

Personal Testimony

Acts 26:12-13 In his judgment Christianity was very injurious to the religion of the Jewish people, so Paul considered it his duty to do everything within his power to stamp out Christianity and to exterminate Christians.

Filled with hatred for Christians and bent upon their persecution and destruction, he was journeying along the road to Damascus on a mission against the Christians when a light which was much brighter than the noonday sun shone about him and a supernatural, startling and sudden revelation of the Lord came to him. This brilliant light brought a two-fold conviction: first, the holiness of God, and second, his own sinfulness.

Acts 26:14 Paul heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" The love that rang through that utterance broke his heart. He was informed that it was Jesus, the name that speaks of grace, love, forgiveness and salvation.

Acts 26:15 Instead of further striving to obtain salvation through his own efforts, he simply believed on Christ and trusted him to do everything for him that needed to be done. By God's grace he passed from a state of condemnation

to one of safety in Christ.

Acts 26:16-18 Our Lord commissioned him to be a minister and a witness. He had a remarkable experience to relate and the world needed to hear it. He was commissioned to proclaim man's inherent sinfulness and utter ruin and to offer redemption to all who would exercise faith in Christ. He was to go to the Gentiles "to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God."

Acts 26:19-20 Paul made the claim that he "was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." After heeding the call of Christ, his life was characterized by his faithful obedience. Wherever he went, he preached repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

International Series

Way to righteousness

Romans 7:4-6 As a Jew, Paul had a high regard for the law and sought to obey it by obtaining righteousness, but, like all others, he had not succeeded in the attempt. Paul learned the law's purpose is to bring one to the realization of his need of the savior and salvation. Paul became aware that victory over Satan is possible through submission to God and yielding to the Holy Spirit.

Romans 7:13-25 The Christian has two natures: the carnal nature with its sinful tendencies and cravings, and the nature which was implanted when he was regenerated: The duel between the conflicting forces within our personalities is of utmost importance to developing a Christian character.

How can Christians resolve the inner conflicts and win the victory over them? Before a victory is possible, they must catch a vision of the possibility of it. They need to learn that sufficient enabling power is available in Christ upon their genuine personal surrender to him.

Since you have an evil nature which you will never completely destroy in this life, let Christ give you the power to master the evil forces that are within and to overcome the temptations from without.

Christians know sins made their lives unsatisfactory and displeasing to the Lord, but a personal dedication to Christ will make available the strength which enables them to render a service which will honor and please Christ as well as enrich the lives of others.



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on mission together

A special journey

By the time this issue of Western Recorder is printed, Alice, Shawn and I will be enroute to Kenya. For us, it will be a special journey.

Shawn's first and only visit to Kenya was in 1970, when I arranged a brief diversion from my normal run to Yemen through Ethiopia. Not yet two, Shawn remembers nothing of that journey. This journey is our graduation gift to her.

When we depart Kenya, we will make brief stops in Cairo and Larnaca, Cyprus. With a case of chicken pox on our 1971 visit to Egypt, Shawn remained in Cyprus with friends! Our first year of marriage was spent living and working among the Arabs of Nazareth, Israel. Somehow it seem appropriately romantic that our thirtieth anniversary, August 10, will be celebrated in a land of Arabic speaking people.

From Cairo we fly to Larnaca, Cyprus for our final three days. We will be met and hosted by Dale and Anita Thorne, now Southern Baptist area director for the Middle East and a successor to the ministry Alice and I had from 1969 to 1976 in the Middle East.

We will have fellowship with our missionary colleagues now "in exile" from Lebanon, and with two Arab families, dear friends of the past. Cyprus is the "first home" Shawn remembers. She insists that we must go to Metaxis Square for souvlakia!

Delayed last year because of my ruptured disc, the Baptist Mission of Kenya has re-invited me to preach the services for the year's annual, week-long mission meeting at Brackenhurst. All of the missionaries in Kenya (approximately 120) will gather for this time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and business.

Prior to this meeting, we will be in Mombasa working under the supervision of Kentucky missionaries Jim and Jenny Musen.

Included in the messages I will share, there is one note that I hope to sound clearly and genuinely—that is a **high note of gratitude** both to the Mission and the Baptist Convention of Kenya for what the Kentucky-Kenya partnership has done for so many of us in Kentucky including the involvement of:

- 56 associations
- 185 plus churches
- 650 plus Kentucky Baptists

But the remarkable story of what has happened in Kenya will not be told until Celebration Night, Wednesday, November 11 at Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center.

Neither story will end in 1987 when the partnership formally closes, for the sweet fruit of this partnership will be picked for years to come.

This will be my last column for a few weeks. By the time I return, it now appears that Kentucky Baptists will be only two weeks away from the **best Cooperative Program year in five or six years!**

Information, education cited as BSSB goals by Householder

by Charles Willis

Providing information, education and inspiration is the major communications effort Lloyd Householder leads as assistant vice president for communications at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

In interpreting the mission and message of the board, Householder feels the greatest challenge is that "Southern Baptists know little about us as an institution. They know about us through the printed materials they use in their churches and through meeting our consultants in conferences."

When Householder became director of the board's communications work 10 years ago, he said he became "convinced we had a great task when I discovered that a large number of Southern Baptist pastors thought we received Cooperative Program funds." (Instead, the board is sustained by sales of products and makes an annual contribution to the Cooperative Program.)

But interpreting the mission of helping churches bring persons to God and educating constituents about programs and products do not complete the effort to tell the Sunday School Board's story.

"I also feel that people don't want to hear only about an institution," he reflected, "but they want to hear about

what the churches have done—what they have achieved with the help of the board."

To that end the office of communications is organized with one section to provide news and information and another to deal with public relations matters. Both news and public relations, Householder said, are approached as educational processes, attempting to provide the latest information about the board's programs and services and helping Southern Baptists choose the materials that will best suit their needs.

In the news area, the staff serves as a bureau to Baptist Press in addition to providing news released directly to state Baptist newspapers. For full-time church staff persons, it publishes the monthly newsletter, Facts and Trends.

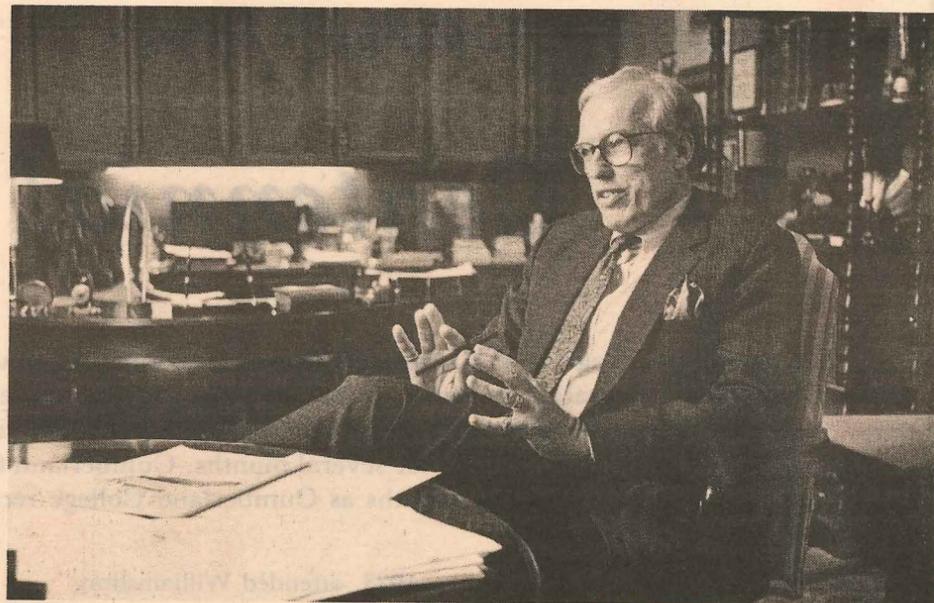
Most recently, the office has expanded its efforts to include the broadcast medium as a tool to tell the board's story. Through the Baptist Telecommunication Network, the office produces SBC NewScene, a weekly, 15-minute program.

Personal contact plays an important role in communicating the board's mission and ministry, Householder said. It is in this area that the public relations facet of communications work is done through the Communications Services section.

Last year nearly 8000 persons toured the board's Nashville facilities and almost 10,000 received information and assistance by telephone and correspondence through the office of communications information desk.

Sunday School Board emphases are conducted each year at three of the six SBC seminaries.

Householder said the literature produced by the board and used by churches throughout the country has been a vital force in strengthening a sense of denominational unity. "Persons



Lloyd Householder, communications chief at BSSB, said the story of the board is best told through the lives of people and churches.

who are in a South Carolina church one week can attend a church in California the following Sunday, study from the same quarterly and have continuity in the educational process," he observed.

"We want to help churches know how the Sunday School Board can minister to them, and we want to get feedback from them," he continued.

The son of a Southern Baptist pastor, Householder began attending Southern Baptist Convention annual meetings at age six. While many of his memories involve visits in his parents' home by Southern Baptist leaders, his first impression of the Sunday School Board came during a stop in Nashville to pick up vacation Bible school materials on the way to an SBC meeting.

"I was overwhelmed," he reflected, "at the quantity of materials available."

No one could have known that in 1960 he would come to the board as a counselor in church-related vocations following work on church staffs in Tennessee and Kentucky. In that role, and to a greater extent in his next job as manager of the Church Training Department,

Householder influenced the direction of some of the very materials that had impressed him as a child.

President Lloyd Elder said Householder's "27 years' experience at the board give him insights into how best to communicate the corporate mission of the institution. He is an educator who believes in a teaching learning process for informing Southern Baptists."

Today, Householder said his challenge in communicating a variety of messages to diverse audiences "is to widen my scope of vision to include all that the board is perceived to be.

"Not only have we been interested in telling the stories of the churches but also in making the board personal. We want to help Southern Baptists understand that we are sinners saved by grace, that we have a calling and that on any given Sunday our employes throughout the country are hard at work in volunteer jobs in churches.

"The board is not just an institution," he added. "It's a compilation of 96 years of work by dedicated people."

'Bloom where planted,' ministers' wives told

Bloom where you are planted, even when you resent the transplant, Susan Baker, wife of James Baker, director of United States Department of Treasury, told 500 wives of Southern Baptist ministers June 16 at their annual luncheon in St. Louis.

Mrs. Baker admitted to repressing the pain of a missing husband and resentment at raising their eight children alone.

"But I thought good Christian wives shouldn't feel the feelings I had," she said. "I was wrong. God created emotions. They're good, creative and healthy. We can't bloom unless we let God work through our emotions."

Finally deciding to "turn it over to God, I began to change. Gradually, I realized I was putting too much pressure on my man. I required too much from him. I would never have chosen to be planted in this centrifuge of power, but I'm learning God wants me to be here."

In an award ceremony, psychologist and educator Dorothy Sample of Flint, Mich. received the Mrs. J. M. Dawson Award as the outstanding minister's wife. Mrs. Sample is a former national president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

In a business session, the ministers' wives elected officers to serve in 1989. They included Joy (Mrs. James) Yates, Yazoo City, Miss., president; Beverly (Mrs. L. J.) McLeroy, Las Vegas, Nev., vice president; June (Mrs. Ernie) Myers, Reno, Nev., recording secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann (Mrs. David) Drumel, Memphis, Tenn., corresponding secretary. (BP)

Youth's concern nets call from Dodger manager

by Lonnie Wilkey

A 13-year-old Baptist girl's concern for her terminally ill friend recently brought the courageous youth a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

Marea Herrington and John Joseph (J.J.) DeMatteo, 14, are best of friends who share many common interests, especially baseball and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Marea is able to play softball, but unfortunately J.J.'s playing days may be over. Two years ago doctors discovered that J.J., the son of Joe and Pat DeMatteo of Hermitage, Tenn., had a brain tumor. And despite three operations, the tumor recurred, leading to J.J.'s return to Children's Hospital of Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

J.J.'s condition recently caused him to lose his voice and eventually lapse into a deep sleep. After countless prayers and efforts by Vanderbilt physicians, the youngster emerged from the coma-like condition and regained his speech.

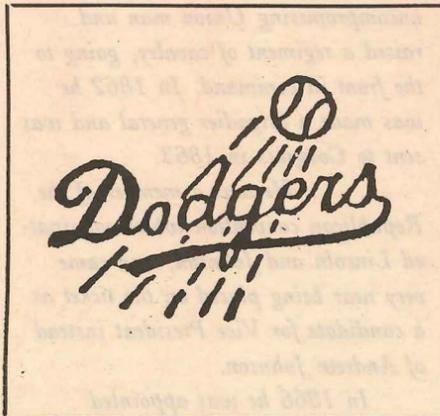
Merea, a student at Dupont-Tyler Junior High School, felt compelled to do something special for her friend who had exhibited so much courage during his fight with cancer.

Before leaving on a vacation trip with her parents, Merea wrote a letter to Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda in which she told of J.J.'s love for the Dod-

gers.

She issued a plea to Lasorda to write her friend a letter as soon as he could "because J.J. does not have many days left."

Instead of writing, Lasorda went one step further upon receipt of Marea's handwritten note. Lasorda called J.J. June 3 and talked with him and his mother. Mrs. DeMatteo said her son's eyes got "very big" when she told him who was on the phone.



His mother related Lasorda told J.J. he was thinking about him and expressed wishes that he get well soon. Lasorda then asked J.J. if there were any Dodger players he would like to

speak with.

The Dodger manager then placed ace pitcher Fernando Valenzuela on the phone. The Dodger All-Star chatted briefly with J.J. who then talked to two other Dodgers including pitcher Rich Honeycutt, one of the National League's leading pitchers this season.

Lasorda then came back on the phone, Mrs. DeMatteo said, and told J.J. to "tell everyone who comes to your room Tommy Lasorda loves you and they ought to love you, too." He then promised J.J. the Dodgers would win their next game for him, which they did.

Mrs. DeMatteo said Lasorda asked to be kept informed of her son's progress. She confessed to being "not much of a baseball fan" but said she would now root for the Dodgers and especially Lasorda, whom she described as "a marvelous person."

Marea, after returning from vacation and learning about the call, was equally ecstatic: "I didn't think at first my letter would be taken seriously or that it would even be read by Mr. Lasorda. I am so happy for J.J., and I'm glad I at least got to make sure one of his dreams came true."

Marea is the daughter of Richard and Sharon Herrington of Hermitage. Herrington is pastor of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church where the DeMatteos are members.

Cumberland College

Centennial Celebration



Cumberland College in Williamsburg opened its doors on January 7, 1889. In January of 1988 Cumberland College will begin a year long Centennial Celebration in honor of its 100 years of Christian educational service to its students.

As a part of this celebration, Cumberland College's president Jim Taylor has compiled and written a history of the College. Beginning with this Back Page and continuing for several months, Cumberland College will feature brief stories taken from the history. These stories will appear approximately every two months as Cumberland College receives its allotted space in the *Western Recorder's* Back Page Cycle.

CAN ONE MAN CHANGE THIS WORLD?

The question is often asked in today's cynical world, "Can one man change the world?" Clearly the answer is "yes" today even as it was when the College was getting underway. So often when God decides to do something great He uses just one person, be it an Abraham, a Moses, a Martha, a Mary, a Paul, or a Timothy. One man can make the difference, all the difference in the world. Great movements always begin with just one person.

GREEN CLAY SMITH: MILITARY GENERAL AND GOVERNOR

Green Clay Smith (1832-1895) was a presidential candidate for the Prohibitionist Party in 1876, Governor of the Territory of Montana, and a Civil War military General. Green Clay Smith began his career by studying law as his father had done. Following a time of serving in the Kentucky legislature, Smith joined the Union Army where he became a Major General. While serving as a member of Congress, Smith was appointed Governor of the Territory of Montana. In 1876, after winning ten thousand votes, Smith was nominated as the presidential candidate of the Prohibitionist Party. Shortly thereafter, Smith entered the Baptist ministry and left politics.

Smith was one of three Governors closely related to Cumberland College: Mr. Edwin P. Morrow, a Republican Governor of Kentucky from 1919 to

1923, attended Williamsburg Institute from 1895-1897; and Mr. Bert T. Combs, the Democratic Governor of Kentucky from 1959-1963, attended Cumberland College from 1929-1931. Two other Cumberland alumni came very close to being elected governor in subsequent years, Congressman Eugene Siler and Mr. Edwin Denney.

Nonetheless, during General Smith's pastorate in Washington, a local newspaper had this to say about him: "He is known throughout the country, and it is seldom a church has a pastor who was once a general, a congressman, a Governor of a Territory, and a presidential candidate."

The Washington Times, in its edition of Sunday, 9 September, 1984, had this to say about Smith.

"He is a Kentuckian by birth, and his father fought with and was a friend of William Henry Harrison, and was afterward a Congressman. Mr. Smith served in the war with Mexico as a volunteer and was commissioned lieutenant for gallant services. After this he finished his education, studied law, and at the outbreak of the Civil War, was a member of the Kentucky legislature. He was an uncompromising Union man and raised a regiment of cavalry, going to the front in command. In 1862 he was made a brigadier general and was sent to Congress in 1863.

He was a member of the Republican convention which nominated Lincoln and Johnson, and came very near being placed on the ticket as a candidate for Vice President instead of Andrew Johnson.

In 1866 he was appointed

Governor of Montana Territory and took charge when it required a man of nerve to fill the position. Shortly after he entered the ministry, and in 1876 he was the Prohibitionist candidate for President. He was a most engaging speaker and took high rank as an orator in a crowd, and at a meeting in New York held during the war he captured a great crowd, following Governor Morton, of Indiana, and Henry Ward Beecher. As a preacher he is eloquent, and as a pastor scarcely equaled in the city. He is kept busy visiting the members of his congregation, and is the life of all social gathering. Called 'General' by most of his flock, he is respected by young and old. He is greatly interested in the work of the young people of his church, and believes in doing all he can to further it. In his connection he says; 'I believe in all means used to elevate the standard of thought among the young. They are the hope of the future. If good papers and good books can be placed in the hands of the boys and girls, outside the influences of a church, much good can be done. In the church one must keep them busy.' "

WHAT ALMOST WAS, WASN'T

Green Clay Smith almost became president of the United States. Had he received one more vote he would have followed Lincoln as President rather than Johnson. When President Lincoln was nominated for his second term in 1864, General Smith was one vote short in the preliminary caucus of being chosen as the Vice Presidential candidate. "Had Smith attained this position instead of Johnson, the course of history might have been altered considerably."

As General Smith was being laid to rest in Arlington National

Cemetery, no one could possibly have known the impact this one single, solitary life would have on the people in the hills and hollows of Appalachia and indeed throughout the nation and the world.

General Green Clay Smith was so instrumental in the founding of the College that in August of 1895 his obituary read:

His zeal and wisdom and sympathy enabled the struggling men, who are trustees of Williamsburg Institute to bring this noble institution into being. We honor him because he was a General and Governor and Moderator of the General Association of Kentucky, the successful pastor, evangelist, and lecturer; and then we love him because he was our friend and brother and helper. No military honors, no towering shaft of marble we could build for him would ever equal the monument already erected in the Williamsburg Institute. After several weeks of sickness he passed over the river without fear and went home to the Father. His body was borne from his late residence in Washington City to the beautiful Arlington Cemetery and laid to rest beneath the shade of great forest trees. We cannot but wish that his tired body had found its resting place among the mountains he loved so well and where the people who loved him much, could comfort their hearts by keeping the air above it fragrant with the breath of fresh flowers.

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(Material used in this story is contained in (1) *A History of the First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky*; (2) David Leigh Colvin, *Prohibition in the United States*; and (3) *Baptist Evangelist*, "Smith Obituary.")