

CLC executive retains his post with 15-15 vote

An attempt by conservatives to dismiss N. Larry Baker as executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission failed by a 15-15 vote Sept. 15.

Joe Atchison, of Rogers, Ark., director of missions for Benton Baptist Association, presented the motion to dismiss Baker immediately. The measure also would have empowered the newly elected commission chairman to appoint a search committee and name an interim director.

The call for Baker's dismissal echoed charges brought against him when commissioners voted 16-13 to hire him Jan. 15—displeasure with his positions on abortion, capital punishment and women in ministry, as well as displeasure with the composition of the search committee that recommended him.

During the January meeting Baker cited four cases where he believes abortion "may be allowed as an exception"—threat to the life of the mother, rape, incest and "perhaps in the case where traumatic and severe deformity to the fetus is involved."

He also expressed his beliefs that "God calls women to serve him in ministry as he calls men to serve him in ministry" and "capital punishment runs

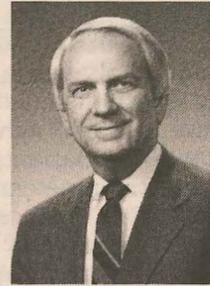
counter to the Christian ethic and the Christian gospel."

Several commissioners affirmed Baker and the progress the commission has made under his leadership, but they said he should be terminated because of the views he expressed in January.

Baker is doing "meritorious work," but the effort is marred by the "inconsistency between his expressed beliefs and his action," said Rudolph Yakym, a stockbroker from South Bend, Ind., who later was elected CLC secretary. "His (Baker's) stated positions are not what I would seek in a man...to continue to lead us."

"I love Dr. Baker as a man. We have shared personal burdens, but those burdens are not the issue," said Fred Lackey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Athens, Ala., and the new CLC chairman. "I cannot support Dr. Baker on the (selection) process, that the committee did not include a single conservative."

Charles Wade, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arlington, Tex., and chairman of the search committee that recommended Baker as executive, told commissioners: "One of the issues raised is that the selection process was flawed. It may have been, but if you are unhappy



Baker



Hopkins

(with the process) I suggest you attack me (not Baker)."

Wade, also immediate past chairman of the commission, pointed out another issue concerned conservatives' unwillingness to concede on the exceptions to abortion: "Your stubbornness in that position has condemned millions of babies yet unborn to die. If you fire him (Baker), you may think you have pleased 52-53-54-55 percent of Southern Baptists. But there are 45-46-47-48 percent of us who want to work on abortion, who are polarized if you are so rigid you will not let us help you."

Wade asked: "Do you really want to end 98 percent of the abortions in America, or do you want to win a political point and let millions of babies die?"

C. Nolan Phillips, pastor of University Baptist Church, Middletown, Oh., said he differs with Baker's views on abortion and added, "You cannot carry the flag if you do not believe what the flag stands for."

George A. Strickland, of Pickneyville, Ill., director of missions for Nine Mile Baptist Association, warned commissioners that firing Baker could trigger acrimony in the divided Southern Baptist Convention. "I don't think you know what kind of thing you'll unleash out in the field if you fire this man," he said.

Ben Mitchell, pastor of Middle Valley Baptist Church, Hixson, Tenn., who described himself as a "rookie" attending his first meeting of the commission, said Baker's views on abortion, capital punishment and the role of women in the church are "at best theologically imprecise, at worst theologically incorrect."

Another commissioner, Curtis Caine, a medical doctor from Jackson, Miss., twice asked Baker to answer questions clarifying his previously stated views on the three controversial issues.

Both times Baker declined, the second time saying he would be willing to sit with the commissioner "eyeball to eyeball...and tell you how my heart is shaped...but I would not be making a statement in response to you."

Baker added: "What I have experienced on the part of some persons on this board is either inability or refusal to understand my word. What I've experienced on the part of some is an adversarial relationship which takes my words and uses them in a combative way...to try and tack my hide to the wall. I would rather not have my words to you (Caine) used by people whose ears are unhearing and hearts are unresponsive."

Three trustees who said they had voted against Baker in January told commissioners they would vote to support Baker in the effort to dismiss him.

Larrey Noia, minister of music and school administrator at First Southern Baptist Church, Fountain City, Cal., said he voted against Baker in January, but since has judged the executive on

performance. "I have seen no position come out of the Christian Life Commission (since January) I oppose," he allowed.

Jerry Berl Hopkins, pastor of Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, also said he voted against Baker in January, but said he did not feel the dismissal effort is right. "It is against the spirit of Christ. Would you want this done to you in this manner?" he asked.

Coy Privette, CLC vice chairman and executive director of the Christian Action League of North Carolina, Raleigh, said: "I voted against Larry Baker, but I was wrong. I have asked the Lord to forgive me." He looked at Baker and added, "Now I am going to vote for you."

The attempt to dismiss Baker was set in motion by James Wood, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., who in the opening minutes of the meeting presented an alternate agenda that postponed committee meetings and called for a business session immediately following Baker's first report to commissioners.

Shortly thereafter, Atchison's motion to dismiss Baker was followed by a series of parliamentary procedures. Chairman Lynn P. Clayton, editor of the Baptist Message, news journal of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, ruled the motion out of order because it would rescind Baker's previous election. "You cannot rescind an election," Clayton admonished, but his ruling was overridden by a simple majority vote.

Prior to the vote on his dismissal, Baker told commissioners the past six months had been eventful, turbulent and productive. "The piece of work of which I am proudest during the past months is the commission's initiative on abortion," he said. "We have focused our moral agenda on the issue of abortion on a scope never seen before in the Southern Baptist Convention."

"One of the commissioners told me recently, 'We've done more on abortion in the past few months than the Southern Baptist Convention has done in 40 years.'"

Baker outlined new or expanded CLC program initiatives, including those related to abortion, AIDS, citizenship, pornography, world hunger and gambling, as well as expanded efforts in production, marketing and distribution of ethics resources.

"In the coming year we as a commission have a remarkable opportunity," he said. "If we focus our attention and direct our energies, this can be our highest hour and our finest year."

Atchison, who had made the motion to dismiss Baker, later acknowledged he was disappointed with the outcome but said he would accept the vote and work with Baker: "I think there's a good spirit on our board, and we have been able to accomplish some things we had on our conservative agenda.... We did give the staff some guidelines they never had before and thus accomplished what we would have had with a man with those conservative concerns."

Asked if Baker's tenure would be challenged next year, Atchison, new CLC vice chairman, replied: "I have no idea; it's not in my mind at all. Probably that question will have to be answered in what we see this year. We've given him another year to give the leadership we feel Southern Baptists need in this place." (BP)

When we cooperate, we grow! Sadieville church discovers

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If you don't believe that, ask the people at Sadieville Baptist Church near Georgetown.

In 10 months their church has gone from an attendance of 26 to a high attendance of 95. A Sunday school begun in March 1987 averages 30 persons and is growing.

Sadieville is a "perfect example" of Southern Baptist churches cooperating together for "effective ministry," according to pastor Jim Woolums.

Established in 1899, the congregation experienced a "fruitful ministry" until the early 1980s. Two active missionaries on the field call this church their "home." Yet, a "divisive element" caused a split, resulting in severed ties with Elkhorn Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the fall of 1986 the church had closed its doors for "lack of interest and support," said Woolums. But Elkhorn executive director Harold G. Polk saw the opportunity to begin a "new" Southern Baptist church by retiring its existing indebtedness.

After that, contacts were made and services begun again, Nov. 16, 1986 with 26 persons in attendance. Woolums, director of education for the association, was called as interim pastor.

In cooperation with Elkhorn Association and Georgetown Baptist Church, which has been in the role of "mother church," finances were raised to restore the building to a "functional capacity." With continued support from associational churches and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the church has experienced, according to Woolums, "exciting growth."

The first vacation Bible school in many years in this church was held in July with 12 professions of faith resulting. Youth of Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church led the VBS.

Ted Sisk, Immanuel pastor; Don Carroll, pastor of White Sulphur Baptist Church, Georgetown; and A. B. Colvin, Kentucky Baptist Convention president, conducted revival and rededication services at the church not long ago.

Planning for future growth, the church is establishing a Sunday evening youth fellowship, extending the outreach of the Sunday school and beginning a Church Training program. Brotherhood and Baptist Women's organizations have already been launched.

Many members of the church have "marveled" at the way "so many" people throughout Elkhorn Association have prayed for and committed special funds and help to get the church on its feet. It is a "great example" of what can happen "when churches cooperate in ministry," Woolums declared.

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1837: A year of decision and victory

The beginning of what has become the Kentucky Baptist Convention was surrounded with strife, turmoil, suspicion and "holy warfare."

Campbellism, antimissionism and fear of an educated clergy were elements which combined to separate and agitate the Baptists of Kentucky in the early decades of the nineteenth century.

However, as noted by J. H. Spencer in *A History of Kentucky Baptists*, "as early as 1813 Silas M. Noel proposed to the Baptists of Kentucky a plan for forming a 'General Meeting of Correspondence,' in which ministers and other members of the churches should meet together from all parts of the state, at least once a year; for the purpose of consulting together as to the best means of advancing the Redeemers' Kingdom."

Noel's plan failed, even though many leading ministers favored some sort of organization of the Baptists. Other attempts to organize the Baptists of Kentucky failed as well, so that by 1837 Baptists in Kentucky were still separated into many camps with struggles with each other and disputations among themselves the dominant feature of Baptist life in the state.

After several abortive attempts to organize the Baptists of Kentucky into some sort of association, "a call was made on the churches and district associations to send messengers to meet in Louisville, for the purpose of organizing such meeting.

'Agreeable to this call, a number of delegates and brethren, from various associations and churches, met in the Baptist meeting house, in the city of Louisville, on Friday, Oct. 20, 1837, for the purpose of organizing a General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.'

This first meeting of what is now the Kentucky Baptist Convention was attended by 57 members, 20 ordained ministers, one licensed minister and 36 private church members. "This was not a large meeting, yet it was one of very great importance for Kentucky Baptists. It was destined to inaugurate a line of policy so different from that which has been pursued from the planting of the first churches in the West as to almost amount to a revolution."

Four objectives were set forth as the guiding principles and outline of the work the General Association intended to pursue in the state. These were: (1) To induce the churches to support their ministers, especially as a means of supplying the destitution in the homefield; (2) To foster a more thorough education in the ministry and to encourage education among the people; (3) The distribution of the Bible among the people; and (4) The support of foreign missions.

The beginning of the organization of the Baptists in the state caused great agitation and confusion throughout Kentucky. "Of forty-three associations, only nine were represented in the meet-

ing, and three years later, when the number of associations had increased to fifty, only eleven had endorsed the objects set forth by that body."

However, by 1840 the "improvement of the Baptist denomination in Kentucky...was so marked as to become a matter of public thanksgiving." The anti-missionary element had been purged away. Many of the churches were, for the first time, giving a reasonable support to their pastors. Most of the more populous associations were maintaining missionaries. Liberal contributions were being made to foreign missions and Bible distribution.

The minutes for 1840 show there were 50 associations, 711 churches and 49,308 members. With a population of 779,828, Kentucky had one Baptist for every 15 of the population.

One significant factor which helped the fledgling state association to survive and grow was the advent of the "protracted meeting." Historians note that prior to 1837 meetings were held only on Saturday and Sunday with an occasional night meeting. "The most zealous and enterprising minister could not stretch his conscience beyond a 'three days meeting.'" That began to change and with the change the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky started to grow in size and tranquility.

The meetings began to be protracted, often for two weeks or more. A certain Brother Alfred Taylor held such a meeting in Ohio County, against much opposition, but with persistence. His biographer stated Taylor baptized more than 600 in the six months he labored in such meetings in the county.

This revival spirit prevailed for about six years across the state. Various and conflicting estimates of the number of people baptized are in the records. However, the most accurate and most accepted figure is that 17,761 were baptized between 1837-40, with another 12,000 added by 1843.

Evangelism, missions and the Bible were the first items of concern when our denomination was organized in Kentucky. Can we afford to major on anything less in this, our 150th year of organization?

The founding fathers fought a hard fight against ignorance, prejudice and just plain cantankerousness. We face no less formidable foes today, in the guise of sophistication, apathy and pride. Our best hope for today and for the future is the same hope the founders of our denomination felt burning within them: Evangelism, Missions and honor to the Word of God.

May we come once again to the "Baptist meeting house (now Walnut Street Baptist Church) in Louisville" this November with a resolve to grow in grace, fellowship and zeal for the great task the Lord has entrusted to us these past 150 years.

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Housing request form, SBC June 14-16, 1987 San Antonio, Texas

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James H. Cox
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Unfilled shoes

"His funeral could be held in any city in the state and the church would probably be overflowing," A Baptist Building colleague said the day of Calvin Fields' funeral, Feb. 27, 1982.

I still have difficulty realizing the beloved Brotherhood staffer is no longer with us, and that he's been gone over five years. While performing the ministry he loved so much, he was stricken with a massive heart attack. He died a few days later in a Richmond, Ky. hospital.

Thousands of his fans were temporarily separated from a precious friend. Someone speculated that he was recognized and admired by more people in the pews of Kentucky Baptist churches than any individual before him.

For 16 years Calvin Day Fields was associate to Forrest R. Sawyer, director of the Kentucky Brotherhood Department. When Sawyer retired Jan. 15, 1982, what more qualified person to succeed him was there? For three decades Fields had encouraged young men from across the state to reach their potential at Rabro camping sessions. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of today's young and older men attest to the positive influence he had on their lives. His interest in the spiritual, physical, emotional and social development of boys may be calculated only in eternity's terms.

His concern for lost people was genuine. He was a special friend to the common man, the downcast, the outcast, the disadvantaged.

Calvin Fields was who he was, and he was unpretentious about it. You could hear his booming voice and laughter before you saw him. He dressed flamboyantly—in plaid coats, loud ties, colorful shirts, bright slacks, western hat and cowboy boots.

Those boots. Who could forget them? They were his trademark. His devoted widow, Wiggie, gave me two pair of them, including his favorites. While no one else can fill them, they are among my most cherished possessions.

We were close, Calvin and I. His family and mine. We ate lunch together. We worshiped in the same church. He didn't patronize restaurants and supermarkets that sold alcohol, but he enjoyed a game of *Uno* better than anybody I knew. He helped me put up a basketball goal and complete an unfinished basement. He offered the proverbial shirt off his back to anyone needing it.

Next week the state Brotherhood Convention meets in Winchester to celebrate its past glories. Key figures will cite the accomplishments of Kentucky Brotherhood. Calvin Fields played a strategic role in that. I thank God for the incalculable influence I received from this saint in cowboy boots!

Alliance directors decry PAC action

Directors of the Southern Baptist Alliance have unanimously expressed their dismay that the Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee endorsed Judge Robert H. Bork, "a political candidate," for the U. S. Supreme Court.

Alliance directors, in a resolution which cited SBC actions calling for non-endorsement of political candidates, asked the PAC "to withdraw its endorsement of Judge Bork."

The Public Affairs Committee, according to the Alliance directors, had taken an "unprecedented entry into a political process by a Southern Baptist agency."

Alliance directors also said the PAC "does not speak for all Southern Baptists on this or any other issue."

The newly named executive commit-

Southern announces two faculty openings

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has invited interested persons to submit recommendations for candidates for two teaching positions currently vacant in New Testament studies and evangelism.

Consideration will be given to qualified persons who are Baptist, hold the PhD degree or its equivalent, agree to teach in accordance with "The Abstract of Principles," the seminary's confessional contractual statement, and by experience or commitment give evidence of ability to teach students preparing for careers within the local church or the denomination. The New Testament post also requires competence in Greek and textual studies.

Persons selected for the positions will be expected to begin their work on or before Aug. 1, 1988.

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tee of the SBA includes the officers Henry Crouch of Charlotte, N. C.; Susan Lockwood Wright of Chicago; Henry Huff of Louisville; Richard Groves of Winston-Salem, N. C.; and Bruce Morgan of Griffin, Ga.; plus Henry Carpenter of Cocoa, Fla.; Tom Simms of Richton, Miss.; Linda Weaver-Williams of Glen Allen, Va.; Marvin Cameron of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; J. Frank Gilreath Jr.

Campbellsville fills two posts

Campbellsville has added two members to its faculty, Clara Metzmeier in English and Philip M. Lee in business.

Clara Metzmeier, originally from Campbellsville, will be teaching courses in basic English, freshman English I and introduction to literature.

Her teaching experience includes positions at Lindsey Wilson College, Campbellsville High School and Butler High School in Jefferson County. She previously taught part time at Campbellsville College.

Mrs. Metzmeier received her BA and MA degrees from Western Kentucky University. She also did postgraduate work at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

Philip Lee was professor of business administration and chairman of the so-

RTVC trustees name four vice presidents

Trustees of the Radio and Television Commission approved an \$8.78 million operating budget for 1987-88, named four vice presidents and heard reports of ACTS network growth during their fall meeting Sept. 14-15.

The budget is based on "experience rather than aspiration," officials said. Jimmy R. Allen, commission president, said, "With the adoption of this budget, we can say to Southern Baptists that the ACTS network is stabilized financially."

The newly-elected vice presidents are present commission employees. Bob Thornton was named vice president for production and programming; Ed Malone, for radio; Michael Wright, affiliate relations; and Larry Johnson, engineering and operations.

They will join controller Jerry Stamps, Charles Roden, vice president of support services, and Richard McCartney, executive vice president, to form the executive management group for the RTVC.(BP)

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of Charlotte, N. C.; and Anne Neil of Wake Forest, N. C.

The SBA also voted to hold its annual convocation Mar. 21-23 at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Membership in the SBA totals more than 10,000 people, including 1400 members who have paid between \$25 and \$100 fees. Others are in 14 churches which have joined.(BP)

cial science division at Bethel College at McKenzie, Tenn. from 1979 until coming to Campbellsville.

He received his BS degree from Purdue University and his MA and PhD degrees from University of Iowa. He did his graduate work at the University of Iowa and at Notre Dame University. He also did postgraduate studies at the University of Sarajevo in Yugoslavia in 1984.

Sports crusaders to play at Campbellsville Oct. 3

The Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders will play the Campbellsville College intramural All-Stars in a softball game Oct. 3.

The trip to Campbellsville will mark the second time the Crusaders have competed with the All-Stars. The two teams played basketball during the spring 1987 semester.

The game will be held in conjunction with the college's fall carnival. They will play a double-header with the first game at 2 p.m. and the second game at 3:30 p.m.

The Crusaders are made up of Doug Flynn, a former Cincinnati Reds, New York Mets and Detroit Tigers player; Kevin Singleton, who played basketball at Union College; a former Tiger baseball player, Mark Bryant, along with Mike Pollack, a current Tiger baseball player.

After the last game, the Crusaders will have a sharing time in the dining hall.

The game and the carnival, which begin at 11 a.m., are free and open to the public.

Students start classes at Canadian seminary

Classes started Sept. 1 at the new Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary as construction work on the 149-acre campus continued in Cochran, Canada.

Twenty students began work in four introductory courses offered this fall. All but one of the students are Canadians from the western provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, where most Canadian Southern Baptist congregations are located.

Classes are being taught by Southern Baptist representatives Wayne Cook and Mike McGough, assigned to the seminary by the SBC Foreign Mission Board. The seminary is asking the FMB to send four more teachers in the next two years.

For now classes are meeting in a service building as construction continues on the main academic building, which still lacks doors, carpeting, trim and exterior brick.

Since building began about 250 Canadian and American construction volunteers have come to help.(BP)

baptist forum

Public affairs committee made mistake

The SBC Public Affairs Committee has taken an unprecedented action by endorsing Robert Bork for the Supreme Court. They indicated they were speaking for the SBC. This is contrary to both Baptist history and polity.

Why has it become necessary to cease addressing issues and now endorse candidates? If the committee wants to write senators supporting Bork that is their privilege and responsibility. But to state this is the position of our convention is wrong and repugnant.

Is our concern now to support a political philosophy? Leaders of this committee are on the extreme of political philosophy since two have been closely aligned to Jessie Helms; one is the future son-in-law of Paul Pressler; and another is a member of the John Birch Society. Can we allow a committee to express its political philosophy as the position of the convention? I hope not.

Since they have requested to handle the money for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, does the Public Affairs Committee desire to become a political action committee to support political candidates and causes? Southern Baptists will not support even this sly attempt to propagate a political cause by a group in the name of the convention.

Are we more concerned with a political philosophy than spiritual commitment? This seemed to be the case when Larry Lewis raised the question of

Bork's faith. Lewis said he understood Bork was an agnostic. This mattered little as they endorsed the man.

This is a sad day in Baptist life and the effort to endorse candidates can only lead to the demise of our mission and embarrass us before the world. May God help us return to the purpose to which we are called.

John Dunaway
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Ministry to homebound adults

Today more than 6 million adults are homebound. Some have become disabled through accident or disease. Others are declining in health due to the aging process. Many of these people were once active members of a church. Many of the homebound are lost.

The purpose of homebound ministry is to provide Bible study, minister to the total needs of persons, win the lost and provide a connecting link between the homebound and the church.

This method of outreach is an eminent opportunity for participation in Bold Mission Thrust.

James Q. Berthelot's conference on Ministering to Homebound Adults offered during the state Sunday school convention in Bowling Green, Oct 9-10, will be an excellent way to become informed on how to effectively implement this ministry. Berthelot is an adult consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board and author of the book, *The Sunday School Providing for Homebound Adults*.

Resources for a homebound ministry

are available from Baptist Book Store and free pamphlets may be obtained from the Sunday department of the KBC.

Jane Griz
Sunday school intern
Louisville



GO YE T THEREFORE...



Correction

In the Sept 1 issue, Western Recorder printed a letter from Southern Seminary D.Min students praising professors at the school. Larry Holland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Russellville, was the lone signature on the letter. Western Recorder should have said 16 other students also signed the letter. We apologize to Brother Holland and his colleagues for this oversight.

Important tax information

The standard mileage rate for cars used for business purposes during 1987 has been increased by the IRS to 22.5¢ per mile for the first 15,000 miles. During 1986 the rate was 21¢ per mile.

This means churches using the IRS rate to reimburse ministers for automobile expense should immediately increase the rate to 22.5¢ per mile. Churches are also encouraged to make a retroactive payment of 1.5¢ per mile for miles traveled to date in 1987, since the new rate applies retroactively for all of 1987. The IRS had stated this new mileage rate, when used for reimbursement purposes, is deemed to satisfy the substantiation and adequate accounting requirements.

Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 it is increasingly important that churches handle the payment of automobile expense on a reimbursement method. Otherwise their minister may have to pay income tax on that expense money.

Anyone needing assistance in interpreting these rules may call Don Spencer at the KBC Annuity Department.

Are you committed to carrying out the Great Commission in the cities of our land? Are New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles modern counterparts of Jerusalem, Samaria and Judea? How can you respond to the Great Commission and the overwhelming need to win our cities?

You may not be able to drop your responsibilities, sell your belongings and go to a mission field. But you can give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering while home missionaries serve on your behalf in all 50 states and in every major city in the United States.

Many of you have already responded to the critical need in our cities by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The Home Mission Board thanks you for your gifts that allow home missionaries to be your hands, your hearts, your response to the Great Commission.

The Home Mission Board thanks all Baptist churches in Kentucky, especially these who gave the highest per capita offerings in 1986:

Hopewell Baptist Church, Harrodsburg	\$11.00
Manchester Baptist Church, Manchester	9.00
Dunmor Baptist Church, Dunmor	8.42

First Baptist Church, Inez	8.00
South Watterson Trail Baptist, Louisville	7.75
Hart Baptist Church, London	7.63
Hurricane Baptist Church, Cadiz	6.68
Salem Baptist Church, Salem	6.35
Cecilia Baptist Church, Cecilia	5.64
New Mt. Carmel Baptist, New Concord	5.55

The Home Mission Board also thanks these Baptist churches who gave the highest dollar amounts in the state in 1986:

Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville	\$16,938
Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington	16,329
First Baptist Church, Paducah	15,000
Severns Valley Baptist, Elizabethtown	12,344
Highview Baptist Church, Louisville	9,454
First Baptist Church, Somerset	7,885
First Baptist Church, Murray	7,152
First Baptist Church, Shelbyville	7,096
Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville	6,822
First Baptist Church, Madisonville	5,729

(Figures from state convention offices and from Uniform Church Letters.)

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Making the Great Commission a Bold Commitment to Our Cities

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personnel

Vernon Morris has been called as pastor of Sinking Valley Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Ted Brown has been called to pastor White Oak Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Marvin Helton has been called as pastor of Arthur Ridge Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Willie E. Ailstock III was called to pastor Dry Ridge Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. He goes to Dry Ridge from First Baptist Church, Garrettsville, Oh. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and is married to the former Becky Hess of Falmouth.

Estes Monhollen has accepted the pastorate of Sandstone Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Charles Price has resigned the pastorate of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greenup Seminary, to attend Luther Rice Seminary.

Jim Kirbey has accepted the call to pastor Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association.

Robert D. Dyer has been called as pastor of Glenwood Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Harold A. Phillips resigned as minister of education at Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to accept a similar position at Second Baptist Church, Liberty, Mo. Jim England is pastor of Deer Park.

Carlos Stanley is pastor of Nolynn Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Richard Sellers has accepted the call as pastor of Westside-Portland Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Larry Noe resigned as pastor of Grace Union Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Ray Snowden has been called to the pastorate of Salem Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

James Hagan accepted the pastorate of Grace Union Baptist Church, Liberty Association.



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glimpses of our heritage

Marty Sharp was called as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

James Hundley resigned as pastor of Wallins Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, to accept the pastorate of Keck Baptist Church, Lynn Camp Association.

associations

In the 1987 annual meeting **Greenup Association** passed resolutions commending the Peace Committee of the SBC for the "excellent job" it did; opposing a state operated lottery; protesting Southern Baptist lotteries; meeting with the Pope. A. N. Lester is clerk of the association, Otis Leon Greer is moderator and Charles S. Young is DOM.

congregations

The Horton Bible Class of **First Baptist Church, Mayfield**, celebrated its 50th anniversary Sept. 13. The class was organized with a teacher and seven members in 1937. Now the class numbers more than 50 and is a strong supportive force in all the ministries of First Baptist Church. Roger D. Willmore is pastor of the church.

A long-dreamed-of mission project was fulfilled recently by **Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church**, Taylor County Association.

The church conducted a mission vacation Bible school in Raywick, a community with no evangelical church, 10 miles west of Lebanon. The school met across from two beer taverns under a shelter at Raywick Park.

The four classes used backyard Bible school materials and several Mt. Gilboa youth began each session with puppet skits. Pastor Roger Alford reported a total enrollment of 25.

Assisting the Mt. Gilboa team were Bill and Frances Beard. Beard is director of missions for Taylor County Association.

Waddy Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, held revival Sept. 17-20. Raymond Bailey, professor of Christian preaching at Southern Seminary, Louisville, was the evangelist.

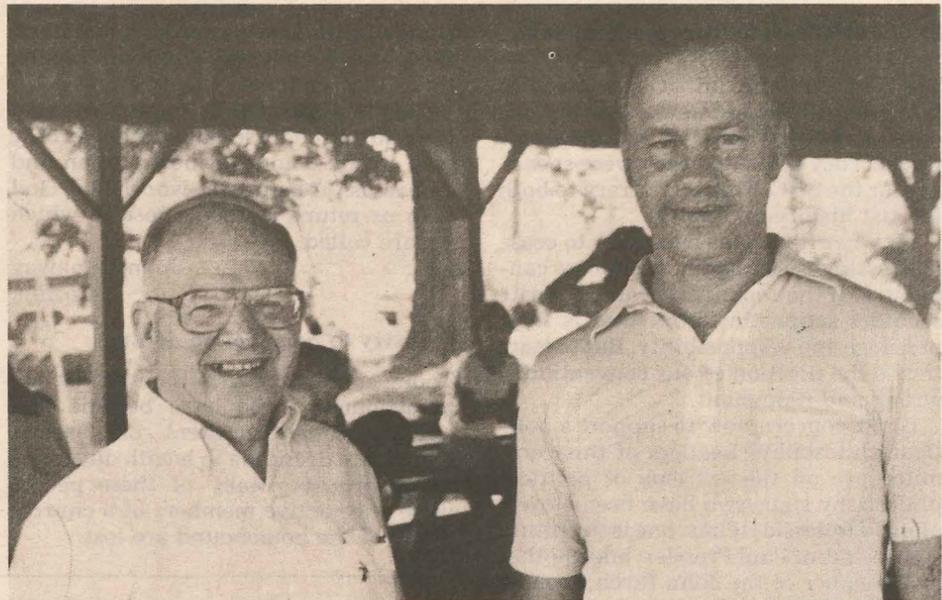
The church will have its 95th anniversary celebration and homecoming Oct. 18. All former members and friends are invited.

Anti-Missionism and Campbellism 1817-1832

Kentucky Baptists responded favorably to foreign missions in 1815. But a few preachers began to oppose missions and theological education.

John Taylor published a pamphlet entitled: "Thoughts On Missions" in 1820. In it he opposed missionary boards, conventions, societies and theological schools. He misinterpreted the motives of Luther Rice, saying his main interest was "money."

The notorious Daniel Parker, at about the same time, published a pamphlet entitled: "A Public Address to the Baptist Society," in which he opposed the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions. He traveled in Kentucky extensively for several years vigorously condemning missions, theological education and all benevolent societies. He published a pamphlet on his "Two-Seeds" heresy in 1826, a crude form of Manicheism,



Bill Beard, director of missions for Taylor County Association, and **Roger Alford**, pastor of Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Pike Association, had one of its most fruitful summers with 31 additions to the church family with 20 of them by baptism.

For the associational year the church had 91 total additions with 33 by baptism, making it one of the best in church growth in many years.

Sunday school grew from averaging 279 to 320 people. The church also had a record year for financial receipts, which totaled \$435,000.

Glenn Mollette is pastor.

Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association, celebrated its centennial anniversary Sept. 13. Gerald Owen, a former pastor, delivered the morning message, and the Shelton Singers offered an afternoon program. Other former pastors were recognized and the church history was read. Church members wore clothing reminiscent of the period.

Chester Culver is pastor.

Seventy-five Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and youth organization members of **First Baptist Church, Loyall**, Upper Cumberland Association, met recently to participate in a Christmas in August program. Christmas hymns were sung and a Christmas tree was present for people to bring their items for a mission project in Pueblo, Colo. and one in Louisville. Mrs. Margaret Hobbs is the WMU director; Claude Hobbs, Brotherhood director; and Keith Rogers, pastor.

and greatly divided churches in the 1820s.

Parker finally went to Texas in 1833 and formed the first Baptist church in that state. It was anti-missionary from the beginning.

Alexander Campbell completed the triumvirate of mission opponents in this period. He was reared in Scotland, a son of a seceder Presbyterian minister, Thomas Campbell. His religious pilgrimage from 1798 led him from the seceder Presbyterian to the sandemanian sect to the "Christian Association" in Pennsylvania in 1809. At this point the Campbells, father and son, became quasi-Baptists by being immersed, together with their followers in the Brush Run "Christian Association" Church. It maintained a precarious membership in the Redstone Baptist Association from 1813 to 1830.

Campbell's popularity among some Baptists was great for a time (1813-1823) because he debated with other groups against infant baptism. After

ordinations

Joseph Lee Walters was ordained to the ministry by the Poplar Level Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Walters has been called by First Southern Baptist Mission of Clarks Hill, Ind. as pastor.

Steve Copeland is pastor of Poplar Level.

Carl Swanson was ordained as deacon Aug. 23 at Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Christian County Association. Roy W. Field Jr. is pastor.

Chris Church was ordained to the ministry by Peachree church in Atlanta, Ga. Kenneth Chafin preached the ordination sermon. Becky Matheny gave the charge to the candidate and Al Craft gave the charge to the congregation.

Church received an MDiv from Southern Seminary and is currently a volunteer student there. He also was a doctoree staff member at Immanuel Baptist Church, Louisville, since 1982.

Geraldine Baker Craddock was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 30. Mrs. Craddock, a graduate of Southern Seminary in the MDiv program, is employed by University Hospital, Lexington, Ky. as a resident in the chaplaincy program.

moving to Bethany, in western Virginia, he came to Augusta in Mason County, Kentucky, to debate the Presbyterian pastor, William MacCalla, in October 1823. He championed immersion baptism.

After visiting Lexington, Frankfort, Louisville and Shelbyville, his influence grew all the more. Having begun to publish a paper called "The Christian Baptist," Campbell began to condemn a salaried clergy, missions and ministerial education, as well as Sunday schools and Bible societies. He soon gained a great following among Baptists in Ohio, Western Virginia and Kentucky.

His views on baptism (a form of baptismal regeneration) and the Lord's Supper (weekly observance) and Great Opposition to all that Baptists believed and did finally led to fierce resistance to him and his movement, especially in the Franklin and Bracken Associations. In 1830-1831 a final separation took place between Baptists and Campbellites.

Recommendations of the executive board, KBC

These recommendations are published in compliance with Article VIII, Kentucky Baptist Convention Constitution, which states: The Executive Board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least thirty days prior to this meeting the Board shall publish in the Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter. (The Convention meets Nov. 10-11, 1987 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.)

Recommendations on 1988-89 Cooperative Program budget and percentages as follows:

	Revised 1986-87 Budget	Revised 1987-88 Budget	Proposed 1988-89 Budget
I. Cooperative Program Goal			
A. Operational Budget	15,600,600(3) 0.0%	16,380,630(4) 5.0%	17,035,855 4.0%
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes(1)	5,752,721 (36.875%)	6,142,736 (37.5%)	6,494,920 (38.125%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes(2)	9,847,879 (63.125%)	10,237,894 (62.5%)	10,540,935 (61.875%)
B. Bold Mission Challenge	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000(5)
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes(1)	481,000 (37.000%)	487,500 (37.5%)	495,625 (38.125%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes(2)	819,000 (63.000%)	812,500 (62.5%)	804,375 (61.875%)
Total Cooperative Program Goal	16,900,600	17,680,630	18,335,855
II. Other Estimated Income	1,401,757	1,422,029	1,450,000
III. Total Budget Goal	18,302,357	19,102,659	19,785,855

(1) The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention

(2) The distribution of these items is voted by the Executive Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention

(3) Original budget amount of \$16,380,630 reduced to 15,600,600; Convention approved revision Nov. 1986

(4) Original budget amount of \$17,527,275 reduced to 16,380,630; Convention approved revision Nov. 1986

(5) See General Recommendation No. 11 for priority item.

General recommendations to the convention for the 1988-89 budget.

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed on April 16, 1989, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that the Vacation Bible School offerings be given to World-Wide Missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the following special offerings: (a) the annual Thanksgiving Offering for our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; (b) the annual Mother's Day Offering for charity work in our Hospitals; (c) the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions; (d) the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions; (e) the annual Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions; (f) the annual World Hunger/Relief Offering as promoted by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6. That (a) future special offerings being proposed for inclusion in the Kentucky Baptist Convention calendar be carefully and prayerfully considered before being offered, and be referred to the Executive Board; (b) no change in dates and present special offerings as authorized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention be recommended at this time; (c) the special offerings have a focus in the church of not more than two weeks; (d) we urge continual support and increased emphasis on the purposes, missions and ministries of the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

7. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the Sacred Scriptures.

8. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from those mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the Convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount.

9. That we ask the Sunday Schools to observe State Mission Emphasis Day for its institutional and educational value.

10. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a Certified Public Accountant, to the office of our Treasurer on or before November 1 of each year. The Treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

11. That any costs of CHAP in excess of \$535,000 in the 1988-89 budget year be funded as follows:

a. first from the 1988-89 Challenge budget, if any

b. if necessary, then from any unused Executive Board budget funds, if any

c. and if necessary, deducted from the 1989-90 CP allocations to the KBC institutions and agencies, the SBC, and the Executive Board appropriation in proportion to each's share of the total CP budget for the 1988-89 budget year.

Recommendation on the Kentucky Baptist Foundation

The 1986 Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers, due to a point of order, did not have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes presented by the Clarification Committee upon approval of the Executive Board.

During the past year the Kentucky Baptist Foundation Board of Directors and the members of the Foundation Clarification Committee have revised the original proposal.

The May meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board reviewed the proposal and approved by unanimous vote the recommendation of the proposal to the Convention's November 1987 meeting. Prior to that meeting, the Foundation Board of Directors had given its unanimous approval as well. The full text of that proposal is reported here.

Report of the Foundation Clarification Committee

On March 31, 1987, meeting at the Springs Inn in Lexington, Kentucky, the Clarification Committee of the Executive Board and the Baptist Foundation Board unanimously approved a revised proposal concerning the future relationship between the Baptist Foundation and the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board.

While relieving the previous and considerable ambiguities within the relationship, the revised proposal retains the present, dual status of the Foundation as both (1) incorporated agency of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and (2) program unit of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board.

The revised proposal represents the mutual agreement and satisfaction of both the Baptist Foundation Board and the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Therefore, the Executive Board recommends to the Kentucky Baptist Convention that the changes presented herein be approved.

Proposed Changes in the Relationship of the Baptist Foundation and the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

1. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of the Business Division will serve as non-voting, ex officio members of the Baptist Foundation Board of Directors.

2. The Director of the Business Division will serve as the supervisor of the Foundation's Executive Director. (The Foundation Board will continue to provide consultation and guidance in matters of promotion; will continue to make all final decisions concerning investments and fund management.)

3. The Business Division Director will involve the Foundation Board in an annual performance review of the Foundation's Executive Director.

4. The Foundation's Executive Director position will be elevated from a Grade VIII to a Grade X level.

5. The Business Division Director will have increased responsibility in supervision and accountability, and should be compensated appropriately as determined by the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board.

6. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the KBC will chair and lead a search committee consisting of the KBC Business Division Director, three (3) members of the Foundation Board (to be determined by the Foundation Board) and three (3) members of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board (to be determined by the Administrative Committee), in recommending a candidate for approval by the Baptist Foundation Board, the Executive Board's Administrative Committee, and the KBC Executive Board.

Highlights of Proposed Changes in Relationship of Kentucky Baptist Foundation to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board:

Present	Proposed
1. Foundation is both a KBC agency and a department of the Executive Board.	1. Foundation is both a KBC agency and a program unit of Executive Board.
2. Funds for operations of the Foundation provided from Cooperative Program funds through the KBC Executive Board budget.	2. No change
3. Foundation's Executive Director position is pay Grade VIII.	3. Elevate pay grade to Level X.
4. Foundation's Executive Director selected and nominated by Foundation Directors and elected by KBC Executive Board.	4. Search Committee representing Executive Board, its staff, and Foundation Board recommends candidate for approval by Foundation Board and KBC Administrative Committee and Executive Board.
5. Foundation Executive Director reports periodically to Foundation Board but is considered a department director of the KBC Executive Board. The supervisory responsibilities of Foundation and KBC Executive Board not clearly defined.	5. Foundation Board advises Executive Director on matters of promotion. Business Division Director supervises work of Foundation Executive Director and conducts annual performance review in consultation with Foundation Board.
6. Foundation Board makes all final decisions on investments and fund management.	6. No change
7. Foundation Board composed of nine members with KBC electing three members each year.	7. Nine member board continues with two non-voting ex officio members: KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Business Division Director.

The Executive Board, with the approval of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation Board of Directors, has approved the Proposal for recommendation to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session November 10-11, 1987.

Executive Board Recommendation on Clear Creek Baptist Bible College

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Request for Approval of Financial Campaign

The continuing policy of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is to minimize the number of special offerings and financial campaigns conducted by agencies and institutions of this convention. These guidelines are considered annually and voted on by the messengers as presented in the General Recommendation to the budget.

When a KBC institution or agency senses the need to conduct a campaign that includes contacts with the churches, such requests are presented to the convention's Executive Board for consideration and approval to recommend to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session.

At the May, 1987 meeting, the KBC Executive Board and its Agencies Committee considered the request as presented below and recommends its approval by the messengers to the 1987 Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College is a Bible College providing adults an education in various Christian ministries for Southern Baptist churches and agencies. The college provides a two year associate in ministry program, a three year diploma program, and a four year baccalaureate degree.

The campaign has a basic goal of \$1,300,000, and a challenge goal of \$625,000 for a total of \$1,925,000.

The campaign will be conducted between April 1, 1987 and December 31, 1988. The church phase of the campaign will not begin until after the Kentucky Baptist Convention acts on this proposal. The pledge period will be spread over three years.

The financial consultants for this campaign are Cargill Associates and Dr. Ben Elrod. The funds will provide married student housing, debt service on the Family Life Center, a pre-school center for 40 children, insitutional support, and student scholarships.



Eldred M. Taylor
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homes for children

Healing slashes

An intelligent, attractive young woman working as a model in New York City had a bright future in her chosen field. Then her bright future turned dark and her joy turned to pain when some paid thugs slashed her pretty face with razor blades. She not only endured pain and fear, but the disappointment of a destroyed career. Although the thugs were captured, their dastardly deed of destruction had been done.

In spite of the deep pain and wounds this young woman is reported to be making a remarkable comeback. Let me tell you about what others have done.

First, some skilled, dedicated plastic surgeons have repaired the slashes in her face. Though there still are some scars, they are miraculously faint.

Second, friends have surrounded her to give encouragement and support. This has helped her have hope and the courage to fight back to success.

Third, an anonymous benefactor has set up a trust fund that will provide her an income of \$20,000 per year for the rest of her life.

These are all beautiful acts of caring. What would you do if no one cared about us? What if no one helped in our time of trouble? Most of us have experienced loving, caring help and encouragement from others as we have traveled life's highway, and it has made all the difference in the world.

At Baptist Homes for Children we are providing for youth who have been "slashed." They haven't been cut in the face with razor blades, but unfortunate circumstances in the family and the cruel society in which we live have cut gashes in their lives. For many, hope has been dimmed, encouragement has not been found, and feelings have been dulled.

Our loving child care workers are like skilled surgeons who repair the cuts and bruises. Friends like you help give hope and the will to be what God wants them to be through your prayers and loving gifts.

Our Beyond This Time endowment campaign is asking benefactors to provide an endowment (trust fund) with sacrificial gifts. Earnings from this fund will not be paid to individual children for life, but these earnings will be used to help provide for children in need until our Lord returns.

Many friends of children are stepping in to help. How about you? Do you realize what 1000 persons giving \$1000 in one year would provide in a trust fund for children? Would you make a sacrificial gift for a "slashed" child?

Evangelists

Jim McKinley redefines the term

by Joy Jordan, Staff Writer

In a day when "evangelist" connotes for many multi-million dollar playgrounds and gold water fixtures, Jim McKinley redefines the word entirely.

After all, why would anyone of sound mind voluntarily work in a country where the annual income averages \$50, making such "luxuries" as deodorant, soap, shampoo and toilet tissue unattainable?

What kind of fool would sacrifice "Living in America" for living in a land where the local pond, over which the toilet often sits, provides water for drinking, bathing and washing dishes?

Who would trade 100% pure grain-fed beef and Kentucky Fried Chicken for a diet practically devoid of meat—once every two months at best?

Who would exchange a land of plenty for one of the world's five most impoverished nations?

No one, obviously.

Unless, that is, one defined evangelism as a personal mandate not only to proclaim but also incarnate the good news of Jesus Christ.

Jim McKinley has done just that.

McKinley defines evangelism as a personal mandate not only to proclaim but also incarnate the good news of Jesus Christ.

Arriving in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) at age 28, the native Kentuckian has lived among the Bengalis 30 years. During this furlough year, McKinley and his wife, Betty, will be missionaries in residence, relating their experiences to churches and associations across Kentucky. "I want to encourage people not to do what I have done," McKinley stresses, "but to do more for the Lord Jesus."

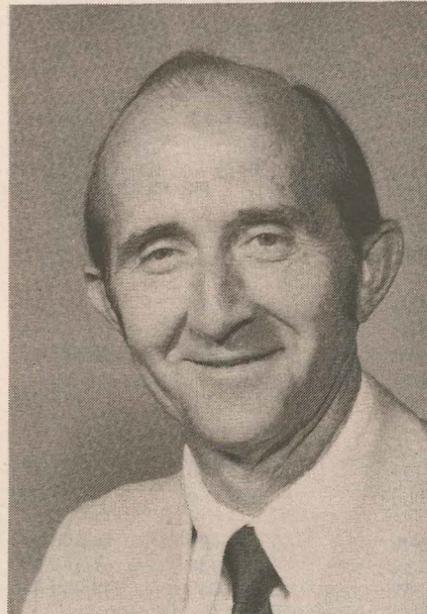
And that is quite a challenge.

Jim and Betty McKinley have led no mundane lives. With their Bengali neighbors, the McKinleys and four of their five children endured the brutalities of Pakistan's civil war which created Bangladesh.

In his book, *Death to Life*, McKinley recounts the experiences of his family during bloody 1971. Bengali Muslim rickshaw operators, Communist minority leaders, Telegu street cleaners, American missionaries...all were "caught in the same death trap."

When the devastating tidal waves of 1970 and 1985 killed 500,000 and 25,000 people, respectively, the McKinleys provided vital relief. The Muslim government of Bangladesh requested help from Southern Baptist missionaries who dug tube wells for drinking water, distributed blankets, herded sheep...what-ever needed doing.

Gal. 6:17 speaks powerfully to Jim



McKinley: "...I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." "You must have proof in your life that what you preach works," he asserts. "You have to meet people face to face before you have a right to speak."

Although McKinley's official title reads Evangelist/Church Planter, government restrictions require that he keep a low profile on evangelistic efforts and a high profile on social ministries. No more than nine Southern Baptist missionary families are permitted to reside in Bangladesh and even then they are tolerated primarily for their essential hunger and disaster relief work. Maintaining a watchful eye, the government frowns upon active proselytization.

Even so, 39 churches have been born since 1975, 11 just in Dhaka, the capitol. Almost all these are entirely self-supporting financially and led by a native pastor. Converts and additional churches are attributed to the work of these pastors, whose "potential is unlimited," McKinley observes. "The missionaries are not always taking the lead. The native pastors are primary; we are secondary."

Often these native pastors rank barely above the illiteracy mark but are nevertheless intelligent and dedicated. McKinley spends a great deal of time with them, supervising, chatting and listening. He recalls one of the pastors, a Telegu, Bangladesh's lower class ethnic minority, who spoke to a congregation of Bengalis. Unashamedly, the pastor explained that his people were street sweepers. "There is nothing wrong with being a sweeper," he insisted, "if we sweep the streets clean. There is something wrong with anything we do if it is not done for the Lord Jesus."

While Islam dominates the religious life of Bangladesh, Hindus constitute the majority of converts to Christianity. A few churches include both Hindus and Muslims in their congregations, but culturally this remains difficult.

McKinley explained that numerical correlations between evangelism and hunger/relief funds, totaling \$954,815.50 in 1986, are impossible to calculate and should not be the prime factor in evaluating the use of Cooperative Program funds in Bangladesh. "Social ministries gives us a place in the

country, a reason for being there. It gives us an opportunity to express the love of God."

The McKinleys live in Dhaka, a city of six million which did not rank in the top 100 largest cities 10 years ago. By 2025 studies project Dhaka's population to have exploded to 23.5 million, raising it to the distinction of the world's eighth largest city.

In Dhaka Mrs. McKinley manages an eight-room, 20-bed guest house which stays filled most of the time, housing all visiting missionaries.

Twenty-one miles outside Dhaka lies what is probably the most viable and exciting hunger relief project in the country. The Development Service Center, a 21-acre farm, was begun and is operated by Cooperative Program money. Agriculturalist Richard Foley and the other missionaries raise ducks and goats, attempting to produce harder breeds and good sources of protein in the eggs, meat and milk. Fish, which provide the nation's number one source of protein, are cultivated in the center's 3400-acre pond. Last year 4800 pounds of fish were sold to farmers to raise in their own ponds.

Visiting the center in 1986 the Secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, a high government official, was so impressed by what he saw, he remarked to the National Director of Livestock that rather than the government's establishing their own such farm, "this will be our primary farm."

"You must have proof in your life that what you preach really works. You have to meet people face to face before you have the right to speak."

Southern Baptists have led the way, too, in building Bangladesh's first underground irrigation system. Because the land must be irrigated nine months of the year and above ground systems allow for evaporation and seepage, the innovation has proved extremely water-saving and inexpensive.

"We make sure what we do physically for the people is not an enticement to become Christians," McKinley emphasizes. "That would be artificial. But we do promise a better life." He smiles and adds, "We don't know anyone whose life is not better."

And that would include, one might surmise, even the kind of "fool" who would spend his life expressing God's love both tangibly and verbally to the people of Bangladesh.

Buildings can bring victories or uncertainties

by Jim Lowry

Even though pastor and people often flinch in dreadful anticipation, church building programs do not have to be synonymous with congregational conflict, church leaders familiar with building programs maintained.

Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., and a veteran of building programs in several churches, is convinced building churches can result in victory and unity instead of ruptured fellowship.

Gwenn McCormick, director of the Church Architecture Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said his department works with about 3500—10 percent of all Southern Baptist churches—every year. He believes they now generally are doing a better job of planning and preparation than in years past.

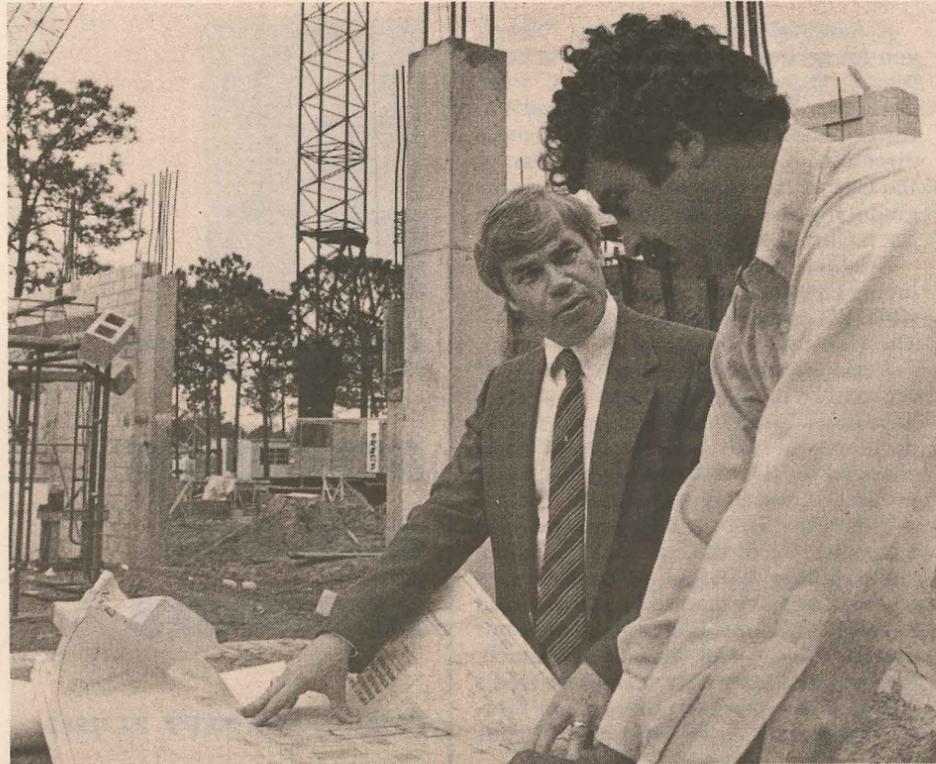
"One of the greatest sources of conflict comes about because personal agendas intrude and become obsessions," McCormick said. "Leaders and congregations need to pray and strive for an openness to the Lord's leadership so they can build bridges of understanding and cooperation."

Keeping church members fully informed probably is the key to success in dealing with matters relating to potential congregational conflict, Henry stressed.

"Communication is the most critical thing, and prayer is the most important," counseled Henry, who urges pastors to "fully and completely inform people."

"As people see needs, most of the time they will rise to the occasion," Henry said. "If they don't understand, they probably won't participate."

At First Baptist, Orlando, where Sunday school attendance averages about 3300, a facility has been built from the ground up, requiring a move from the church's original downtown location. When the process is completed, costs will total more than \$24 million, all on a pay-as-you-go basis.



Jim Henry (l) checks over plans on the building site with David Metcalf, assistant supervisor for the construction company.

Building a facility "doesn't have to have a negative side, because the positives far outweigh the negatives," Henry said. That is not to say, however, there are not times of doubt, conflict and searching for answers.

For Henry, the decision to move was, in one way, "the darkest night of my soul," when he realized some of the church members were going to remain in the old facility.

"My pastor's heart wanted to take all the sheep with me," he said. "When that didn't happen, I was disappointed because I didn't want to leave any one of them. Working through that drove me to more prayer and dependence on God than I ever had before. It also made me realize the strength I receive from the laity, other staff members and pastors from other churches who reached out to encourage me and our church."

Henry advised pastors involved in a building program to strive to keep their spiritual lives at their best. And whether people are for or against a new facility, the pastor has got to keep on loving them.

When things look uncertain, stand by biblical principles to achieve stability, he continued. Church members should be challenged to sacrifice and give generously to avoid a financial bondage and great stress on the pastor and staff, which can result in loss of church members.

"It creates stress on the pastor and people when the church doesn't have money for ministries, missions and salaries because it is paying off too much debt," Henry explained.

"I have been in building programs in rural, suburban and downtown churches for 27 years." In all those situations, I have seen what a new facility can do in reaching people. I have also seen joys in victory and participated in celebration services when giving goals are reached or we move into a new building. When you come to that victory day, there is a unifying factor.

"There is pain in preparation, and it can be a tough experience," Henry acknowledged. "But in a race, when you cross the finish line, it's worth it. You forget the pain when you see the victory."



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clear creek comment

Fidelity

I like this old, traditional word of our English language. **Fidelity** is the quality of being faithful and shows our allegiance, loyalty and devotion to people, causes or institutions. Proverbs says, "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" (20:6). The apostle Paul said, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2).

Those who possess fidelity, even the least educated and the poorest, will rise above their conditions in life. God has no larger field for the man who is not faithfully doing his work where he is.

Old Faithful is not the largest geyser, nor does it reach the greatest height. Nevertheless, it is by far the most popular because of its regularity and dependability. Nothing can take the place of faithfulness and dependability. Brilliance, genius, competence—all are subservient to fidelity.

I recently received a letter from a lady in a Northern Kentucky church. It reads:

"Dear Brother Simpson: Please accept our humble gift of ten dollars toward the upkeep of Clear Creek School. We appreciate the work done there. Our Golden Age Class (80-90) is small but they are very **faithful**. God Bless you as you strive to uphold the torch that is so desperately needed in the world."

How my heart was touched by the testimony of these faithful ladies' lives. I am convinced that fidelity is the spring from which flows peace of mind. It enables us to bear the sorrows of life and lessens the pangs of fear and discouragement.

As we advance in years, if we do not have faith and hope which expresses itself in fidelity, we will slowly fall into a gulf of bottomless miseries that we will not be able to handle. With fidelity, marriages, families, businesses and the Lord's work grow, mature and provide real service for God and for good. Let us be faithful!

It's easy to die 'mid the world's applause/For a noble deed, with trumpets blaring!/It's the harder part to fight for a cause/And inwardly bleed with no one caring! It's easy, perhaps, to die for a dream/With banners unfurled—and be forgiving!/It's the harder part to follow the gleam/When scorned by the world—and go on living!

Myra Brooks Welch

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Allen Roberts has been called as minister of outreach and **Kimberly Willis** has been called as minister of children by Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Michael Baker is pastor of the church.

Billy J. Holt has been called as pastor by Southside Baptist Church, Wickliffe, West Union Association.

Ed Trammell has resigned as pastor of Rose Chapel Baptist Church, West Union Association.

East Baptist Church, West Union Association, has called **Doug Kineman** to be minister of youth and evangelism.

James O. Green is pastor of the church.

Linda Measner has been called as music

director at First Baptist Church, Cold Spring, Northern Kentucky Association.

Larry J. Davis is pastor.

Michael Diggs has been called as minister of education and youth by First Baptist Church, Walton, Northern Kentucky Association.

Kenneth R. Cole is pastor.

Mike Kitchens was called as pastor by Beaver Lick Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Herman Wilkins accepted the pastorate of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Kenneth Bolin Sr. resigned as pastor of Cane Valley Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Chuck Lovejoy is the new minister of education at Harlan Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association. Roy Carlton is pastor.

Michael Oliver resigned as director of Christian social ministries and Christian education for **Daviess-McLean Association**. He has accepted a position with the New Valley Institute of Psychiatry in Owensboro.

James Spaulding is director of missions.

associations

The executive board of **Little Bethel Association** passed resolutions offering prayerful support for SBC president Adrian Rogers and expressed approval of all actions taken by the St. Louis convention as well as appreciation and support for the Peace Committee and all its actions. In addition the executive board voted to express strong opposition to a state lottery.

O. Kenneth Johnston is moderator, Alisa Benny is clerk and John L. Ashby is director of missions.



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oneida journal

'Remold our broken son'

There are many wonderful parents who bring their children to us. It is an act of love on their part. They have a desire for their children to have the many advantages of the type of education Oneida provides. But they miss their children and often we have as much difficulty with "homesick" Momma or Daddy as with "homesick" son or daughter.

Recently a fine couple wrote, "Just wanted to share a few things about our daughter. We enjoyed a super "homegoing" (one weekend a month) with her. She was ready to go back to Oneida on Sunday but I still get pretty emotional about it. Although, for her sake, I don't let her see my tears. She said, 'Mom, sometimes I just sit in my bed and think, Wow! I'm really at Oneida. I did it! My husband and I are very positive about her being at Oneida and we try to come across that way. She really loves her coach and has been very impressed with the devotions they have been having during basketball practice.

"We asked her to share feelings she had about the school. Her biggest thing so far is the teachers. Everyone is so loving and kind. She notes such a contrast with some she's had in the past. Her dorm room gets crowded, but she is adjusting. One of her roommates has had a good influence on her. They are supporting each other in trying to keep their room free of bad language. I hope I haven't bored you but we are thrilled with her attending Oneida and wanted to let you know."

A mountain mother writes, "Thank you for giving our son a chance to go to school there. There has been some change in him and I give that credit to the Lord and the school. I felt the Lord's direction in sending him there. One of the best things that has happened is his giving his heart to the Lord and becoming a Christian.

Another mother, "Our daughter is loving Oneida more than I thought possible. We came to visit her this weekend. The visit was good for all of us.

And a grandmother, "Many thanks for the months and years you and your staff have given to our grandson's growth and development. His overall attitude has changed for the better, and he has pride in himself and is happy there."

This letter from a father who is also a lawyer, "As of the coming homegoing our daughter will not be returning to Oneida. We have made a family decision to bring her home. She likes Oneida but misses family and friends so much. Perhaps at a later date it shall be God's will to re-enroll her or others of our family. Thank you, as this has been a wonderful time of growth for all of us."

Another father writing, "I will ever be indebted to you for giving my son another chance. He seems to have come to the end of his rope and wanted very much to make a fresh start." About the same boy his mother wrote, "Our family and close friends spent many hours in prayer as our boy made his way to Oneida last weekend. I want to thank you for accepting him back. If God can use you and OBI to remold our broken son, I shall be forever grateful." Some months later, this young man is still with us, has given himself to the Lord, and has become a true Christian influence on our campus.

And another mother, "How much my husband and I appreciate the work you are trying to do at Oneida. Each time our son returns home we see some change and always for the better. But he still hasn't quite found himself."

An Indiana mother writes, "Thank you for the love and guidance our boy has received. I've noticed such a change in him since he has been there."

Parents writing after bringing their daughter to us, "We greatly appreciate the wonderful hospitality the school extended to us. The overnight lodging was very comfortable and the breakfast delicious. Oneida must surely be the only boarding school which offers such generosity to the family."

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sunday school lessons

LESSON FOR SEPT. 27, 1987

Life and work series

Faithful to the word

II Timothy 3:14-17 Having come to us through divine inspiration, the scriptures are instructive unto salvation. A faithful student of the scriptures, Paul urged Timothy, whom he loved as if he were his own son, to continue his daily study of them and to obey their teachings. Paul assured him that he would become a stronger, more useful and more effective servant of Christ.

In these days of confusion, apostasy and rebellion against the authority of God, the word of God will most assuredly keep us from drifting from our moorings and enable us to live in a manner that will be pleasing to God and beneficial to our fellowmen. Without a thorough knowledge of God's word and a faithful obedience Christian maturity is an impossibility.

II Timothy 4:1-8 Without boasting about anything he had done for Christ, Paul reminded Timothy of the hardships and persecutions which he had been called upon to endure, hoping to impress upon him that he, too, would suffer if he remained loyal to Christ. Paul charged Timothy to keep on preaching the word with earnestness and constancy. He challenged Timothy to persevere in preaching the word regardless of the consequences.

Paul summarized his life in terms of his

past experiences, his present evaluations and his future hopes. Paul tells us that he viewed the Christian life as:

A conflict. He let it be known that any faithful Christian will find himself in a conflict with self, the world and Satan. Paul declared that he "fought a good fight" and conquered.

A race. Aware his race was nearly over, Paul remarked, "I have finished my course" with honor.

An entrustment. He stated, "I have kept the faith." Having guarded the great doctrines of God's revelation as a sacred deposit, he was cheered by the prospect which awaited him.

International series

Quest for fame and power

Genesis 11:1-9 God divided the earth among the sons of Noah and commanded them to "go forth and replenish it," whereupon they settled on the plains of Shinar where there was fertile soil.

God's purpose was to scatter the people for enlargement and for the replenishment of the earth, but his purpose was not acceptable to the people. Exalting their wills above God's will, they resolved they would stay together and live as they pleased.

Their program called for a united effort (11:3-4). A little knowledge had caused them to become conceited and proud. They wanted to build something in their own honor, but in proposing to build a tower to heaven they were attempting the impossible. The tower of Babel was an outstanding example of the sin of pride. When people become so sure of their own ability that they think they no longer need God's help, he always proves to them they cannot rule him out of their calculation.

The principle underlying the purpose of unity and the program of unification was the glorification of man. Because of their inordinate desire for fame, they said: "Let us make us a name." Displeased, God declared his determination to frustrate the desire of the disobedient people and to accomplish his own purpose by confounding their language. The confusion of tongues at Babel came as a curse for trying to be independent of God.

Another reason for their shameful failure was they were actuated by selfish motives. To live for self is a sin against self, against others and against God. A third reason for their failure was they defied the will of God. No one has ever really succeeded who deliberately refused to do the will of God.



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on mission together

If children only knew

My grandmother, who died at 93, lived long enough to experience the death of her husband, her three daughters-in-law, and a granddaughter's husband.

As I look back now, there were always "worries" for her, all through her life. Even though she and granddaddy successfully raised three sons, she once said to me: "you never stop worrying about your children."

Now that our house is empty of youthful sounds, and we're beginning to feel the so-called "relief" from parenthood, we haven't yet made up our minds how we feel about it.

About the time we start feeling the loneliness of this old house, we receive a letter from a friend of my wife: "Are you enjoying Shawn's absence? At the moment I would be very willing to give you my daughter, if you feel the need for further experiences in motherhood. We are disputing over dates, age of boys she can date, whether one can go out in cars with them, clothes, et cetera. Incidentally, she has been sick today."

Well, we thing maybe this "new" life isn't so bad after all.

But then I start contemplating the fact that in these past four weeks, Shawn hasn't needed to come home at all—even for Mom's cooking.

Alice seems to be making this adjustment better than I. I sense a new bounce in her step and all three of the children complain that we never seem to be at home when they call anymore.

When Shawn calls, I mostly listen on the other phone as she and her mother talk. I keep listening for a sound that she might be missing the house, her

room, us. But all I hear is excitement, struggles with certain classes and an obviously busy social life.

At the end of their conversation, I usually pipe in: "Did you get my card?" "Sure did. Thank you, daddy." Her first note to me from college is in a special place beside the bed.

Then the conversation is over. "Love you mommy." "Love you, daddy." we hang up the phones, find each other and smile. We say we're happy she's happy.

I'm writing this on Saturday afternoon. Alice and I will have lunch together soon, just the two of us—the extra table leaf now in the pantry.

We're trying to get used to life again with just the two of us. But as we sit there, eating lunch, our conversation inevitably turns to our children.

And we realize that while only two sit at the table today, the whole family is there.

My grandmother was right. They "grow away" but their joys and difficulties are ever with us.

Baptist biker completes ride with Disneyland celebration

by Mary E. Speidel

Disneyland literally rolled out the red carpet for multiple sclerosis victim Ed Chasteen, a Baptist college professor from Liberty, Mo., as he ended his 5000-mile cycling trip across America Aug. 17 in Anaheim, Calif.

Chasteen, professor of sociology at William Jewell College, a Baptist school near Kansas City, Mo., spent the summer biking from Disney World near Orlando, Fla., to Disneyland, by way of Seattle. He was raising funds for the MS Society and the Human Family Reunion, a program bringing people from all races and religions together for fellowship.

On the morning of Aug. 27 the professor pedaled down a red carpet in front of Disneyland's train station, where a crowd of well-wishers waved American flags. During a celebration complete with a Disneyland band and cartoon characters, Mickey Mouse presented Chasteen a Mickey Mouse trophy honoring him for the feat.

Also participating in the Magic Kingdom welcome were Chasteen's wife, Bobbie, and Liberty, Mo., bikers Bob and Jean Watts. Watts built Chasteen's bike, named "The Spirit of Kansas City."

The Disneyland event ended a 5126-mile bike ride for Chasteen, who was told six years ago he would never be active again. On May 18 in Orlando, Chasteen, 51, began his trek with no money and no idea where he would sleep each night.

Along the way, he depended on the

generosity of others for his food and lodging needs. "I discovered it really is true. There is good in all people," says Chasteen, who slept in churches, rescue missions, private homes, police stations and on the front porch of a house where no one was home.

When possible, Chasteen spoke at Baptist churches and stayed in homes of Baptist families he met along his route. The professor is an active layman at Second Baptist Church, Liberty.

Throughout the trip Chasteen says he discovered what he calls "the principle of audacious asking."

"The Bible says, 'Ask and you shall receive.' But most of us think of ourselves as givers instead of receivers. We have trouble receiving," he explains. "But on this trip, I never turned down a thing someone offered me. And as I was receiving, I felt I was also giving. It was a two-way exchange."

Along his journey, Chasteen says, many people responded to him because he was doing something different: "I found people like adventure. There's so much tedium in our lives. When people see someone doing something unusual they want to be a part of it. I think I brought a little excitement into some people's lives this summer."

The trip brought its own set of adventures for Chasteen. On the way to speak at Central Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., he had to walk his bike through a dark traffic tunnel while traffic whizzed past him. Lifting the bike's front end, he had to edge his way along a narrow pedestrian walkway.

Near Anna, Ill., he pulled a muscle in his back. To keep his ride on schedule, he had to continue riding in spite of pain. When he arrived in St. Louis in time for the Southern Baptist Convention, he received free medical care at a sports medicine clinic.

Pledges for both his causes are still coming in, so Chasteen doesn't know yet how much money his trip generated.

Now that he's finished his ride, he will write a book about his experiences.

"I'm going to call it 'Spirit Trail: Trek Across America.' I came up with that title when I passed various trails, such as the Oregon Trail, throughout the nation," he explains. "And while I was biking across America, I realized this trip was a spiritual journey much more than a physical one."

Student prepares for "Greatest Era"

by Frank White

Celebrating its 65th anniversary in October, *The Student* magazine, which is also the oldest continuing publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board, stands on the threshold of what can be its greatest era, according to editor Milt Hughes.

The 1987-88 anniversary year will be a year of transition, Hughes said, with design and content changes under way in preparation for the introduction of collegiate Sunday school lessons as a monthly feature beginning in October 1988.

The Sunday school lessons which will be part of the Life and Work Series will be written especially for college students and edited by the board's Sunday School Department.

Although the magazine has changed in format and style to meet the interests and needs of students during the past 65 years, its purpose basically is unchanged from the first issue in 1922, said Hughes.

"We will continue to try to meet students' needs and we hope to do an even better job of it," he said.

With the addition of the curriculum feature, some of the articles each month will complement lesson topics.

However, no matter what the topic, "we must deal with issues from a biblical basis to help college students," Hughes said. "We will deal with cutting edge issues which don't have simple answers."

He added that the magazine will continue to emphasize key areas of missions, evangelism, personal growth and discipleship for students.

As part of the anniversary celebration, magazine content will reflect on the involvement of students and student work in missions and evangelism since 1922.

With the addition of Sunday school lessons to the magazine in October 1988, the cost of ordering *The Student* in bulk will be reduced from \$1.01 per copy to 59 cents each.

BSSB staffer Rose, former Kentuckian, lives his testimony

by Charles Willis

Personal witnessing is not a once-a-week activity on a church calendar for James Rose. It is a lifestyle.

Rose, a church media library consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, is away from home about 70 percent of his work days. Weekly visitation for his church is out of the question.

"I try to stay open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and let witnessing become a lifestyle," he said of his commitment. "When I was in my 30s, the Lord really dealt with me about the ministry. I became exceedingly burdened about lost (non-Christian) persons."

Rose, a layman at the time, was employed in an engineering office at Shawnee Steam Plant near Paducah, Ky. While a member of Harmony Baptist Church in Grahamville, he began to see the need for having a personal witness but lacked the confidence to act.

"I was frightened to think of door-to-door visitation or dealing one-on-one about how to be saved," he recalled.

Following a return to college for additional education, Rose became convinced God was calling him to preach. By that time, he was involved in personal witnessing at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

"I witness because I must," he said. "I witness because there is a real heaven to experience for eternity and a real hell to experience without Jesus."

"As I live day by day in airline terminals, restaurants, motels and barber

shops, I try to live the kind of life that would open the way for a verbal witness," he said. "I make an attempt to bear my witness in a way that won't be offensive, but let the Holy Spirit convince people of their need to trust the Lord and know the same forgiveness and everlasting life I've experienced."

Rose led a shoeshine man in an Albuquerque, N. M. hotel to Christ. Likewise, he has shared his faith with people in travel-related service jobs in Georgia, Texas and South Carolina, among others. A file folder of correspondence with people he has led to Christ or continues to counsel is in his office.

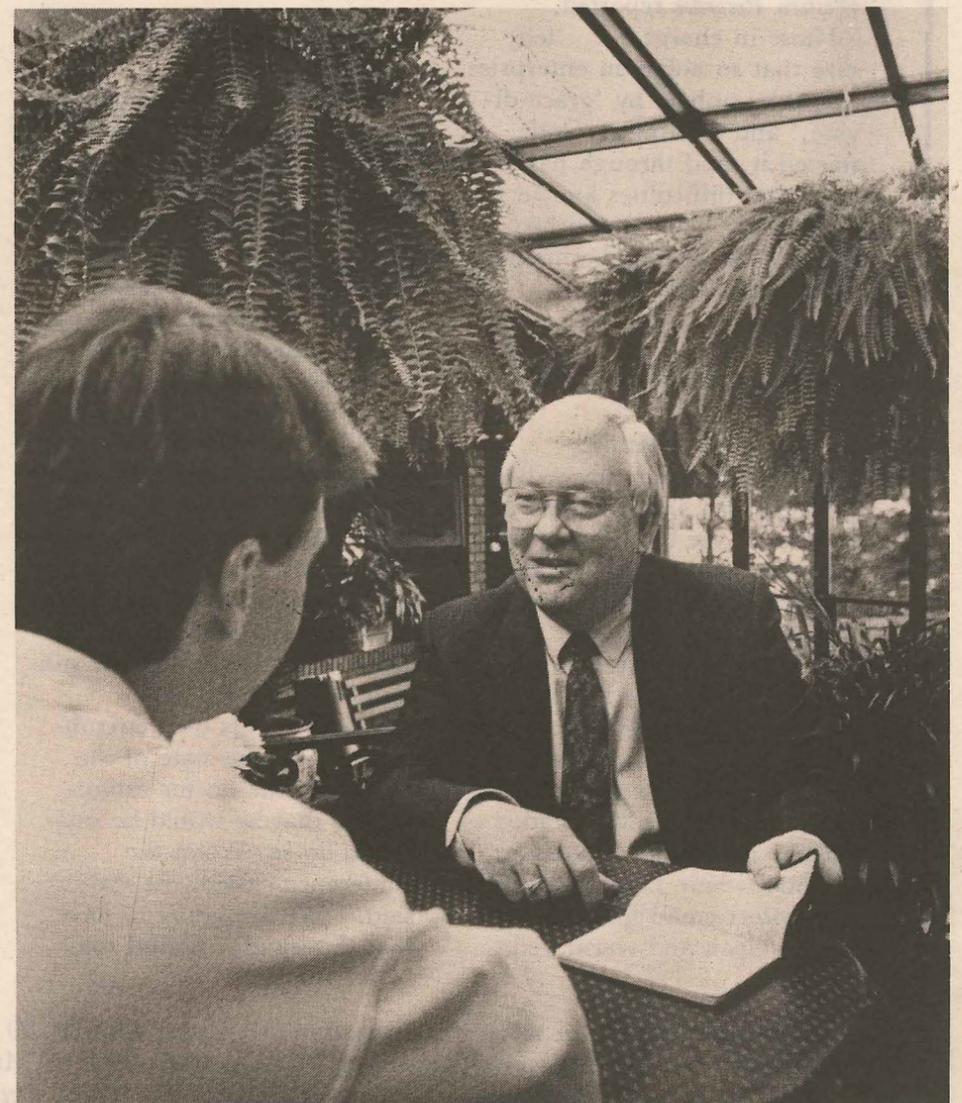
Rose has used tracts he considers particularly appropriate for the person to whom he is witnessing and he has provided materials from local church media libraries and mailed personal Christian resources to people across the country.

"Nothing will take the place of a verbal witness," he observed, "but after some time, the use of media helps me go beyond that witness."

Rose said he tells people "in a very kind, loving, sincere way I love them and Jesus loves them."

"The greatest joy I have ever known, outside of my own salvation experience, is when I have seen people trust the Lord," he reflected. "The greatest burden I have is for all the missed opportunities to tell others about the Lord."

Evangelism ought to be a lifestyle, Rose declared, stressing, "It ought to be as natural to share with someone about Jesus as it is for us to tell one another what he has meant to us."



James Rose (r) makes witnessing a lifestyle as he travels throughout the country to lead media library conferences.

Cumberland College

Centennial Celebration

“A Bright Shining City Set On a Hill”



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.

THROUGH HARDSHIPS AND DIFFICULTIES

The College's administration and trustees have had to struggle from the beginning, but struggle gives meaning and purpose to life today as it did then. Local men, many of whom were trustees, paid tuition and board for the students and salaries for the faculty until every dollar, for some of them, went to the Institution after other obligations were met, reported Dr. Moss, the first chairman of the Institution's board. Moss went on to say, "There must be an endowment, for the Institution cannot run without it."

Two months later the *Western Recorder* reported, "Those in charge . . . felt sure that so noble an enterprise would be upheld by 'grace divine,' and trusting in God, started it, and through hardships and difficulties known to God alone, have established the fact that it may be made a grand success."

DR. ANCIL GATLIFF

Dr. Ancil Gatliff (1850-1918), a physician, had traveled back into the hills and hollows of the mountains, had seen the poverty, had visited the sick children, the elderly, the infirmed, the lonely. He had seen the people trying to eke out a living on the rocky soil called home. He had tended to the needs of the helpless, birthing babies, tending to the sick, and burying the dead. Gatliff, no doubt, dreamed of a school where these mountain youngsters could have a good diet, a clean and warm bed,

and a good educational opportunity.

Born 3 January 1850, Dr. Ancil Gatliff was the son of John Speed Gatliff and Luvisa Jones Gatliff. He was reared on the farm on the Cumberland River near Watt's Creek. Gatliff attended the county school and afterward taught at Liberty School House. He received his medical training at Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Gatliff early became interested in the founding of Williamsburg Institute and continued to support it liberally all his life. He served as the president of the Institute's Board from 1889 until his death in 1918.

GATLIFF'S VISION

During the early years of the College's history, few individuals gave as did Dr. Ancil Gatliff. It was an extremely cold December day in 1887 when the Mount Zion Association met in a called session with the Williamsburg Church. Prior to the church meeting, Green Clay Smith held a meeting at the home of John Wesley Siler with Gatliff and others in attendance. General Smith was in town to give Reverend R.C. Medaris a hand with the raising of a budget of money for the projected school. Smith urged upon Gatliff the importance of his beginning the subscription with \$1,000. Considering his own circumstances and the state of the economy, the doctor remonstrated that he would be unable to do so. When the conference closed, the visitor said, "We are going to have that thousand." Gatliff told

General Smith not to count on his making such a subscription. That evening when the Association convened in the meeting house, Dr. Gatliff, when called on, made the requested pledge and sparked the raising of \$4,500 there on the spot.

Gatliff had long had a dream about the establishment of Williamsburg. He seemed now to realize that the time to begin was at hand. And without regarding his better judgment and his financial condition, he subscribed \$1,000, thus encouraging others to give. At that time his gift was the largest donation that had ever been made to any cause in this section of Kentucky, and in proportion to his resources at the time, it was the largest gift he ever would make.

SHE HAD TEARS IN HER EYES

T.E. Mahan, son-in-law of Dr. Ancil Gatliff, later recalled the story told that Mrs. Gatliff had tears in her eyes because neither she nor her husband knew where they would get the \$1,000 with which to pay the pledge.

Mrs. Gatliff herself sacrificed through the years, foregoing personal items she wanted in order to help the College.

A BURNING EMBER ON THE GRATE

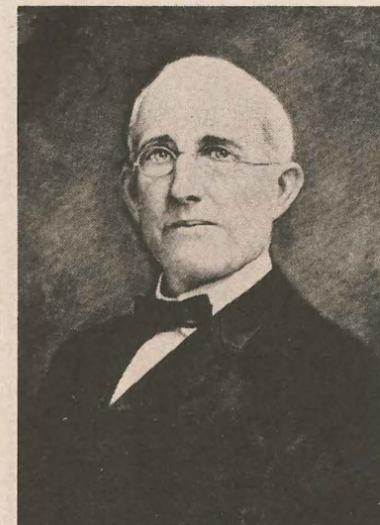
Shortly afterward when the coal business was just beginning, Dr. Gatliff and a neighbor Jim Mahan were watching a big piece of coal

burn on the grate. Gatliff said to Mahan, "If that turns out alright, [sic] we can build that College, can't we?" From that time on Gatliff's one concern was the College, according to his daughter, Mrs. N.A. Archer.

Gatliff had already had experience in organizing successful enterprises. He largely gave up his medical practice because he was extensively connected with coal companies and mining in southeastern Kentucky and northern Tennessee.

In May 1884 Gatliff had helped to organize the Bank of Williamsburg and served as its president from May 1891 until his death. Later, he was the founder, first president, and largest contributor to the Kentucky Baptist Educational Society.

Dr. Gatliff was a warm, caring, affable, and personable man. Very few times does a man of this stature appear on the pages of history. With his feet astride these valleys, his vision was lifted above these mountains.



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