

J. M. Boswell, retired educator, succumbs at 82

James M. Boswell, former president of Cumberland College, died Friday, Oct. 14 at Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin. The retired president was 82.

Boswell was president of Cumberland for 33 years prior to his retirement in 1980.

The Harrison County native joined the college in 1931 as a physics and math teacher. He coached and directed the physical education program. Boswell also taught Bible, botany and Latin.

During Boswell's presidency the junior college grew from 200 students to an accredited senior college of more than 2000. Boswell was also president of the Southern Association of Baptist Schools and Colleges and participant in other educational organizations.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary S. Dudley; a son, J. M. Boswell Jr. of Louisville; a daughter, Louise Tipton of Lexington; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 17 at First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, with burial in Highlands Cemetery.

The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the J. M. Boswell Scholarship Fund at Cumberland College.

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Internationals set sessions Nov. 4-6 at Jenny Wiley

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Several hundred foreign students studying in Kentucky schools of higher education will participate in Kentucky Baptists' international student conference Nov. 4-6. The annual event is scheduled this year at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, near Prestonsburg.

A joint project for several years of the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union and the executive board's Student Department, the event attempts to promote "understanding and appreciation" of all cultures.

While the Christian faith is presented during the weekend, the integrity of every student "is respected," according to Ralph Hopkins, Middletown, an associate director in the Student Department. There is "no coercion" to convert the non-Christian student, he said.

Participants pay a \$5 registration fee. All other costs are underwritten for them. Local Baptist student unions provide transportation to and from their campuses across the state. Lodging, meals and program costs are underwritten by the Woman's Missionary Union through a designation in the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.

Theme of this year's event, which traditionally draws between 300 and 400 internationals, is "Overcoming Human Differences." Donoso Escobar, assistant professor of social work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be principal speaker. Small group sessions will be led by Christian international seminary stu-

dents after each talk by Escobar.

A native of Managua, Nicaragua, Escobar holds two degrees from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. He has been on church staffs in Costa Rica, in Nicaragua and in Little Rock. From 1979-83 he served in various capacities with the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., working with refugees. He moved to his present post in 1983.

Escobar is married to the former Geanine Garcia, administrative assistant of the Kentucky WMU. They have two children.

Baptist campus ministers and their families will participate in the international student weekend. In addition, local BSU presidents and/or international student chairmen from each school have been invited.

Hopkins, who coordinates the event, observed that registration cards from international students must be received in the Student Department in Middletown by Oct. 31. Interested students should notify local Baptist campus ministers in time to meet that deadline.



Hopkins



Escobar

Georgian accepts Acteen post vacated by Julie Laramore

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A Georgia church staffer has been elected Acteens/Campus Baptist Young Women consultant by the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

Grace Orr Powell, 31, of Forsyth, Ga., will assume the position in the state WMU office in Middletown Nov. 1. She replaces Julie B. Laramore, who resigned Oct. 15 to devote full time to a degree program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Miss Powell, who received the MDiv degree in May 1987 at Southern and was president of her graduating class, has been minister of education and family life at Forsyth's First Baptist Church since August 1987. Earlier, she served briefly on the staffs of Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, and Central Baptist Church, Newnan, Ga., on both occasions in children's work. She has also spent several summers working in the Sunday School Board's Centrifuge youth camps.

In addition to her seminary degree,



Powell



Laramore

Miss Powell is a graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., and West Georgia College, Carrollton, Ga., from which she received a master's degree in education. She was a public school teacher at Newnan, Ga., five years, 1979-84.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Powell Sr. of Newnan, Ga.

Miss Laramore, 28, who joined the Kentucky WMU staff in January 1987 as a secretary, was promoted to the position of Acteens/Campus Baptist Young Women consultant June 16, 1987.

She is a graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College and daughter of Southern Baptist home missionaries Dwain and Dawn Laramore of Michigan.

Our pledge to you

On page 8 we have published the covenant agreement between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Western Recorder. This is the agreement arrived at between the Special Committee of the convention and the Directors of Western Recorder. It will be presented for vote by the messengers of the KBC in next month's meeting at Owensboro and, if adopted, will end the work of the Special Committee and complete all covenant agreements between the convention and the agencies and institutions of the KBC.

Hispanic Baptists set revival plans for 1989 SBC

by Joe Westbury

Hispanics who attend the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. next year will have a variety of opportunities to share the gospel with the city's residents.

Bob Sena, coordinator for the Southern Baptist Hispanic Ministers' Conference, said street witnessing and door-to-door visitation June 9-10 will launch a week of Hispanic involvement in the convention sessions.

The 18-month-old fellowship is coordinating its activity with the evangelism section and the language missions division of the Home Mission Board, which is overseeing an evangelistic thrust of the city.

Nearly 30 pastors already have volunteered to participate in the revival services at their own expense.

Six Hispanic missions now minister in Las Vegas, and the pastors will target new areas of the city for locations to begin additional congregations, Sena said.

June 11, the Sunday prior to the SBC meeting June 13-15, the fellowship will sponsor a rally that is expected to attract 1000 participants. The rally will "motivate laymen and pastors to saturate the area with the gospel" as well as provide visibility and unity of Hispanics in the denomination, Sena said.

Theme for the rally will be "Exalting Christ through Excellence in Ministry." Elui Camacho, associate director of the evangelism department for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, will be guest speaker.

The event will mark the second year the fellowship has sponsored pre-convention activities. The rally, street witnessing and pastors' conference are the result of the nation's largest ethnic group moving into the mainstream of Southern Baptist life, Sena said. (BP)

Baptists provide "help that helps"

Southern Baptists plan to spend at least \$750,000 in the next several months to help relieve suffering in Bangladesh, where disease is likely to run rampant and an estimated 8 million people are homeless.

The Foreign Mission Board will use disaster and hunger funds for several projects to be monitored by missionaries already on the field.

"What we're trying to do is find some way to provide help that really helps," said Earl Goatcher, the board's associate director for community development.

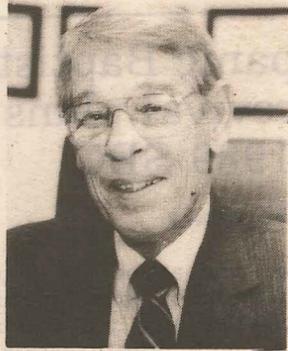
Relief efforts have been hampered by washed out roads and bridges, Goatcher said. Still, in the midst of flooding, missionaries and Bangladeshi Baptists were able to provide meals using \$25,000 in Southern Baptist hunger funds.

Goatcher spent four days in early October touring damaged areas of Bangladesh with Southern Baptist missionaries there. He and veteran missionary Jim McKinley from Louisville, Ky. met with government ministers of agriculture and livestock.

Bangladesh government officials expressed interest in Southern Baptists' plan to help introduce corn farming to the people, Goatcher said. (BP)

sanford's perspectives

Endowment essential for the future



Jack D. Sanford

A few months ago we announced an effort by Western Recorder to raise funds for permanent endowment. Our purpose in attempting to increase endowment is to help secure the financial future of Western Recorder and to ease the strain on Cooperative Program funds by providing additional income for the paper.

Increased endowment is essential for our future in light of the constantly increasing costs of newsprint, postage and printing. We must have a solid reserve fund which regularly produces income or we will be forced to seek either increases in the cost of subscriptions or increases in the Cooperative Program allocation which comes to us. We do not want to do either of these so we appeal to all of you for help in establishing a worthy endowment fund for Western Recorder.

We suggested there were at least 100 Kentucky Baptists in our state who could give \$1000 to kick off our effort. As of this date we have not had 100 Kentucky Baptists willing to give \$1000 but we have had many Kentucky Baptists who have been willing to give from \$10 to \$1000.

We are encouraged by the letters we receive from young people, widows, family members who have large expenses and from people in every section of our state. With their contribution they tell us they believe in a strong, free press for Kentucky Baptists and want to help us have a strong financial base. Virtually every one who writes tells us they too want to save Cooperative Program funds for other mission causes. They include a check for \$10, \$15, \$25 even \$500 and a few \$1000 along with an encouraging word for us. We are sure as time goes on others of our brethren will respond and help us raise a significant endowment for the paper.

We do not have permission from the Kentucky Baptist Convention to conduct a capital campaign in the churches. We have not sought such permission nor do we plan to do so now. However, we are allowed, under the terms of institutional and agency fund raising set up by the KBC, to appeal directly to the people of our state. That is what we have done in a modest way. And your response has been good.

Now we call upon those of you who have intended to do something but have not done it yet to go ahead and send us a gift for our endowment fund. We need to attend to this as soon as we can so that endowment funds will begin to generate income for the paper.

We have pledged to all donors that we will send their gift immediately to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for investment in the name of Western Recorder. This is a pledge we think is in keeping with the idea of cooperation which characterizes the Baptist family, a concept which has served all of us well throughout the 150-year history of the KBC. We honor all our Baptist institutions and agencies and know that placing your gifts with the Baptist Foundation is the proper way for us to be good stewards of your trust.

We are still looking for as many Kentucky Baptists as we can find who are willing and able to give us \$1000. We know they are out there and wonder if you may be one of them? If so, make that check out to Western Recorder today, mark it clearly for endowment and we will see that it is deposited and credited to you. If you cannot give \$1000, give what you can.

We thank all of you who have responded with gifts to our endowment fund and we pledge you the best possible paper we can produce for Kentucky Baptists with the funds at our disposal.

Good vibes across the state

Last week we were in West Kentucky Association and Tates Creek Association to complete our sojourn across the state during this year's associational meetings.

Each of the associations mentioned above had good meetings with a spirit of goodwill and true Christian fellowship apparent in everything done. Thus has it been in almost every association we visited this year.

It appears Kentucky Baptists are determined to respect each other, cooperate with each other and enjoy the company of one another regardless of what is happening in other Baptist state conventions.

The spirit of evangelism has been apparent in every association we have attended with reported baptisms up over last year in most every case. The increase has not been large, but it has been an increase and all of us rejoice at this sign of progress.

A very encouraging feature of nearly every meeting was the quality of preaching presented by local pastors. Annual sermons, doctrinal ser-

mons, missionary sermons and inspirational sermons all sounded a positive note, calling upon Baptists to take to the highways and win lost people to Christ and continue supporting the cooperative endeavors of our Baptist family. We heard little of the controversy which has hovered over the Southern Baptist Convention these many years. Our Kentucky pastors dealt with the immediate issues of a lost world in need of the gospel. That in itself helped set the positive tone for all the meetings.

It will be interesting to see if what we perceived is actually true. We felt a good spirit. We sensed a renewed determination toward cooperation and good will. We interpreted statistical reports as a reflection of progress in important areas of our work. Time will tell if that perception is correct. We pray it is and that Kentucky Baptists are well along toward a more aggressive effort in evangelism and missions and a more determined concentration on creating and maintaining a loving fellowship of believers in our state.

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

mountains to the mississippi

missions

Karen Wright, missionary to Chile, has completed furlough and returned to the field (Casilla 551, Puerto Montt, Chile). A native of Louisville, she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Frank and Snow Serda, missionary associates to Kenya, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Box 30370, Nairobi, Kenya). He is a native of Kentucky, she was born in Edmonson County and grew up in Louisville. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Sheila Horn was among 43 people appointed as US-2 missionaries by the Home Mission Board in August. She was appointed to serve in Jefferson City, Mo. She is a graduate of Georgetown College and received a teaching certificate from Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, in 1987.

A group of young people from **Mason Baptist Church, Owensboro**, worked with the Greater Orlando Baptist Association conducting day camps and evening programs which included music, drama, clowning and puppetry. The Aug. 8-12 mission trip was the first for Mason. Steve Grayson is minister of youth and music. Bruce Rendleman is pastor.

ordinations

First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, was to ordain **David Ford, Mark Ricketts**, and **Steve Plenge** Sept. 25 to the ministry.

Fonde (Ky.) Baptist Church, ordained **James Delano** Sept. 18. He is pastor of Fonde.

First Baptist Church, Corbin, ordained **Tom Dowling, Ann Hacker** and **Betty Black** as deacons. John Dunaway is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Junction City, ordained **Mike Walker** as a deacon. David Simpson is pastor of the church.

Closplint (Ky.) Baptist Church ordained **Bill Anderson, Oscar Saylor, Mack Wilson** and **Wayne Witt** as deacons. Pastor is Roger Johnson.

associations

Northern Kentucky Association passed a resolution in opposition to a state-operated lottery in which it urged "every Baptist, along with other believers in Christ, to stand firm against the passage of the ill-advised amendment."

South Union Association passed a resolution which stated, "We reaffirm our position that we believe the gospel ministry and deaconship are areas of service that God intended for men only." The resolution also affirmed that "the Bible is the word of God without mixture of error, and that it is the authority on which our faith can rest."

Central Baptist Association celebrated its 100th anniversary Oct. 4 with services at Lebanon (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Events included a parade of banners depicting the founding date of each church in the association and a brief history of Baptist work in the area. Highlight of the centennial celebration was an address by William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Director of missions for the association is William A. Clutts.

congregations

Summit Hills Baptist Church, Louisville, broke ground Sept. 4 to begin construction of an addition enlarging the existing sanctuary and providing more educational space. Charlie Bridges is pastor.

Sacramento (Ky.) Baptist Church had a record-breaking year in vacation Bible school Aug. 8-12. The enrolment of 154 was double of any previous year. Sacramento recorded 17 professions of faith and 2 rededications. Randy Stallings is pastor.

Six weeks after their pastor of 14 years accepted a call to Oak Ridge, Tenn., **Buechel Park Baptist Church**, Louisville, had a groundbreaking ceremony for a new activities building. This action is indicative of the leadership principles of Larry Dipboye and the dedication of the leaders and members of Buechel Park by carrying out their plans, according to C. Carmen Sharp, interim pastor.

At the regular business meeting Aug. 28, Jim Carter, chairman of the building committee, brought a report of the bids on the new building. After much discussion, the report was approved. A committee for raising money was formed and ground preparations began.



Congregation members of Buechel Park Baptist Church gathered Sept. 25 for the groundbreaking ceremony.



Representatives from all areas of church life participated in shoveling the first mounds of dirt for Buechel Park's new building.

The director of sales for Executive Inn, Owensboro, Delbert Murphy, has assured that rates quoted in Western Recorder's announcement will be honored for messengers and others attending the November state convention meeting. Reminder: Be sure to tell reservations clerks you are attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention to ensure rates. If all else fails, ask to speak to one of the following persons at Executive Inn: Betty Haynes, reservations supervisor, or Joyce Groves, reservations manager.

The morning of Sept. 25 the congregation began groundbreaking ceremonies with all ages and areas of the church participating.

Some pastors believe a laity-led or deacon-led church is a weak church. The members at Buechel Park would disagree, said Sharp.

Buckner Baptist Church, LaGrange, celebrated its 30th anniversary Sept. 18. Former pastor James Bland brought the message. Current pastor is Chip Lee Pendleton.

First Baptist Church, Pikeville, is in the process of renovating its 750-seat sanctuary. The remodeling will involve enlarging the platform to accommodate a 70-member choir and a band for the church's 30-member orchestra. Additional remodeling will involve new carpet, padding, wall covering, stain glass windows and almost \$60,000 of audio/video equipment. Total cost of the project is \$276,000. During September the church collected \$65,000 above the regular offerings and pledged \$142,500 toward the renovation. Pastor is Glenn Mollette.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Minding our business

One of the more obscure offices local Southern Baptist congregations maintain is that of the church clerk. While the occupant may be seen but seldom heard, his role is vital in preserving who we are.

This is a small contribution I have made in my own church for much of the last decade. Having never had formal training for the task, I recently decided I should find out what Nashville says I'm supposed to do. Those who are church clerks will want to pay attention for you may be as surprised as I.

From the KBC Church Administration Department I acquired a little Baptist Sunday School Officer-produced pamphlet called "Church Officers: Moderator, Treasurer, Trustees, Clerk." Its insights go significantly beyond the office of church clerk.

For openers, I found—of the six tasks normally assigned a clerk—I am responsible for only one: *Record minutes of church business meetings*. I know there is inherent danger in calling attention to that fact for some "power that be" might think I'm not pulling my share. But my response is that the rest of the work is being done by somebody who either likes it or doesn't know he shouldn't be doing it. So why impede a productive system?

Other BSSB-suggested clerk's duties: *Preserve records for present and future use; correspond with other churches and members; provide records for church history; prepare annual letter for the association; work with moderator in preparing an agenda for church business meetings*.

Our church staff handles "all of the above." Years ago I prepared the annual letter but I think someone decided even that was too cumbersome. I do sign those increasingly important messenger cards for state and SBC meetings. That's the only power in this job—qualifying people to vote!

It's imperative that a clerk be a responsible member. He must be present or have a dependable substitute at all business meetings. He must listen carefully, learn the names of those he doesn't know and raise questions about matters needing clarification. In some ways, he can help a Southern Baptist congregation by reminding it of what has taken place and contribute a word to help it be consistent with earlier deliberations. A good clerk will also strive for accuracy, objectivity, legibility and brevity as he records the body's actions.

I salute those who maintain an account of what we do as a people of God. The clerk's office may appear rather insignificant, but without it, much of our heritage would be lost forever.

Anniversary celebrations

Rolling Fork Baptists see the dawn of third century

by Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

Rolling Fork Baptist Church, Nelson Association, celebrated its bicentennial Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Associational director of missions Fred Halbrooks, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall and several former pastors joined interim pastor E. T. Wright in the celebration activities.

The festivities included a dessert fellowship, cookout, dinner on the grounds, gospel music and a service each day. Girls in Action and Woman's Missionary Union members decorated theme bulletin boards. A larger board was covered with photographs of significant events in the church's life. Another hallway board displayed pictures of sanctuaries that have housed the congregation through the years. An old Bible and early communion set were set out for viewing in the sanctuary. The back wall of the sanctuary was brightened by photographs of previous pastors.

Rolling Fork began in Boone's Fort in response to the needs of people there. Joshua Carman was the first pastor. Services were held in settlers' homes

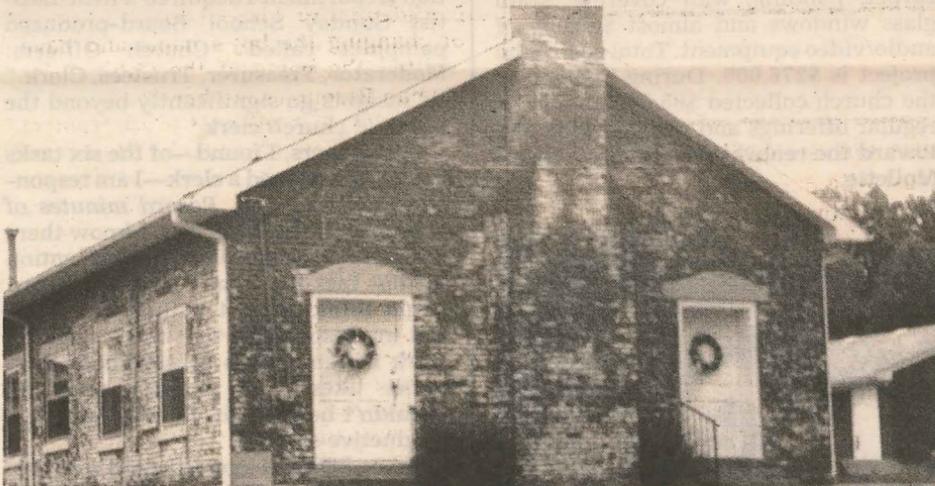
until a log meeting house could be erected. Under Samuel Carpenter's leadership, the church was reorganized. A larger building was constructed in 1830. This structure was destroyed by fire in 1839. In 1840 the sanctuary was built that now houses the congregation.

In 1849 Rolling Fork joined Nelson Association. The church had originally been part of Salem Association. It had dropped out 25 years earlier, after its decision to send slave messengers to the associational meeting was ill received.

Rolling Fork's Baptist Young People's Union began in 1925. It still has an active Church Training program. The Woman's Missionary Union was organized in 1954. The church currently has approximately 190 resident members.

Rolling Fork is the third oldest church in the association. Church historians note with pride that such Baptist leaders as David Thurman, Isaac Taylor, Colmore Lovelace and John H. Spencer have preached in their midst.

Mary Holt, a member of the historical committee, characterized Rolling Fork as "very mission minded." The church choir frequently performs holiday cantatas in other locations. At least five of the church's pastors have gone on to become missionaries.



Wreaths decorate the 148-year-old sanctuary for the anniversary occasion.

Musicals salute 150 years at Mt. Washington First

by Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

This autumn First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington had a homecoming to remember. The Nelson Association congregation celebrated 150 years of service Sept. 25.

After morning worship the people enjoyed a potluck luncheon, then continued with an afternoon service. The final salute was the performance of the musical "The Homecoming" by the church choir.

Pastor David Clay was joined by former pastors Herman Jacobs, Dwayne Connor, Wendell Romans and Alfred Sparkman in leading the services.

One-and-a-half centuries have brought many changes to the church, including its name. It began as the United Baptist Church Sept. 27, 1838 with 10 charter members. Within three years membership had increased to 104. The first pastor was William Paddox Barnett, who also pastored King's Baptist Church.

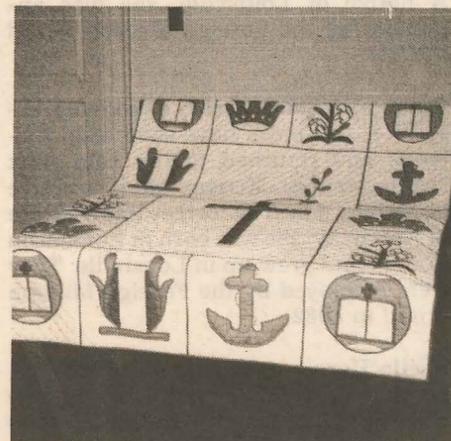
The original frame building burned in 1872, destroying all minutes. A brick structure was constructed in 1874. A new sanctuary was built in 1922, under the leadership of pastor W. S. Coakley. This building still stands and is now known as "Coakley Chapel." First Baptists' present sanctuary was constructed in 1969.

In 1961 the church started Bethany Baptist Mission, which has since constituted as a church.

First Baptist has known 35 pastors. Romans has served the longest, with a ministry of 17 years.

The congregation is especially proud of several members who have had long periods of service as well. Mrs. Stuart Tichenor has been Sunday school secretary 53 years. Mrs. Adelyn Dickey has taught preschoolers 49 years. The oldest member is Mrs. Maude Wiggington, who has celebrated 100 years.

Many people worked hard to make the church's anniversary meaningful. The historical committee studied church



Mrs. Nellie Charlton stitched a quilt for the anniversary celebration using patterns by minister of music Johnnie Dean made from the designs of the church's stained glass windows. The quilt was hung in the vestibule Sept. 25.

minutes, relying on the "History of Baptists in Kentucky" for the earliest years. Mrs. Ann Stout compiled the history in a booklet which includes photographs of buildings and pastors.

The members opened Coakley Chapel's cornerstone and retrieved old photographs and other material it contained. These items were displayed in the vestibule for the homecoming, each piece carefully labeled. After the festivities the historical committee was to replace these mementos, including information about the anniversary and a recent church history.

Minister of music Johnnie Dean composed the anthem for the morning worship hour, "Rejoice and Be Glad." Dean dedicated the piece to the church. He also worked with another member to make a quilt. Dean drew replicas of the pictures of the sanctuary's stained glass window. Mrs. Nellie Charlton then used his patterns to quilt the designs. They presented the quilt to the congregation Sept. 25 to be hung in the vestibule. Additionally, a print of all three sanctuaries was made available to the members for purchase.

Concord congregation notes sesquicentennial in August

by Betty Anderson
State Correspondent

Concord Missionary Baptist Church, White Plains, celebrated its sesquicentennial Aug. 14. A. B. Colvin, immediate past president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and retired veteran convention staffer, brought the morning message. Following dinner on the ground, there was gospel singing.

Emery Kinslow, pastor, reported there were seven people present who had also attended the church's centennial observance. He noted the progressive spirit of the church, a subscriber to Baptist Telecommunications Network.

The present church is in a new building, begun in 1983 while Carl Boyd was pastor. The church was built and paid for in less than one year.

Organized in August 1838, Concord became part of Little Bethel Association at its third annual meeting. Elder J.

Bourland was the first pastor. There were 19 members.

While the church has been located near the same spot, the post office address has changed several times. Madisonville was the first address, with the next in 1854 being Pond River Mills and in 1857, Little Prairie. The church was strategically located on the then Princeton-Greenville road. Nearby the Old Madisonville Road intersected and was traveled by the Hopkinsville-Greenville stagecoach.

Tradition says the first church erected was log and was occupied in June 1848. Walter Gatlin, Madisonville banker who died in 1974 at age 102, described the building as huge and seating 450 people. "The pews were hewn out planks supported on legs without any backs. The floor was also made of hewn out planks."

During the revival times, Gatlin remembered, there were camp meetings.

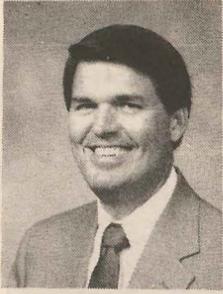


Concord Missionary Baptist Church, having celebrated its sesquicentennial Aug. 14, has been in this building since 1984. Tradition claims the first church was a log building occupied in June 1844.

A big spring across the road furnished water for campers and their horses.

About 1890 the first frame building was built across the road from the log

church. The third building was completed in 1919 with long range planning for the present church beginning in 1975.



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Seminary visits

A September revival in Ft. Worth, Tex. gave me the opportunity to visit with Clear Creek graduates now studying at Southwestern Seminary. Two couples attended revival services. Jimmie and Lori Davidson are first year students. They spoke with deep appreciation and love for their Clear Creek days. Ohio native John Ditty received his MDiv last May and continues in doctoral studies. He and Charlene are enjoying their first child. John is scheduled to teach in our 1989 summer school. His father and brother are Clear Creek alumni and both were appointed as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in 1987. Ashland native Ruth Ann Foster was graduated from Clear Creek in 1978. She is writing her PhD dissertation and expects to finish next July. Ruth Ann teaches part time at Texas Christian University.

On Oct. 25 I preached in Southern Seminary chapel. Clear Creek graduates were in the congregation. Eighteen now reside on the Louisville campus and several other alumni commute. Southern Seminary president Roy Honeycutt led the dedication prayer at my inauguration. His presence symbolized the good relationship between our school and the seminaries.

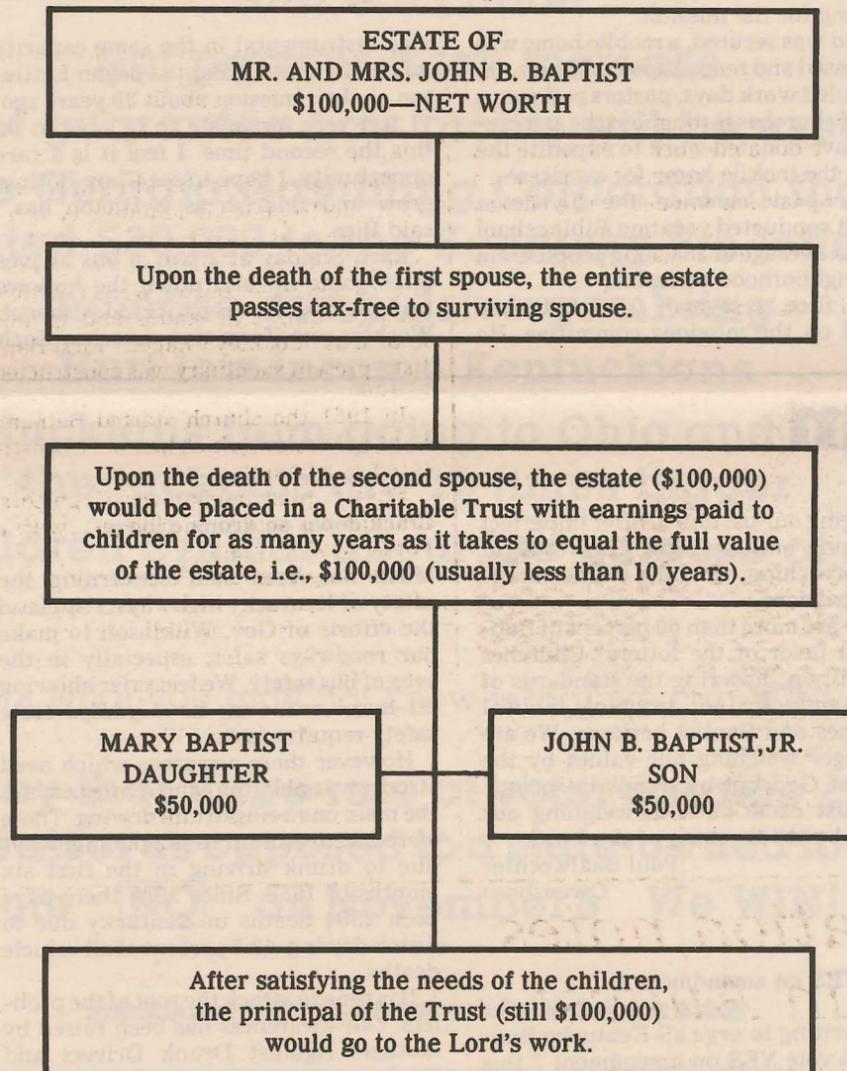
A Clear Creek education is solid preparation for church ministry. Many of our graduates do not desire additional theological education. They assume full time ministries in local churches. Some decide to pursue a Master's degree and are readily accepted by Southern Baptist seminaries. Our baccalaureate degree is an excellent foundation for graduate seminary study. No additional college work is required. Our graduates are well prepared and motivated for advanced study.

Ministry leadership requires preparation. The call to ministry is a summons to "do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed." (2 Tim. 2:15) Clear Creek's Bible curriculum meets the need. Billy Graham's appreciation for his Bible college training could be the testimony of Clear Creek alumni: "I never felt so close to God in my life. This is the first time I have enjoyed studying the word of God . . . I love it here."

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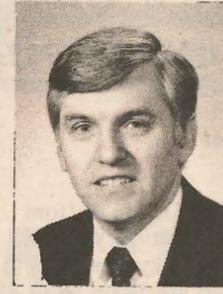
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homes for children

Some good news

Harold Holderman, our central regional coordinator out of Winchester, sent me a memo about one of our young men. It was such a special note that I want to share it. Because of our commitment to confidentiality, I have taken the liberty of changing the boy's name and have omitted the name of the Cabinet for Human Resources worker.

"Johnny was referred to the central regional office on July 21, 1988 by a family services worker with the Fayette County Cabinet for Human Resources. The worker is a Baptist.

Johnny's parents are divorced but continue to live together at times. His father is an alcoholic and is unable to hold a job. His mother has terminal cancer and has been sickly most of Johnny's life. At the time of the referral, they had lost their housing and no one knew where they were living. Johnny had been living on the streets for several weeks.

As a result of the referral, Johnny was placed at the Elizabethtown Crisis Group Home on Aug. 10, 1988. He immediately started attending Tunnel Hill Baptist Church. He heard the gospel for the first time in his life and responded by making a profession of faith. He was baptized at Tunnel Hill church. While at the shelter, he was a model young man and was very cooperative and demonstrated a good attitude.

I picked Johnny up at the Elizabethtown shelter on Sept. 7, 1988 and transported him to Spring Meadows to be placed. I could not help but notice that indeed a miracle had taken place in Johnny's life. As I picked him up, he was neatly dressed and well groomed, which had not been the case when I first met him and placed him at the shelter. He also had a radiant smile. On the way to Spring Meadows campus, he shared with me that he could now depend on receiving three meals a day, that he had a bed he could now sleep in and he was living with adults who cared about him as an individual."

As I finished reading the memo, my thoughts were just two: praise God from whom all blessings flow; and thank you, Kentucky Baptists, for helping to make this and other miracles possible in the lives of children.

Booneville's Chop Bottom mission: 'on the grow' for Mission Kentucky

by Beth Wyatt
State Correspondent

The Sept. 25 dedication of Chop Bottom Mission, Booneville Association, yielded one more toward Kentucky Baptists' goal of 400 new church starts by 1990. According to D. M. Aldridge, church starter strategist, "Work in Mission Kentucky is growing. At last count we had 190 new starts. We are leading the Southern Baptist Convention by 50%."

Chop Bottom community is five miles from downtown Manchester. Leaving Highway 421, one turns onto an unpaved road and for awhile it looks uninhabited. However, after traveling for a few hundred yards, houses and mobile homes cover the countryside.

When Hubert Jordan and his wife moved to the area four years ago, they found a heart-rending situation. Mrs. Jordan shares that each time they left for church, she would see several youngsters who always waved to her. "It broke my heart and I began to pray the Lord would send someone to help us get a church started. I was praying one day when someone knocked at the door. I opened the door to find Ray Edwards from the Lyttleton church. He was looking for a place to conduct vacation Bible school. I hurriedly told him 'here is the spot,'" she stated during her testimony at the dedication.

Mrs. Jordan admits the work has been hard but seeing the children in Sunday

school and being able to lead Alice, a mother of six, to the Lord makes it all worthwhile.

During the summer of 1987 a youth group from Florida came under the leadership of Edwards and conducted a mission vacation Bible school. It was deemed successful.

Further surveys were conducted and it was decided the Chop Bottom area was a superior location to begin a mission. A special mission committee was formed with director of missions Bob Blevins as chairman. The mission would be a joint effort of the Booneville Association and the Lyttleton church. "We have a unique strategy situation here and possibly one of its kind," stated Blevins.

The committee contacted the Direct Missions Department at the state convention office. Their belief in the location and need for a mission netted the association \$5000 of Kentucky Baptist mission monies to purchase a portable building for the mission.

Land was secured, a mobile home was purchased and renovation continues. On scheduled work days, pastors and members of churches throughout the association have donated work to expedite the use of the mobile home for services.

This past summer the Lyttleton church conducted vacation Bible school with an average of 38 young people from the neighborhood attending.

Ben Rice, a layman from Lyttleton served on the missions committee. He



Representing the Organizers for the Chop Bottom Mission are: Ben Rice, layman; D. M. Aldridge, church starter strategist; Hubert Jordan, responsible for location; Bob Blevins, director of missions; Ray Edwards, pastor of Lyttleton Baptist Church; and Mrs. Hubert Jordan, worker at the mission.

was instrumental in the same capacity when Manchester Baptist began Lyttleton as their mission about 30 years ago. "I feel very fortunate to be able to do this the second time. I feel it is a rare opportunity. I hope to see Chop Bottom grow and flourish as Lyttleton has," said Rice.

Each Sunday at 2 p.m. a bus arrives after going up and down the hollows transporting children to Sunday school. Workers come from area churches. Each

person who volunteers signs up to work at least six months and is responsible to teach, visit and pray as he or she would in their home church. Classes are available for youth, children and adults.

During the dedication sermon, Ray Edwards said, "The Lord told his disciples the fields are white. I tell you the same thing and the joint efforts in mission outreach of the Booneville Association and Lyttleton must reap this harvest."

baptist forum

Owensboro revival is successful

I am writing to share with readers of Western Recorder the results of the Bailey Smith Crusade held Sept. 11-16 in Owensboro.

The Lord blessed with 650 professions of faith and approximately 4000 present for each service. Many churches in the Daviess-McLean Association had additions the Sunday following the revival.

The crusade was sponsored by many Baptist churches in Daviess, Ohio and Henderson counties. There were also three Assembly of God congregations which supported the crusade.

Thank you for allowing me to share the good news of revival which has come to our community.

L. C. Gray
Owensboro

We must weigh values by scripture

Apologies are in order to Professor Simmons for being attacked in public forum. When we take excerpts from a speech or the Bible to prove a point we usually make a mistake. To quote Nancy Damerow of Hopkins, Minn., "Forgive me, Lord, for studying your Word to prove my point that I fail to quiet my thoughts and listen to your explanations."

My convictions are confirmed more each day that too little difference is found in the ethical views and behaviors of those who go to church and those who don't.

Malachi accused the priests of allowing the people to offer polluted bread as well as blind, lame and sick animals for sacrifices.

It appears we as Christians are en-

couraging our pastors to offer imperfect preaching and teaching. The result of such preaching, teaching is uncommitted Christians.

Why are more than 60 percent of Baptists in favor of the lottery? Churches are guilty of lowering the standards of Christianity by not teaching biblical doctrines and Baptist heritage. We are no longer weighing our values by the word of God but by trends in society. We must come back to weighing our values by the teaching of the word.

Paul Saalwechter
Owensboro

Vote YES on amendment 2

I am writing to urge all Kentucky Baptists to vote YES on amendment 2 this fall. This amendment will limit the abuses of the broad form deeds which have been used by coal companies to devastate people's land in Kentucky.

I urge pastors and other church leaders as well as Western Recorder to take an active role in informing congregations on this issue. We are well informed on the issue of a lottery. We need to know the issues involved in the injustice of broad form deeds as well.

As it stands now mining companies use these deeds to get coal any way they want, even when this means destroying crops and orchards, permanently damaging family farms and water supplies, and forcing people from homes and land that has been in their family for generations.

Let us stop this unfair practice by voting YES on amendment 2 Nov. 8.

Stan Dotson
Louisville

Crack down on drunk drivers

Much has been said concerning the safety of Kentucky highways. I applaud the efforts of Gov. Wilkinson to make our roadways safer, especially in the area of bus safety. We feel safer knowing all buses and vans have passed state safety requirements.

However there are areas which need stronger legislation and enforcement, the main one being drunk driving. There were 202 deaths on Kentucky highways due to drunk driving in the first six months of 1988. Since 1984 there have been 2564 deaths in Kentucky due to drunk driving, 42.7 percent of all vehicle deaths.

It is time to attack the root of the problem. Our awareness has been raised by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and Students Against Drunk Drivers, yet lives are still being taken. It is time for the executive office and the legislature to take a stand and lead with strong legislation and action against persons who choose to drive under the influence of alcohol.

Much has been done since the 1984 DUI law went into effect. Still more must be done. Confiscation of the driver's vehicle, longer seizure of the license, higher fines, jail terms for first offenders and longer terms for repeat offenders are but a few suggestions.

The governor has shown Kentucky citizens the importance of highway safety by the mandatory inspection of private buses. Now it is time to make a real impact on safety by cracking down on drunk driving, the root of the problem.

Tim Frank
Frankfort

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



November 6-12, 1988



ROYAL AMBASSADOR
WEEK

SAY **NO** AND WIN

If you believe that **Kentucky wins without a lottery** and if you say that by voting **NO** on November 8, then you and every other Kentuckian will win!

You already know that a state-owned lottery will

Hurt education

Not prevent a tax increase

Not guarantee how profits will be used

Be run by the Georgia Gambling Corporation that's already contributed \$30,000 to the Kentucky Pro-lottery Pac

Increase compulsive gambling

Hurt low-income Kentuckians

Not stop Kentuckians from going to Ohio and Illinois where the jackpots are 10 times bigger

Make our children cynical about the purpose of government

But what you may not know is that we can **WIN!**

The polls say that if the rate of voter change continues, and if all of us opposed to a state-owned lottery vote **NO on November 8 We WIN!**

So WIN! Vote **NO November 8!**

And send us a CHECK—so that we can use the media to get our winning arguments out to Kentuckians not fortunate enough to receive the Western Recorder!

**Citizens Against State Lottery
4010 Dupont Circle Room 166
Louisville, Kentucky 40207**

Paid for by Citizens Against State Lottery

Covenant Agreement Between Kentucky Baptist Convention, Inc. and Western Recorder, Inc.

COME, KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC., a not for profit Kentucky corporation, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243, Party of the First Part, and WESTERN RECORDER, INC., a not for profit Kentucky corporation, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky, Party of the Second Part;

WHEREAS, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, now the Kentucky Baptist Convention, purchased in 1919 all the assets of the Baptist World, the Kentucky Mission, and the Western Recorder and merged them under the name of the Western Recorder. The Kentucky Baptist Convention has since that date owned all of the assets of the Western Recorder.

PREAMBLE

The Kentucky Baptist Convention is a medium through which the churches in their sovereign capacity can work together in promoting all denominational enterprises which they deem necessary in carrying out the Great Commission.

WESTERN RECORDER PURPOSE

In keeping with the historic Baptist principle of a free Baptist press, the purpose of the Western Recorder is to further the cause of Christ; to inform Baptists of Kentucky about matters of general interest to the churches; and to describe, interpret, promote and cooperate with the program and ministries of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In addition, the Western Recorder has the obligation to provide all Kentucky Baptists a forum for the exchange of ideas of interest to all Kentucky Baptists. The Kentucky Baptist Convention affirms and supports this purpose and urges all Kentucky Baptists to support the ministry of the Western Recorder.

HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP

The Western Recorder has been published by a variety of owners since its origin in 1825. The paper merged with the Baptist of Nashville, Tennessee, and the Western Pioneer of Rock Springs, Illinois. The merged paper was continued in Louisville under the name of the Baptist Banner and Western Pioneer and served for the denominational organ for Baptists in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.

In 1851 the name was changed to Western Recorder making it the second oldest Baptist paper in America. The paper has been the denominational organ for Kentucky Baptists since the latter part of the nineteenth century.

K.B.C. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in supporting the Western Recorder is to advance the Kingdom of God in providing and disseminating information and activities concerning Baptists in Kentucky and around the world. Such purpose should at all times be recognized by the ministry of the Western Recorder.

DISTINCTIVE BAPTIST CHARACTER

It is the intent of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Western Recorder that it shall maintain its distinctive Baptist character as set forth and support of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is based upon faithful adherence to that purpose.

DIRECTORS

The Kentucky Baptist Convention shall, as owner of all of the assets of Western Recorder, Inc., have the right and responsibility in selecting and orienting the Directors of Western Recorder, Inc. as may from time to time be approved by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Board of Directors of the Western Recorder shall nominate the Editor and the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall elect the Editor.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention as owner of the assets of the Western Recorder, Inc. recognizes its ultimate liability and wishes along with the Board of Directors of the Western Recorder to provide safeguards to minimize such liability hereinafter.

The Directors shall be responsible for managing the assets of the Kentucky Baptist Convention entrusted to them and they shall also be responsible for managing the operational affairs of Western Recorder.

K.B.C. SUPPORT

The Kentucky Baptist Convention recognizes in the furtherance of the purpose of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and of the Western Recorder that financial and other support is desirable to enable the Western Recorder to further its purpose. This support shall consist of funds from the Cooperative Program and in accordance with the recommendations approved by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in the attached Financial Agreement between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Western Recorder. Said agreement may be amended in accordance with the terms of the Financial Agreement.

The Western Recorder shall continue to use its own best efforts in the raising of the funds necessary for the purpose of its activities all in addition to the allocation of the Cooperative Program funds in the annual budget of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. All special fund raising activities not including subscriptions, advertising and the like must be in conformance with the Kentucky Baptist Convention's policy on fund raising activities. The Western Recorder is encouraged to establish reserves and to seek in the form of gifts and bequests permanent endowment funds for its operations. The amount of support given by the Kentucky Baptist Convention shall be determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and its determination shall be final.

Property, casualty, liability and workers compensation insurance coverages for the Western Recorder operation shall be included in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's insurance program as determined by the Business and Finance Committee of the Executive Board in consultation with the Western Recorder. The Western Recorder Board shall be responsible for all forms of insurance benefits provided to its employees such as life, medical, and disability insurance.

RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Western Recorder, Inc. shall exist as relationships for mutual purpose, mutual interest, mutual concerns, and mutual programs that may be desired.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Western Recorder, Inc. shall be physical custodian of its accouts and reporting and the Western Recorder shall submit to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Secretary-Treasurer the following:

(1) The approved operating budget including anticipated income and expenditures of the Western Recorder at least by February 1 preceding the beginning of the fiscal year;

(2) Periodic reports to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board, and reports to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting;

(3) Minutes of the Western Recorder Board of Directors meetings shall, after approval by the Board of the Western Recorder, be submitted to the office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention;

(4) Monthly financial reports in a form to be agreed upon by the parties shall be filed with the office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in order to clearly show the financial condition of the Western Recorder;

(5) An annual audited financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for such an organization will be submitted to the Business and Finance Committee of the Executive Board.

Any borrowing required by the Western Recorder in excess of an accumulative total of \$30,000 shall be submitted to the Business and Finance Committee of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for their prior approval.

The Directors of the Western Recorder shall receive copies of all reports provided to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

COVENANT TERM

This Covenant Agreement is designed to clarify and make more permanent the relationship between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Western Recorder, Inc. This agreement affirms the 1960 statement from the Minutes of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky:

"That the principle of the independence of the Western Recorder and the freedom of the editor be affirmed and rigidly upheld."

Therefore, it is the intention of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Western Recorder, Inc. that this shall be a covenant binding each to the other as set out herein. This Covenant Agreement shall not terminate except on notification of one party to the other at a meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session at least four (4) years prior to the date of said termination.

The Western Recorder, Inc. in acknowledgement of the Kentucky Baptist Convention as owner of all the assets of the Western Recorder, Inc. will upon dissolution transfer any real property, personal property, or mixed, including any and all rights it may have to the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

This covenant supersedes all agreements and understandings between the Western Recorder, Inc. and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Any revisions that may be necessary or desirable subsequent to the signing of this document shall be by mutual agreement of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Board of Directors of the Western Recorder. Any such revision shall not become effective until same has been approved by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in a special or regular meeting.

It is agreed between the parties hereto that all revisions and/or changes must be in accordance with the above section. To approve any change requires a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Recorder and a favorable two-thirds (2/3) vote. Such changes may be approved at a regular or special meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention upon the favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the messengers in attendance voting.

THIS INSTRUMENT signed this day of _____, 19____, by and between the Western Recorder, Inc. and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Said Agreement having been approved by the Board of Directors of the Western Recorder on the day of _____, 19____, and by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session on the day of _____, 19____, and by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session on the day of _____, 19____.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC. BY:
THE WESTERN RECORDER, INC. BY:
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

) SS

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above named WESTERN RECORDER, INC. a corporation, by _____, to me personally known, who acknowledged that they be, and that the same is their free act and deed personally, and the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name at _____, Kentucky, this day of _____, 19____.

My commission expires _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, KENTUCKY; STATE AT LARGE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

) SS

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto affixed my name at _____, Kentucky, this day of _____, 19____.

My commission expires _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, KENTUCKY; STATE AT LARGE

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

COME, KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC., a not for profit Kentucky corporation, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243, Party of the First Part, and WESTERN RECORDER, INC., a not for profit Kentucky corporation, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243, Party of the Second Part;

WHEREAS, this Financial Agreement is a part of the covenant Agreement between the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Inc. and the Western Recorder, Inc., the following is entered into:

(1) The annual budget of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is approved by the Convention and the detailed budget is approved by the Convention's Executive Board. It is the intention under this agreement that Cooperative Program funds contributed to the Western Recorder shall equal those contributed in 1987-88 (which were \$214,930 unrestricted plus \$12,273 for computer, a total of \$227,203) unless the receipts of the Cooperative Program in a given year are less than the receipts in 1987-88 and then the reduction will be proportionate.

It is further the intention that funds contributed to the Western Recorder in addition to the 1987-88 benchmark year shall guarantee to the Western Recorder the funds necessary to provide Western Recorder employees the same cash salary increases as provided the employees of the Executive Board, provided the Western Recorder Board grants to its employees that level of cash salary increase. The Western Recorder Board shall be responsible for all costs associated with employer-provided benefits such as Social Security, retirement contribution, group insurance plans, etc.

(2) From the funds received from the Cooperative Program, the Western Recorder agrees to fulfill its purpose and use its funds in accordance with its prior submitted budget. Funds not expended by the Western Recorder which were received as a result of allocations from the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention may be retained by the Western Recorder at the end of its fiscal year for purposes of providing a reserve fund.

(3) The Western Recorder, Inc. occupies space in the Kentucky Baptist Convention building and its space allocation and expenses thereof shall be on the same basis as other units operating within the Kentucky Baptist Convention building.

It is the stated intention of the Western Recorder Board of Directors that they seek funds to create a perpetual endowment and that the Kentucky Baptist Convention joins in support of this endowment with income from these funds to be used as approved by the Board of Directors of the Western Recorder from time to time.

The Western Recorder will provide a business and financial plan to be developed by its Editor and staff subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the Western Recorder, Inc. This plan shall be consistent with the Business and Financial Plan of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

It is the understanding of all parties that this Agreement may be amended after a period of three (3) years upon the recommendation of the Western Recorder Board and approval by the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and by subsequent approval by the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It may also be amended by actions of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and approval by the board of Directors of the Western Recorder, Inc., and subsequent approval by the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Should the Western Recorder Board of Directors request emergency funds, this request shall be brought through the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board and subsequently to the Business and Finance Committee for their recommendation to the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for approval.

It is the purpose of this Financial Agreement to provide a stable, calculable means of support and income for the Western Recorder. Further, Western Recorder is encouraged to seek additional means of support so that it might provide additional reserves for unexpected expenditures and opportunities for greater service.

As the owner of the assets of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Inc., no changes shall be made in the Western Recorder's Articles of Incorporation without the approval of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Directors shall be responsible for managing the assets of the Kentucky Baptist Convention entrusted to them and they shall also be responsible for managing the operational affairs of the Western Recorder.

WESTERN RECORDER, INC. BY:
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC. BY:

christian education

William Carey trustees won't extend president

In a closed meeting Sept. 29, trustees of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., voted 5-4 not to extend the contract of president J. Ralph Noonkester past his 65th birthday in June 1989, abruptly ending a presidency that began in 1956. Trustees gave no reason for not renewing Noonkester's contract, nor did they say what had been discussed in the 30-minute trustees-only session.

Noonkester was summoned to the meeting room to be informed of the decision and left campus immediately afterward. He made no statement and campus officials Oct. 5 said the long-term president still had no comment.

The action set off protests by faculty and student groups. The faculty senate adopted a statement saying the contract denial "may be detrimental to the college." Students, carrying signs which said "We Love Our President" and "Students Have A Right To Be Heard," held a rally Oct. 4 on campus.

Immediately before the 5-4 vote, trustees voted to make a policy change making extended employment of the president beyond age 65 a contract matter to be renewed yearly. Also, prior to the vote, trustees declined to approve a third administrative reorganization plan proposed within a year by Noonkester. The two other plans have been adopted.

Trustees were told by auditors the college is fiscally solvent but that debt levels have increased. The trustees approved a 1988-89 budget of \$6,964,000 which includes \$1 million for debt retirement.

A presidential search committee to include five trustees, one representative from the faculty and one student was approved.

Noonkester, a native of Virginia, has been associated with the Hattiesburg school since 1954, when he joined the faculty as professor of religion. He was inaugurated as president Dec. 14, 1956. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond (Va.) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

Kentuckians bring SBTS heritage to Washington

The words "Southern Baptist Theological Seminary" are mentioned often on Capitol Hill in Washington nowadays.

U. S. Rep. Carroll Hubbard of Mayfield has two well known Kentucky Baptist young people working on his staff who have close ties to the current and immediate past presidents of Southern Seminary. They are legislative assistants Courtney Lynn McCall and Mary Anne Honeycutt, both of Louisville.

Miss McCall is a 1988 graduate of Wake Forest University and Miss Honeycutt is a 1988 graduate of Furman University. They were classmates at Ballard High School in Louisville.

Miss Honeycutt, 22, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy L. Honeycutt Jr. Miss McCall, 22, is the granddaughter of Dr. Duke K. McCall and the late Mrs. Marguerite McCall.

Congressman Hubbard's father, the late Carroll Hubbard Sr., a Baptist minister for 53 years who died in 1981, was a graduate of SBTS and was on the staff at the seminary and Boyce Bible School.

Miss Honeycutt's father has been president of SBTS since 1982. Miss McCall's grandfather was SBTS president from 1951-82.

Campbellsville homecoming: "Games People Play"

Campbellsville College Homecoming '88 will revolve around the theme, "Games People Play," with highlights from Bunny Martin, Christian magician and reigning Yo-Yo champion of the world; the Imperials, a contemporary Christian music group in concert; and football.

Homecoming will be Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5, with student activities Oct. 31-Nov. 5.

The homecoming queen will be crowned during half-time when the Tigers challenge Earlham College of Indiana. This is the first year of a football homecoming since varsity football has returned to campus after 58 years.

The alumni luncheon will feature a new graduation year. The class of 1983, a fifth-year celebration will be observed along with the usual 10-year celebrations. The following classes will be featured: 1988, 1983, 1978, 1968, 1958, 1948, and Golden Heritage, those who attended in 1938 or earlier.

Mike Crain, director of alumni and church relations, said, "This is an exciting fall at Campbellsville College. We have a new president and first lady, increased enrolment, the return of varsity football, more dorm students, renovation of facilities, and a spirit of excitement is prevalent on campus."

The alumni luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. Nov. 5, will be in the College Dining Hall. Advance reservations are required by Oct. 28 and are available by calling Tina El-Amouri at (502) 465-8158, ext.

11th Annual VIP day slated at Georgetown

High school juniors and seniors from Kentucky are invited to attend the 11th Annual VIP day at Georgetown College, Saturday, Nov. 5.

The yearly visitation to the campus enables prospective students and their parents the opportunity to tour the Georgetown campus and to meet faculty. A program filled with vital college entrance information and entertainment, VIP day also features interviews and auditions for fine arts grants, sessions on financial aid and competitive exams for science and math scholarships.

Registration for the day-long event begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Cralle Student Center. The opening session follows at 9:45 a.m.

Georgetown Chorale to sing at Ohio Convention

The Georgetown College Chorale will perform at a session of the annual state convention of Baptists in Ohio Nov. 8 at Crestview Baptist Church, Dayton, at 6:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Tony G. Whitfield, director since 1982, the ensemble will present a variety of classical period literature and American spirituals.

6216. Tickets are \$5.50 each.

Martin will perform at the annual banquet at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 in Powell Athletic Center. Reservations for that banquet should also be made by Oct. 28 with Mrs. El-Amouri. Tickets are \$7.50 each.

The Imperials will perform at 8 p.m. Nov. 5 in the athletic center. Those reservations should be made by calling the student development office at (502) 465-8158, ext. 6223. Tickets are \$5 each for adults, \$3 for 12 and under and \$4 for groups of 15 or more.

An alumni gathering of all former men's and women's basketball players

will be held during homecoming with a luncheon honoring them at 6 p.m. in the Little Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 and must be made in advance with Pam Hardy-Durham at (502) 465-8158, ext. 6257 before Oct. 28. The price includes admission to the Tiger football game.

The Lady Tigers will be playing the alumnae at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 5 in the athletic center.

The football game tickets cost \$5 for reserved seats, \$4 for general admission and \$2 for students other than Campbellsville College students.

The annual homecoming parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

Cumberland offers visitation day

High school juniors and seniors are invited to attend Cumberland College's campus visitation day Saturday, Nov. 12.

The day will give potential college students an opportunity to become acquainted with Cumberland College and its students, faculty and staff. Entertaining and informative programs are scheduled for students and their parents.

Registration for campus visitation day is 8:30 to 9 a.m. From 9:40 to 10:15 a.m., students may meet with professors in their proposed fields of study.

Beginning at 10:15, campus tours will be conducted, giving participants and their parents an opportunity to see cam-

pus classrooms, facilities and residence halls. From 11:20 to 11:50 a.m., concurrent question and answer sessions for parents and students will be led by Cumberland College students and faculty. Lunch will be provided in T. J. Roberts Memorial Dining Hall from 12 to 1 p.m.

Additionally, participants are invited to attend the Cumberland College-Lambuth College football game to be played at Williamsburg's Finely-Legion Field. Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m.

To register or for more information telephone (606) 549-2200, ext. 4241, or write to: Admissions Office, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

Bivocational Ministers' Banquet

at the

Kentucky Baptist Convention 1988

to recognize the 25 plus % of pastors and ministers in Kentucky who are bivocational

November 16, 1988 (CST), 5:30 p.m.

The Fireside Room
Third Baptist Church of Owensboro
527 Allen Street

Dale Holloway, guest speaker
Home Mission Board consultant
for bivocational ministers

All Bivocational pastors and ministers and their spouse or friend are invited and will be the guests of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. There is room for the first 200 reservations.

Please respond by November 11, 1988

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ Association _____

Position: Pastor _____ Music _____ Education _____ Youth _____ Other _____

Please make a reservation for me and _____

Send your reservations to Office of Resource Development
Kentucky Baptist Convention
P. O. Box 43433
Middletown, Kentucky 40243-0433
(502) 245-4101



baptist news in brief

FMB votes to transfer seminary title to Europeans

Steps to give European Baptists ownership of Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, were taken by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 12. The board approved the property transfer, along with a set of recommendations to European Baptists on the operation of the seminary.

The seminary, which has weathered various budget crises and allegations of liberal theology, has trained more than 1000 students representing every continent since it was founded by the Foreign Mission Board in 1949.

The property transfer initially was requested by the European Baptist Federation Council during a meeting in West Germany attended by a team of five FMB trustees. The FMB team drafted a concurring statement and a number of accompanying recommendations to European Baptists at the conclusion of its trip.

In Foreign Mission Board deliberations Oct. 12, trustees cast split votes in defeating two motions to amend the proposal. The amendments were offered by Lloyd Hansen of Memphis, Tenn., and Paige Patterson of Dallas. On the final vote, eight trustees out of 67 in attendance voted against the plan.

The team, in its report to the board, said the property transfer is consistent

with the board's historic aim of indigenous work. Seminaries, schools and hospitals founded by Southern Baptists now are owned, operated and financed by Baptist conventions or unions in numerous countries.

The transfer also will help the seminary's finances, the team said. A \$100,000 deficit is projected this year. Much of the seminary's deficit stems from the falling U. S. dollar, which decreases the value of the 1988 Foreign Mission Board subsidy of \$345,000, they said. European Baptists plan to earn income from the seminary property by mortgaging it, a common practice in Switzerland. It is valued at more than \$17 million.

Among the trustee team's recommendations to European Baptists is a request that the seminary executive board "consider the possibility for a written statement of European Baptist princi-

Baptist men serve 95,500 meals in Mexico relief

Baptist men from Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana served an estimated 95,500 hot meals during 16 days of disaster relief efforts in Mexico following Hurricane Gilbert.

"The response to Hurricane Gilbert shows once again the ability of Baptist men to meet enormous challenges," said James H. Smith, Brotherhood Commission president.

Disaster relief preparedness, response and recovery by Baptist men is a ministry of the Brotherhood Commission which coordinates multistate and international responses of state Brotherhood disaster relief teams.

Each state set up food distribution systems and temporary field kitchens where food preparation continues by Mexican Baptist volunteers. (BP)

Jackson: gospel message molds ministries

The "out of the ordinary" message of the Christian gospel can transform ordinary people into effective ministers of Jesus Christ, stressed the pastor of one of the nation's largest Southern Baptist churches.

Richard Jackson, pastor of the 18,000-member North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, told an audience at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., that the message of Christ's atoning death, bodily resurrection and indwelling presence changes "what the world calls ordinary men and women" into competent ministers.

The "only hope any of us have is that we have the treasure of his life in these earthen vessels," he noted. The "vessels vary," but "with Jesus, the shepherd,

ples common to all European Baptists which may give expression to the seminary's biblical commitment and to which seminary teachers would subscribe."

At present, the closest thing to such guidelines is the seminary's catalog, board chairman C. Mark Corts said. "I would like to see (Ruschlikon) more in the evangelical mainstream," he added. And he hopes the seminarians will re-

Dallas pastor resigns, admits impropriety

Billy Weber, founding pastor of the 10,000-member Prestonwood Baptist Church of Dallas, resigned Oct. 8 after admitting adultery to his church deacons.

"This is certainly the most difficult decision of my life, but one I believe is in the best interest of the church, its future and its ministry in this community," Weber said in a written statement. "I have offered no excuses for my exercise in bad judgment—for there are none—and have sought forgiveness from the Lord, my family, church and community."

During an Oct. 8 news conference, Prestonwood deacon Newt Hamlin confirmed that Weber had an extramarital affair, but he declined to say with whom or for how long. Weber, 45, is married and has four children.

Although church officials are not precluding the possibility of Weber's return to the Prestonwood pastorate, they reportedly are not waiting for him and are proceeding with the formation of a pastor search committee.

Weber began the nucleus of Prestonwood Church in 1977, holding meetings with a handful of people in homes and later at the Fretz Park Recreation Center. In 1979, the church was founded in an affluent North Dallas neighbor-

hood. In 11 years, the congregation became one of the fastest-growing Southern Baptist churches in the nation and gained widespread recognition for its innovative approach to reaching young professionals. Median age at the church is 35, and the congregation has been adding members at a rate of 110 a month.

Weber, a native of Orange, Texas, who grew up in West Monroe, La., surrendered to the gospel ministry at age 14. He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. His father, the late Jaroy Weber, was president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1975-76. (BP)

FMB earmarks \$172,500 to aid Jamaican Baptists

Lacking adequate disaster funds, the Foreign Mission Board has dipped into a contingency account to help Jamaican Baptists recover from Hurricane Gilbert.

The Foreign Mission Board has released \$172,500 to buy roofing, lumber, nails and other construction materials, said Thurmon Bryant, associate vice president for mission management. Board officials, with the Brotherhood Commission, are working to get Jamaican government clearance before shipping the materials by ocean freighter.

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Hurricane Gilbert tore through the Caribbean island in late September, leaving houses, churches and schools without roofs just as the rainy season set in. Because of the demand for building materials, the few supplies available on the island have skyrocketed in cost.

At the end of August, money available to the board for helping in disasters stood at less than \$100,000. During September the board received one gift of \$150,000 and other gifts totaling about \$18,000 designated for relief to Bangladesh, where flooding inundated about two-thirds of the country for several days. Nearly \$48,000 was received during that time for other general relief purposes, including about \$5,400 for Jamaica.

Twenty-one Baptist parsonages and 180 Baptist churches were damaged by torrential downpours and winds of more than 160 miles per hour. Eventually the board could be involved in more than 30 projects. Hundreds of volunteers in the United States, many through the Brotherhood, are awaiting rebuilding assignments over the next several months, said Boyd O'Neal, the foreign board's enlistment coordinator for volunteer projects in the area.

Hundreds of former volunteers to Jamaica have called the Foreign Mission Board asking how they can help, Bryant said. In response, board officials are sending a letter saying they've set up a special fund just for Jamaican Baptist disaster relief. (BP)

1989 staff sought at Ridgecrest, Glorieta

Applications are now being accepted at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist conference centers for 1989 summer staffs.

Applicants for the Ridgecrest staff must be at least 17 and available to work from May 28-Sept. 4. Some staff will be chosen to work for a shorter term.

At Glorieta, applicants must be at least 17 and available to work from May 28-Aug. 19. Those who can work until Aug. 25 will be given preference.

For information, write: Summer Employment, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770, or Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87535-0008.

KBC ministers' wives plan Owensboro dinner

The annual Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives dinner will be held Nov. 15, 5-7 p.m., at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro. Transportation from First Baptist Church will be available at 4:45 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$5, payable to Mrs. Kay Bevil, 1605 Antler Ave., Owensboro, KY 42303. Reservations should be made before Nov. 8. Tickets may also be purchased at the state convention. Guest speaker will be Nancy Futral.

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Drummond promises 'spiritual mandate' at Southeastern

Pledging to take up the spiritual mandate of his predecessors, Lewis A. Drummond was inaugurated as the fourth president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., Oct. 11. Drummond was elected president by seminary trustees Mar. 15 and assumed the post Apr. 1.

Evangelist Billy Graham preached the inaugural address to more than 2300 participants who packed Binkley Chapel, while about 60 students held a "litany of grief and lament for Southeastern" on the chapel steps.

Expressing regret that he did not have a seminary education, Graham said that as he looks at his life, "I regret that I spent too much time traveling and not enough time studying." But evaluating his friend, Graham said, "In Lewis Drummond, you have a man who can teach evangelism and be an example of an evangelist."

In his inaugural response, Drummond noted the strategic location of Southeastern Seminary and pledged himself to fulfilling the dreams of its founders. "I can see against the horizon of the future new possibilities and new opportunities for our region and for the ministry of our school," he said.

The protesting students lined the walkway at the entrance of Binkley Chapel "in silent presence and vigil." They handed out leaflets that stated, "This day is a sad and painful reminder of all that has happened to Southeastern and the people of Southeastern's community this past year and a half." The leaflet was printed by Southeastern Students for Academic Freedom.

The students wore small yellow ribbons, which have become their symbol of protest against trustee actions in October 1987—to ensure that only biblical inerrantists can be appointed to the faculty—which resulted in the resignations of Southeastern president W. Randall Lolley and several other faculty and staff members. Ribbons also were worn by some faculty members.

Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., brought greetings from the presidents of the other five Southern Baptist seminaries. Also participating in the inauguration ceremony were Samuel E. Balentine and Donald E. Cook, Southeastern professors, who read scripture; Roy J. Smith, executive director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who led the invocation; and Jonathan W. Edison, president of the student council, who led the benediction. (BP)

Women in Ministry to meet, eat at Owensboro

The Women in Ministry annual luncheon will be held Nov. 15 in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Owensboro. It is slated for noon at Colby's Restaurant, 202 West Third St.

Reservation requests should be mailed to Sally Ensley at First Baptist Church, 214 South Broadway, Providence, KY 42450 by Nov. 9. Cost is \$5 and the meal will feature a choice of soup and salad, chicken fruit salad or the "Third Street Burger."

Questions about the luncheon or Women in Ministry may be addressed to Carolyn S. Hale, Dean of Student Life, Georgetown College, Georgetown, KY 40324-1696, 502-863-8147.

Accreditation investigations occupy seminary trustees

Reaction to accrediting investigations by the Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools dominated discussion by trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during their fall meeting Oct. 10-11.

Both accrediting agencies have scrutinized the Wake Forest, N. C., seminary during recent months. The examinations were prompted by the resignations of the president, most top administrators and several faculty members. The resignations came after trustees voted in 1987 to change policies so that only biblical inerrantists could be elected to the faculty.

After more than an hour of debate, trustees passed two motions to request assistance from the accrediting bodies and to authorize a trustee committee to prepare responses. The first action, approved 27-1, called on the seminary to "immediately accept the invitation to utilize the services of the ATS staff in the effort to clarify the relationship and accountability of the trustees to their institution and their churches."

The second motion, approved 24-2,

Foreign Mission budget dips below former totals

Trustees of the Foreign Mission Board adopted a \$167.7 million budget for next year—\$95,000 less than the 1988 budget and the first such decrease since the Great Depression years of the 1930s.

The decision not to increase the budget was made "in light of a second consecutive \$5 million shortfall in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" earlier this year, Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks told trustees. "At this point in the history of our convention, both the offering and the Cooperative Program are more vulnerable than they have been in decades," Parks said.

The two main sources of funding for the foreign mission budget—which supports more than 3800 missionaries in 113 countries—are Southern Baptist gifts to the annual Lottie Moon offering and the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget. The Lottie Moon goal has not been met since 1981, and some church leaders have threatened to cut back giving through the Cooperative Program because of their dissatisfaction with the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. Parks warned state Baptist convention executives in September that eroding budget support eventually could force a retreat from sending new missionaries.

Asked if the FMB is sending a "message" with the lower 1989 budget, vice president for Finance Carl Johnson said the budget simply represents reality. "The budget should be a realistic estimation of what you think is going to happen," Johnson said. "I hope we turn out to be wrong."

Cutbacks in projected mission funds will "affect every part of our work, even evangelism and church planting, our No. 1 reason for being overseas in the first place," Johnson added. "We can say missionary support is excluded from the cuts, but even that would not be correct, because the missionaries will receive no increase in their compensation," except for essential cost-of-living supplements.

The 1989 Foreign Mission Board budget for Richmond, Va., staff support, administration and promotion is \$20.7 million—\$317,000 below 1988—or 12.4 percent of the budget. (BP)

authorized the trustee chairman to "appoint a committee to prepare and present to the board of trustees a trustee response to the ATS report and that in the event the SACS report is circulated to the board of trustees, that the same committee prepare and present to the board of trustees a trustee response to the SACS report."

In his first report to the trustees, Drummond said, "I do not believe we are in any danger whatsoever of losing our accreditation." He added, however,

"We must take this report most seriously."

The ATS visiting committee arrived on the campus just days after the Apr. 1 beginning of Drummond's presidency. According to the ATS report, the committee found the campus "a very troubled and divided institution... that has suffered the loss of a sense of mutuality and trust among several constituencies that make up the seminary." An investigating committee from SACS visited the campus in September. (BP)

Southern Baptist chaplain cited for POW ministry in war camps

Former U. S. Air Force Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Robert Preston Taylor, a Southern Baptist, received the Prisoner of War medal during ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

During World War II Taylor survived 42 months in Japanese prison camps after participating in the infamous Bataan "Death March."

Congress recently authorized the Prisoner of War medal for any person who served honorably as a prisoner of war after Apr. 5, 1917.

After the surrender of the American forces in Bataan, Taylor was chaplain in the prison camp hospital at Cabanatuan, where he ministered to 10,000 patients.

According to the medal's citation, Taylor "became the best-known person

in the camp because of the ministry of strength and comfort he provided his fellow prisoners of war as they withstood the rigors of captivity. This ministry was evident not only in his prayers, sermons and pastoral counseling but also in his action to provide, at great personal risk, daily provisions of food and medicine for his fellow prisoners."

Taylor was Air Force chief of chaplains from September 1962 until his retirement from active duty in July 1966. He later became director of development at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Taylor currently lives in Arlington, Tex. He holds degrees from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary. (BP)

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77% of SBC hotel space requests confirmed

More than 5000 Southern Baptists have been assigned hotel accommodations for their convention's annual meeting next summer in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors' Authority has assigned 5440 rooms to participants in the June 13-15 meeting, announced convention manager Tim A. Hedquist. "The visitors' authority received 7033 hotel requests, or 1593 more than we could accommodate," Hedquist reported. "But we placed more than 77 percent of the people who have requested rooms. Last year, we only were able to place around 37 percent."

The resort city already is home to

more than 51,000 hotel rooms, and more are being built. That's 5000 rooms more than the largest number of people ever registered for a Southern Baptist meeting.

The drawing for the 5000-plus rooms in the main Southern Baptist Convention block was held Oct. 12 in Las Vegas, Hedquist said.

Hotel accommodations have been a point of dispute in recent years, especially as moderate and conservative Southern Baptists have attended their annual meetings in record numbers, contending for control of the convention. But as in previous years, convention planners took precautions to ensure

fairness in the way the rooms were assigned, Hedquist said.

The process was conducted by five employees of the visitors' authority, none of them Southern Baptist, he explained. All housing requests were removed from post office containers, stacked on tables and opened randomly. Rooms were assigned as space in the requested hotels permitted.

The 1593 requests not assigned to hotel rooms failed for three reasons, Hedquist said:

—About 100 requests were mailed too early or too late—before Oct. 1 and after Oct. 3.

—About 600 requests were not processed because requestors "chose to limit the price they would accept," he added. Hotels with lower room rates were filled early, and people whose requests were handled later were not put in hotels with rates higher than they indicated they would accept.

—The rest, about 900, fell victim to the luck of the draw: All available rooms had been assigned by the time those requests were handled.

People whose requests were not assigned should not have trouble getting rooms, Hedquist said: "The visitors' authority is shipping those forms back to our office. We're going to send those requestors letters notifying them they did not get a room. We also will send them the number for the Las Vegas hotel registration hotline, a service of the visitors' bureau. We also will provide them with other suggestions for reserving rooms in the city."

Each person whose room request was accepted will receive written notification from the visitors' authority, he said. Later, the hotels will contact those people directly, verifying the registrations and asking for room deposits.

People who did not participate in the drawing may receive information about hotel reservations from the SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce St., Nashville, TN 37203. (BP)

SBC unified giving plan ends year \$6.2 million short of 88 projection

Southern Baptists' 1987-88 combined ministry budget surpassed predictions but fell short of its goal.

The Cooperative Program received \$134,787,542 for conventionwide causes during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the denomination's Executive Committee.

The total is almost \$1.2 million more than convention officials had predicted, Bennett said. But it is more than \$5 million below the budget's \$140 million goal, he added. The \$134.8 million total includes a gain of more than \$4.3 million over the previous year's budget, Bennett said.

However, the increase amounts to a decrease in buying power, since the 3.4 percent gain trailed the current U. S. inflation rate of about 4.1 percent.

Consequently, the just-completed budget marked the first time in seven years national receipts for the Cooperative Program—as measured in constant dollars that account for inflation—have fallen below the previous year's Cooperative Program gifts, Bennett noted.

Nevertheless, the \$134.8 million budget was a record, he added: "It is gratifying to note Southern Baptists are giving more money than ever before to support the cause of Christ around the world. The churches and their people are to be commended for their commitment."

The 1987-88 budget supplied \$132 million to support the work of 19 convention-related organizations, reported Tim A. Hedquist, the Executive Committee's vice president for business and finance. The budget also provided \$36,641 to fund the work of the Southern Baptist Peace Committee, he added.

It supplied \$716,801 to pay for capital needs first targeted in the 1985-86 Cooperative Program budget, he said. And it paid \$2,034,100 to provide for capital needs earmarked in the 1986-87 budget.

The budget left unfunded \$3,839,900 remaining from the 1986-87 capital needs portion of the budget and the entire \$6,450,000 budgeted for capital needs in the 1987-88 budget, he added. (BP)

Atlanta congregation approves relocation

Members of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, voted Oct. 16 to move the 140-year-old downtown church to the city's northern suburbs.

Members decided to purchase a 52-acre tract in a mixed commercial-residential area just off Interstate 285 at North Peachtree Road in Dunwoody. The property is owned by Avon Products Inc., a New York-based cosmetics firm that maintains its regional office and distribution site there.

First Baptist will purchase the \$22.5 million property for \$20 million, with the difference being a gift from Avon. The church will then lease the site back to Avon for up to three years to enable the business to continue its operations as it seeks a new location.

At the end of the 36-month lease, First Baptist will pay the \$20 million bank loan with funds raised from the sale of 4.5 acres of its 17 acres of downtown property. (BP)

Missionaries asking cut of 22% in overseas personnel requests

Budget restraints have forced Southern Baptist missionaries overseas to take a look at strategy and, in some cases, reduce the number of requests they are making for new coworkers in the coming year. Missionaries asked the board to fill 333 new jobs in 1989, about 22 percent fewer than in 1988.

Speaking at the home offices of the Foreign Mission Board during an annual review session concerning personnel needs, area directors of mission work pointed out that field budgets next year are less able to support new missionaries and the work they do.

And because the individual Southern Baptist mission fields overseas are continuing to narrow their personnel requests to meet strategic needs, area directors urged board staff to be even more precise in matching new missionaries' skills with the jobs that need to be filled. Some suggested that the successful missionary of the future would be a self-starter with experience in sharing Jesus Christ person-to-person and

starting churches composed of these new believers.

About three-fourths of next year's requests, or 240 units, are for evangelism and church development specialists. Of that group, 179 units are for church starters. A unit can be either a couple or a single person, depending on how the request is filled.

Other requests include 17 for educators, 42 for health-care workers, eight for media workers, 18 for support people including business specialists and eight for community development workers. The top 25 requests, chosen by the board's Global Strategy Group from priority needs identified on the field, include four missionaries to develop ties to groups of unreached people inaccessible to traditional missionary methods.

The two main sources of funding for the foreign missions budget are Southern Baptists' giving to the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget. The Lottie Moon goal has not been met since 1981 and has fallen some \$5 million short of its goal for the past two years. But area directors stopped short of pessimism about budget restraints, generally agreeing less money already has caused missionaries to better define strategies. (BP)

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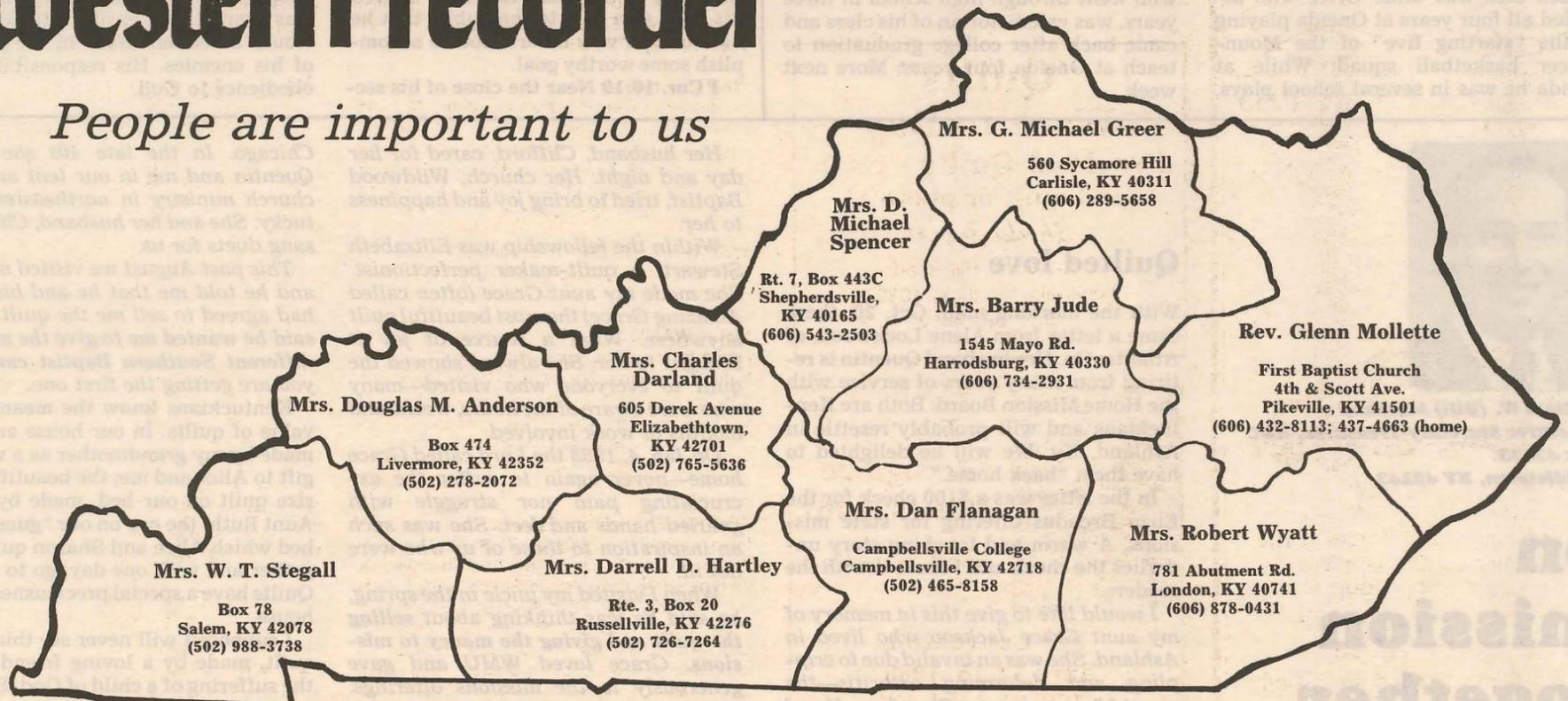
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Beautiful young lives

Homecoming Day, Saturday, Oct. 8th was a gloriously beautiful autumn day from early sunrise until a starlit midnight.

The first person I met was Tim Searcy, class of 1973, who had driven all the way from New Orleans. Tim was in the first graduating class after I became president. There were 20 in that class. This past spring, 15 years later, we had 106.

Tim is teaching several classes at New Orleans Baptist Seminary while working toward his doctorate. He is also pastoring a church in Mississippi. I am so proud of him.

The alumna who traveled the farthest to get here was the valedictorian of the '73 class, Susan Loriot. Married, with two children, Susan is very active in her church in a suburb of Phoenix, Ariz. Her parents were missionaries with Wycliffe Bible translators for years before she came to OBI.

Another alumnus of '73 was Rusty Park who had traveled from Sarasota, Fla. He and his brother came to Oneida quite young, having lost their parents. Rusty was the salutatorian the year he graduated. After completing college, today he is quite successful working with computers.

Back also was Mike Grice who attended all four years at Oneida playing on the "starting five" of the Mountaineer basketball squad. While at Oneida he was in several school plays,

the first one something like "Simon Slick from Punkin' Crick." He went on to do a lot of work in drama at Georgetown College where he graduated. Since then he has been most successful in directing dinner theater in Lexington and doing drama work other places. Today he is the director of the multimillion dollar Drama Center on the Ft. Knox military reservation with productions the year round. It was so good to have him, his wife and child back on our campus.

Another one that thrilled my soul to see was Andy Porter. He will get his divinity degree at Southern Baptist Seminary this next spring. When I first knew him, he was the only child of his parents and had been born when they were in their forties as I recall. He was painfully shy and thoroughly homesick and miserable for months after he came here to school. We wondered day by day if he would be here the following morning.

Then we discovered that Andy loved to work with plants, so I put him to developing a small greenhouse. I put him totally in charge to tell us what was needed. It cost some hundreds of dollars in this "special for Andy" project, but it was some of the best money ever spent. He became a different boy.

I lost track of this boy of Seventh Day Adventist heritage after he left Oneida. Imagine my delight to meet him after speaking at a Southern Baptist Seminary function. He came to shake my hand and tell me who he was. I remembered him immediately. Now a very active Baptist, I'm sure he is going to make a very solid pastor for some Baptist churches over the years. He shared with me his desire to serve as an assistant pastor first as he feels he has much yet to learn. His humility was and is one of his endearing traits.

Others of the class back are also faithfully involved in their local churches. I like to think, and they say, that the seeds sown and training received while at Oneida played an important part in what they are today.

There was also a wonderful turnout of the '78 class for their tenth anniversary. This is one of the most remarkable classes in all the school's history.

Jeff Hasty was back, all the way from Houston, Tex. with wife Patty. They met while at Oneida, both here through their high school years.

Back also was remarkable Jeff Minor, who went through high school in three years, was valedictorian of his class and came back after college graduation to teach at Oneida four years. More next week.



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Acts 18:1-4 From Athens Paul went to Corinth—a center of wealth, worldliness and wickedness. Immediately he sought a job in order that he might earn his livelihood. Along with Aquila and Priscilla Paul worked at tentmaking, a trade he had learned as a lad. Every sabbath he entered the synagogue and tried to win Jews and Gentiles to faith in Christ. The Jews were so infuriated when Paul declared that Jesus of Nazareth was their Messiah they used abusive and blasphemous language in speaking evil of him. Paul announced his intention to discontinue his ministry to them and to turn his attention to witnessing for Christ to the Gentiles.

Acts 18:18-19 The Lord encouraged him to remain there. Assured of the presence and protection of the Lord, Paul gladly remained in Corinth 18 months. He continued preaching the gospel with remarkable success in spite of the fact that he had many bitter experiences in his encounter with Jewish prejudice, Roman indifference and Greek strategy.

Before he went to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the Passover, Paul shaved his head as a sign to the public that he had made a vow before God to accomplish some worthy goal.

I Cor. 16:19 Near the close of his sec-

ond missionary journey, Paul made a short visit to Ephesus and from there wrote I Corinthians. In that Epistle Paul included greetings from Aquila and Priscilla, in whose home the Ephesian Christians had assembled for worship. This dedicated couple had a wonderful influence for the Lord in Ephesus during those early days.

Rom. 16:3-5a In Romans 16 is an interesting list of faithful followers of Christ and loyal helpers in the work of the Lord to whom Paul sent personal greetings. In this list of names were Aquila and Priscilla whom Paul described as "my helpers in Christ Jesus." Their sympathy, fellowship and prayers were a great comfort to the apostle. He said that for his life they had "laid down their own necks." By this Paul meant they had risked their lives in order to protect him.

International series

Jeremiah's call

Jer. 1:4-10 Jeremiah's call came from God in 626 B.C. As Jeremiah meditated on God's purpose for his life, he realized a combination of circumstances and events preceding his birth were determining factors in his becoming a prophet.

During the difficult 40 years of Jeremiah's ministry there was a tremendous upheaval in world affairs. Discontent, hatred, envy, robbery, murder, lying and a constant striving for material gain characterized the lives of the people.

At God's declaration of choosing Jeremiah, the shy and sheltered young man reacted with a feeling of utter inadequacy. He thought his youth, lack of experience and lack of eloquence were insurmountable handicaps. But God assured him of divine enablement, protection and deliverance from his enemies in the discharge of his prophetic duties.

The task God called Jeremiah was twofold in nature: to tear down and to build up, or to destroy the evil and to produce the good.

Jer. 1:14, 16-19 It was not an easy task which God assigned Jeremiah for his message was divinely intended to be convicting and would focus on judgment. The scope of God's grievance included all phases of wickedness of the people. God informed Jeremiah if he was fearful and easily intimidated he would be embarrassed in the presence of his enemies. His responsibility was obedience to God.



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on mission together

Quilted love

With the morning mail, Oct. 20, there came a letter from Alene Lockwood, of Atlanta, Ga. Her husband Quentin is retiring from many years of service with the Home Mission Board. Both are Kentuckians and will probably resettle in Ashland, Ky. We will be delighted to have them "back home."

In the letter was a \$100 check for the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions. A warm and touching story underlies the check and I share it with the reader:

I would like to give this in memory of my aunt Grace Jackson who lived in Ashland. She was an invalid due to crippling and deforming arthritis—the worst I have ever seen. She also suffered the loss of a leg.

Her husband, Clifford, cared for her day and night. Her church, Wildwood Baptist, tried to bring joy and happiness to her.

Within the fellowship was Elizabeth Stewart, a quilt-maker perfectionist. She made my aunt Grace (often called Amazing Grace) the most beautiful quilt anywhere. What a source of joy it brought to her. She always showed the quilt to everyone who visited—many who were aware of the hours, weeks and months of work involved.

On Jan. 4, 1988 the Lord called Grace home—never again to suffer the excruciating pain nor struggle with gnarled hands and feet. She was such an inspiration to those of us who were not ill.

When I visited my uncle in the spring, he said he was thinking about selling the quilt and giving the money to missions. Grace loved WMU and gave generously to the missions offerings. She sent money to Chip (Quentin Jr.) working in New York and Susan in

Chicago. In the late 40s she helped Quentin and me in our tent and rural church ministry in northeastern Kentucky. She and her husband, Cliff, often sang duets for us.

This past August we visited my uncle and he told me that he and his family had agreed to sell me the quilt. But he said he wanted me to give the money to different Southern Baptist causes. So you are getting the first one.

Kentuckians know the meaning and value of quilts. In our house are quilts made by my grandmother as a wedding gift to Alice and me; the beautiful king-size quilt on our bed, made by Alice's Aunt Ruth; the one on our "guest room" bed which Alice and Sharon quilted together and will, one day, go to Sharon. Quilts have a special preciousness at our house.

I suppose I will never see this special quilt, made by a loving friend to ease the suffering of a child of God. But I can imagine it . . . and, in this case, the quilt continues its ministry of love.

Policeman and Baptist deacon gets, 'put on the spot' in Atlanta protests

by Mark Wingfield

Even though categorically opposed to abortion, police Maj. Kenneth Burnette said he feels no need to repent for arresting more than 1100 fellow Christians in antiabortion protests since July 19.

Burnette is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, Redan, Ga. He also is the police officer responsible for Atlanta's fifth precinct, which includes the central business district and the majority of the city's abortion clinics.

Burnette and his officers have spent the past 11 weeks arresting evangelical Christians participating in Operation Rescue. The interdenominational effort has blocked entrances to Atlanta's abortion clinics in attempts to "rescue" unborn babies from abortion.

In an interview the week Atlanta police arrested more than 400 protesters, Burnette said he has no regrets for his actions.

On Tuesday of that week, Burnette led his troops to use new get-tough tactics that were soon halted because of numerous complaints about excessive force. Operation Rescue leaders accused Burnette of personally kicking one protester in the head.

Burnette denied kicking the man and said his officers did not use excessive force.

"I don't believe in abusing people. But a part of this job is that sometimes you have to use physical force. Sometimes I have to go home and straighten things out with God—repent. On Tuesday, I didn't need to," he said in the interview.

"Even though someone has strong emotional feelings about an issue, they have no right to break the law," he told reporters after arresting 343 protesters that Tuesday.

From Burnette's perspective, the rights of the unborn are not the issue in this fight. "It is a clear issue about people who have stepped outside the law in attempts to accomplish their goals," he said.

Although he doesn't make his faith an

issue in the much-publicized abortion protests, Burnette has been a Christian for 28 years and a policeman for 26. He got his start in both during the heat of the civil rights movement in the South.

Burnette wears a crisp blue police uniform with gold badge, dangling whistle and nightstick. Most officers of his rank wear business suits. Although assigned an unmarked police cruiser, he occasionally walks the beats with his officers to remember what it's like.

His office displays religious plaques and an open Bible. He said he prays often about the situations he faces at work.

Burnette determined at the start of his career that he would quit his job if ever forced to compromise his Christian beliefs, he recalled, noting, "My first commitment in life is to the Lord."

When Operation Rescue first came to town, Burnette thought such a conflict finally might have arrived.

"When I realized I was going to have to handle it, I went to the Lord in prayer," he said. "I had a dilemma and thought maybe this was that inevitable conflict I had always talked about."

Burnette said he got no answer from God. "I took that to mean I wasn't to do anything different. I felt like if the Lord wanted me to do something different, he would reveal that to me," he explained.

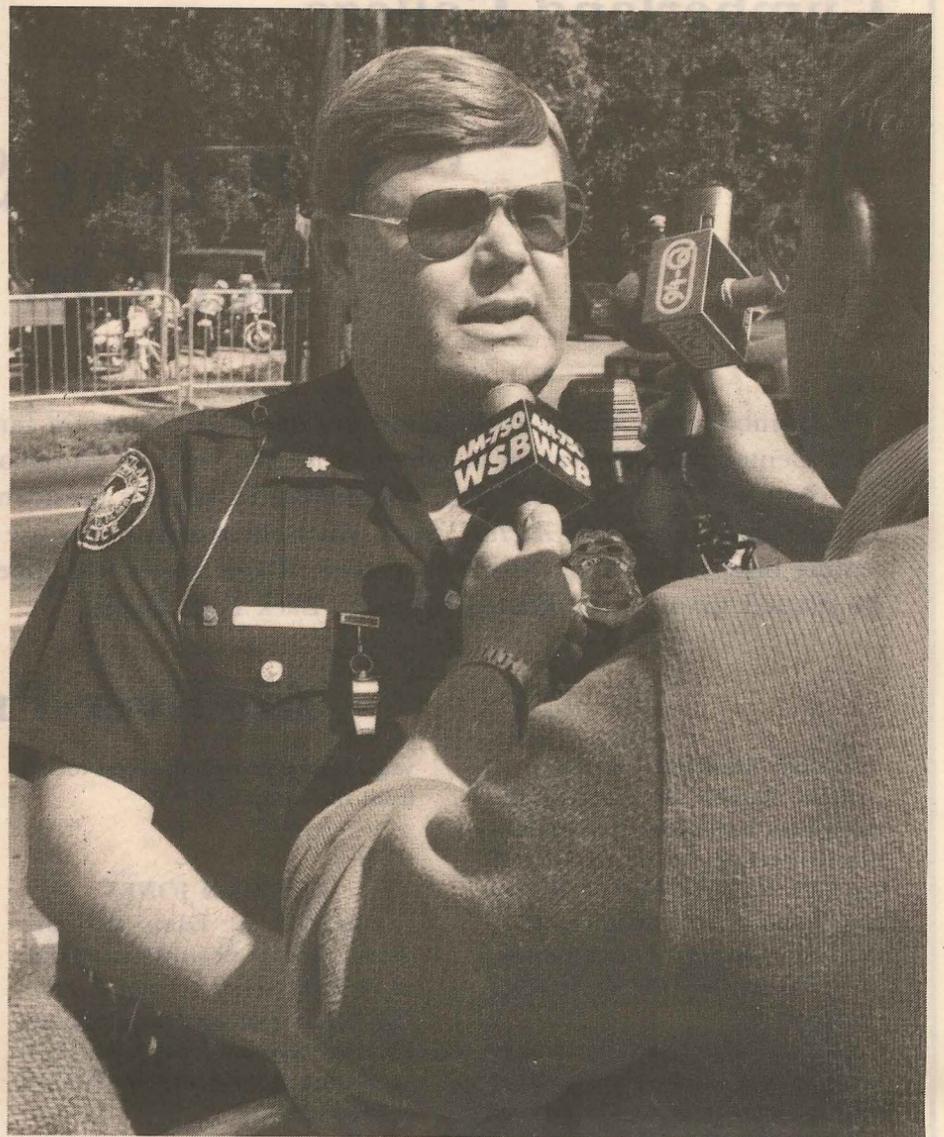
Burnette was content with his decision until he saw Charles Stanley observing one of the rescues. Stanley is pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church and one of Burnette's favorite preachers.

"I asked myself if I had made a mistake," Burnette said.

Even though television preacher Jerry Falwell called on Stanley to support Operation Rescue, Stanley decided not to. Stanley later issued a statement on civil disobedience explaining his support for the protesters' objectives but disagreement with their tactics.

"Dr. Stanley's statement was the Lord reaffirming me," Burnette said.

He said he agrees with Stanley that



Maj. Kenneth Burnette answers reporters' questions about continuing antiabortion protests in Atlanta. Burnette, a Southern Baptist deacon, said he is "categorically opposed" to abortion but thinks he has done the right thing in arresting more than 1100 antiabortion protesters who have broken the law to make their point.

in some situations God's law must supersede man's law, but this is not one of them.

Burnette would break the law if it required women to have abortions, he said. However, since abortion clinics currently are legal businesses, he will fight to keep them open as diligently as he will fight to keep churches open.

"When those abortion clinics become illegal, I'll be just as zealous in enforcing the law," he said.

From Burnette's perspective, Operation Rescue's leaders have "hood-winked" ordinary Christians into illegal activity because of the emotion of their cause.

"I consider Operation Rescue's leaders to be very dangerous," he said. "What we have here are the seeds of anarchy. If Operation Rescue is successful in closing down abortion clinics by illegal means, then they can move down to the drug store or any business they want and do the same thing."

Although Burnette and the rescuers each claim to be Christians opposed to abortion, they have different theologies, he said.

"When you begin to apply their theology and carry it to its logical conclusions, it's disastrous," Burnette said. "The Bible tells us this world is evil. We're not going to reform it. It's not going to get any better until Jesus comes back."

"We don't need to think as the church that we're going to do away with the evils of this world. My job as a Christian is not to try to change the ways of this world. My job is to allow the Lord to work through me to change people."

Burnette's own theology might be explained by the plaque placed next to

the open Bible in his office—"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference." (BP)

"What is 'M' Night?"

From a study of Baptist documents of the 1940s, one gets the impression that "M" Night was an unplanned dispute. The Alabama Baptist, Nov. 18, 1957 credits the first 'M' Night in 1942. It seems that the expression, "Mobilization Night" was the idea of a publicity man (an officer in the Atlanta Association's Training Union going during World War II.

Early dates for 'M' Night were Jan. 31 and Apr. 24. In 1946 it was moved to the first Monday in December. Later, to avoid conflicting with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, the suggested date was changed to Monday preceding the Week of Prayer.

The purpose of 'M' Night is threefold: inspiration, fellowship and sharing Church Training information.

The theme for 'M' Night 1988 is "A Call to Baptist Basics." This theme comes from Bold Mission Thrust goal area, "Developing Believers," 1988-89. The basics for Southern Baptists are evangelism and discipleship—reaching people for Christ and leading them to grow toward spiritual maturity. As you plan your 'M' Night, keep this theme in mind.

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Cumberland College

Centennial Celebration

“A Bright Shining City Set On A Hill”



Cumberland College in Williamsburg opened its doors on January 7, 1889. In January of 1988 Cumberland College began a year long Centennial Celebration in honor of its 100 years of Christian educational service to its students.

As a part of this celebration, Cumberland College's president Jim Taylor has compiled and written a history of the College, "A Bright Shining City Set On A Hill" from which the stories below are excerpted. Continuing for several months, Cumberland College will feature brief stories taken from the history. These stories will appear approximately every two months as Cumberland College receives its allotted space in the *Western Recorder's* Back Page Cycle.

An Ever-Pressing Need

THE L&N RAILROAD

Dr. Gatliff's clear love for the college can be illustrated in connection with his visit to the president of the L&N Railroad whose company had stopped the building of a railroad to one of Dr. Gatliff's mines. H.H. Hibbs related the details of this incident:

"... About 1907 he came to me one day and said: 'Brother Hibbs, Mr. Smith has moved his construction company away and ceased the building of the road up to my new mine, and I do not know what I will do. I have just got to have that mine opened up, for I cannot give to the Institute [Cumberland College] unless I can make money. Well, I will just go down to Louisville and talk with Mr. Smith.' He went, and when he returned he told me of the conversation he had with Mr. Smith. . . . 'I told Mr. Smith that I had to have that road built, panic or no panic, for the mountain boys and girls must have a chance for an education and he and his railroad needed the mountains to be educated more than anybody else. Unless I can get that coal mine opened up I cannot give money to the Institute.' Mr. Smith replied: 'Well, Doctor, I reckon I will have to do what you say,' and he sent the construction company back and finished this road, and, as I recollect, built no other during the panic."

Thanks to the L&N Railroad, Dr. Gatliff did get his mine opened. The Railroad Company also provided transportation for students, visitors, and faculty alike to and from Williamsburg as well as giving land and gifts to the College. (Interstate 75 performs a similar function today as the railroad did one hundred

years ago by providing access to and from the campus.)

GORMAN JONES

In 1910 Dr. Edwin Ellsworth Wood asked the Board for an extended vacation to end January 1, 1911. The Board responded by appointing Professor Gorman Jones (1867-1936) as acting president in Wood's absence.

Professor Jones first came to Cumberland College in 1891 from Ohio at the request of Dr. Wood. A graduate of Denison University, Jones was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. When Professor Jones was asked to come to the Institute, he accepted the position and remained at the College until his death in 1936 as professor of French, Greek, and history.

While actively involved in his duties at the College, Professor Jones also took an active part in the community and his church. According to the February 6, 1936 edition of *The Whitley Republican*, Professor Jones was honored by the citizens of Williamsburg with a silver loving cup for "his efforts to uplift ideals." Jones was a member of the Williamsburg First Baptist Church where he served as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, and for thirty years as organist. He also served as a director of the Bank of Williamsburg and a director of Mahan Jellico Coal Company.

In 1892 Professor Jones married Olive Lowell Miller, also of Ohio. Four daughters were born to this union before Mrs. Jones passed away in 1910. In 1915 Professor Jones married Mary Allen Fullerton of Chicago.

It was in August of 1910 that the Board of Trustees requested Professor Jones to serve as acting president. Then in December of that year Dr. Wood asked for an extension of his leave because of medical reasons, so Professor Jones was asked to remain as acting president until Dr. Wood was well enough to return. Professor Jones served in this post one more year.

THE LYCEUM SERIES

Perhaps Professor Jones' greatest contributions to the College were as a teacher and director of the lyceum series. Through this series Professor Jones brought well-known speakers and musicians to the campus to add to the cultural opportunities available for the young people.

The Cumberland College Monthly, February 1915, stated: "There is perhaps no town in Kentucky that has a better Lyceum course than Williamsburg has. There are other towns that have a larger number of attractions but none that have better ones. Our annual course consists of five or six of the best lectures, concerts, and entertainments that are to be heard from the Lyceum platform."

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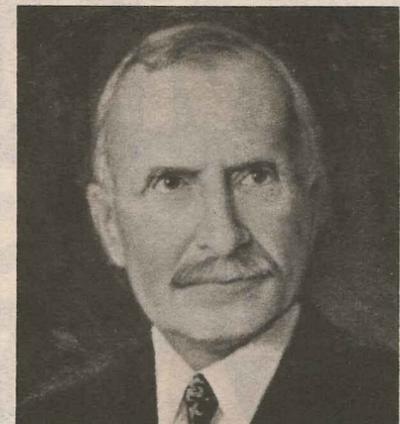
Such notable orators as William Jennings Bryan, Senator Robert Taylor, Senator J.P. Bolliver, Captain R.P. Hobson, Senator Ben Tillman, Frank Gunsaulus, Robert Burdette, Len G. Broughton, Russell Conwell, Thomas Dixon, Frank Dixon, Thomas E. Greene, Edward Amherst Ott, and Thomas

Brooks Fletcher were brought to campus by Professor Jones.

Additionally, musicians such as the Leiter Opera Company, Orpheus Four, the Sam Lewis Company, and the Tooley Opera Company performed.

In fact, numerous other well-known individuals have spoken or performed in Williamsburg or on the College campus including Wilma Dykeman; Jesse Stuart; Senator Everett Dirksen with his son-in-law White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker; Homer Rhodehaver, choir leader for evangelist Billy Sunday; Sergeant Alvin York; James Cash Penny; G. Gordon Liddy; and Jean Ritchie.

In 1985, the children of Lowell Jones Siler (Professor Gorman Jones' daughter) and Eugene E. Siler, Sr. (Adam Troy Siler's son) began the Jones-Siler Arts and Lecture Series at Cumberland College. Through this Series the lyceum series begun by Professor Jones has been continued with such performers as Lee Luvisi, pianist; and Charles H. Webb and Wallace Hornbrook, duo-pianists.



GORMAN JONES

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