

Quinn ending 40-year career as music director

by Joy Jordan, Staff Writer

At February's close, after four decades of service as a state church music leader in two conventions, Eugene F. Quinn will retire.

For nine years he pioneered as the first secretary of the Church Music Department of the Illinois Baptist State Association, in his native state.

In September 1956 he moved to Kentucky to launch a similar work with the state convention. Upon retirement, he will have completed four decades in the two positions, easily making him dean of the state musicians in terms of tenure.

Across the decades, Quinn has developed a philosophy about church music which he has emphasized in his dealings with ministers of music and others. He suggests that music leaders need to "go beyond" preparing beautiful music for Sunday morning, performing it and repeating the process. He thinks music needs to be "carried outside" the

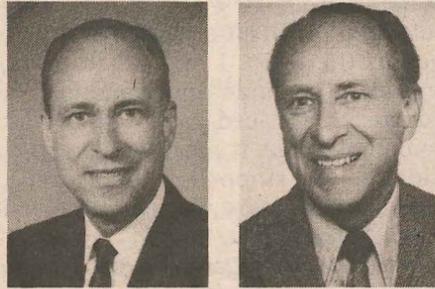
church.

Quinn emphasizes sharing special music with those beyond a church's reach. Some examples: Christmas caroling in a shopping mall, and singing hymns in a retirement community.

People who like music, he observes, will hear the gospel message "without being offended or turned off." He's convinced music can be a "starting place" to help people hear "what their relationship to God should be."

Because the majority of Baptist churches in the Bluegrass State are small and rural, Quinn has dealt most often with school teachers, farmers and grocerymen who volunteer as music ministers. "You meet them where they work and where they live," he professes.

Naturally, Quinn has seen lots of changes in how church musicians do their work. The youth musical, for one, was a trend awhile back that notably impacted "an entire generation." Some adults feared *Good News* and *Purpose*



Quinn's early days... and later days

and other works of their gender emphasized "fun" or "flippancy" as opposed to "seriousness of faith," Quinn asserts. But he believes the musicals gave teenagers of the 60s and 70s a sense of the "relevancy of religion to life."

Today handbell choirs are among contemporary trends he hopes "will last." Senior adult choirs and single adult ensembles also "meet special needs" and give individuals within larger churches

feelings of a "close knit community," Quinn avers. "We need more of them!"

A graduate of Southwestern and Southern seminaries, Quinn is quick to praise wife Phronsie for her dedicated interest in foreign students. She is a leader of the Louisville International Friendship Program which involves 44 nationalities. She's also on the steering committee of Friendship International House.

One of their four children, Philip, is now a minister of music at Erlanger; Janice is a federal employe in Washington, D. C.; Paul owns a landscaping and garden center business; and Carla is a state employe in Frankfort.

As an outgrowth of their interests and capabilities, the Quinns believe God may be leading them to music missions service overseas. They feel "open" to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, being dependent upon him as they have been through four decades of music leadership in Kentucky and Illinois.

Baptists rush help to families of miners in Mexican cave-in

Soon after a Jan. 25 explosion and cave-in at one of Mexico's largest coal mining operations trapped more than 100 workers, local Baptists were on the scene ministering to grieving and anxious family members.

As many as 140 miners were thought to be inside the mine when the blast occurred. By Thursday morning, Jan. 28, 39 fatalities were confirmed, and an estimated 45 people were hospitalized in medical centers throughout the region. After three days of searching, rescuers believed they had recovered all of the trapped miners.

The disaster took place at the Cuatro y Media (Four and a Half) Mine near Esperanzas in the northern Mexico state of Coahuila, about 75 miles southwest of Eagle Pass, Tex.

Primera Baptist Church of Nueva Rosita established a shelter for families during the rescue effort, and the church is acting as a temporary clearinghouse for blankets and food. (BP)

Jackson nominee for SBC presidency

by Toby Druin

George Harris, pastor of Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., says he will nominate Richard Jackson for president of the Southern Baptist Convention when the convention meets in the Alamo city June 14-16.

Harris, acknowledging he has been identified with the conservative group in the SBC controversy but denying he has ever been with them politically, said he feels Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix, Ariz. Baptist Church, and a loser to Adrian Rogers for the presidency last year in St. Louis, is the man to "bridge the gap" and "end the feuding" in the controversy-plagued denomination.

Harris told Baptist Standard editor Presnall H. Wood, "I plan to nominate Richard Jackson. In the past I have been identified with the fundamentalist movement because of my conservative stand theologically.

"I have not, however, been associated with the political fundamentalist group. Neither am I associated with the moderate political group.

"I have known Richard 35 years. We have differed on occasions, but I have never known him to do anything except what he thought was right. I feel like it is time that those who are supposedly on different sides to take a step toward unifying our hearts in a common goal, and I believe Richard is the man to do that."

Harris said Jackson is a biblical conservative who is sound on the scriptures. "I have no doubt he believes in the verbal inspiration of the word of God," he said. "Theologically he is a strict Calvinist, pre millennialist and a soul winner."

Harris said Jackson "will not have to be worried about having to pay back favors and will be fair to all. He will be controlled by no group. I have never known him to be legalistic or punitive and unkind for vengeance's sake."

Jackson is a role model of how to build a solid church, he said, noting the North Phoenix church was averaging about 600 in Sunday school when Jackson went there as pastor in 1968. It now av-

erages almost 5000 and it "has not been built on frills or fads," said Harris.

North Phoenix baptized 1206 in 1987 and gave \$1,062,000 to the Cooperative Program, both believed to be tops in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Jackson said he was aware some will see him as the moderates' man. But others, he says, knowing Harris' identification with the conservatives, are likely to think he has sold out to that group. He belongs to neither, he told the Standard.

"I have had 10 years to become somebody's man," Jackson said, "and I haven't done so."

"In the last 10 years I have nominated Bailey Smith (in 1981) who was in one camp; Winfred Moore who was in

another; was willing to be nominated in 1980 to prove I belonged to nobody and last year because I felt it was the right thing to do. I have stood as my own man for 10 years. It should be pretty clear I haven't sold out to anybody."

If he should be elected—"If God should so choose," Jackson said, his approach "would be to uphold the Baptist way of doing things—to emphasize the authority of Scripture, the competency of the soul before God, the priesthood of the believer, the autonomy of the local church and separation of church and state."

"True Baptists hold all of these things," Jackson said. "I would simply champion the time-honored, God-blessed way of doing things." (BP)

Parks asks permission for return to Lebanon

by Mike Creswell

Let Southern Baptist Convention missionaries return to Lebanon, SBC Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks has urged Secretary of State George P. Schultz.

The plea, sent to Schultz in a letter, was made in late January, a year after the U. S. government ordered all U. S. citizens, including 24 Southern Baptist missionaries, to leave Lebanon because of the continuing strife there.

Parks wrote the letter on the first anniversary of the ban because of indications the State Department plans to review the restrictions on American citizens living in Lebanon. Currently only a few exceptions to the order are allowed, primarily Americans with family ties to Lebanon.

Parks urged Schultz to at least allow Americans to return to East Beirut, "if they are engaged in a charitable and humanitarian service."

Current policy, Parks wrote, "forces some to feel they must choose between civil disobedience and a superficial faith. Better options should be provided." He asked that missionaries be

allowed to take risks for their faith, just as Schultz and other government leaders do for "those ideals in which you believe."

"What we're really appealing for is the same opportunity that we've exercised in other troubled spots through the years, where the missionaries had the freedom to seek individual leadership as to whether they felt the Lord was leading their family to be in that place at that time," Parks said.

The board does not want missionaries to feel guilty if they believe they should not be in a dangerous place, he said. But if they felt they should be there, "we wanted to provide affirmation and support." Parks said the board's approach in such matters is consistent biblically and "baptistically."

Since leaving Lebanon a year ago, the Southern Baptist missionaries have moved to other places of service in the Middle East. Some have tried to maintain the Lebanon work from Cyprus, while others have begun new ministries in other countries. In a quirk of current events, several of the missionaries now serve in Gaza, another Middle East area stricken by violence. (BP)

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We came out of a shopping center one evening followed by an elderly man and woman. When we got to the door, I opened it, stepped aside and smiled at the man and woman. It was a common courtesy practiced in our family as long as I can remember. But it produced a strange result. The older couple stopped in their tracks, looked at me with a blank stare of incomprehension and mumbled, "Thank you."

The look they gave me is a commentary on our society.

The simple act of common courtesy and good manners, which all of us should practice, drew surprise and consternation from this older couple. Why? Because we do not expect any deference nor courtesy from anyone in today's world.

At every level of our life we have adopted an aggressive attitude and we act out that aggression in our interpersonal relationships. We simply expect people to be rude and we accept that as normal conduct.

In education a popular course at many colleges is, "Assertiveness Training," designed to help students get ahead of others in their climb to the top.

Business seems to have adopted the motto, "Do the other guy before he does you," as the way to success in today's competitive marketplace.

In politics it is, "Shoot first, ask later," as the accepted way to please the voters.

It would be impossible to catalog the crudities and misconduct which characterize our driving habits, but perhaps all of us are grossly guilty of rudeness here, for all of us seem to have a need to be first at any cost and we act out that aggression in a machine which can and does kill.

Even among church people you see a growing lack of civility and good manners.

Who of us has not visited in a church away from

home, perhaps while on vacation, taken a seat and had some member of that church glare at us as if to say, "You're in my seat"?

The next time your church has a dinner, watch the mad rush to be first in line. If you know the congregation at all chances are you can list the first 10 people in line simply because those 10 people always push ahead to be first.

At the highest levels of the Christian community, where one has the right to expect the best in conduct, this same lack of basic Christian goodwill is evident.

Leaders call each other uncomplimentary names because of different points of view. Suspicion and distrust hang like a dense fog over much of our denominational life. We seem more concerned in securing our point of view, in standing in position number one than in making peace with persons for whom and with whom we should pray.

Jesus had a simple solution to the gross incivility which has eroded our society. Of course if we took his words seriously we would always stand aside at the door; always hold back at the chow line; always defer to another; always let the other person break into the line of traffic; always be ready to reconsider our own "rights."

The words of our Lord which reject the "Me first" passion of our day contradict the accepted pattern of conduct which even Christians accept and practice. The words are straightforward and are the inspired, true, living Word of God which we Baptists hold dear: "...whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also." "...whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two."

Also in the words of scripture, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Is it a sin to be old?

Ask an attractive woman her age and she is most likely to tell you it's none of your business. She may even slap your face.

Admittedly a person's age is his/her own personal business. Yet many people refuse to divulge their age because our culture is so youth oriented we have spread the rumor that old age is a curse and old people are of little worth.

Dan McGee, a faculty member at Baylor University, told a senior adult consultants' conference at Glorieta that "old is a four letter word" in American culture because "we devalue the old...because of our work ethic." He declared we value people by their productive capacity and old people no longer produce as much as they once did.

Old people are scorned because their consumer ability usually declines with advancing age and we tend to measure a person's worth by the car driven, where vacations are taken, what kind of house is lived in and how much is spent.

The average Baptist church, however, does not reflect the common mood, except when it comes to calling a pastor or other staff member. Here we do reflect a lesser opinion of older people.

Most Baptist churches have organized to serve the needs of older people and have called upon

older people to assume more responsibility in the life of the church.

Perhaps we Baptists have taken seriously the scripture truth that all human beings are made in the image of God. This may be why our attitudes are changing and older people are finding more useful places of service and are experiencing more respect in our churches.

It would be good if we would go a step further and honor ministers who are past 50 by considering them for our pulpits. There seems to be some strange prejudice rampant among Baptists that a preacher in his 50s or 60s better not try to move from one pulpit to another. As a matter of fact, when was the last time you heard about a preacher in his 60s being asked to serve as pastor of a Baptist church?

It is good we Baptists are taking note of our senior adults. They have experience, spiritual insight and a lot of time to give in service to Christ through the church.

Let us reject the idea so prevalent in our society that it is a sin to be old. Robert Browning said it best when he declared, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be."

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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3

baptist news in brief



In the top photo Angie Golman, of Jackson, Tenn., Southern Baptist missionsry to Taipei, Taiwan, talks with young women at a government rehab center involved in prostitution. Her ministry led her to help begin a halfway house so girls could make the transition to a lifestyle outside prostitution. An English teacher, she feels (below) getting to know the girls is "the main work God has given me."

Starting churches is statewide effort for one woman

Home missionary Dolores Thomas never intended to be a church starter. But when she "walked through the back door," it just happened naturally.

Mrs. Thomas and her husband, Gordon, were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in 1962 to begin a mission in Maine. She assisted her husband in his pastoral ministry and directed weekday ministries for children. Through their work, she became a seasoned church starter.

When her husband died suddenly of a heart attack in 1976, Mrs. Thomas struggled with a crucial life decision. "We had been there for 14 years," she said. "For the next two years, I struggled to determine what the Lord would have me to do. It seemed that my call, also, was to that area."

She continued to work in Christian social ministries programs in Maine until 1984. At that time, the Home Mission Board reappointed her as a church starter.

Today, Mrs. Thomas leads Bible studies in three Maine towns. She also encourages existing churches as they support mission churches.

But it isn't always easy. Growth is slow. Public places in which to meet are not always available. And it often takes a while for community members to trust her. "You have to prove yourself by being there for awhile," she said.

Above all obstacles, one looms greater. There aren't enough people to do the work. "If we had more leadership, we would see so much more accomplished. Pray the Lord sends laborers."

Besides traveling throughout the state to lead Bible studies, Mrs. Thomas meets quarterly with the pastors of Maine and their spouses to coordinate strategies for the work of Southern Baptists in Maine.

She also directs the work of all summer missions volunteers. "In 1987, we had 263 volunteers—youth mission groups, adult groups, individuals and couples," she said.

Mrs. Thomas is one of the many home missionaries seeking to provide "a church for everyone." Support the 1988 Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-13.



Hopper installed at Ruschlikon Seminary

John David Hopper was installed Jan. 14 as the eighth president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Because the faculty wanted the installation to be a "family worship occasion" rather than a formal academic affair, Buckner Fanning, pastor of Hopper's home church, Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., was asked to speak. One of Hopper's personal friends from the church, Joseph Brake, sang during the service. Knud Wumpelmann, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, presided.

Hopper, who was elected to the presidency in October last year, has been a Southern Baptist missionary in Europe since 1965. (BP)

Ridgecrest will be site of April biblical inquiry

After a decade of controversy that often has focused on what the Bible is, Southern Baptists will gather in North Carolina in April to discuss what the Bible says.

The Conference on Biblical Interpretation, April 25-27 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, is the second of three national conferences convened by the presidents of the SBC's six seminaries. Last year's Conference on Biblical Inerrancy, also held at Ridgecrest, attracted a capacity crowd of more than 1000 participants.

As with the 1987 conference, the seminary presidents have gone outside the denomination to invite as major speakers scholars from the nation's conservative evangelical community.

J. I. Packer, professor of historical and systematic theology at Regent College, Vancouver, Canada, will deliver three addresses. Packer, a keynote speaker at last year's conference, will deal with issues of biblical interpretation in three areas—creation, women in ministry and eschatology. Two of his addresses will be followed by responses from two Southern Baptist leaders representing differing perspectives on the subject.

Joining Packer will be Robert Johnston, dean, North Park College and Theological Seminary, Chicago; Walter

Kaiser, dean and professor of Old Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill.; and Grant Osborne, professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

In the conference's final session the four speakers will participate in a panel discussion moderated by John Newport, vice president for academic affairs at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The conference also will include a series of worship services featuring the preaching of five Southern Baptist pastors: Ken Hemphill, First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; Richard Jackson, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; Jon Stubblefield, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; Daniel Vestal, First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex.; and Jerry Vines, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Conference rates per person are \$154/single, \$114.25/double, \$106/triple and \$101.95/four. Cost includes three night's lodging, meals and conference fees. A deposit of \$38.50 should be sent to Conference on Biblical Interpretation, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

The final conference in 1989 will deal with the theme of biblical imperatives. (BP)

Consulting editors meet for commentary debut

Consulting editors for a new 40-volume Bible commentary to be published by Broadman Press met in Dallas in mid January to begin the process of selecting writers and recommending details to move toward a 1991 debut.

The six consulting editors, meeting with general editor Michael Smith, frequently spoke of the willingness and enthusiasm of Southern Baptist scholars who have been approached regarding their interest in participating in the project.

The commentary project, which began with authorization from Baptist Sunday School Board trustees in February 1987, may include as many as 50 writers and more than 24,000 manuscript pages of biblical and theological translation and interpretation, Smith said.

Prior to this meeting, consulting editors had worked for several weeks gathering names of potential writers to share with the committee. Consideration was given to seminary and college professors, pastors and laymen in biblical areas where they have done extensive study and writing and who approach the scriptures from a perspective of inerrancy as defined by The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy.

Smith said Broadman expects to release about 10 volumes of the commentary each year.

Length of each volume will vary depending on the needs of the writer to deal with the text thoroughly. The maximum length of a volume will be 400 pages, with the book of Psalms requiring two 300-page volumes. Several volumes will include more than one book of the Bible.

Writers will be announced and assignments made this spring, Smith said. He estimated some assignments could require as much as two years to complete. (BP)

Mrs. J. N. Barnette dies in Nashville

Edna Hamrick Hawkins Barnette, widow of Sunday school leader J. N. Barnette, died Friday, Jan. 22. She was 96.

Her husband was secretary of the Sunday School Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1943 until his retirement in 1957. Before moving to the Sunday School Board in 1927, Barnette was an associate Sunday school director for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He died in 1965.

She was a long time member of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, where she taught a sixth grade Sunday school class for more than 40 years. (BP)

WMU leader's mother dead at 90 in Florida

Doris Sansing Weatherford, 90, mother of Carolyn Weatherford, national executive director of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, died Jan. 26 in an Arcadia, Fla. hospital.

Mrs. Weatherford was born in Union, Miss. Oct. 22, 1897 and had lived in Florida more than 60 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Frostproof, for 60 years and for the last two years was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Arcadia.

Survivors include: three children, Parks Weatherford, Winter Park, Fla., Carolyn Weatherford; and Eileen Hall, Arcadia; a sister, Martha Lee Espey, Collinsville, Miss.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family has asked that memorials be made to the WMU Centennial Thank Offering; Calvary Baptist Church, Arcadia, building fund; and First Baptist Church, Frostproof, building fund. (BP)

baptist news in brief

Southeastern students clash with trustee panel

Alumni, students, administration and faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary have told the school's presidential search committee they neither see the need nor have the desire for any changes in the 37-year-old seminary.

Robert D. Crowley, chairman of the

trustees and its search committee, responded by comparing that attitude of the Middle Ages before the Renaissance, when Europeans were satisfied with things as they were.

The search committee held its first full meeting on the seminary's Wake Forest, N. C., campus Jan. 21-22 to develop a profile of the school's fourth president.

W. Randall Lolley announced his plans to resign from his 14-year-presidency in October and made it official Nov. 17 in a special meeting of the full board of trustees.

Sharp exchanges took place between some trustees and students, faculty and alumni during the search committee meeting.

Beverly Hardgrove, president of the Student Council, accused some trustees of running ahead of the procedure outlined in seminary documents, giving some groups advanced opportunities for input as to the type of person and his or her style of leadership.

The accusation, voiced by others, partially was prompted by reports in the secular media that 19 people had been nominated and five were considered front runners.

"If the profile has not been deter-

mined, how can there be front runners?" Miss Hardgrove asked.

Nena L. Domingo, a student from Goose Creek, S. C., who heads up Seminary Students for Academic Freedom, told the trustees and observers the relationship between "trustees and all members of the Southeastern community, which was based on trust and fostered through open dialog and participation, has been breached and destroyed."

"We are only left to conclude that our attempt at input is futile, our opinions are unwanted and our position in this community, from the standpoint of the fundamentalist-conservative trustees, is expendable," she said.

In a printed statement, Southeastern Students for Academic Freedom supported Lolley in response to Crowley's charge in a December correspondence exchange that Lolley has been a source of disruption and intimidation.

"It has been our first-hand experience as students on this campus that Dr. Lolley has been a stabilizing influence who has calmed rather than inflamed student reaction. In his communications with students, both private and corporate, Dr. Lolley has been articulate, deliberate, impassionate and conspicuously honest. In our opinion, this type of reasoned response is to his credit and a credit to the Lord he serves," the statement said. (BP)

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Jackson mustn't get Jan. 31 tithes: AUSCS

Americans United for Separation of Church and State has protested a fund-raising plan by presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson that calls for pastors to turn over money collected during church services on the fifth Sunday in January to the Jackson campaign.

In a letter to Jackson, Robert Maddox, executive director of American's United, said the proposal is a possible violation of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations that forbid churches and non-profit groups to endorse candidates for public office.

An IRS code prohibits tax-exempt or-

ganizations from "participating or intervening in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

"While we cherish the rights of churches to participate in public policy dialog, we believe this action is inappropriate, bad policy and possibly unlawful," Maddox wrote in the letter.

Maddox, himself a Baptist minister, also warned in the Jan. 21 letter that such partisan political activity in churches serves only to polarize congregations along political lines. (BP)

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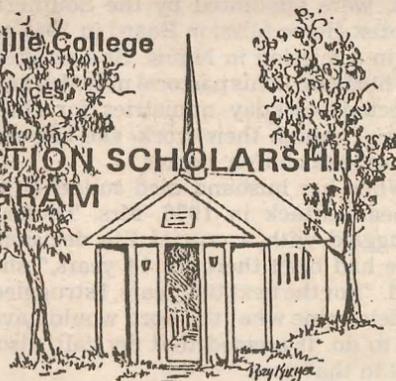
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Seminary chairman predicts near unanimity vote

Instead of narrowing the list of candidates to succeed W. Randall Lolley as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, the trustee presidential search committee announced Jan. 22 it has expanded its list of candidates to 24 and extended the nomination deadline until early February.

"We have not narrowed down the list (of nominees), but we have done a great deal of work on it," said Robert D. Crowley, chairman of the committee and president of the seminary's board of trustees. Crowley, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church of Rockville, Md., made the announcement following adjournment of the committee's latest private meeting.

Crowley told Baptist Press he hoped the search committee could narrow the list of prospective presidents to three to five during the Jan. 21-22 meeting but announced following that meeting the committee decided to extend the deadline for nominations until Friday, Feb. 5. The committee will then meet again Feb. 11-12 in St. Louis. Following that meeting, Crowley said, he hopes to release a list of three to five leading candidates.

The search committee chairman said the group is "very pleased" with the nominations received thus far: "We have some superior candidates. These are very, very excellent candidates."

"I predict that the trustee vote that will elect a president—hopefully at the March 14-15 meeting—will be something like 30 to nothing or maybe even 28-2. That would be to me a maximum negative vote."

With the exception of Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., Crowley said all of the most recent nominees have indicated their willingness to be considered for the seminary presidency.

In addition to Gregory, the latest candidates include Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., and chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee; Walter Shurden, chairman of the department of Christianity at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Robert Cate, dean of academic affairs and professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.;

William Rogers, dean, School of Christian Education and professor of history and philosophy of education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Delos Miles, professor of evangelism, Southeastern Seminary; and Thurmon Earl Bryant, area director for eastern South America, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Previously named candidates were reported on page 1 of the Jan. 19 issue of

Western Recorder.

The search committee is the trustee executive committee, which includes trustee officers, committee chairmen and three at-large members. Officers are Crowley, chairman; James DeLoach, Houston, Tex., vice chairman; Ralph Holt, Wilmington, N. C., secretary; and Arlie McDaniel, Moscow, Ida., treasurer.

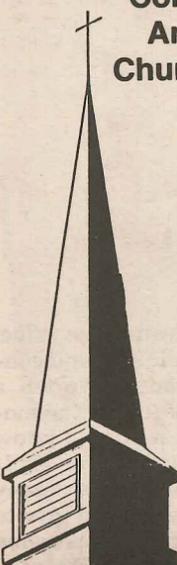
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christian education

College enrolment makes steady strides

Dire predictions of declining enrolments failed to materialize once again at most Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

Enrolment figures for the 1987 fall semester show 101,159 attended Baptist junior and senior colleges, a 3.8 percent increase over 1986 totals.

According to figures released to the Southern Baptist Education Commission, 39 of the 51 junior and senior colleges reported increases ranging from 0.2 to 46.4 percent. The enrolment percentages include both full time and part time students in credit courses. The figures do not reflect students taking non-credit classes.

Missouri Baptist College in St. Louis reported the largest increase among senior colleges (37.2 percent) while Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga. had the largest increase among junior colleges (46.4). The increases at both institutions, however, were in part time students.

Bluefield (Va.) College reported the largest decline in fall enrolment (3.9 percent).

Kentucky schools all showed percentage increases in enrolment figures—Campbellsville College, 671, (11.1 percent); Cumberland College, 1931, (0.2); Georgetown College, 1411, (3.6).

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission, expressed guarded optimism concerning the report:

"It speaks well of our Baptist institutions that they have been able to maintain, and in some cases, increase enrolment. Yet, at the same time, we must

face the inevitable that within the next few years there will be fewer students, traditional and non-traditional, attending college. This is based on statistics which are already a reality and must be faced."

Owensboro resident earns Bible diploma from Seminary Extension

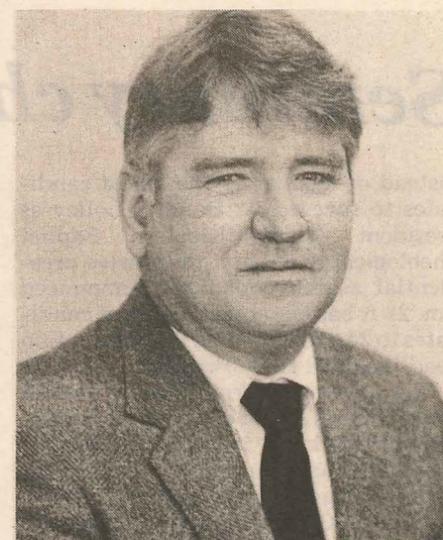
Sandi Evans, Owensboro, has earned the Biblical Studies Diploma from the Seminary Extension Independent Study Institute.

The diploma will be presented Feb. 7 at Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro, by pastor James Gentry.

Evans is a member of Lewis Lane. She is a registered nurse employed by the Owensboro County Hospital. She completed 16 courses to receive the Biblical Studies Diploma.

Independent Study Institute is the correspondence arm of the Seminary Extension Department, operated by the six Southern Baptist seminaries through a jointly sponsored Seminary External Education Division at the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville.

Approximately 60 seminary extension courses are offered through the institute and a network of some 400 extension centers. Although designed primarily for pastors, the courses also are available to other Christians desiring serious study in Bible and other theological subjects.



William Bennett

Campbellsville promotes political science prof

William E. Bennett, assistant professor of political science, was promoted to professor of political science, according to Campbellsville College president W. R. Davenport.

Since going to Campbellsville in 1975, Bennett has been an instructor of political science and criminal justice. He has also been an instructor of political science at Western Kentucky University.

Bennett received his bachelor's degree from Campbellsville. He received a master's degree from Western Kentucky University and a PhD in political science from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Georgetown renovates Cralle Student Center

The Cralle Foundation of Louisville has made a commitment to give Georgetown College \$225,000 for the purpose of renovating 22-year-old Cralle Student Center given to the school by the late Lee E. Cralle.

The building will undergo a number of changes. The most notable alteration projected will involve the relocation of the lounge area and grill to the ground floor level allowing greater space for the large dining commons on the main floor. The total cost of the project will be about \$450,000.

The Center was dedicated Oct. 16, 1965 and was at the time the college's largest single physical plant gift.

The center contains facilities for the social, spiritual, recreational and educational needs of the entire school family. A small chapel sits above the great hall which empties into the large dining hall on the main floor. A book store, post office and small printing facility are on the ground floor.

Campbellsville plans 5th music competition

The Music Department of Campbellsville College will be hosting the fifth annual music scholarship competition Feb. 13 and Feb. 20. The competitions will be in the recital hall of Campbellsville's Music Annex, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

One scholarship will be awarded in each of the following areas: voice, instrumental and piano. To qualify the student must be a freshman entering college in fall 1988, major in music, have a working knowledge of basic music theory and history and be prepared to perform one selection of his choice. The student must also maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 and a 3.0 in applied lessons and music course work.



Eldred M. Taylor
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homes for children

Encouragement from friends

Caring friends are of inestimable value. Whether near or far, their love and concern make the difference. So often a friend's letter will come just at the moment encouragement is needed. I know this is true at Baptist Homes for Children. Only God knows how many friends of children pray for and give to our ministry. But their number is legion and they bring great encouragement.

I want to share excerpts from a few letters of some encouraging friends.

"I am sorry this is late, but I have been in the hospital for three months and am not able to get out as I used to. I am now on a walker to get around. I send this check, hoping to help out."

"Maybe this note will make your day a little brighter. I teach the Bible Learners Class (1st and 2nd grade) at the Clarkson Baptist Church.

"Several years ago we began saving pennies for our Baptist children's homes with a goal of \$25. Each year we have increased our goal by \$25. Last year, 1987, we collected \$182. Needless to say, we also have some "big" people who help us. This year our goal is \$200.

"I feel that perhaps my students may not remember much of what I teach, but I don't suppose one of them will ever forget the pennies."

"I sent a check to my church to be credited to Baptist Homes for Children. But I am sending an additional small check to be used as needed."

"I am sending you a check for \$65 which is a donation from Ladies II Sunday school class, Grace Baptist Church, Pikeville. Instead of exchanging gifts when we met here at our home for our Christmas get-together we decided to give to our children's homes."

"Here is our gift to bring hope to the children. We have tried to give to the children's homes each month. Perhaps with the grace of God we can give more in 1988."

"From the oldest men's class in our Sunday school at Second Baptist Church, Greenville, we are sending a Christmas gift of \$300 for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

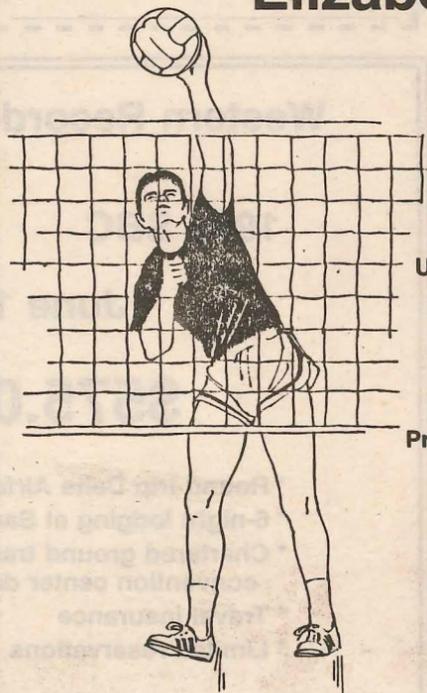
"We appreciate so much the efforts that you and the other workers are doing for the boys and girls."

Letters like these bring encouragement daily. These folks and many more are our friends. With God's help they keep this ministry to children alive.

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James H. Cox
Associate Editor

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The early church

Those that seek me early shall find me (Prov. 8:17).

On several occasions my membership has been in Southern Baptist churches which maintain early Sunday morning worship services.

The first, in my boyhood, dates back nearly four decades. It grew from a need to accommodate more persons in worship than the auditorium could seat. My family decided to try the early service. We liked those long lazy afternoons between Sunday school and evening church so well we never went back to the 11 o'clock service again. Our minister, ever the punster, often referred to the hour when morning gilds the skies as "early mass."

Years later, when we moved away, I sorely missed that early preaching service. Regretfully, the Baptist churches in our new town were large enough to accommodate everybody!

But a short time later, I went off to college in a city where the First Baptist Church boasted two morning services. My unsatiated desire was satisfied as the BSU choir sang at 8:30 Sunday mornings, and I was in the choir.

Later, in Nashville, I joined historic First Baptist Church, with an 8:30 service, too. I alternated between early and late services, but when I married, we chose the early service as ours. It remained ours for years, until that congregation built an auditorium to hold us all.

The beloved Franklin Paschall, pastor, jokingly explained on that occasion that—for 15 years—he had preached twice on Sunday morning, and been paid half salary for it! He found humor in crises, even when people who had worshiped at 8:30 for so many years were asked to give it up. We didn't want to concede, but neither did the "late crowd."

An impasse was resolved with a compromise: Sunday school would begin at 9 a.m. instead of 9:40; it would be lengthened by 15 minutes (a good move which workers had requested for years); worship was set at 10:30; the benediction at 11:30. That put us out in time "to beat the Methodists to the cafeteria," I remember Paschall saying.

Today, we worship in a church with one morning service. But now there's a severe shortage of classroom space, and the Sunday school will stop growing if its needs aren't met. One option is dual Sunday schools (8:30 & 11:00) separated by one morning service.

There's a natural corollary, it seems to me, suggesting the spirit of the living God falls fresh upon us as we open his word when we ourselves are refreshed. As an exponent of the early church, I think an early Sunday school might be—for us—a solution whose time has come.

congregations

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, passed resolutions of gratitude and appreciation for the life and ministry of deacons Vernon Berry and Lesie Morris. Bob E. Martin is pastor of the church.

ordinations

Larry Baker was ordained a deacon by Sinking Creek Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. Estil Lynn Dotson is pastor of the church.

Kirkville Baptist, Tates Creek Association, ordained **William Grant** and **Sammy Harris** as deacons.

Baker Williams and **Benny Goode** were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association. Albert Gisler is pastor of the church.

personnel

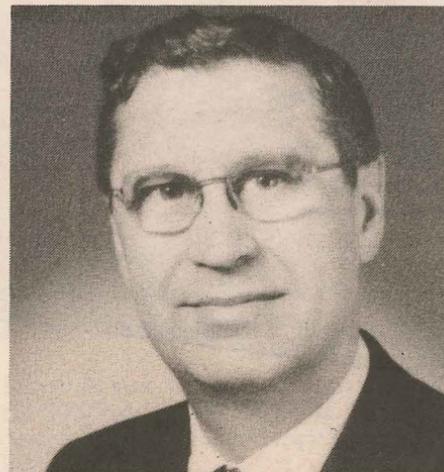
Allen Durrett has been called as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

John Wooley has been called as pastor of Tiline Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Bill Moore has resigned the pastorate of Pounding Mill Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Walkers Chapel, McCreary County Association, has called **Keith Adams** as pastor. Adams was ordained Nov. 8, 1987.

Rodney Smith has been called as minister of activities and youth by Camp-



Dillard Hagan

bellsville Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. James E. Jones is pastor of the church.

East Bernstadt Baptist, Laurel River Association, has called **Lynn Dotson** as pastor.

William Michael Chittum has accepted the pastorate of Pigeon Fork Baptist Church, Shelby County Association. Chittum is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Gary A. Chapman has resigned as minister of education/evangelism, Rosemont Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, to be minister of education at First Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga. Jerome F. Brown is pastor of Rosemont.

Salem Baptist Church, Salem Association, has called **Don Cole** as pastor. Cole leaves the pastorate of Eastview Baptist, Green Valley Association.

Charles Owens has been called as pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Coxton Baptist, Upper Cumberland Association, has called interim pastor, **Jimmy Clem**, as pastor.

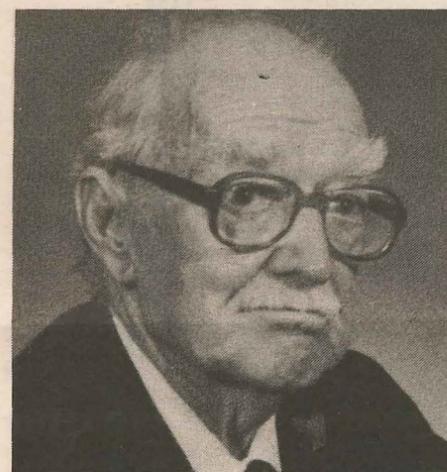
Dillard Hagan announced his retirement after 40 years as a Southern Baptist minister. Hagan has served as pastor of Indian Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Monroe Association, for the past seven years. He attended Campbellsville College, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and Southern Seminary. Hagan will be available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates, Bible studies and revivals. He will retire to his home at Rte. 4, Box 199, Athens, TN 37303.

Bobby Bragg has been called as minister of education by First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association. J. Robert White is pastor of the church.

Bethlehem Baptist, Tates Creek Association, has called **Bruce Elwood Treon**, as pastor.

Steve Watson, has been called as pastor of Emmaus Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

deaths



Earl M. Wilburn

Earl M. Wilburn, 85, former pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Louisville, died Jan 13, 1988. Wilburn, a former resident of Louisville and Cloverport, attended Southern Seminary. Survivors include his wife, Juanita Matheny Wilburn, Lexington; two sons, John Wilburn, Overland Park, Kan.; and Ronald E. Wilburn, Lexington, music minister at Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown. Belated condolences may be addressed to his son Ronald at 2328 Shandon Dr., Lexington, KY 40505.

revivals

The Baptist Men of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, conducted a lay-led revival Jan. 15-17 at Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville. David Green, pastor of Audubon, stated both churches greatly benefited and many persons made decisions to renew their dedication to Christ.

Forty-three men from Walnut Street took part in the weekend. Services were conducted Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. Visitation preceded the Friday service as well as twice more on Saturday. Men also shared throughout the church in classes and assemblies during the Sunday school hour.

The Year of the Laity has begun enthusiastically for these two churches, Green declared. Lay-led revivals are a high priority at Walnut Street. Anyone interested in the possibility of using the Walnut Street men in such an effort should contact Bob Bailey, (502) 589-5290.

A city set on a hill

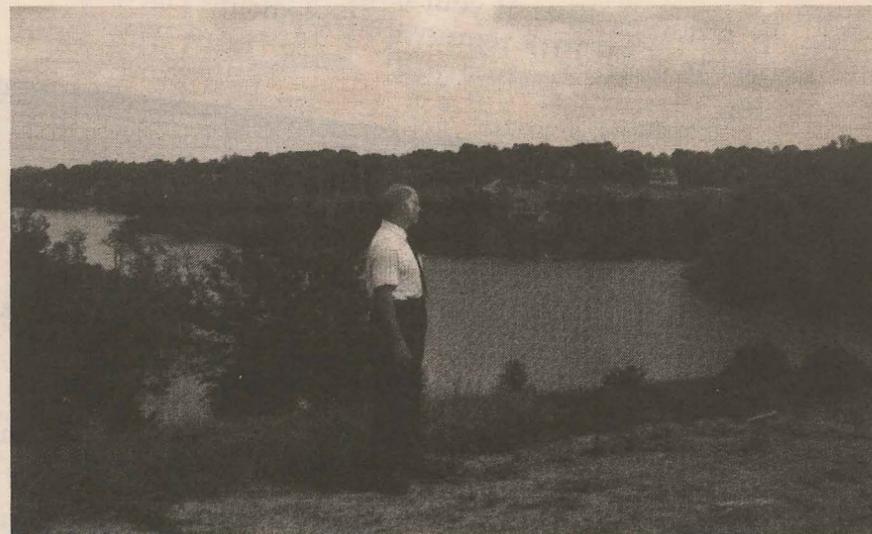
A new city is being constructed at Mallard Point, Scott County, about 10 miles north of Georgetown on U. S. 25.

With an expected growth of between 2500 and 4000, the new city will be the second largest population center in Scott County. Baptists are on the ground floor with five acres of land at the entrance to the new development between the main gate

and a school to be built.

As part of the Mission Kentucky project, a new church will be established in Mallard Point. Georgetown Baptist Church will be the principal sponsor with assistance from Elkhorn Association and several other churches in the area.

A home Bible study fellowship has already started and will be the nucleus for a new church.



Dan Cobb, catalytic missionary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, looks across one of the lakes at Mallard Point, a new city being built north of Georgetown.

baptist forum

Bill Moyers presents one-sided view

Bill Moyers presented a television program that discussed God and politics. Moyers dealt a great deal with the Southern Baptist Convention. Unfortunately Moyers' assertions about the political aspects with the SBC were only half right. He failed to cover the politics within the moderate arena.

Time and time again one can read how the "fundamentalists" are purely political and their agenda is political in total. The only ones writing and saying these things, however, are moderates. I believe the old saying that, "I have one finger pointing at you and three at me," is appropriate to describe the accusers.

It is time both factions admit there is a political agenda on each side. Politics did not creep into the SBC in 1979. Politics was present before 1979, at which time moderates attempted to head off a conservative drive. If we are honest with ourselves we would acknowledge the political element in all areas of Baptist life—even the local church. I hope people are not naive enough to believe the conservative movement originated politics in the SBC. I believe this television (sic) presented a distorted picture.

The problem with reporting events of importance is the issue of objectivity. So many times there is none! The person reporting the event has a theme he wants to present. Moyers' program was no different. His whole interest was to tie in the political right with the conservative movement within the SBC.

It is true there is politics within the SBC. However it is not one-sided. Unfortunately one cannot say the same about reporting.

Wayne Lipscomb
Alexandria

Las Vegas is no place for SBC to meet

First Baptist Church, Somerset, has been and continues to be a strong supporter of the Southern Baptist Convention. We are proud of our heritage and excited about the future.

We are disturbed, however, by the decision of the convention to hold the 1989 annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. We adamantly oppose this decision.

We are aware every city has sin. Las Vegas, though, promotes an image of sin in its most flagrant form. To spend tithing dollars to send messengers to this city is to support those who promote debauchery and promiscuity.

First Baptist Church would be glad to support an evangelistic crusade in Las Vegas. We would heartily endorse such a plan and would pray for its success. To hold a convention for the purpose of conducting the Lord's business in Las Vegas is not a decision we can support.

Therefore, First Baptist Church, Somerset, requests the Executive Committee reconsider the decision to hold the 1989 convention in Las Vegas. If no change is made, messengers from our church will not be present at the 1989 convention.

Robert F. Browning, Pastor
Oscar Davidson, Chm. of Deacons
First Baptist Church
Somerset

Legislator responds to lottery query

I really appreciate your letter stating your opposition to the lottery. I need to receive more letters of this kind. This type of letter helps give me a better feel for my constituents' concerns.

You made some very good points concerning the lottery. I will take your thoughts into consideration as I study

the issue. I feel it is important to have the input of my constituents as it is you who will be most affected.

I have not yet decided how I will vote on this issue so I cannot give you a definite, "Yes, I support," or a definite, "No, I don't support" this issue. I feel I should study the issue, talk with other legislators and most of all get the thoughts and feelings of others I represent.

In an effort to become better informed on the question I have sent out questionnaires in my district and set up public meetings.

In all fairness to others who are concerned about this matter, I feel it necessary to get their opinions before making a final decision.

Jon W. Ackerson, Representative
47th Legislative District
Louisville

Editor's note. This letter is printed to illustrate what we have been saying, namely, legislators do want to hear from voters and legislators can be influenced by what voters say.

Deal with the real issues

Having read Western Recorder for the last two months people could easily believe the most crucial social issue for Baptists in Kentucky is the proposed state lottery. The lottery is probably a bad idea but does it really deserve more attention than problems such as war, poverty and child abuse?

It is especially disturbing that in the Jan. 19 issue, published during the same week in which we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., there were three articles and three letters (in the Long Run edition) devoted to the lottery and none to the issue of civil rights in Kentucky.

It is time Baptists begin devoting their time and their newspaper space to the issues that really matter.

Mark McEntire
Louisville

The lottery is a bad bet

It is good to have views and express them on such things as a lottery. Bless you and all that will take sides for what is right. My view on the lottery follows:

Crooks will most likely operate it.

The uninformed will praise it.

Good programs will suffer because of it.

They that buy the tickets will support it.

The poor will be offered a false dream by it.

The state coffers will be embarrassed by it.

A minute few will win it.

It just makes good sense to defeat it. Write those letters! The poor have enough problems as it is.

B. B. McCormick
Elizabethtown

Training for bivocational ministers

What a joy to read in Western Recorder that Southwestern Seminary has established a program of training designed to assist men committed to bivocational ministry.

Their program of training for school teaching jobs will be a tremendous help in providing pastors for the new SBC churches which we have been talking about in Bold Mission Thrust, but thus far have done little to help make it possible in areas of training.

Three years ago we had the privilege

of sitting in a meeting with bivocational and seminary staff people during home mission week at Glorieta. The main topic of discussion centered on how to provide for the people who felt led to bivocational ministries, beginning with their college experience and on into seminary work.

Our SBC colleges and seminaries would do well to follow the example of Southwestern in this very needed effort. What about Kentucky schools, will we move with this effort also? Perhaps there are some areas being dealt with now of which we are not aware. A coordinated effort among our schools, colleges and seminaries across the convention might just get our attention and energies on "the main thing" in our reason for being Christians and Baptists.

Thank you for your contribution to keeping us informed.

W. Ken Forman
Maysville

Laymen must go and tell

Thank you so much for your editorial in the Jan. 12 edition, "The first priority."

Keep talking about this. Too many people are lost without Christ in our area and as you so wonderfully pointed out, it is all of our responsibilities to go and tell...not just the pastor, the denominational leaders, but all.

Thanks for such a good job of being editor of our paper. It is so refreshing to read such positive things about our savior and denomination in every issue.

Please pray for us and we will pray for you.

Sam Roy
Clarksville, Ind.

All the Bible is true

The psalmist did not use the smorgasbord, pick and choose, method of biblical interpretation. He did not divide the word of God into areas of reality that he would accept and other areas that he would not accept. Instead he accepted all of the word of God as reality. He said, "Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever."

All the Bible is the true word of God and everything that is taught in the Bible is an area of reality. The same Bible that teaches salvation by grace also teaches that Adam and Eve are real people, that Satan is a real fallen angel, that heaven is a real place, that hell is a real place, that all of the miracles wrought by the power of God are real miracles—and on and on the areas of reality go from Genesis to Revelation.

"The word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth." Love it, accept it, preach it and teach it. It is, "Thus saith the Lord," from beginning to end.

William R. Hagan
Taylorsville

Letters for baptist forum: maximum length, 300 words. Longer letters will be edited for space or returned for revision. Writer's signature, address, phone number and church affiliation required. No form letters will be printed. Letters must deal with issues and not make personal attacks.



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Bible College
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

The Clear Creek family

We are a family at Clear Creek Baptist School. All our faculty and their families, our staff and their families and our students and their families make up one large family living on this 700-acre campus in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky.

Because we are an adult institution (we do not accept students under 21), most of our students are married and have children. Of necessity we are deeply involved in ministry to each member of the family.

Not only our students but their families must be dedicated and committed to Christ. They leave beautiful houses, large salaries and an easy life. But at Clear Creek the income is small and our houses and apartments are just adequate. And yet you will find some of the happiest families on the face of the earth.

Recently I sat down with one of our students who is the father of several children. As we talked it became clear that since he had been at Clear Creek his family had been deteriorating. He had given so much of his time and attention to training for ministry that his family was suffering as a result. Some of his children had become delinquent and he was frustrated, not knowing exactly what to do. I shared the following words with him (with which I am certain some would not agree), "If your ministry is the most important thing in your life in God's eyes, then forget about your family and continue to give your all to training for the ministry of the gospel. However if your family is the most precious possession you have, you may wish to cut back your schooling just a bit in order to repair the damage that may have been done at home. This may mean you will feel a need to temporarily withdraw from school in order to minister to those loved ones whom God has given you."

A few days later this man and his family withdrew from Clear Creek. Some may have been sad at his decision. However I was not and felt he did the right thing. He is now helping and ministering to his family and we trust will soon be led back to us to complete his training for the ministry of the gospel.

Your family is important. Your Christian family is a blessed gift which God has given to his children. And the family at Clear Creek enjoys a taste of heaven as God moves in our midst to bless and use all of us for his glory.

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In this together

A few hours ago I had to expel a young man from our school. We tried so hard to break through his "don't care" attitude. We gave him so many chances.

He had such potential, but we had to let him go. It is so depressing and hard to suffer such defeat, to see a young life sliding toward nothingness.

We care.

It is hard to see one go anytime. But most especially when one must be asked to go. Will he ever finish his education? Will he ever find purpose in his life? Will he ever know our Lord?

We are often on the mountaintop. Yes, in the valley too, as we are this evening. But, looking through some letters memories flood and faith is renewed.

Some years ago we accepted a young man in our school from a distant state. He was shy, unhappy and withdrawn. He was a "loner."

But then he began to open up, to grow and to mature. We watched him and caught the intent look on his face many

times as he listened to the pastor's sermons. We saw him start bringing his Bible to services and search the scriptures as the sermon was preached.

Several years after he came to our school we heard his profession of faith. We saw him baptized. We saw a young man filled with joy, truly in love with his Lord. His outlook and life changed. We had witnessed part of a miracle.

They come, we work with them, and then they go.

This young man who was saved is now far from us making his way in life. We know not when, if ever, we will see him again this side of Jordan. But we remain "one in spirit" and from time to time a letter comes.

Once he wrote, "I pray for the continued welfare of my school, my little Baptist school in Appalachia, Ky. which introduced me to Christ." Again he wrote, "The most wonderful thing about Oneida was learning about the Lord and afterward I learned about growing."

In one letter he apologized for being so late in writing and notes, "I understand how much you all care about me there."

We did care! We do care! How thankful I am to know he DOES understand that. If only the boy expelled today could understand!

Some years ago a young man and a woman came to Oneida. They came at different times for different reasons and from different circumstances. Their paths crossed at Oneida as they found God's will for their lives while finding each other. Like many before them and since, they fell in love and were married after leaving. They worked their ways through college and are presently at Southern Seminary.

The husband writes, "I feel that the general role of Oneida was to create in my life a sense of belonging to a community. This sense of belonging had previously been hard to come by in my hometown, not because of cold shoulders and the absence of love, but because of the isolation I felt under the social pressure of acute poverty.

"At Oneida where 'in this together' disposition tends to shine through, I was placed not only in a position where I was more or less equal, but in one from which my life could effectively be used as a true ministry to others. I certainly doubt that I should be here today but for Oneida."

Yes, we do fail with some. But, praise be to God, not all.

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 7, 1988

Life and work series

Relationship to others

Ex. 20:12 Fundamental to any good and happy home is the respect and reverence of children for their parents. God said: "Honor thy father and thy mother." We should honor our parents by true reverence and constant affection for them, by untiring obedience to them, by speaking well of them, and by providing for them in their old age if they need it.

Eph. 6:1-4 Children bring their parents immeasurable joy, tremendous responsibilities and numerous problems. The most happy, successful and useful parents are those who live close to God and rear their children in his nurture and admonition.

Submission to the Lord is to be manifested in both the parental and filial relationships. When parents fail to require respect and obedience of their children in the home, they are only preparing the way for disobedience and lawlessness in life.

When children honor and obey their parents, they will receive the blessing of God. When parents rear their children in the admonition of the Lord, they will lay the proper foundation for the highest and best things in life.

Mark 7:8-13 Christ rebuked the Pharisees and Scribes for adding their

traditions to the word of God. Christ enunciated the principle that God's word must be the first, last and only authority.

Christ emphasized the duty of children to honor and to support their aged and needy parents. The scriptural teaching on this had been nullified by the traditions of certain avaricious Pharisees, who had devised a hypocritical scheme whereby they could evade their God-given responsibility. They would merely declare their property was "Corban"; that is, a gift dedicated to God by a vow. Then, that which they refused to use for the support of their needy parents, on the pretext that it had been dedicated to the Lord, they retained for their own use.

International series

The kingdom revealed

Matt. 13:24-30 This parable points out the difference between members in the churches. Some are compared to good seed and others to bad seed.

A man sowed wheat in his field. While he slept, an enemy crept into the field and sowed bad seed on the newly-plowed soil. This cowardly and malicious deed was performed to ruin the anticipated grain crop.

Both the good and the bad seed germinated and grew alongside each other. Discerning servants of the man recognized the weeds in the wheat field. They told their master they would pull up the tares and destroy them. But, the roots of the wheat and tares were intertwined and the weeds could not be uprooted without damaging the wheat. So, the owner decided to let them remain in the midst of the wheat until the harvest, at which time the reapers would gather and burn the tares and place the wheat in the storage bin.

Matt. 13:37-43 The disciples followed Christ into a house and requested him to interpret the parable. Christ explained to them that the man who sowed the good seed in the field represented the son of man, or himself, who went about Judea and Galilee preaching, teaching and healing. The enemy who sowed the tares represented Satan. The persistent adversary of Christ does his best to interfere with the accomplishment of the Lord's will.

Frequently we wonder why the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer. But, this parable teaches that at the consummation of the age the difference between the righteous and the wicked will be judged by Christ.



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on mission together

Journey south: part one

I have just returned from 16 days in Chile, with brief stops in Argentina and Brazil on the return journey.

The Chile mission and Foreign Mission Board had invited me several years ago to be the preacher for one of their two 1988 mission meetings.

January and February are "summer" in Chile with temperatures reaching into the 80's in Temuco, the domicile of our Baptist Academy and site of the meeting. School was out for "summer break," providing an adequate facility for the 80-plus adults and 30-plus children.

Alice and I were privileged to make the journey from Louisville with Grundy and Jean Janes, two of the several Kentucky Baptists serving as missionaries in Chile, who were just completing their furlough.

For more than 20 years, Grundy, a Louisville native and Georgetown College graduate, has been the Academy's

headmaster. Jean, an Owensboro girl whom Grundy met at Georgetown, teaches in the English Department. It was obvious during several walks to town with them, that the Chileans love them. So many of the graduates of this outstanding Baptist school are in prominent places of leadership. Even in Santiago, with its four million residents, more than 11 hours north of Temuco by car, we ran into graduates on the street who recognized them.

Chile is a nation whose length is greater than the width of the United States and whose borders are sealed by the frigid Pacific on the west and the still unchallenged ruggedness of the Andes Mountains on the east.

Its 12 million Spanish-speaking inhabitants are a multicultural mix of indigenous Indian, European (especially German), and Chilean.

The predominant faith is Roman Catholic, with a strong dose of German Lutheran and German Catholic. The architecture and landscape in the south-

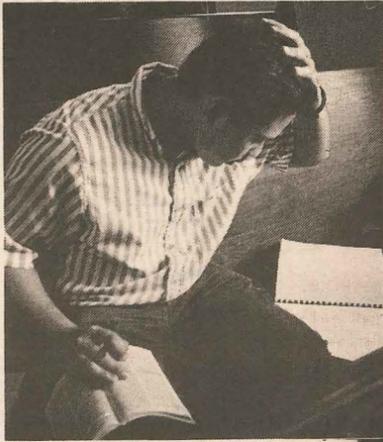
ern region gives one the strong impression he is in Bavaria.

Baptists in Chile are not numerous. Some estimates run as high as 100,000 including unbaptized family members of those who are church members. Conservative estimates of baptized church members put the figure at around 50,000.

Something over 200 churches constitute the Baptist Convention of Chile. Few of them are as large as one of our county seat churches; almost none could be considered "affluent."

What is remarkable is that there are over 200 Baptist missions in Chile. One veteran missionary estimates 80 percent of the Baptist churches have at least one mission. If 80 percent of Kentucky Baptist churches had at least one mission, that would translate into 1800 Baptist missions in Kentucky!

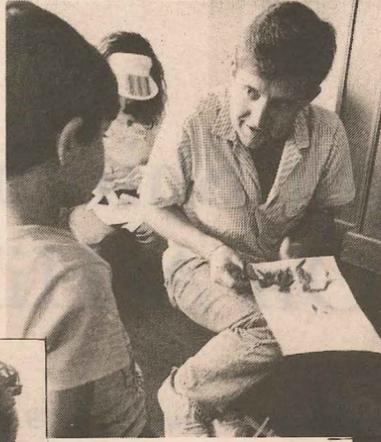
Unlike Kenya, Chile doesn't appear to be in the midst of a spiritual harvest...but when churches plant that many missions, harvest may not be far behind.



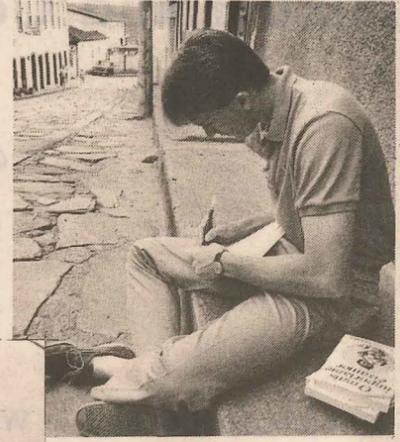
Above: Ray Kitagawa, University of Hawaii, struggles to the point of exasperation as he attempts to translate his personal testimony into Portuguese.



Above: Tom Angel, University of Central Arkansas, helps a young boy with a Bible-learning activity at the Baptist mission in Charqueadas.



Below: Danny Miller, associate campus minister at the University of Texas, gives cookies to children after a morning in vacation Bible school.



Above: Doug McLemore, Tarleton State University, marks copies of a Portuguese New Testament to use in street witnessing. He remained in Brazil as a BSU semester missionary.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Brazil assignment requires extra effort from college students

PARTIDAS		DEPARTURES	
Line	Destination	Time	Class
335	SÃO PAULO	21:30	14:30 C
267	SÃO PAULO	12:30	14:50 C
255	SÃO PAULO	12:50	14:50 C
421	RIO JANEIRO	15:00	15:00 A
364	RECIFE	15:30	15:30 A
339	SÃO PAULO	15:45	16:00 A
320	GOVANIA	16:00	16:00 C
325	LONDRINA	16:00	16:00 A
241	SÃO PAULO	16:20	16:30 C
510	SALVADOR	17:45	17:45 A



American students provided the motions to children's songs during an afternoon puppet show at the Baptist mission in the rural town of Charqueadas.



Above: Rusty Percy (l) a student from Appalachian State University, and Steve Moore, a missionary in Porto Alegre, Brazil, talk with a Brazilian student about Christ.



Above: Team members who participated in a project in the remote interior city of Itaporanga huddle in prayer before the Americans boarded their flight at the end of the project. The groups had worked together for 12 days sharing the gospel in 26 different locations in Brazil.

Right: Angela Atkins (l) Mississippi University for Women, and Brazilian student Marcio Barros Dutra complete survey information on a family in Sao Luis. The team assisted missionaries who are trying to start a Baptist church in the city.



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, "A Bright Shining City Set On A Hill" from which the stories below are excerpted. 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.

WILLIAM JAMES JOHNSON: PRINCIPAL AND FUND RAISER

One of the first significant acts of the Board, other than acquiring the Charter, purchasing the land, adopting the name, building the first building, and getting the endowment underway, was the employment of William James Johnson (1864-1894) as the Institute's first president, then called a principal, in the fall of 1889.

According to Dr. Chester Young in "To Win The Prize": *The Story of the First Baptist Church Williamsburg, Kentucky 1883-1983*, Johnson was a native of an isolated area in Alabama. He was self taught as a child in the subjects of Latin, Greek, German, theology, grammar, rhetoric, logic, history, mathematics, and philosophy. In 1883 Johnson entered Southern Seminary in Louisville and graduated with a B.D. degree. Following graduation he served as evangelist and pastor in the Kentucky counties of Scott, Grant, Owen, and Carroll.

Johnson came to Williamsburg in 1889 with his wife Ora to become pastor of the Baptist Church. In addition to serving as pastor of the church and principal of the Institute, Johnson also served as an instructor of Latin, Greek, rhetoric, and English literature at the Institute.

In the spring of 1890 Johnson became so involved in raising money for the Institute that he gave up the principalship to Professor E.E. Wood. Johnson continued as pastor of the church until 1894 even though he was away from the church for extended periods on Institute business.

When the Rockefeller and Gatliff matching gift offer for a \$15,000 endowment came, the trustees decided "to put a man in the field right away to raise the matching funds." Johnson was the man. Johnson was

successful and the College did receive the money from Rockefeller and Gatliff. Later Johnson was employed to raise funds for a boarding hall, and he was successful in this campaign, also.

A HOLSTEIN COW

Looking back, people and churches gave liberally to help meet the Rockefeller challenge. For instance, a gentleman named T.J. Stackhouse of Lexington gave a Holstein cow worth \$162.00. The cow was sold and the proceeds added to the fund to meet the challenge. In Frankfort, the church where Green Clay Smith had pastored gave \$150.00 and challenged other churches to do likewise. Ironically, Frankfort's First Baptist Church, in 1982, created a \$10,000 endowment in honor of their pastor Dr. Billy Hurt, alumnus and trustee of Cumberland College. This is the very church previously pastored by Green Clay Smith. Another Cumberland trustee Dr. Robert Browning pastored the First Baptist Church in Somerset, also once pastored by General Green Clay Smith.

Johnson collected many gifts for the Institute. The debt on the Institute was paid, the building completed and enlarged, a boarding hall was added, and nearly \$50,000 was secured for the endowment.

But Johnson's travels and his rigorous routine began to take their toll on his health, and he was forced to leave the Institute and the church. He asked those who had made pledges to the Institute to pay them as quickly as possible and for those who hadn't given yet, he pled that they would.

The July 21, 1892 edition of the *Western Recorder* reported that Johnson said, "The work has been hard and fatiguing, and almost completely prostrated me. I have gone several

days without getting but one meal and no sleep at all. I never stopped for the weather, but took it as it came; but the Lord was with me, and, upon the whole, I enjoyed it. I feel that I have many friends wherever I have gone whom I shall remember with the greatest pleasure."

COPPER PENNIES

One can imagine Johnson on horseback, wading streams, crossing turbulent rivers, climbing mountains in the rain, snow, and sleet, raising money, and begging for the Institute. Johnson reported: "My heart swells with gratitude when I think of those little boys and girls all over the state who gave me their last copper or made pledges and are now doing little jobs to pay them."

Johnson wanted to make life better for the mountain youngsters by providing educational opportunities. He lived his motto: "Nothing can happen to a person so bad as to have done wrong, nothing so good as to have done right."

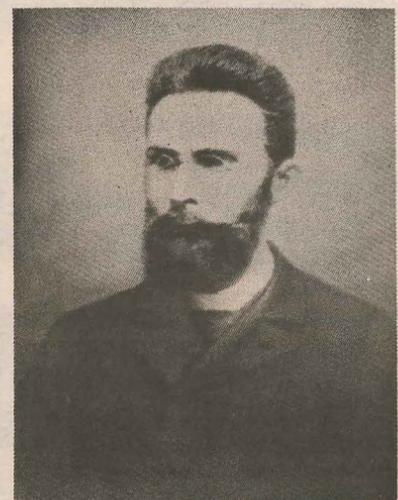
STUDENTS WORK TO MAKE ENDS MEET

Early in the history of the school, pleas were made for assistance to help meet the needs of the students. These youngsters wanted to work but funds were insufficient to meet all the needs. History reflects Cumberland's work ethic in William James Johnson's words:

Think of the sacrifice our students are making to come here. We have some who are living on forty cents a week and are dependent on working nights and mornings to make it, and, if they fail, they have either to beg, starve, or leave. Most of them leave. Several are doing their own cooking and washing while working and studying. Many are working around people's houses for their board, girls cooking, washing, etc. Yet

this year over fifty have been turned away because no accommodations could be furnished them. . . . They are now turning their imploring eyes to you saying, 'Help us.' Will you not do it? How my heart has bled within me as bright boys and girls from their distant mountain homes have come to me and said, 'Can't you find some place for us to stay and work our way through school?' I had to answer 'No' and see them turn sad and pale, leave for their poor, lonely homes, perhaps never to be heard of again, if so to be outlaws or desperados, lost to their country.

Pleas Jones, in "Legend and Lore" in the November 3, 1983 edition of *The Whitley Republican*, mentions that Professor "Evans said that Johnson 'poured out his soul unto death, pleading with Kentucky Baptists for help.'" Jones goes on to say that it is likely that Johnson's illness and subsequent death were probably a direct result of his work to raise funds for the Institute.



WILLIAM JAMES JOHNSON

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