



Charlene Tallent (l) and Doris Mullendor (r) display their 1880s vintage dresses at the WMU centennial tea.

## State WMU celebrates centennial

by Denise George  
State Correspondent

More than 2000 Woman's Missionary Union committee members, program personnel, mission groups, Acteens and Girls in Action from across Kentucky participated in the state WMU's 85th annual meeting at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Apr. 22-23.

Officers, committee members and guests, dressed in gala period costumes representing the last 100 years of WMU, highlighted the centennial theme: "Ponder Anew What the Almighty Can Do." A centennial tea, a doll collection, an exhibit of 41 handmade quilts, tables of memorabilia and a visit by WMU organizer "Eliza Broadus" (portrayed by dramatist Freddie Neel) added to the enthusiasm, dedication and love for missions keenly displayed by participants.

The three-session celebration included music by director and soloist

Mary Alice Seals, pianist Betty Jean Chatham and organist Donald Hustad.

Kentucky WMU president Peggy Hicks called the meeting to order and introduced the program speakers. They included Julia Woodward, a former state WMU president; Dolores Gilliland, Kentucky WMU executive director-treasurer; Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director, SBC; James Queen, missionary to Chicago, Ill.; Jean Oliver, Japan "missionary kid" and Southern Seminary student; James KcKinley, missionary to Bangladesh; Kenneth and Beth Perkins, missionaries to Transkei; Larry Lewis, Home Mission Board president; and Bill O'Brien, Foreign Mission Board vice president.

Reelected officers for the coming year were Peggy Hicks, president, and Phyllis Parks, vice president. Laverne Barnes was elected secretary.

Retiring board members are Ruby Gisler, Susan Keith, Ruthe Figart, Adele Ransdell, Eva Collins, Peggy Ballou, Elizabeth Doyle, Laverne Sublette and Beverly Kennedy.

During the business meeting, the board made the following recommendation, which carried unanimously: "We believe that the centennial anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union is an appropriate time for Kentucky to affirm the historic status of Woman's Missionary Union as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The growth and influence of WMU during its first 100 years have proven that the present basic structure has been essential to our success."

Mrs. Hicks urged attendants to oppose the Kentucky lottery. "Always we have been concerned about social and moral issues," she confessed. "You have the opportunity of expressing through your vote that you are opposed to the Kentucky lottery."

In closing the meeting, Mrs. Hicks encouraged individuals "to give sacrificially" and to become involved in the future of WMU.

"We are going to make a difference because God has hold of us," she stated. "We must let him shine forth in us if anything is going to happen."

## State Acteens conference:

# "What Can I Do, Lord"

by Joy Jordan, Staff Writer

"What can I do, Lord?" contemplated 761 participants in the State Acteens Conference held at Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Apr. 15-16. Through speakers, music, panel discussions and workshops, the girls explored responsibilities and possibilities of Christian ministry.

"The State Acteens Conference is an opportunity for teenage girls with an interest in missions to gather from all over Kentucky to share that interest," said Julie Lawrence, Acteens and CBYN consultant for Kentucky's WMU and chief architect of the conference. "Hopefully the girls went away knowing a little bit more about how they fit into the workings of God's kingdom."

In a kaleidoscope of colorful dresses, girls who had achieved the level of queen, queen with scepter and queen regent were recognized by their peers during the opening session. Consecutive speakers reminded the group they were the ideological offspring of such missions heroines as Lottie Moon, Eliza Broadus and Carolyn Weatherford.

Keynote speaker Dottie Williamson, church planter, Richmond, Va., with her wry wit, depicted her unlikely pilgrimage to home missions. A former truant of Sunday morning worship who hid in the nursery to cover her crime, she imitated the less than pious attitudes of her early years: "I don't want to work for Jesus. . . . You have to wear crosses around your neck and carry a big Bible under your arm and you grab people on the street and say, 'Do you know Jesus?'"

Intimating she attended Young Women's Association meetings less to listen to missionaries than to devour the doughnuts, she reminisced, "If I [had] to listen to another mud-hut-in-the-jungle story. . . ."

Despite her mother's insistence that she had "been praying for you all your life you'd be a missionary for Jesus," Miss Williamson remained unconvinced, responding vehemently, "Well, quit it. . . ! You find another girl and pray for her—maybe *she'll* go live in a mud hut."

Southern Baptists support 3746 home missionaries in the United States, Canada, Virgin Isles, Puerto Rico and American Samoa. Yet America is not a Christian nation, Miss Williamson stressed. Rather, it is 60 percent lost.

"I thought all the heathens lived in foreign lands. And then I found out they all lived up north," she reflected. "And then I found out they lived next door."

"Who's going to reach it [the world]? Who's going to tell your next door neighbor? It's your job as a Christian."

In lieu of officers, six "panelists," were chosen last fall as state Acteen leaders: Kim Newberry, Kentoboo Baptist, Florence; Lisa Biggs, First Baptist, Somerset; Sindy Butcher, First Baptist, Greenville; Becky Stinnett, First Baptist, LaCenter; Amy Tynes, New Harmony Baptist, Benton; Audra Franks, Knoxville Baptist, Williamstown. The panelists led discussions of parental relations, satanic music, God's will, dating, suicide and peer pressure.

Saturday morning's agenda included a smorgasbord of conference choices: Thailand, Jeff and Sharon White; Kenya, Robert and Cheryl Davis; Church planting, Dottie Williamson; Houston, Rhonda Haggan; Korea, Mary Kay Kim; Mission Action on campus, Sylvia Morris; Choosing a college, Jeanette Parker; Creative prayer, Don Gowin; Witnessing to cults, Jerry Kibbons; and Activators, Sandra Wisdom.

After leading the seminar on Korea, Mary Kay Kim, a DMA student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, and daughter of SBC missionaries, said she was "so impressed" with the interest level, attentiveness and diverse perspectives among the Acteens. To broaden their cross-cultural experiences, Miss Kim offered the girls an opportunity to establish friendships with Korean pen pals.

Magician David Garrard performed illusions Saturday afternoon, while emphasizing, "You don't have to be superstars. . . . God's plan is for us to be ourselves." The organization, he pointed out, is not called Hear-teens, but Acteens. A big difference exists between hearing and doing.

University of Kentucky, Lexington, student, Chancie Brown sang contemporary Christian favorites. Jeff White, missionary to Thailand, described the Foreign Mission Board's appointment process.

Acteen Amy Nash, Waco Baptist Church, Richmond, summarized the weekend, attesting, "I never realized there were this many Acteens in Kentucky. It's nice to see so many girls fellowshiping in Christ together."



Front, l to r: Julie Lawrence, Lisa Biggs, Sindy Butcher and Amy Tynes. Back, l to r: Audra Franks, Becky Stinnett and Kim Newberry.

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# sanford's perspectives

## Fasting and prayer



Jack D. Sanford

Baptist have not done much fasting as a spiritual discipline, yet there is strong biblical evidence it was a common practice of our Lord and the first believers.

Now comes a call from the Foreign Mission Board to all Southern Baptists to make fasting part of the equipping we must do in order to witness with power to a lost world.

May 20 has been set as a day for all believers to join together in prayer and fasting for the spread of the gospel to those millions unreached for Christ and lost in sin.

In describing fasting, Roy Fish, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, noted that "fasting in the Christian context is simply abstaining from food for spiritual reasons. At times it means abstinence from drinking liquids as well—a total fast for a brief period."

Fish said that in the New Testament fasting was an expression of affliction and sorrow. It was seen

as a way to secure God's promised blessing. Fasting is evidence of repentance and intensifies prayers.

Just what are we to think of this call for fasting? Is it a biblical theme? Should Christians fast now to have more spiritual power? Is this a discipline God will bless? Can we hope to be more effective as witnesses if we practice fasting?

Here are the questions, and now I ask one more: what do you think?

The pages of Baptist Forum are open to all Kentucky Baptists to express how they feel about the suggestion we gather in the Spirit on May 20 and fast and pray. We have no problem with prayer; that is standard practice for us. But fasting is another thing and we would like to know what you think of the practice.

Write to us, in 300 words or less, and we will share your thoughts with those who read our paper.

## Doing things in a different way

I was the preacher for revival services last week at Summitt Hills Baptist Church in the north edge of Bullitt County. This is a growing church in an area of Kentucky which depends for its primary income on tithes and offerings from the wages of factory workers who work in Louisville plants.

Pastor of the church is Charlie Bridges, a Georgia man who is studying at Southern Seminary. Minister of music and youth is Todd Stout, a native Virginian. These two men lead a different kind of worship service, at least different than any I have experienced. I thought it would be interesting to share two things they do in worship which impressed me.

First of all there is a prayer time during the public service. This in itself is not unusual because all our churches have public prayer time. But the way it is done at Summitt Hills is unique.

The pastor calls for prayer and those present call out names, describing what particular prayer need exists. Then the pastor writes down those requests. He is very deliberate. It takes time. The fact that time is taken and names are written in a book makes the entire process more meaningful and purposeful.

The names of needy people are not just spoken,

they are inscribed for later prayer and reflection in a book. Somehow you remember that names were offered to God; they are still written down and someone, probably the pastor himself, will go to that book and once again hold those people up to God.

The second thing done which I thought unusual was the way the people greet each other and the way they greet guests during the public service.

The instrumentalists play some familiar hymn and the pastor invites everyone present to mingle with others. The people at Summitt Hills did it with enthusiasm. They spent several minutes walking around the sanctuary shaking hands, often embracing one another and generally creating a feeling of warmth and welcome in the service.

Again, it takes some time but the effort is worth it. I felt a warmth and enthusiasm in this church which could help all our churches do a better job building fellowship and creating an atmosphere of relaxed concern for each other.

I thank Charlie Bridges, Todd Stout and the members of Summitt Hills Baptist Church for a good week of warm Christian fellowship and unusual worship services.

## Don't be duped again

During recent days Western Recorder has received several calls about a petition circulating among the churches. The petition, RM2493, declares Madalyn Murray O'Hair is once again trying to stop preaching of the gospel on the airwaves of the nation.

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If the petition surfaces in your community do all you can to squelch it because it will only make Christians look foolish to send a bag of petitions to the Federal Communications Commission asking them to ignore something that is not there in the first place.

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# baptist news in brief

## Parks: 'Baptists must increase missions'

Today's Christians will "just get to one out of three" of the world's people if they do not increase their missions endeavors, Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks told New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary students.

More than 20 staff members from the Foreign Mission Board were on the campus of New Orleans Seminary during

Foreign Missions Emphasis Week this spring.

"In the 72 hours that our staff has been with you, world population has increased by approximately 657,000 people," Parks told seminary students in a chapel address. "Unless something drastic happens, about 447,000 of those people will never, all of their lives, come to believe in Jesus Christ as savior and Lord.

"Why will two out of three of those born, not just these three days, but day after day, . . . not know him as savior? Is God unable to tell them, or has God ordained that the telling of them be through the calling out of his people, his church?" asked Parks.

Churches related to Baptist foreign missions baptized 203,000 people last year, an average of one for every 10.5 members, said Parks. However, in the

United States, an average of more than 40 church members were required to lead one person to Christ.

Parks added: "I do not believe in the providence of God that it is his good pleasure that those of us who know him and who've been commissioned to share the gospel to the lost world would so cluster ourselves that there would be multitudes around the world wanting to hear and no one to tell them.

"The world is lost; not many are telling them Jesus died for them; he wants the whole world to know; you're being equipped to go," he said. "The overwhelming logic is everyone ought to go. You and I both know that's not the reality. But unless God convinces you that you're not to go, I would urge you to say to him, 'Lord, I'm willing, I want to. I want to be a part of reaching this world.'" (BP)

## ACTS program features 4 Southern professors

A new show on Southern Baptists' ACTS network is intended to help people interested both in studying the Bible and in following its admonitions.

"The Bible and Life," a panel discussion program featuring four professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is the first television program produced by a Southern Baptist seminary for a nationwide cable audience. The half-hour program offers practical applications of the scriptures by drawing upon decades of biblical scholarship by the panelists.

The professors discuss the scripture texts for the "Life and Work" series of Sunday school lessons published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt, an Old Testament scholar, moderates the discussion. In early shows, he has been joined by Harold S. Songer, professor of New Testament interpretation; Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology; and C. Anne Davis, dean of the seminary's Carver School of Church Social Work.

"The show is more commentary than curriculum," said Robert Don Hughes, a mass media professor at the seminary. "It provides background material, historical information and makes practical application of the biblical text."

Hughes said he believes all students of the Bible would benefit from the show, noting the program is particularly helpful for Sunday school teachers preparing their lessons.

The program currently is aired every Saturday at 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 10 p.m., EDT. (BP)

## MWBTS trustees respond to Peace Committee

In a meeting featuring personal testimony and affirmation, trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary unanimously adopted a positive response to the Southern Baptist Peace Committee.

The 10-page formal response was issued during the trustees' spring meeting, Apr. 11-12, at the Kansas City, Mo., school. It included statements of support for both the seminary administration and the faculty.

"We are happy to be able to say to Southern Baptists that the administration of Midwestern Seminary is in trustworthy hands," the response says. "Our president . . . has been responsive to the concerns of Southern Baptists. He has been a leader in the process of reconciliation and peace. . . . We have every reason to believe that he will continue to lead in its implementation, as called for by Recommendation Five in the Peace Committee report."

The nine trustees who presented the response are members of the instruction committee, which had been given the task of studying the recommendations of the Peace Committee last October and were asked to recommend "appropriate action and response by the trustees" during the April meeting.

The committee suggested Midwestern trustees, administration and faculty explore ways they can get to know one another better and build trust. They indicated this might occur through small group interaction, retreat situations and/or personal fellowship.

Instruction committee Chairman Smith said: "We're at the point where there's no one document that any of us can sign and that will convince anybody of what we believe. . . . What we came to understand is if someone is under the control of the Lord, they can be trusted because the Lord is trustworthy. That was imperative for us." (BP)

## Committee evaluates hymn texts en route to 1991 Baptist hymnal

Line-by-line examination of more than 80 hymn texts for possible inclusion in the new Southern Baptist hymnal, to be published in 1991, was the focus of the first meeting of the book's theology/dctrine subcommittee Apr. 7-8.

Evaluation of hymn texts from the 1975 edition of the "Baptist Hymnal" and initial work on 30 of more than 500 new hymn texts filled the agenda for the sessions at the Baptist Sunday School Board offices in Nashville.

Individual work began in November 1987, with assignment of portions of the 1975 hymnal to each subcommittee member for line-by-line examination.

Discussion during the April meeting centered on 57 hymn texts, targeted by committee members and by written suggestions from Southern Baptists, of more than 500 hymns published in the 1975 edition. Twenty-five texts were referred to the board's Church Music Department or the hymn recommendation subcommittee for further study and possible minor adjustments. Another 32 were evaluated, but the subcommittee suggested no changes.

Perhaps the most extensive alteration suggested by the subcommittee is the inclusion of an existing stanza, which is not in the current hymnal, on the resurrection of Christ in the spiritual "Were You There?" "Committee members and

correspondence from Southern Baptists supported the need for a stanza that completes the Easter account," said Wesley L. Forbis, editor-in-chief of the hymnal.

Five hundred new hymn texts were divided among subcommittee members for individual evaluation before their September meeting in conjunction with the larger hymnal committee, which includes members of all subcommittees. (BP)

## Former foreign missionary sues FMB

A former missionary filed two lawsuits for \$141 million against the Southern Baptist Foreign Board in Richmond, Va., Circuit Court Apr. 14.

The suits claim a representative of the board was told the woman's husband had sexually abused the couple's oldest daughter but did not report it to the wife or to police.

Diana Wade, 38, and her husband, G. Thomas Wade Jr., 47, were missionaries in Kenya and Botswana from 1976 until their return to the United States in 1984. The board requested Mrs. Wade's resignation after her husband voluntarily submitted his resignation in Aug 1985. The resignations were effective Jan 31, 1986. The couple is now divorced.

Mrs. Wade claims in the suits that the board's field associate in southern Africa, Marion G. (Bud) Fray, learned of the alleged sexual abuse after the family returned from a furlough in 1981-82 and met with the husband. The suits say Fray asked her husband to get counseling, but he refused the help, promising the abuse would not continue.

The suits allege Fray is believed to have reported the situation to other representatives of the board and that he advised the daughter, then 14, against making an official report or telling her mother. As a result, the suits claim, sexual abuse of two younger daughters and a son later occurred. (BP)



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## Honoring one who influenced our lives

Over 400 of us gathered in a hotel banquet room at Owensboro, Ky., happy and excited to be there. Although many did not know each other, everyone knew some of the others. All had a common bond and purpose in being present. The occasion was like a high school class reunion. However, this was 15 class reunions rolled into one grand occasion. Those present were either graduates or spouses of graduates of Daviess County

High School, representing the classes of 1928 through 1942.

Our purpose in coming together was to honor one whom we love, respect and appreciate. He is Wayne Foust, 82 years old, alert, active and very interested in his church, community and former students. Foust began teaching at Daviess County High in 1928. Soon thereafter he became principal, holding that position until 1942. Foust, with his devoted wife by his side, was totally surprised.

Foust was and is a genuine Christian, a first class administrator and a successful businessman. With a fine teaching staff around him he made a lasting impression on those of us who were students under his administration. He was strict and firm; in fact, I was indeed afraid of him, but I had a deep respect for him. My fear was more an awe because of who he was. Foust represented integrity, character, justice, fairness and tough love. Because of the positive influence this dear man had on so many

of us we were happy to gather from all across the United States to surprise our principal and say, "Thank you. God bless you. We love you, Mr. Foust."

Marjorie and I were married in 1942; Mr. and Mrs. Foust were present. I was ordained to the ministry in Sept. 1943 and Mr. and Mrs. Foust were there. Although he is a faithful Methodist, he was invited to sign my ordination certificate along with the members of the ordaining council. I am proud to have his name on my ordination papers.

Every young person needs adults like Wayne Foust to whom they can look for guidance and an example of honesty, integrity and love—someone who expects the best from them and challenges them to reach for the stars.

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## Appreciation for interim minister

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association, wants to publicly express appreciation to Wayne Ward for his interim ministry. His Christian commitment and enthusiasm has touched our lives.

We are grateful that Southern Seminary has professors like Dr. Ward on its faculty. He is truly a person who loves the Lord and expresses that love in his teaching and preaching.

His time at Walnut Street has helped prepare us to begin our ministry with Kenneth Chafin, Apr. 17. Both these men are truly servants of God who have touched our lives.

As Kentucky Baptists we are proud of Drs. Ward and Chafin. They represent the men and women in our denomination who have given their lives for the teaching and preaching of God's love through Jesus Christ. May our Lord con-

tinue to bless the churches of Kentucky with the capable leadership and biblical scholarship that our seminary community provides.

Dale Hyers, Chairman  
Interim Ministries Committee  
Louisville

## Truth, zeal a Godly combination

I enjoyed reading about J. P. Boyce in Western Recorder. We Baptists have almost forgotten the doctrine of election and God's sovereignty when speaking of salvation.

Boyce's theology book is a tremendous work on doctrine. We all could learn from his practice of teaching all the scriptures have to say about a subject.

The church today should be busy in the task of calling out the called by fire and the Holy Spirit. Our roots in theology do have a message and lesson relevant for Southern Baptists today.

Truth and zeal are a godly combination. May God give this generation another J. P. Boyce.

David E. Fletcher  
Mayfield

## Sellers Home celebrates anniversary

Pregnancy outside marriage is a common occurrence in our society and continues to be a problem to many. Abortion is not the answer to this problem.

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Anyone needing our services may contact us directly. Churches can help by paying transportation costs.

Mary Dan Kuhnle, Director  
Sellers Home  
New Orleans, La.

## Irony of the Annie Armstrong emphasis

The past few weeks have been something of a revelation to me. I have watched with interest, dismay and a degree of sadness as Southern Baptists have initiated their yearly spring rite of emphasizing home missions through the local church, association and state convention. These have been widely publicized in Western Recorder and Baptists have been exhorted to tune into mission and empty their pocketbooks accordingly.

It is a strange sort of irony that the mission effort is named for a strong, courageous, undaunted Christian missionary—a woman—Annie Armstrong. Yet the money given will be managed by the Home Mission Board which practices the worst sort of discrimination against women. How would an Annie be

treated by our current Home Mission Boards? Let's see . . . they have a policy of not appointing ordained women in pioneer areas; they withhold funds and threaten mission churches who desire to call women as pastors with financial retribution.

Now for the sad part. One would surmise there would be a tremendous outcry from our clergy against this blatant sort of behavior against those called by God. One would think some courageous pastor or pastors would have organized a kind of Boat Offering Party in which all the funds were dumped into a lady's large hat (or purse) and given to those churches who did call women and who would not cave in to the threats of the Home Mission Board.

I've watched in vain for some concerted action. Instead they've circled the wagons, but instead of shooting outward at Larry Lewis and the Home Mission Board, they have turned their backs on women and pulled about them their shrouds with the designer label Chamberlain sewn over their breast pockets. Sadness, shame.

Beverly Jones  
Louisville

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# May 20 set for day of fasting, prayer

Foreign Mission Board personnel joined leaders of 19 other Christian groups in calling for a day of prayer and fasting for spreading the gospel worldwide.

R. Keith Parks, president of the FMB, has hopes of "saturating the world with an unbroken global prayer chain."

More than 1000 ethnic-linguistic people groups worldwide—some numbering in the millions—are less than one percent Christian, according to FMB research estimates.

Parks issued a call in the April issue of the FMB magazine, The Commission, for all Baptists to "pray especially for those people groups who have virtually no witness and have never heard the good news of salvation."

People in Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria, the Soviet Union, China and India have virtually no Christian witness because the borders of these countries are closed to missionaries. The only possible way to reach these multitudes is through the

prayers of God's people.

Southern Baptists currently have 3874 missionaries in 112 countries of the world, yet about 3000 people groups are not being reached by any Christian witness.

In an address to students during Foreign Missions Emphasis Week at New Orleans Seminary, Parks declared that "if all Christians took seriously their responsibility to share the gospel 'as they go' they would win the world for Christ." This sharing includes concentrated prayer and self discipline.

The day of fasting and prayer has been scheduled so that all believers around the world may have the opportunity to join together in a mighty effort to call down the Holy Spirit for spiritual awakening across the globe. (BP)

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## FMB to purchase Bible school

The Foreign Mission Board will buy a Bible institute in South Africa, clearing the way to work with the all-black Baptist convention in the racially troubled nation.

The Baptist Bible Institute in Ciskei, South Africa, has offered the only affordable theological training for most blacks in southern Africa. But the non-black Baptist Union of South Africa, which owns the school, says it must either sell or close for financial reasons.

Representatives of the FMB and union have agreed on a price of \$235,000 to \$310,000, depending on the value of an American dollar at the time of sale. The board voted Apr. 13 to proceed with the purchase. Personnel should be in place at the school by Jan. 1, 1989, said John Faulkner, director for the board's operations in eastern and southern Africa.

The purchase of the institute offers the FMB its first opportunity to work formally with the Baptist Convention of South Africa, comprised of black churches.

The institute's enrolment now stands at 29. Faulkner said he hopes as many as 50 students will live on campus and attend classes by the end of 1989. Southern Baptist missionaries in the area assigned to theological education have set a goal of 200 students enrolled in a network of theological education extension centers organized by the institute. Extension centers would be located in seven other locations inside and outside South Africa.

The four faculty members to work at the institute will include two veteran missionaries and two national Baptists, Faulkner said. (BP)

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## oneida journal

### Oneida wins statewide academic honor

Thursday afternoon 65 of our students and staff left for Knoxville to participate for the second year in the annual Dogwood Festival. We stopped at the Tennessee welcome station for a short break. Soon there was great excitement. Among all the colorful brochures of a "welcome to Tennessee" nature was one on the annual Dogwood Festival. On the front of that one was a picture of our Oneida band marching in the parade last year!

Arriving in Knoxville we had a picnic supper prepared by our kitchen staff and our band was the first to perform this year beginning an evening of concerts with bands from varying states.

Among those in the audience were four of our graduates, two different married couples with their three children. They were all my students in my earlier years as president and now live in Knoxville. They found their life mate at Oneida, found the Lord and prepared themselves to run life's race which they are doing quite well. They were excited to see Oneida's band members and we were excited to see them. Any school would be proud to have such graduates.

Staying overnight our band marched the following morning in somewhat cooler weather than last year. They sounded and looked super as they have all year. With well over 2000 students marching from several score schools

from six states, it was quite a parade.

As our band returned to Oneida late Friday afternoon, our boys tennis team passed us headed for an overnight stay and competition the next morning with a Baptist boarding school of Tennessee. Early Saturday one of our Greyhounds also left for Tennessee filled with our girls softball team and our girls tennis team. We did great in tennis, but it wasn't our day for softball.

In the meantime, back home our Oneida boys baseball team was opening their season having had four games rained out. We won one, lost one.

Early Saturday morning another group drove to Louisville airport and took a flight to New York. These were our young people who, the weekend before, had taken part in the three day mock Kentucky United Nations Assembly meeting in Louisville. Over 500 of Kentucky's top students, representing 44 high schools, competed. Each school was assigned to represent a differing country in debate. Oneida was assigned the nation of Israel. At the conclusion, Oneida was voted "most outstanding country," the highest group award. We were the smallest school represented.

Our group then got to go to the United Nations and see the sights of New York for five days. Our students excel not just in one or two things, but in a variety of ways. It is a rewarding challenge to be involved in such a work.

Also in Louisville was another group of Oneida students for a dinner and the annual BSU summer missionary commissioning service. Oneida's own Mary Ratliff, now a senior with us from the sixth grade, will do summer mission work in St. Louis. Also 1986 graduate, Scott Sanderson, was commissioned representing the Berea BSU. Scott was in Israel this past January in another program.

On this very busy Oneida Saturday our boys and girls teams were taking part in a 12-school track and field competition. Overall our team came in third. Two of our boys took first place in the discus and high jump. Two others had second place finishes in the triple jump and pole vault.

In the afternoon, the half of our 60-voice choir not involved in tennis, softball, track, baseball, the trip to New York or BSU sang at the funeral of Austin Sizemore, a 1966 OBI graduate and a former dean of boys and OBI farm manager. He died of a heart attack at age 43. Former OBI teacher and principal Harold Holderman and I led the service.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 1, 1988

Life and work series

### Obedient to Christ

**Rom. 6:12-13** Christians should strive daily to overcome sin in their practices. If one's relationship to God is correct, his/her character, conversation and conduct should be right. Christians should never allow Satan to use their tongues to say what they should not say, their feet to walk in paths that displease God and their eyes to observe that which defiles their hearts. They should yield themselves to God, and thereby enter into a richer, deeper and fuller life than they have known previously.

**Rom. 6:16-23** When believers choose to be the servants of sin, they displease God and influence others in the wrong way. The fact that Christians are under grace does not give them a license to indulge in sin. There is no justification whatsoever for professing Christians to be the servants of sin.

Those who ignore God and live without any interest whatsoever in righteousness should understand that this manner of life always results in consciousness of guilt, unhappiness and remorse.

Satan pays wages to all who work for him by sinning. His wages are always proportionate—the more one does for him the greater will be the wages which he pays. Compare Satan's promises and his payments and you will see his deceitfulness. To the sinner Satan promises

life, pleasure and profit, but the wages are death, destruction and torment.

God presents salvation as a gift. There is no way in which one can earn, buy, merit, or be worthy of salvation. Eternal life is the counterpart of eternal death. Eternal life is God's greatest gift to a human being. Unmerited by man, eternal life is bestowed freely, entirely and exclusively through Christ, God's son.

International series

### God's great high priest

**Heb. 4:14-16** Christ, our great high priest, is seated upon a throne of grace, to which people are invited to come to "receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." As our high priest, Christ is strong—mighty to save amid all the perils of our pilgrim way. Christ is also sympathetic—concerned with our ignorance, infirmities and helplessness. Christ is sinless. He knew the full force of temptation, but never yielded to it.

Christ is sufficient—ready and amply able to impart grace, to grant mercy and to supply all of our needs when they arise. Approach him with genuine reverence, deep sincerity, complete submission and enlarged expectations. His strength, sympathy, sinlessness and sufficiency combine to make him worthy of our adoration and appreciation.

**Heb. 6:19-20** Here the hope of a Christian is likened to the anchor of a ship. The Christian hope rests on the sure foundation of the unchanging word of God. At present the Christian possesses salvation, but he/she looks forward with joyous anticipation of the consummation of that salvation when Christ comes to take us with him and to make us like himself. Meanwhile, this hope is an anchor in every difficulty and trial which sweeps around the soul.

**Heb. 7:21-23** The writer reminded his readers that Melchisedec was the priest to whom Abraham paid tithes and from whom he and his lineage received a blessing. Melchisedec did not have a recorded lineage and was therefore unable to trace his priesthood to his ancestors.

Due to the failure of the Levitical priestly line to give men an adequate relation to God, God made it available to men through another channel, the coming of a priest belonging to a different and superior order. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Christ was able to open the way for humanity to have direct access into the presence of God.



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## on mission together

### We've only just begun

I keep in my office, my briefcase, my Bible and in the KBC car, a list of the six objectives which have shaped our Executive Board program priorities these past three years.

Reviewing them afresh recently, it became evident that these priorities must continue.

They are not short range goals which can be reached in a year or two. They are broad in scope and deeply rooted in the heart-and-soul longings of many Kentucky Baptists. The accomplishment of any one of these objectives will represent a significant change in the body-life of Kentucky Baptists.

We have had many new pastors and readers come to the state these past three years. A restatement of the six ob-

jectives may be helpful at this time when Cooperative Program giving growth is slowing.

- To increase the awareness of and involvement by Kentucky Baptists in the total world mission of God.

- To increase significantly the financial resources for Kentucky Baptists to support the total missions program.

- To heighten, among Kentucky Baptist churches, an awareness of the need for and involvement in local ministries of human need.

- To enlarge the emotional and economic base of support for Christian (Baptist) education in Kentucky.

- To minister more effectively to the ministers of our Kentucky Baptist family.

Perhaps the most obvious progress is to be found in Objective 5. For only three years ago there was no small degree of skepticism that we needed any new churches in the state. Maybe a few, but not many.

Then from Objective 5 came the birth

of "Mission Kentucky" and the determination to start 400 new churches, missions, or preaching points by 1991. Slowly, but surely, it began to happen . . . and it's still happening. Churches are reaching groups of people who were unreached; and scores of persons are being born into the family of God as a result.

Since beginning two years ago, 148 new starts have been generated. Toward the goal of 75 for this year, 58 have already been initiated.

One example is a new church start on Richmond Road by Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church. They met their first Sunday, Apr. 10, in a skating rink with 49 present! Another is the Means Baptist Mission, just one year old. On Apr. 10 they had a record attendance of 71 and have baptized 12-15 people since beginning.

Objectives can be just words on paper, or they can be the determined expression of people called of God to be on mission. We've only just begun.

Larry L. McSwain:

## 'Transforming faith' needed in modern society

by Marv Knox

Committed Christians in modern society need "transforming faith" if they are to make an impact on their world, sociologist Larry L. McSwain told 500 ministers.

That faith must be bold enough to criticize the world and hopeful enough to dream of life as God desires it, said McSwain, dean of the School of Theology and professor of church and community at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

McSwain addressed "The Committed Christian in a Modern Society" during the Southern Baptist Witnessing-Giving Life seminar at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center in late March. Witnessing-Giving Life will be the next phase of Planned Growth in Giving, the convention's ongoing stewardship/enrichment campaign.

Today's Christians live in a "modern" society, he said. Science and technology present them with "a host of options," and they encounter "a host of competing viewpoints" as they seek to live out God's will in a complex world.

"The great challenge to the Christian today is not the assault of a secular world threatening to take away faith,

but the temptation of a modern world which simply relativizes all forms of faith," thus denying belief in faith that is firm, absolute and secure, he said.

The modernization of society has had four primary effects upon the Christian, he noted: the challenge to personal values; the loss of power of "soft" institutions such as the family, school, local community and church; the rise of individual religion; and the secularization of the church.

Concerning personal values, McSwain said: "Biblical Christians have always asserted the importance of personhood in making ethical choices....The maintenance of such traditions is becoming increasingly difficult in a culture where such values (as care for the poor and minorities) are challenged and new values are affirmed."

He cited 20 sets of statistics that revealed how traditional Christian values have lost ground in American society. "We can hurt over these statistics, but to ignore them is to fail to live by Christian love and forgiveness," he stressed.

The second consequence of modernization, the loss of power of the "soft" institutions, is at the hands of the "hard" institutions—the corporation and the government, he said: When we are cut off from the power of the family, the church and the local community to shape our values, we become pawns in the dominating power of the large-scale institutions. To live in the modern world is...to live in the shadow of huge bureaucracies against which the small institutions and individuals seem insignificant.

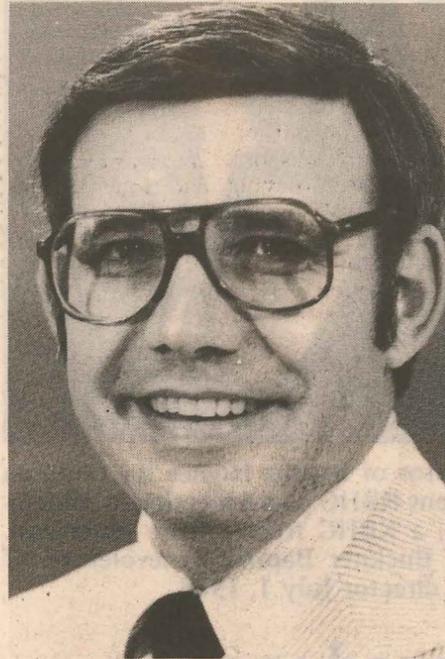
When the hard institutions reshape Christians' value systems, churches turn from what God wants and speak with a weak voice, he claimed: "Both hard institutions blunt our preaching of the biblical truth. We may know 'the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof,' but General Motors and Washington, D. C., do not."

Despite the detriments of diminished values and a weakened church, the greatest threat to the church is the rise of "militant religiosity," McSwain said: "The impact of modernity upon faith is to allow the individual to choose whatever faith is relevant to one's individual needs. Thus the institutions of religion become consumer-oriented structures which must appeal to the marketplace of the religious in order to grow and have any power."

The cumulative result of these four effects of modernity is that "the modern world has left us without a center," McSwain explained. "The question is whether we can fashion a new kind of person of faith who can somehow stand against the negative features of modernity while calling forth a new power for the future."

The response to such a question poses three dilemmas for Christians, he said: withdrawal or involvement; individual or group action; and personal faith or institutional power. Either half of each dilemma is less than ideal, but choices are mandatory.

The advantage of withdrawal from the world "is that it is easier to identify the faithful and demand obedience from them," he said. But the disadvantage is a loss of effective evangelism, for Christians who take this stand "are more committed to the practice of their own purity than the conversion of souls to



McSwain

Jesus Christ."

On the other hand, involvement in the world involves both pluses and minuses, he added. The advantage is that the involved Christian addresses the world's needs and speaks its language. The liability is that purity of response is seldom possible from within the caldron of the world.

The dilemma of individual or group action pits the value of the person against the need for effectiveness, he said: "It takes a movement of people to attract attention in today's world. The individual who would have an impact upon the world must be an organizer of movements who can develop group action to bear witness to the Christian faith....If Southern Baptists are going to change the world, they must go forth organizationally."

The third dilemma, personal faith or institutional power, is similar. "Bigness is essential if any organization is to affect the trends of society," he noted, cautioning, "Individuals can be easily ignored, forgotten or overlooked."

The answer to the dilemmas and the antidote to the ill effects of modernity is "transforming faith," McSwain contended.

"Our present modern context is as

favorable as any in history for the effective communication of the gospel," he said. "However, if we depend upon the structures of the modern world as the basis for doing our work, we shall find our work shallow and empty of meaning. In every cultural context, the Christian experience has to take shape as a result of the power of God."

That power produces Christians "faithful enough to criticize the world," he said. "Christians must be willing to assume the arrogance of judging the world and its values if they are to change it. The call to commitment is a call to a radical faith which motivates action contrary to the popular will, which inspires individuals to act beyond the resources of their money and talents, which generates the willpower to suffer... in order to live out faith."

God's power also produces Christians "hopeful enough to dream a kingdom style of life," he added: "The stance of the Christian toward the world is one of incredible optimism, not in the trends or directions of the world, but in the ultimate outcome of the world....We shall have little impact upon the world until our values find their definition from the 'kingdom ethic' of the New Testament.

"In a kingdom-based identity, such a value is the personhood of individuals. A radical biblical theology of the kingdom is a radical valuing of persons, whatever may be the dominant valuing system of the culture. Thus a transforming Christian stance in the contemporary world would affirm the personhood of all without regard to sex, status, income or ethnicity."

McSwain affirmed that the "kingdom of God" can be demonstrated in modern society. "There is a legitimate cultural contribution by the church if both religious and cultural systems are designed to reflect equity and justice among those gathered in community," he said.

"A transforming Christian lifestyle can also legitimize the modern world,"

McSwain concluded. "Some modern cultural values are more affirming of true personhood than the ethics of some churches. To the degree the government acts responsibly in the social arena,...to the degree community values mirror a kingdom-of-God ethic, the church does rightly to applaud them." (BP)

## 'Land of Enchantment' conference offers seniors Bible study, tours

Broadman author Harold E. Dye will be the featured speaker and Bible study leader at the Land of Enchantment Bible Conference May 16-21 at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The conference for senior adults and their leaders is sponsored by the senior adult section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department.

Dye, who lives in San Jose, Calif., has been a pastor in churches in New Mexico and California and was editor of the Baptist New Mexican, state paper of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

Dye is replacing Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, as featured speaker because Hobbs was unable to attend the

conference, according to Horace Kerr, director of the annual spring event.

Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga., and Jan Rodgers, organist, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will be the musical team for the event.

In addition to Bible study and worship, the Land of Enchantment conference offers senior adults and leaders a chance to choose three of four professionally conducted day-long tours in the Sangre de Cristo mountain region near Santa Fe, N. M.

For additional information, write or call the Family Ministry Department, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37234. (615) 251-2280.



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"Will somebody please love me, will someone please care?" This was the cry of a little child, but it is also the unspoken cry of the adults in the Canary Islands. We want to answer that cry. We want to thank each Southern Baptist for caring for us that we may care for others.

"We want to thank you all for the way you continue to support us through your prayers and through your giving to the Cooperative Program. Our monthly allowance from the Foreign Mission Board tells us you consistently put it into action, that we may bear a witness here.

Thank you!"



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Eldred Taylor (center) executive director of Baptist Homes for Children welcomed Curtis Mooney during a recent KBHC board meeting in Middletown. Also shown is Barbara White, a KBHC trustee from Morehead. Mooney, executive vice president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences of Dallas will succeed Taylor as executive director July 1, 1988.

## Dean Harney named eastern regional coordinator

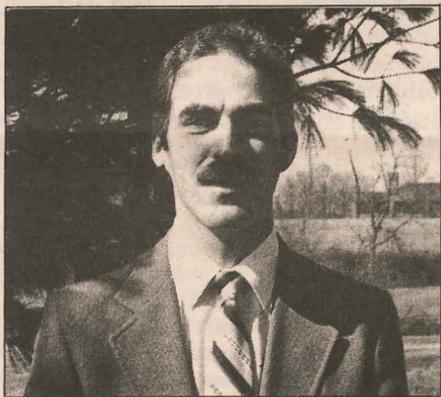
Dean Harney, a native of Cynthiana, Kentucky, has been named eastern regional coordinator and director of the new Morehead temporary shelter, which is scheduled to open in May. Mr. Harney has served as a juvenile probation officer and family service worker for the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources for the past six years.

As a regional coordinator, Harney will provide intake and referral services for abused, abandoned and neglected children in the eastern portion of the state. Additionally, he will work closely with directors of missions, pastors and churches, as well as with local and state officials in providing necessary services for children experiencing crises. He also will work with other agencies in the region to provide assistance with short term special services (casework, family aid, and referrals) as needs arise. His office will be located at First Baptist Church, Morehead, where Don Mantooth is pastor.

The Morehead facility is the third such shelter in the state operated by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Each year it will serve approximately seventy-five young people who need to have temporary housing during a period of transition. A dedication service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4.

The western region of Kentucky is served by the temporary shelter at Dixon, while the Elizabethtown shelter provides help for children in the state's central region. Each of the crisis care facilities provides short term shelter where children are protected and counseled until more permanent plans can be arranged for them.

Harney said, "I have always been



supportive of Baptist child care work and am glad now to have a direct part in this ministry. I am looking forward to working as coordinator for the eastern area of the state and director of the temporary shelter. We need to keep on with what we're about, which is not just social work, but being a strong Christian influence."

Edna Woofter, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's director of community services, said, "Dean came highly recommended by his previous supervisor and others with whom he worked. We are fortunate to have him join our staff. Dean's previous training and experience, along with his Christian commitment, equip him to minister effectively in the position to which he has come."

Harney has a degree in social work from the University of Kentucky. His wife, the former Laura Jagers, is a registered nurse who works in a diabetes education program in central Kentucky. The Harneys are members of Cynthiana Baptist Church where he has been chairman of deacons and active in the music ministry. They will be moving to Morehead in the near future.

## Gloria Henson recognized for 30 years of service



Gloria Henson celebrated her thirtieth anniversary as a secretary at Spring Meadows recently. Long-time Spring Meadows resident George Lawson (left) is shown with Gloria in Cooke Hall.

One of the most faithful staff members of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children observed her thirtieth anniversary as a secretary on the Spring Meadows campus on March 1.

Gloria Henson joined the KBHC staff in 1958 as a recent graduate of Bowling Green (Ky.) College of Commerce. Gloria was looking for a permanent position when her pastor mentioned that Baptist Homes for Children was in need of a secretary. Making contacts at Glen Dale and Spring Meadows, Gloria was interviewed by Sam Ed Bradley, superintendent at the Middletown campus and hired on-the-spot.

Always a faithful staff member, Gloria's responsibilities have grown over the past three decades. Today, she handles placement agreements and increasingly complex youth records. Additionally, team leaders of the six Spring Meadows cottages depend on Gloria for their secretarial needs.

Gloria's appreciation for the agen-

cy has been enhanced by her unique relationship to Spring Meadows. As a single woman, she lived on campus for fifteen years and still serves as a relief houseparent on occasion. Married for fifteen years to Johnnie Henson, Gloria continues to have a deep love for Spring Meadows children.

The Hensons are members of First Baptist Church, Middletown where Gloria has been a Sunday school teacher and GA. leader for several years.

Marilyn Beverly, administrative secretary at Spring Meadows, has known Gloria for thirteen years and has a deep appreciation for her co-worker. Marilyn says Gloria is extremely dedicated to the child care program and sees it as an opportunity for personal ministry.

"Gloria has a wonderful relationship with so many of our children," says Marilyn Beverly. "Children gravitate to Gloria and understand that she loves and supports them. She is an inspiration for each of us."

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