

Potpourri: in a word, there'll be lots to sample in Owensboro

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

When an estimated 2000 Kentucky Baptists arrive in Owensboro Nov. 14 to begin a four-day marathon of business, inspiration and fellowship, they'll encounter a smorgasbord of events palatable to even the most discriminating tastes.

Prime drawing card of the week will be the 151st annual session of their state convention meeting at First Baptist Church Nov. 15-17 with an evening extravaganza Nov. 16 at Owensboro Sportscenter. In addition, messengers and visitors will also have opportunity to participate in a variety of auxiliary events. This myriad of smaller groups will share common purposes unique unto themselves, although attendance is usually open to all. Some meal functions, as noted, require advance reservations.

There are so many events taking place during the week they spill over from First Baptist Church to five other area Baptist churches, including one 25 miles from Owensboro! One huge downtown hotel—Owensboro's Executive Inn—will play host to at least a dozen Baptist events, mostly mealtime functions, during the week. At least four other Owensboro restaurants will be pressed into service to feed scheduled Baptist meetings during the week.

Here is Western Recorder's traditional preconvention listing of all activities as reported in advance to us.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention registration, First Baptist Church, 230 Lewis St.

10 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association registration,

Executive Inn, 1 Executive Blvd.

10:30 a.m. Credentials Committee, Executive Inn

11:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association officers' luncheon, Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen St.

11:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association luncheon, Executive Inn

12:30 p.m. KBC Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal, Third Baptist Church

12:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Youth Minister's Association luncheon meeting, Beaver Dam (Ky.) Baptist Church

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board meeting, East Chapel, First Baptist Church

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association registration, Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen St.

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Executive Inn, 1 Executive Blvd.

1:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Sanctuary, First Baptist Church, 230 Lewis St.

4:45 p.m. KBC Chorale rehearsal, Third Baptist Church

5 p.m. "Here's Hope" Steering Committee dinner, Executive Inn

5:15 p.m. Western Recorder Press Team dinner, Colorado Room, Executive Inn

5:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Director of Missions Fellowship dinner meeting, Lewis Lane Baptist Church, 2600 Lewis Ln.

6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association banquet, Third Baptist Church

6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association buffet dinner, Moonlite Bar-B-Que Restaurant, 2708 Parrish Ave.

6:45 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, First Baptist Church

7:30 p.m. Cumberland College

Chorale concert, Kentucky Baptist Music Association, Third Baptist Church

8:30 p.m. KBC Chorale rehearsal, Third Baptist Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:45 a.m. KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, First Baptist Church, 230 Lewis St.

11:45 a.m. Annuitants luncheon, International Room A, Executive Inn, 1 Executive Blvd. (Advance reservations requested by KBC Annuity Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, 502-245-4101.)

12 noon Boyce Bible School luncheon, Yellow Creek Baptist Church, 1555 Ky. Hwy. 144

12 noon Kentucky Baptist Women in Ministry luncheon, Colby's Restaurant, 202 W. Third St. (Reservation requests should be mailed by Nov. 9 to Sally Ensley, 214 S. Broadway, Providence, KY 42450.)

1:30 p.m. KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, First Baptist Church

5 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives dinner, Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen St. (Transportation provided from First Church at 4:45 p.m. Cost of meal, \$5, payable before Nov. 8 to Mrs. Kay Bevil, 1605 Antler Ave., Owensboro, KY 42303.)

5:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Historical Society dinner, Lewis Lane Baptist Church, 2600 Lewis Ln. (Reservations necessary.)

7 p.m. KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, First Baptist Church

9:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention reception for retirees Ben Brewer, Randy Davenport and Eldred Taylor, Christian Life Center, First Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:15 a.m. Georgetown College breakfast, International Room B, Executive Inn, 1 Executive Blvd.

7:30 a.m. Campbellsville College breakfast, International Room A, Executive Inn

7:30 a.m. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College breakfast, Parrish Avenue Baptist Church, 2339 Parrish Ave.

7:30 a.m. Cumberland College breakfast, Ohio Room (East Annex), Executive Inn

9:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention, First Baptist Church

12 noon New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, Missouri Room, Executive Inn

12 noon Southern Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, International Room C and Florida Room, Executive Inn

12:15 p.m. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, Trotter's Restaurant, 1100 Walnut St.

12:30 p.m. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, Western Sizzlin Steak House, 2709 Parrish Ave.

2 p.m. KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, First Baptist Church

5:15 p.m. Woman's Missionary Union dinner for furloughing, retired and home missionaries, Executive Inn

5:30 p.m. Bivocational Minister's Fellowship dinner, Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen St.

7:30 p.m. KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, Owensboro Sportscenter, 1215 Hickman Ave.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:30 a.m. KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION, First Baptist Church

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B'hood oks improvement plan

Brotherhood Commission trustees heard a report on ways to improve the commission's image and voted a budget reduction to reduce its deficit.

The 76-page image improvement report was an administrative communica-

tions audit, said Brotherhood president James Smith. Included in the report were concerns about the commission's accessibility to the public and responsiveness to Baptist state leadership and trustees. Specifically, the report noted that more than 5400 phone calls per year are being received on Fridays when the building is closed. Already, the staff has begun to have a person on hand to receive product orders on Fridays. The report also addresses marketing effectiveness and readability of materials produced by the commission.

The report indicates that the organization has a poor self-image and that "we have not realized our own competency," Smith said.

In a banquet after the report was discussed by trustees and staff, Smith made a commitment to competency, accessibility, responsiveness and excellence. For too long "Southern Baptists have equated missions and women," he said, noting the commission must not lose track of magnifying missions as its challenge.

In other business, trustees approved a \$150,000 budget reduction for the current year. As of Sept. 29, the commission was \$159,402 over its budget with another \$100,000 borrowed and \$35,000 owed to its printer. Some new products cost more than estimated, and the commission is selling several products at a loss, Smith said. (BP)

BSSB sets managerial shift at Louisville Baptist Book Store

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Wayne Hager, former manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been named manager of the Louisville store at 1235 Hurstbourne Ln. effective Nov. 1.

Hager, 32, succeeds Edwin Poindexter, who was transferred Oct. 1 by the Baptist Sunday School Board to manage the Birmingham, Ala. Baptist Book Store.

A native of Lexington, Ky., Hager managed the seminary store from 1983-86 when he resigned to pursue the PhD full time at the seminary. He had earlier earned the MDiv degree there and the bachelor's degree at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He received the PhD in 1987.

Hager was a clerk in the seminary

store prior to becoming its manager. He has been pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Lacie, Ky.; assistant pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, Ind.; and director of children's worship at Russell Cave Baptist Church, Lexington.

Hager is married to the former Joy Crutchfield of Raleigh, N. C. and they are parents of a 14-month-old son, Matthew. Mrs. Hager is a graduate of Appalachian State College, Boone, N. C., as well as Southern Seminary and Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville. She is director of family shelter and transitional apartments at Volunteers of America, Louisville.

The Hagers are members of East Baptist Church, Louisville, where he is a trustee and Sunday school teacher. He is now available for interim pastorates and pulpit supply work.

The Louisville book store on Hurstbourne Ln. is one of three operated by the Sunday School Board in Kentucky. Others are on the seminary campus at 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, and at 221 Williamsburg Square, Owensboro. Bryan Howard is manager of the Owensboro store.

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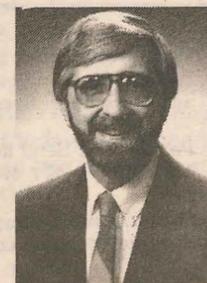
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What will you do November 8?



Jack D. Sanford

The question facing every Kentucky Baptist is simple: What will you do about a proposed state lottery when you close the voting booth and mark your ballot next Tuesday?

Much has been written about how bad a lottery is as a way to raise state revenue. Much has been written about the way a lottery draws unsavory characters into positions of power in state government. We have heard much about the abuse of power a lottery encourages in state government. As of this date we know nothing about the proposed lottery legislation. We have yet to learn where the money will be spent, who will run the affair and who will benefit most. These are good enough reasons to vote against the proposal.

But Christians must be concerned about something much more significant than these obvious ills. We must be concerned about the sin of gambling and the wrongness of a lottery. We are warned by people who know the political game that a moral argument is a weak argument so we must find some other ground upon which to stand in our struggle to keep a lottery out of Kentucky.

Granted a moral argument is weak when we are dealing with most politicians. They know about money and power. They know about public sentiment. They frequently have little regard for moral questions.

The weakness of a moral argument was made clear when we attempted to influence the legislators to keep the question off the ballot. They would not do it. But now we are not dealing with politicians. We are dealing with common citizens who must be sensitive to what is right and wrong. If the citizens of our state have no moral sense,

then the fight is lost.

Not use a moral argument against a lottery? Baloney! The moral issue is important, it lies at the heart of our witness for Christ and it must be clearly stated that gambling is wrong. The lottery IS a moral question and Christians are faced with a moral choice. To vote yes and bring a lottery to Kentucky is morally wrong.

Tuesday we go to the polls and if enough Christians voice strong moral indignation and vote NO the lottery legislation will die, as it should.

We pose the question for you to think about: What will you do November 8? Will you act with moral courage and say NO to gambling? Or will you join the crowd and invite a plague on our state by voting yes?

It is not an easy time but then when has it ever been easy to stand for moral righteousness in our world? To stand against the lottery on moral grounds brands us old fashioned, out of step with modern thought. Let us pray for old fashioned moral courage and that thousands of Kentucky Baptists will be proud to be out of step with modern thought if that means they are willing to stand up for what is right.

You are important and if you don't do it, it will not be done. And that will be a disgrace for all of us. Perhaps a word from the Lord is appropriate for our consideration. It is stated in scripture, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

Will we be exalted or reproached next Tuesday? It depends upon what we do in the voting booth. May the Lord help us be strong and true to the way of righteousness.

A call to prayer for our convention

We gather in Owensboro Nov. 15-17 for the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It will be a time of rejoicing, a time of prayer, a time of fellowship and a time of decision.

The rejoicing will be because we are at peace with each other when so many of our brethren in other places are squabbling. It will be a time of prayer as we search our conscience for God's answers and God's directions for the future of our convention. It will be a time of fellowship as we gather from every city, town and crossroads village in the state to worship together, work together and eat together. It will be a time of decision as we are asked to approve a giant budget, elect people to important places of service and adopt ministry goals.

We must be in prayer for a spirit of love and understanding to prevail in all we attempt. Without the love of Christ all we do will be like the sounding brass Paul wrote about to the Corinthians.

We must pray for enlightenment as we look to the future. Many times we have been shortsighted and timid in planning. Often we have been filled with a spirit of doubt and fear instead of the strong, bold spirit of courageous discipleship which is the birthright of every believer. God is

able to accomplish great things in Kentucky but only if we are bold in the faith.

We must be in prayer for those elected to places of responsibility. This is no time for politics but is a time when we must conscientiously select leaders who have the spirit of Christ and who are willing to give of self in order to advance his work in our state. We have good and true people in our state who are well able to lead us forward. These should be given consideration and not some sidekick whose ego we want to scratch by electing to office. We must pray for God to move on the convention and help us select leaders who are committed to cooperative advancement.

We must be in prayer for pastors and staff people whose churches are struggling. There are many of our friends who have had few victories and many trials. These brothers and sisters in the Lord need our encouragement and affirmation. Let us pray for them so they feel the warmth of our love.

Every Baptist in Kentucky can make a meaningful contribution to the annual meeting by taking time to pray the Lord's blessings will fall on the convention. This is our call to each of you: Pray for the convention and for those who have responsibility to set the tone of the meeting.

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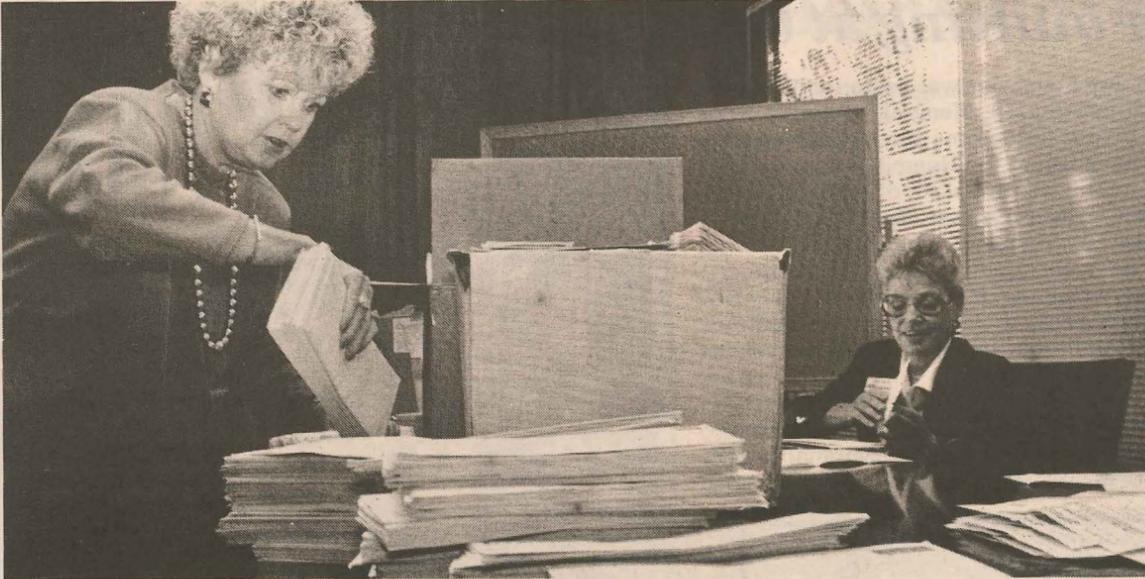
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baptist news in brief

Yvonne Gragson (l), housing supervisor for the Las Vegas (Nev.) Convention and Visitors' Authority, prepares Southern Baptist housing request forms for assignment to Las Vegas hotels. Southern Baptists will hold their annual meeting in the city next summer. The city boasts more than 51,000 rooms, so planners are confident participants will have little difficulty finding accommodations for the June 13-15 event.



Western Recorder taps Lawanda Faye Smith

Lawanda Faye Smith, a communications student enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will become the 40th person to join Western Recorder's journalism intern program Dec. 5. Her appointment was announced last week by associate editor James H. Cox.

At Western Recorder she will follow Todd Deaton, who graduates from Southern Seminary in December. He joined the staff in August 1985. Deaton will become director of public relations at North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S. C., Jan. 2.

The journalism intern program is a joint venture with Southern Seminary begun in 1973. It offers opportunity for communications students to receive "hands on" training while in the classroom. Western Recorder interns participate in editing, writing, photography, design and proofreading the paper every week. Most move into full time denominational communications positions upon graduation.

Miss Smith, 27, a native of Ruston, La., is a graduate of Louisiana College and holds a master's degree in English from Louisiana Tech University. She was an honors graduate of both institutions and presently teaches English part time at Indiana University Southeast and Jefferson County High School.

Editor of her high school yearbook and high school newspaper staff member, Miss Smith was also on the yearbook staff at Louisiana College. For two years following graduation from Louisiana Tech she was associate director of the Baptist Student Union at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

She has been a part time journalism instructor at Ruston (La.) High School and youth director at three Baptist churches—Barnett Springs, Ruston, La.; Mt. Ararat, Downsville, La.; and First, Des Arc, Ark.



Miss Smith



Deaton

Church secretaries set for April Nashville meet

The fourth national conference for church secretaries will be held Apr. 26-29, 1989 at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Donna Gandy, consultant in the board's Church Administration Department and conference director, said 45 special-interest sessions will be offered relating to professional skills, vocational specialties and personal enrichment.

Approximately 700 secretaries are expected to attend.

Registration cost is \$120, covering materials, three meals, breaks, a book and a gift. Secretaries who are members of the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries may deduct \$10. The registration will increase to \$135 after Feb. 1.

To register, write: Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203. Information about lodging will be sent to all who register.

Deaf missions aided by telephone link

Using a TDD, a combination telephone-typewriter, deaf Southern Baptists can contact the Foreign Mission Board by dialing (804) 254-9402.

More than 70 percent of deaf Americans have a TDD, or telecommunication device for the deaf, for typing messages back and forth over the telephone lines. (BP)

State youth group sets Beaver Dam meeting

The Kentucky Baptist Youth Ministers Association will hold its second annual meeting Monday, Nov. 14 at Beaver Dam (Ky.) Baptist Church. The meeting will include a free lunch, guest speaker Dean Finley, youth consultant of the Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board, and a business session. The lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m. Contact Doug King at 502-274-7174 for reservations by Nov. 7.

Midwestern trustees ok endowment goal

Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary have voted to raise \$50,000 to support the Leonard Sanderson professorship in evangelism.

During the Oct. 17-18 semiannual meeting, trustees and former trustees of the school were asked to accept a challenge to raise a minimum of \$1000 each from outside sources and/or personal contributions. A formal effort to raise \$250,000 in total contributions to establish the Sanderson professorship was approved during the April trustee meeting.

Sanderson, a former Home Mission Board evangelism director, addressed trustees during a trustee-faculty-staff dinner Oct. 17. (BP)

HMB endorses chaplains in bilingual service

The Home Mission Board endorsed 22 chaplains Oct. 23 in the agency's first bilingual commissioning service. The 90-minute service at First Hispanic Baptist Church, Atlanta, was translated into English and Spanish by pastor Bob Sena.

Cuban native Conrado Navarro, who with his wife, Nilda, now is chaplain at Patrick Air Force Base near Cape Canaveral, Fla., said he was first introduced to Christ through attending Royal Ambassadors, the Southern Baptist missions program for boys.

He first heard the gospel when his family fled Cuba in 1962 and moved to West Newark, N. J. Navarro, who was 7 at the time, began attending a local Southern Baptist church to participate in RA-sponsored athletic events. He eventually accepted Christ and later decided to become a chaplain through the influence of his chaplain in the U. S. Marine Corps.

"The men and women in today's military need to hear the gospel just like the civilians walking the streets. Pray for me as I share Christ with those serving our country," Navarro said.

Of the 22 chaplains endorsed in Atlanta, 10 will serve in the military, four at institutions and eight at health-care facilities. About 2000 Southern Baptist chaplains now serve across the nation and in 19 foreign countries, said chaplaincy division director Huey Perry. (BP)

Baptist 'NO,' 'YES' amendment votes will make a difference Nov. 8

Here are the two amendments Kentucky voters are asked to decide Nov. 8. A NO vote on amendment No. 1 means you do not want a lottery in Kentucky. A YES vote on amendment No. 2 means you want broad form deeds changed to protect property owners from the ravishes of strip mining.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1

Shall Section 226 of the Constitution be amended to provide that the General Assembly may establish a Kentucky state lottery; may establish a state lottery to be conducted in cooperation with other states; and that any lottery so established shall be operated by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky?

YES

NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 2

Shall Section 19 of the Constitution be amended to provide that in any instrument heretofore or hereafter executed purporting to sever the surface right to extract minerals, which fails to state in specific terms the method of coal extraction to be employed, or where said instrument contains language subordinating the surface estate to the mineral estate, it shall be held, in the absence of clear evidence to the contrary, that the intention of the parties to the instrument was that the coal be extracted only by the methods of commercial coal extraction commonly known to be in use in the area affected at the time the instrument was executed, and that the mineral estate be dominant to the surface estate for the purposes of coal extraction by only the methods of commercial coal extraction commonly known to be in use in the area affected at the time the instrument was executed?

YES

NO

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Evangelism leader quitting at 60

Robert L. Hamblin, the Home Mission Board's vice president for evangelism, announced plans to take early retirement, effective Jan. 1, 1989, during the board's fall meeting.

Hamblin, 60, a native of Ohio with ties to Tennessee and Mississippi, said he plans to devote the rest of his life to preaching, leading revivals, teaching and writing about evangelism. He and his wife, Ruth, will move to Tupelo, Miss., where he will direct a charitable foundation established by the founder of Hancock Fabrics.

Hamblin was pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, 22 years, 1958-

80. Previously, he was pastor of Elliston Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Before he became vice president for evangelism at the Home Mission Board, Hamblin was professor of evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary two years.

At a banquet during the October board meeting, HMB president Larry L. Lewis praised Hamblin for the contributions he had made during his six years on the HMB staff.

Hamblin is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. (BP)



Flanking U. S. Rep. Carroll Hubbard of Mayfield on the capitol steps in Washington are two Louisvillians, graduates of Ballard High School with Southern Seminary ties, who joined Hubbard's staff as legislative assistants. Lynn McCall (l), 22, granddaughter of Duke K. McCall, seminary chancellor, is a graduate of Wake Forest University. Mary Anne Honeycutt, 22, is daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Honeycutt Jr. and a graduate of Furman University. Honeycutt is the seminary's president.

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31God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. It was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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Nashville offers help to small church musicians

A seminar for music leaders in small churches is scheduled Feb. 1-4, 1989 at the Baptist Sunday School Board's Program Training Center, Nashville.

Tommy Keown, coordinator and consultant in the board's Church Music Department, said the seminar will equip music leaders in small churches to develop "dynamic, growing music programs."

The four-day event includes sessions on personal growth, worship ideas,

music reading and music administration. Sessions will be offered in planning: recruiting choir members; tutoring in voice, conducting and accompanying; children's choirs; drama; developing a youth choir; promotion; budgets; using instrumentalists; and electronic keyboards.

A registration fee of \$58 will cover instruction, materials and a banquet. Spouses or work associates who register at the same time and share materials may attend for \$40. Registration, along with the appropriate fees, may be sent to Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203.

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Senior adult choirs hold October festival

Approximately 250 senior adults from 12 Kentucky Baptist churches participated in the state's first Senior Adult Choir Festival Oct. 25 at Richmond's First Baptist Church.

Ron Sholar, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Hazard, was guest choir director for the event. Betty Jean Chatham of Shelbyville was accompanist and E. Keevil Judy, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Henderson, was worship leader.

Churches represented at the choir festival included Calvary, Lexington; First, London; Carlisle Avenue, Louisville; Harlan, Harlan; First, Williamsburg; Bloomfield, Bloomfield; First, Paducah; Florence, Florence; First, Ft. Thomas; First, Shelbyville; High Street, Somerset; and Versailles, Versailles.

The music festival was sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Music Department. Jim Cordell is director.

Next year's state Senior Adult Choir Festival will be at Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro, Oct. 2. Alan Chamness, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Henderson, will be guest choir director.

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Executive vp explains FMB's '70-30' plan

The Foreign Mission Board's "70-30" plan is the victim of bad press, not bad planning, according to FMB executive vice president William R. O'Brien.

The board's 10-year plan to have 70 percent of its missionaries devote at least half their time to evangelism is "intensification of what we already do anyway," O'Brien said during a question-and-answer session with students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. About 60 to 65 percent of current missionaries devote a minimum of 50 percent of their time to evangelism, he estimated.

Prejudices against the mission board's

70-30 strategy heightened when "outright misinformation" was reported in a Washington Post news account of the FMB trustee meeting in July, O'Brien said.

He also acknowledged the FMB staff had failed to clearly explain the plan after it was unveiled late last year. "We had a flawed communication system, and now we're doing damage control within our own missionary family," he said.

The plan is not a trustee-imposed concept, nor was it trustee-initiated, he added. It is not meant to cause more paperwork or introduce more rigid

evaluations, he said, noting the emphasis will be on function, not procedure, and strict figures are not expected to account for missionaries' time.

The FMB administrative staff will not check over people's shoulders, but it will walk beside them to give them support, he said.

All missionaries will be considered equals, he said. "There have been questions about those in the 70 percent being treated like first-class missionaries and the 30 percent being treated as second-class," he noted. "That's not true. It's all a matter of gifts and functions for global strategy—not classism." (BP)

An Open Letter to Southern Baptists on Behalf of 3,760 Home Missionaries



Dear Friends:

To date the 1988 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has passed the \$29 million mark and continues toward the \$37.5 million goal. On behalf of 3,760 home missionaries, I want to say "thank you" to every Southern Baptist for this response to mission needs across America.

In recent years we have become increasingly dependent upon this offering for mission expansion. Since every dollar goes directly to the field for missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering amounts to 53 percent of our work done on the field. A supplemental offering in past years, it is today an essential support for our ongoing ministries. Thus I feel the need to tell you just how important it is and to ask you to help ensure its success and guard against a shortfall, ever.

Home Missions is a partnership with all Southern Baptists. You share in the victories that our missionaries celebrate daily. Recently a young man was led to Christ out of a drug-crazed gang in Houston; a young girl in Tulsa found hope and help from an Alternatives to Abortion Clinic; a Laotian mission was begun in an Atlanta suburb. And in thousands of other places like these, you are participating as full partners as you pray and give and encourage.

Thanks for all you've done in the past and please know we're looking toward a strengthened partnership with you for the greatest days ever in home missions.

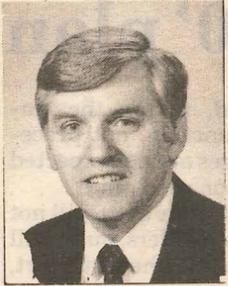
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homes for children

Teaching values

Currently, I am taking a course at the University of Louisville called the business environment. A great deal of the course has focused upon business ethics and the professor has tried to help the students gain an appreciation of ethical business behavior. It is interesting to me how difficult that concept is for some to grasp and how the line between right and wrong can become blurred so easily.

As we look at the world of business, government and so many areas today, we can gain a real appreciation of how critical it is that we recapture that sense of right and wrong. Basic society depends upon people having such a sense and behaving accordingly. If we reach a point where distrust and deceit characterize every transaction in society, then we will never have enough policemen, lawyers and courts to govern our land.

Charles Swindoll in his book, **Family Life**, emphasizes the importance of teaching principles. He notes, "Part of the reason we have such a confused generation in our day is that the child doesn't know where the standard is. If it bends at home, then it will bend at school. And if it bends at school, then, for him it bends in life . . . ultimately, everything bends."

The importance of teaching values and principles is something which must be stressed. This is part of the education of the children in the care of Baptist Homes for Children. From Sunday school classes, sermons, daily devotions and daily interactions with positive role models, they hear value concepts presented and see them carried out. As they face crucial decisions in their own lives, they have an opportunity to practice what they have learned.

Of course, we have no way of insuring our youth will live by those values when they leave our care, but we do know that part of their education has not been neglected.

In this relativistic world in which we reside, there are many who say values are a personal choice. In reality, those who care for a child, be it parents or ourselves, must educate the child in this critical area. If not, the child will become an adult uneducated in the most important area of life.

Cooper Creek mission sees birth Oct. 16

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

Cooper Creek Mission, Rockcastle Association, began worship services in their building Oct. 16. Director of missions Carl Hunter and church starter strategist D. M. Aldridge participated in the special program.

Cooper Creek is located in rural Rockcastle County at least five miles from any other church and is another link in the strong chain of Mission Ken-

tucky. Brodhead Baptist Church is the mother church.

The concrete block structure is 32 x 60 and built for expansion. It is complete with carpeting, Sunday school rooms and restrooms. Padded pews, a gift from Lexington's Gardenside Baptist Church, have been installed. The indebtedness on the property and building is less than \$15,000.

According to members of the group, circumstances beyond their control

forced them to leave their home church. Instead of dropping out of church completely, the L. C. Burdette family began praying about beginning a church where no church existed. They contacted Brodhead Baptist Church for assistance.

The countryside is dotted with houses and people are available.

Church starter strategists Aldridge and Bill Jagers toured the area and confirmed it was a superb location for a new work. The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department made \$7500 available to help finance the mission.

"We really feel we were led by the Lord to begin a mission in this area," Glenn Burdette said. "We want to preach the gospel, bring people into the kingdom and help them grow. When we began this work in April 1988, we did not know exactly what the Lord had in mind but we all worked long and hard. We are grateful to the Lord for this day," he stated.

The members did most of the construction, sometimes working until 2 or 3 a.m. These people all had various occupations but found time to work on the church.

Attempts to purchase an abandoned building another group had vacated did not materialize. The only option left was to purchase a spot of land and build a church. The acre they purchased has an adjoining tract of land which the Cooper Creek congregation has an option to buy.

According to Eldon Hays, interim pastor, a real spirit of love and togetherness has been experienced.

In the first sermon in the new building D. M. Aldridge challenged the people to look to the Lord for leadership, to love the Lord and each other. Aldridge commended them on their hard work and said he felt the group will be making an addition to the building soon. He anticipates Cooper Creek Mission will be constituted as a church in the very near future.



Shown in front of the new Cooper Creek mission building are Carl Hunter, Rickey Bowles, Garland Adkins, Wayne Adams, Glenn Burdette, Eldon Hays and L. C. Burdette.

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There were no extra hunger funds to help Lottie Moon feed the people around her. The Foreign Mission Board was facing tight days financially, and she didn't want to add to their burden. So she used her own money to buy food for the Chinese people. Her sacrifice has motivated Southern Baptists to give \$925 million to foreign missions causes in the last century. And it has been given in her honor through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

This year marks the 100th year of the offering, which is the nutritional lifeline of Southern Baptist foreign missions endeavors. The offering has been a steady and sure means of providing resources for the missionaries.

The needs in the world are still as stark and real as in Lottie Moon's day. The scenario is the same. The faces are different. The "Lotties" of today are Southern Baptist missionaries. Unless Southern Baptists give the money necessary to meet the critical needs throughout the world, what happened to Lottie Moon could happen to foreign missions.

It will take more than just crumbs to save foreign missions from starvation. And \$84 million, this year's national offering goal, will go a long way to keep foreign missions alive.

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Don Rutledge



Lottie Moon's grave in Crewe, Va.



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clear creek chronicle

100 for Sturgis

First Baptist, Sturgis, Union County, had its centennial homecoming Oct. 9, the key event of a year long celebration. Organized Dec. 6, 1888 by 13 people, the church now has 415 resident members. Sturgis was my first full time pastorate after seminary. Our first two children were born there. It was truly a homecoming for the five Whittakers. The morning worship featured former pastor H. K. Sorrell. Dinner on the grounds was punctuated with hugs, laughs and remembrances. Five former staff members shared memories in the afternoon service. Mrs. Truett Miller and Mrs. I. L. Baughn, whose husbands served as pastor, were also present. The day would have been complete had my predecessor, Curtis Warf, been able to come. He led the church 1960-69. Brodie Ambrose followed me as pastor and is now in his 13th year. Minister of music and youth Kelly Beaver composed two music selections and put many hours into artistic displays.

Unrested from the full day, Kelly headed for eastern Kentucky early Monday morning with nine senior adults. They had come to see the fall foliage, Clear Creek and visit the Warfs in Richmond. First time visitors were surprised to see the extent of our work. The homecoming experience continued with supper in the president's home.

Missions is a priority to Sturgis folk. Over 26% of their budget goes through the Cooperative Program. Dottie Lane went from the church to give 30 years in Japan. For several years, a lay messenger has been sent to the Southern Baptist Convention. I have vivid memories of three youth mission teams to eastern Kentucky. The church has ordained 10 men to the ministry. Two of these graduated from Clear Creek—Noble Cobb, pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Providence, and W. C. Bryant. W. C. had his heavenly homecoming last year. In his memory, the Sturgis congregation contributed \$1000 to our Miracle in the Mountains Capital Fund Campaign. W. C. was a farmer. The Lord still sends us students from the farm to prepare for the pulpit. Thank you, Sturgis First, for helping us equip these servants. May many other Kentucky Baptist churches follow your example.

ordinations

Elkhorn Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Taylor County Association, ordained **James Weihrauch, Ricky Harden, Jamie Burrell, Courtney Caudill, Wallace Humphress** and **Allen Dudgeon** as deacons. Pastor of the church is James Collison.

Elk Lick Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Logan Association, ordained **Joe Coursey** and **Jewell Wayne Johnson** as deacons. Pastor of the church is William G. Humphrey.

Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, ordained **Jeff Litton**, minister of education, to the gospel ministry. Pastor of the church is Robert Hill.

Cane Run Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, ordained **H. P. Rexroat Jr.** as deacon Sept. 18. Pastor of Cane Run is Harry V. Hargis.

Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, ordained **Jim Hartz** to the ministry Sept. 11. He is a student at Southern Seminary. Jim England is pastor of Deer Park.

Fern Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, ordained **Raeburn Horne, Denise Jones, David Magruder, Philip McCawley,** and **George Popham** as deacons Oct. 16. Mark Hopper is pastor of Fern Creek.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Association, ordained **Phil Acres** as deacon and his daughter **Debby** was recognized as an Acteen Queen Regent in Service and Service Aide in the joint ceremony Sept. 18. Pastor of Immanuel is Charles Darland.

personnel

Russell E. Jones resigned as pastor of Irvingsville Baptist Church, Bracken Association. The church called **Tom Moore**, Paris, to be the new pastor.

Big Sinking Baptist Church, Monticello, Wayne County Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Delbert New**.

Joe K. Morrow resigned after a 12-year tenure as pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Coopersville, Wayne County Association.

Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, called **Jackie Allen** as minister of education and administration. He will be on the field by mid November. Robert D. Montgomery is pastor of the church.

Hobert N. Reynolds has been called as pastor of Lonoke Baptist Church, Horse Cave, Liberty Association. His last pastorate was First Baptist Church, Inez. He is a graduate of Campbellsville College, Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Stuart Terry has been called as associate pastor of music by Finchville (Ky.) Baptist Church, Shelby County Association.

Jerry Pearcy has accepted the pastorate of **Dupey Baptist Church**, Henderson, Green Valley Association. He was ordained by Zion Baptist Church Aug. 28.

Charles L. Cook, administrator of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, was among 47 Baptist church business administrators honored at a certification banquet during a biannual Southern Baptist church business administration conference in Denver, Colo. Each of the participants has attended four weeks of study and successfully met all certification requirements.

June Bale has accepted the call as minister of youth for Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Association. Mrs. Bale has been interim youth minister for the past eight months. She and her husband Larry have two daughters.

After 22 months as director of the Baptist Fellowship Center, **Gerald Joiner** stepped down Sept. 30. During his tenure, Joiner led in the improvement and repair of the center's building and enlisted and reorganized the administrative staff. He is currently employed in the sales department of Clorox Corp., Kansas City, Mo.

Kevin Reynolds has been called as pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association.

Jordan Baptist Church, Sanders, White's Run Association, has called **Greg Woodbury** of Isle of Palms, S. C. as pastor. He and his wife Kathy are students at Southern Seminary.

Former pastor of Jordan, **Loretta Reynolds** and her husband **Edwin Broadhead**, have moved to Greenville, S. C. where he will teach at Furman University. Edwin Broadhead had been teaching at Southern Seminary.

deaths

Harold Lloyd Ware, 63, died in Veterans Administration Hospital, Louisville. He was a former pastor of Fairdale First Baptist Church, Louisville, and Brookville and Hyland Baptist churches, Henderson. He was formerly associate pastor of Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville.

Robbie Trent, an editor of children's Sunday school materials at the Baptist Sunday School Board for over 30 years and prolific writer of children's books, died Oct. 9 in Nashville. She was 94.

The funeral was Oct. 11 in Nashville with burial Oct. 12 in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville. Miss Trent was an editor of children's Bible study materials at the Sunday School Board from 1929 until she retired in 1959.

A native of Wolfe Creek, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Robert Ross and Sallie Carr Trent. She attended the University of Louisville, University of Wisconsin, Ward-Belmont College, George Peabody College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

She wrote approximately 30 books for children published by Broadman Press of Nashville and other publishers. Some of her children's books were translated into Korean, Chinese, Danish and other languages.

Purvey Ennis Taylor died Sept. 27 at the age of 83 in Owensboro. He had pastored in Kentucky 24 years at Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, where he retired in 1974. Taylor had also pastored in Virginia and the Panama Canal. He graduated from the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

congregations

Immanuel Baptist Church, a new congregation in Glasgow, Liberty Association, will have **Rae Grant**, executive director of the Baptist Union of Ireland and minister of Millisle Baptist Church, County Down, in services Oct. 30 through Nov. 3. Rae's visit to America includes preaching missions in Richmond, Va., Dallas, Tex. and Southern Seminary, Louisville. Pastor of the Glasgow church is Jewel R. Pruitt.

Covington Baptist Church, Westport, celebrated its 143rd anniversary Oct. 9 with a homecoming and building dedication. Dinner on the grounds followed the worship service. Bobby J. Touchton is pastor.

Providence Baptist Church, Campbellsburg, celebrated its 135th anniversary Oct. 9. Activities included dinner on the grounds and period costumes and hymns. Pastor is Clay Hughes.

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, held a cornerstone ceremony Oct. 2 for its \$2 million educational wing. The three-story building, designed primarily for large and small classrooms, will also contain a music suite and kitchen.

Wes Daugherty and Lawrence Hall placed the cornerstone which contained two issues of Western Recorder, a church newsletter, worship bulletin, signatures of those in Sunday school, a video tape of the morning worship service, Bible and the ceremony program.

Inscribed on the stone is Heb. 3:4, "He that built all things is God." The church hopes to occupy the building early next year. Howard Cobble is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Fisherville, celebrated the final payment of its mortgage with a note burning service Aug. 28. The indebtedness paid for the worship facilities of the church. The auditorium was dedicated Oct. 27, 1968 with John Dever as pastor. Current pastor is Joseph Rosas III.

A lay revival team from **Walnut Street Baptist Church**, Louisville, completed a mission at First Baptist Church, Lexington. Lexington pastor James Woolums Jr. reported two professions of faith and numerous rededications during the weekend meeting.

First Baptist Church, Loyall, Upper Cumberland Association, recently participated in a New Church Growth Probe weekend. Twenty-seven church leaders were involved in the training led by Ross Figart and Bill Jagers of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Loyall First also sent a lay-led revival team to First Baptist Church, Irvine, for revival Sept. 23-25. This was the group's fourth revival effort.

Brian Rogers of Loyall First was elected as Baptist High School Young Men's state president. He has finished the base unit of Missions Challenge and is currently working toward the completion of the Education Unit. Keith Rogers is pastor.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association has now raised \$9366.44 for its Ethiopian World Hunger Fund. It is only \$633 short of its \$10,000 goal. Immanuel hopes to send the \$10,000 Christmas gift to Ethiopia by the first of the year.



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oneida journal

A mother's plea

A Catholic mother brought her two sons to Oneida one August from a large Kentucky city. The boys had been raised without a father, victims of divorce. The older boy, Jim, was 14 years old, six feet tall, wore a size 14 shoe and was an eighth grader. Chris was one year younger, a little over four feet tall and a sixth grader.

Both boys, fine young men, were rather homesick those first weeks. This is very normal and I had warned them and their mother this would happen. Several weeks after their arrival their mother came unexpectedly one morning to take them from school. Asked why, she replied, "They are so unhappy. They telephone crying."

I lost my temper and told her in the strongest terms of the mistake she was about to make. I asked her if she were prepared for her boys, perhaps, to become "dropouts" in a few more years, running the streets of her city on "pot" or drunk and undisciplined. Such is the story of thousands of young teenagers raised without a man's discipline, mother having to work and be father and mother.

I told her not to give in to the tempo-

rary weakness of her sons and herself, thus depriving her children of what Oneida could give them. I asked her to get back in her car and go home where she belonged. She listened and left her boys with us.

The boys had a most happy and successful year. Chris made great progress. Jim ranked highest academically in our eighth grade that year.

The following letter came from their mother.

"I lost my job in January. That came as quite a shock. Then, in February, I went through a terrifying cancer scare. My parents are dead. Ours is not a close family. The boy's father thinks only of himself. Since November, the support checks have been very sporadic. All this is to let you know I will eventually pay all bills incurred.

I have thought of asking you to let the boys stay this summer to work for part of their room and board. It has been such a relief knowing they have been well taken care of. I pray you will not refuse the boys at least for the next school year.

"Who would have thought that things would progress to this point? When I came to take them that day you didn't realize the tremendous pressure I was under. Not only were the boys homesick, but many people felt I had made a very bad decision. I was told I was not a fit mother, some people see this as 'sending' them away, not loving them. However, my children ARE the most important things in my life and I've got to do all I can to give them the very best life has to offer and I'm convinced that is Oneida for now.

"I'm not afraid of your turning them into Baptists. If they told me that is what they want, I know they would be saved. It happens to be a family joke that Chris will be a Baptist minister. I really wouldn't mind if it will keep him out of jail someday! Knowing the agony of some parents whose sons are in prison makes it all very real to me. My goal is not to keep them from becoming Baptists but to save them and turn them to Jesus.

"Your school and faculty are fantastic. You have given my sons hope and pride in themselves. Thank you again for your tremendous effort to save all our young people. I recommend you to all the parents I know and many wish they had heard of your school years ago before it was too late for their young ones."

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Annual meeting: 1988

About this time each year, folks inquire about the forthcoming convention. Usually they mean by their questions: "Do you expect any major problems or confrontations?" It is a reasonable question given the persisting conflict in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Will major conflict "happen this year?" "Possible?" Yes. "Inevitable?" I think not.

The most imminent potential for serious conflict is the present state convention distribution percentage to SBC causes. We have steadily risen from 35% to the present 38.125%, with the intention of achieving the goal of 40% by the 1991-92 budget year.

However, Cooperative Program growth has slowed significantly over the past five years, actually dropping in growth rate by 50% compared to the previous five-year period. The convention action to achieve 40% was taken in 1981 when the CP growth rate was ex-



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR NOV. 13, 1988

Life and work series

Sharing the gospel: integrity

II Cor. 4:2 Paul was subjected to suspicion, criticism, malice, slander and persecution when his enemies accused him. Paul denied their accusations knowing he had declared the truth. Paul let the accusers know he fully intended to continue faithfully with the proclamation of the glorious gospel in all sincerity and boldness. Paul refused to be discouraged because he knew that God was with him and would never forsake him. From Paul we learn that our gracious God can accomplish his precious will in and through us, if we follow and obey him.

I Thes. 2:3-12 Paul and Silas were the first Christians to enter Thessalonica. Soon after their arrival, Paul sought out the synagogue and accepted the invitation to address the congregation. He proclaimed the teaching of the Old Testament to the effect that the Messiah would suffer, die and rise again. Without hesitation or apology, Paul preached that Christ loved sinners, as he had proven by his atoning death on the cross, that he was the only Saviour and that he was willing and able to save any and all who would repent of their sins and trust him as their personal Saviour. He refused to adulterate his message with human speculation. He was determined that regardless of what the Thessalonian

people might think, say or do, he would remain true to the glorious gospel of Christ.

Paul reminded the Thessalonians when he was with them he had not indulged in flattery or been motivated by greed or covetousness. Instead of depending on them for the comforts of life, he had provided for himself. His conduct among them revealed his unselfishness and his sacrificial spirit.

It was not surprising that Paul asked the Thessalonian Christians to affirm that his conduct in their midst had been above reproach. He was confident that they would do so in honesty and without hesitation. Truly Paul was an exemplary Christian, a messenger of Christ and a faithful steward of his message.

International series

Amend your ways

Jer. 7:1-2 The people trusted in forms and gloried in the temple rather than in God. The spiritual life of the people was at an extremely low ebb. Everywhere Jeremiah looked he saw indications of national decay. He observed their religion was simply organized hypocrisy and thoroughly divorced from morality.

Jer. 7:3-7 Shocked by the sinful living and spiritual apathy of the people, Jeremiah stood at the entrance of the temple and called upon the people to amend their ways and to substitute good deeds for their evil ones. He informed them that genuine repentance and reformation would make it possible for them to remain in their city and country, but their refusal to repent and to reform would result in their expulsion. He warned the people that God would not overlook their willful sins and continue to abide in their midst. He preached that men must be honest in their dealings, strive to meet the needs of others and serve God to the best of their ability.

Jer. 7:8-15 After reminding his listeners that God had wiped out one "holy place," Shiloh, they were infuriated. His hearers interpreted his preaching as blasphemy against God and treason against the nation. They resented his warning that the temple, the city of Jerusalem and the nation of Judah would befall the same fate as Shiloh. God protected Jeremiah as he does all of his servants who are faithful in the proclamation of his message in each generation.

God calls his servants to speak for him with holy boldness to those professing Christians today.



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on mission together

periencing double-digit growth.

The combined "pinch" of a reducing percentage for Kentucky causes and the steady decline in the CP growth rate has begun to erode state convention ministries.

In addition, numerous folks are concerned about the SBC Executive Committee's trend toward "defunding" the Baptist Joint Committee.

These and some dissatisfactions with new Home Mission Board policies have converged to generate serious concerns by a good many Kentucky Baptists about the goal of 40% for SBC causes.

Because many Kentucky Baptists still favor this goal (though some realize the schedule may need to be revised to ease the financial burden on Kentucky ministries), recommendations to "change directions" in this area could stimulate significant dialog and possible conflict on the floor of the convention. In such case, a referral of the matter to the convention's Executive Board might serve us as well.

Aside from this possible point of conflict, it appears to me that all bodes well for an uplifting annual meeting:

- No widespread discontent with our institutions, agencies or mission programs.
 - Convention committees have been (as usual) absent of conflict and "political agenda."
 - Folks seem pleased with Kenya results; a proposal to be presented to the Executive Board for a new partnership with Brazil; and continuing excitement and interest in Mission Kentucky (over 200 new church starts toward the goal of 400.)
 - Our opposition to the lottery has strengthened our unity.
 - Our president, Howard Cobble, has done an outstanding job of listening and leading.
 - The Order of Business Committee has invited program personalities who will "bless" us.
- Convention '88 has the "makin's" of a good one. Y'all come!

Hymns Baptists sing: a heritage of praise

by William J. Reynolds
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"The Lily of the Valley": Kentucky roots

Will Hays left Georgetown College in Kentucky when he was 22 to become a river-front reporter. In 1868, he joined the staff of Louisville's *Courier-Journal*, and for 30 years wrote a daily column containing river news, gossip, witticisms and light verse. He also had great success writing minstrel songs very popular at that time, and was second only to Stephens Collins Foster in that area. One of Hays's songs, "The Little Old Log Cabin Down the Lane," written in 1871, strangely provided the tune for "The Lily of the Valley."

Charles W. Fry, in the construction business in Salisbury, England, loved to play the cornet and taught his three sons to play instruments. The four of them, known as the Fry Family Band, became the first Salvation Army Band. One day in 1881, Fry heard the strains of Will Hays's tune being played in a Music Hall

in London. He wrote down the melody and in a few days he had written three stanzas. The phrase "The Lily of the Valley" is found in Song of Solomon 2:1, and the "Bright and Morning Star" is in Revelation 22:16.

In 1982, in the cloister of England's Salisbury Cathedral, a plaque was erected inscribed "To commemorate the centenary of the promotion to glory of Charles William Fry, first bandmaster of the Salvation Army, born Alderbury, 29 May 1837, died Polmont, Scotland, 24 August 1882. The clarion call of his cornet sounded in the Market Place, Salisbury, in the autumn of 1878, now echoes around the world."

Will Hays died in Louisville in 1907, and, in all probability, never knew that a cornet player in England had converted his minstrel song into a gospel song that sings of Jesus Christ, the "Lily of the Valley."



Every time Baptists gather together for worship, study, conference or fun singing is sure to be a part. Much of Baptist theology is reflected and learned through our hymns.

"How Firm a Foundation": southern style

John Rippon, a Baptist preacher in England, published the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation" in 1787. Where the author's name should have appeared, Rippon placed a single letter "K." The real author of the hymn has been confirmed again and again by the widespread acceptance of "How Firm a Foundation."

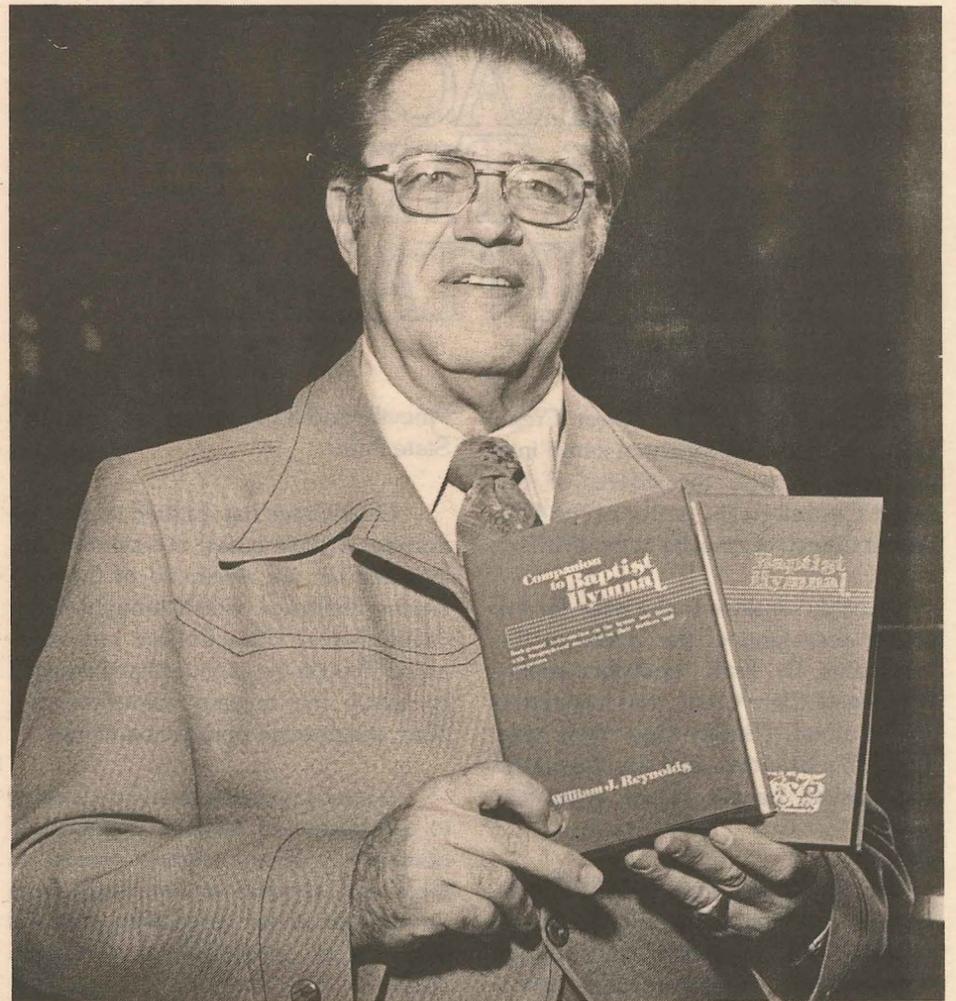
The initial stanza reminds Christians that the Bible is the foundation of their faith. The remaining stanzas are usually given enclosed in quotation marks, for they are God's words taken from Old Testament writings.

When he was 22 years old, Rippon succeeded John Gill as pastor of the Carter Lane Baptist Church in London, and served there 63 years. Since Gill's pastorate had encompassed 54 years, this Baptist church had only two pastors in

117 years.

Many famous personalities have expressed a fondness for the hymn. Theodore Roosevelt identified with the strong affirmation found in the stanzas. Andrew Jackson asked that it be sung as he lay on his deathbed at the Hermitage, his home near Nashville, Tenn. It had been a favorite of his beloved wife, Rachel, who preceded him in death. Those who stood around his bed quickly granted his wish and joined in singing the hymn. As they sang with tear-filled eyes, Andrew Jackson died.

By his own request, the hymn was sung at the funeral of Robert E. Lee, hero of the South and commander of the Confederate forces. He noted that the hymn was an expression of his "full trust in the ways of the heavenly father."



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"Take My Life and Let It Be": commitment

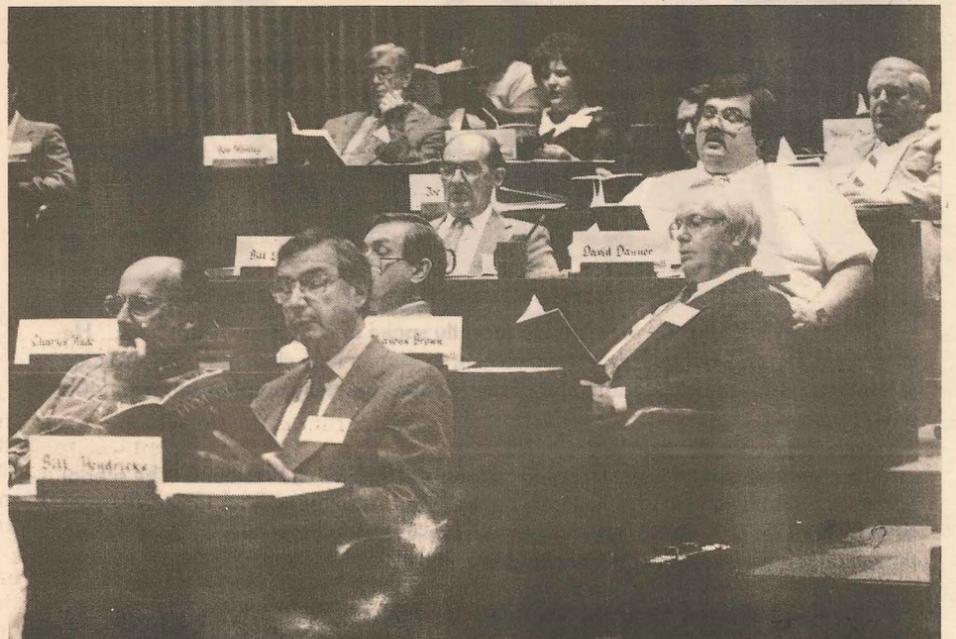
Frances Havergal, who wrote the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" went with a group of friends to Worcester, England, in 1874, for a five-day visit. Some were not Christians, and others were believers, but not "rejoicing Christians." She prayed that the Lord would use her to lead these to a joyful experience in Christian faith. By the last day of the visit, her prayer had been answered. Unable to sleep because of the joy she felt, she spent most of the night in praise and renewal of our own consecration. During those hours the lines of the hymn flooded her mind.

Reared in a minister's home, Frances Havergal was an extraordinary person. Through her own self-disciplined study and her travels throughout Europe, she became proficient in the biblical lan-

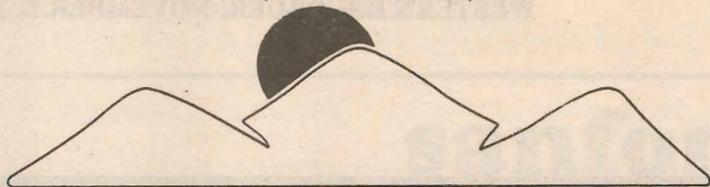
guages, Hebrew and Greek, and was also fluent in French, Italian and German.

Several years after the hymn was written, Miss Havergal wrote that "Take my silver and my gold" now means shipping off all my ornaments, including a jewel cabinet which is really fit for a countess, to the Church Missionary Society where they will be accepted and disposed of for me. I retain only a brooch for daily wear, which is a memorial of my dear parents. I had no idea I had such a jeweler's shop; nearly 50 articles are being packed off. I don't think I need tell you I never packed a box with such pleasure."

In a real sense, for Frances Havergal, her hymn was autobiographical, for she committed her gifts and talents that "Christ may be all in all."



William Hendricks (front row, right), professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is chairman of the worship aids subcommittee for the Baptist hymnal to be published in 1991. Hugh McElrath, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, also is a member of the hymnal committee.



MIRACLE IN THE MOUNTAINS

It was a miracle that Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's School came into existence through the efforts of Dr. Lloyd Caswell Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pineville in the 1920's.

Keenly sensitive to the need for the proper preaching of the gospel in the mountains, Dr. Kelly, upon first seeing the forks of Clear Creek, was inspired to dream aloud, "Surely God must have made this beautiful spot for the moral and spirited benefit of the mountain people."

In 1923, the Clear Creek Mountain Springs property was purchased. It consisted of 450 acres of land and six cottages. Assemblies were held under a tent in 1924 and 1925. In 1926, the Alice Rains Memorial Auditorium was erected, and the first session of the Preacher's Bible School was held that summer. This was a "miracle in the mountains."

Many miracles have brought about changes at Clear Creek from this meager beginning to over sixty buildings and 70 acres. In 1946 the school became an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Clear Creek is a Southern Baptist, adult-oriented Bible college existing for the purpose of training men and women for Christian Ministry. The school is located in Bell County, five miles from

Pineville and adjacent to Pine Mountain State Park.

Clear Creek has entered its seventh decade of Bible-based ministerial training, and we are reminded of the continuing challenge which brought Clear Creek Baptist Bible College into existence. Though the avenues have changed by which the original vision was fulfilled, the primary purpose continues.

A newly revised curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Ministry degree is in operation. Every student majors in Bible and chooses an emphasis from one of four areas: preaching, pastoral care, church administration, or church music.

The need to provide education to adults who cannot attend classes at the "normal" time made it necessary for Clear Creek to adopt a more flexible schedule. A three day/two day schedule was implemented in 1986. This gives busy pastors an option in ministerial training.

Our graduates serve in forty-six states and six foreign countries. Clear Creek's blend of theory and application in training provide our graduates with skills necessary to serve "successfully" in the Lord's work. Success is measured by time. Clear Creek's success withstands the test of time. Clear Creek is a modern Miracle in the Mountains.



President Emeritus D. M. Aldridge recently spoke in chapel at Clear Creek. He challenged the student body about involvement in starting new churches. Dr. Aldridge is Southeastern Kentucky coordinator of the Mission Kentucky emphasis to plant 400 new churches.

Dr. Aldridge served Clear Creek for 32 years; 1954-82 as President. The school administration building is named in his honor. Kay Aldridge was an invaluable part of the school life as a teacher and encourager while rearing three sons. In 1982-84 the Aldridges were volunteer missionaries in Zambia.

In a recent letter to President Whittaker, Dr. Aldridge wrote, "You can count on my support! I'm in your corner all the way." The Aldridges demonstrate their support through a monthly contribution to the school budget. During their recent campus visit a \$1,000 check was presented for the Miracle in the Mountains Campaign. "We want to encourage alumni, Kentucky Baptist churches and friends of Clear Creek to get behind this campaign," the Aldridges' stated.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

What is the "Miracle in the Mountains" Campaign?

This effort is a series of campaigns to raise funds, a minimum of \$1,300,000.00, for the capital needs of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. "The Miracle in the Mountains" Campaign will undergird academic excellence, thus preparing the college for its seventh decade of service in Christian education.

Who authorized "Miracle in the Mountains" Campaign?

In the spring of 1987, the Board of Trustees approved long range plans and priorities for the college and authorized a capital funds campaign for Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. The Kentucky Baptist Convention unanimously approved this campaign in November 1987.

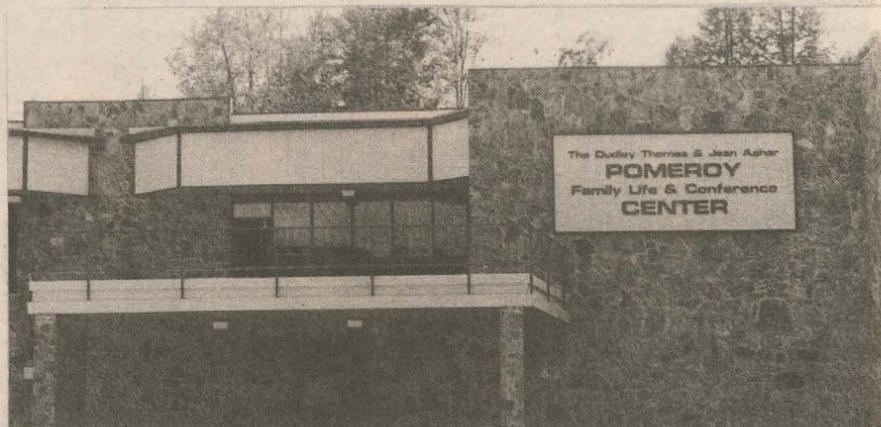
How will the funds be used?



STUDENT HOUSING

\$400,000.00

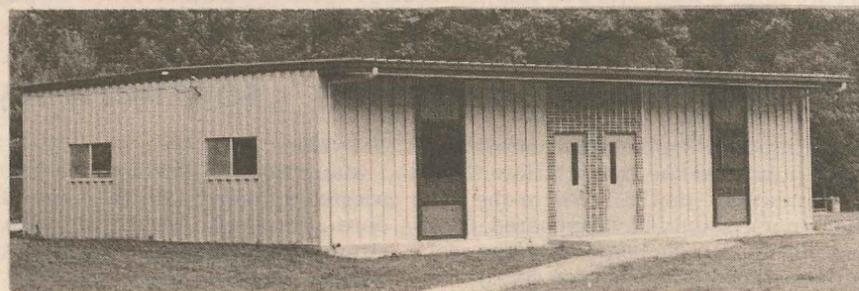
New and improved student housing is a top priority for the "Miracle in the Mountains" Campaign. It includes a new 15-family, three-bedroom apartment complex as well as renovation of selected student residences.



FAMILY LIFE AND CONFERENCE CENTER

\$600,000.00

Funds received will help relieve the debt on the new center built for our students and their families to provide encouragement in family living outside of the classroom.



PRE-SCHOOL CENTER

\$150,000.00

A new pre-school center is planned. The present center is designed for 42 children. Twelve new infants are expected to be born on the campus during the 1988-89 school year.

ON-GOING SUPPORT

\$150,000.00

The college must have help in meeting the ever changing needs of its present faculty/staff and students. This will insure the meeting of those needs.