

Cumberland College breaks ground for P. E. center

by Jack Sanford, Editor

Ground was broken Mar. 8 for a new convocation and physical education center on the campus of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.

The ground-breaking ceremony was one of the major events scheduled during the college's centennial year. The centennial celebration will continue through 1988.

Principal speaker during the celebration was former Governor Bert T. Combs, a Cumberland College graduate. In his remarks Governor Combs called himself "typical" of the 10,000 alumni of the college, though he granted he had achieved more "notoriety" than most of the others.

Combs expressed personal gratitude to the founders and those who have helped build "the largest private educational institution" in Kentucky. He declared, "In my mind Cumberland College is the best."

Other persons who spoke briefly were William Marshall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; Bill Roberts, President of the college's Church Relations Advisory Board; Judge Eugene E. Siler, Jr, a trustee of the college; Marcella Mountjoy, Williamsburg City Council member; and Jack Sanford, Editor of Western Recorder.



Dignitaries, including former governor Bert T. Combs, William Marshall and James Taylor, gather to share small talk prior to groundbreaking.

Cumberland President, James H. Taylor, said the convocation and physical center was made possible by generous friends of the college who gave substantial gifts for construction of the building. Among those generous gifts was one for \$1 million dollars. Other large gifts

included one for \$500,000, another for \$350,000 and still another for \$300,000. Total cost of the building is \$4.2 million.

The new structure will be the largest building on the campus, containing approximately 100,000 square feet. It will provide the college the opportunity for

the entire faculty, administration and student body to gather in a single place for worship, entertainment and other events.

The center will include an auditorium/gymnasium for convocations and basketball games, a swimming pool, recreation center, weight room and training and dressing facilities.

The building will contain 7100 square feet of classroom space in seven classrooms.

Trustees of the college will meet Tuesday, Mar. 15 to review final plans. Construction bids are due Apr. 12 and construction should begin one week later. Estimated date for occupancy is 18 months after the beginning of construction.

A highlight of the day was the presentation of a new history of the college written by Taylor. Called, "A Bright Shining City Set on A Hill," it is the story of Cumberland College from its beginning in a "weatherbeaten" country church to the present. The church where the original founders met was part of the Mt. Zion Association.

A copy of the book was given to each of the Church Relations Advisory Board members, each of the program participants and other friends of the college. Copies of the book are available from the college.

CP bolts ahead of inflation rate

Southern Baptists' conventionwide budget has bolted past the U. S. inflation rate for the first time this fiscal year.

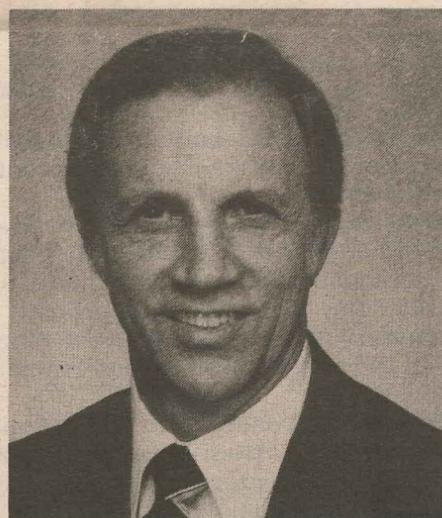
Record February receipts pushed the national Cooperative Program total to \$56,862,761 for the first five months of the 1987-88 fiscal year, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the executive committee.

The year-to-date total is 5.12 percent ahead of the total for the similar period a year ago, Bennett said. That compares to a current inflation rate of about 4.5 percent.

Weak returns in November and December had pushed the Cooperative Program's year-to-date total below re-

ceipts for the first quarter of 1986-87. The program strengthened in January, when monthly receipts surpassed \$15 million for the first time. And February receipts totaled \$11,232,757, or 11.98 percent ahead of February 1987, Bennett reported.

The gain—slightly ahead of inflation and a small increase in "real dollars"—is bittersweet, Tim A. Hedquist, executive committee president for business and finance, said: "We should rejoice in this figure, but let's keep it in perspective. One-half of 1 percent over cost-of-living is not going to go far to help our boards and agencies accomplish Bold Mission Thrust," he said. "But it helps us get back on budget." (BP)



Gisler

Albert Gisler resigns Danville pastorate

Albert Gisler resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association, effective Apr. 3.

Gisler has been pastor of the Danville church the past 11 years. He recently underwent successful surgery which removed pressure from two collapsed cervical vertebrae from the spinal nerve center. He stated the surgery "ended a five year struggle" and has given him a new lease on life.

Gisler has served churches and associations in Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee. He has been widely used in area-wide and church revivals.

His future plans include work in short-term ministries such as revivals, supply and interim preaching, Bible studies and conferences. He has had specialized experience in singles ministries.

In his letter of resignation to the church Gisler said, "We are open to a future pastorate but feel God presently leading to more short-term ministries." He asked his congregation to "please pray that God will give us a vital and effective ministry as we step into the unknown future depending totally on him."

Gisler is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. The Stanford, Ky., native will continue to live in his home in Danville.

"Beyond this time" exceeds \$3 million

by Robin Oldham

Gifts and pledges to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Beyond This Time campaign for endowment have exceeded the \$3 million goal, declared Eldred Taylor, executive director of KBHC.

The goal was surpassed several weeks ago when an anonymous donor pledged \$300,000 to the campaign to help abused, abandoned and neglected children. That gift, added to the hundreds of others made by KBHC friends, brings the total commitments to more than \$3 million.

Taylor spoke of his gratitude to God and to God's people for responding to the needs of hurting children in such an inspiring way.

Taylor observed: "There were days in 1987 when the goal seemed almost unreachable and I wondered if we were trying to reach too high. However, my faith in God and Kentucky Baptists re-

mained strong and I felt certain Baptists' great love for children would lead us to reach the goal. I am thankful for the tremendous response that helped us go beyond the goal."

The Beyond This Time campaign was announced during the 1986 KBC meeting in Elizabethtown. At that time Taylor said advance commitments amounted to \$700,000.

Throughout 1987 Taylor and other KBHC staff members traveled across Kentucky telling the story of Baptist Homes for Children and sharing the need for a strong endowment.

More than 2600 persons attended 31 campaign dinners last year. Additionally 75 training sessions involving 1100 volunteer workers were held across the state in 1987.

In expressing his appreciation, Taylor vowed, "I praise God for every worker, donor and every dollar given or pledged. These gifts are playing a major role in helping hurting children now and Beyond This Time."

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Correction

Last week Western Recorder listed Bill Jagers as director of the direct missions department of the KBC. This is incorrect and we apologize for this error. Bob Jones is director of the department and Jagers is associate director.

sanford's perspectives

What's ahead for WMU?



Jack D. Sanford

Woman's Missionary Union will celebrate 100 years of service to Southern Baptists this year at the place of its beginning, Richmond, Va.

This must be an occasion of great and joyful celebration since WMU has kept the fire of missions alive in our hearts all these years. However, some new and serious rumblings among us should call all of us to somber and careful reflection on the future of this great missionary organization.

First among the concerns we note is the proposed "marriage" between WMU and the Home Mission Board. Surely HMB President Larry Lewis meant well and considered such a marriage the perfect answer for bold missionary thrust in America when he suggested it early this year. We attribute no sinister motive to this man who has declared his intention to push strongly to win American cities to Christ.

But the question in many minds is simply this: Could WMU survive as a viable organization if "wedded" to the HMB, under the direction of the trustees of the board and subject to the control of the board? It is something to think about.

Another concern is reflected in remarks made by Paige Patterson to students at Southern Seminary (page 6, this issue). His remarks have been made available to Western Recorder through a press release from Pat Cole, Southern Seminary.

Patterson said he felt the present arrangement, which considers WMU an auxiliary of the convention, was "discriminatory toward women." Patterson's suggestion that WMU be given full agency status with a board of trustees elected by the SBC sounds like a gentlemanly gesture toward these

dedicated women. It even appears to be a supportive statement meant to honor WMU.

The question we raise seems logical: Why change an organization which has functioned with harmony and fervor for 100 years by putting the group under control of others? This looks like a way to jeopardize the freedom and creativity of these women in a day among Southern Baptists when women in ministry are subject to all kinds of discriminatory action. We do not question the motive of Patterson.

But we do question the wisdom of placing WMU in a position to be manipulated by a board of trustees elected by the SBC at a time when many board members of other institutions and agencies have been accused of bringing a pre-arranged agenda to the institution or agency. This certainly would not bode well for missionary education if WMU found itself in the midst of the power struggle now so apparent in many of our organizations.

Larry Lewis and Paige Patterson may be sincere and believe what they suggest is the best way to go. The leadership of WMU owe it to themselves and to thousands of other Southern Baptists to think carefully and prayerfully before they agree to such radical changes.

A free, autonomous, mission-minded organization whose purpose is to spread the word among lost people is what WMU is now. Let it stay that way and let all of us help the effort among WMU by prayerful support, not organizational change which could squelch the freedom and spirit of these dedicated Christian women.

Lest we forget

A glance at the Alaska Baptist Messenger, news-journal of the Alaska Baptist Convention, called to mind the days that were.

What prompted this nostalgic reverie was a picture of home missionary Rick Hale baptizing his son Jeremiah in a galvanized bath tub in their Alaska home. The paragraph beneath the picture declared that whoever coined the phrase "necessity is the mother of invention" must have lived in Alaska.

The text went on to state there are no swimming pools, jacuzzies, traditional bath tubs or rivers available in winter for baptizing. Hence the invention of an indoor method.

All of this called to mind the first time we baptized a convert. The baptistry was a concrete box under the pulpit without a drain or a faucet. Water was carried to the box and then pumped out onto the ground when the service was over. A winter baptizing in that church was a torture test of endurance and immunity to cold germs. It was freezing!

Now we see the hardships of missionaries even in our own land and we simply call Kentucky Baptists back to the days when all of us were a little less sophisticated, a little less affluent and a lot more dependent upon each other and God than many of us are today.

This nostalgic sojourn into days gone by serves to remind us that many of our brothers and sisters are serving Christ in less than ideal climates, with less than ideal provision and with much too little attention from us at home.

We may never be able to change the climate of Alaska, nor open swimming pools for baptism in that glorious state. But we can put into the hands of people like Rick Hale the equipment, the resources and the money to advance the work of Christ. We can do this through generous offerings to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Not many of us go down into a cold baptismal pool these days, but most of us can remember what it was like. With that memory in mind let us open our hearts and our purses to share the blessing God has bestowed upon us with our friends scattered across our land. The least we can do is give generously, pray fervently and be ready to help in any way we can when an opportunity to advance the gospel in our beloved America presents itself.

We are brothers with Rick Hale and though we shiver thinking of cold baptismal waters we are grateful people like the Hales are ready to go for God, even to a place of harsh climate.

Thanks, Rick, and God's best to you from all Kentucky Baptists.

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mountains to the mississippi

ordinations

Harold Killen was ordained a deacon by Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Bracken Association. Wayne Riggs is pastor of the church.

Dennis Norvel was ordained to the gospel ministry by Briensburg Baptist Church, Blood River Association, upon his call to serve as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association. Charles C. Brasher, Jr. is pastor of the church.

David Napier was ordained to the gospel ministry by Jones Creek Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association. Gerald Jones is pastor of the church.

Art DeWeese, Larry Hamilton, and Johnny Roberts were ordained as deacons by Oaklawn Baptist Church, West Union Association. Ernest Carpenter is pastor of the church.

Erlanger Baptist greets minister to deaf mission

Sunday, Feb. 28 Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, realized the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream. The dream began more than 20 years ago when a former pastor, Keith Lagesse, whose daughter was deaf, sought the help of Mr. and Mrs. Gagie Pidcock for signing in Sunday school and worship services. That ministry grew through the years with the Pidcock's daughter, Maxine Brown, and others learning and taking part in the ministry to the deaf. The ministry has now become a mission.

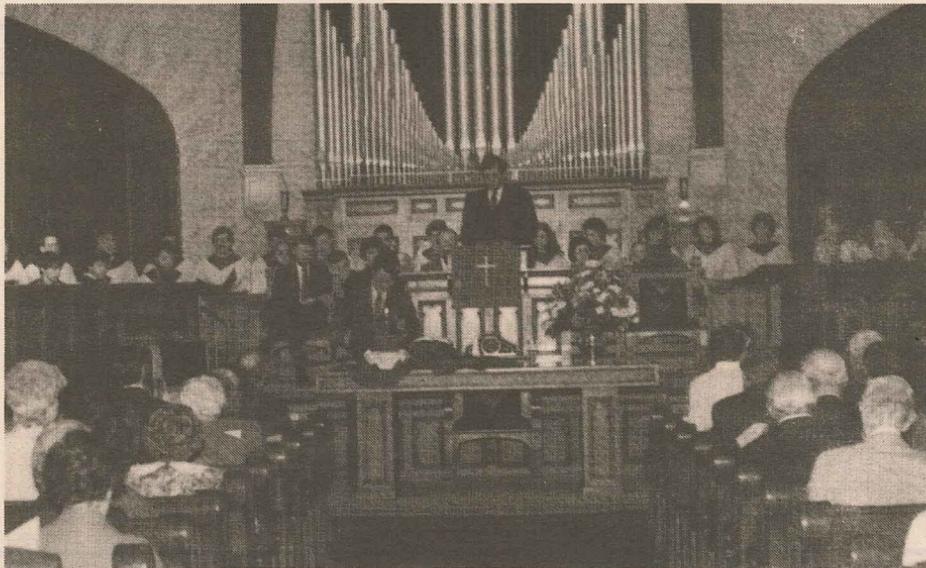
Current pastor William Crosby welcomed Timothy Bender as pastor of the deaf mission.

Bender, 33, a native of Portland, Oreg., is a graduate of California Baptist College and Golden Gate Seminary. He has had extensive church and denominational experience in the deaf community, including work with Hayward Deaf Chapel while attending school.

Bender and his wife, Linda, will make their home in Erlanger, but they hope the ministry will extend far beyond the corporate limits of the town. Sunday school and worship services for the deaf are conducted in the fellowship hall of the church simultaneously with services for the hearing audience.



Erlanger Baptist pastor William Crosby (left) welcomes Timothy Bender as pastor of deaf mission.



Pastor Phil Christopher places a candle on a communion table filled with symbolic gifts presented to him by the members of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, as Welton Gaddy (behind pulpit) looks on.

missions

William and LaVerne Arnold, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 113 N. Main St., Lawrenceburg, KY 40342). Natives of Kentucky, he is from Louisville and she is the former LaVerne Hutchens of Bowling Green. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, resigned in 1967 and reappointed in 1984.

personnel

Robert H. Long resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, West Kentucky Association, to accept a call as pastor of First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ga., thus concluding a five year ministry in Clinton. Long is a Graves County native, a graduate of Murray State University and New Orleans Seminary.

David Butler has been called as pastor of Springdale Baptist Mission, Long Run Association. The new mission is sponsored by Ninth and O Baptist Church. Laverne Butler is pastor of the sponsoring church.

Donnie Blick has been called as pastor of Mt. Washington Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

Stanley Matthews has been called as pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Glyndle Feagin has been called as pastor of East Audubon Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Ted Morgan has been called as pastor of East Pittsburg Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

James Lawson has resigned as pastor of Green Road Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Don Lay has been called as pastor of Ryans Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association.

Dennis Powers has been called as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Ray Kuszmaul has been called as pastor of Hardyville Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Highland Baptist Church, Louisville installed **Philip L. Christopher** as its fifteenth pastor Feb. 28.

As a part of the service of worship and commitment, members of Highland bestowed their new pastor with a Bible, salt, bread, a compass and a light symbolizing corporate worship, the church's witness, pastoral care, leadership and individual growth.

Program personalities included John Lepper, director of Family Ministry and Church Administration, Kentucky Baptist Convention; John Saunders, Church Development director, Long Run Baptist Association; Roy L. Honeycutt, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Welton Gaddy, chaplain, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Christopher, a native of San Antonio, Tex., is a graduate of Baylor University, Southern Seminary and Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. He goes to Highland from the senior pastor position at Northwest Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla.

Jack Geurin has been called as pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, North Concord Association. The church has petitioned the association for readmission.

Clifford Morris has resigned as pastor of Twentieth Street Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Jim Corbett resigned as minister of music and education at Red House Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

W. L. Knight has resigned as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Chad Garrison resigned as youth minister at Hillsdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to accept the call as youth minister at Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, Ga.

congregations

Blue Ball Baptist Church paid in full a note against the parsonage. The house was built with volunteer labor from the congregation but money was borrowed for materials. The debt was paid in less than five years. Bob Gray is pastor of the church; Charles Duncan, chairman of trustees; Bill Howey, chairman of construction, and Karen Webster, church treasurer.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Larger lessons

Awfully back my daughter requested help in deciphering her algebra homework. Algebra is one of those subjects I don't understand now and didn't understand when I took it. The way I saw it in high school, algebra was the punishment teachers inflicted on pupils for the things they regretted from their own childhoods.

How well I remember Mr. Sinclair and his one algebra class, for I was in it. Mr. Sinclair was the high school shop teacher. He could have been a master craftsman in cabinet making or wood carving, yet chose to teach.

We had some other algebra teachers. But when more students signed up for algebra—a required college preparatory course—than there were classes, somebody got the notion that—since Mr. Sinclair didn't carry a full load in shop classes—he could fill his day with one period of algebra.

But Mr. Sinclair didn't get a secondary teaching certificate in math. Solution: the other algebra teachers would tell him what he needed to know. (He told us that.) Trouble was, he couldn't communicate an algebraic expression!

The best illustration of this was a 13-week spell when he discovered almost nobody understood two pages in the book's middle. He decided to cover those pages until everyone mastered them. He gave a daily test on them for weeks. We earned lots of *F*'s in the process, with 60 percent of the class (including yours truly) flunking the course.

When it was time for summer school and a repeat of the course, whom did the board of education assign to instruct the city's only first year algebra class? Mr. Sinclair. But in the intervening weeks, somebody had taught him how to communicate those two troublesome pages. I breezed through it, gaining a *B* for my summer effort.

I remember asking my parents what good algebra was. Their responses didn't convince me then and wouldn't persuade me now.

I'll probably never understand how x can equal y . I'm still not certain a writer has to know that. But I can attest to two things I gained from my experience in algebra: 1. Discipline is not all bad. 2. There are some things you must do you would rather not.

I had to bear down to get that *B* in algebra. But I didn't die from it. It helped me prepare for a lifetime of things I had just as soon pass up, about which I had little as soon.

Life is that way. Sometimes we can't see the forest for the trees. But from a distance we find some larger lessons we never appreciated when we stood so close. The perspective of time can make things crystal clear. For such a hidden benefit, I am grateful.

baptist news in brief

State presidents call SBC Day of Prayer



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clear creek comment

Perseverance

Not too long ago one of our students reached a point. Opportunities for service were lacking, grades were low and finances were awful. I urged him to 'hang in there' and trust the Lord who had called him and brought him to Clear Creek. I am pleased to report that he won his battle with doubt and depression.

Life is not easy and living for the Lord is not easy. However, I am reminded of a verse in Proverbs, "A just man falleth seven times and riseth up again" (24:16) God wants us to persevere and he helps us to 'keep on keeping on.' Someone has said that a great oak is only a little nut that held his ground.

That perseverance is another name for success. Great works are performed more by perseverance than by strength. Longfellow said, "The heights by great men reached and kept/they were not attained by sudden flight/But they, while their companions slept/Were toiling upwards in the night."

By perseverance the snail reached the ark, and d'Urfey humorously illustrated the 'never say die' spirit by stating, "Take never the first refusal ill/Though now she won't, anon she will." Perseverance means continued effort and continued effort always means victory.

Sir Island Churchill taught an entire world perseverance in World War II. He said, "We shall not fail or falter; we shall not weaken or tire. Neither the sudden shock of battle, nor the long-drawn trials of vigilance and exertion will wear us down. Give us the tools and we will finish the job!"

A stone quarry becomes a skyscraper by perseverance and the course of history is changed by this same quality. Perseverance bounds oceans and levels mountains by the slight force of human beings. Victory belongs to perseverance. Much rain wears the marble and God blesses those who press on in his work!

We shall build on!

"We shall build on!/On through the cynic's scorning/On through the coward's warning/On through the cheat's suborning/We shall build on!/Firm on the Rock of Ages/Cry of saints and sages/Laugh while the tempest rages/We shall build on!/Christ, though my hands be bleeding/Fierce though my flesh be pleading/Still let me see Thee leading/Let me build on!"

G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

Presidents of state Baptist conventions have called for a day of prayer for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, but they have declined to throw their support behind a consensus candidate for president.

The presidents of 18 state conventions and one fellowship, during a late February breakfast meeting in Nashville, adopted a four-part statement "in the hope of promoting unity through the convention and creating a prayerful climate for San Antonio," Tex., after hearing a plea from peace committee vice chairman Charles Pickering of Laurel,

Miss., that the presidents take the lead in "getting behind consensus candidates for president and vice presidents" of the SBC.

Although no vote was taken, most of the presidents expressed reservations about becoming involved in Pickering's proposal to support a consensus candidate. They did, however, without opposing vote, adopt the four-part statement calling the convention to prayer.

In their statement, the presidents voted to "encourage every Southern Baptist to give priority to the proclamation of the lordship of Jesus Christ...

(and to) encourage and promote a spirit of peace on all levels of the SBC."

The statement also calls on every church in the convention "to declare the first Sunday in June, 1988 (June 5) as a day of prayer for the San Antonio meeting." The 1988 annual meeting of the SBC will be in the Henry Gonzales Convention Center June 14-16.

The statement also says that on Monday, June 13 at 10 p.m., "the Conference of State Presidents will host a prayer meeting in the spiritual pursuit of unity and of the Lord's guidance during the convention." (BP)

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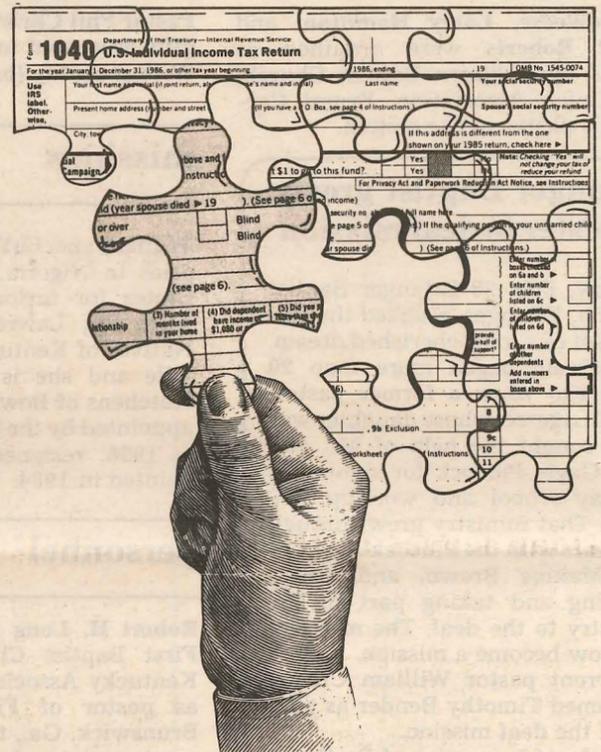
Conference Leader: Dr. Lamar Barden, LaCar Professional Services, Rome, Georgia



Dr. Barden is the author of "The Minister's Tax System" published in 1979 and updated each year. His company, LaCar Professional Services, specializes in Financial Service for Ministers. He has prepared hundreds of income tax returns for ministers and church staff, and has led numerous conferences for associations and churches on tax matters.

In addition to his financial planning work, he is a bivocational pastor, serving the Second Avenue Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia.

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Baptist leaders respond to SBC presidents

Five Southern Baptist leaders from diverse sides of the denomination responded to varying degrees of agreement to a recent news conference conducted by the current and two former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, said he "agrees with everything they said," and commented: "My basic impression, having heard the presentation and then read the statement, is that they, as the four most immediate presidents, were trying to clarify their own position and what they felt to be the conservative position as a whole."

Lloyd Elder, Baptist Sunday School Board president, said he discussed his reactions with the three SBC presidents "individually and face-to-face" after the news conference.

He said it is "not so much that I misunderstand them. It is more that I do understand but do not agree with everything they have to say, and I am happy for the proud Baptist right to say so." He added he does not "take much issue" with the statement issued by the four presidents, but disagrees with "the thrust and implications...of (their) philosophical stance and political methodology. That tends to divide 'conservatives' from 'conservatives' and makes it more difficult to pull together as a family."

Sheridan leaves HMB over Jewish theology

George J. Sheridan, who for 13 years has worked with Jewish people through the Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department, is leaving the agency because of theological differences concerning evangelizing Jewish people.

Sheridan, northeast regional director of the Interfaith Witness Department based in Union, N. J., has declined a transfer to the board's Atlanta office.

The decision to transfer Sheridan was made by the HMB administration because of his theological position with respect to evangelizing Jewish people, HMB president Larry L. Lewis said, adding, the decision was made after a lengthy and involved administrative process spanning more than a year.

In a letter summarizing his views on the salvation of the Jews, Sheridan wrote to HMB administrators last July saying he did not believe Jews needed a personal faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved.

"I believe the Jews of today, as ever, receive salvation through their having been chosen by God in covenant with Abraham, Moses and the prophets," Sheridan wrote. "I find in the entire Christian Bible no hint that God cancels out loving kindness previously dispensed or promised."

Lewis said Sheridan's views are not consistent with the theological position of the board or with the beliefs of the majority of Southern Baptists. "We believe that salvation is offered by God freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and savior," Lewis said. "We believe Jesus is the son of God who died on the cross for the sins of all mankind, including the Jews. The Bible teaches there is no other way to salvation except through a personal faith in Jesus Christ." (BP)

R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, said he agrees with Rogers "and his statement of regret that the denomination has become so politicized. I think that is a tragedy. It is becoming increasingly difficult for a person to express a sincere concern without it being taken politically."

He added: "I must confess to being a little confused by some of the things said. They say we have a theological problem, but then say the vast majority of Southern Baptists agree theologically. I don't understand how we can identify the problem as being theological if such a tiny minority is in disagreement."

Paul Pressler was mentioned by name in the question-and-answer session. Rogers was asked if the leaders were "putting distance" between themselves and other high-visibility conservative leaders.

Rogers said, "This is not an attempt to put distance between us and Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler...I thank

Smith, Vines, Draper, Patterson headline soul-winning conference

Former Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey Smith brought a three-day conference on soul-winning to the St. Louis area in late February.

The conference program was loaded with preachers identified with conservative views in the SBC. But Smith assured the conference crowd, "We don't want any hint of politics on one side or the other" during the conference.

In addition to Smith, a full time evangelist based in Atlanta, other nationally-known conservatives on the program included Jerry Vines, copastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., who has been announced as a possible conservative candidate for SBC president this year; former SBC president James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.; and Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College, Dallas.

Early in the conference, Smith announced the availability of subscription forms for The SBC Cause, which he described as "a new, positive magazine"

God for Paige and Paul and all of the people who have been part of the conservative resurgence."

Pressler said, "There has been a concerted effort in the rumor mill to try to divide conservatives because we love and appreciate each other and we work together. We do not allow propaganda by the liberals to cause disharmony in our ranks."

Eldridge Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sallisaw, Okla., and an SBC Executive Committee member, represented the Southern Baptist Advocate, which he said is a publication of "advocacy journalism in support of the conservative resurgence."

"I think the news conference helped focus attention back on what the real issue is, which is the nature of scripture," he said. "I think it was an effort to draw us back to the real issue. It is not women's ordination, not dispensational premillennialism, not right-wing politics. It is centered around what the Bible is." (BP)

that "I think will be a blessing to you."

The magazine, scheduled to begin publication this spring, will feature a "National Directory of Conservative Southern Baptist Churches" in each edition. Printed material available at Smith's conference said the directory will allow readers "to identify and locate strong, conservative, Bible-believing churches all across America."

Among requirements for churches to be listed in the directory are that the pastor "must believe in the inerrancy of holy scripture" and that churches must contribute \$25 or more monthly to The SBC Cause "to help advance God's kingdom through the conservative movement."

Other conference speakers included Southern Baptist pastors Bobby Boyles, Morris Chapman, Stan Coffey, Ronnie Floyd, O. S. Hawkins, Richard Lee and Ike Reighard; evangelists Manley Beasley, Sam Cathey, Junior Hill, David Ring and Bill Stafford; and Liberty University vice president Sumner Wemp. (BP)



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I want to ask you to consider this question: how will this vital support be provided when these faithful soldiers of the cross are called home to heaven? As I see the situation, there are two answers to this question. One is to keep enlisting new persons who will step in and fill their shoes. This requires that we constantly tell of the needs of children and lay on the hearts of God's people the need to sacrifice for these hurting children. Another way is for more people to perpetuate their annual giving by providing an endowment or trust. This can be done either through a will or an insurance policy.

For more than 40 years my wife and I have been supporting this ministry through the annual Thanksgiving Offering, increasing our gift as we have grown older. In addition, we also contribute to the summer camp and recreation needs, back-to-school expenses and the Founders Club. Now the question: how can we still give this support when we are no longer here? We found the answer. Last week we delivered to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children an insurance policy, the value of which will go into endowment at our death. At that time it will begin earning money which will go into the current fund to care for children. Those earnings, at our death, will be equal to or more than our current annual contributions.

The arrangement we have made gives us the assurance that our regular support will continue until Jesus returns. This also means that gifts from new supporters will go toward meeting the increasing needs of children. I hope you will think about a way to perpetuate your annual giving for children.

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baptist news in brief

SBC moderate leaders want to return to roots

Describing the Southern Baptist convention as a denomination "that is wounded, in turmoil and in pain," seven moderate leaders issued a call for prayer and "a return to the priorities and principles that have characterized this denomination from its beginnings."

A two-page "press statement" and letter from W. Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Tex., and former first vice president of the SBC, were sent to Baptist state papers, Baptist Press and other news media Mar. 3.

Joining Moore in the statement were

John F. Baugh, Houston, Laity For...the Baptist Faith and Message; W. Henry Crouch, Charlotte, N. C., Southern Baptist Alliance; George W. Steincross, Liberty, Mo., steering committee, SBC Forum; James H. Slatton, pastor, River Road Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Libby S. Bellinger, Waco, Tex., SBC Women in Ministry; and Walker Knight, Decatur, Ga., editor, SBC Today.

The statement charged that for the last 10 years, "this denomination has been subjected to the 'takeover' efforts of Paul Pressler, Paige Patterson and other fundamentalist leaders."

"They have stated openly that they would 'go for the jugular' of our convention, that they would take control and enforce their views, and they have done so," the statement adds.

The statement asks a series of questions about the present condition of the denomination. "Are we better off?" it asks. "Are we united, consecrated to the task of winning people to Jesus Christ? Or are our efforts being directed away from Christian witness to control... lockstep... to conforming to the religious and often to the political views of a small and radical group of leaders?"

The statement asks if Southern Baptists are now a better witness for Christ; better off in media coverage; on secondary campuses; on convention boards "stacked with people who march to one tune"; in a mission effort where one of the boards is "torn with controversy and bitterness"; in enhanced fellowship; healthier churches and associations.

"This denomination is on the verge of neutralizing its great witness to a lost world," the statement claims. "So we call for prayer; prayer that our demonization might renew its commitment to working together in missions, in evangelism, education and ministry; prayer that we might once again be a people under the leadership of God's Spirit."

Urging a "new direction," the state-

ment said it is not "the Baptist way," to focus on control instead of ministry; to minimize the priesthood of the believer; to hold up a high priestly authoritarian concept of ministry instead of a servanthood model; to depreciate the service of women; to tamper with the authority of the local church; to try to manipulate local church pulpits; to flirt with creedalism; to let the denomination be used for secular political purposes; or for people to present themselves as speaking for all Baptists. (BP)

Justice, human dignity fuels anti-porn efforts

The religious community's battle against pornography should grow out of a commitment to justice and a concern for human dignity, said N. Larry Baker, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Baker told participants at a national Religious Alliance Against Pornography conference that anti-pornography efforts should not stem from an antisexual theology or an attempt to make society in to the religious community's own image or a narrow social or political agenda.

Rather, he said, a concern about the family, people, children, character and the cause of the underdog should be the shaping conviction behind actions in the fight against pornography. (BP)

SEBTS nominee meets faculty, students

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary students, faculty and administrators were introduced Feb. 29-Mar. 1 to Lewis A. Drummond, the seminary search committee's nominee to succeed W. Randall Lolley as president of the Wake Forest, N. C., school.

During his visit to the Southeastern campus Drummond, professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., stressed his role as a "reconciling agent" who can help the seminary "catch the vision again."

The function of a seminary is the same as the church—to further the cause of Jesus Christ in the world," Drummond

told students. "We need to hone our sword to a sharp edge intellectually, but we also have to know how to use it. We're derelict in our duty if we don't try to enhance students' spiritual experiences while they're here."

In response to a question concerning women seminary faculty members, Drummond said: "God willing, if... I become the next administrator of this institution, we're going to have the best people with the best theological competence and the best spirit for your sake—men, women, black, white, young, old.

"God doesn't draw those kinds of lines. Who on earth am I to draw any kind of lines?" (BP)

Patterson advocates WMU changes

The Woman's Missionary Union should be given agency status and a board of trustees elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, according to a leader in the denomination's conservative movement.

Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas, told students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary operation of the WMU within the SBC without agency status is "discriminatory toward women."

The WMU, with offices in Birmingham, Ala., is celebrating its centennial anniversary as an auxiliary to the SBC. It receives no funding through the convention's Cooperative Program unified budget.

"I, for one, would advocate that we make them a full-scale agency, and that we give them a board of trustees and that board of trustees function exactly like the boards of all the other (SBC) institutions and agencies," Patterson said at a meeting of the Student Evangelical Forum on the seminary's Louisville campus.

Patterson's comments came in response to a question about his position on a "marriage proposal" between the WMU and the Home Mission Board. In January, HMB president Larry Lewis proposed that the agencies work in such close partnership that their relationship would be like a marriage. Patterson said he is not an "advocate" of a merger between WMU and the HMB, but he added he would not be opposed to it if "that's the turn it should take."

Patterson also fielded several questions regarding his stance on women in ministry.

Asked whether a person could be a biblical inerrantist and believe women can be pastors, Patterson acknowledged some inerrantists believe the Bible permits women to be pastors. The question of inerrancy deals with the "theology of the Bible" while the issue of women as

pastors falls within the category of interpretation of the Bible, he said.

Patterson said he believes the Bible forbids women from serving in the "pastoral ministry." The pastoral ministry involves those who are "charged with the oversight of the church" and who function as the "primary teacher in the church," he said.

Patterson said he not only agreed with the policy from a theological standpoint, but he also surmised that most Southern Baptists do not favor women pastors. "I think you can see that by the lack of general progress of women serving as pastors in the denomination today," he said. (BP)

Powell to be nominated at Pastor's Conference

Phil Lineberger, pastor of Richardson Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., has announced he will nominate Paul Powell, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex., for president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference.

"I have prayed about it and asked Paul for his permission to do it," Lineberger stated. "Paul is a preacher's preacher and has demonstrated it in preaching and writing. Conservative in belief in the Bible as the word of God, Paul has the ability to unite and encourage pastors."

Lineberger said he was announcing his intentions to make the nomination "in order to encourage other pastors to pray about and consider the matter prior to the meeting."

Powell confirmed in a telephone interview with the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptists' weekly newsjournal, that Lineberger had contacted him and asked permission to nominate him for the office. (BP)



Miss Adkinson



Mee



Lee



Miss Hawkins

Church media librarians plan April workshop

by Beth Prassel

KBC Communications Division

Training for church media librarians and for churches seeking to establish media libraries will be provided at the Church Media Library State Workshop, Cedars Baptist Assembly, Apr. 29-30.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Communications Division and the Kentucky Baptist Media Library Association, the workshop will provide opportunities for church media librarians to improve skills for effective media ministries. The workshop begins with registration at 5:30 p.m. Friday and ends at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Gregory L. Hancock, director of the KBC Communications Division, will deliver the keynote address in the opening session Friday night.

Participants will choose one of four base conferences and one of three selective conferences. Base conference topics and leaders include: "For Experienced Directors Only," Jean Adkinson, consultant for the Church Media Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; "The Learn-

ing Team," Keith Mee, manager of the Program and Field Services Section, Church Media Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; "Using Media Effectively: It Can Work for Your Church, Too," Paul Lee, Director of the KBC Media Department; "Promotion Planning: Special Emphasis Weeks," Denise Hawkins, KBC promotions specialist and church media library state consultant. Selective conference topics and leaders include: "Motivating Your Volunteer Staff," Miss Adkinson; "How to Budget," Mee; and "Personal Learning Styles," Miss Hawkins.

The workshop requires a pre-registration fee of \$15, due Apr. 15. Remaining accommodation costs will be paid during the workshop. Rates for two persons (two beds) will be \$30 each; three persons (three beds), \$29 each; four persons (two beds), \$27 each. Fees provide for lodging, linens, three meals, insurance and use of facilities. A workshop program fee of \$6, also paid during the workshop, will provide for refreshment breaks and conference materials. Telephone reservations cannot be accepted.

baptist forum

Baptist Joint Committee needs support

I would like to voice my clear support of the work of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and its director, James. M. Dunn.

It is my opinion Dunn and the agency have well clarified the issues which we are facing today in our relationship between church and state. There seems to be a tendency for a few to presume to speak for the whole.

The action of the Public Affairs Committee in its endorsement of Robert Bork for appointment to the Supreme Court and its recommendation to sever ties with the BJCPA seems more in line with the agenda of a political action committee than representative of conservative Christian citizenship. Such citizenship demands the interest and concern of informed and involved Christian individuals.

However, I believe there is a fine, yet distinguishable, line between Christian citizenship and political power. The power of party politics is seductive and manipulative. Such power should never be utilized by the church or its representative agencies.

Have we forgotten Jesus said those who live by the sword die by the sword? Let us put away our political swords and render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. Let us guard faithfully the historic Baptist principle of separation of church and state.

I know this is a simplistic approach to a complex situation, but would Jesus ever want his church doing battle with political swords in the arena of public government?

Dudley M. Waddle
Drakesboro

Chaplain needs church pews

I serve as one of our Home Mission Board endorsed National Guard chaplains.

We are in need of 20 church pews to set up a chapel in the Louisville Armory. We could also use some pulpit furniture. The advantage we have is that these pews and/or pulpit furniture need not be in any particular condition.

If any church has any extra pews (need not all be the same) perhaps they would donate them to us. We do not have funds to buy them.

My area of responsibility will be to provide, perform and administer chaplain coverage for more than 3000 men throughout the year and during the weeks of annual training. Several chaplains serve with me, some of them students at Southern Seminary.

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Where is the love of Christ?

If there ever was any doubt about the character and objective of the radical inerrantists, recent articles should settle the issue.

Western Recorder, Feb. 16, notes the Southern Baptist Coalition for Biblical Inerrancy plans "to push until the battle is won." That means driving all moderates out of the convention.

In the Feb. 23 issue Homer Lindsay said: "I believe one of these days... they'll quit and give up. I'll...rejoice when the day comes they start pulling out of the convention." How utterly vulgar, vicious and unChristlike!

They proclaim biblical inerrancy and in the same breath totally contradict the principal teaching of its author. Jesus

said, "By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The greatest problem of Christianity has been emphasis on right belief rather than right action, orthodoxy rather than orthopraxy. Here it is once again.

The decline in baptisms is not all those "liberal" pastors; it is due to this venomous, cancerous, Satanic civil war inflicted on the convention. The decline is because we do not love one another. Satan is laughing and Jesus is crying while the world is going to hell.

I'm not going to quit and give up. There will always be a remnant and, if needed, I'll be part of it. Homer, you will never drive me out of the convention. On the other hand, I'm not going to try to drive you out. That's the difference between us. I'm not going to condemn you because you and I do not agree on all points of scriptural interpretation. I will oppose you for what your faction has done and is doing to the cause of Christ—but I will not hate you.

Winfield H. Rose
Murray

Ties with New England Baptists

I grew up in Vermont. My parents, Mervyn and Linda Borders, are Kentuckians who served as home missionaries in the state. When we left Massachusetts in 1970 there was only one Southern Baptist church in the state.

Today, Vermont has 24 churches, chapels and missions, including six Haitian churches in Montreal, Canada.

Kentucky Baptists have had a part in Baptist work in New England. Two families currently pastoring churches in Vermont have Kentucky roots. Over the years several Kentucky churches have sent youth choirs, construction groups and other volunteers. These people held

vacation Bible schools, helped work on buildings and did survey work. Almost every summer a student missionary from Kentucky serves in New England. The love and support of these "missionaries" plays a vital role in helping Baptists in New England share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for informing Kentucky Baptists about the work in New England.

Kevin Borders
Louisville

Appreciation for Jewish friends

I want to express our appreciation for the coverage of the Jewish Christians in the Feb. 23, 1988 issue of Western Recorder.

My wife and I returned from Israel Jan. 30 from a 12 day visit. We always like to visit the Baptist Village, the church and school at Nazareth, the Baptist Book Store in East Jerusalem and attend services at Narkis Street Baptist congregation on Shabbat.

All of these sites and people give us an opportunity to fellowship with believers, both Arab and Jew. We also get to see our Cooperative Program dollars at work on foreign soil.

Upon our return we were invited to Shabbat services at Temple Israel, Paducah, Ky. What a wonderful experience that was. We shared with those dear people of our recent trip and our

love for the people and the land of Israel.

May we all pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Jack R. Studie
Wickliffe

Evangelism conference refreshing

I came to the state Evangelism Conference weary and worn, dragging my heels. God refreshed and revived me as he used the speakers and musicians to lift my spirits and gave me a fresh motivation to make evangelism and missions a continuing number one priority.

Hal Poe's leadership of the conference was outstanding. I felt strongly impressed that he should be the new director of evangelism for Kentucky Baptists. Poe has a doctor's degree in evangelism, has had good experience as pastor and his youth communicates an image of energy and idealism that we need for our work in Kentucky.

C. Hoge Hockensmith
Lexington

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.

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Southern Baptist WMU Annual Meeting

June 12-13, 1988

Henry Gonzales Convention Center Theater

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Theme: "A Future to Fulfill"

Sunday Afternoon, June 12, 1988

1:50 Pre-session Music: Letha Crouch, organist, San Antonio, Tex.; Ruth M. Wood, pianist, Phoenix, Ariz.

2:00 Invocation: "Let Us Come Near to God," Camille Simmons, musician, Auburn Hills, Mich.

Theme Interpretation: A Future to Fulfill

Call to Order: Marjorie McCullough, national WMU president, Alexandria, La.

Hymns: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth,"
"We've a Story to Tell"

Procession of Flags

Bible Study: Christ Opened for Us a New Way

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

Address: Watching Children Grow, C. Sybil Waldrop, manager, preschool foundation curriculum section, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville

Special Music: Hispanic Children's Choir

Feature: Non-traditional Approaches to Missions, Lewis I. Myers Jr., Cooperative Services International, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Hymn: "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

A Year to Celebrate: Executive Board Report Part I, Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director, Birmingham, Ala.

Message: The Dark's A-Creepin', M. Wendell Belew, associate vice president for missions strategy interpretation, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Dedication: "Awake Us to the Challenge of This Hour,"
Camille Simmons

5:00 Prayer Box Supper

Sunday Evening, June 12

6:50 Pre-session Music: Letha Crouch, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

7:00 Invocation: "Let Us Come Near to God," Camille Simmons

Theme Interpretation: A Future to Fulfill

Hymn: "We Thank Thee That Thy Mandate"

Prayer

Premier Production: "Go Forward: The WMU Story"

Feature: Youth in Today's World—How Acteens Activators Did It

Special Music: Agape Singers, San Antonio

A Year to Celebrate: Executive Board Report Part II,

Recognition of Acteens Panelists, Carolyn Weatherford

Address: Master, When Saw We Thee Hungry? Robert M. Parham, Christian Life Commission, Nashville

Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Message: Confront Us with the Needs of Our Generation, Mildred McWhorter, Christian social ministries missionary, Home Mission Board, Houston

Dedication: "Awake Us to the Challenge of This Hour,"
Camille Simmons

9:00 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Dessert Party

Monday Morning, June 13

9:20 Pre-session Music: Letha Crouch, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

9:30 Invocation: "Let Us Come Near to God," Camille Simmons

Theme Interpretation: A Future to Fulfill

Hymns: "O Zion, Haste," "All That Thrills My Soul"

Prayer

Bible Study: By a New and Living Way

Hymn: "Glorious is Thy Name"

Feature: Baptist Young Women Involved in Missions, Marsha Spradlin, national WMU Baptist Young Women consultant, Birmingham

Feature: Missions Interview with the Dickerman family, foreign missionaries, Macao

Hymn: "God, Our Author and Creator"

A Year to Celebrate: Executive Board Report Part III, Carolyn Weatherford

Recognition of Local Committee

Business

Hymn: "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart"

Address: We Have a New Day Before Us, Esther Burroughs, national evangelism consultant with women,

Home Mission Board

Dedication: "Awake Us to the Challenge of This Hour,"
Camille Simmons

12:00 Hermanasphere Ethnic Luncheon

Monday Afternoon, June 13

1:50 Pre-session Music: Letha Crouch, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

2:00 Invocation: "Let Us Come Near to God," Camille Simmons

Theme Interpretation: A Future to Fulfill

Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayer

Bible Study: Let Us Encourage One Another

Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Testimonies: New Ways for Baptist Women, Margaret Sledge, Arcadia, La.; New Directions for Teaching Missions, Marjorie Grober, Little Rock, Ark.

Special Music: Korean Women's Choir

President's Message: Marjorie J. McCullough

A Year to Celebrate: Executive Board Report Part IV, Carolyn Weatherford

Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie"

Dialogue: Baptist Women of the World, Edna Lee de Guiterrez, Women's department president, Baptist World Alliance, Mexico City; Olivia S.D. de Lerin, treasurer, Baptist Women's Union of Latin America, El Paso, Tex.

Dedication: "Awake Us to the Challenge of This Hour,"
Camille Simmons

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6:50 Pre-session Music: Letha Crouch, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

7:00 Invocation: "Let Us Come Near to God," Camille Simmons

Theme Interpretation: A Future to Fulfill

Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayer

Bible Study: Hold Firmly to the Hope We Profess

Hymn: "Hope of the World"

Missionaries Speak: A Church for Everyone, Winford B. Oakes, church planter, Home Mission Board, Dallas; Faith for the Future, Jewell Waldron, foreign missionary, Ethiopia

Hymn: "Have Faith in God"

A Year to Celebrate: Executive Board Report Part V, Carolyn Weatherford

Recognition of Missionaries

Special Music: Macedonia Baptist Church Choir, San Antonio

Address: Looking Toward the 21st Century, William O'Brien, executive vice president, Foreign Mission Board

Hymn: "Anniversary Hymn"

Recession of Flags...Into the Future

Finale on the San Antonio River (BP)

christian education



Georgetown College recently elected new members to its board of trustees: (l to r) Jim Boyd, Lawrenceburg; Wally Montgomery, M. D., Paducah; Vera Angel, Covington; Ken Denton, Ashland; James Trigg Pace, Glasgow; and Mark Scearce, Shelbyville.

Kentuckian earns extension diploma

James F. Baxter, Moorman, has received the Diploma in Pastoral Ministries from the Seminary Extension Independent Study Institute. The pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Moorman, Baxter completed 16 courses to fulfill requirements.

The diploma was presented Feb. 21 at New Hope Baptist by chairman of deacons Robert Bidwell Jr.

The 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.

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 the Bible and other subjects normally included in a theological curriculum.

Professor publishes 2nd chemistry textbook

Georgetown College professor of chemistry, Frank Wiseman has published his second textbook, Organic Chemistry.

The book was released by the McGraw-Hill Publisher Press early in February.

His earlier book, Chemistry in the Modern World, has been adopted by a broad representation of some of American's outstanding undergraduate schools.

Cumberland holds regional science fair

The 1988 southeastern Kentucky regional science fair will be held at Cumberland College Apr. 6. The fair's grand champion will participate in the 39th international science and engineering fair at Knoxville, Tenn. May 8-14.

In addition, Cumberland will award several partial college scholarships.

Students from grades 7-12 are eligible. The southeastern region includes these counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Estill, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, McCreary, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe.

Those wanting information may contact Norman J. Cox, Biology Department, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

Georgetown chorale completes spring tour

The 45 member Georgetown College Chorale made eight concert appearances during its spring tour Mar. 9-13, according to Tony Whitfield, director of the widely traveled group.

The concerts featured works by Giovanni Palestrina, Johann Sebastian Bach, G. V. Lovsky, Anton Bruckner, Charles E. Ives, Hall Johnson and William L. Dawson.

Georgetown's chorale spent three weeks in Europe last summer, marking its second tour of the continent in three years.

The eight tour appearances included First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas; Ft. Thomas Highlands High School; Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville; and Jenkins County High School, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Other concert appearances included Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam; Cadiz Baptist Church, Cadiz; First Baptist Church, Paducah; and Salvisa Baptist Church, Salvisa.

Sears-Roebuck grant benefits Cumberland

Cumberland College recently received a grant from Sears-Roebuck Foundation, according to college president Jim Taylor.

Unrestricted grants totaling more than \$15,000 will be distributed to 20 privately supported colleges and universities in Kentucky by the foundation.

In addition to its grants, the Sears Foundation conducts a variety of programs each year in elementary, secondary and higher education.

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oneida journal

It's that time again!

Spring! It's that time again! March. In this month every year since 1950, Oneida's senior class has gone to our nation's capital. This is our first time to have over 100 seniors. It is the first time we have needed two large buses instead of one. We have had a larger former Greyhound for good trips since 1975. Through the good people of Somerset First Baptist, God provided us with a second used Greyhound in excellent condition several months ago. They were not thinking of our senior trip. Nor were we when we first heard of the bus donation.

But it is just another example of God providing when we have a need, provision having been made almost before we were conscious of the need, prayers answered even before asked for our heavenly father knows of our needs long before we do.

Yes, another senior class will go to Washington, as well as spending two days in colonial Williamsburg. Then there are side trips to colonial Jamestown and Jefferson's architectural wonder, his home, Monticello. The memory of my own OBI class trip to Washington thirty years ago is as fresh as yesterday. The years have gone by so very quickly!

Several weeks ago I was informed by our guidance counselor that over half of our 1988 class will graduate with an extra year of math, an extra year of science, at least two years of a foreign language; and at least one year of music, art or drama over and above state requirements. Think of that! Over half of

our graduates have gone the extra mile, several extra miles, over most of their peers nationwide in their academic preparation. Also keep in mind that every Oneida graduate has had at least one year of Bible study, a course in Appalachian studies and computer literate. These are Oneida requirements over and above those of the public school system.

It's that time again! Yes, it is end of academic quarter testing time. There is a special two-day exam schedule. Students are examined in half their classes on one day, and in the other half the next day. Then the fourth nine-week quarter begins leading to graduation day on May 15.

While the seniors and accompanying adult chaperones are away, the remainder of the school has a much needed spring break. However meaningful such a vacation time is in a public school, it is many times more so in a boarding situation where students and staff are together 24 hours, seven days a week. Everyone needs a respite from one another, a change of pace. Also it is important for our girls and boys to have some time with their respective families. It is equally vital that our staff members have more private, uninterrupted time with their spouses and children.

Yes, it's that time again! The winter sports of basketball, swimming, diving and wrestling have their final competitions in regular season play, district, regional and state tournaments. Several of our swimmers made it all the way to state tourney competition.

One of our senior boys, who came to us six years ago, ranked second in vocal music in the regional competition at Morehead State U. He will have competed in the Academic "Sweet Sixteen" by the time you read this. He has already won \$1000 in scholarship money to the college of his choice.

What time is it! Well it's springtime! Time for baseball, softball, track and field events, tennis and Oneida's newest varsity sport, golf. Spring practice for these began somewhat earlier than normal with unseasonably warm weather.

It is also time for the choir to perform in many places after the winter months of practice. Our band is again on the march. They are practicing their spring numbers and routines for differing events including Knoxville's two-day Dogwood Festival in April.

Already much work is being done preparing for the start of the Oneida summer school program on June 12 and the fall term beginning August 14.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 20, 1988

Life and work series

Commanded to love

Deut. 6:4-5 The children of Israel were to be a peculiar people because they had a unique God. Jehovah, the God of Israel, was the true and living God, unlike the many false gods made by humans. This God is supreme, entitled to our complete and constant devotion; the Lord must be loved with all the heart, soul and might.

Lev. 19:18 A child of God must see to it that hatred does not find any place in his or her heart. Holding a grudge and seeking revenge are foreign to the spirit of Christ and contrary to the will of God. The best safeguard against these sins is strict obedience to the mandate "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We should be just as anxious to avoid injuring others as we are desirous that others shall not injure us, and to help others as we are to have them assist us. God wants us to practice love in all of the relationships of life.

Matt. 22:34-40 The Pharisees selected a young lawyer to ask the Lord Jesus a question about the law. Acting as spokesman for the hostile Pharisees, he asked Christ which of the commandments was the greatest.

Just as in the problem of tribute money, Christ showed that our responsibility is twofold: first to God and sec-

ond to others. God must be first in everything. Only the one who loves God with all his or her heart will be able to love a neighbor as him or herself. Such love is made possible through the grace of God.

John 13:34-35 The old commandment that we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves was not abrogated, but Christ went a step further, telling his followers they were to love one another as he loved them. His love for them was self-denying, all-inclusive and endless.

Without real love for one another, we can never prove to others that we belong to Christ and are truly following him. Genuine love among Christians and selfless love of Christians for those in need is the most effective testimony for Christ.

International series

Jesus in Gethsemane

Matt. 26:36-50 In the darkness of the night, after he had instituted the Lord's Supper, Christ and his disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane. Christ knew that during the night he would be betrayed, arrested and carried away to trial. Feeling a need for human companionship, Christ left eight of his disciples by the entrance of the garden and took with him into the inner recesses the three most intimate—Peter, James and John.

Near the place at which he entered the garden, Christ said to Peter, James and John, "Tarry ye here, and watch with me." Then he went a bit farther and fell on his face praying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

When Christ returned to his three disciples whom he had commanded to "watch," and "pray," he found them fast asleep. They were not helpful to him in his hour of deep sorrow.

To the garden of Gethsemane Judas led the men who were going to arrest Christ and pointed them to the saviour with a kiss of betrayal, according to the agreement which he had made previously with the enemies of the Lord. Christ surrendered without a struggle, making it clear to all who were present that what Judas had done was not any surprise to him.

Even though no one stood by our Lord in Gethsemane the Father was with him. Christ talked with the Father, trusted him implicitly and yielded himself completely to doing his will.



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on mission together

Whispers on a winter walk

The chilly part of the day was returning two Sunday afternoons ago when Alice and I left the house for one of our long walks.

Noting that the wind was rising, we wrapped warmly. We're at the age when gloves and a hat feel good.

Sunday afternoons are quiet in small towns. There you can tell the day is different from the other six. Small-town people can just tell that it's Sunday.

We headed east across the back of Shannon's funeral home parking lot, stopping briefly to pat John Shannon's dog. He's not very pretty but he sure is friendly.

Soon we were into our walking stride heading toward town on Henry Clay street. We passed along in front of one of Shelbyville's nursing care facilities. It was still too cold for folks to sit out front as they often do when the weather

warms.

Some folks go to Florida in winter; some move there permanently after retirement. Most can only afford to stay put, not only in winter but when the winter season of life comes on. Lots of folks just make the best of it, especially those who have family. "I'm glad I've got family! I thought to myself."

The late afternoon sun splashed yellow across the upper torsos of the houses. Chimneys, here and there, blew wood smoke. Someone was burning hickory. A young man broke the afternoon silence with screeching tires. I wondered if he were angry at someone or just eager to get somewhere.

A few blocks down we reversed our directions along another street and soon passed between the tobacco warehouses behind our home. Most folks predict they will be idle in a few years. Farmers speculate with what they will replace tobacco for a cash crop. Not all Baptists like to admit that lots of church work has been carried on through the years

with the earnings from tobacco.

Soon we were over on our night "walking route." The ginger-colored spaniel headed toward us. He always jumps on Alice; seems to know she doesn't like it. He followed a while, then headed back home again.

In another twenty minutes, we were headed home, too. The stillness seemed more pronounced and the wind stronger.

As we passed an empty lot where several oaks stood, I heard it. They were whispering, those trees. The voices were scores of wrinkled leaves, twisted and holding on beyond their time. They had persevered the winter.

I wondered if they knew that already the jonquils and lilies were pushing up in our back yard.

I wondered if they really thought they could hold on forever. I wondered if they would really want to when the new, green leaves would soon surround them.

Maybe they were whispering goodbye, like all of life must someday do.

Kentucky Baptist presence felt at 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics

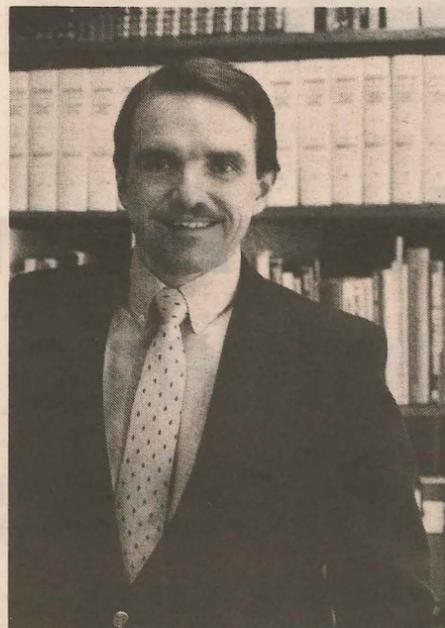
Sonlife team shines on Canadian games



Lorilee Jones and "Danny" with children at Canmore, Alberta, coffee house. Lorilee is a member of Sonlife from Paducah, Ky. She has been in Calgary, Alberta, since last summer.



Lorilee Jones of Paducah gives her testimony about how the Lord helped her through a bout with cancer at Rocky View Hospital, Calgary, Alberta.



Jim Wallace, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Calgary, volunteered this church office to be headquarters for the winter games ministry.



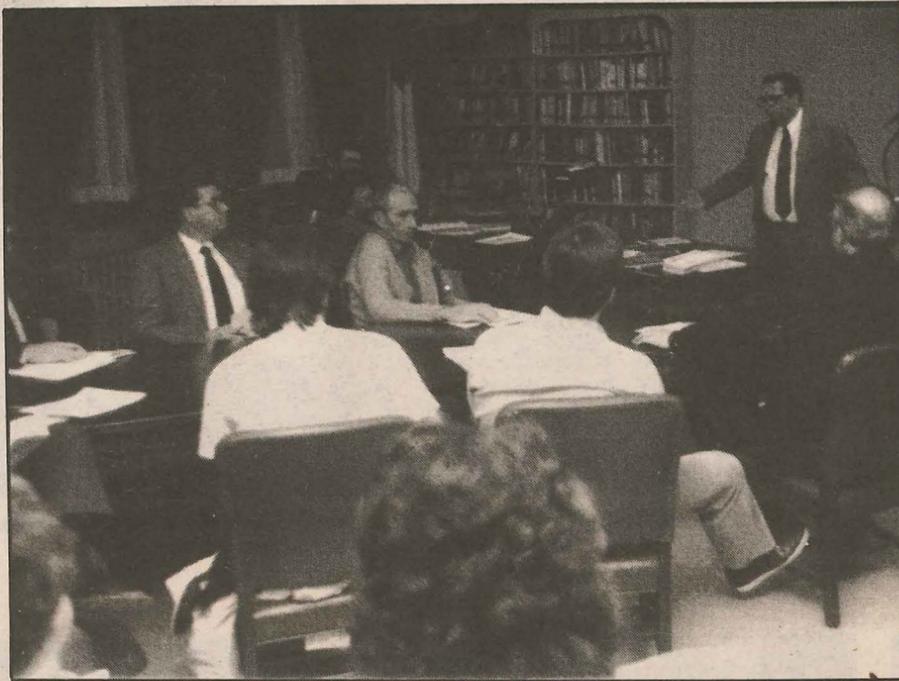
Marsha Butler, a student at Morehead State University and member of Sonlife, visits with a patient at Rocky View Hospital, Calgary, Alberta.

Marsha Butler, a student at Morehead State University and a member of Sonlife, juggles with Fran Cook of Canmore, Alberta.



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With talent and a willingness to learn, churches can go a long way with their local television ministries.

Tom Wilson, a Latonia Baptist Church layman, explains about LBC Television Ministries to seminar participants.

Lexington Avenue hosts Communications division Church Media seminar

"In light of the recent television evangelism problems, it is important for local churches to step forward and support television ministries," declared Tom Wilson, a layman from Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, in a recent Church Media seminar at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville.

Since Lexington Avenue is planning a media ministry on the local Danville cable system--a small community system which no other church is presently utilizing--Jo Garnett, minister of education, asked Gregory L. Hancock, director, Communications division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, for assistance in exploring the communication possibilities her church might use.

Hancock then began organizing the church media seminar, which included such leaders as himself, Paul Lee, director, Media department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Wilson. Wilson worked with Hancock when he was pastor at Latonia.

Hancock led a camera presence workshop which covered the do's and don't's of dress, mannerisms, vocal style, the microphone and camera; Lee spoke about technical requirements for video production, including hands-on participation.

Wilson's workshop was on communication possibilities for the local church. The retired L & N train master related

his experiences with LBC Television Ministries, which began at his church over five years ago.

Wilson was encouraged to consider beginning a television ministry from a friend who was a licensed engineer. Shortly thereafter, he and several other church members received basic technical training at the local Storer cable company in northern Kentucky.

The Latonia church gave their financial support by allotting \$30,000 in their annual budget to assist the LBC Television Ministries in order to purchase the initial equipment. The 1200-member congregation also gave their volunteer labor with a staff of 30, many of whom still work up to 20 hours a week producing such programs as the Sunday morning worship service, "The Bible Speaks," "The Sunshine Club" (a format which includes fun, entertainment and information-oriented programming), special concerts/community events and even weddings.

"With talent and a willingness to learn, churches can go a long way with their local television ministries," Wilson said. "I'm excited about Lexington Avenue's potential."

Is your local church or association interested in receiving assistance in regard to communication possibilities? Then call the Communications division, (502) 245-4101, for more details!