

# Louisville couple situated in heart of Bangladesh heartbreak

by Marty Croll  
Foreign Mission Board

A Southern Baptist missionary couple from Kentucky has sought refuge in the mission guest house in Dhaka, Bangladesh, as rising floodwaters filled their ground-floor living quarters below.

Jim and Betty McKinley, of Louisville, share the plight of 50 million Bangladeshis driven from their homes as three major rivers have overflowed in the southeast Asian country of 110 million people. The homes of other Southern Baptist missionaries have been virtually untouched by floodwater.

The McKinleys' living quarters, with guest rooms rising several stories above, and administrative offices for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Bangladesh are in a compound built less than 10 years ago on reclaimed



James McKinley



Betty McKinley

lowlands.

Mrs. McKinley has not been outside the compound since the flooding began. McKinley uses a boat he boards in the stairway of the guest house to obtain water and supplies. They have no electricity.

"On Aug. 30, in the afternoon, we knew we were in for real trouble," McKinley wrote to Southern Baptist

Foreign Mission Board officials in Richmond, Va. "The water began entering our yard, and by night had entered our house. Eventually it reached 40 inches inside the house."

Flooding is commonplace in Bangladesh in late summer after monsoon season sets in. Last year, officials reported the worst damage in 70 years. But Bangladesh President H. M. Ershad has called this year's devastation much worse than last year's damage.

Southern Baptists do not know yet how they can help the country rebuild. "What to do when the water recedes is more than my mind can manage at this point," McKinley wrote.

The Foreign Mission Board plans to send a human needs representative to Bangladesh within weeks to plan immediate hunger relief programs as well as long-range programs to help the

people recover. The board has authorized the release of \$25,000 in emergency funds, said John Cheyne, the board's director for human needs.

"It seems only right to say that some predict millions will die in the next few months," he wrote. "I doubt that, but I may doubt, simply not wanting to admit such a possibility."

More than two-thirds of the nation is reported to be under water that is rushing southward to the Bay of Bengal. As it destroys crops and livestock in its path, it brings with it rats and poisonous snakes. People are huddling wherever they can find dry spaces and are being forced to drink polluted water.

Some villages are said to be 10 feet underwater. People are standing in water up to their hips to receive aid. Stomach disease, drowning and poisonous snakebites have been major contributors to deaths. (BP)

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### Criswell's Richard Land nominee for CLC post

by Dan Martin  
Baptist Press

Richard Land, academic vice president of Criswell College, Dallas, Tex., was to be recommended as executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission meeting in Nashville Sept. 13-14.

Land, 42, is the unanimous recommendation from the eight-member search committee seeking a replacement for N. Larry Baker, who resigned in early June following 16 months as the director of the Southern Baptist Convention's moral and social concerns agency.

If elected by the 31-member commission, Land is expected to assume day-to-day leadership of the agency Oct. 24.

Joe Atchison, a director of Baptist associational missions in Rogers, Ark., and chairman of the search committee, described Land as having "impeccable qualifications." He graduated from Princeton University magna cum laude, graduated from New Orleans Seminary as the outstanding seminarian and has his doctorate from Oxford University.

"From the standpoint of qualifica-

tions, he has them. He has academic qualifications and he has written at length in the field of ethics. We feel he is a man who has leadership qualities, who can sit down with a senator and hold his own or talk with a preacher from a rural church and make him feel comfortable and be understood," Atchison said.

Land was recommended to the search committee by Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., and current president of the SBC Pastor's Conference, Atchison said. Another letter of recommendation came from Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., and current president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Land, a native of Houston, has been associated with Criswell College, sponsored by First Baptist Church, Dallas, since 1975. He has been professor of theology and church history, academic dean and, since 1980, vice president of academic affairs. Also, since 1975, he has been an associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

From January 1987 to May 1988 Land was on leave of absence from Criswell College and was administrative assistant to Texas Gov. William P. Clements Jr. He was senior adviser in church-state issues and matters relating to "traditional family values," which included antiabortion, antidrug and antipornography legislation, as well as public education, mental health, mental retardation, physical handicap and AIDS.

Currently, Land is consultant on the same issues and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Welfare Reform.

### KBC messengers, take note of these...

The Credentials Committee of the KBC reminds all Kentucky Baptists that proper procedures are necessary to register messengers at the annual meeting in Owensboro, Nov. 15-17. Please note the following: (1) Cards are available now from the Executive Office in Middletown; (2) Messengers must be elected by the church; (3) Cards must be properly filled out and signed by the clerk or moderator of the church. Follow these simple procedures and registration will be quick and easy.

Land also has been pastor of churches in Louisiana and England, as well as interim pastor of congregations in the Dallas area.

In SBC affairs, he has been a member of the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. He also has

been an adviser to the SBC Resolutions Committee in 1988 and a member of the Texas Baptist Historical Committee.

He and his wife have three children: Jennifer, 14; Dale, 11; and Rachel, 9.

For Land's positions on major issues, see page 9.

Form appears next week

### Vegas housing requests to be postmarked Oct. 1

by Marv Knox  
Baptist Press

Hotel reservations for the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting should be mailed Oct. 1, convention manager Tim A. Hedquist announced.

The meeting will be held June 13-15 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Housing request forms are available from the offices of Baptist state convention executive directors and the September issue of Baptist Program magazine, Hedquist said. It will also be carried in Western Recorder's Sept. 20 edition.

The forms provide complete instructions for filing, he said. They also list hotels in the 5700-room Southern Baptist block, their rates, distances from the convention center and the amount of deposit each requires.

Requests postmarked Oct. 1 and 2 will be processed, but forms postmarked Oct. 1 will receive priority. Because of the chance that requests will exceed the number of rooms in the block, Hedquist urged registrants to mail Oct. 1.

Requests postmarked before Oct. 1 and after Oct. 2 will not be processed, he said.

The Las Vegas Housing Bureau will fill the requests Oct. 12, after all forms have had time to arrive in Las Vegas, Hedquist reported. Only people who are not Southern Baptists will fill the requests, ensuring impartiality in the process, he added.

Registrants may not submit more than one request per person, he said, noting the housing bureau's computer will can-

cel all copies of multiple requests by the same individual.

Multiple registrants may submit individual requests in the same envelope, he said. However, the housing bureau cannot guarantee all members of a group will receive rooms in the same hotel.

The convention's block of rooms is spread among 16 hotels, Hedquist reported. The block is 90 percent larger than the 3000-room block reserved this summer in San Antonio, Tex. It is 42.5 percent larger than the 4000-room average.

But the SBC block is but a fraction of the Las Vegas hotel market, Hedquist said, noting the resort city has more than 50,000 hotel rooms. Many rooms that are not in the SBC block will be available through travel agents or direct from the hotels.

However, proximity is a prime benefit of hotels in the block. The Las Vegas Hilton, the convention headquarters hotel, is 287 feet from the Las Vegas Convention Center, site of the annual meeting. Fourteen of the hotels in the block are less than three miles away, and seven are less than a mile. Free shuttle service will be provided between the hotels and the convention center.

Prices of hotels in the block range from \$32 to \$125 per night. Five are \$45 or less, five are in the \$50-\$60 range, three are in the \$70-\$80 bracket and three cost more than \$100.

Handicapped people and others with special needs should complete their forms and mail them to the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce St., Nashville, TN 37203 by Sept. 26.

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## sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

*Editor's note: Below are the thoughts of Henry B. Huff, attorney from Louisville and an active member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Huff has been active in Kentucky Baptist life for many years and, as he points out, is the only living layman who has served as president of our Baptist state convention. Western Recorder prints the remarks of this strong Baptist leader to stimulate thought and discussion about the subject he introduces. If you have feelings one way or the other, Western Recorder invites you to respond through a letter to the editor. We thank Henry Huff for taking time to discuss with all of us a timely matter of concern to all Kentucky Baptists. We encourage you to let us know how you stand on this subject.*

### A layman should be president of the KBC

As the only living layman who has served as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, surely it is time we consider another such "experiment." Surely other laity in our state should be given an opportunity for this particular service.

There are laypersons in Kentucky who have the ability, dedication and competence to serve our convention in this capacity. A review of the facts shows that six of the last eight presidents of the Kentucky Baptist Convention have at some time shortly preceding their election as president also served as president of the Pastor's Conference.

The Pastor's Conference meets on the day before the election of the president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Half or more of all the messengers attending the convention attend some portion of the Pastor's Conference. This gives an unusual exposure to the president of the Pastor's Conference which is not available to any of our laity.

A number of years ago, for example, the convention sermon, which no layperson was ever invited to deliver, was presented a few hours prior to the election of the convention officers and a number of men were elected president at least partially based on excellent sermons. This was quietly changed.

We have been celebrating the year of the laity and I see less and less active laity involved in responsible Baptist positions. This is true on all levels of Baptist life. For the laity to be involved,

they must be asked to serve and they must be given positions of responsibility in our committees and on the Executive Board of the convention.

We need to equip our laity so they can have a broad understanding of Kentucky Baptist work and then give them an opportunity to serve in the unique position as president of the convention. The office of president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is not a powerful office but it is an office of great significance. It would mean much to lay people if they felt they could be truly considered for this position.

I certainly do not believe in quotas because I do not think they are helpful or needful. I do, however, think greater sensitivity by pastors and others to the laity in our midst is in order.

We have always nominated convention presidents based on years of service within the convention. This should also be true of laypersons but to do so we must give laity positions of responsibility.

We have many highly qualified, capable laypeople serving as trustees of our agencies and institutions who have never really been given an opportunity to view the broad work of Kentucky Baptists in so many other areas.

Our support comes from our laity. Our growth comes from our laity and our future lies in increasing the number of laity in our congregations.

Let's again make a conscious effort to see how our laity can be involved in all levels of Kentucky Baptist life.

### A mountain delight

No place on God's good earth compares to the mountains of Kentucky. Their splendor and quiet majesty are a constant inspiration to travelers through our state. Often we who live here forget what a wonder God has made in Kentucky.

It was the editor's pleasure to visit the First Baptist Church, Hazard, a few Sundays ago to share in an important day in the life of this great congregation. It was here we once again saw and felt the wondrous work the father has wrought in our state.

The occasion was the dedication of a newly renovated church plant, including some significant improvements to the sanctuary. All of it was done debt free and the spirit of triumph and victory was felt in every aspect of the celebration. The mood of the day was matched only by the towering peaks surrounding the city of Hazard.

Pastor Ben Baird was a gracious host and demonstrated his quiet humor and steady leadership as he conducted the affairs of the day, including a grand feast at noon on the church property. He is a quiet man who knows where he is going and has the God-given ability to lead others to follow. Like the mountains surrounding him, he is solid

and we take hats off to Brother Ben for the good work he has done at Hazard.

Hats off as well to the congregation. In a community which has seen many young people leave and few move in, this congregation has geared itself for outreach. That is typical of a congregation established 90 years ago by the "Prophet of Little Cane Creek," A. S. Petrey, as a lighthouse in the mountains of our state. The congregation has faithfully ministered the gospel in times of distress and discouragement and has been faithful to the vision of its founder. The light established so long ago is shining brightly and will be a source of rescue for many souls through the faithful work of the members of the church.

A weekend in the beautiful mountains of Kentucky is reason for rejoicing, but a weekend with the gracious people of First Baptist Church, Hazard is reason for thanksgiving to God for the honor of serving among such dedicated Christian pilgrims.

Thanks, Ben, for the invitation to be among your good people. May the face of our Heavenly Father continue to shine upon you and the members of your congregation.

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## viewpoint

# "What can Baptists do about the state lottery?"

by Jim McKinney

During the American War of Independence the people in the colonies were divided into three different categories. Of course we are all well versed on the activities of the patriots. Names such as Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Betsy Ross stir the patriotic feelings in all of us. The patriots were vocal, determined and willing to make tremendous sacrifices for the cause of freedom. The second category of people in the colonies during the Revolutionary War was the Tories, also known as the Loyalists. These people elected to remain loyal to King George of England and they wanted the colonies to remain under British sovereignty. The third category of people involved in this struggle was the neutral or uncommitted. These people for various reasons tried to remain uninvolved in the conflict that raged around them.

In a war it is impossible to stay on this tightrope of uninvolved for long. With the opponents pulling from both sides the uncommitted segment soon must choose a course.

The citizens of Kentucky face an issue today that if passed will forever change our state. That issue is a state-supported lottery. If a lottery is legalized this November our state will never be the same. All 26 states where lotteries have been adopted raised taxes soon after legalization. A lottery in itself is a re-

gressive tax that preys upon the poor. Those who can least afford to participate will purchase the most lottery tickets.

in Kentucky would generate as much revenue as a lottery operated in a state like Ohio. Our population is closer to that of West Virginia than that of Ohio. It is reasonable to assume a lottery in Kentucky would be more like the troubled lottery in West Virginia than the one in Ohio with their larger population base.

**"Pro-life, anti-lottery, or unconcerned—the choice is yours. But remember: one day you will stand before God and give an account...."**

The people of Kentucky today are divided into three groups much as our nation was divided during the Revolutionary War. We have the pro-lottery forces. They are well organized and well financed. There is also an anti-lottery effort whose organization is growing daily but is not nearly as well bankrolled as the pro-lottery forces. The third category of Kentucky citizens is the unconcerned, the uninformed, or the unconcerned.

Many of our Baptist people have already given up on the lottery issue. Others feel the church should not be in-

involved in any political issue. The lottery is a moral issue that must be defeated in the political arena. As citizens the choice is up to us. It is better to try, giving our best effort, even if we fail, than not to try at all.

As Christian citizens we must act responsibly. So, too, must our leaders in state government lead responsibly. The lottery can be stopped. The choice is ours.

The question is what can we do? Here are a few suggestions. This list is by no

means exhaustive. You may have other ideas that would work in your community. The point is to find something that will work and do it.

**1. Organize:** There is no substitute for organization. Call your pastor or director of missions and find out who the leader is in your community. If no one in your county is organizing an anti-lottery effort call CASL, Citizens against a State Lottery, at 502-897-7305. CASL will help you start a local organization and they can offer many useful, timesaving suggestions.

**2. Educate:** Our people need to know

why the lottery is a bad bet. They need to know what to look for when they go into the voting booth Nov. 8. Some of our people do not even know the lottery issue will be on the ballot in November. Others will have never voted on a Constitutional amendment before and they do not know what to look for on the voting machine. This information is available and can be used to help educate our people.

**3. Motivate:** Our strength is in our people. The moral fortitude of Kentucky citizens is being tested. I believe we can pass the test. However, our people must believe we can win this battle. Our people must believe their valuable time is not being wasted in a useless effort. The people in our churches must be motivated to act and we as leaders must provide that motivation.

You can also help defeat the lottery on a state wide level by supporting CASL with a gift or even help more by taking up a special offering. This money could be better utilized by CASL if it is sent soon.

We can stop the lottery in Kentucky by working now, praying now and on Nov. 8 voting NO! If you are not registered to vote, you may register at your County Court Clerk's Office until 30 days before the election.

Pro-lottery, anti-lottery or unconcerned—the choice is yours. But remember: One day you will stand before God and give an account.

## ... More opinions of Kentucky Baptists on the lottery

### A better way than the lottery

The issue of a state lottery is not simply a moral issue, a Christian issue, or a state issue. It is an issue that directly affects the welfare and health of our society. In a time when we see the foundations of civilization crumbling in the society of America, we certainly do not need any additional detriments to help destroy our quality of life.

As a Christian and as a pastor, certainly I am against the lottery because it is biblically wrong and an immoral habit. No matter how much revenue a lottery might bring our state (and that is highly questionable), whether it be used for education (and only a few states are really giving any of the lottery revenues to education) or other areas, it is still wrong. By the way, what are we saying to the children in the educational system when in the classroom they are taught to be responsible, logical, thinking people . . . while hearing from Frankfort we ought to base the security of our future on the "luck of a \$2 ticket."

The issue of the lottery is simply another attempt by the devil and the evil of our generation to drive one more nail of corruption, immorality and destruction into our state and our society. *The gambling of a lottery attacks:* our Christian stewardship, our Christian faith, our Christian work ethic and the traditional American family.

I am praying for all of our Kentucky people: that they will see the great need to stand for the welfare of our Commonwealth. Many of our senators and representatives participated in the "Great Cop-Out." They said, "We need to let the people decide." We must inform our legislators we are looking to them to uphold the moral good for the people of

Kentucky and to be caring statesmen, standing for what is right, godly and decent, and not simply to be pawns moved and swayed by popular opinion.

I don't know about you, fellow Kentuckian, but I would not want to try to go to sleep at night knowing some innocent little child went hungry because mom and dad tried their luck in the state lottery.

*There is a better way . . . Let us use our minds, hands and, yes, backs to make Kentucky a more godly and productive state.*

—James E. Shaw, pastor  
South Elkhorn Baptist Church  
Lexington

## The lottery question



Nov. 8:  
you decide

### Why Kentucky cannot afford a lottery

The following are reasons why Kentucky cannot afford to pass the lottery amendment:

#### Economically, it pauperizes the poor.

I spent six years in the Canal Zone where they had a public lottery in Panama. Most of the people played the lottery. As long as I was there, I witnessed the most unspeakable living conditions in Panama City. I returned to Panama in 1962 and the slums were more prevalent. This time they were behind high fences with barbed wire over them.

Recently, I saw on television that Atlantic City had large and expensive hotels with casinos on the boardwalk, but just behind the casinos were slums.

"Mocking the poor is mocking the God who made them. He will punish those who rejoice in others' misfortune" (Prov. 17:5).

Kentucky has a problem with gainful employment. I know lots of people that think a lottery would help. But, experience has shown wherever there has been a lottery it has not helped economic conditions, especially among the poor.

#### Morally, it opens the door to a lot of undesirable activities.

During the 33 years I spent in northern Kentucky, we were constantly fighting legalized gambling in Newport and Covington because Cincinnati was constantly dumping their moral garbage on our side of the river. I served on the political action committee of the Protestant Association for several years. We finally decided it was too big a job to do alone so we requested all churches to help. We found they were very cooperative and we were able to stamp

out the gambling situation in Northern Kentucky. Cooperation of all Christians is necessary.

Gambling will open the door to many undesirable things among which are prostitution and drinking. We had the Attorney General meet with our group and found we had twice the number of bars than were permitted. I asked him why we couldn't reduce the number. He said it was hard to do so once they were licensed. Likewise, once we have lotteries, it would be hard to reverse the evil it engenders.

Even when they win, they lose. When we were in Panama, a doctor was called to treat a retired employe of the Panama Canal who had won the lottery. The doctor told me that he believed the man would drink himself to death before running out of the money he had won from the lottery.

#### Spiritually, it is against faith because the Christian lives by faith and not by chance.

Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world but lose his own soul?" or "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" I have heard people say, "I'd run the risk of winning a lottery and if I did I would give a lot of money to charity." A man that is so materially minded will not be worried about the problems of the poor or give his material gain to the poor. Even then he probably would quit going to church. It seems to me these are very good reasons why Kentucky cannot afford a lottery. "What is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23).

Gambling is also addictive. Psychologists tell us it is even more addictive than alcoholism.

—Pat E. Taylor  
Owensboro



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Our newest faculty-staff team is Tommy and Dorothy Farmer. Throughout their Air Force career, the Farmers worked in missions and military base churches. While stationed in the Philippines they assisted our missionaries in starting new work. After retirement from the military in 1974 they sought Clear Creek for ministry training. A doctorate in education was completed last year at Southwestern Seminary. He adds strength to our religious education curriculum. Mrs. Farmer works in the business office and teaches remedial English.

Probably the most popular faculty member on campus is H. C. Chiles. He and I have the special relationship of having pastored First Baptist, Murray. He and Mrs. Chiles came to Clear Creek in August 1982. His sense of humor, extensive pastoral and preaching experience and thorough preparation always result in large classes. On Oct. 8 the Chiles observe their 60th wedding anniversary. Clear Creek invites you to a reception in their honor. It will be from 2-4 p.m. in our Family Life Center.

President emeritus D. M. Aldridge reflected on his faculty experience: "There is never a day that I fail to thank the Lord for more than 1100 graduates during my tenure. I know that each week I am preaching in many churches in 46 states and some foreign countries through those I helped to train for our Lord's service." Kentucky Baptists' faithful support enables Clear Creek to have a quality faculty. You are also affecting eternity.

Call it Providence

## Creatures are stirring in Simpson County

by Bonnie Hartley  
State Correspondent

"Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." This quote could be true of many churches, but not Providence Baptist Church in southern Simpson County.

In 1982 Providence was averaging 54 in Sunday school, but for the present church year the congregation is averaging better than 340 each Sunday for Bible study. This figure represents the Sunday school activities at Providence, one mission and two satellite Sunday schools in the county.

What has generated the growth? Pastor Steve Curtis credits the good marriage of yearning church members and

an excited leader. Curtis studied church growth at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville under Lewis Drummond, now president at South-eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Curtis was called to Providence in mid 1982 as interim pastor, but within two months he became pastor. His first step in mobilizing the congregation for outreach was "getting them to shake hands." At the beginning of each service he established a time of greeting sisters and brothers in a friendly manner.

When Curtis began his pastoral duties, the 92-year-old church was comprised of many families who were descendants of church founders. They were steeped in the tradition of revered past ministries.

Yet, Curtis claims the openness of the congregation has been a spring board for genuine growth. The church family possessed a deep desire to grow and requested Curtis to "turn Providence around for the glory of God" through winning lost persons to Christ and reaching unchurched people for Bible study.

With that kind of motivation many creatures began stirring at Providence. There are more than 1000 names in the pastor's prospect file. They are divided into four categories by the number of years he feels it will take to cultivate relationships. These folks are visited methodically on two visitation nights each week. Providence members have found it takes an average of 13 visits to non churchgoers to lead them to make a commitment.

When asked about regular visitation responsibilities, Curtis explained there were two ladies who visited shut-ins regularly and some callers who check on absentees following Sunday services.

Providence is a church organized for growth. It has Sunday school, Church

Training, Woman's Missionary Union organizations, Brotherhood and a graded choir program.

However, Curtis readily admits there is a desperate need for more staff persons. The church's minister of music is a volunteer. Curtis' wife, Nancy, was the youth worker until the birth of a daughter 10 months ago.

Providence has at least two major events to promote Sunday school each year. The church sponsored a "BOOM" (Bring One Or More) Sunday at which there were 36 first-time visitors. Probably the most exciting Sunday, however, was "Jericho Sunday" when the walls could not hold the people. For a period of four months the church family made 25,000 contacts. Then, on Jericho Sunday there were 1214 people present in Sunday school.

With the members of Providence stirring over the last five years, significant growth has been realized. Church Training attendance has leaped from eight persons to more than 140 and there have been 121 baptisms and 62 letter additions to church membership since 1982.

The church's missions offering was never more than \$3000 annually, but by the end of October 1988 the total given will exceed \$13,000. Gathered throughout the year, the missions offering sends 37.5 percent to Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong each, 15 percent to Eliza Broadus and 10 percent to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

The church budget is \$70,000, with 15 percent of undesignated gifts going to the Cooperative Program and five percent going to the mission the church sponsors.

When asked about how a 92-year-old church suddenly became so stirred, Curtis answered that one of his God-given gifts is leading in church growth. He also said with deep appreciation that he came to fertile soil.

There seems to be no rest for the stirring creatures at Providence Baptist Church!

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# Starting over . . . at 98

## Kentucky claims the oldest salaried staffer in the Southern Baptist Convention

by Elaine F. Greer  
State Correspondent

"I want nothing to do with retirement!" exhorts Wayne Byland.

At 98, Byland has embarked on a new ministry as associate pastor/senior adults at Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas.

"As far as we can determine," states Thomas E. Miller, senior vice president for public relations at the SBC Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex., "Byland is presently the oldest salaried staff member in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Born and raised in Walton, Ky., Byland was ordained to the ministry at Walton Baptist Church in 1911. Having earned degrees from both Southern and Southwestern seminaries, he also received a law degree from the University of Cincinnati. After 77 years of active service, including a 32-year pastorate at Bellevue Baptist Church, Byland still speaks enthusiastically about his new task. "God calls us to stay involved, to be cooperative and to minister in whatever way we are physically able," he responds.

With primary responsibilities in ministry to senior adults, Byland makes 12-15 phone contacts daily, checking on the well-being of shutins. Under his leadership, a network of senior adults from Highland Hills is being organized whose talents, abilities and resources have been assessed. As Byland discovers

a specific need, he then contacts a member of the network who can follow through on meeting that need.

In addition to his phone ministry, Byland makes regular visits to the hospital and to the Baptist Convalescent Center in nearby Newport. He teaches the Sanctuary Sunday School Class Sunday mornings and is called upon regularly to fill the pulpit at Highland Hills. Byland is also available for conducting funerals and weddings in the area.

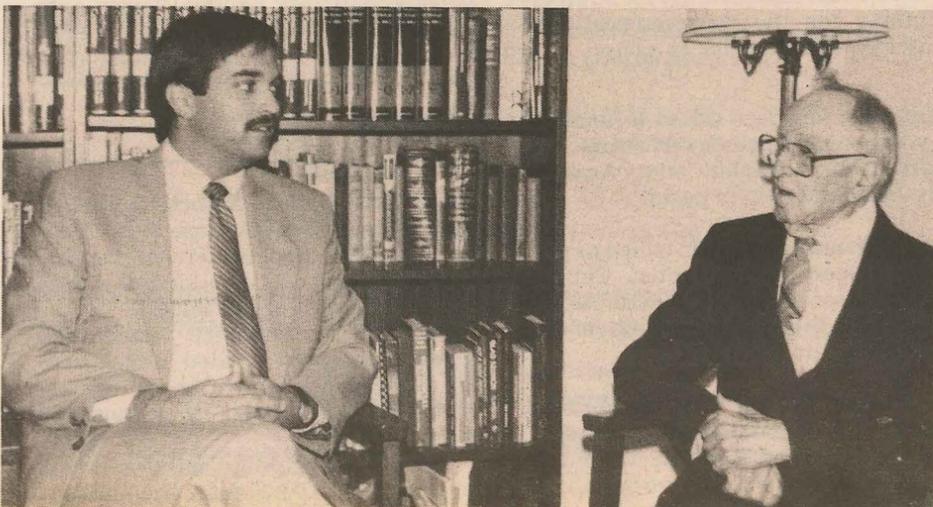
Gerald Sharon, pastor at Highland Hills, reiterates the value of their shared ministry. "Dr. Byland can keep a closer watch on the seniors than I can and he keeps me constantly informed as to their needs."

Perhaps the key to this productive working relationship is a common philosophy of ministry. "We must reach out to people and encourage them to come to church and when we get them there, we must give them a reason to come back," says Sharon. "And," adds Byland with a smile, "when we get them there, we must not make the service too long."

Byland is an inspiration to all who meet him. He brings both respect and experience to this new ministry position. But he should also remind Kentucky Baptists of the valuable resources available in the state for just such special ministries. There are numbers of retired, ordained ministers residing in Kentucky. Although some are involved in vital ministries, there are many others who would be willing to serve in a specific church ministry if given the opportunity.

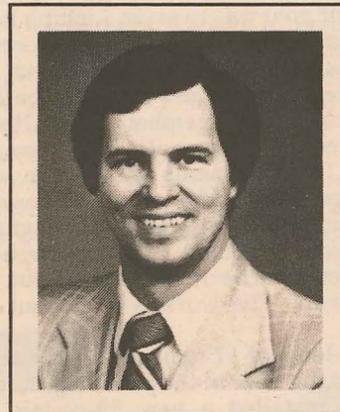
According to the University of Louisville Urban Studies Center, senior adults (age 65 and above) presently make up about 12% of the total Kentucky population. They predict that by the year 2000 that percentage will increase to over 14% and by the year 2020, senior adults will make up approximately 20% of the total state population. Many Baptist churches in Kentucky are already responding to this population swing by adding programs, activities and staff specifically for senior adults. As a need for a senior adult ministry becomes more acute, churches may give closer attention to willing retired ministers to assist in their programs.

At left, Wayne Byland stands to call shutins daily. Below, Highland Hills pastor Gerald Sharon and Byland meet to share church family concerns.



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WOW Advance Training is a new thirteen-week personal evangelism training program for youth of all ages and their leaders. It was developed by the Personal Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board to prepare youth for the challenge of Continuing Witness Training (CWT). The workshop is for Ministers of Youth and Youth Sunday School Outreach leaders. The training is being offered in a few select places in the United States. This workshop will certify participants as equippers to use both the WOW Event and WOW Advance Training materials. Participants must attend all training sessions to be certified. WOW Advance materials can only be ordered by a qualified equipper.

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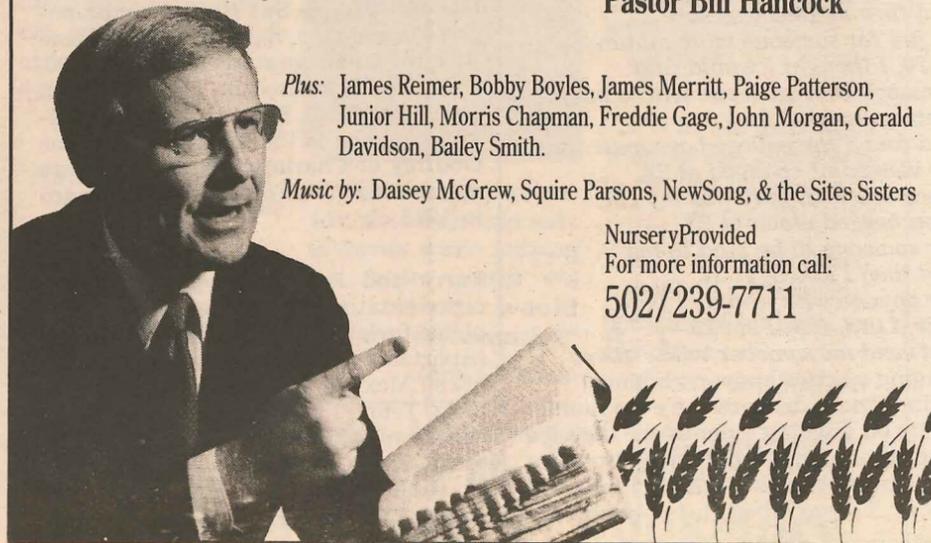
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# mountains to the mississippi



**James H. Cox**  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### The aging process, I

Agnes Durant Pylant was the first secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department. Thirty years ago at Ridgecrest she recited some delightful rhymes on growing old, embellishing each one visually, making them even better. Here's one she gave me a copy of:

*It's rough to grow old and to hear people say*

*"How's the old fire horse feeling today?"*  
*It's tough to feel gone, with aches here and there,*

*And when you get up, have to push on a chair.*

*It's rough to grow old, your eyes weak with tears,*

*No teeth in your mouth, long hairs in your ears.*

*It's enough to give you the worst kind of blues,*

*With the shine on your scalp instead of your shoes.*

*It's rough to grow old, and worse when you show it,*

*With your nose needing blown and no sense to blow it,*

*With fidgets and tremors, poor hearing, soft diet—*

*But I'll grit my bare gums, and somehow defy it.*

A friend just celebrated his 40th birthday. He told me someone went by a local mortuary and picked up some rather dilapidated posies to give him as a memento of his milestone.

None of us is getting any younger. Some of us middleagers would turn back the hands of time. We are not alone.

A little verse circulating when I was a teen was publicly dedicated to our unmarried female youth director, a good sport, to whom it mercilessly applied:

*At sweet 16, I first began*

*To ask the good Lord for a man.*

*At 17, I recall,*

*I wanted someone strong and tall.*

*The Christmas I had reached 18,*

*I fancied someone blonde and lean.*

*And then at 19, I was sure*

*I'd fall for someone more mature.*

*At 20, I thought I would find*

*Romance with someone with a mind.*

*I retrogressed at 21*

*And found the college boys most fun.*

*My viewpoint changed at 22*

*When one man only was my cue.*

*Then begged aloud at 23*

*For someone to be kind to me.*

*And then I asked, at 24,*

*For anyone who wouldn't bore.*

*Now, Lord, that I am 25—*

*Just send me someone who's alive!*

*Aging worries know no bounds!*

Mrs. Pylant delivered an even funnier rhyme on growing older as she traveled about promoting church recreation. But alas, space, like life, has its limits. I'll save it for you when this column continues in two weeks.

## missions

The Brotherhood from Highland Hills Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, went on mission in Salyersville—a mission of building.

Their goal was to assist Licking River Baptist Church, Enterprise Association, in church and parsonage repair and maintenance. A week prior to the July 22 trip team member Paul Harris traveled to Salyersville to assess the needs. Arrangements were made with the local saw mill for lumber. Other construction supplies would be brought by the team. Highland Hills' brotherhood director Charlie Rush handed out assignments. The work was cut out for them.

The team of 17 removed an old deck; braced the floor in the parsonage family room; installed a new 30-gallon hot water heater; and built a new deck with railing and stairs. In the church they installed a water heater; painted trim, doors, windows, the steeple and cross on the roof; installed a new outside door; built a new porch awning; repaired a broken spout; and trimmed the shrubs and yard.

The mission team was supported by WMU and church members who helped finance the project. The men weren't the only ones involved in the mission effort. The Highland Hills youth followed up with an Aug. 8-13 trip to conduct vacation Bible school and a community religious census.

**William and LaVerne Arnold**, missionaries to The Gambia, have completed furlough and arrived on the field (Baptist Mission, Box 2376, Sere Kunda via Banjul, The Gambia). They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Louisville and she is the former LaVerne Hutchens of Bowling Green. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, resigned in 1967 and reappointed in 1984.

**Bob and Myrtle Daugherty**, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the states for furlough (4908 Franklin Rd., Nashville, TN 37220). A native of Tennessee, he was born in Montgomery County and also lived in Nashville. She is the former Myrtle Dabney of Monticello, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

**Asa and Lydia Greear**, missionaries to Benin, have completed language study in France and arrived on their field of service (BP 877, Cotonou, Benin). Both consider Ashland, Ky. their home town; she is the former Lydia Patton. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1987.

**Dan and Menda Sue Hatfield**, missionaries to Panama, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco de Dos Rios, San Jose Costa Rica). He is a native of Louisville and she is the former Menda Sue Godfrey of Charlotte, N. C. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1988.

**Larry and Peggy Wakefield**, Baptist representatives to Mexico, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Apartado 148-C, Morelia, Michoacan, 58280 Mexico). He was born in Lewisburg, Tenn., lived in several states and considers Muldraugh, Ky. his home town. She is the former Peggy Wright of Hodgenville, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978.



(l-r) In front of Three Forks Association's new headquarters are: William W. Marshall, executive secretary/treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Phillip E. Rosenbaum, director of missions; D. M. Aldridge, mission strategist; James Hamblin, moderator; and missions committee members Sherman Jones, Emmons Asher and Thomas Stokes, chairman.

**James and Jenny Musen**, missionaries to Kenya, report a change of address (Box 426, Ukunda, Kenya). He was born in Boyd County, Ky. and lived in Ashland, Ky., and Franklin Furnace, Middletown, and Franklin, Oh. while growing up. The former Jenny Rossetter of Kentucky, she was born in Bowling Green and lived in Smiths Grove and Center while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

**Charles and Cheri Orange**, missionaries to Tanzania, report a change of furlough address (1837 Minter Lane, Abilene, TX 79603). They are natives of Colorado Springs, Colo. He was born in Greenville, Ky. and she, the former Cheri Sallee, of San Diego, Cal. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977.

**Larry and Edwina Rowell**, missionaries to Burkina Faso, have completed language study in France and arrived on their field of service (Mission Baptiste, BP 580, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso). He is a native of Moultrie, Ga. and she is the former Edwina Mills of Guston, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1987.

## personnel

**Wayne Dunn** resigned as minister of music at Burgin Baptist Church, Mercer Association, to be commissioner of corrections with responsibility for adult institutions for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Jon Roebuck is pastor.

**Trent Argo** has been called as minister of youth and music by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. Bob E. Martin is pastor.

**Barney Manning** has been called as pastor by Good Hope Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He will attend Clear Creek Bible College while serving the congregation.

Mt. Elmira Baptist Church, Brooks, Long Run Association, called **James L. (Jimmy) Allen** as minister of music. Allen is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville. Don Daniel is pastor.

**Jeff Griffin** resigned as pastor of Woodstock Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, to accept the pastorate of a church in Hillsboro, Oh.

**Milton Gresham** resigned as minister of music and youth at Memorial Baptist Church, Blood River Association, to accept a call from Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, Tenn. James L. Simmons is pastor.

Salem Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, called **Donald Berry** as pastor. Berry is a student at Southern Seminary.

**Liberty Baptist Church**, Taylor County Association, will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sept. 18, 1988. Pastor Gilbert Sapp will preside at the morning and afternoon services. Guest speakers include Taylor County directors of missions, Bill Beard and Alan Witham. A special feature of the day's activities will be an old fashioned dinner on the grounds at noon. Historical highlights and gospel singing will be featured as well. The church has a strong missionary history, sending more than 43 percent of its offerings to mission causes.

Sidney Baptist Church, Pike Association, called **Gary May** as pastor.

Lone Pine Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Tim Smothers** who entered Southwestern Seminary this fall.

**Edward Eaton** accepted the call as pastor of Fed's Creek Baptist Church, Pike Association.

## associations

**Three Forks Baptist Association** held a dedication and open house July 31 for its new office and conference facility. This is the first office building the association has built or purchased.

Prior to construction association headquarters were located in the director of missions' home. The facility accommodates resources, office space and guest quarters.

Value of the building and property is in excess of \$140,000 with an indebtedness of under \$10,000.

## christian education

# Campbellsville art season opens with Cincinnati native

Campbellsville College's art exhibits for the 1988-89 academic year are a mixture of student and professional work from campus to New York. The exhibit season began Aug. 29 with a guest exhibit by Michael R. Holdren from Cincinnati, Oh.

Holdren has a BA in art history and studio art from the University of Kentucky and a MA in fine arts from the University of Cincinnati. He is an instructor of watercolor at Cincinnati Art Academy.

His exhibit consists of large drawings

and paintings based on reference to co-existence of landscape forms against that of manmade structures. Holdren said, "An ongoing concern of mine for some time has been recording landscape in its natural, organic form. However, upon my move to a more urban area, the search for more open, expansive views of the land became increasingly difficult. This was primarily due to the abundance of manmade elements that usually stood between me and my subject."

After much trial and error attempting

to make the two coexist on a two-dimensional surface, Holdren said, "It became apparent that what interested me was recording 'sections' of landscapes seen between light poles, through bridges, or above and below wires. More specifically, I was concerned with the resulting shapes or 'spaces' created by the inner edge of such structures.

"For me, it went further than just 'land' and 'squares' mended together on a surface," he continued. "Together, they give rise to new spaces, places, en-

vironments recreated from past experiences. They became conglomerations of ponds and fields, paths and poles, signs and road markers, line and mass, dawn and dusk, the seen and unseen, dreams and visions, all which merge together to express the ambiguous and inviting."

Holdren's art will be on exhibit at the Gosser Fine Arts Center Gallery through Sept. 16. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m.-noon and from 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

## Southwestern enrolls 50,000th student

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., the world's largest seminary, enrolled its 50,000th student Aug. 26.

Southwestern marked the milestone when Charles Frazier, 27, a new theology student from Lithia Springs, Ga., became the 50,000th student to enroll at the school. Frazier enrolled for the fall semester at 9 a.m.

Southwestern president Russell Dilday congratulated Frazier as he picked up a computer printout of his class schedule.

Southwestern's enrollment of the 50,000th student coincides with the celebration of the institution's 80th anniversary and president Dilday's 10th anniversary.

Frazier is the son of Southwestern graduate Clay Frazier. His father and Dilday were pastors of churches in Jack County, Tex., at the same time in 1955.

Frazier is the former associate pastor and minister of singles at First Baptist Church in Lithia Springs and a former high school basketball coach.

Southwestern enrolls more than 5000 men and women each year. The students train for ministry in the seminary's schools of theology, religious education and church music.

According to the Association of Theological Schools, nearly 20 percent of all seminary students in the United States attend one of Southern Baptists' six theological seminaries. One-third of all Southern Baptist seminary students attends Southwestern. Since its beginning the seminary has graduated 26,941 students. (BP)

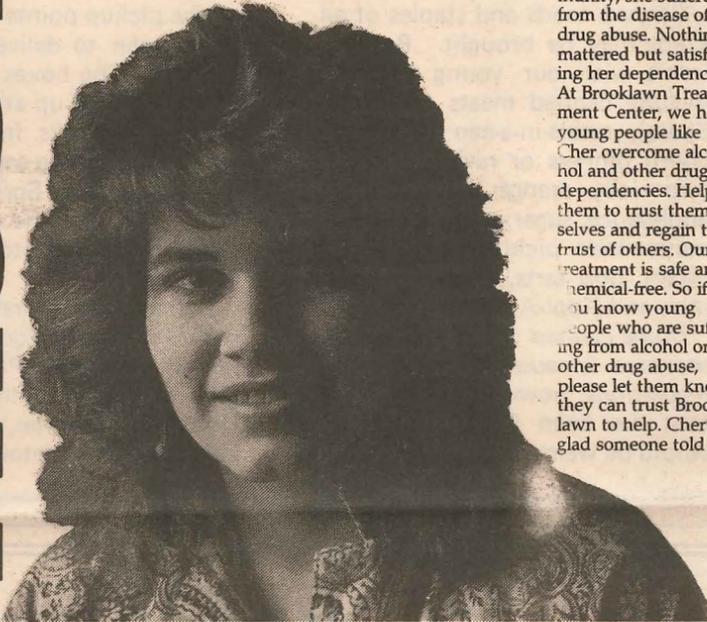
## Campbellsville College announces GED schedule

A new test date schedule for the General Educational Development (GED) at Campbellsville College has been determined, according to registrar William Thomas Biggs, chief examiner.

Biggs said the schedule was developed due to a new series of tests and expansion of the test to include essay writing. Candidates must take at least two sessions to complete the entire GED test battery.

Test schedule for the GED is the first and third Tuesday afternoons from 1 p.m. until 5 or 6 p.m. Candidates must reserve a test date and check-in with the registrar's office between 1 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to test that day.

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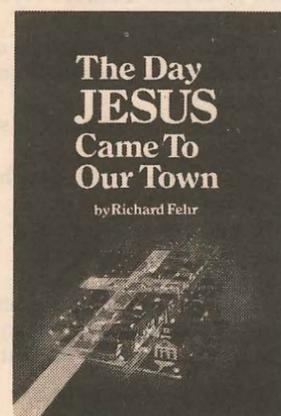
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Each year the value of the food which has been given during the roundup has been in excess of \$20,000.00. What a wonderful help this has been! Buckley Carlin, director of Glen Dale Children's Home, says, "We really use all of this. It is certainly a worthwhile thing that people do because it helps to defray the cost of feeding 60 to 80 people each meal."

Canned foods and staples of all kinds may be brought. Popular items with our young people include canned meats (such as Spam), meals-in-a-can (like spaghetti dinners or ravioli), juices (especially orange juice), fruits, applesauce, sugar, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, cereal, cookie mixes, pop tarts, chocolate milk mix, and Kool-Aid packages.

*Home-canned foods cannot be accepted because of government regulations; however, pork or beef that has been USDA-inspected would be welcomed.*

Our children also have a continuing need for personal supplies. These may be brought to the pickup points, along with food, during September. (The need for these supplies is emphasized as the Women's Advisory Board's project for April, but personal supplies are in demand the year around.) *All food and supplies should be packed in boxes with tops, in case stacking is necessary during transportation.*

The pickup points are scattered across the state (see the list below), and most are the same as those of last year's food roundup. Food should be brought to these points sometime during September. In some instances, food will be collected at churches and later taken to the pickup points—or individuals may prefer to deliver their own directly. The boxes of food will then be picked up at the designated points by trucks from Baptist Homes, beginning early in October, and delivered to Spring Meadows, Glen Dale, and the crisis group homes at Elizabethtown, Dixon and Morehead.

For those who prefer, financial contributions for food for our children may be sent. Please send such gifts to Robin Oldham, Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown KY 40243.

### Pickup Points

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Office, Central City  
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Office, Hartford  
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Home, Middletown

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Greensburg  
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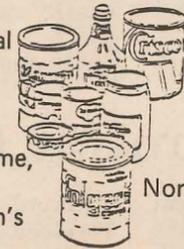
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\* Experienced minister in condominiums/apartments



#### Benton Williams

\* Director, Missions/Church Services Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention  
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# baptist news in brief

## Conservative writers begin on commentary

The newest commentary planned for Southern Baptists received a kickoff Sept. 2 in the only planned meeting of writers and editors working on the 40-volume project.

Forty-one of the 44 writers enlisted to contribute to the biblical commentary gathered in Nashville from 12 states for a meeting to receive orientation, guidelines, answers to questions and to meet the other writers.

Michael A. Smith, chief editor of

Broadman books and general editor of the commentary, said: "The new commentary is a chance to demonstrate conservative scholarship and sound scholarship. This is not to show off, but simply to enable sound, conservative scholarship to get a fair hearing. It's a magnificent opportunity for ministry to make a commentary pastors and theological students will read."

The first volume of the new commentary will be released in June 1991, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Sunday School Board. A decision has not been made regarding which volume will be released first, Smith said. About eight volumes will be published each year until the last one is released in 1995.

The writing team selected by the consulting editors and approved by Broadman officials includes three pastors, numerous educators and one layman. Hayne Griffin, a businessman from Greer, S. C., with a doctoral degree from Aberdeen University in Scotland, is the layman who will write on the New Testament book of Titus.

The only writers unable to attend the meeting were a Baptist missionary teaching in Argentina, Mervin Breneman; a professor from Melbourne, Australia, J. A. Thompson; and Duane Garrett, professor at Canadian Southern

Baptist Seminary.

Institutions that are heavily represented by writers on the commentary project are Criswell College, Dallas, Tex., seven writers; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., six; Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn., five; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, three each.

The three pastors are Kenneth Hemphill, First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; Joel Gregory, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth; and Frank Page, Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Ft. Worth. (BP)

### Audrey Puryear to lead community child work

Audrey Puryear, director of social services at Buckner Baptist Benevolences, South Texas Center, San Antonio, was named director of community services at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children effective Sept. 7, according to Curtis C. Mooney, KBHC executive director.

She will be responsible for coordinating services of the agency's regional offices in Louisville, Madisonville, Morehead and Winchester as well as in crisis care facilities in Dixon, Elizabethtown and Morehead. Additionally, she will oversee the intake process of each child entering Baptist Homes for Children.

Miss Puryear, a native Texan, earned the bachelor's degree at Southwest Texas State University and the master's degree in social work at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Prior to joining the Buckner staff Miss Puryear was a child protective services worker and later supervisor of child protective service units in the Texas Department of Human Resources. She has also been a summer missionary at Baptist Friendship House, New Orleans, La., and was interim music and youth director at Bellaire Baptist Church, San Antonio.

Miss Puryear is a member of several professional organizations including the National Association of Christians in Social Work.

She succeeds Edna Woofter, who retired.

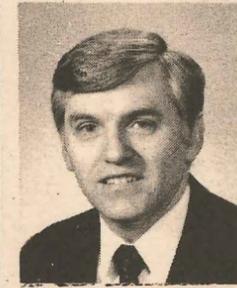
### Baylor vetoes concert by singer Willie Nelson

Baylor University has canceled a November concert at the university by country/western singer Willie Nelson.

Baylor officials would not elaborate on the reasons for canceling the concert, but the decision followed recent protests and picketing of Nelson events by police officers protesting a benefit concert staged by Nelson on behalf of a prison inmate involved in the death of two FBI officers. FBI director William Sessions is a Baylor graduate.

The concert was to have benefited the depositors of the failed Leroy Bank, a private bank northeast of Waco. It has been rescheduled for Nov. 14 in Heart of Texas Coliseum in Waco.

Eugene Baker, director of public relations for the university, said the cancellation had no connection with Sessions, and that "he has not been involved at all." Baker added, however, that information about Nelson's benefits had come to light after the original agreement with Nelson for the concert had been made. (BP)



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## homes for children

### Our Nation's Tragedy

Each week I read the case studies of children who are referred to Spring Meadows and Glen Dale. These are in reality studies of tragedy. It is so depressing to read the details of each child's life. So many chronicle abandonment by the father; others note divorce and multiple marriages or relationships for the mother. Many show children who move from one relative to another or from one foster home to another.

Child abuse, particularly sexual abuse, increasingly shows up in the reports. The use of drugs and alcohol, first by the parents and then by the children, is so common. The desperation of the children for someone to really care comes through in each study.

I stand in awe that anyone, let alone a child, can survive the agony so many of them have gone through. They have learned to be tough and unfeeling as they have had to shut out the world around them.

ABC television recently aired a documentary titled, "Crimes Against Children—the Failure of Foster Care," which so graphically showed the overburdened public system which is attempting to cope with the epidemic of child abuse and neglect that is so rampant in our country today. I could identify with the helpless public officials who had no easy answers to growing caseloads of abused children. Child abuse hotlines receive thousands of reports, but there is a limited number of protective service workers to do the followup investigations and when abuse is found, they have few alternatives in helping the child.

There is a growing shortage of foster homes and crisis centers for children. Our own experience in opening the home in Morehead to a full house of children illustrates the need for emergency placement resources.

Current laws mandate that everything be done to keep the child in the home unless he or she is in immediate danger of abuse. When a child is removed from the home, he or she often must be returned to a situation where the potential for abuse still exists. The workers need the wisdom of Solomon and the toughness of Samson to know and act in such situations.

Please pray that in some way we as individuals and as a society will understand that children are our most important possession and our future.

### Evangelists organize

The Conference of Kentucky Southern Baptist Evangelists recently organized in Bowling Green.

The conference will function as a tool for both individual evangelists and Kentucky Baptist churches. It will facilitate spreading the gospel of Christ; provide fellowship; minister to the spiritual needs of evangelists and pastors; and encourage outreach.

Officers: Joe Mobley, London, president; Bryan Parris, Hanson, vice president; Johnny Tallent, Louisville, secretary-treasurer; Arnold Turner Jr., Prestonsburg, parliamentarian; C. Gray, Ownesboro, music director; Damon Jones, Corbin, assistant music director.

## Richard Land's positions

Richard Land, who will be nominated to become the next executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission (see story, page 1), says his position on abortion is "completely in line with resolutions passed by the Southern Baptist Convention in the past decade."

"I want to have a strong emphasis on pro-life issues," Land said. I also want to have an emphasis on racial justice and racial equality, for I am fearful we have slipped in this country in the last 10 years on race relations.

"I think the CLC was right to stand up and protest the blasphemy of the (movie) 'The Last Temptation of Christ,' but I think we also need to stand up and be equally strong in our condemnation of the blasphemy of the Ku Klux Klan using the cross of Christ as a symbol."

These issues were the focus of disagreement between Baker and the conservative-dominated CLC. Baker favored ordination of women, opposed capital punishment and felt abortion should be allowed in cases of rape, incest, severe fetal deformity and to save the life of the mother.

Land opposes abortion except in extreme cases, opposes ordination of women and favors capital punishment.

"I oppose abortion except where the mother's physical life is in extreme danger," he said in a position paper.

Land told Baptist Press his position "puts me completely in line with resolutions (opposing abortion) passed by the convention in the last decade."

He added he believes the CLC should have a "many-pronged emphasis" on abortion: "We should be working and preparing materials that can be used by churches in counseling people who have had abortions or been involved in abortions. We are faced with a problem that has plagued our society for almost two decades, and it has left scars we need to begin ministering to in a very specific and positive way."

On capital punishment, Land wrote: "I firmly believe in capital punishment as part of the biblically mandated authority of the civil magistrates."

Of women's ordination: "Man and woman are clearly both created in the image of God. They both have eternal souls. They both have the same potential to respond to God. They both have infinite opportunity to serve the Lord."

"However, there are scriptural distinctions in role assignment and official position. As I Tim. 2:11-15 and Eph. 5:22-24 clearly indicate, the woman is to be in subordination to the man in the structure of the church as an organized body and in the family as a team in the household."

He added the New Testament "asserts the full equality of men and women and distinguishes their role and assignments in the church and in the home. . . . The New Testament forbids 'women to serve in a' teaching-ruling office or ordination to the ministry or ruling authority."

Land said other emphases include "a very strong involvement in drug education and drug prevention. . . . and opposition to pornography."

Land said: "We need to emphasize the whole issue of the family and the assault on the family. We need to address child abuse, both physical and sexual, and be prepared to face the issue of incest, which is here in epidemic proportions and is not going to go away."

"Emphasizing these issues does not mean I am hostile to other issues. I think, for instance, the emphasis on hunger is an appropriate one. My concern is that while it is an appropriate concern, we do not emphasize it to the neglect of others." (BP)



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## oneida journal

### Midnight moonlight tour

I awoke to a beautiful Saturday morning and a slight breeze. I just knew it was going to be a special day. Each day is given to us by God to do something for him.

I stopped by the gym to find volleyball practice going strong. We have a group of very fine girls on the team and a new coach, a native of Alaska, that God has led to our work. She and her husband, a graduate of our school, were married here last spring. Both are teaching and very committed.

From there I walked on to the student workshop where a group of our boys were sorting several truckloads of equipment, much of it new, donated to us the day before by a Lexington company. Included were a number of high quality small wooden table tops that we can put legs on for study tables in dorm rooms. The boys sorted out at least \$1000 worth of new kitchen equipment and carried it to our kitchen.

Looking beyond the shop I found another large crew gathering watermelons, pumpkins and beautiful tomatoes. The melons have been especially tasty this summer and I could visualize the pumpkin pies. The tomatoes are being frozen for juice this winter and to be used for soups on wintery days.

My attention was directed to a tree-shaded portion of our track where our cheerleading squad was yelling during one of their first practices of the year. My memory flashed back forty years when I first became aware of cheerlead-

ers.

Looking beyond I saw and heard our marching band at work. They are working daily on their show for our Homecoming Oct. 8th. I learned they were to play that afternoon at a neighboring school's football game.

As I started to cross our new swinging bridge over Goose Creek, I turned back to look at the main campus. There have been so many additions that the view is now quite different. A large number of our cross country team came running by for morning practice with a three mile run. Leading the group was a girl from Texas who has been with us three years. Her aunt graduated from here in 1975.

A chain on our potato digger had just broken when I got to the farm. Already hundreds of bushels had been dug in the morning hours and seven of our boys were busy carting the filled wooden crates into our large underground potato cellar.

I paused for a delightful hour-long visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, who came to join our work this summer as volunteers. Mr. Walters was a public school teacher and assistant principal for thirty years who most recently pastored Great Crossing Baptist Church for 15 years. Now he is teaching full time at OBI and Mrs. Walters is working with our Guidance Counselor. They are both "loving it."

Walking back across the bridge I could hear the noontime chimes echoing across our beautiful valley. I walked up the stone steps laid in the past month from the athletic field to the main campus and went on to eat in the dining room. There I met a man and his wife who had just arrived with 915 bushels of shelled corn as a gift to the school. I showed them our new film and gave them a campus tour. During the film I went through the day's mail.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent showing a 1931 graduate and longtime teacher recent improvements. Then a former trustee and his wife came with a pastor and his wife from Florida. I spent several hours with them, as well as with the grandparents of one of our students who arrived from Michigan.

Then I ate supper and watched a Walt Disney movie with our students. Afterwards, I spent several hours with some of our former students preparing to go back to college. At 11:25 p.m. one of our '88 graduates arrived with her boyfriend from Alabama wanting him to see everything! We did, by the light of a full moon, getting through at 2:25 a.m.! Another day!



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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR SEPT. 25, 1988

#### Life and work series

#### Attitudes for giving

**Matthew 23:23-24** Christ pronounced a series of mournful woes upon the scribes and the Pharisees. Each was a solemn warning and an expression of pity. God required the Israelites to pay tithes of their agricultural products and fruits (Lev. 27:30). Pharisees were careful to tithe every edible product, but they were not as scrupulous about ethical and moral duties. An attempt to display outward cleanliness while harboring impurity within is highly displeasing to our Lord.

**Matthew 5:20, 23-24** Whereas the righteousness of the Pharisees was self-fabricated and selfish in the sense that it was a bid for admiration, the righteousness which is required of us is implanted by the Holy Spirit. It is expressed in the actual doing of God's will for his glory and for the welfare of others.

Christ taught that when a Christian brings his gift to the altar for the purpose of dedicating it to God, and realizes he and his brother need to be reconciled, he should leave his gift at the altar and become reconciled with his brother and then present his gift to God.

**Matthew 6:1-4** Almsgiving is a Christian duty. The pride of the natural person is as much in evidence in any other

realm as it is in the exercise of charity. It is so easy to be insincere and hypocritical in the matter of giving. So often gifts are made in order to attract the attention of others and to win their praise.

Christ specifically objected to and warned his disciples against the distribution of alms to the needy in the hope of gaining the approval and applause of men. The true and scriptural almsgiver gives as unto the Lord, and without expecting any praise from any person.

#### International series

#### God answers Job

Even though Job was an upright man who revered God and turned away from evil, he had not learned the value and importance of self-abnegation. Because Job was prone to think too highly of himself, God wanted to teach him to be humble and submissive to him.

**Job 38:1-7** In Job's case there was a real need for specific revelation from God, so he spoke to him out of the whirlwind, similar to the one which killed his children. How appropriate! In the midst of his mental confusion Job heard the voice out of the storm, reproving him for speaking authoritatively about matters beyond his knowledge. God enabled Job to see that no man has any right to contend with God or to accuse him of being unrighteous in his rule of the world.

Instead of vindicating his servant as Job had been hoping that he would do, God revealed to him his own greatness as creator. God had created all things and had made everything right in every respect. From this reminder we should learn that it is never wise for us to speak about situations concerning which we know very little and express our opinions about them with a note of finality or authority.

**Job 40:3-5** Like many of us, Job did wrong in expressing himself so freely about some of the things which God had done. It is wrong to reprove God for his words, works or ways, to imply he has been unfair about anything.

**Job 42:6, 10** When Job received a fresh vision of the holiness of God, the result was a new realization of the sinfulness of his own heart. Instead of repenting for something which he had said or done, Job's repentance was concerned with what he was—not merely his actions, but himself. When Job truly trusted himself to the sovereignty and wisdom of God, his faith became more meaningful.



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## on mission together

### Joyful in the shadows

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's financial year boiled down to a final four breathtaking days.

Monday, Aug. 29, over \$400,000 was needed to achieve the 1987-88 budget. Monday proved disappointing. But Tuesday and Wednesday were both \$100,000 plus days. Thursday, Sept. 1, the final day for including offerings received and postmarked in August, brought us to within \$27,618 of achieving the total budget of \$16,380,360. August had set a new monthly record of \$1,765,446.

Given all of the realities impacting Cooperative Program giving from the churches, it is a **small miracle** that we received a total of \$16,353,012, **only .02% short of the budget goal.**

Many pastors and church treasurers made a special effort to assure that their

gifts were received before the final deadline. A number of churches, though experiencing their own budget shortages, came on through with their earlier commitments. A few pastors made a special trip to the KBC building, delivering their church's check personally.

But the real heroes of this "small miracle" are thousands of Kentucky Baptist church members who regularly practice the "humility of stewardship." They are the "20%" in the local church who carry "80%" of the financial load; the "core group"; the ones who, in many instances, sacrifice some of their own comfort or desires, for the "good" of the church; most of them humble folks who believe that a Christian should be generous toward God. Whatever would we do without them!

For those of us who know how dependent is our total mission upon folks like these, I salute them and thank God for their faithfulness.

In the midst of celebration, however, there remains the need to call attention

to a single reality which determines the size and scope of our future mission together. Like it or not, our mission together costs money.

**The Reality: While we almost made budget, and had a record August, the increase in Cooperative Program giving dropped from 6.7% last year to 3.8% this year.**

**Thus, the trend in Cooperative Program growth continues downward. For the five years between 1979 and 1983, CP growth averaged 10.5% per year. The five years since, covering 1984 through 1988, have averaged 4.9% per year, more than a 50% decline.**

#### A Response to Reality:

To receive gratefully and act responsibly and creatively with whatever financial resources Kentucky Baptist churches provide.

To remember that in difficult times, God has something to teach us.

To pray earnestly that what we learn in difficult times will make of us more useful servant-Christians.

## New Age affects Baptists, HMB witness expert says

Ted's company requires him to attend a weekend seminar where meditation, Zen and yoga are taught as ways to increase productivity.

Sally's new doctor recommends therapeutic massage as a way to receive full healing power for her body.

As an exercise in Johnny's high school class, the teacher plays mystical oriental music and instructs her pupils to meditate silently on peace.

Although the members of this family are fictional, the situations they face are becoming real-life problems for Christians across the United States, reported Maurice Smith, assistant director of the Interfaith Witness Department at the Home Mission Board.

The problem is not attending seminars, going to doctors or attending public schools, Smith said. Rather, these situations show how New Age ideas are invading American life.

This invasion is a threat to Christianity and other religions, but it is not an organized conspiracy to overthrow Christianity, Smith said.

New Age is a catch-all term for a network of religious and philosophical systems that have gained popularity in the past 20 years. No definitive limits define what is or is not New Age, but it includes concepts such as meditation, reincarnation and out-of-body experiences and draws heavily on Eastern religions. Most New Agers seek personal fulfillment and global unity.

That may sound far-fetched to most Baptists. But simpler versions of these ideas are now common in business, education, health care and music, Smith said.

"Everyone is affected by New Age. If you have magazines, newspapers and the U. S. Postal Service, you are affected," he said.

Smith said he believes Baptists are not as well equipped to deal with New Age as with traditional religions. New Age features a radically different world view where all is good and all are gods, he said.

The best response to New Age is to affirm the Bible as sole authority, Smith said. "If you have the Bible as sole authority, it means you won't drag in a revelation somebody had last week," he explained.

Baptists too often allow their doctrine to be softened by popular culture, Smith cautioned. "In spite of our emphasis for the last 10 years on the Bible as sole authority, we seem to have an amazing number of people who believe they can get authority from extra-biblical sources," he said.

He cited reincarnation, a common New Age belief, as an example. The idea of living multiple lives directly contradicts the biblical teaching that each person is created uniquely by God, Smith said. But because society promotes it, Baptists are encouraged to believe reincarnation might be possible.

"We need to learn to distinguish between what is Christian and what is not," Smith said. He pointed out that New Age overlaps some areas that are distinctly Christian. However, the movement as a whole is not Christian because it allows for extra-biblical authority, he said.

Smith fears that New Age's strongest impact on Christianity might come through subtle experiences like those of the family described earlier. New Age does not necessarily pull people out of the church because there is no New Age

church to join. Rather, New Age affects the way people perceive the message of the church.

"We may lose members only in the sense that we lose the capacity to influence the way they think and act," he said. "Our sermons and teachings are being processed through a New Age mentality. That means the words we use are distorted."

Churches must come to grips with

New Age if they want to retain their witness in modern society, Smith said, "New Age is not going to go away. It is going to be pervasive."

Christians should approach New Age with open minds and clear understandings of biblical truth, he added. This will prevent reactionary attitudes that hurt the Christian witness.

Beyond evangelism, understanding New Age will teach Christians what

parts of New Age to reject in everyday encounters, Smith said.

Christians should beware of New Age concepts, he said.

To help Christians, Smith has written a four-page pamphlet on New Age in the series of belief bulletins published by the Home Mission Board. It is available at no cost through the board's toll-free customer service phone line (800) 634-2462. (BP)

## Mold me and make me after thy will

by Jim Newton

For 27 years, Ben and Shirley Yelvington have been molding and shaping the spiritual lives of the Indian potters famed for their black pottery.

It is a time-consuming process, operating constantly on "Indian time" when no one ever gets in a hurry. At times their missionary work has been tried and tested by the fires of opposition from Catholic priests, Indian religious leaders, or village governors who don't want them in the pueblos.

Despite slow response to the Christian gospel in the seven pueblos near Santa Fe, N. M., the Yelvingtons never seem to be discouraged. They are content with what they feel God has given them during their 34 years among the Indians of New Mexico.

"The thing that has kept us here is the awareness of God's calling and God's word and the realization that we are building, little by little, the knowledge and understanding of the gospel among the people," said Yelvington.

The Yelvingtons don't want to go back to their native Florida when they retire in a couple of years. Instead, they want to stay in Espanola—the New Mexico town closest to their seven beloved pueblos.

"This is home for us. The Indian people are our people," added Yelvington, 63.

About a dozen members of the Santa Clara church are potters, including Teresita Naranjo whose pottery sells for thousands of dollars and is displayed in museums across the nation. The Santa Clara and San Ildefonso pueblos are famous for their black pottery, polished

and fired to a high gloss sheen.

Making pottery reminds Teresita of the hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Lyrics of the hymn say that God is the potter, mankind is the clay and urge God to "mold me and make me after thy will."

Judy Tafoya, a young potter also a member of the Santa Clara church, said God has taken the broken pieces of her life, changed them completely and put the pieces back together again.

"I gave it all up and turned it over to the Lord," she said. "I felt strengthened when I came to church and felt the love of the Yelvingtons and people here. Now I'm able to share the strength of the Lord with those former friends who once gave me drugs. I believe God saved me for a purpose and he has given me a whole new life."

Today Judy is a happily-married mother of two, teaches Sunday school in the church's nursery, leads an Acteens group and is trying to improve her talent and business as a potter.

Ben and Shirley are encouraged by her response, saying she is one of several young people who have come back to the pueblo and have become active in the church.

Unlike most nonIndians, Ben and Shirley have been accepted warmly by the Pueblo Indians. They know personally almost every resident in the seven pueblos, but it has taken them almost a quarter of a century and a lifetime of commitment.

Whenever there is a death in the pueblo, the Yelvingtons are there. Shirley is often found in the kitchen, preparing food and washing dishes for the large extended families that come for the funeral.



Teresita Naranjo, one of the most famous of the Pueblo Indian potters, and a member of the Baptist church in Santa Clara, N. M., says making Indian pottery reminds her of the hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

"The native Indian religion does not deal with the hereafter, with life after death," Ben said. "Our grief ministry has given us an edge when we preach the resurrection at every funeral. It's been my most effective method of evangelism."

Several pueblo "governors" have attended vacation Bible schools led by the Yelvingtons and at least one accepted Christ as a result. The pueblo governor, who has much more power than a mayor in the average American city, can grant or deny permission for the missionaries to hold worship services in the village. The couple has been kicked out of several villages by the governor, who may be influenced by the local Catholic priest or the "Kasique," the head leader of Indian religion in the pueblo.

One governor, not a Christian, urged the villagers to support the Baptist mission work. "If you people will listen to what the Yelvingtons are preaching to us, we will have a better community and we'll have better homes—you know how many problems we have in our families," the governor said. The next year the governor presented them a plaque in appreciation for what they had done in the pueblos.

They don't know what will happen when they retire in a few years, but are convinced their ministry will continue. They hope a young Santa Clara Indian who is now studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will return to the pueblo as pastor.

But they aren't worried about the future, because the future is in God's hands, just as their lives have been molded and shaped by the master potter.



Ben and Shirley Yelvington (r), Southern Baptist home missionaries among the Pueblo Indians in New Mexico, examine an unfinished clay pot in the workshop of Teresita Naranjo (l).



W. Morgan Patterson

# “WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE EDUCATED?”

(An Excerpt)

By Dr. W. Morgan Patterson, President  
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To be educated means very different things to different people. Perhaps for some, to be educated means simply to have a high school diploma or a college degree. In some cultures and countries, one might be considered educated if he/she can just read and write. However, in 1988 there is the rapidly spreading view that to be educated means to be computer literate. Views of what it means to be educated vary widely.

In a recent Peanuts cartoon strip, Lucy says to Charles who is sitting in front of the television, “Is ‘Tess of the who?’ on TV tonight?” He replies “you mean Tess of the D’Urbervilles.” She says, “Whatever . . . I was hoping it was on TV so I wouldn’t have to read it.” He then comments, “You’re a real student, aren’t you?” and she says, “I have a great fear of becoming overly educated.” This humorous episode may be a reflection of some people’s attitude toward education. Of course, nobody is overly educated even if it seems that way in a few cases.

A Gallup poll not long ago indicated that Americans believe that a college degree is a ticket to better jobs and higher earnings — in other words, that it pays off. Well, it does. However, the point to emphasize is that real education is more than just job training. Ninety percent of high school students state that the prime purpose of a college education is to get a job.

The mischievous but wise observation is attributed to Lester Thurow, the economist, that people really go to college not so much for what they might learn there but rather to avoid the public disgrace of not having done so.

Perhaps one of the most penetrating and comprehensive descriptions of what it means to be educated was given by Nicholas Murray Butler, long-time president of Columbia University and noted educator two generations back. His yardstick for measuring true education has often been quoted. He said that there are five tests of the evidence of education: correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue; refined and gentle manners; sound standards of appreciation of beauty and worth; the habit of reflection; and the power to get things done.

George Halifax, an English essayist, wrote that “education is what remains when we have forgotten all that we have been taught,” and Dean Christian Gauss of Princeton University once said, “An education is what you have left after you have lost everything that can possibly be taken away from you.”

One author, now unknown, tried to get at the heart of what it means to be educated by asking several questions which he called the “marks of an educated man.” Though not sophisticated or scholarly, they contain more insight and substance than one at first might suppose.

- Has your education made you a friend of all good causes?
- Has your education made you a brother to the weak?

- Do you see anything to love in a little child?
- Would a lost dog follow you in the street?
- Do you enjoy being alone?
- Do you believe in the dignity of labor?
- Can you look into a mud puddle and see the blue sky?
- Can you go out at night, look up in the sky and see beyond the stars?
- Is your life linked with the infinite God?

There is truth to be found in all these comments and quotations. To be educated means to have a basic knowledge of things, to be able to do certain things and possess certain skills, to function at a certain level in society, to have acquired certain habits and to have a certain outlook and character. However, there are some features of the educational process *and* its result which I need to be underscored and supplemented.

To be educated means to understand what it means to be a human being. That is, to know the hopes and aspirations of mankind, to know what pain and suffering are, to know the yearning to be free and self-governing, to know our limitations and our mortality, and to know how to get along with others.

To be educated is also to know yourself — to be introspective and self-examining. To search your own mind and motives and to know your own strengths and weaknesses. The ancient Greek philosopher, Thales, was once asked what he thought was the hardest thing to do. He answered that it is to know yourself. It is, but make the effort, for it is a part of our self-education.

To be educated means to have a sense of history and to feel an indebtedness to the past and to those who lived there. To know that you and I are part of the stream of life and to have some idea of where and how we fit in. We take up the tasks others began, and we build on foundations others have laid.

To be educated is to be aware of the importance of language. One indispensable evidence of an educated person is the ability to use the English language grammatically, articulately, and effectively. To be sensitive to its nuances and to employ it with accuracy. To know the idioms and the colloquialisms and eccentricities of our mother tongue, and to use them with telling effect at the proper time and in the proper manner.

William Raspberry, the Washington Post columnist, says that “you may have the skills necessary to become a first-rate manager, but if you can’t write a decent memo (or construct a grammatical sentence) — if your words are imprecise, your thoughts unorganized, your syntax muddled — you are likely to be thought incompetent.” He continued, “Proper use of the language is routinely accepted as a mark of intelligence, the first basis on which we are judged by those whose judgments matter.”

To be educated is to be able to appreciate the best which man’s mind and hands have created. That is why we learn to respect and admire the

architectural grandeur of an ancient cathedral, the quality and beauty of classical music, the lines and form of an artistic masterpiece, the value of an archaeological site, the plays of Shakespeare, or the poetic meter of Milton, and the distinctive contribution which genius has made to our civilization. It is to have our souls stirred and our minds stimulated by the best poetry and prose, music and art.

To be educated also means to realize how *little* we know and how much there is to learn. Nobody knows it all, and no one ever masters more than a tiny fragment of what is known.

To be educated is to know, in the words of a song Frank Sinatra used to sing back in the 1950’s, there are a lot of “overrated pleasures and underrated treasures” in life, and to be able to tell which is which. For most of us, it takes a few years to sort these out and to know the difference. Such discriminating judgment is the result of reading, observing, maturing, and just living.

To be educated means to appreciate the qualities of duty, honor, integrity, self-discipline, conscientiousness, love, considerateness, respect for others, a brotherly spirit, honesty, thrift, and to cultivate them in ourselves.

To be educated is to have an awareness of the impact which religious faith has had on mankind and how it has influenced Western civilization and American culture. But also to have a personal sense of spiritual reality and an acquaintance with the realm of the spirit — to know that “whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap;” that “righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people,” that “God is love;” that “the wages of sin is death,” and to know that the ideal for conduct is to do unto others as we would like them to do unto us.

Lastly, to be educated is to be sensitive to the feelings and concerns and hurts of others — to be gracious and kind and helpful to others, to avoid cutting remarks and harmful gossip. One of the first verses of Scripture I learned as a child of five or six was “be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).

To be really educated is to want to be like Jesus Christ — a loving Friend who cares for all and desires that none should perish but that all should have the gift of eternal life.

Let us all pray for the work toward the kind of education for the whole of life which is to be found in Jesus Himself. Its basic elements are illumination of the mind, openness of attitude, strength for the temptations and crises of life, wisdom for the challenges to be faced both intellectual and personal, and faith in God and in a better world.



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