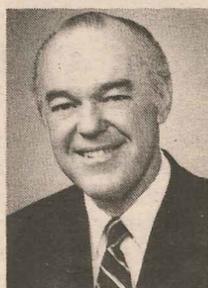




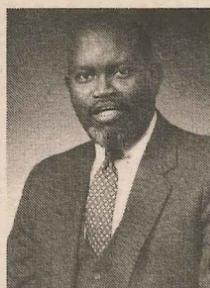
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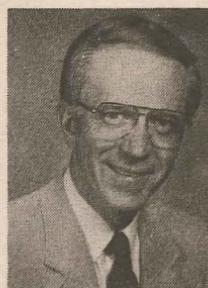
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Six to address pastor-staff SS meet

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Six major speakers have been engaged for a pastor-staff state Sunday school convention Apr. 14-15 at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church. All have professional experience in Sunday school work or have been successful in leading their churches to grow evangelistic Sunday schools successfully.

The convention opens at 3:30 p.m. Friday. It includes about 25 small group conferences, some of which will be repeated several times, plus a banquet (for the first 350 registrants) and three plenary sessions. The event concludes at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Typical of the small group conferences are these: "The Pastor's Role in the Sunday School," "Training Leadership That Leads," "How to Enlist and Motivate Lay People," "I'm My Own Minister of Education" and "It's About Space."

Chip Miller, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department, Middletown, said early registration indicates the event may be the largest of its type held by any state convention to date. With more than 350 persons already signed up, Miller said the sponsors' original projection of 500 participants now easily exceeds a potential 700.

Miller suggested those who attend the pastor-staff Sunday school convention may expect to gain ideas for "quality Bible teaching," discover new ways to reach out to the "lost and hurting," find a "renewed spirit" of evangelism through the Sunday school, "enjoy" fellowship and encouragement from others committed to growing Sunday schools, "capture" a new vision about church

growth and hear a "clear word" about the pastor's role in the Sunday school.

Miller called the event "two days of practical helps to take home and use."

The convention's theme is "Foundations for the Future" and every conference and general session will be planned with that theme in mind.

The six persons scheduled to address the convention in the general sessions include Kenneth S. Hemphill, Harry M. Piland, Perry R. Sanders, Sidney Smith Jr., John N. Vaughan and Gary Young.

Hemphill, 40, a native of Morgantown, N. C., has pastored First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., since 1981. Earlier he filled the pastorates of Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Battletown, Ky., 1970-72, and First Baptist Church, Galax, Va., 1977-81. He has been on three other church staffs, including Meadow Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, where in 1973 he was youth and education minister. A graduate of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and Cambridge (England) University, Hemphill has frequently written lessons for adult Sunday school quarterlies. He is married to the former Paula Jean Moore of Greenville, S. C. and they are parents of three children.

Piland, 60, a Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, employe since 1978, is director of the board's Sunday School Division. The Austin, Tex. native is a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He was minister of education of these Texas Baptist churches: Hyde Park, Austin, 1952-59; James Avenue, Ft. Worth, 1959-61; University, Ft. Worth, 1961-73; First, Houston, 1973-78. Married to the former Patricia Clair Geppert of Teague, Tex., he is the father of a grown daughter and son.

Sanders, 60, born in Allendale, S. C., has pastored First Baptist Church, Lafayette, La., since 1959. Previously he filled five other Baptist pulpits in Alabama and Louisiana. A denominational leader who has been on many boards and committees, Sanders is married to the former Kae Hollifield Chism, is the father of one son and has three stepchildren. He holds degrees from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; Louisiana College, Pineville; and United Theological Seminary.

Smith, manager of the black church development section in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Special Ministries Department, joined the board's staff in 1979 as black church development consultant. The Texan by birth is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi (Tex.); Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.; and California Graduate School of Theology. He was director of Christian social ministries with the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., before going to Nashville.

Earlier, he served on one Texas church staff and six church staffs in California.

Vaughan, 47, is professor of the chair of church growth at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo. The Memphis (Tenn.) State University graduate also holds degrees from Southwestern Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Cal. He publishes and edits

Ex-Kentuckian tells what it's like to answer God's call to Brazil

Laurie K. Taylor, who with her husband, Johnny, heeded God's call to become foreign missionaries in 1984, are completing their first term in Fortaleza, Brazil. They and their children, Ashley, Jonathan and Mark, return to the states in July for furlough. The Taylors lived in Louisville, Whitesburg and Lexington where Johnny was on church staffs. Laurie was a journalism intern and a state correspondent for Western Recorder. She writes candidly of her experiences.

I wish I had the words to tell you how fulfilled my life is as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary. I love the work, the people, the challenge and even the frustrations. I dreamed so long about giving of myself totally to people who have never heard about the Lord. Let me share some glimpses of what I've seen this past year.

I've seen an elderly Brazilian couple who live in a shack by the railroad track go without food in order to give their tithe.

I've seen the Baptist Hospital close to death's door despite the prayers of hundreds of people. Each time she recovered enough to stay open, but she is still in critical condition financially.

I've seen a day care center for malnourished and handicapped children where miracles happen every day.

I've seen a little boy die with a tropical brain disease. He was the youngest of

Church Growth Today, a newsletter for the North American Society for Church Growth. He served pastorates in Tennessee, Texas, Alabama and Iowa before becoming an educator in 1985. His wife Joanne is an assistant professor at Southwest Baptist University and they are parents of a daughter and son.

Young, 52, a native of Verona, Miss., holds degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; Southwestern and Golden Gate seminaries. He held student pastorates in Missouri and Oklahoma, was on church staffs in Oklahoma and Texas, and his pastorates include Meadowood Baptist Church, Midwest City, Okla., 1967-71; First Baptist Church, Aurora, Mo., 1971-74; and First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., since 1974. He is married to the former Doris Holmes of Ft. Worth, Tex. and they are parents of a grown daughter and son. Since 1982 he has committed most of his preaching outside First Southern Baptist Church to the promotion of Sunday school.

10 children and the only son.

I've seen a newborn baby girl survive a chest wound inflicted by her mother because she couldn't feed her and didn't want her to suffer any longer.

I've seen the baptism of a spiritist leader's daughter and the courage God gave her to face all the problems that resulted.

I've seen a pastor's wife fight a courageous battle against cancer. She lost the battle and left behind a young Down's Syndrome child and a beautiful testimony of joy in suffering.

I've seen 200 children under the age of eight in one interior village who are suffering from malnutrition, worms, scabies and dehydration.

I've seen two Brazilian Baptist doctors spend their entire vacation in the sweltering heat of an interior town treating patients in a makeshift clinic. At the end of each day, they preach about the Great Physician.

I've seen fellow missionary Bill Fal-law's faith grow stronger as his body has grown weaker in the ravage of melanoma.

I've seen my missionary colleagues rally around each other in times of illness and recovery and learned a new meaning of the word "family."

I've seen a brilliant young woman graduate from our Religious Education Seminary in Recife and begin her full time Christian ministry.

I've seen a Brazilian home missionary make and sell ice cream in order to give a special offering to the church building program.

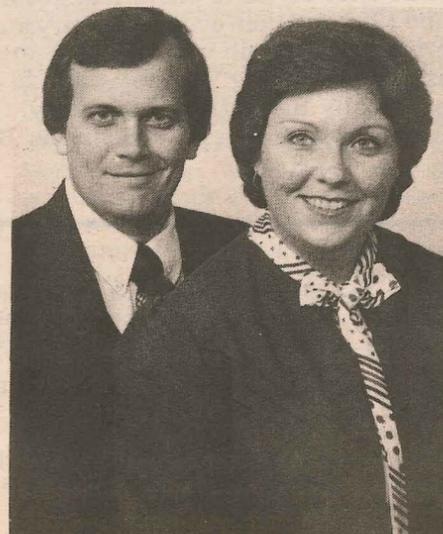
I've seen my fellow missionaries cut our annual budget by 12% because of the fall in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Then I've seen them try to equally divide what was left so no one's work would have to suffer.

I've seen Southern Baptists fight and bicker over who is most powerful while our power to tell the world about Jesus slowly ebbs away.

I've seen Southern Baptists uphold missions through a convention resolution. Oh, that it could now be upheld with restitution!

I've seen God take my faults and weaknesses and use me in spite of them.

I've seen what a joy it is to represent Southern Baptists on the foreign mission field!



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sanford's perspectives

Give the president a chance



Jack D. Sanford

In an announcement a few weeks before Christmas, Jerry Vines, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, declared his intention to listen to recommendations from all Southern Baptists for membership on key convention committees.

The least any of us can do is give him a chance to prove he is sincere in trying to bridge the gap which has existed for several years between conservatives and moderates.

We have heard this sort of language in the past only to discover the intention was never to create any semblance of balance but rather there was a carefully calculated program to keep certain elements of the convention in power while denying others the chance to serve.

If Jerry Vines is sincere, and we must give him a chance to prove it one way or the other; then perhaps the time has come for us to return to some kind of normalcy in convention life. We desperately need a healing and the president of the convention is in the best position of anyone to bring about just such a movement.

The various state members of the committee on nominations and the committee on committees are the persons who will determine just how well the president carries out his intention. These people are responsible for nominations from the various

states and they can make or break Vines.

It is obvious from past experience that state members of these key groups have either taken suggestions from the leadership of the convention or have themselves had an agenda which eliminated certain persons from office. That may still be the case, but we hope not.

A good sign came last week when Lester Nash, a Kentucky member of the committee on nominations, called to ask us to run a word from the Kentucky members of this committee declaring their intention to receive nominations from anyone in the state. We will gladly run Nash's statement and will encourage all Kentuckians to make recommendations to him. Then we will see just who is nominated and who is not and thus will know for certain just how sincere all our brothers are in their expressed desire to have balance in the convention.

We pray the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship is stronger than the spirit of partisanship. But we will be convinced of this only as we see concrete evidence in the nominations which come from the state representatives and the SBC president.

Until then we wait patiently and hope for the best.

A sharp rise in subscriptions

We started the new year on a happy note at Western Recorder because we have about 5000 new subscriptions and about 2000 more ready to get on board.

All of these new subscriptions come from churches which want to use the back page of the paper for their weekly newsletter. Each of them has discovered we can save them large amounts of money as well as considerable office time when we do the newsletter on the back page of the paper.

We do all the mailing list management, including address changes. We also help lay out and arrange the material and even make it possible for individual churches to call us on Monday morning to insert statistical information from the previous Sunday services. Thus we help these

churches give their congregation an up-to-date picture of what is happening in the local church as well as across the convention by providing the Baptist state newspaper each week.

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We would welcome another 2000 or 3000 or even 10,000 more subscriptions this year. Perhaps this is the time you should do what you have thought about for years. Call us and we will help you set things up in the best possible way.

History studies planned by Church Training

A few weeks ago we lamented the fact that many of our people are not well versed in Baptist history. Now we learn from Douglas Strader and Jim Clontz, leaders in the Church Training Department of the KBC, that historical studies are part of the curriculum in Church Training for the next seven years.

The first series of historical studies begins in June 1989 and then every February and every June through 1997 time will be given to the study of history, including general church history and specifically Baptist church history.

No single aspect of our life as Baptists is as

neglected as the study of our history. We are weaker than we should be because of our lack of knowledge about our origins, our fathers' struggles for freedom and the courage and commitment made by Baptists in ages past. It is a thrilling story and should be required material for any person who would dare assume any leadership role in a Baptist church.

We thank the Church Training people for planning these studies and we offer a prayer that God will lead our people to participate enthusiastically and thus bring some fresh life to our Baptist family.

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personnel

Fred Harrison accepted the pastorate of New Hope Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Joe O'Quinn resigned as pastor of Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to accept a pastorate in Alabama.

Homer Burchett retired as pastor of Cherryville Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Russell Jones resigned as pastor of Irivingsville Baptist Church, Bracken Association. Tom Moore goes as new pastor.

Union Baptist Church, Bracken Association, called Tom Meinecke as pastor. He goes from Morehead Mission, Bracken Association.

Mark Kitts resigned as pastor of Mays Lick Baptist Church, Bracken Association, to return to Knoxville.

Emery Fields resigned as pastor of Slaty Point Baptist Church, Bracken Association. Phillip Fraley is new pastor.

White Oak Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called Kevin Reynolds as pastor.

Russell First Baptist Church, Greenup Association, called Christopher Johnson as pastor.

James Huitt resigned as pastor of Brookview Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Kenton Hunt resigned as minister of youth at Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Keith Decker is new pastor of Corn Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Eastside Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, called Eugene Smith as pastor.

Ken Milby resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Fairdale, Long Run Association.

Brent Stephens resigned as pastor of Flat Rock Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.



Leaders and participants at groundbreaking Nov. 20 for a \$2.5 million Christian education building and mission day care center at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, stand poised with shovels. Behind them (l-r): Richard Bridges, pastor; Jim Browder, minister of music.

Mark Shelton accepted the pastorate of Liberty Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Beth Prassel, news office director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Communications Division, has been named a communications specialist at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, according to Robin Oldham, director of development and communications services.

Born in Sturgis, Mrs. Prassel is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She received numerous academic honors and awards including being named to Who's Who Among Students as an undergraduate.

Mrs. Prassel is a member of Wallace-ton Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association, where her husband Richard is pastor.

Mrs. Prassel began her KBHC responsibilities Jan. 3.

ordinations

New Riverside Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, ordained **Robert Jordan** to the ministry Oct. 16. Nasby Mills was interrogator and Ernest Boggs preached the message. Bill Collett is pastor.

Liberty Baptist Church, Greenup Association, ordained **Bill Amos** and **Ken Rowe** as deacons Nov. 27. Dan Russell is pastor.

H. Joel Dick was ordained to the ministry by Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville; Cumberland College, Williamsburg; and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Kenneth Dick is pastor.

Pollard Baptist Church, Greenup Association, ordained **Gary Addington** to the ministry. A. N. Lester is pastor.

congregations

Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, participated in an Acteens recognition service and banquet Oct. 2. The theme for the service was "people need the Lord."

Kim Large and Tamara Fox were crowned "queen in Jesus' name" for their accomplishments in Studiaet. Diane Hurt is Acteen leader and Jesse Tichenor is pastor.

The children of **Immanuel Baptist Church**, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, have earned \$10,226 for world hunger. Their goal was \$10,000. Ed Spaulding is minister to children. Ted Sisk is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Russell, Greenup Association, celebrated raising \$104,000 for their new building.

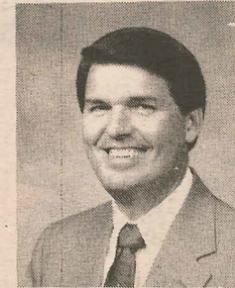
missions

Maner and Rhonie Tyson, recent graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, were among 16 people appointed to mission service by the Home Mission Board in November.

Tyson was appointed church and community ministry apprentice for Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Tyson was appointed as family and church worker.

From 1982-1984, Tyson was a US-2 missionary in Waterbury, Conn. While in Louisville he worked as a church social worker at Eighteenth Street Baptist Church and as an intern with the Home Mission Board Christian Social Ministries Department.

Mrs. Tyson worked in Natal, Brazil, as a Journeyman with the Foreign Mission Board from 1982-84. She worked as a church social worker at Bethel Flock Baptist Church, Louisville, and also as an intern with the Home Mission Board Christian Social Ministries Department while at Southern Seminary.



Bill D. Whittaker
President
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek chronicle

You Can Do It

"You can't do it" is what Vaughn Chambers heard from most people who knew about his desire for ministry preparation. Folks didn't see any way a man age 54 with 11 children could make such a move. These opinions added to Vaughn's struggle to be obedient. Elizabethtown pastor Byron Chambers (no relation) encouraged Vaughn and brought them to Clear Creek. Their first campus visit was a snowy Jan. 18, Vaughn's birthday. Virginia Chambers remembers the quiet ride home but "I knew he was going." The acceptance letter soon followed and Vaughn recalls "I cried all the way home from the post office." Fourteen years later Vaughn declares "I also cried a lot while at Clear Creek. The grade on my first Old Testament test was 58. Professor Fitts told me, 'Isn't that 58 more than when you came? We'll work on it.' He really encouraged me. That's what I like about Clear Creek. Your background doesn't matter. They really love you."

Chambers put in 20 years with the L&N as a diesel engine mechanic and in 1955 began operating a 183 acre dairy farm. Three children had completed college and three others had agreed to manage the farm so their parents could attend Clear Creek. Farm proceeds enabled the children to send Mom and Dad a regular "allowance" for school expenses. Two younger children accompanied the Chambers to Pineville.

Fellow students called him "Moses." During two years of their stay older son Ronald was also a student. The two families, which included four grandchildren, were neighbors in the campus trailer park.

Both Vaughn and Virginia earned a three year diploma in Christian ministry. Since graduation in 1977 two churches have had this pastoral team: Rockhouse Baptist Church, Hyden; and Calvary Baptist Church, Elizabethtown. For a brief time they were house parents at Hardin County Boys Ranch. In 1987 they helped start Heavenbound Church. The congregation now numbers 70 and will dedicate a building in April. The young church recently sent a mission gift to Clear Creek. A member acknowledged, "Brother Chambers you don't have to tell me about Clear Creek. You're enough to know what the school is all about."



New Baptist Hospitals Inc. president Roger Struble and wife Hope (center) were honorees at a reception Dec. 4 at Louisville's Big Springs Country Club. Among BHI directors present were Louisville businessman Jerry Dooley and wife Carolyn, expressing their good wishes to the new administrator.

Missionaries to Singapore minister at Georgetown

by Marc C. Whitt

Roger and Janice Capps have a healthy appetite. Since their appointment to the Foreign Mission Board in 1971 their appetite has been the desire to reach east Asians for Christ.

On furlough for a year, the Capps currently are missionaries-in-residence at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

The Capps taught at the Malaysia Baptist Seminary from 1972-80. Since 1982 they have ministered to many students at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Singapore—Capps, as director, and his wife, as part time lecturer and English and speech professor.

"The people of Singapore are receptive to God's word," said Capps. "The people are very religious. But for non-Christians, their definition of God is much different from ours."

Capps continued to say that many in the Asian culture see God in terms of ritualism, not the living God.

"This need to share our wonderful Lord to people drew us to be foreign missionaries. Only 13 percent of the people in Singapore are Christians," said Mrs. Capps.

To these missionaries, Singapore, which has an exploding population of 2.7 million people, is a city with a future. "Singapore is a launching pad for missions to Thailand, Indonesia, China and India," remarked Mrs. Capps. The couple agrees that Baptists and other Christian denominations in Singapore can influence the southeast Asian coun-

tries which are predominantly non-Christian.

Singapore is an international city filled with modern buildings and busy people. It is also home to several Bible colleges and religious organizations. Capps contended Singapore is "on the cutting edge of missions into other countries."

"This is a major city that can and is reaching people for Christ," he said.

Mrs. Capps added, "The basic goal in missions is one person telling another person about Jesus Christ and what he can do with that person's life. This is the key. Ministering one-on-one with people has been our greatest experience as missionaries and as Christians."

Their stories of the Asians who are now Christians stand as a living testimony to the prayers and support they and other missionaries receive from Southern Baptists across the United States.

Perhaps their favorite story of Singapore is of Mr. Lee, a 67-year old marathon runner.

"Roger sent him (Lee) a letter about Jesus Christ and who he is," said Mrs. Capps. "Lee's son, Richard, was chairman of the deacons in the Singapore church. Roger and Richard witnessed to him."

Through their witness efforts, Lee accepted Jesus and was baptized with his grandson on Easter.

Mrs. Capps continued, "Lee then told us, 'I knew who Jesus was in my head. I never knew the longest distance was



Roger and Janice Capps enjoy ministering to students at Georgetown College while on furlough.

the 18 inches from my head to my heart."

Brought to Georgetown College through an invitation from president W. Morgan Patterson three years ago, the Capps teach religion and English at the college. Their daughter Thomasin is a freshman at Georgetown. Their son Paul attends Scott County High School.

"This family represents the best in our Southern Baptist missions program,"

said Patterson, "and we are happy and fortunate to have them spend their year of furlough at Georgetown College as missionaries-in-residence."

Although they are many miles from their adopted homeland, the South Carolina missionaries enjoy sharing themselves with the foreign students who attend Georgetown College. They want their home to be a warm spot for the students.

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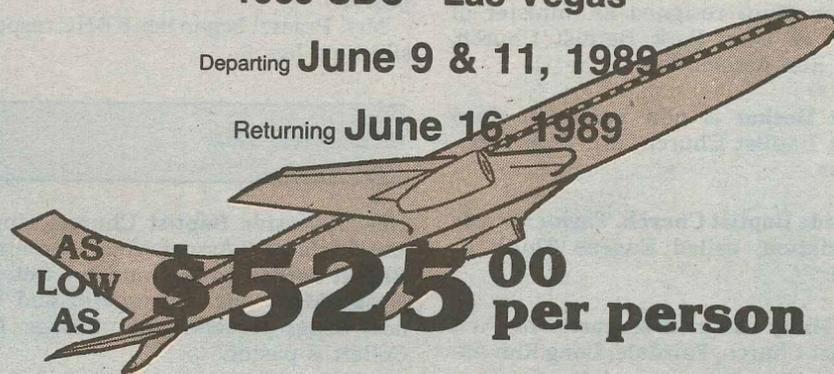
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Growing Up Too Fast

Recently I saw an episode of "Baby Boom," a new TV show about a single career mom raising an infant. In the program J. C., the mom, became very concerned as she heard other parents talk about the elite private kindergartens their children were attending. One mom was distraught because her daughter was not accepted into the school of her choice.

While the program went beyond the realm of belief, I was struck with the pressure parents feel today, and transfer to their children, to succeed at a very early age.

I have also been concerned recently by the number of adolescents who are working. High school children are the prevalent store clerks in many stores and eating establishments these days. One applauds their eagerness to work, but I wonder if their education really can be as good when they spend the bulk of their time working and have so few very tired hours to do their homework and go to class.

I am also concerned that they have so little time for school and church social functions. Most of these young people will spend the rest of their lives working. Do they not need a time which they can devote to learning and some fun?

We have become a very materialistic world and our children have caught our thirst for money. We as a society are eager to push them out into the adult world at a time when they do not and should not have the ability to cope with the pressures imposed upon them.

We wonder why drug and sexual promiscuity are becoming so prevalent at earlier and earlier ages. Part of the answer is that we are forcing our children to grow up too soon.

Paul in I Corinthians 13:11 stated, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me." (NIV)

God tells us that there is a time to be children and a time to be adults. As parents in a fast paced society we are pushing our children to become adults too soon. The end results are children who face the pressures and stress of life without the emotional and spiritual armour to handle those pressures.

Southwestern professor Virtus Gideon dies at 61

Virtus Gideon, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Dec. 14 following a heart attack. He was 61.

A native of Winters, Tex., Gideon was known for his work in translating the gospel of Mark for the New King James version of the Bible.

He was also author of *Luke: A Study Guide Commentary* and *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament: A Workbook Approach*, which was widely used in seminaries and colleges.

He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary, where he received his master's and doctor's degrees.

Gideon taught at Hardin-Simmons from 1954 to 1957, when he joined the faculty at Southwestern Seminary.

At the seminary, he directed doctoral dissertations and projects for doctor of philosophy students. Gideon was chairman of the New Testament department 1987-88.

John Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost, called Gideon a "practical biblical scholar" noted for his personal devotion to students. "He spent a lot of time in conference with students and he had them in his home," Newport said.

Newport said Gideon "played a vital role in the development of the doctorate of ministry program at Southwestern."

"He was also very effective in our off-campus program," Newport said. "He was concerned that these students have the opportunity for a quality education without leaving their homes."

Gideon is survived by his wife, Imogene; two sons, Olan Milligan of Nashville and T. W. Milligan of Lubbock, Tex.; and a daughter, Cathy Harris of Red Oak, Tex.

Financial workshop set at Campbellsville College

A financial workshop will be held Jan. 21 and Feb. 6, 1989 at Campbellsville College.

The workshop is open to anyone wanting to learn about financial aid regardless of which college they plan to attend.

Times for the workshop Jan. 21 will be 10 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. in the Little Auditorium in the Student Union Building and 6 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. in the health lab in the Powell Athletic Center.

The times for the Feb. 6 workshop are 6 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. in the health lab.

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Southeastern misses the mark

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary does not conform to some accreditation standards in three of four areas of institutional life, according to an accrediting agency report.

A special study committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges visited the Wake Forest, N. C., school Sept. 14-16, and seminary officials released its report in December.

Regarding faculty selection, the report cites four areas of concern. The first involves eligibility requirements for faculty membership. "The conflict with the criteria arises from recent actions and statements by the board of trustees and its members which indicate that an additional criterion has been introduced as a requirement for faculty membership," the report says.

The second concern is faculty participation in appointments. "Certainly it would appear that the board of trustees has exceeded its policy-making functions and is presently engaged in the administration of academic policy and appointments."

The third concern, selection of part-time faculty, involves a change in policy

that removed responsibility from the president and dean and vested it with the president, with approval of the trustee instruction committee.

The fourth concern, the dean's selection process, involves a "lack of clarity about procedure (that has) created an impasse," the report says. It cites "apparent misunderstandings" between faculty and trustees, with the faculty operating according to previous procedure and trustees conducting a search according to the same procedure as for faculty appointment.

Turning to academic freedom, the report says, "The seminary is not functioning effectively as a scholarly community at present; nor is it functioning in conformity with the criteria."

Trustee chairman Robert D. Crowley, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church, Rockville, Md., said the trustees' instructional committee has responded to the Southern Association, but the response will not be made public until it is considered by the full board.

Southeastern Seminary officials have promised to cooperate with the Southern Association while maintaining their commitment to the SBC. (BP)



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oneida journal

The Oneida Heartbeat

As I write this, many letters are arriving with gifts for our work. Some give every week or so, others monthly, some quarterly, some give only at Christmas time. Others always wish us well but never send a dime.

The Cooperative Program gifts come each month and we are grateful for each dollar. The amount we get is sufficient to take care of about 10 percent of our bills. With over 650 students and staff to provide for, it takes a lot of faith with respect to the other 90 percent.

I am sharing with you the "heartbeat" of some who send help along with their good wishes.

From first-time visitors (but longtime contributors) from Russellville: "We want to thank you for our nice stay there. We were glad to meet your staff and the children. Other donations will follow."

A lady writes representing her Sunday school class in Danville: "Your school does so much for so many. Our prayers are that you may continue saving souls, educating and molding young lives into productive people."

From Columbia, S. C.: "It was such a treat seeing Oneida again. I appreciate your all-out efforts."

From Silas Baptist WMU: "Thank you for the nice reception, tour and the noon meal. The entire day was a special one. The ride to Oneida is beautiful. We

showed the Oneida film the following Sunday evening and took a love offering."

"Hope this gift helps some. I would love to visit again but am 90 years old and not able to make the trip. God bless you as you try to help the young folks have a more worthwhile life. Lovingly . . ." Such a letter and such a friend encourages us so much.

From longtime friends whose gifts have averaged at least two thousand dollars monthly for the past five years: "You are constantly on the move. We appreciate Oneida and like to hear of all the improvements. The Oneida movie was shown at our church recently. We overheard much favorable comment which we trust will result with considerable more interest among our people. Here is the check to help pay some of the bills."

Not only does this couple give generously to us but to many others and faithfully give their tithes and many generous offerings to their local church in its every undertaking.

From Texas: "In 1939, on my way home from the Baptist World Alliance, I visited your home economics teacher at Oneida. Thus I have been interested in your wonderful school for nearly 50 years. I have taught 20 years in varying Baptist schools and 27 years in public schools. Around 15 former students are in overseas missions and many others in the pulpit. I thank God that at age 91 in a nursing center, I am still able to go to church. I thank God for your good work for needy children, exceptionally bright, and for your ministry to affluent children too." With this letter was her usual monthly gift.

Another of God's saints writes from Mt. Vernon: "I am 86 years old and have seen so much of life. Only what we do for Christ will last. Enclosed is a small donation to help in the great work you are doing for boys and girls."

From Denver, Col.: "Apply the enclosed check where you need it most."

"Hats off to all of you at Oneida. You've really a great bunch of kids. The story of your irrigation project was read with great interest. Enclosed is \$50, half for a needy student, half for your color movie." That from Salem.

From Falmouth: "My dad was down there this last summer on a trip. He has told us a lot about Oneida. We would like to make a donation and also to come and visit." Most people who become interested in OBI hear about it first from some other person who has seen firsthand the Oneida work.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 15, 1989

Life and work series

Growing through the Spirit

I Cor. 2:2-5 From Athens, Paul went to Corinth. In dependence on the Holy Spirit, Paul preached Christ crucified, tried to persuade the people from their sins, to believe on Christ, to confess him as Saviour and to enthrone him as their Lord. In his monumental work which he did for the Lord, Paul did not rely on human wisdom or eloquence, but strictly on the power of the Holy Spirit. That was the secret of his marvelous success in winning men to faith in Christ.

I Cor. 2:12-16 When one is regenerated, God is greatly concerned about the development and fulfillment of the human personality under his supervision. The wisdom which is so desirable is bestowed by the Holy Spirit to those believers who are willing to receive it. The Holy Spirit reaches into the past and tells us about the purposes of God and the accomplishments of Christ while he was here on earth, and reaches into the future and tells us about things to come.

I Cor. 3:1-3 Some of the Christians in Corinth were in a state of spiritual infancy or arrested development. Like many in our churches today, they were milk-drinking infants unable to take the meat of the Word. Their lack of spiritual

growth was because they were carnal and not spiritual. When their flesh lusted against the Spirit, they permitted the former to gain control. Consequently, they remained spiritual babes.

International series

Healed and Forgiven

Luke 5:17-26 Upon his arrival at Capernaum, where he resided and retained his headquarters after his rejection by the residents of Nazareth, Christ entered a certain house where he always received welcome. As soon as it was reported that he had gone to this house crowds assembled there. Curiosity, concern, anxiety and antipathy prompted the crowds to assemble.

There was one man who could not come to the house where Christ was because he was a victim of palsy. Powerless to move, the man had to be carried by loved ones or kind friends wherever he went.

This paralytic was suffering from a still more terrible malady, of which his disease was the startling symbol—sin. His palsy had rendered him impotent, inactive and helpless. He was without strength to free himself from sin and to make himself acceptable to God.

With implicit confidence in the ability and willingness of Christ to cure their friend, four unnamed believers in Christ lovingly and carefully carried him on a pallet to the house where Christ was preaching. Their inventive and energetic faith was evidenced by their persistence in overcoming all obstacles, even to the opening of the roof in order to let the man down into the presence of the great physician.

Impressed with the faith of the four in Christ's power to heal their friend and because of the faith of the paralytic, our Lord bestowed upon the paralyzed sinner the priceless blessing of the forgiveness of his sins. When Christ uttered those life-giving words, "Man thy sins are forgiven thee," he spoke home to the deepest needs of that man and of every other person.

As soon as the scribes and Pharisees heard Christ's words of forgiveness, they began to reason within themselves and to accuse him of blasphemy. They did not express their hostility in words but Christ was able to read their thoughts, so he rebuked them. They were right in their contention that only God could forgive sins but they were wrong in assuming Christ was not God.



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on mission together

Cornbread

I had gone home early, several hours before the sun drops behind our neighbor's house across the street.

From the trunk of the car I pulled my walking boots and the one-piece work suit. I keep them there in case, out on the road somewhere, I find a place to walk in the woods.

When we moved to our new location in Louisville, I was not aware our subdivision was once a farm. I had heard cows one afternoon when we were first

looking at the house, but I didn't realize the old farm was still active.

I quickly crossed our short back yard into the field through which the sun blazes its dawn path.

Across the green field, earlier cut for winter feed, I moved quietly, hoping to surprize some wildlife.

In the distance, a ground hog froze, pretending I think, to be a fence post. He stood for the longest time before scurrying to one of the several doors to his home below.

I followed a fence row, separating the field from the gentle wood which gradually runs headlong into Interstate 71, an oblivion of perpetual traffic and noise.

It had seemed so quiet—the wind, the swishing of my legs through the tall grass, the crows. Suddenly all I could hear was the sound of whining tires and truck motors. I could no longer hear the sounds of silence.

Out of curiosity, I walked back up one hill, and over into another field to see if I could move back again into the si-

lence. But the sounds had become intermingled.

As I walked on eastward, toward the pasture where cows were grazing, I tried to block out the sounds of the road. The more I tried, the more I was aware of the sounds.

On that ridge I saw myself . . . on the one side, the silence-loving hermit, and on the other, a creature of the noise and hustle of a real world. Both were essential for me to be a minister in today's world. It is the tension in which most human beings live. Why should I be exempt?

It was not until later, having crossed more fields and several deer paths, I realized that I had again lost consciousness of the sounds of the road.

At some point, I had crossed back into the nurturing silence.

It was growing dark when I approached our house. The smell of cornbread spilled out onto the back porch. I was home. My spirit was refreshed and I love cornbread.

baptist news in brief

IRS revokes tax exemption of church

The Internal Revenue Service has for the first time revoked the tax-exempt status of a local church.

Following two examinations, the IRS concluded Second Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., did not qualify under the Internal Revenue Code as a charitable organization for the years 1983-1985, because it operated a racially segregated school during that period.

The church, an independent Baptist congregation, has challenged the IRS action in U. S. Tax Court, arguing that following a 1983 Supreme Court decision it operated the school in a racially

Architecture consultants available at conferences

Representatives from the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Architecture Department will be available during all 1989 summer Sunday school leadership conferences.

Three Sunday school leadership conferences and a small Sunday school leadership conference will be held at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center, three at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, and one at Green Lake (Wis.) Conference Center July 3-7.

Church leaders desiring individual conferences should bring with them floor plans of their present church buildings, according to Gwenn McCormick, Church Architecture Department director.

Also needed will be information on the present Sunday school organization, enrolment and attendance by age groups as well as drawings of the property, showing size and location of buildings and pictures of the property or building exterior.

In addition to consultation on building and remodeling, architectural consultants will be available to discuss space planning, furnishings financing, interior design and landscaping.

Each week, afternoon conferences will deal with providing space and property to meet worship, education, fellowship and recreation needs.

Bivoc ministers honored as "exemplary"

Pastors of churches in three states were honored as exemplary bivocational ministers during the Southern Baptist National Council of Bivocational Ministries.

The awards were presented by Dale Holloway, national consultant for bivocational ministries with the Home Mission Board, honoring bivocational ministers in open-country, urban and new mission congregations.

William M. Suttles, pastor for 38 years at Haralson Baptist Church in a rural area southwest of Atlanta, was honored as for his work in a town-and-country situation. Suttles is acting president and provost of Georgia State University, Atlanta. He has been a country bivocational preacher for more than 50 years.

Claud Slate, pastor of Rivercrest Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., 28 years, received a plaque as exemplary bivocational pastor in a metropolitan area. Slate, who supplements his income through direct sales, marketing and insurance commissions, was recognized for his leadership role in establishing and leading bivocational ministers' fellowships in Tarrant Baptist Association and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

nondiscriminatory manner, but even had it not the public benefit it provided to society should entitle it to tax exemption. The court has not yet set a date to hear the congregation's challenge.

The school in question was established in 1963 by a nonprofit corporation—Goldsboro Christian Schools Inc.—that was affiliated with the Goldsboro congregation and primarily supported by funds from church members.

From the school's inception, the school corporation adopted an admissions policy that barred black students. The policy stated a "religious belief that God set up racial barriers and that the mixing of races is contrary to the teaching of the Bible."

Because of the admissions policy, the IRS denied the school corporation tax-exempt status during 1969-1972. The corporation's legal challenge to the IRS ruling became part of a publicized 1983 Supreme Court decision. In that decision—which also involved the revocation of Bob Jones University's tax-exempt status over racially discriminatory policies—the high court upheld the IRS's position, ruling that a private school must maintain a nondiscriminatory policy in order to qualify as an

Future of missions hinges on cooperation

The future of Southern Baptists as a viable missions force hinges on their collective commitment to their Cooperative Program unified budget, the president of the Baptist Sunday School Board said.

Lloyd Elder noted support of the denomination's giving plan can be a testimony to the faith of Southern Baptists. "It can continue to be the story of a great missionary people, or it can be the story of the most disruptive time we may ever have had as Southern Baptists," he said in a December address at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Elder, who heads an institution that receives no Cooperative Program funds, said the unified budget has had "pheno-

menal success" as a funding method for Southern Baptists. He also noted how he had been helped personally by the Cooperative Program. He was 18 years old and 4000 miles away from home when he made a profession of faith in a Baptist church in Fairbanks, Alaska. The church partially was funded by the Home Mission Board, which received Cooperative Program money, he said.

After sensing the call to ministry, Elder noted he was trained at two Baptist colleges funded in part by the Cooperative Program. The 62 Southern Baptist colleges, universities and academies, he said, continue to "make an impact on the lives of a new generation."

Theological education is crucial to Southern Baptists' missionary strategy, he noted, explaining, "There is an understanding on the part of Southern Baptists that if we are going to reach this world with the superlative gospel of Jesus Christ, we need to have excellence in ministry."

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Texans dedicate new Baptist building

James H. Semple of Paris, Tex., was elected director of the Texas Baptist State Missions Commission and a new Baptist Building was dedicated when the Baptist General Convention of Texas executive board met for its quarterly meeting in Dallas Dec. 6.

Semple, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris since 1963, will succeed D. L. Lowrie, who has resigned to become executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. As commission director, he will oversee the work of the convention's evangelism missions, church services and Sunday school divi-

sions.

Semple is a graduate of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

In conjunction with the executive board meeting, a dedication service and open house was held at the new Baptist Building, less than two miles east of downtown Dallas. Construction of the \$10.9 million facility was funded entirely by proceeds of the sale of the previous Baptist Building in downtown Dallas, earnings on those funds and a designated trust fund. (BP)

Human rights statute stays, says federal judge

A federal judge has ruled Congress' attempt to force the District of Columbia government to amend its human rights statute is unconstitutional.

In October, Congress enacted legislation—known as the Armstrong amendment—requiring the D. C. City Council to allow religious schools to discriminate against homosexuals. Failure to do so would have resulted in the loss of all the district's \$3.2 billion in funding.

U. S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth held the law placed an unconstitutional burden on the council members' free speech. "Congress may at any time exercise its authority as the legislature, but that exercise of authority must be constitutional," wrote Lamberth.

The Armstrong amendment came in response to a decision that held the D. C. Human Rights Act required Georgetown University—a Jesuit institution—to provide facilities and services to gay student groups.

The legislation gave the district's government until Dec. 31 to adopt language making it legal for a religious educational institution to deny funding, services or facilities to "any person or persons that are organized for, or engaged in, promoting, encouraging or condoning any homosexual act, life-style, orientation or belief."

The judge noted his decision was based solely on the free-speech question.

"The court did not object to what Congress did but rather to how it did it," said Oliver S. Thomas, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs general counsel. "Congress is free to exempt religious organizations from the district's gay rights law, but it may not coerce the district government into taking such action." (BP)

Labor dispute settled at Korea hospital

Union and management negotiators have settled a labor dispute that threatened the future of a well-known Baptist hospital in South Korea, but financial problems loom as a major hurdle to overcome, missionaries said.

Dan Jones, a Southern Baptist missionary physician from Laurel, Miss., stepped in as interim administrator at Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan last summer after labor union elements forced out the hospital's two top administrators.

The hospital named a new administrator in September. He is Kim Sung Chin, a specialist in lung disease who left his job as medical director during the height of the labor dispute, at the same time hospital administrator Lee Koung Soo resigned.

Kim's attempts to listen to the concerns of employees and work with union members have led to a closer relationship between management and the union, Jones said. Other factors that helped calm the situation included the union's alarm at watching a nearby Catholic hospital close in a similar dispute and public pressure on union officials to quell disturbances leading up to the Olympic Games in Seoul.

Management is also trying to deal with the rising salaries characteristic of South Korea's burgeoning economy. Higher labor costs, plus the labor strife that caused the hospital's patient count to drop drastically, have hurt. (BP)

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.

“Devoted to Illumination; Consecrated to Enlightenment”

NAMES INDELIBLY WRITTEN INTO THE COLLEGE'S HISTORY

The founders of Cumberland College were inspired by a need for an educational institution and a vision of a bright shining city set on a hill "devoted to illumination, consecrated to enlightenment," with "boys and girls from humble homes filling its halls and coming forth from its shining portals, their faces radiant with the light of learning."

It would be impossible to pay too much tribute to those who have devoted their lives to building the foundation for Cumberland College. Their names are indelibly written into the College's history. From modest beginnings came a College recognized today far beyond the confines of Appalachia.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

The 1908 *The Eglantine*, the College's yearbook, reported:

"Is it any wonder that this our beloved Alma Mater, situated as it is in the heart of the mountains, has sent out to lives of usefulness and service such a band of noble young men and women who courageously fight for truth? Always ambitious, wherever found, they reach a high plane of excellence as teachers, preachers, missionaries, lawyers, doctors, farmers, and housekeepers. Inspired by the sacrificing lives of teachers and trustees who make this pillar of light, our Alma Mater, possible, their influence in the State is powerful and ennobling."

The students were also aware of the lasting and enduring good which was being accomplished even in those early years. They

knew that an investment in the lives of young people is a contribution that will live forever.

The June 18, 1908 edition of the *Western Recorder* reported: "the schools are slowly and surely elevating the mountain people from darkness to a brighter and more intelligent life."

Cumberland College, "A Vision or a Reality" stated the following.

"The founders visualized buildings adequate for instruction and administration. They envisioned exemplary and inspired teaching

by men and women of the highest scholarship and the highest ideals. They envisioned serving young men and women of limited means means. Thousands of men and women have come and gone on out to a more abundant life because they made that vision a reality."

People have been touched by the College and genuinely love this College. As Daniel Webster is reported to have said about Dartmouth: "It is, sir . . . [only] a small college, and yet there are those who love it [dearly]."

