

SBC registration to reach 40,000?

Registration for the 1988 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Tex. may reach 40,000 messengers, according to Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary.

"I think the 1988 annual meeting will be comparable to Atlanta (1986) when we reached 40,987," said Porter, adding: "It may fall a little short of that. We have no way of knowing, but the indications of 40,000 messengers seem to be there."

The convention will meet June 14-16 in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Porter, of Nashville, has the responsibility to register and oversee balloting and vote counting at the annual meetings and issue suggestions for messengers to make the registration process easier.

Registration will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday (June 12) in the Mission Room at the front of the sprawling convention center. Monday through Thursday, registration will open at 8 a.m. It will be

open until about 9:30 p.m. each night through Wednesday.

For lack of long lines and ease of registration Porter suggested "most messengers register at a time other than the first hour after opening." He said the peak hours for congestion and waiting occur in the first hours after opening on Sunday afternoon and Monday and Tuesday mornings.

"People who register in the first hour after opening probably will have to

stand in line outside the convention center," Porter said, adding it will be "quite warm" in south Texas, even in the early morning hours.

"Other than the first hour after opening, when there will be a wait, messengers ought to be able to register easily and in about five minutes," he said.

Porter also said messengers who come without a properly filled out card are in for more complications in registration.

"After messengers are elected by their churches they need to obtain registration cards from state convention offices or from associational offices. They need to be sure the cards are filled out in detail," he said, noting information on the number of members, the amount the church contributed to convention causes and the total number of messengers elected should be filled in.

"Messengers who do not have a properly filled out and signed messenger card will slow their registration. They will have to go before the credentials committee. If a church cannot obtain a

registration card, they may bring a letter from the church, but still will have to go before the committee," he said.

If messengers have neither a card nor a letter, they must telephone the church and have a telegram sent to the credentials committee, Porter added.

When messengers register they will receive a set of ballots "which must be used by that messenger and that messenger alone," Porter said. Messengers also receive a program book and "have the opportunity to purchase a Book of Reports for \$4 which includes reports from all of the agencies and many of the recommendations which will be presented to the convention."

The registration secretary said the registration area will be manned by more than 200 volunteers from San Antonio-area churches. Nodell Dennis, pastor of Crestview Baptist Church, San Antonio, has been chairman of registration for the local arrangements committee. (BP)



Longevity, victory, service winners' topics in literary event

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A lady who has taught the Bible more than five decades to children, a couple coping with the unexpected deaths of their sons and yet another couple who gave a summer to witness in southwest Alaska have become subjects of prize-winning Western Recorder articles.

A panel of recognized professional denominational communicators selected these from scores of entries submitted by the Baptist paper's state correspondents in the last year.

The Wilmer C. Fields Incentive Writing Competition, established in 1984, signifies excellence in literary effort. It was named for the former Southern Baptist Convention press representative and vice president of the SBC Executive Committee, who retired last year in Nashville.

The first place entry selected by the judges was contributed by Mrs. Charles M. Darland, a pastor's wife, of Eliza-

bethtown. Her submissions have won first place two consecutive years.

Her entry, for which she receives \$75 from Western Recorder, was a profile published Aug. 11, 1987 of a 71-year-old Radcliff volunteer church worker. Said Suzanne Darland: "This Sunday Mildred Rogers will gather her supplies and do something she has been doing for 52 years at Mill Creek Baptist Church—teach Sunday school to young children."

A charter member of the nursery committee, Mrs. Rogers began teaching in 1935. She has since taught the children of some of her early pupils, in first through fifth grades, and hopes to teach their children before quitting.

Mrs. Darland's article reflects how time has altered teaching. In 1935 "we had cards with a picture on the front and a Bible story on the back," the reader learns. Today there are age graded quarterlies and numerous teaching helps.

Mrs. Rogers, the teacher, has also seen a difference in the lifestyle of her pupils, too. She tries to "listen and love without being shocked" when pupils tell her their parents are separating or are getting married to each other.

But the biggest thrill for her continues to be leading a child to profess Jesus as personal savior.

For her second place entry Mrs. Barry Jude of Harrodsburg, also a pastor's wife, receives \$50.

Her article, "Heaven to be sweeter for family without its sons," appeared in Western Recorder Dec. 8, 1987. It concerns the bittersweet Christmas memories of a pastor and his wife who lost not one but two sons in an automobile crash four years earlier.

The youths, Mark and Matt Cato, sons of Rev. and Mrs. John Cato, were returning from college to their home at Manassas, Va. for Christmas holidays when they were in the fatal accident. Kima Jude's poignant story shares the Cato's "indescribable pain," yet one sees their victory over death for they did not blame God for their circumstances. Cato says he never felt the spirit of his maker "more strongly in my life."

The Catos are now serving Bethel

Baptist Church in Mercer Association. While they continue to miss their sons very much, Cato says the anticipation of a reunion one day "makes heaven sweeter."

The third place entry, by Mrs. W. T. Stegall, a retired public school music teacher in Salem, carries a prize of \$25. It concerns a couple she interviewed a year earlier for a story. That submission was then judged second place.

At the time subjects Nancy and Bill Childress, Kentuckians who reached retirement and decided to offer themselves through the Home Mission Board's Mission Service Corps, were doing volunteer work in Utah.

In "Childresses minister in 'Dog Sled Capital,'" published Oct. 27, 1987, Pauline Stegall picks up their story at Tok, Alaska, where they were the first adult summer volunteers.

Here, in a desolate place dominated by apathy, alcohol and gambling, the Childresses found many chances to be witnesses.

Before their season ended they identified a lack of strong leadership, especially among youth, as the Alaskan Baptists' most acute need.

Honorable mention in the state paper's annual literary event goes to Mrs. C. Michael Spencer of Monticello, a youth director's wife. Denise Spencer is the author of "Pulaski Baptists dedicate Trinity Springs park" which appeared in the issue of Aug. 4, 1987.

Entries in the annual competition named for Fields are based on 10 criteria. A Western Recorder staff committee recommends to an impartial outside panel of judges writing done by the state correspondents which, on a point system, has reached a certain high level of achievement. The judges then select three winners.

Judges for this year's competition included Louisvillians Pat Cole, director of communications at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Greg L. Hancock, director of the Communications Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention; and Robin Oldham, associate director



Fields



Mrs. Darland



Mrs. Jude



Mrs. Stegall

of development and communication services, Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes. Hancock and Oldham are former Western Recorder state correspondents and Cole and Hancock were journalism interns for the paper during their seminary student days.

Suzanne Darland represents the state paper in reporting for these associations: Blackford, Breckinridge, Grayson County, Lynn, Salem and Severns Valley.

Kima Jude is Western Recorder's representative in these associations: Anderson, Boones Creek, Central, Elkhorn, Franklin, Mercer, South District and Tates Creek.

Pauline Stegall reports for these associations: Blood River, Caldwell-Lyon, Christian County, Graves County, Little River, Ohio River, West Kentucky and West Union.

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Facing the inevitable

The board of directors of Western Recorder gathered earlier this month at Georgetown College for its semiannual meeting and struggled with the inevitable and never-ending money crisis which faces all Baptist entities. Our directors are pastors and business men who know what a budget crunch is like, so their work with us is nothing new but that does not ease the pain.

The focus of attention at this particular meeting was the short fall we face in the 1988-89 budget year beginning Sept. 1.

Our short fall, about \$15,000, is caused by the astronomical rise in postal rates imposed upon us this spring. The increase from the Postal Service increased our operating costs by more than \$500 per week. In addition, we did not ask for new dollars from the Cooperative Program allocation since we want desperately to cut down the percentage of our budget we get from this source.

We pondered several alternatives, but none of them promised much help. We have the capability to increase our cash flow by managing mailing lists for others. Our equipment enables us to do this and we may be able to produce some income this way. Our advertising is just about what is best for a paper and we do not want the paper to be filled with ads, so this is a limited source of new income. Our answer is the one given most often...turn to the people who use the paper. That is painful for us and we wish there was some other way, but that other way does not seem to be on our horizon.

In answer to our dilemma the directors instructed us to increase the cost of subscriptions. The increase will be small but painful for all our subscribers. Beginning Sept. 1 we must charge \$6 for the church rate subscriber. This is only a one cent per week increase, 50 cents per year, but it will enable us to stay out of the red. Subscribers on other plans will also see the same sort of increase.

However this sort of crisis financing is not good for any of us and we must build an endowment to offset such cost increases. At present Western Recorder has an operating reserve fund which we use when the well runs dry. This reserve has been built slowly over the years as a direct result of economy measures we have taken in our operation. This is not very much, it is not restricted and it does not produce very much income in today's investment market. This is especially true of our investment policy which mandates no speculative investment but confines our investments to federally insured instruments, such as money market accounts and certificates of deposit.

All of this has been said in order to make a plea which is vital to our continued existence. We need 100 Kentucky Baptists who will deposit \$1000 in the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for Western Recorder. An additional \$100,000 in endowment would solve our immediate problem and would push us a long way toward a more solid financial

base. We would hope this initial endowment would grow and continue to grow as Baptists give the kind of support of which we are capable.

To ask our people to make this sort of contribution seems right since the paper has a ministry to all Kentucky Baptists. We not only inform our people, we also serve a ministry function to seminary students who work on our paper as interns. Since the intern program was instituted in 1973 there have been 39 people who have cut their journalistic teeth at Western Recorder. These people now are at work around the world in Christian journalism, practicing the skills they either acquired or sharpened while working for Kentucky Baptists' weekly newsjournal. This ministry, and that is exactly what it is since we subsidize seminary education for our interns, could be in jeopardy if we do not have a more stable financial base.

In the four years I have been editor of the paper we have not attempted to solicit funds from subscribers. We have shuffled along, trying to make ends meet, often doing without in order to carry our share of the load and not increase the burden of the already heavily committed Cooperative Program allocations. But we must do something to increase our income and endowment is the only way which seems plausible at this time.

Of course there is no question that 100 people in our state have the means to contribute not only \$1000, but \$2000, \$3000 or more to an important phase of our common work as Baptists.

God has richly blessed Baptist physicians, Baptist dentists, Baptist attorneys, Baptist farmers, Baptist insurance people, Baptist nurses, Baptist business people and countless other Baptists. All we are suggesting is that those who have been blessed by God share that blessing with one of the entities of our Baptist family so that the road ahead will not be so precarious.

A contribution to the Baptist Foundation for Western Recorder will not only insure our ability to continue training young people for profitable careers in journalism, but it will also go on serving Christ and his kingdom until Jesus comes again. That seems a worthy project for any Baptist.

Take a moment to reflect on God's goodness to you. Perhaps you do not have \$1000 you can give the Lord through Western Recorder. Perhaps you have much less. No matter, we welcome the participation of all our Baptist family in helping establish an endowment which will serve the needs of our paper for years ahead.

A check to the Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243 marked for Western Recorder, would be helpful and we would thank you for whatever you could do. This is one place where we can demonstrate a unity of commitment to a project which has served all of us for many years. We pray the Lord will lay this on your heart and that you will respond.

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baptist news in brief

CLC director, Baker, accepts pastorate

N. Larry Baker, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, will become pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, La., effective July 10.

Sarah Frances Anders, chairperson of the church's pastor search committee, said members of the church voted "overwhelmingly" Sunday, May 15, to call Baker as pastor of the 3080-member church.

"When the results of the written ballot were announced to the congregation, they gave him a standing ovation," Anders said. "We feel definitely that God

has been working on both ends of this relationship, and we are enthusiastic about his coming to be our pastor. We first contacted Dr. Baker last September and came back to him several times in recent months." Baker was the unanimous choice of the search committee, which had received 80 nominations for the position, Anders said.

"Ours is a significant church, which is among the top 10 in Cooperative Program (unified budget) giving in Louisiana and gives strong support to Southern Baptist mission causes," Anders said. The annual budget is \$954,772, and

the church is one of the two largest in the Pineville/Alexandria metropolitan area.

Baker's acceptance of the Pineville pastorate comes only 16 months after he was elected to the top post of the moral concerns agency for the 14.7-million-member denomination. Baker was elected Jan. 15, 1987, on a 16-13 vote during a special called meeting. His election as the fourth executive director of the agency came after some trustees questioned him and took issue with his stand on abortion, capital punishment and women in ministry.

Baker's 14-month tenure as executive director has been marked by opposition from some trustees. The controversy peaked last September during the trustee meeting when Baker survived an attempt to fire him on a 15 to 15 vote. During the same meeting Baker's opponents swept the election of all three new officers, turning down persons who supported Baker in favor of three who had supported the attempt to fire him. (BP)

Florida exec announces sudden plans to retire

In a surprise announcement May 20, Dan. C. Stringer, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, announced he will retire Dec. 31.

In making the announcement to the State Board of Missions, the 60-year-old Stringer cited his desire for a new challenge and to spend more time with his family as the main reasons for requesting the early retirement. Although the board had not anticipated the executive's move, Stringer previously had indicated to board leaders he might take early retirement at age 62 or 63.

Family concerns cited by Stringer relate to his two grown children and two grandchildren who live in Arizona and California. He said he and his wife, Harriett, plan to move to the Scottsdale or Mesa areas of Arizona. Noting he has served in denominational work 23 years, the past 17 as an executive director, Stringer said he is hoping to end a 17-year separation from his family.

When Stringer became executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention in November 1979, the denomination had 772,252 adult members in 1677 churches and missions. Today the state's largest evangelical denomination, Florida Baptists report 950,000 members in 1825 churches and missions.

During his tenure, Stringer's most significant contribution was leading Florida to become the first state Baptist convention to share half of its undesignated receipts with the worldwide causes of the Cooperative Program. (BP)

CBS show to feature SBC women's issue

CBS-TV's "Designing Women" will rebroadcast a show dealing with Southern Baptists' controversial issue of ordination for Women Monday, June 6 (8:30 p.m. EDT). According to CBS, the segment was seen by one of the largest audiences in the show's history when it was originally broadcast Feb. 22. The program deals with a sensitive issue, allowing the viewer to examine both sides. Southern Baptist pastor Billy White, of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., was selected by the show's writer and producer as editorial consultant for the segment.



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homes for children

Crisis!

Someone has described the word "crisis" as embodying two things: danger and opportunity. If that be true, we are surrounded with a lot of danger and much opportunity. Everywhere we turn we are confronted with some kind of crisis. Everyone surely feels the stress of political and economic crisis. There is the crisis of famine, poverty, war, atomic power, drugs, crime, immorality, disintegrating families and the list goes on.

Surely no crisis can be more disturbing than the situation many children are caught in today. One out of five children lives in poverty. Almost one of every two lives with only one parent. Many are the victims of broken or dysfunctional families. We surely are concerned for the deserted child and the physically or sexually abused child. Then the drug pushers, pornography purveyors and prostitution promoters are reaching out their tenacious tentacles to ensnare and enslave our youth.

All of these conditions present unparalleled danger for youth and opportunity for Christians who would provide a chance for such children to be saved from a life of misery and meaninglessness.

To increase our effectiveness in ministry to children, Baptist Homes for Children is opening a new crisis group home at Morehead. This one-residence unit will serve 10 youth at a time. The purpose of our crisis group homes is to quickly receive a youth in crisis and provide care while working out a longer-term plan to meet each youth's needs. Most who enter the crisis group homes soon move on to Glen Dale or Spring Meadows.

The Morehead crisis group home adds to our ability to be close to those in need. Other such homes are already serving youth in central and western Kentucky at Elizabethtown and Dixon. The Morehead home, serving eastern Kentucky, will be dedicated Saturday, June 4, at 10 a.m. William Marshall will deliver the dedication message. You are invited to attend. Help us meet the crisis of youth by providing an opportunity to escape danger. The dictionary says that "crisis" means a turning point. It is when one turns for better or worse. With your support our crisis group homes offer an opportunity for youth to turn for the better.

Luther Rice founder to be SBC nominee

Robert Witty, founder and past president of Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., will be nominated for second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Wayne North, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz., announced his intention to nominate Witty when SBC messengers gather in San Antonio, Tex., June 14-16, for the annual SBC meeting.

North told the Baptist Beacon, Arizona Baptists' newsjournal, he believes Witty will be a candidate for both sides of the convention spectrum. "He would be so well accepted by both sides of the issue" because both sides have been under his leadership, said North.

Witty calls himself conservative but does not align himself with either side of the SBC controversy. "I've never been interested in politics," he said, adding he declined North's first offer to nominate him as second vice president about a year and a half ago.

Witty, 81, founded Luther Rice Seminary in 1962 and was its president from 1968-80. He was chancellor from 1980 until his retirement last year.

Luther Rice Seminary, which is not affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention or the Florida Baptist Convention, says in its catalog it is "Baptist in doctrine," and has based its statement of faith on the Baptist Faith and Message statement. (BP)

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Brotherhood trustees pay tribute to Norman Godfrey

Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission trustees took time out from celebrating the 100th birthday of their sister organization to pay tribute to the life of the late commission first vice president Norman Godfrey.

Brotherhood trustees met May 13-14 in Richmond, Va., joining in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, but the life and ministry of Godfrey was on their minds.

Godfrey and his wife, Nancy, were found dead in their Memphis, Tenn., home May 4. Police investigators said Mrs. Godfrey apparently shot her husband and then took her own life.

Trustees dedicated a portion of their meeting to remembrances of Godfrey, 52, a 27-year employe of the commission. They unanimously passed a resolution of appreciation for Godfrey and voted to commission his portrait, which will hang in the commission offices in

Memphis.

Brotherhood trustees also voted to establish a Norman Godfrey Seminary Apprentice Scholarship Fund. The fund is to provide seminary students interested in Brotherhood careers with internship placements at the commission. Trustees set aside \$1000 for the memorial and established procedures for receiving additional funds.

In other actions, trustees approved a 1988-89 operating budget of \$3,139,800.

Camp Joy 'Fair Day' promises fun, games

Camp Joy, Brownsville, will sponsor a "fair day" June 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., to raise funds for the operation of the camp during the summer months.

Admission to the carnival activities is free and canned goods may be exchanged for game tickets to participate in a cake walk, dart throw, basketball throw, dunking machine, or horseshoes. Parking will be provided by Brownsville Baptist Church, with a shuttle ride to the camp.

Associations supporting Camp Joy include Allen, Bethel, Freedom, Grayson, Gasper River, Liberty, Logan, Lynn, Monroe, Simpson and Warren.

For more information contact Harold Jenkins at (502) 843-9519.

It includes projected income of \$986,800 from the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget and \$2.09 million from sales of literature and merchandise. (BP)

Wilkey named associate of Tennessee newsjournal

Lonnie Wilkey, director of communications for the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission in Nashville, has been named associate editor of the Baptist and Reflector, official newsjournal for the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Brentwood.

Wilkey, 30-year-old native of Marietta, S. C., was approved for the position by the paper's board of directors and began work May 16.

He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Journalism, and has held public relations positions with North Greenville College, Tiger-ville, S. C., and Baptist College at Charleston in South Carolina.

He joined the Education Commission in August 1982, where he edited the Southern Baptist Educator and was responsible for news and public relations.

Wilkey succeeds Charlie Warren who resigned last December to become editor of Home life, (Southern Baptist family life magazine). (BP)

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BJC controversy politics, not theology

The controversy over the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was a political dispute, not a theological one, an Arizona pastor who headed a special fact-finding committee said.

Gary Young, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, said: "Inerrancy was never an issue. (The controversy) had to do with control politics, personal dislikes and the application of theology and scriptural principles."

The pastor headed the study committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee for more than a year as it studied the Baptist Joint Committee-SBC relationship.

The controversy over the BJC arose in the 1986 annual meeting, when a messenger moved that the SBC sever ties with the BJC and establish "an exclusive Southern Baptist presence" in Washington, D. C. Young's committee, after a year of study, recommended to the 1987 annual meeting the SBC continue to relate, but expand SBC representation and empower the PAC to act separately when necessary.

Young said he was stunned when, last October the PAC voted 8-4 to request the SBC sever ties with the BJC and asked for \$485,200 to fund the PAC as a new SBC agency in place of the BJC.

Young told the Baptist Beacon, Southern Baptists should be told when biblical inerrancy is the issue and when

the issue is control politics. "I would like to keep before the people the issue of inerrancy because that's the issue that the party in power keeps saying is the issue," he said.

The past year has taken Young from initial hopefulness to frustration as the new PAC seemed unwilling to follow the plan. (BP)

Retired mission doctor killed in car accident

John C. Abell Jr., a Southern Baptist missionary physician in Nigeria 35 years, died in an auto accident May 18 near Big Spring, Tex.

Abell, 67, and his wife, Betty, were driving on Interstate 20 from their home in Ennis, Tex., toward Juarez, Mexico, where he was doing volunteer medical work for Texas Baptists' River Ministry. Their car veered off the road east of Big Spring, struck a bridge overpass and rolled, according to the Texas Highway Patrol.

Abell was pronounced dead at the scene. Mrs. Abell, the driver, broke several ribs and sustained a head injury. She was listed in stable condition May 19 at a medical center in Big Spring.

Abell, a Houston native, worked at the Baptist hospital in Eku, Nigeria, from 1952 until he retired in 1986 as medical supervisor, surgeon and physician.

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oneida journal

106 graduate at Oneida

The largest and best prepared class in Oneida's history has just left us, a total of 106 young people. Many of the class had been with us seven years, having entered OBI in the sixth grade.

Over half the class, a total of 54, received Oneida's advanced diploma. This meant they had done a tremendous amount of work over and above all the requirements of the Kentucky State Board of Education and Oneida's additional requirements for all graduates of at least one year of Bible study, Appalachian studies and computer literacy. More than half the class also had completed two or three years of either French, Latin, German, or Spanish; an extra year of science; an extra year of social studies and one year of either music, art, or drama.

There were 95 Oneida staff members and several special guests marching in the academic procession in addition to the classes of 1928 and 1938.

John Sanderson, a teacher of history 16 years, gave the invocation. Graduation this year was doubly special to the Sandersons as their youngest son, Jay, was the class valedictorian. He was awarded a \$15,000 scholarship by Vanderbilt University.

Mrs. Georgia Hicks Hacker of Hamilton and Preston Baker of Oneida represented the women and men of 1928, back for their 60th anniversary. Each

spoke briefly, as did five of the members of the 1938 class on their 50th. Mrs. Eleanor Oatman, daughter of the late Eri J. Shumaker who served at Oneida, 1946-48, was recognized. Shumaker was the president of Oneida when I first enrolled as a young child.

The congregation then rose to sing "God Of Our Fathers" with our band providing trumpet fanfares at the beginning of each verse.

I gave nine awards for the "top students" of each grade level. President's Awards were given to outstanding seniors along with the school's two highest honors, selected by a secret ballot of the faculty and staff.

The top honor went to Elmer Lessa, the son of a Brazilian Baptist pastor, who has been a student of our school five years. His classmates had previously honored Elmer by choosing him the class president the past two years. The second highest honor went to Bonnie Couch of Frankfort.

Several staff members were honored for lengthy service, including Larry and Linda Gritton, 15 years, and Rick and Jenifer Coffey, 10 years. Earlier in the week head cook Ada Abner was honored for 20 years service.

Following these student and staff honors, the congregation sang "Send The Light." Each graduating senior then received their diploma and I gave a short talk about each one. Chairman of the board Dennis Rush and principal Larry Gritton helped in this portion of the service.

The graduating class, joined by the congregation, sang the hymn "Take My Life, Lead Me Lord." The second verse says, "Take my life, teach me Lord," and the third, "Here am I, send me Lord." The refrain says, "Make my life useful to Thee."

Then our choir sang triumphantly the "Easter Anthem" followed by Handel's "Hallelujah, Amen" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The congregation rose and sang "Oneida Fair," first sung at the 1911 graduation.

Our benediction was sung by graduates Willie Akidil and Anthony Pepper and Benny Williams, revival preacher last fall. They sang "God, Please Be Patient With Me."

Monday and Tuesday were days of testing for underclassmen. There were two final chapel services and the school year was over.

Immediately we began our summer program of work and camps. Summer school begins June 12.



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LESSONS FOR JUNE 5, 1988

Life and work series

Living in God's will

Rom. 12:1-8 Before Christians can serve God properly they must discover his will for their lives and service. Paul made a strong appeal for believers to "present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" which, he added, was "a reasonable service." Nothing short of complete dedication of self to God will satisfy him or make life what it ought to be.

It is God's will for believers to be separated from the world for various reasons: the character of this age is evil, the conduct of those in this age is foolish, the spirit of this age is selfish and the end of this age is destruction.

We are obligated to exhibit the qualities of modesty, humility, sincerity, love, dedication, interdependence and dependability. The seven gifts which are mentioned in these verses—prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling and showing mercy—are to be used for edification and winning the lost to Christ.

Rom. 12:9-13 These verses set forth a high standard for Christian living. God wants our love for our brethren to be authentic, sincere and fervent.

Believers are admonished to be wholehearted in their service for Christ. Whatever their occupations may be,

their real business is to serve the Lord faithfully and acceptably. No matter what others may do, make your life what the Lord wants it to be and walk in the way in which he wants you to go.

International series

Moses: his childhood

Ex. 1:8-10 Joseph and his generation passed away, and a new monarch came to the throne who did not know Joseph and did not love the Hebrews. Their great numerical increase filled him with fear that they might form an alliance with some enemy nation and overcome the Egyptians. The monarch decided to repress the Hebrew people by subjecting them to the most rigorous tyranny. Believing that oppressive labor would achieve his desired end, he placed cruel taskmasters over them, and subjected them to various types of merciless and inhuman treatment.

God was displeased with the satanic effort to throttle the chosen people, so he intervened and thwarted his purpose. He would not permit the Egyptians to destroy the people of God and break his divine covenant with Abraham. The very hardships which they endured became the channels through which God's great blessings reached them.

Ex. 1:22 Pharaoh reasoned that if the male children were slain the daughters of the Israelites would be taken as wives by the Egyptians and in due time the identity of Israel would be lost. Through the centuries Satan has sought to get the people of God to mingle with the world in such a way as to lose their power and influence for God.

As a last resort, Pharaoh ordered all of his people to cast into the Nile River all Hebrew male children. Fortunately, the Egyptians refused to obey such an inhuman mandate.

Ex. 2:1-10 Moses was born to Amram and Jochebed, but the joy of these loving parents was overshadowed by the decree of Pharaoh that all baby boys should be destroyed. But, due to divine providence and the love of his mother the infant Moses was concealed. Moses was placed in an ark of bulrushes and launched on the tides of the providence of God, whom the parents confidently believed would protect him.

Moses was discovered by Pharaoh's daughter. Her compassion kept her from permitting anyone to slay the baby. She adopted him into the family and saw to it that he was reared and educated as an Egyptian.



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on mission together

Human needs: always with us

Meeting human needs is a never ending task. Jesus acknowledged that when he rebuked Judas for complaining that the woman who poured valuable perfume over the feet of Jesus could have spent the money on the poor. Jesus replied: "You always have the poor with you."

Indeed we do! And the world's population explosion has made the situation even worse. It's disheartening that hunger funds from SBC churches have dropped dramatically the past two years. Does it tell us that we respond only to tragic situations (such as Ethiopia) and when the media lessens attention, our giving drops? It may also tell us that we don't yet feel hunger as our "always with us" problem... that it hasn't become a deeply-felt commitment for most Southern Baptists.

Kentucky has its hungry and its

needs. Because of that, one of our six major objectives is:

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

The Church Training and Special Ministries Department has been given the primary assignment related to that objective.

Director Doug Strader and associate Jim Clontz have contributed to helping us realize that objective.

In the past two years:

- Eight human needs conferences have been conducted across the state—Whitesburg, Lexington, Louisville, Hopkinsville, Pikeville, Bowling Green, Somerset and Paducah.

- Five hundred eighteen (518) persons from 297 churches have been trained and/or sensitized to the meeting of human needs in the area of the local church.

- With the assistance of two seminary interns, Rebecca Peters and Tami

Ruckman, a training module has been developed. The five-session study titled "Meeting Human Needs in Your Church's Community" is complete with leader's guide. They are available either through the director of missions or directly from the department.

- Requests for help and promotional materials have quadrupled.

- More church members have become involved in world hunger. (For example, the children of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington have raised more than \$7000 for world hunger.)

- More churches are aware of the assistance available through the Home Mission Board. (For example, Southside Baptist Church in Covington has long been involved in human needs ministry. They now have a US-2 worker and receive \$3000 from the HMB for hunger assistance.)

There is more to be done. Baptists in Kentucky "have a way to go" to reach our potential in making a difference in this plaguing reality.

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May 24, 1988

TO: Lay Renewal Interested Persons
FROM: Bob Simpkins, Kentucky Brotherhood Department
RE: "Year of the Laity"

You have heard of the "Year of the Laity" for some time now. October 1, 1988, is the official beginning throughout our convention. Many plans have been made to make a successful year of emphasis on all laity. From the initial rally, February 19-20, associations and churches began to calendar Renewals, Lay-led Revivals, Lay Evangelism Training, and many other events to create awareness of abilities and gifts among Baptist men and women and to enhance their priesthood involvement through their churches.

Four sessions are available to help you become better prepared, as well as more knowledgeable, of Lay Renewal and its part in the Year of the Laity. This should be a nuts and bolts session. Therefore, choose the conference nearest you and make every effort to attend. Please use all your contacts to help us promote this most meaningful event.

DATES, TIME AND PLACES ARE:

- June 4 - Central Region, Lay Renewal Awareness Conference, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, 8800 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY.
- June 11 - South Central Region, Lay Renewal Awareness Conference, First Baptist Church, Somerset, KY.
- June 18 - Southwestern Region, Lay Renewal Awareness Conference, First Baptist Church, 300 West Main St., Princeton, KY.
- July 9 - North Central Region, Lay Renewal Awareness Conference, First Baptist Church, Paris, KY.

TIME FOR EACH CONFERENCE IS 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (local time).

If you have questions regarding these conferences, please contact us.

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Oneida Receives Top Group Award In Kentucky United Nations Assembly



Portion of Oneida's Academic Team that went on New York trip to the United Nations after winning "Best Country" award in the statewide KUNA meeting in Louisville. Together in the main room of Oneida's oldest building, historic Anderson Hall, are:

Seated: David Phillips, Lexington; Deborah Ledford, Oneida; Elmer Lessa, Brazil; Debbie Queener, Oneida.

Standing: Lisa Muncy '85, Ass't Dean of Girls; Amy Burkhead, Georgetown; Mark Dunn, Memphis; Chando Mapoma, The Zambia.

Oneida's Academic Team received the top group award in the annual meeting of the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) meeting in Louisville March 31-April 2.

Over 500 of Kentucky's top students participated representing 44 Kentucky high schools. Oneida was the smallest school in the three day program of resolution drafting and debate. Each school was assigned to represent a country. Oneida represented Israel. The top award is made by a secret ballot of the coaches of each participating school. Oneida was chosen "Best Country".

The following weekend seven seniors of the group flew from Louisville to New York City, accompanied by Academic Coach Diane Pauline and Ass't Dean of Girls Lisa Muncy. There they spent four days at the United Nations and seeing many other sights of New York. Oneida's young people were specially recognized in St. John's Cathedral and were seated in the choir loft for the duration of the service.

Oneida won the "Most Outstanding Delegation" award in the 1986 annual Kentucky Youth Assembly that meets each year in the State Capitol, Frankfort.

A LOVING RETROSPECT OF TWO GRAND LADIES



James Benner Burns, Margaret Benner Burns and Elwood Moore, father of Oneida President, Barkley Moore. (1981)



Sallie Goins and youngest son Saul, Oneida 1943 graduate. (1981)

TWO SONS AND A DAUGHTER OF ONEIDA



Mr. & Miss Oneida

Elmer Lessa, Mary Ratliff and Jay Sanderson

One of the highest of all honors at Oneida is to be chosen *Mr. or Miss Oneida*. Those who have attended Oneida all of their high school years are discussed in detail by the faculty. There is a secret ballot to determine the honorees.

MISS ONEIDA this year is Mary Ratliff. She has been an Oneida student most of the past seven years. Before coming to Oneida her home was in Illinois and then Lexington. She is the second generation of her family to graduate from Oneida.

Mary is very active in Baptist Student Union and has been commissioned as a summer missionary to St. Louis. Also she is an outstanding swimmer having broken varying school records, and has been very active in the choir and band. She was runnerup for 1988 Yearbook Queen. Mary was voted "most dependable" by her classmates.

There was a tie for the MR. ONEIDA honor this year, two outstanding young men.

Jay Sanderson came as an infant to the Oneida campus 16 years ago when his parents came to teach, having previously served as foreign missionaries in Trinidad. Jay is valedictorian of the class and has a full scholarship to Vanderbilt. He was a Governor's Scholar last summer and has been very active on the Academic Team. Jay has participated in varying sports. He was voted "most courteous" by his classmates.

Elmer Lessa came to Oneida as an eighth grader from Brazil speaking only Portuguese. But, being an intelligent and hardworking young man, he soon became fluent in English. President of his class both his junior and senior years, Elmer is a diligent student in every way. Strong academically he is on the Academic team and helped Oneida win the top group award at the 1988 Kentucky United Nations Assembly. He is also a fine athlete having participated in soccer, track, pole vault and swimming during his high school years. Also he sang in the choir two years.

These are active Christian young people.

Margaret Benner Burns, widow of Oneida founder James Anderson Burns, and Sallie Goins, widow of Oneida's third president, Charles Goins, both died within two weeks of each other in the early spring of 1987.

Having served together at Oneida in the late 20's and early 30's, Mrs. Burns lived one day past her 92nd birthday, and Mrs. Goins was in her 93rd year. Each died in her own home. Mrs. Burns is buried one block from the house where six generations of her family have lived in Selinsgrove, PA. Mrs. Goins is buried in the family cemetery on Beech Creek in her native Clay County.

Each last visited the Oneida campus on the same day at Homecoming, October 1981. Though having entered into their heavenly home a year ago, the memory of each is alive and cherished by their loved ones and many thousands whose lives they touched in their faithful and work-filled lives.