



Kim Pyles, foreground, a senior music and theater student at the University of Louisville, applied the 1987 Student Day at Christmas theme, "A Life to Give," as she taught hand movements to Rob Roy, Sherry Roy and Sarah Coomes in her home church, DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, Ky., last summer. The Student Ministry Plan Book, available from the National Student Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board, offers guidelines and suggestions for observing Student Day at Christmas.

Evangelism director steps down, pursues 'change in ministry'

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Jay Brown, 65, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department, has announced plans to leave his state post Jan. 1 and return to the ministry of revival evangelism.

Since leaving the field of vocational evangelism in 1954 Brown has served five years as director of missions in Detroit, Mich., 18 years in church pastorates in Michigan and Kentucky and almost 11 years as director of evangelism for the KBC.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to have served Kentucky Baptists these last 10 years and nine months," said Brown. "But, I look forward to serving churches of Kentucky and other states in future ministry as a revivalist."

He plans to be available for conducting crusades, associational evangelism conferences, witness workshops and seminars, Bible conferences and January Bible studies.

As evangelism director Brown found his most gratifying experience is leading witness training conferences like Lay Evangelism Schools (LES), Continuing Witness Training (CWT), Training Evangelism Lay Leaders (TELL) and Win Our World (WOW) youth courses.

"The greatest need of Kentucky Baptists is motivation to do evangelism for Christ," he claimed. "It's not enough to train people, they must be motivated to witness."

"People who are motivated will witness whether trained or not, but many trained are not motivated to do the

work," Brown explained.

One way pastors can motivate lay people, according to Brown, is to make the most of Witness Commitment Sunday Jan. 2. He suggests the denominational emphasis should be followed with some witness training events.

Brown already has a demand for his experience that he gained from leading more than 300 revivals in the United States and Canada and various state workshops and clinics in evangelism. His engagement calendar already shows 22 revivals in churches from Florida to Illinois, two revival preparation seminars with Home Mission Board personnel in Las Vegas, Nev. and Jackson, Miss., three witness training events in Kentucky and Ohio and a pastoral evangelism clinic in Falmouth, Ky.

"Revivals have always been essential to the spiritual renewal of God's people," Brown explained. "My prayer is that I might serve as one catalyst to help churches in revival and commitment to do the work of evangelism."

"Some of the highest moments in my career have been with churches and associational meetings, leading various seminars," he commented.

Brown may be contacted by writing the Evangelistic Association Inc., 200 Oxford Place, Louisville, KY 40207.



Mission leaders launch prayer plan

by Susan Todd

Five Southern Baptist agencies are joining together to launch the "National Missions Prayer Plan" in Southern Baptist churches Nov. 29-Dec. 6.

The plan's goal is to enlist each church member to commit to pray daily for missions through September 1990. Church members will be asked to sign a card to register their commitments.

The Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union banded together in this project to signify the importance of prayer in reaching the goals of Bold Mission Thrust, according to Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU.

Bold Mission Thrust is Southern Baptists' plan to do their part to share the gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000.

Mission leaders have identified the crucial need for more Southern Baptists to become serious about praying for missions. They have said the goals of Bold Mission Thrust will not be reached by the year 2000 unless concerted efforts in prayer begin today.

One goal of the National Missions Prayer Plan is to instill in individual church members the habit of praying daily for missions for the next three years. But according to Miss Weatherford, "I believe it will continue far beyond that date, for the goal should be a lifelong goal for churches."

During the National Missions Prayer Plan launch, church WMU and Brotherhood directors will lead their churches to become more aware of prayer needs. Church members of every age will be asked to participate.

After commitment cards are signed, church WMU and Brotherhood directors will report to state offices the number of commitments made during the week. State papers have been asked to keep readers updated on state involvement.



Virginia Baptists gathered Nov. 1 to dedicate a highway marker honoring Southern Baptists' most famous foreign missionary, Lottie Moon. The marker, located beside the Crewe, Va. cemetery where Miss Moon is buried, is unveiled by Presley and Gladys Thompson, who were instrumental in having the highway department place the marker.

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Jack D. Sanford

Writing from Tengchow in March 1887, Lottie Moon declared, "Where is the silver and the gold that should be in the Lord's treasury to send out those men and women who are asking to be sent to the heathen?"

That question could be raised in this year as well. A look at the giving record of Southern Baptists convinces an honest searcher we have not laid our monetary life on the line for Christ. For example the per capita gifts of Southern Baptists to foreign missions in 1986 amounted to \$10.08 or about 20 cents a week.

Yet in spite of that ridiculously low per capita gift last year we sent out 411 new missionaries for a total missionary force of 3316 career missionaries, 204 missionary associates and 206 journeymen.

What could we have done if we had spent as much on foreign missions as we spend on chewing gum, pop corn, candy bars and soft drinks? Only the Lord knows for sure, but you can mark it down, if we had been good stewards for foreign missions we would have doubled our missionary force last year.

In 1986 Southern Baptists gave almost \$4 billion for all causes, from which we sent \$635 million to foreign mission support. That total dollar figure is staggering, but when it is divided among the many ventures we support around the world it is even more staggering that we were able to do as

well as we did. Only the grace of God and wise management of money enabled us to do what we did.

Last year we gave a total of \$69,412,195 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal this year is \$75 million.

It required \$298 every minute of every day throughout the year to sustain the whole Foreign Mission Board program in 1986. That figure will be higher in 1987 because of inflation throughout the world and the lessening of the dollar in many world economies. Thus the need for increased Lottie Moon funds is evident.

We must do better this year than we have done in years gone by. There is absolutely no reason we cannot reach the \$75 million goal and surpass it.

Kentucky Baptists have had such a great experience in Kenya these past three years we should lead the way for Southern Baptists. Hundreds of our people have seen first hand what God is doing in foreign fields through dedicated Southern Baptist career missionaries. We have also seen just how Cooperative Program money is spent on the mission field. In addition hundreds of our people have had a part in winning thousands of lost souls to the Lord in Kenya. This must have an impact upon our giving and surely it will reveal itself in our response to the plea of the hour for more support of our foreign mission program through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Get ready for the lottery assault

The tremendous victory of Wallace Wilkinson paves the way for a lottery referendum since support of a lottery was the major thrust of his campaign.

Many Baptist associations in Kentucky and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, through the Public Affairs Committee, have expressed opposition to a lottery. In addition Citizens Against the Lottery has organized religious and socially minded groups across Kentucky to speak out in opposition to a lottery.

All of this opposition is good but the real test comes when the average person expresses an opinion to state legislators. The fact that Wilkinson gained a huge majority does not necessarily mean the legislature will go along with his programs. Each legislator has a mind of his own and does not feel any compulsion to simply rubber stamp the programs of the governor.

Legislators are pragmatists who are responsive to the voters back home who can turn them out of office if they are not pleased with the way they vote. That is the most power the people ever have and it must be used.

Thus if Kentucky Baptists and other Christians want to stop a lottery from getting on a general referendum ballot, the best way to accomplish that feat is for individual voters to convey their opposition to legislators in personal phone calls or personal letters. That is hard-ball politics which all politicians understand.

We have said before and we repeat, petitions and mass-produced letters have little effect. Of

even lesser effect is the official pronouncement of special interest groups, such as Baptist associations, Baptist committees or ministerial associations. Politicians know groups do not necessarily represent the way the individual members of those groups will vote. Thus they tend to minimize the seriousness of petitions and group pronouncements. What they do hear is the lone voice of each person from their district.

If you are seriously opposed to a lottery for the state of Kentucky then you must write your legislators now and clearly express your opinion. Nothing else will stop a lottery, which many informed people in Kentucky think is a foregone conclusion now that a man who supports it is in the governor's chair.

People in Wilkinson's camp believe his strong showing is the same thing as a vote for the lottery. People identify him with that issue. They say Kentucky people want a lottery. They may be right and most Kentuckians may want a lottery, regardless of the cost in social welfare increases, crime increases and wasteful government spending increases.

The General Assembly convenes next month. Now is the time to write your representatives in both the Kentucky House and Senate and tell them in clear terms what you believe about a lottery. If you do not know the name of your representatives go to the public library in your county or the county clerk's office. Use a post card and in your own handwriting state clearly your thoughts.

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homes for children

The dogwood bud

A lovely dogwood tree stands in our back yard. It is one of my favorites and I am careful to protect it. This tree is especially appreciated because of the different types of beauty it displays at different seasons of the year.

In the spring both the pink and white dogwood blossoms catch our eyes. These blossoms usually are very thick on the tree and hold longer than most blossoms. Gradually these spectacular blooms give way to a beautiful green foliage that lasts throughout the summer.

As fall approaches the dogwood changes again. First the leaves begin to turn from green to bright reds and deep burgundy. Along with the turning of the leaves, clusters of little Christmas red berries appear. These berries are called the tree's fruit and are a special delicacy for the birds.

Before winter a variety of birds flock in to harvest the dogwood berries. All of the little red berries are gone now from our dogwood. The beautifully colored leaves also have given away to the oncoming winter and the dogwood in our back yard now is bare. So we can enjoy the skeleton-like branches and see through the tree to views that are obstructed by the summer leaves.

Although our dogwood is bare now and looks dead, it is in reality very much alive. If one looks closely at the twigs, one will see hundreds of neatly folded buds on the tips of the twigs. These little buds with four distinct sections will remain dormant through the winter freezes and snows. But as spring approaches, they will burst open into beautiful blossoms and our dogwood will look like a giant bouquet.

I am always fascinated by the potential beauty all wrapped up in what appears to be tiny dead buds on the tips of the dogwood twigs. However, I am far more fascinated by the worth and beauty wrapped up in a dependent, neglected, troubled youth. Often they are so troubled and have such a low self image that it does not appear that they can ever be much different. You see, they come to our care in their winter time when all is barren.

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Reflections on Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving season always blesses our hearts for it helps us to prepare to properly and spiritually celebrate the birth of our Lord. And the spirit of thankfulness to God carries over into the new year.

Thanksgiving also evokes in us a spirit of profound gratitude. Psalm 107:1 expresses it for me, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." In this verse we learn the worshipful exercise of thanksgiving is required, it is reasonable and it is rewarding.

We can be thankful always, because in reality our reason for thankfulness is God himself and not things. If only things, then when things go our reason for thanks has gone and our gratitude with it. To be thankful whatever your situation think about God.

Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up into a single day. We are to wear 'the garment of praise' every day of the year. A 'spirit of praise' will translate into thanks living while a failure in thanking will lead to failure in thinking.

While our school was in recess for Thursday and Friday and their children were also out of school only a few of our students were able to enjoy Thanksgiving day with mom and dad. But you would not have found a spirit of gloom and self-pity on Thanksgiving Day at Clear Creek.

Thanksgiving should not be just a day of unusual feelings but an attitude and a part of the normal Christian life. It is a work of God's spirit that causes us to thank the Lord for his infinite goodness with all our heart. The psalmist has said "What shall I render the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord...I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord (Ps. 116).

We are not born grateful but born again to be grateful. Samuel Johnson said, "Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation: You do not find it among gross people." May each of us maintain a Thanksgiving and a Thanksgiving spirit toward our wonderful Lord for all of his benefits throughout the year.

May God bless you during this blessed holiday season.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

An eternal flame

It was the last formal meeting of the steering committee of the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership, assembled together on a mid-autumn morning.

Most of the original group, named in the summer of 1983—all Kentucky Baptist Building staffers—were present. Joining us were G. Allen West, who in 1985 became day-to-day logistics coordinator on this side of the ocean. With him was C. Benton Williams, director of the KBC Missions and Church Services Division.

When we made that exploratory journey to Kenya in May 1984 to talk about the proposed linkup with national Baptists and SBC missionaries, we felt the love, prayer and anticipation of thousands of Kentucky Baptists. As we toured that great nation, we caught a vision of what Kentuckians could do there to better the quality of life on this earth and to teach many about everlasting life.

Our partnership coordinator, Robert C. Jones, director of the KBC's Direct Missions Department, recalled in that final steering committee meeting: "It's been the most exciting thing I've ever been a part of." He spoke for me, and I felt he spoke for others, too.

Allen West shared some of the statistical success stories, including the number of Kentucky individuals, churches and associations involved and the number of baptisms and new church starts in Kenya. I think the numbers exceeded even our wildest expectations.

Marshall Phillips, who previously served in Kenya for 13 years as a missionary, observed the timing of the partnership definitely was "of God."

Benton Williams said "the intensity, the commitment, the results" of the partnership will last "until eternity." He called it "wonderful" when you have the "emotional, financial and affirming support" of Baptist leaders and people, "and then the results" which Kentucky Baptists have seen in Kenya.

West concluded the meeting, alluding to present tensions in SBC life, by reminding us that through this partnership "we've focused on something else, and in the providence of God, it has been good to unite on it."

Others of that advance party included Jay Brown, Anna Mary Byrdwell, William L. Kaufman and W. Mark Snowden.

Our little committee has disbanded, but I have a feeling there will be a camaraderie between us which time will not erase. I don't believe there was an unchanged heart in the group.

I don't doubt for a moment that the fires Kentucky Baptists have lit in Kenya will smolder and burn until Jesus comes. That is my greatest satisfaction coming from the partnership.

What a privilege! What a savior! Hallelujah, he lives!

baptist news in brief

Texas church dropped by executive board

Pastor Richard Vaughan and three other messengers from Fletcher Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lumberton, Tex., arrived at the annual meeting of Emmanuel Baptist Association Oct. 19 only to learn their church had been dropped from the association's membership rolls.

The association's executive board voted Sept. 17 to withdraw membership from Fletcher Emmanuel Church and deny messengers from the church to participate in the annual meeting.

The executive board found the church to be "heterodox in the faith and disorderly in practice" in withdrawing fellowship from the church, the largest in the association and a perennial leader in baptisms in southeast Texas.

Among "heterodox" positions of the church were statements regarding healing, casting out demons, speaking in tongues and allowing dual membership. Vaughan was quoted as having said "true" New Testament churches follow such practices.

Vaughan said he did not question the association's right to exclude the church from membership but protested the way it was handled by the executive board rather than the messengers at the annual meeting.

Vaughan has been pastor of the church 11 years. He said he received the "gift of tongues" in 1964 and that the church had been "full gospel" since a "miracle healing" occurred there about seven years ago. (BP)

Pastors fellowship meets at Georgetown

Georgetown College will be host to the Baptist Pastors Fellowship Dec. 3

Denton Lotz, director of the Division of Evangelism and Education for the Baptist World Alliance, will be the principal resource person for the day-long retreat beginning at 9 a.m. in the Gheens Room of Giddings Hall.

At the Georgetown College appearance he will give special attention to the Baptist witness in the Soviet Union and China.

He served 11 years as an associate professor of missions and homiletics at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Lotz was granted the STB degree from Harvard Divinity School and he has a ThD degree from the University of Hamburg, Germany.

Elder statesman Mead dead at 95 in Texas

J. Earl Mead, 95, thought to be the first full time Southern Baptist minister of education, died Oct. 31 in Denton, Tex.

Mead, a native of Bolivar, Mo., was a minister of education 43 years, including 36 years at Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas. Other places of service included First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex., and First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. (BP)

baptist news in brief

'We're up front about our intentions,' presidential search spokesman says

The search committee seeking a new president for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has scheduled two meetings on the school's Wake Forest, N. C. campus and is seeking nominations, its chairman says.

Robert D. Crowley, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church, Rockville, Md., told Baptist Press the 12-member search committee or subcommittees of the group will meet with the seminary's advisory task force Dec. 8 and with other groups including administration, faculty, students and alumnae Jan. 21.

"We want to talk to these groups to see what they think they want in a presidential candidate," Crowley said. "But, we are up front about our intentions. This person (the new president) undoubtedly will be from the mainstream of Baptist life and will subscribe to the Baptist Faith and Message (statement of 1963.)"

Crowley was asked if the requirement would be that the person subscribe to the BFM as interpreted by the Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee, which included a statement calling on trustees to "build future staffs and faculties" from among persons reflecting the "dominant convictions and beliefs" of Southern Baptists.

Among those "dominant beliefs" were belief in direct creation of man, including that Adam and Eve were real persons; that the named authors did indeed write the books of the Bible attributed to them; that the miracles recorded in the Bible did indeed occur as supernatural events, and that the historical narratives of the Bible are accurate and reliable.

Crowley said the new president would subscribe to the interpretation, and added: "We are going to operate under the parameters of the Peace Plan (report). We are mandated to do so by the convention because of the overwhelming vote which was 95 or 96 percent in favor. That is the kind of president and subsequent faculty members we will seek."

Crowley said the executive committee

met Nov. 17 following a called meeting of trustees during which president W. Randall Lolley, dean Morris Ashcraft and three administrative staff members—Jerry Niswonger, Robert W. Spinks and Rodney V. Byard—resigned.

The task force includes three students, Beverly Hardgrove, student body president, Timothy Goins and Art Elmore; three faculty members, Donald E. Cook, professor of New Testament, John W. Eddins Jr., professor of theology, and Ashcraft; two members of the administration, Betty Weathers, assistant to the director of admissions, and Ed Sansbury, audiovisual services director; and two alumni, Ronald Higdon, of Louisville, president of the national SEBTS alumni association; and a alumnus to be named by Higdon.

Members of the search committee include trustee officers: Crowley, chairman; James DeLoach, Houston, vice chairman; Ralph Holt, Wilmington, N. C., secretary, and Arlie McDaniel, Moscow, Ida., treasurer.

Committee chairmen who are members are James Bryant, Ft. Smith, Ark., instruction; William D. Delahoyde, Raleigh, N. C., student development; Ollie Key, Augusta, Ga., campus planning; Jack May, Memphis, Tenn., communications; and Eddie Sellers, Morganton, N. C., audit.

At large members are Roger Elsworth, Fairfield, Ill.; Don Wheat, Clovis, N. M., and Jesse Chapman, Asheville, N. C.

Christine Gregory, Danville, Va., chairman of the gifts and endowments committee, declined to serve on the search committee, Crowley said.

Crowley said the entire search committee will meet with the various groups Jan. 21 but only the chairman and local members will meet with the advisory task force Dec. 8. Those local members are Delahoyde, Holt, Sellers and Chapman. (BP)

Building plans okd; Tennessean retiring

Tennessee Baptists approved a \$23.85 million budget and construction of new facilities during their 113th annual meeting in Nashville.

Almost 1770 messengers elected Kenneth P. Story, pastor of Germantown Baptist Church, Memphis, as convention president by acclamation. Other officers are Herbert Higdon, director of associational missions in the Jackson area, first vice president; and William D. Fox, pastor of First Baptist Church, South Pittsburg, second vice president.

The new building is to house offices of four Tennessee Baptist Convention agencies: Baptist Foundation; Baptist and Reflector, Baptist Children's Homes; and Baptist Adult Homes. It also will accommodate offices for the state Woman's Missionary Union.

The facility is to be adjacent to the convention's current office building in Brentwood, which also is to be renovated. Construction costs are not to exceed \$4 million, and groundbreaking is to be in December or January.

The new budget goal reflects a six percent increase over the previous budget. Of the \$23.85 million goal, 37.25 percent—or almost \$8.9 million—is to support worldwide mission causes through the Cooperative Program. That allocation is up 0.25 percent from the previous budget.

Convention messengers approved a motion to ask the SBC Public Affairs Committee to refrain from endorsement of nominees or candidates for public office.

The messengers also turned down a resolution made from the floor that expressed support for Shelby Baptist Association which this fall disfellowshipped Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis, after the church called a woman, Nancy Hastings Sehested, as pastor.

Following the convention, TBC executive secretary-treasurer Tom Madden announced his retirement to the convention's executive board, effective April 1989. (BP)

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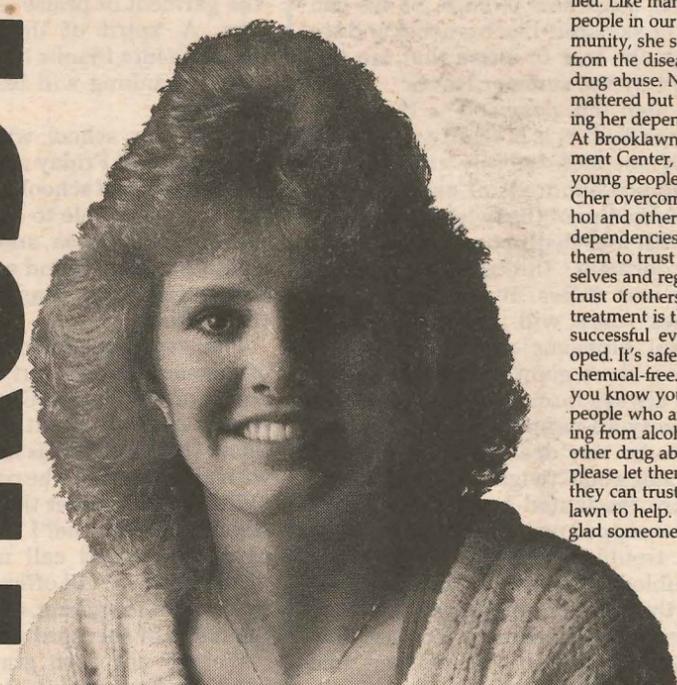
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400 laymen seek to halt coalition

A group of about 400 Texas Baptist laymen met prior to the first session of the 102nd annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Ft. Worth to mark what they termed "the beginning of the end of an era of 'Pressler-Patterson' rule over our denomination."

The Nov. 10 breakfast meeting was organized by John Baugh, president of

Kenyans told Baptists not linked to subversion

Southern Baptists in Kenya expected to publish a statement in two large English-language newspapers Nov. 22 responding to widespread panic over allegations that American missionaries could be involved in an overthrow plot in the east African nation.

Since Nov. 13 Kenya has expelled 16 missionaries from various mission groups for allegedly being linked to a plot by a white supremacy group related to the Ku Klux Klan. The Baptist statement calls published reports of the story "detrimental to missions and missionaries."

None of those expelled from Kenya have been Southern Baptists, but government officials have approached two Southern Baptist missionaries in different parts of the country to see if they had any information concerning the matter.

Seven deportations Nov. 13 were triggered by a memo the Kenyan government claims to have recovered and used to avert an overthrow, according to published news reports in the United States. A story about the memo was published in three of Kenya's main newspapers Nov. 14.

Through their statement the Southern Baptist missionaries expressed appreciation "for the honorable Daniel arap Moi and his government," which has "been a friend and supporter not only of Baptists in Kenya but of all Christians and religious groups in the country." (BP)

Houston's Sysco Food Systems Inc., and a founder of "Laity for...the Baptist Faith and Message," an organization of self-described "mainstream conservative Southern Baptists," formed about a year ago.

The group's stated objective is to end the string of officers' elections won by conservatives in the Southern Baptist Convention since 1979.

"We will win," said Baugh, "with truth, prayer and balance. We are here to discuss openly how to remove the spirit of 'Pressler-Patterson-ism' from Southern Baptist life."

This spirit, Baugh said, is marked primarily by "secrecy," "unethical" political practices and "wrong-doing."

The "Pressler-Patterson coalition" refers to Paul Pressler, a state appeals court judge from Houston, and Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies of Dallas.

Though Baugh's group was founded in Texas and primarily by Texans, he said that lay groups are being formed in other states "important" to the movement and that editions of the group's publication, "Baptist Laity Journal," will be published for those states.

"We are dedicated to your right, your need to know the truth," Baugh said. "It's not terribly important which side you're on. The question is 'Will we remain on God's side?'"

Ultimately at stake, Baugh said, is the \$10 billion in assets now owned by the Southern Baptist Convention and the 37 state conventions of the 14.6-million-member denomination.

The investment of "thousands of dollars (to fund this organization) is worth it to preserve \$10 billion of assets" owned by the denomination, said Ralph Atkinson, who spoke to the group about the organization's finances and fund raising efforts.

About half of the organization's \$15,000 monthly budget, provided by donations, goes to produce the journal. The rest pays for other expenses and the salaries of executive director editor J. Neal Rodgers and a secretary.

Atkinson, a Dallas layman, said that the organization's financial records will be audited by an "outside" accountant and the records will be available "to any Baptist."

"We aren't going to have any 'Jim and Tammy' incidents," said Atkinson, referring to the recent sex and money scandal involving the cable network televangelists.

The group also was told of efforts to expand the organization's speakers' bureau, which consists of about 50 speakers, according to W. Dewey Pressley of Dallas, another layman who is a cofounder of the organization. (BP)

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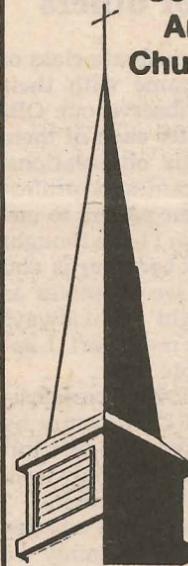


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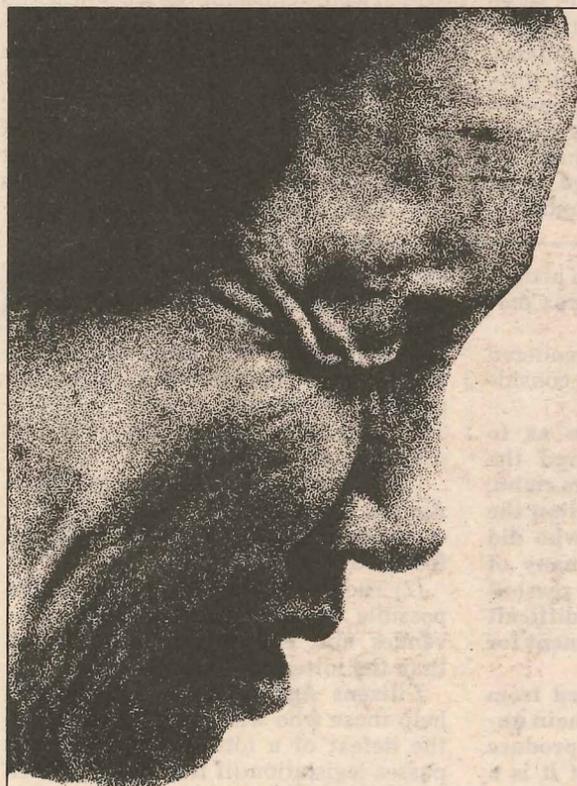
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WITNESS COMMITMENT DAY



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oneida journal

Through eyes of others

Several months ago a graduate class of prospective teachers came with their college professors to observe our OBI program firsthand. Later each of them wrote a paper on their observations. Having removed their names the professor later forwarded their papers to me.

Reading through them I have thought of the Scottish poet Robert Burns and his comment, "Ah to see ourselves as others see us." Such 'sight' is not always comforting but, for the most part, I appreciate what they wrote.

"They teach love by loving, responsibility by working, and Christianity by example. The curriculum is modern but the values are old fashioned. I only wish I had a million dollars to give them!"

I don't know that I ever read a better summary of Oneida. And, certainly we could use a million dollars! As I often tell people: "No gift can be too large to be unneeded or too small as to be unappreciated."

Another graduate student wrote: "Oneida Baptist is an amazing school. I can't think of any school that does more for students. They get the best in academics, sports and social education—all

in a small mountain community far from any entertainment center.

"I wonder if the work ethic taught at Oneida has anything to do with the unbelievable success rate.

"Another interesting thing is their financial situation. I can't imagine another school starting a major construction project with zero funds, let alone completing it on time! With this happening, their success in sports seem normal.

"The only bad thing I can see about Oneida is they can only have about 550 students. It's a shame they don't have the space for many times than number."

Another student said: "Oneida's philosophy is that everyone deserves a chance...that all can learn. Learning at Oneida goes on both in and out of the classroom. Most of the students live on campus. They each have a job to learn responsibility and to help the school run efficiently. The school does not succeed in helping all the students who need a second chance, but it appears to have succeeded with most."

Another wrote: "My first trip to Oneida was an eye-opener. I was stunned the whole school was a community within itself, so independent. The students seemed to have a common goal of getting an education but not just book learning. These students learn how to cope in the real world. What these students are learning in a practical sense is as important as what they are learning academically.

"I was fascinated by the environment of Oneida. I was not aware such a quality school with such a dedicated staff was in the area. The experience from Oneida would compare with the college experience. They had a broad curriculum with extracurricular activities for everyone. The ratio of teachers to students makes it possible for each student to receive individual instruction in most areas."

One paper observed: "OBI appears to provide an environment that is caring and responsibility fostering. The fact each child has a job to do is also beneficial. A final aspect that impressed me was the academic program itself. Each student receives the opportunity to take creative classes (art, music, drama, vocational, crafts) and is required to be computer literate. Another fine component is the availability of advanced level classes and remedial help. In many schools one or both of these type programs is neglected."

Readers come and see for yourselves what these folks have seen.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR DEC. 6, 1987

Life and work series

Growth in Christlikeness

Philippians 3:7-8 Prior to his salvation by Christ, Paul was proud of his ancestry, training, position, character and zeal for the Jewish religion. Everything an educated young Jew could hope for was a possibility to him. Then one day while going to Damascus on a mission of persecuting Christians, he met Christ Jesus face to face. That experience with Christ caused all the things which he had considered so important to fade into insignificance. What he had thought were blessings were actually blights.

Philippians 3:9-11 From experience Paul learned Christ is the only source of acceptable righteousness. He had given up everything in which he had formerly placed his trust in order to serve Christ alone. After he had come to know Christ everything else lost its importance. His personal, life-giving and intimate knowledge of Christ was the greatest thing Paul ever gained. His ruling passion was to get nearer to Christ, to grow in his grace and knowledge, to be more like Christ and to do more and bet-

ter work for him.

Philippians 3:12-16 Paul stated he was dissatisfied with his attainments, desirous of greater spiritual achievements, devoted to a single aim and diligent in strenuous activity. Above everything else he sought to honor Christ.

International series

John prepares the way for Jesus

Matthew 3:1-12 Matthew presented John the Baptist in his role of forerunner and herald of Christ who boldly announced the presence of the king and the nearness of the kingdom of heaven.

In addition to the instructions John the Baptist received in the godly home in which he was born, he studied the Old Testament. Then he went into the wilderness where he lived an ascetic life and underwent a discipline which fitted him for the task which he was to perform. God prepared John in the wilderness, far from politically decadent Rome and spiritually dead Jerusalem.

This striking preacher was heavily burdened by the prevailing wickedness of the people. His preaching attracted the multitudes, so he fearlessly denounced sin and rebuked sinners. He challenged his listeners to change their minds with respect to sin, to God and to self. He demanded harmony between profession and conduct.

The preaching of John the Baptist kindled afresh the Messianic hope in many of the people. In light of what they heard him preach, it is not strange that some of his hearers began to wonder if the preacher himself were not the long expected Messiah. As soon as he learned what they were thinking, John at once disabused their minds of that idea by asserting he was only the "voice of one crying in the wilderness."

John the Baptist acknowledged his insignificance in contrast with Christ. Whereas he had baptized many in the waters of the Jordan River as a symbol of a new life and a new allegiance, he predicted Christ would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and with a fire which would consume the worthless and leave the imperishable.

He boldly declared Christ would be so superior to him that he would not even be worthy to perform the menial act of a slave in loosing the latchet of his shoes. John the Baptist spoke about Christ who would take away their sins and enable them to live righteously.



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on mission together

Battle ahead

Texans have just voted to permit gambling on dog and horse racing. Two weeks ago, Virginia voted to establish a state lottery.

According to Bill Pinson, executive director for Texas Baptists, every major religious group in their state opposed the gambling effort, but they lost. While commending the effort of Baptists and others, Pinson pointed out that "we (Texans) can no longer take for granted we live in a state where Christian values prevail."

Virginia Baptists went all out to defeat the lottery. Several prominent leaders, including former governors, spoke out against it. When the vote was in, however, the lottery won.

Kentuckians now are faced with a new governor who seems likely to push for a state operated lottery.

Billy Hurt, pastor of Frankfort's First Baptist Church, is both in touch with

the political "goings on" and an articulate member of the Public Affairs Committee.

At my request, Dr. Hurt has rendered some observations worthy of our consideration:

• There is serious question as to whether Mr. Wilkerson received the "mandate" he and his supporters claim. When one takes into consideration the numbers of registered voters who did not vote and considers that many of those may oppose a lottery, it is reasonable to assume that it may be difficult to pass a constitutional amendment for a lottery.

• Many legislators, unchanged from previous years on the point, remain unconvinced that a lottery (1) can produce significant revenues or (2) that it is a proper revenue tool. Many of our legislators do not believe that the Commonwealth of Kentucky should be in the gambling business.

• For the first time since the lottery handwagons began rolling several years

ago the anti-lottery people have some data to support their contention that "lotteries are a bad bet."

Messengers at our most recent Kentucky Baptist Convention unanimously passed a resolution against a lottery. Two most important aspects of the resolution are:

(1) The resolution affirmed "Citizens Against State Lottery," an organization established to lobby support for the defeat of the lottery.

(2) The resolution also recognized the possible need for additional state revenues and encouraged other means than the lottery for raising them.

Citizens Against State Lottery will help those who wish actively to pursue the defeat of a lottery both before it passes legislation (if it does) and when (if it should) it comes to a vote by Kentuckians. Citizens Against State Lottery can be written at 400 E. Chestnut St., Louisville, KY 40202.

It is neither too early nor too late for Kentucky Baptists to act!

Pray . . .



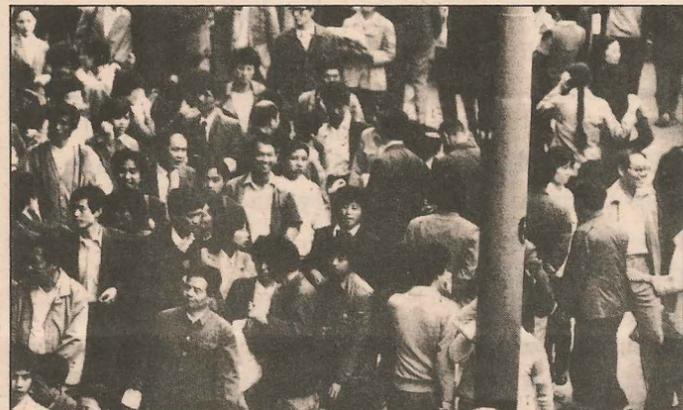
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Kartik Singh doesn't know the name of Jesus. He starts each day facing his Hindu gods, hoping to live through the day, pulling his rickshaw through hazardous Calcutta traffic. His family, including baby, Sonu, consumes his interest when he isn't working.

Kartik Singh may never know the name of Jesus. For the Christian community makes up only a tiny minority of the world's second most populated nation. Most of India's millions will never even meet a Christian—unless you pray. Pray that the people of India will hear the good news of Jesus.

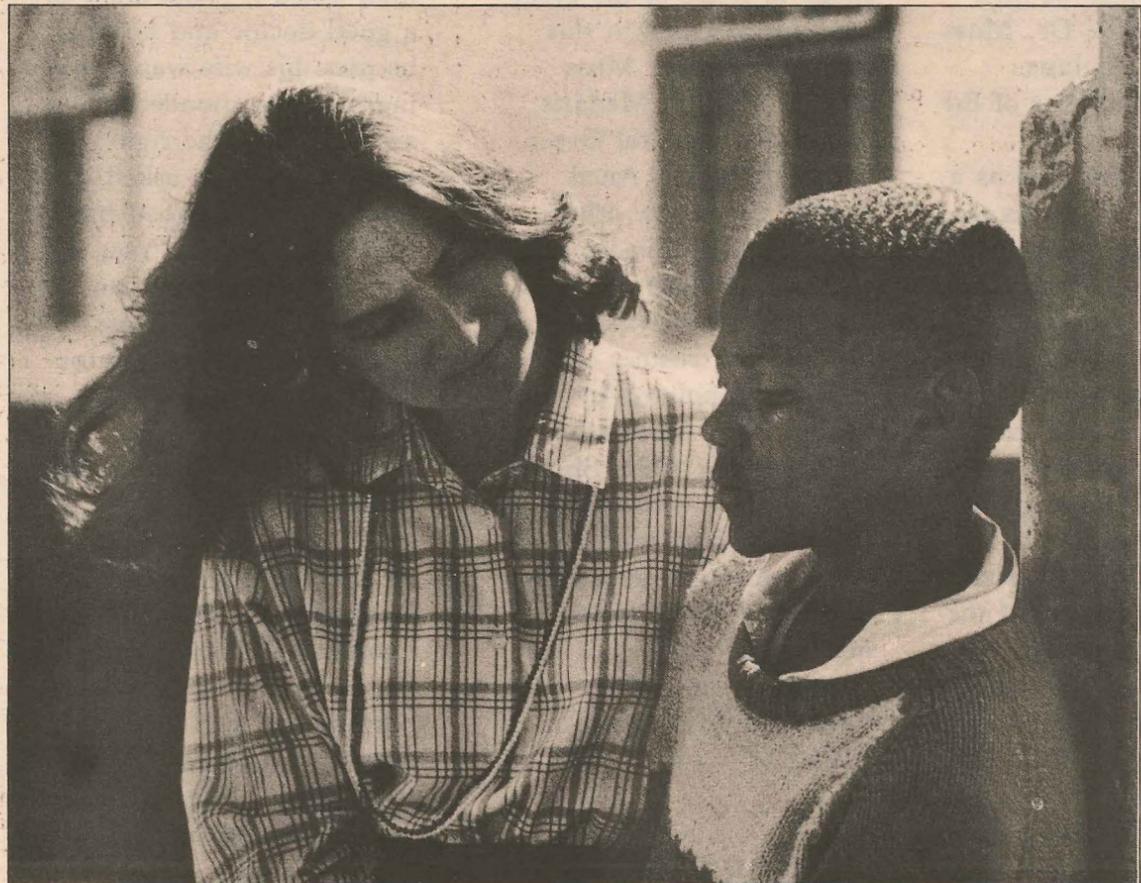
Kartik Singh is not alone. On July 11, 1987, the world's population passed the 5 billion mark. Many of those have never heard the name of Jesus. Even fewer have had a personal encounter with him. Pray that Southern Baptist missionaries and their fellow Baptists around the world will be used by God to help all men, women and children to hear the good news.

When Christian churches were allowed to reopen following the cultural revolution, Western Christians were thrilled to hear of a church that not only survived years of persecution, but also prospered. Today, Southern Baptists are finding ways they can cooperate in strengthening the church in China while still respecting China's ban on missionaries. Pray that Chinese Christians will find ways to help their countrymen hear about Jesus.



(FMB) PHOTO BY JOANNA PINNEO

While some Americans may have written off South Africa as a hopeless case, Southern Baptist missionaries Keith and Terry Bakley have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work, offering both the message of Jesus—and the touch of his love. Terry has been able to minister to homeless children, such as this boy, through their Khayamandi (Sweet Home) Baptists have started in Cape Town. Pray that other young people around the world who are victims of strife, poverty and merely hopelessness, will hear about Jesus.



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That All May Hear

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
Nov. 29-Dec. 6, 1987
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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. 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.

EDWIN SMITH MOSS

The first chairman of the Board Dr. Edwin Smith Moss (1859-1943) was a graduate of the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville. Reared at Pineville and at Tazewell, Tennessee, Moss came to Williamsburg in 1877 and studied medicine under Dr. Ancil Gatliff before entering medical school in Louisville. Following his graduation, Moss returned to Williamsburg to establish his own practice. In 1882 Dr. Moss married Belinda Jane Arthur, the daughter of Ed Arthur.

Dr. Moss worked as a pioneer surgeon in this section and in adjoining parts of Virginia and Tennessee. He built and operated for fifteen years the first private hospital in southeastern Kentucky. It is said that Moss performed four of the first successful appendectomies in Kentucky.

In 1883 Dr. Moss and eleven others organized the Williamsburg Baptist Church, and in 1884 he helped organize the Bank of Williamsburg. In 1904 Moss organized the First National Bank of Williamsburg and served as its president for 31 years. Moss was also very active in politics and the Republican Party. He was a

member "of the Commission that built the old bridge across the Cumberland River."

Dr. E.S. Moss "was a pleasant gentleman, who knew and respected everyone on the street, and always had a pleasant smile for everyone."

THE GREAT NEED

It was in 1886 that Reverend R.C. Medaris spoke to Moss of the great need for a school in this part of the state. Moss agreed. He and Medaris, along with General Green Clay Smith, Dr. Ancil Gatliff, and a few others made subscriptions to secure the land to build the Institute. Dr. Moss was one of the first six trustees of the Institute appointed by the Mount Zion Association on 31 December 1887. Shortly thereafter he was elected the temporary chairman. Dr. Moss continued as a member of the Board for the next fifteen years, but his interest in the College continued until his death in 1943.

YOU'RE TALKING TO
THE RIGHT MAN

As the pages of history

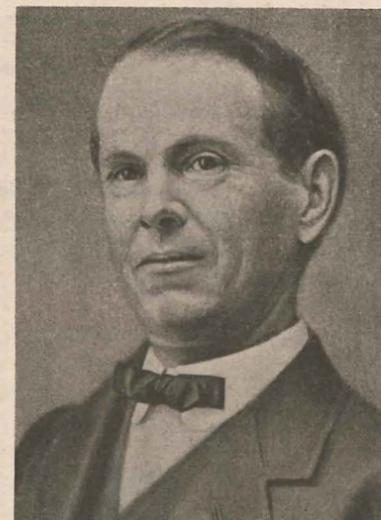
turned, the following story was commonly told by Dr. Moss' son Dr. C.A. Moss. A stranger was getting off the train in Williamsburg and struck up a conversation with Dr. Moss. This young man asked several questions and each time Moss responded by saying, "You are talking to the right man." The young man asked if Moss knew of a nice hotel? Moss responded, "You are talking to the right man." The young man asked if Moss knew of a good doctor and hospital because his wife was expecting? Moss responded, "You are talking to the right man." The man asked if Moss knew of a good bank? Moss responded, "You are talking to the right man." The man asked if Moss knew of a good eye doctor as he was having trouble with his glasses? Moss responded, "You are talking to the right man."

Dr. Moss was correct; he was the right man. He owned the Central Hotel; he founded the First National Bank; he founded the local hospital; he was a medical doctor; and he was an ophthalmologist. Indeed, the young stranger had found the right man!

According to Dr. C.A. Moss' "Obituary," in *The Whitley Republican*, 3 October

1968, he was quite an accomplished man being not only a doctor but a businessman, historian, and civic and political leader. His interests included "photography, collecting historic items, making dulcimers, compiling local history, tracing and recording genealogy, and grafting and raising nut trees."

Dr. C.A. Moss was married to Lillian Staffell who passed away in 1922, and then to Lucy Paisley, and he was the father of three sons and two daughters: Clive Arthur Moss, Jr., Dr. James Paisley Moss, William Edward Moss, Mrs. David Slight, and Belinda Moss.



DR. E.S. MOSS

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