

1000 collegians expected at Louisville meeting

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The Kentucky Baptist Student Department is confidently anticipating the arrival of "at least 1000" students at Louisville's downtown Galt House hotel Sept. 25-27 for the annual Kentucky Baptist student convention.

It could be the "largest attendance" in the history of these weekend meetings, according to Ralph Hopkins, associate director of the state Student Department. Certainly, if the goal is reached, it will be "our biggest convention in three decades."

The Student Department is making an "all out" effort to reach more Baptist students on Kentucky college and university campuses than ever before. One of its ambitions is to attract more students to the annual convention, "particularly this year," said Hopkins, the year of Kentucky Baptists' 150th anniversary celebration.

Headlining the Louisville program under the theme banner "Christ in You...the Hope of Glory" will be Calvin Miller, popular writer, lecturer and pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Omaha, Neb.; Milt Hughes, editor of The Student magazine published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; theme interpretations and special music by Louisville artists Cynthia Clawson and Ragan Courtney; and a full evening concert by Glad, a five-member band performing contemporary Christian music.

Other program highlights for the weekend include piano music before the start of each of the convention's four sessions by contemporary Christian musician Kurt Kaiser, of Waco, Tex., vice president and director of music with Word Inc.; a business session; summer missionary testimonies; and congregational singing led by Baptist Sunday School Board staffer Festus G. Robertson Jr., director of the board's Genevox Music Group.

A series of seminars is scheduled for Saturday morning. Leaders, and their topics, include: Kaiser, "Contemporary Christian Music"; Courtney, "Christianity and the Arts"; William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, "The State of the SBC Convention"; Karen K. Park, associate consultant, student ministries section, Foreign



Glad

Mission Board, Richmond, Va., "Global Evangelization"; William DeVries, Louisville cardiovascular surgeon, "The Ethics of Life-Support Systems"; Roy Lee Honeycutt, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, "The Universal Search for Truth"; Ron Meredith, judge, U. S. District Court for the western district of Kentucky, "The Christian as a Public Servant"; and Alan and Martha Jolly, partners in the Louisville advertising firm of Jolly Communications, "The Laity in Ministry."

Les Fugate, of Madisonville, Univer-



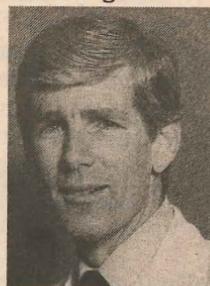
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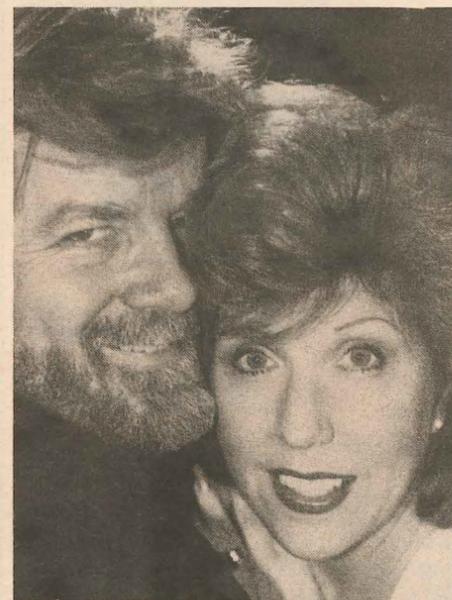
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Courtney, Miss Clawson

sity of Louisville senior, is state BSU president and will preside over the sessions of the convention at the Galt House. Registration opens at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, with the initial session slated at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow jointly hosted by Southern Seminary and the KBC Student Department.

Saturday's program begins with a plenary session at 9 a.m. Two one-hour seminar periods are scheduled, at 10:15 and 11:30 a.m. Daytime activities conclude with a plenary session at 12:40 p.m. until 1:30. The afternoon is free.

Following a 7 p.m. plenary session

Saturday, Glad's 90-minute concert is set for 8 p.m. Prayer groups meeting by campuses will conclude the day's activities.

The Sunday morning schedule begins at 9 a.m., ending at 10:15 with students urged to attend local churches for morning worship.

A total of 794 persons registered in attendance at the BSU convention a year ago at Bowling Green, although planners believe actual attendance exceeded 900. Having that in mind, they believe the goal of 1000 for this year may be easily exceeded.

Campbellsville Summer Studies focuses on congregation

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

"If we are going to preach a gospel that will call, challenge, convict and by the Holy Spirit convert and consecrate people as disciples of Jesus Christ, then we must not apologize when it comes to the word of God," Benjamin S. Baker, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Lexington, told 120 Kentucky pastors attending Campbellsville College's Summer Studies.

The Summer Studies, offered each summer, purposes to improve the pulpit effectiveness of Kentucky preachers, according to H. E. Coker, coordinator of

the program. This year the three-day conference focused on Christ-centered, people-oriented preaching.

"Sometimes we focus so strongly on the subject matter (truth) and the how of delivery (by man) that we are prone to forget the makeup of the congregation," Coker said.

"The conference's messages were aimed at reaching four specific types of people found in every church.

Baker defined "preaching that demands discipleship as preaching that centers on the cross of Christ."

"But if you preach that Christ died, you must also proclaim that he arose," he declared. "If you are going to call people from darkness to light, despair to hope, misery to mercy, feeble and frail existence to firmness of faith, then you must declare that Jesus is Lord."

Ted Sisk, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, gave a comprehensive presentation of who Jesus is and what he came to do. He introduced Jesus

as the eternal son of God, the virgin-born son of man who lived a sinless life of love, the risen Lord of the church, the great intercessor and the coming king.

Focusing on preaching to the distressed, J. Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, reminded the group of the disciples' experience of the storm at sea.

"People are sailing on the storms of life—divorce, terminal illness, lost jobs, teen pregnancies—and awaiting an encouraging word from the savior," Cobble claimed. "The storms of life are real, but we know the one who can rescue them. There is a Jesus who can say to the storm, 'Peace be still.'"

According to David A. Nelson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, preaching that uplifts the fallen centers around awareness of one's personal accountability to God, the price of the death of Christ placed on every man's head, and the reconciling role of Jesus.

Kentucky CP receipts outpace previous year

For the 55th consecutive year Kentucky Baptists have exceeded their Cooperative Program goal. This year receipts topped \$15,760,914, a 6.7 percent increase over the previous year and the largest dollar increase in four years.

In addition to the \$985,104 jump, the fiscal year, which officially ended Aug. 31, posted some other notable achievements:

—CP receipts netted \$160,314 over the Kentucky Baptist Convention's operating budget goal for the first time in three years.

—For the first time in KBC history, receipts surged over the \$1 million mark in each month except one, November. The previous record was all but two months, posted in 1983-84.

—Receipts in four of the months represented four of the 10 highest months in KBC history and three of the months' CP totals were the highest in the convention's 150-year history.



Ty Clenney, Greensburg, directs music at Campbellsville Summer Studies.

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Will Kentucky Baptists fight against a lottery?

It is a forgone conclusion, a lottery will be presented to the voters of Kentucky. In fact, Rep. William Donnermeyer from northern Kentucky and Rep. Bill Lear from Lexington have already pre-filed bills for consideration by the 1988 legislature.

Wallace Wilkinson, Democratic candidate for governor, has declared his intention to support a state-operated lottery and his Republican opponent, John Harper, has consistently voted against a lottery. At a June meeting of the Elections and Constitutional Amendments Task Force, Harper was the only lawmaker who spoke out in opposition to a lottery. Thus the issue seems drawn. What should individual Kentucky Baptist people do?

First of all, we must know the experience of other states. For example, West Virginia, a state with demographics much like Kentucky, raised only \$20 million last year through the lottery.

Iowa, a state much richer than Kentucky, raised only \$36.5 million.

Figures from Ohio, Illinois and New York are meaningless since these states have much larger populations in more dense urban centers than Kentucky and cannot be used as a basis for comparison.

When the West Virginia and Iowa figures are seen against the more than \$13 billion dollar Kentucky budget, they are insignificant, leading to the conclusion the lottery is not a rescue of finances in a state such as Kentucky. Figures from states similar to Kentucky, such as Missouri and Louisiana, are just as alarming.

Second, we must know the dangers of a lottery. For example, lottery outlets are almost always placed in poorer sections of the community to lure poor people to gamble for a big hit.

Study after study has demonstrated the poorest citizens are hurt the most through a lottery. The daily numbers game produces the most money and appeals to the poor because it costs relatively little to play and the promise of big rewards is touted.

Studies also show the typical numbers player is nonwhite, male, with less than an eighth grade education, often unemployed or underemployed. Numbers outlets are concentrated in low income neighborhoods because middle and upper income people do not play numbers or lottery games.

A lottery poses the most regressive kind of taxation. Taxation is regressive if it draws a larger percentage of its revenues from poor citizens rather than from middle and upper income people.

Taxation is regressive if a poorer person spends a larger percentage of his income on the activity than other people do. A sales tax is regressive by this measurement.

Lotteries as taxation are inefficient since states seldom derive as much as 40 percent of the gross income from sales. Between 60-75 percent of the lottery income goes for operation. Advertising, equipment purchase and maintenance, salaries and administration eat the profits. On the other

hand, even the regressive sales tax uses only one or two percent of gross receipts for operation.

By any measure of common sense the lottery is a pipe dream. It has been observed that the odds of winning a lottery are equal to the odds of being hit by lightning. The odds are astronomical. Additionally, the average lottery income in states now operating these gambling games is less than two percent of the state's total income. Thus lottery income is of little consequence in financing state government.

State-operated lotteries are often declared to lesson illegal gambling and free the community of crime. Facts do not support, but rather contradict, this assumption.

Illegal games have lower overhead and make greater payoffs, thus attracting more players. Illegal games extend credit to players, thus trapping them in the hope of a big win. Illegal gambling winnings are not reported to the Internal Revenue Service, but state winnings are reported and income taxes are paid on the winnings, thus illegal gamblers not only attract players, they hold them. Thus lotteries do not lessen gambling but increase it.

Nothing has been said here about the immorality of a lottery. It seems obvious Baptists would have no question about the immorality of a lottery and would need no moral instruction to know it is wrong to play an "ends justifies the means" kind of game.

What can we do to head off a state lottery? The most important thing, and perhaps the only really effective thing, is to write a personal note or make a personal phone call or, better yet, make a personal visit to your representative. Know your representative and express, in person, your conviction about the lottery.

Nothing works like pressure from the people who pull the vote lever. Your personal message will get through where editorials, speeches, pamphlets and other devices will fall on deaf ears. We often tend to let someone else carry the ball for us, but this is one time only you can do the job.

There is no budget to finance a Christian action campaign, no money for television spots opposing a lottery, no money for anything of substance to fight the battle. The only recourse is personal action by concerned citizens.

Now is the time to act, not after the legislature has convened in January. Now is the time to put pressure on legislators as a way to live our faith in daily life.

Several candidates have said the majority of Kentucky people want a lottery. This is a fair assumption because most of the common people in our state say nothing to the people who make the rules.

Your reaction now will prove the politicians right or wrong. If you want a lottery then hold your peace, because silence is consent. However if you believe a lottery is wrong, then you must say so and do it in no uncertain terms.

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A cheerful giver

In II Corinthians 9 Paul spoke these words: "Every man according as he purpeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (v. 7). I am convinced that it is God's will for every Christian to be a cheerful giver. I also believe that a Christian's giving record is the best barometer of his spiritual life.

Someone has said that a person's billfold or pocketbook is nearest to his heart. And the selfish, greedy spirit of a worldly Christian is seen in his giving as well as his living. As some wise person observed, "When it comes to giving some people stop at nothing!" A church bulletin humorously stated, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He also accepteth from a grrouch."

I have never known a generous person who was unhappy. Cheerful givers give themselves first (love and service to others because of Christ), then express their giving tangibly. Hulse said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give!" And President Coolidge stated, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor is the reward for what we give."

I wrote to a lady in Indiana recently. Here is her reply:

"Thank you brother for your kind and understanding letter.

"I am sending this measly little gift. I don't have a lot to give, I try to divide it as well as I can among God's people. The Lord has been so good to me. I put my trust in Him and He provides so well. It's through His mercies that I have it to give. I learned to give by reading his word. I pay my tithes and offerings over and above the 10th of my income. I have been blessed so much I just can't count my blessings. They are innumerable.

"Excuse my scribbled letter. I felt like I should write you and let you know how much I appreciate what you are doing for so many people. I know they are thankful to God for you. May God bless you and yours to the fullest. A friend in Jesus Christ."

What a wonderful example of a cheerful giver! I am convinced that life is given to us so that we in turn may learn to give. Truly, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). I want always to be a cheerful giver for the Lord.

"We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be:/All that we have is Thine alone,/A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

William Walsham How



Carl Fields

glimpses of our heritage

A great leader

Eliza Somerville Broadus, daughter of John A. Broadus, was born in 1851 in Charlottesville, Va. That same year her father became pastor of the Charlottesville Baptist Church and assistant professor of Latin and Greek at the University of Virginia. When she was eight years old, she moved with her family to Greenville, S. C. where her father had been appointed a professor in the newly established Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

While at Greenville she became a charter member of the newly organized missionary society in her church. During this time South Carolina organized the first State Central Committee for women's societies in 1875. This came in response to a suggestion made by H. A. Tupper, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, that "committees be appointed in each state to promote missionary societies."

When she was 28 years old, she and her family moved with the Seminary to Louisville where her father taught New Testament. He later became president, a position he retained until his death in 1895.

Miss Broadus became a member of WMU at Walnut Street Baptist Church when she joined in 1878. She was elected a member of the Central Committee of Kentucky, becoming president in 1887 and holding that office until 1919.

In 1888 when Woman's Missionary Union was organized in Richmond, Va. she became its first vice president from Kentucky. She was a member of the Southern Union for 32 years.

In 1904, Miss Broadus gathered a group interested in having a home for young women studying at the Seminary. She served on the Training School Board for more than 20 years.

Her work for the Training School was recognized when her many friends gave her a surprise luncheon on her 80th birthday. A week later, on Oct. 9, 1931, she was struck by a small truck near her home and died instantly.

The offering taken each year for the support of missions throughout the state has been named in her honor.



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homes for children

September

"The goldenrod is yellow
The corn is turning brown
The trees and apple orchards
With fruit is bending down."

How descriptive of September! There are other things that remind us fall is approaching. Leaves are beginning to lose their bright green. Their work for this year has been completed. Soon they will turn brown, yellow, orange, red, or some in-between shade and then fall to the ground, leaving the trees bare until next spring. Farmers are preparing for the fall harvest and children are getting up early to go to school. Everywhere one turns in the early hours children can be seen waiting for the school bus. Fall is fast approaching.

When September comes, thousands of people focus their thoughts on the children who live with us at Baptist Homes for Children. Many send special gifts to help with our extra back to school costs. This is always a great help with these expenses and comes at a time of real need. Also, September is Food Round-up Month for Baptist Homes. Mothers, fathers, children and grandparents all participate in bringing food items for the children's homes. Many churches will provide boxes at designated places where the food items will be deposited. Then at the end of September the food is taken to special collection points and we send a truck to pick it up. This September food round-up is a tremendous help on our food budget.

Your prayers and help are especially needed at this time because September represents an especially difficult time for us to meet expenses. The cash flow right now is low. Last year's Thanksgiving offering has been used. It will be three more months before the Thanksgiving offering for this year begins to come in. So your prayers and your gifts are very important.

Now that our children are in school, please offer some prayers for them. They have had so many disappointments and heartaches. It is often hard for them to concentrate. Also, pray for our houseparents who love, discipline, guide, encourage and challenge these precious young people. With your prayers and support and our work they will put the pieces of life back together.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Big church

On a Sunday evening while traveling awhile back I dropped in to worship with one of Kentucky Baptists' largest congregations. My experience reaffirmed my belief that our larger churches are faithful to their peculiar tasks.

God spoke to me in all I saw and heard. I was impressed with attractive, comfortable facilities. Modern hymnals and King James Bibles occupied the pew racks. The special music was a polished performance by a choir and gifted soloist. I suspected they could import about anyone they wanted to hear. The pastor preached down the stars.

The weekly opportunities in the bulletin indicated they could supply nearly every spiritual and physical need—from corporate worship to prayer meeting, age graded organizations, missions meetings, Bible studies, vocal and instrumental groups, sports competitions, aerobics, ceramics classes, Mother's Day Out, evangelism training, visitation and more.

I don't hold membership in a church with a gymnasium. We don't have a weight lifting room, a ceramics room, a jacuzzi nor videotaping equipment.

That's o.k. We celebrate the small churches over and over in Southern Baptist life. They are the backbone of our denomination because a large percentage of our congregations have fewer than 500 members.

I take nothing away from these smaller churches. I love them. They are filled with genuinely warm and gracious people. I am glad our Sunday School Board offers small Sunday school weeks at Ridgecrest and Glorieta to train leadership and provides consultants skilled in small church work.

At the same time, I won't overlook the tremendous job their bigger brothers do. They often remain in downtown sections from which other congregations have fled, or in transitional areas blighted by shifting societal patterns.

They may sing to a brass accompaniment and be able to offer seemingly endless resources for the whole person. God has blessed them materially, and my feeling is, "of them much is required." They are sharing their blessings with others. Community, state, home and foreign missions depends on their prayerful, physical and fiscal support. They may not always lead per capita giving lists because they provide so many services, but our Cooperative Program and missions offerings would never be the same if their support were withdrawn.

Let's hear it for the big churches now and then. They may not represent a large percentage of us, but they are God's spiritual lighthouses on the corners they serve, and they are reaching humanity both near and far.

Gardenside Baptists end \$2 million project

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, commemorated its 30th anniversary Sunday, Aug. 30 with a day of special activities marking completion of more than \$2 million in recent facilities improvement.

At an afternoon dedication service significance was given to the congregation's expanded worship center, new nursery wing and renovation of an existing educational building. For the first time the principal structures—worship

and education—are now under one roof, having previously been separated.

The 1634-member congregation voted to enlarge its facilities Feb. 5, 1986, committing \$1.2 million to the project at a banquet held in Lexington May 30 of last year. Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted July 6, 1986 and a construction loan of \$1,750,000 was authorized last Sept. 17. An additional \$150,000 for the renovation of the educational space was tacked on to the original plan Mar. 11, 1987.

Wayne E. Ward, Joseph Emerson

Brown professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, brought the dedication address to the Gardenside congregation.

Speaking on the subject "The Church That Jesus Built," Ward commended former student James E. Heard, who has served the Gardenside pastorate 15 years, "half the life of this congregation." One of the "best things" that "ever happened" to this church was when the Lord took "this Arkansas hill-billy (Heard) and transplanted him here," Ward averred.

He warned, "Some Baptists have almost made the Bible an image to worship." But, he added, you are the church of Jesus only if you are "doing and teaching what Jesus did and taught."

Ward suggested that the trouble in our churches is that we try to "turn them into little country clubs" and make every one in them "just like us."

To be the "true church" of Jesus Christ, however, Ward believes we need to "open the doors and invite all to come in." He added, the people who can eat with you and "put their feet under your table" are those you "love and accept."

Earlier in the dedication service Ray Huffman, chairman of the Gardenside building committee, urged: "Let's just be sure we don't let the physical structure replace the spiritual structure of the church in our hearts."

Charlie Robinette, trustee chairman, presented a paper key to each person present, commemorating the date and occasion. "This key will always be a symbol that the doors of this church are open to all who would come and worship our savior," he declared.

A cornerstone-laying ceremony followed the dedication service, outside at the front of the church.

That evening, at the third worship experience of the day, an audiovisual presentation on the history of the congregation focused on the theme "How God Has Led Us!" Following testimonies, scripture reading and a prayer of con-

secration, the Lord's supper was observed.

Earlier Henry White, Gardenside interim music and youth director from 1972-75, returned to preach in the morning worship service. Now pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Falmouth, White's sermon topic was "Gifted to Serve."

The 30-year history of the Gardenside congregation is impressive. A mission was begun in the summer of 1957 in the Gardenside Community of Lexington under sponsorship of the Georgetown (Ky.) Baptist Church. Roy Fowler, a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student and pastor of Royal Springs Baptist Chapel, was called as first pastor Nov. 6, 1957.

The following year, Apr. 2, the 58-member congregation purchased a 300'x250' lot for \$21,000. Groundbreaking for the first building took place less than two months later.

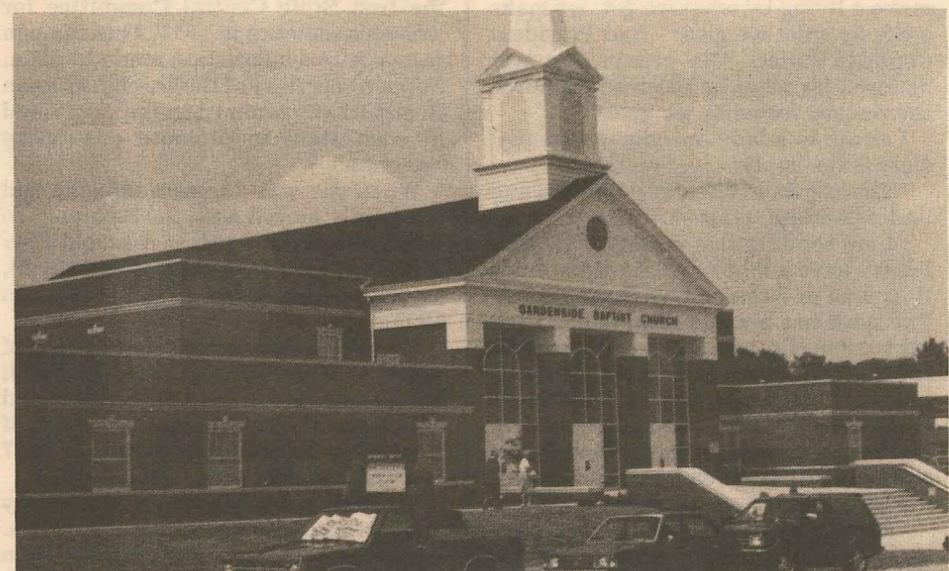
That new facility was occupied Feb. 25, 1959. Fowler resigned July 10, 1960 to become a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil. From December 1960 through July 1966 Edward Orberon was pastor. During that period he led Gardenside through two extensive building programs—the construction of an auditorium and a third unit attached to the rear of the auditorium.

William E. Miller was called as the church's third pastor, serving from 1967-71. He was succeeded by the fourth pastor, Heard, who arrived in April 1972. The physical achievements of his pastorate, in addition to the newly expanded and renovated physical plant, include the starting of a bus ministry, preschool and children's worship programs, tape ministry, stewardship campaigns and instituting a deacon family ministry.

The church also has two other professional staff members—Raymond Bishop, minister of music and youth, and Don Reed, outreach director.



Pastor James Heard led his congregation in laying a cornerstone at the front entrance to Gardenside's sanctuary.



A \$2 million building enlargement was celebrated by Gardenside Baptists.

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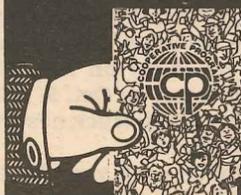
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baptist news in brief

Methodist editor says Baptist stand 'regretable'

The nation's largest Methodist weekly newspaper, in an unusual criticism of another denomination, labeled as "disturbing" and "regretable" a Southern Baptist policy that requires employees to profess that the Bible is true in all areas.

"Pragmatically, adopting a policy that attempts to dictate the beliefs of others is more likely to polarize and increase disunity among Southern Baptists than to produce the sought-after conformity," said the editorial in the Aug. 28 edition of *The United Methodist Reporter*. "Theologically, Protestant Christians long have emphasized that one's conscience should be regarded as inviolable," it said.

The editorial appeared both in the *United Methodist Reporter*, a 475,000 circulation weekly, and in its non-denominational weekly, the *United Christian Reporter*, which has about 25,000 circulation.

Spurgeon Dunnam III, editor of the *Reporter*, said the editorial was meant to elucidate differences between Baptists and Methodists.

"This kind of issue has an educational function," Dunnam said. "this points out how our tradition is different. It's narrowness vs. broadness."

The editorial also lambasted biblical infallibility, the idea that the Bible is correct in all areas, saying, "We should challenge them to explain their doctrinaire belief in biblical infallibility when the Bible makes no such claim for itself." (BP)

Baptist college tuition continues to increase

According to figures released by the College Board in New York and published by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, average tuition at four-year private schools will rise eight percent, to \$7110, this fall. The news is better at Baptist colleges and universities. While the average percentage increase is the same, the dollar amount is lower at most Baptist schools. Only three schools exceeded the \$7110 average.

Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark., is the lowest priced senior college with tuition and fees of \$2494, a 4.9 percent increase over 1986-87. Other institutions with tuition less than \$3000 include Brewton-Parker College, Mt. Vernon, Ga., \$2550, and Blue Mountain (Miss.) College, \$2784.

A year's tuition and fees at the University of Richmond (Va.) will be \$8335, the most expensive of any Southern Baptist school. Next in line are Furman University, Greenville, S. C., \$7314, and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., \$7250.

Three Baptist colleges held the line on tuition and fees with no increase: Truett McConnell College, Cleveland, Ga., a two-year school, at \$3060; William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., \$3070; and Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex., \$3188.

Averett College, Danville, Va., reported the largest percentage increase, 18.3, with tuition and fees of \$5500.

In Kentucky, the three senior Baptist colleges reported figures this way: Campbellsville (Ky.) College, \$3750, up 7.1%; Cumberland College, Williamsburg, \$3480, up 6.1%; and Georgetown (Ky.) College, \$4546, up 6.7%. (BP)

Public affairs urges Bork confirmation

The confirmation of Robert H. Bork as a U. S. Supreme Court justice has been "strongly urged" by the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee.

By a 7 to 5 vote, the committee—which was expanded and re-constituted during the 1987 annual SBC—adopted a resolution which commended President Reagan's nomination of Bork and strongly urged the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate to confirm the nomination.

The committee, which met in Nashville Aug. 20-21, also strongly urged the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, "which receives 91 percent of its subsidy from the SBC cooperative funds, to issue a similar recommendation and to direct its staff to lobby on behalf of the Bork nomination."

The resolution was presented by Les

Csorba III, executive director of Accuracy in Academia, of Alexandria, Va., who was elected to the PAC in June.

The resolution says Bork, "by all the historical judicial standards, including legal reasoning ability, high-quality legal opinions and scholarly writings and judicial temperament, is extremely qualified for the United States Supreme Court."

It cites SBC resolutions to show Bork "is consistent" with the SBC position opposing homosexuality and pornography and supporting traditional Baptist views on First Amendment guarantees and the presentation of the role of religion in textbooks.

It adds the opposition of Judge Bork's nomination has come from extremist organizations such as the People for the American Way, which has taken out

full-page advertisements in major newspapers across the country and has pledged to spend \$1,000,000 to defeat his nomination. Such organizations as the People for the American Way and the National Organization of Women are led and financed by individuals who have consistently opposed the very traditional moral positions that Southern Baptists have held."

Bork, who has been judge on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia since 1982, was nominated by President Reagan in early July to replace retiring jurist Lewis F. Powell Jr. Confirmation hearings will begin before the 14-member Senate Judiciary Committee Sept. 15. If the confirmation clears the committee, a vote is not expected until mid- or late October. (BP)

Texas CLC opposes Bork endorsement

The Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee's endorsement of Robert H. Bork for U. S. Supreme Court justice may violate SBC bylaws and could jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, according to a statement issued by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The statement was adopted without dissenting vote Aug. 28 by the commission, which serves as the public affairs committee for the 2.4-million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas. It terms the action by the Southern Baptist PAC a "radical and tragic departure from Baptist polity" and calls for a review of the committee's action as a possible violation of SBC bylaws.

Noting that the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has not joined the Southern Baptist PAC in endorsing

Bork, the statement says, "While Baptist agencies and committees have often addressed issues, they have wisely and historically avoided endorsing particular candidates for appointment or election. Not only has the Public Affairs Committee embraced the appointment of Mr. Bork, a spokesman for the committee has indicated to the press that in its endorsement of Bork, the committee speaks for Southern Baptists."

"The committee has exhibited incredible disregard for and ignorance of Baptist polity," the CLC statement continues. The statement decries such action as "tremendously divisive and destructive," saying such endorsements divide fellowship over persons who may not live up to the expectations of an endorsing group and hurt the Southern Baptist witness among those who may negatively perceive the person endorsed. (BP)

KBC departments lead senior adult meetings

For the first time four departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention are sponsoring eight senior adult celebrations across the state.

These celebrations will be held at Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, and First, Somerset, Oct. 12; Latonia, Covington, and Living Hope, Bowling Green, Oct. 13; Immanuel, Lexington, and First, Owensboro, Oct. 19; Lone Oak, Paducah, and First, Prestonsburg, Oct. 20. These senior adult celebrations, slated from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., will provide a learning experience and inspiration for senior adults and their leaders.

In addition to a time of fellowship and worship, special interest conferences are offered. The KBC Sunday School Department will lead a conference on "Bible Study Ministries and Opportunities for Senior Adults." The Church Music Department will lead one on "Singing Class for Senior Adults." The *Doctrine of Prayer* will be previewed by the Church Training Department. Practical help for senior adult leaders will be the focus of a conference by the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department.

A free copy of the new book, *Achieving Wholeness in Later Life*, will be given to the first 500 people to register. For registration forms, contact the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

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Come see for yourself!

As I write we are well into our third week of school with 535 girls and boys from every section of Kentucky, about 25 differing states and 21 nations.

It has been a busy time as every school opening is. You have had to read several reprints in this column as I have not had time to sit down and write these few paragraphs.

I have been out speaking two or three times every week. I have been in a number of associations. I only go where I am invited. But I always go when asked unless I am previously committed. Then I will go on a differing date if the inviting party so desires.

However I mostly stay busy at home doing the work God has led me to do, carrying on the mission he has entrusted to my care. It is our faith and our belief that when we are faithful, when we do a good job with the boys and girls in our care, when we keep ourselves within God's will, that God will provide for us all that we need. I do not ask for donations when I speak. I do not spend one minute of the week buttonholing anybody for money. Nor does my staff. The only appeal we make is an occasional mention in our little bimonthly publica-

tion or this column as we share our work. We do not spend thousands trying to get people to give. A month ago I sent out a mass-produced letter from our own print shop expressing the hope that we might end the fiscal year with most of our bills paid. It was my first such letter in 18 months.

God has promised to provide. We are simple enough to trust that. We practice it. We are not disappointed in how God makes provision nor in how much. Without "campaigns", "goals", "pledges", without fundraising dinners, buttons, banners or plaques we care for, feed and teach over 500 children daily. Many we help with clothing, medical and dental bills, shampoo, toothpaste... whatever. The great majority of our young people are from poorer families, many from poverty. Some are refugees from communist or dictator-ruled lands. We take them first come, first served regardless of their color, religion or economic condition. We do not ask for references. It is enough for us to know that God created them. The Lord Jesus Christ loved each enough to die for them. If they are emotionally and physically mature enough to be away from home we will accept any child, grade 6-12 provided we have an empty bed. Why not? That is our whole reason for being. Jesus, the head of the Oneida school, commands us by his word and his example to do so.

Because we are faithful to "minister unto the least..." to proclaim *daily* his saving gospel to our young people, to "feed the hungry... clothe the naked... give water to the thirsty... take in the stranger..." our God is faithful to us. He brings people to see what is being done at Oneida. Our work speaks for itself. Thousands who have been ministered to are living witnesses. Those who know go and tell those who do not know.

The "report" is sufficiently positive that we have had a five-fold increase in students and staff over the past fifteen years. Our physical plant has tripled. Our financial support is up thirteen-fold in fifteen years. The effectiveness of the program for our children has measurably increased.

This has not been done by copying the methods of the business world. It has been accomplished by ministering to those who come to our doors and trusting in God to sustain and bless us. He has. Mightily.

Come and see for yourself.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it..."
Psalm 127:1



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Faithful servants

II Timothy 2:1-13 Paul reminded Timothy of his great heritage of faith, challenged him to treasure it, to overcome his reticence and to endure suffering courageously as he carried on his work for the Lord. Paul informed Timothy that Christian character is exceedingly important to the instructor of spiritual truth, for no one places credence in precepts laid down by one who does not exemplify them in his own life.

In order to get Timothy to make full use of his God-given abilities, Paul listed three strong incentives:

The devotion of the soldier. A soldier must separate himself from the activities and cares of the world, refuse to allow himself to become involved in civilian affairs and devote himself exclusively to military life. If a Christian is to please Christ and render effective service, he must not be bound by the affairs of the world but instead let the Lord have His way in his life.

The discipline of the athlete. If one is to compete successfully in an athletic contest, he must undergo training, practice self-denial, accept the hardships involved, compete for the prize according to the rules and exert himself to the utmost. A Christian must do likewise if he is to be victorious and useful.

The diligence of the farmer. If a farmer is to achieve success, he must engage in arduous labor from dawn to twilight. Perseverance, prayer and patience are needed in working for God in any profession.

Paul reminded Timothy that the ultimate reason he should be faithful to Christ was all that Christ had done for him. Inasmuch as Christ has proved His faithfulness to believers, they should strive to be faithful to Him, in all things and always.

International series

Responsible for one another

Genesis 4:3-16 This chapter takes us into the home of Adam and Eve after their expulsion from the Garden of Eden, and introduces us to their first two children. Their first son was named "Cain," signifying a "possession" of great value. The second son was named "Abel," meaning "not lasting," prophetic of the brevity of his life. Abel chose the work of a shepherd while Cain became a tiller of the soil.

Cain brought to God an offering from "the fruit of the ground," and Abel brought an offering from "the firstlings of his flock." When God rejected Cain's offering and accepted the offering of Abel, Cain was highly offended. Angry and jealous, Cain led his brother into a field where others would not see what he was about to do, and there killed Abel. Having observed what Cain had done, God said, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain replied, "I know not." But the blood of Abel, soaking the ground where he had fallen, was even then crying out to God for justice.

God's judgment upon Cain for his sin thrust him from his home and made him a vagabond, but he was never able to escape from the cry of his brother's blood. Instead of receiving forgiveness, Cain complained that his punishment was more than he could bear. In attempting to lead Cain to repentance and confession, God informed him that he was his brother's keeper and that he must accept responsibility for what had happened to Abel.



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on mission together

The journey: part II

Preaching the evening messages for the annual Kenyan mission meeting brought back old memories of many mission meetings in the Middle East:

- the joy of the once-a-year fellowship by all the missionaries and children;
- the grieving of families who that very week were putting children on planes, alone, leaving home to begin college in America;
- acknowledging with sadness that this would be the last annual meeting for one who, after many years of faithful service, would soon retire to America;
- the absence of a missionary husband who had taken an emergency trip to America to attend his stricken mother and the pain of separation felt by his wife and children when word

came to us that his mother had died;

- the tragic news of a missionary colleague in adjoining Ethiopia having just been killed in a helicopter crash;
- the anxiety and sadness of saying "farewell" to their area director, Davis Saunders, who was taking a new position in the reorganized Foreign Mission Board.

With the deep and moving Bible studies in I John presented by Dale Moody in the mornings, and the human factors flowing so freely within the missionary family, the evening services became a time of spiritual overflowing. We, too, experienced a refreshing, spiritual freedom.

Late in the week, Alice and I were invited for tea and the evening meal in the home of Samson Kisia, manager of Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly where we were meeting. Some Kentuckians will remember that in 1983, this Kenyan Baptist trained at Cedarmore under Marshall Phillips. What few Kentucky Baptist know is that it was Samson who

"helped persuade" Kenyan Baptists of the need for the partnership.

As we sat with Samson and his wife, his exuberance over what the partnership has produced was electric. These were not the words of a host trying to make his guests feel good. It was a recitation of specific happenings as a result of the partnership—one of which was that offerings from their churches (their Cooperative Program) for work in Kenya **doubled** this past year!

Among the most unique and promising results of the partnership was revealed in the plan, adopted at the meeting, for all of the missionaries, national pastors and key leaders to converge on Nairobi for two weeks in the spring of 1988 in a concerted effort to reach people for Christ and start several churches.

And I thought of the last spoken lines in the film "Jesus of Nazareth," when one character stands at the unexpectedly empty grave of Jesus and says: "It is just beginning!"

Home Life editor retires after 35 years at BSSB

by Terri Lackey

Reuben Herring owes much of his 41-year career in journalism to his family and Ida Bell Williams, a high school teacher who encouraged him to write.

"I was always interested in writing," said the senior editor of Home Life magazine whose father and grandfather before him were journalists. "When I was in high school, my English teacher encouraged me to write, and that just sort of clinched it."

The "senior" was added to Herring's title when he received the career professional award at the Baptist Sunday School Board, where he edited the monthly family magazine in his Family Ministry Department office. However, Herring retired July 31 after 35 years at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Herring spent much of his childhood around the Tifton (Ga.) Daily Gazette. "I grew up in the newspaper office where my father was the editor and his father was the founder," he recalled. "I began working there as a young teenager. I started delivering papers and sweeping, and when I got into high school I did a little reporting, mainly high school sports."

After college graduation and six weeks after he got married Herring was drafted into the Army and spent three years in World War II, where he experienced front-line fighting. He came back a "shaken man" to get acquainted with a two-year-old son.

"It was pretty overwhelming to realize that now I had responsibility for myself, my wife and my son. And right then, I was unemployed," he said.

But it wasn't long before the tables turned and in 1946 Herring was offered a job with the Dothan (Ala.) Eagle.

He hadn't even applied. But he stayed with the paper seven years.

In the meantime the former Methodist had joined his wife's Baptist faith and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Dothan, where he became publicity director.

"It was while I was in that church that Joe Burton, first editor of Home Life, came down there and conducted one of his Christian home revivals," Herring said. "Because I was publicity director, I naturally handled the publicity for the revivals."

"Some months after Burton came back to Nashville, his associate editor resigned. Burton called me to see if I wanted to come to Nashville," he recalled.

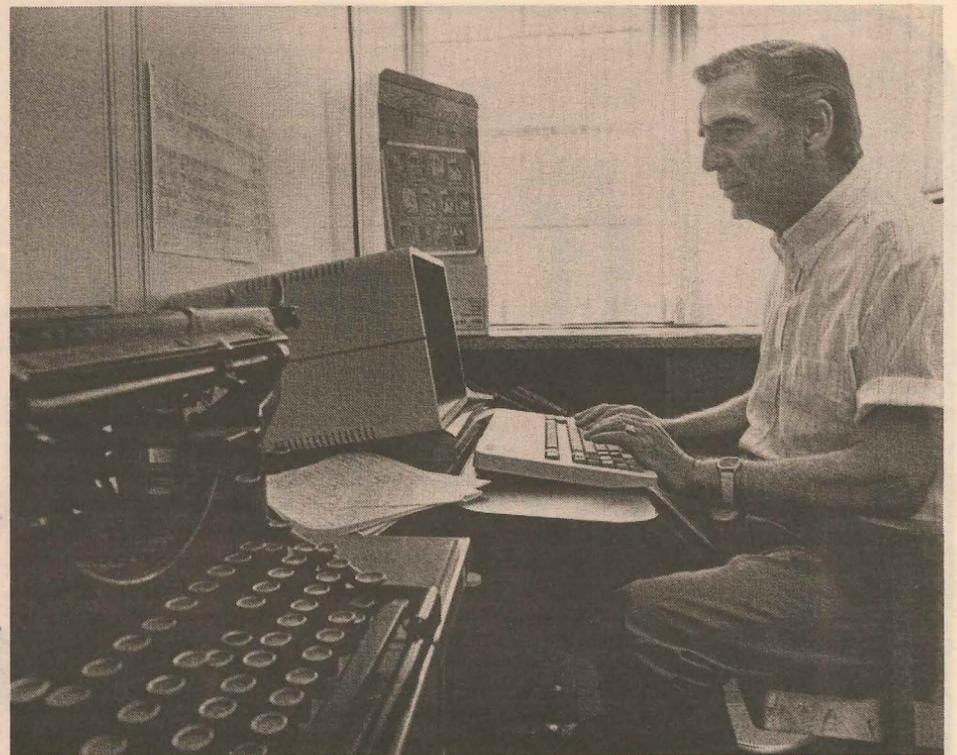
Herring's move from secular to religious journalism never was an issue: "I had already felt the desire to get into a church-related vocation, although not leaving journalism. For example, I had written the editor of the state Baptist paper in Alabama to see if they had an opening."

Herring enjoys telling the story about when, in 1953, Burton came to his house in Alabama to discuss employment, his wife Dot, now secretary/receptionist at the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, was "very pregnant."

"When my wife was serving supper, we had to leave immediately for the hospital, where she was delivered of twins. My colleagues say she really got me the job," he quipped.

Herring now has five children. One of the twins died of crib death when he was nine months old, a tragedy Herring believes has added a dimension to his experience as editor of a family life magazine.

Herring has, in a sense, come full cir-



Retiring editor of Home Life magazine Reuben Herring takes advantage of modern technology.

cle at the board, beginning as associate editor of Home Life and leaving as its senior editor. In his 35 years at the board he also has held several positions in the Church Training Department, supervising a children's editorial unit, editing adult curriculum and equipping center modules. He also served a short stint in the Church Administration Department, editing pastoral ministries products.

"I feel a great deal of satisfaction as I think about how in its first 40 years Home Life has circulated 350 million copies, that I've had a part in developing the deacon family ministry plan, equipping centers on family life and other topics and have edited and supervised children's and leaders' materials," he said. "It feels good to know that in my

35 years at the board I've been allowed to have a part in contributing to Christian marriages and Christian family life."

His list of contributions to the board does not stop with his full time positions. He has written nine books, including the novel, *Fire in the Canebreak*, a story of religion on the American frontiers of Kentucky and Tennessee during the 1800s.

And he plans to continue writing for the board. This self-described "typewriter-man" has focused his sights toward modern technology and is highly considering the purchase of a personal computer.

For a man who started out with a portable typewriter, an apple crate and earplugs, Herring has come a long way.

Music minister encourages worship participation

by Charles Willis

Ministers of music should encourage more participation and less spectator worship, a minister of music told his

counterparts from across the nation during the Church Music Leadership Conference at Glorieta, N. M.

"We live in a society that does everything for our convenience," said Joel

Mikell, minister of music at University Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. He cautioned that persons who sit on the fringes of a worship service are missing out on the experience of worship expression.

"Music is the most effective and powerful form of expression given to man by God," he said. "The singing of hymns draws the body together and allows us to share what is in our hearts."

"Though we sing the same words, we may express different sentiments. Hymn texts can express our love and devotion to God with ideas that may be difficult for us to express ourselves," said Mikell.

He said some church members are amazed to discover that hymns are chosen to suit the pastor's text and to motivate specific congregational responses to God's work in their lives.

Congregational singing, he said, should lift up the Lord in praise, involve persons in worship, prepare hearts for worship, edify, teach and admonish.

Because the congregation is the largest group a minister of music relates to each week, Mikell said, congregations should be taught their role in worship, be trusted with major leadership and then allowed to sing.

He recommended hymn sings, festivals, hymn stories, study courses, worship seminars and individual instruction to help make congregational hymn singing more meaningful to worship

participants.

The minister of music also must demonstrate a concern for planning ahead, a belief in the words sung, an enjoyment for congregational singing and an expectation that the congregation become involved.

"Music is the most effective and powerful form of expression given to man by God."

To bring reluctant participants from the fringes of worship to involvement, Mikell said such persons need encouragement and affirmation.

"Even in a large church, you can get to know the people and build a rapport with them," he said.



Joel Mikell (r) minister of music at University Baptist Church Ft. Worth, Tex. answers a question from Terry Simmons, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N. M., following a class on congregational singing during Church Music Leadership Conference at Glorieta, N. M.

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