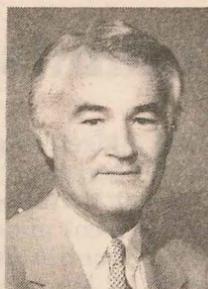




Bridges



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## Bridges, Hunsucker set for singles' meets

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Bowling Green pastor Richard Bridges and Shepherdsville staffer Wayne Hunsucker will be featured personalities during two single adult retreats.

Bridges, minister of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, will speak during the event Mar. 10-12 at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora.

Hunsucker, minister of education at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, will do the same Mar. 17-19, at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad.

Both events are sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry and Church Administration Department. Theme of both weekends is "Singles Improve Your Serve!"

Each event opens with check-in after 4 p.m. and supper at 6:30 p.m. local time Friday. Each concludes with lunch at noon Sunday. In between there will be general sessions, topical conferences, recreation, worship, entertainment, mealtime and refreshments.

Registration is \$15 per person and should be sent to: Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Box 418, Hardin, KY 42048, or Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Bagdad, KY 40003.

Accommodations for two nights, including meals, range between \$46-\$60 per person. Lower figures are for up to four persons per room in motels (some with bath on halls) while higher figures are in lodges with two, three or four persons per room. Preferences should be specified when mailing fees.

Those who wish to commute must advise assemblies in advance. There is a \$1 fee to commuters for insurance and facilities, plus meals.

## George W. Redding noted Bible scholar, succumbs at age 83

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

George Walker Redding, one of Kentucky Baptists' premier Bible teachers, died Jan. 29 at Community Hospital, Mayfield, after a brief illness.

Burial was Jan. 31 in the Redding family cemetery in Scott County.

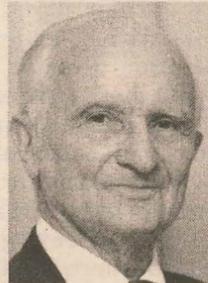
At the time of his death Redding, 83, was chairman of the department of religion at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield.

He had had in illustrious career as a Bible professor.

In the late 20s he taught Bible and history at Alderson Junior College in West Virginia. He later taught at the Nigerian Theological Seminary in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, during a sabbatical.

The Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary graduate was chairman of Georgetown's Bible department, 1943-73.

From 1974-82 he taught at the seminary's Boyce Bible School, Louisville.



Redding

A native of Corinth, Ky., Redding grew up at Owenton and attended Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute. He returned to Oneida to teach from 1982-84, leaving there to accept the Mid-Continent position.

Ordained a Baptist minister in 1925, Redding held pastorates in Frankfort, Prestonsburg and LaGrange. He earned a doctorate in 1938 from Southern.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Rogers Redding; a daughter, Lucy Pat Curl, Orlando, Fla.; two sons, Rogers Walker Redding, Denton, Tex., and David George Redding, Columbia, S. C.; a sister; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were held Jan. 30 at Mayfield's First Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted the following day by Richard L. Allison and W. Morgan Patterson at Georgetown College's John L. Hill Chapel.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of gifts or bequests to any of the four Kentucky institutions at which Redding taught.



Home Mission Board Mass Evangelism Department director Richard Harris of Atlanta, Ga. spent Jan. 24 in Middletown training Kentuckians for their roles in the "Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You" simultaneous revivals.

## Kentuckians launch efforts for 1990 spring crusades

by Gregory L. Hancock  
KBC Communications

The Home Mission Board believes Southern Baptists will reach 175,000 people for Christ and will organize 1000 new churches in 1990 under the banner "Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You."

Kentucky Baptists are gearing up to do their share.

A "Here's Hope" steering committee appointed earlier in the commonwealth has already held two meetings.

Richard Harris, the HMB's Mass Evangelism Department director, spent a day Jan. 24 at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown training 57 persons, including directors of missions, pastors and laymen in specifics of the national evangelistic emphasis.

"Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You" will consist of simultaneous revivals in the spring of 1990 in thousands of Southern Baptist churches. The eight-

day events are planned for the period Mar. 18 through Apr. 29 on dates each church selects.

Eugene I. Enlow, coordinator of the "Here's Hope" crusade in Kentucky, expressed hope that churches will confirm their 1990 revival dates by March of this year. In preparation, he said, churches are encouraged to conduct lay evangelism schools and schedule an equipping module called "Training Sunday School Workers in Evangelism" by September 1989.

Associations, meanwhile, are encouraged to conduct their own evangelism conferences, using these as launch events for a year of preparation for the 1990 revivals, said Enlow. Resource packets for churches and associations are available from the Home Mission Board, Enlow continued. Information on specific products may be obtained from directors of missions or by calling the HMB's evangelism section.

## Doctrine previews set in four locations over commonwealth with Roy Edgemon

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Four three-hour doctrine study previews are scheduled across the commonwealth during mid March by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training and Special Ministries Department, Middletown.

All are planned for morning hours, 9 a.m. to noon local time, and feature 1989 doctrine text author Roy Edgemon. Edgemon is director of the Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Theme of these events is the title of Edgemon's book, *The Doctrines Baptists Believe*. Not one doctrine but 10 doctrines are the focus for this preview. According to Douglas T. Strader, director of the Middletown department, "A serious study of them will strengthen, encourage and uplift Baptists, from the newest to the most experienced among us."

"Bible doctrine is not just important,"

Strader went on. "It should be the basis of all that we believe and do."

James G. Clontz, Strader's associate, identifies the 10 doctrines included in the preview study as: the Bible, God, man, Christ, atonement, salvation, priesthood, Christian life, the church and last things.

Edgemon, who has held his present position 11 years, was director of evangelism planning and consultation with the Home Mission Board for three years prior to his BSSB service. Earlier, he was a foreign missionary to Japan for eight years, and before that, a pastor for 15 years.

Reservations are not required for the doctrine study previews and the events are open to all interested persons. Dates and locations:

Mar. 13, Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville; Mar. 14, Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville; Mar. 15, Georgetown (Ky.) College; Mar. 16, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville.

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%(under)/over	-8.0	-5.3

Year	\$ Over/-Under Budget to Date	% Increase/-Decrease Over Prev Year
88-89	-376,741	1.6
87-88	-210,256	-2.2
86-87	266,183	9.2
85-86	-306,130	6.2
84-85	-184,027	10.4
83-84	-340,120	3.0
82-83	178,426	10.3

\*see "On Mission Together" column, page 10.

# sanford's perspectives

## Do we need a Religious Liberty Commission?



Jack D. Sanford

A donnybrook will erupt at the SBC Executive Committee meeting Feb. 20-22 in Nashville. That is the time when a proposal will be made to create a new agency for Southern Baptists called "The Religious Liberty Commission."

We need a new agency just now about as much as we need the pox. Funding for home and foreign missions is in trouble and if present figures are correct, a short fall of Cooperative Program funds will mean the budget of both these agencies will be cut. That certainly is not what Southern Baptists want, but do we want to create another agency when we have to cut back support for those agencies we already have?

There is no way to justify a new agency which will grow and demand more funds in the future. The Public Affairs Committee, the group pushing for agency status, has already drawn heavily on convention funds for meetings and publication of a newsletter. Think what demands will be made if and when the agency is created and sets up shop in Washington.

**We need have an agency which has represented Southern Baptists well for more than 50 years.** That agency is the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Of course this agency has drawn the ire of conservative leaders because they would not support government mandated prayer in public schools and because the BJCPA would not lobby against abortion legislation.

Many Southern Baptists think the BJCPA was correct in not supporting efforts to have government mandated praying in public schools. When have Baptists ever wanted any government body to write prayers and mandate they be repeated? This is not the Baptist way and never has been the Baptist way.

They grumble that the BJCPA will not lobby for antiabortion legislation is a smoke screen. Abortion concerns do not fall under the mandate of this agency. The Christian Life Commission is responsible for leading Baptists in dealing with abortion issues, not the BJCPA.

Another grumble is that the BJCPA is not responsive to the wishes of the Southern Baptist Convention. That means the BJCPA has not fallen down and trembled whenever a resolution has been passed which is patently against historic Baptist principles in the area of church-state relations. Only one time did the BJCPA defy a resolution from the SBC. Then they refused to lobby for government mandated prayer in public schools. A denial which many Southern Baptists think they should have made.

**Another argument against the BJCPA is that Southern Baptists should not support what they do not directly control.** That is like saying I will not tithe to my church because I do not believe the business meeting actions were right. Of course some Southern Baptists act this way, but that surely does not make it right. But when we look at the funding by Southern Baptists, often said to

be 90 percent of the BJCPA budget, we get another picture. We contributed 58.7 percent of the budget of the agency before we cut the allocation last year. If we continue our present allocation into the 1989-90 budget we will contribute 54.8 percent of the BJCPA budget. A long shot from 90 percent yet many believe this is not unreasonable since Southern Baptists constitute the largest group in the BJCPA.

When we look at money figures we must remember the BJCPA, with its legal expertise and its long experience and good reputation in Washington, saved the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC more than \$2 million a year by helping resolve a serious problem with overseas earned income. That alone is worth the effort to spare this agency further harassment.

If the truth were spoken clearly the drive to create a new agency to contend for religious liberty springs mainly from the animosity certain conservative leaders have toward James Dunn, executive director of the BJCPA. Of course the BJCPA has a different understanding of Baptist history and the struggle for church-state separation than some of our present leaders. Many Southern Baptists believe the BJCPA is where Baptists have always been and do not see the reason for creating a new agency and thus stripping Southern Baptist influence from the BJCPA.

**We do not need the Religious Liberty Commission.** We have an agency which has proved its value and worth to Southern Baptists through more than half a century of careful work to preserve our sacred heritage of a free church in a free state.

The SBC Executive Committee will meet Feb. 20-22 and four Kentuckians will be asked to help decide this delicate issue. The four Kentuckians on the Executive Committee are James Jones, president of the KBC and a pastor from Campbellsville; John Christian, a retired Kentucky Baptist pastor now living in Trenton; David Gray, a layman from Radcliff; and Dewey Keys, a pastor from Elizabethtown. Not a one of us would dare tell these brothers how to vote. They are responsible men who are answerable to God, just as are all the rest of us. What we must do is pray that those from Kentucky who serve on the Executive Committee will have a deep knowledge of Baptist history and will exercise a good conscience in voting what they know in their heart. We pray they will not be swayed by the political pressure so much a part of every Baptist gathering these days.

This is a crucial matter which can become another one of those explosive issues which further divides us. It would be better to work out what problems there may be with the leadership of the BJCPA rather than throw overboard an agency which has served with distinction for so many years and put in its place an agency for which there is no clearly defined, pressing need.

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## clear creek chronicle

### Maintenance ministry

My appreciation runs deep for men who are gifted with mechanical skills. Clear Creek has several of these who maintain buildings and equipment. I got to know them in those first days after the moving van left. They altered closets to provide more usable space. Plumbing was repaired and appliances installed. The longevity record for employees in our maintenance ministry is held by Melvin Money. His first Clear Creek paycheck came in June, 1950, as an employe in the church furniture factory. He eventually managed the factory which was the main source of student employment for many years. Melvin is now director of campus maintenance. His brother, Edgar, and Duke Fuson are part time assistants.

As a child Melvin played in the creek and on the campus hills. President L. C. Kelly would tell him, "Don't break those limbs off." He picked wild blackberries in the surrounding fields and sold them to the Kelly Hall kitchen. Melvin and his wife Edith are members of nearby Harmony Baptist Church. Two sons live in the Pineville area and proud grandparents will readily talk about their only grandson, Jarrod.

"I like working at Clear Creek. It's home. I've always been treated nice. The campus has really grown," Melvin acknowledges. During the past 38 years the campus has grown from Kelly Hall and surrounding student housing to a facility of 60 buildings. Imagine the unending maintenance tasks! John Holloway, director of campus operations, supervises Melvin's crew and six student employes. Other students are added to do summer painting and landscape work. A campus master plan is under way with the goal of making the campus more beautiful with landscaping and building improvements.

Campus operations requires one-fourth of our budget, an annual cost of \$449,000. Cooperative Program gifts from Kentucky Baptist churches and the support of many others enable us to maintain the campus and provide quality theological education.

# "If you can't beat 'em, use 'em"

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

For years the dilemma of what to do about Sunday evening worship services on Super Bowl Sunday has plagued church leaders.

Some planned a "Super Sunday" emphasis simply to combat the game. Others conducted worship as usual but saw little use in planning any special programs. Some simply decided to dismiss their evening services. "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," they thought.

Until recently.

At least two area churches tried a new approach to "Super Sunday" this year, especially since the Cincinnati Bengals were in the all-important game and a lot more people than usual were calling Jan. 22 "Super Sunday."

Leaders of Pikeville First Baptist, Pike Association, and Flatwoods First Baptist, Greenup Association, invited their congregations to watch the game and participate in Sunday evening services.

"We figured that many of our people would have a real disire to stay home and watch," said Flatwoods pastor Ken Holden. And he honestly admitted that he wanted to see the game himself.

"It's a case of 'if you can't beat 'em, not join 'em but 'use 'em,'" he said.

Both churches conducted activities in the fellowship hall and included food, fellowship, a brief halftime worship service and "a bunch of people."

In addition to pastor Glenn Mollette's message on fellowship, Pikeville's service featured testimony by former Eastern Kentucky University offensive lineman Tom Swartz.

## At least two area churches tried a new approach to "Super Sunday" this year

The youth were also involved in Pikeville's program. They helped provide refreshments and donations for the concessions went toward the youth team's summer mission trip.

Instead of subjecting themselves to the usual barrage of beer commercials, Flatwoods members produced "winning

words," short skits with a Christian message.

"During any major sporting event there are tons of commercials," Holden commented. "Some are distasteful, others are boring and a few are shown over and over. We are tired of beer commercials and folks who tell us 'you just can't live without this product.'"

So members produced their own versions of "and a word from our sponsor."

Each "commercial" was evaluated by four judges. Scoring was based on originality and creativity, message and presentation.

The "winning words breaks were positive, with real value that recognized the potential we all have to be winners in Jesus Christ," Holden said.

Small children and others not interested in the game weren't forgotten either. Flatwoods provided a family movie, "An American Tail," for them.

Neither church invited any divine intervention for the Bengals, but Mollette noted the evening provided a great opportunity for church fellowship and outreach.

"With Christ," Holden said, "we can all be winners and every day can be super."

## viewpoint

### Rope of sand

by Roy L. Honeycutt

Can you imagine anything weaker than a rope of sand?

Some years ago the Southern Baptist Convention produced a movie promoting the Cooperative Program. Producers gave that excellent film a strange but descriptive title—"A Rope of Sand."

The Cooperative Program is a *financial rope*. It's the way Southern Baptists fund missions, evangelism and education. Through gifts to our congregation June and I participate in global mission responsibility. Monthly, the Honeycutt family converts a portion of our lives into currency and through the Cooperative Program we go around the world on mission with Christ.

The cord binding our cooperative giving and witnessing into a world dedication is as frail as a *rope of sand*. Despite that frailty, it sustains a world mission commitment.

What holds this "rope of sand" together? One of the two strands creating this "rope of sand" is Southern Baptist commitment to missions, evangelism and education. We are mission-minded people. We always have been and by God's grace we always will be supporters of world missions. Individuals and congregations give money through the Cooperative Program because they believe in missions and ministries beyond their local congregations. Of every dollar given to SBC organizations, the Foreign and Home Mission boards receive 82 percent of those funds. Through the Cooperative Program and two special mission offerings we give 82 cents of every national dollar to world missions.

The second strand in this "rope of sand" consists of mutual trust and reciprocal confidence. Southern Baptists

have historically trusted one another. Congregations have had confidence in their institutions and their elected denominational leaders.

Where are we now? Will financial recessions in some state diminish Cooperative Program giving to a dangerously low level? Will a "rope of sand" survive present denominational tensions? Can a single strand of missions commitment without trust and mutual confidence preserve our "rope of sand?"

Some individuals and congregations are reacting to political redirection in the convention by reviewing their support of our mission support system: our "rope of sand." We hear of congregations studying reductions in Cooperative Program allocations. A few are proposing to abandon that method of funding. Other congregational leaders are treating the Cooperative Program with benevolent neglect. They are unwilling to support it enthusiastically. Yet, they cannot in good conscience abandon a mission support program with such demonstrated effectiveness.

Should we reduce our emphasis on the Cooperative Program what will be the direct effect? Ask yourself these questions:

**If 35,000 congregations follow our example how will this impact our world mission effort?** Often we assume what we do affects no one else. Nothing could be further from the truth, whatever the area of life. What you and I do influence other congregations and affects our total denominational ministry.

**Will the action of my congregation affect missions and educational commitments directly?** Budgetary reductions will penalize all convention ministries. For the first time since the Depression the Foreign Board has adopted a budget less than the previous year. Despite continuing inflationary factors and the need to expand ministries, most SBC organizations are projecting no growth in

budgets.

**Will specific individuals suffer because of the action of my congregation?** Salaries of missionaries and seminary professors will experience reduction by actual or inflationary dollars. Is it your intention by reducing Cooperative Program support to decrease the salaries of individual missionaries and professors?

**Without the Cooperative Program, will our congregation continue to be a partner in world missions and the preparation of Christian ministers for Southern Baptist churches?** Congregations will give up or diminish the opportunity to participate fully in Christ's mission to the world through Southern Baptist ministries. Some programs which a few congregations are beginning to fund instead of the Cooperative Program are worthy. Nonetheless, they are not denominational programs of missions, evangelism and education.

**Have we in our congregation earnestly sought God's will concerning how we collaborate with others through the Cooperative Program?** I can evaluate neither properly nor appropriately the actions of other persons. Nor would I appeal to a superficial discernment of God's will.

What can I do? I can reassess my response to current activities in the Southern Baptist Convention. Then I should ask myself a crucial question: Is my response governed by my own personal reaction or by a sense of God's will for me, my church and my denomination? This is a time of testing for this "rope of sand" that binds Southern Baptists into a cooperating world mission partnership. Will God find us faithful in supporting Southern Baptist Convention ministries? *May it be so, Lord.*

*Honeycutt has been president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, since 1982.*

# baptist news in brief

## Accrediting group halts troubled school decision

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has delayed until December its decision on continued accreditation of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Two accrediting agencies—the Southern Association and the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada—are investigating the Wake Forest, N. C., school following 16 months of controversy.

Conservative trustees changed the school's faculty-selection process during their October 1987 meeting, vesting

more responsibility with the president and trustees.

The initial Association of Theological Schools' report on Southeastern called the seminary "a very troubled campus and divided institution." It added, "The provisions and principles internal to an academic institution have been severely threatened and in some instances abrogated."

The report said Southeastern does not conform to some accreditation standards in matters of faculty selection, academic freedom, and organization and

administration. And while it did not cite violations regarding the effectiveness of the institution, it raised "serious questions" concerning that issue.

The Southern Association announced its intention to defer action on Southeastern until December in a letter to Southeastern president Lewis A. Drummond from James T. Rogers, executive director of the association's commission on colleges.

Rogers cited three reasons for the delay: the seminary's response to the association's fact-finding committee was not received until Dec. 10, the day the association's committee on criteria and reports met to review the situation; the seminary's response had not been reviewed by the entire board of trustees; and that response "contained a substantially different interpretation of the recent controversy at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary from that indicated by the special (fact-finding) committee." (BP)

## Interagency workgroup sets 1990 goal for a denominational church growth system

Almost two-thirds of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are plateaued or declining and many pastors are seeking ways to renew growth in those churches, according to the chairman of a new interagency workgroup addressing the problem.

To stress balanced biblical growth, a total growth plan will be introduced that includes contributions and strengths of all church programs, said D. G. McCoury, head of the workgroup and pastoral leadership consultant in the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The group includes representatives from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission

Board.

"With the Bold Mission Thrust Directions 2000 (evangelism/missions campaign) goals just before us, growth in all areas in the life of our churches is imperative if we are to accomplish our mission," he said. "Our workgroup is stressing biblical growth which includes evangelism, discipleship and missions."

"Historically, when denominations turn inward to spend excessive amounts of time and energy on internal concerns, numerical and financial growth take a downward turn."

The goal of the workgroup is to have a denominational church growth system in place with resources available and field services planned by 1990, he said. (BP)

## Home Mission Board leader asks black, bivocational increases to reach the goal

Southern Baptists are in the midst of a storm which could destroy their heritage and it is not the theological/political controversy, an official from the convention's Home Mission Board told students and faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 24.

Charles Chaney, special assistant to board president Larry Lewis, said Southern Baptists are "in a tropical depression of declining and plateaued churches that can seriously destroy what Southern Baptists have been."

Only 33 percent of Southern Baptist

churches are growing, Chaney said, adding 16 percent are in decline and just more than 50 percent are "barely holding their own."

Chaney pointed to several reasons for declining church growth, including poor methodology and the failure of the denomination to come to grips with its emerging pluralism, both culturally and socially.

In a dialog with students, Chaney said Southern Baptists have been fairly successful during the past few years in planting churches in lower- to middle-class white communities, adding more churches with indigenous leadership need to be established in predominantly black areas. He also said more bivocational church planters are needed to reach the goal of 50,000 Southern Baptist churches by the year 2000. (BP)

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## Rural church sends signal of concern for ministry via cable TV

Through television, a rural Southern Baptist church has sent its community a signal of concern for local ministry.

Using home video equipment, members of Frenchburg (Ky.) Baptist Church produce a variety of programming for their local cable system. The broadcasts have built a bridge into the community for evangelism and invigorated the church's sense of ministry, according to pastor John Ramsey.

After a year and a half on the cable system, Frenchburg Baptist Church has increased both baptisms and attendance. More importantly, Ramsey said, the church has better access to the community.

The church broadcasts Sunday services live, taking advantage of the opportunity to show the unchurched what goes on inside the church. Ramsey conducts baptisms and the Lord's Supper on live TV, carefully explaining the significance of each.

But this 200-member church has extended its television ministry beyond Sunday services. One layperson teaches a Sunday school class for the homebound. Another gives weekday news reports, including school lunch menus, weather and birthdays. The church airs profiles of local businesses and televises local sporting events, complete with folksy color commentary.

Ramsey believes the local religious programming has a credibility which national televangelists lack. Because the church is located in a rural area where most people know each other, non-church members easily identify with people seen on the local broadcasts, he said. (BP)

## Indiana tabs Abernathy as director of missions

James W. Abernathy, director of evangelism and stewardship for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana since 1980, has been elected the convention's director of missions.

Abernathy was elected through a poll of the Indiana Baptist executive board's executive committee, said Mark Coppenger, executive director-treasurer of the convention.

Abernathy, 63, was offered the leadership of the Indiana Sunday school/Church Training program when Redford was elected.

Coppenger, who also has assumed the evangelism/stewardship responsibilities in a move to reduce the size of the convention staff, said convention leaders will continue the search for a Sunday school/Church Training leader.

Prior to joining the Indiana convention, Abernathy was director of associational missions in Philadelphia, Pa. He also has been pastor of churches in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee.

Abernathy is a graduate of Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been president and vice president of the Indiana convention and has been a member of the Foreign Mission Board, committee on committees and resolutions committee. He also has been on the executive boards of the state Baptist conventions in Kentucky and Indiana.

He and his wife, Ellen, have three daughters and one son. (BP)

## Cumberland students exhibit original art

Six Cumberland (Ky.) College seniors are currently exhibiting 23 original artworks in the art gallery in the Andersen Building at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

The students and their home towns are Kelly Collier, London, Ky.; Alan Endicott, Memphis, Tenn.; Barbara Ann Hill, Corbin, Ky.; Lee Ann Jenkins, Clinton, Tenn.; Vicki Jody, Corbin, Ky.; and Teresa Reasor, Harlan, Ky.

# Painful CLC chapter ends; Baker satisfies questioning

After a 25-minute discussion, members of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission concluded "all outstanding differences between the commission and Larry Baker arising out of his service and resignation as executive director-treasurer."

During a called semiannual board meeting in Nashville, Jan. 30-31, commissioners agreed to accept payment of \$6,635.27 from Baker and signed a mutual release that prevents either party from taking legal action against the other.

About five of 23 commissioners present voted against the agreement. Although the action was taken on a voice vote, five trustees voted minutes earlier against ending discussion.

Baker was elected by a divided commission, accepting the call on a 16-13 vote in January 1987. In September 1987 he survived an effort to dismiss him on a 15-15 vote.

Baker resigned June 10, 1988, accepting a severance pay package of \$41,835.45 and title to a 1984 Oldsmobile automobile. He became pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, La.

The controversy continued after his leaving, as members of the six-person CLC executive committee met several times regarding Baker's performance as executive.

Part of the conflict was resolved in September 1988 when Baker returned \$2808 to the commission and requested they sign a one-way release protecting

him from any possible legal action.

In briefing the commissioners on the action convention attorney James P. Guenther said the \$2808 had been paid Baker when he left in June. "What the \$2808 represented was not exactly clear but memorandums listed it as being for 'services rendered,'" Guenther said.

The controversy continued following the September board meeting and concerned Baker's salary during his last year at the CLC. It apparently has been resolved by the signing of the release and Baker's provision of a money order for \$6635.27. In all Baker has returned \$9443 to the CLC.

## Resolution calls for opposition to racism

A seven-point resolution calling for opposition to racism "whenever and wherever it occurs" has been adopted without dissent by trustees of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The resolution, adopted during the commission's Jan. 30-31 semiannual meeting in Nashville, ends the CLC's "silence" on race, according to chairman Joe Atchison, a director of Baptist associational missions from Rogers, Ark.

Controversy arose after the commission's September 1988 annual meeting when commissioner Curtis W. Caine Sr., a medical doctor from Jackson, Miss., made an impromptu speech in which he called slain civil rights leader Martin

Baker said he had been told it was commission policy to automatically increase one grade step upon completion of six months' employment. He authorized his salary to increase from step one to step two.

He added he has explained his rationale for giving himself the salary increase but said the CLC's six-member executive committee has "refused to accept the explanation of the action and its appropriateness. Consequently they have continued to insist that I reimburse the commission for the purported overpayment."

Guenther told trustees that under the

mutual release, the "payment in no way should be interpreted as an admission of guilt, wrongdoing or the payment of a just debt." The release, he said, specifies that the "payment is made to resolve a controversy. . . ."

In a statement made available to Baptist Press, Baker said:

"During December 1988 I concluded that I would reimburse the commission for the purported overpayment and that I would enter into a mutual release with the CLC. I have taken these two actions as means of bringing to closure an extremely painful era in my life and ministry. . . ."

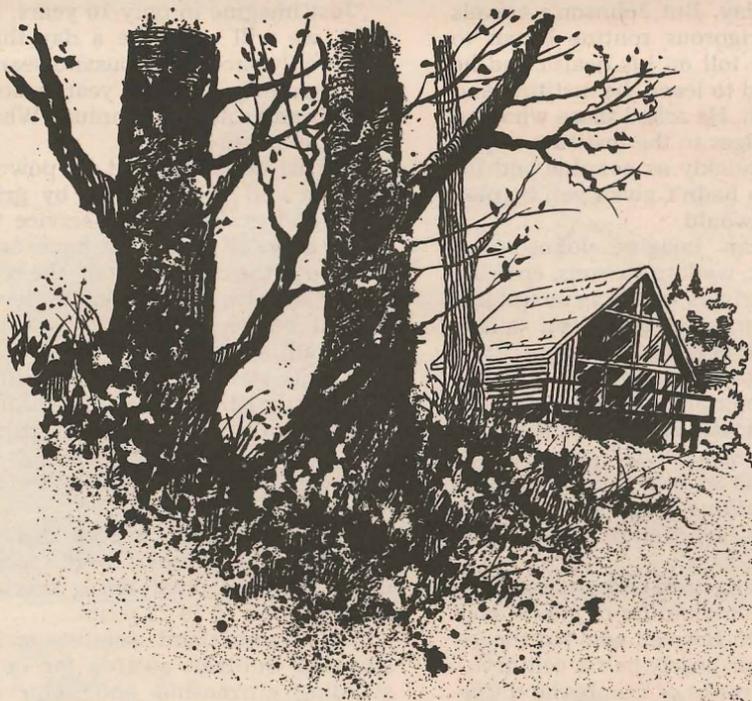
"In my view, I did not owe any money to the CLC. . . ."

The statement, which was given to Baptist Press by commissioner Richard Elkins, a land developer from Albuquerque, N. M., concluded:

"My family has lived through enough pain to last beyond a lifetime. The money is less important than the well being of my loved ones and my own peace of mind.

"It is time for me to invest my energies in my God-given ministry without the burden of an unrelenting assault by adversaries. God's gift of life is too short and spiritual energies too precious to squander them in conflict with these foes.

"In bringing this struggle to an end, I have said, 'No more!' to a tide of hostility that has tried to engulf and destroy me." (BP)



### RESERVATION REQUEST DATE

March 1, 1989

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Don Blaylock, Director, Student Work Department  
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# Cumberland College

## Taylor remembers the past, visions the future

by Beth Wyatt  
State Correspondent

Surrounded by students, faculty, administration and friends, Cumberland College president Jim Taylor delivered the convocation message on Jan. 13th commemorating the 100th birthday of the college.

Taylor believes 1989 will be an exciting year. He reminded students that we drink from wells that we did not dig, we are warmed by fires we did not kindle and we sit under the shade of trees we did not plant. Looking at the packed gymnasium with students sitting on the floor and people standing around the walls, he expressed his primary goal, the completion of a \$5.5 million convocation center.

"It was a cold morning Jan. 7, 1889 when the doors first opened. Today we are the beneficiary of the sacrifice and service of those who've gone before us. They planted trees under whose shade they never sat. They had promises to keep. Today we stand on holy ground and we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

"In Hebrews 12 verse one we are told, Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. So on this occasion of the celebration of our centennial, I'm pleased to assert that Cumberland College is a servant leader in the field of education and has been for 100 years.

"But looking back: in September of the year 1887, there gathered in a little weather-beaten country church in the mountains of eastern Kentucky a few men representing 18 churches. It was the annual meeting of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association in a region having only one or two small schools that offered as much as a high school education. Though these few men had only a meager common school education themselves, and some scarcely that, they nevertheless felt the responsibility of providing some means for the higher education of the children of the Kentucky mountains. They nonetheless solemnly passed a resolution, through the encouragement of Gen. Green Clay Smith, looking toward the founding of a college.

"The question is often asked in today's cynical world, 'Can one man change the world?'" Clearly the answer is 'yes' today even as it was when the college was getting under way. So often when God decides to do something great he uses just one person, be it an Abraham, a Moses, a Martha, a Mary, a Paul or a Timothy. One man can make the difference, all the difference in the world. Great movements always begin with just one person.

"The impetus for the college founding clearly came about largely as a result of Gen. Green Clay Smith. Green Clay Smith (1832-95) was a presidential candidate for the Prohibitionist Party in 1876, governor of the territory of Montana and a Civil War military general. In 1876 Smith

was nominated as the presidential candidate of the Prohibitionist Party. Shortly thereafter, Smith entered the Baptist ministry and left politics, pastoring First Baptist in Frankfort and later First Baptist in Somerset. As Gen. Smith was being laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, no one could possibly have known the impact this one single solitary life would have on the people in the hills and hollows of Appalachia and indeed throughout the nation and the world.

"Dr. Ancil Gatliff, a physician in Williamsburg, at the turn of the century, had traveled back into the hills and hollows of the mountains, had seen the poverty, had visited the sick children, the elderly, the infirmed, the lonely. He had seen the people trying to eke out a living on the rocky soil called home. He had tended to the needs of the helpless, birthing babies, tending to the sick and burying the dead. Gatliff no doubt dreamed of a school where these mountain youngsters could have a good diet, a clean and warm bed and a good educational opportunity.

**"Let us not be guided by power, position and prestige, but by grit, grace and gratitude..."**

"It was an extremely cold December day in 1887 when the Mt. Zion Association met in a called session with the Williamsburg Church. Prior to the church meeting Gen. Green Clay Smith held a meeting at the home of John Wesley Siler with Dr. Gatliff and others in attendance. Gen. Smith was in town to give a hand with the raising of a budget of money for the projected school. Gen. Smith urged upon Dr. Gatliff the importance of his beginning the subscription with \$1000. Considering his own circumstances and the state of the economy, the doctor remonstrated that he would be unable to do so. When the conference closed the visitor said, 'We are going to have that thousand.' Dr. Gatliff told Gen. Smith not to count on his making such a subscription. That evening when the association convened in the meeting house, Dr. Gatliff, when called on, made the requested pledge and sparked the raising of \$4500 there on the spot.

"As one looks back to the college's beginning, the odds against the venture, of course, were all but overwhelming. But by faith, hard work, sacrifice and struggle the vision became a reality and the college opened its doors Jan. 7, 1889.

"Men worked all night long to ensure the college was ready for occupancy. R. C. Medaris, who was there on the opening day, recalled: 'On Saturday before the school was to open the next Monday we worked till midnight and then we arose at midnight Sunday night and went to the

school building and began getting everything ready for the opening. About seven o'clock the good ladies brought us our breakfast and we ate heartily of it. When the 200 happy boys and girls were coming in at the front door, we were sweeping the rubbish out at the back. We were dirty and tired but we stayed on the grounds until about noon.'

"As Williamsburg Institute opened its doors for students that morning John Wesley Siler, one of the college's first trustees, was present. He was there sponsoring, encouraging and pushing forward four young men: A. J. Meadors, who became a college president; A. J. Parker, who became a minister; A. S. Petrey, who became a college president; and E. L. Stephens, who became an attorney; all of whom were in the first graduating class in 1893. Siler said, 'Go forward young men; this school will never die. We will pass on but the college itself will live.' Siler believed in servanthood.

"One of the first significant acts of the board, other than acquiring the charter, purchasing the land, adopting the name, building the first building and getting the endowment under way was the employment of William James Johnson (1864-94) as the institute's first president.

"Johnson's primary responsibility was to raise money for the college. That's still true of most college presidents today. But Johnson's travels and his rigorous routine began to take their toll on his health and he was forced to leave the institute and the church. He asked those who had made pledges to the institute to pay them as quickly as possible and for those who hadn't given yet, he pled that they would.

"One can imagine Johnson on horseback, wading streams, crossing turbulent rivers, climbing mountains in the rain, snow and sleet, raising money and begging for the institute. Johnson wanted to make life better for the mountain youngsters by providing educational opportunities. He lived his motto: 'Nothing can happen to a person so bad as to have done wrong, nothing so good as to have done right.' Johnson believed in servanthood.

"In looking back we must not overlook the contribution of giants such as Dr. J. M. Boswell who led the institution for nearly half a century.

"In the ranks of Cumberland College's alumni are found the names of many Kentucky mountain people who have become prominent doctors, judges, legislators, governors, generals, attorneys, a congressman, clergymen, missionaries, business leaders, teachers and other professionals including being good mothers and fathers and outstanding members of the community. The faith of the founding fathers is clearly vindicated as alumni have chosen to serve in rural communities, in the cities and elsewhere, laboring daily to build a better and stronger nation.

"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. Thousands of men and women have come and gone on to a more abundant life because they made that vision a reality.

"The path to greatness in the past, as in the future, is a commitment to Christian education. It has been through disappointments and difficulties that this institution has persevered. The college leaders have labored undauntedly through recession and depression, through wars and controversies and through revenue shortfalls. The history of Cumberland College is one of strength. While future generations will reap where they did not sow, it is equally true that we are beneficiaries today of all of those yesterdays. The past is but a prologue; the best is yet to be.

"Today Cumberland College, I truly believe, maintains its leadership position. The founding fathers envisioned young people from humble homes coming forth from its portals with their faces radiant with the light of learning. For 100 years the college has been true to its vision. Today with students from across the nation and around the world, with over 12,000 alumni scattered from one side of this earth to the other, the college is guided by an attitude of gratitude, an attitude of service.

"Just imagine in only 10 years, in 1999, we will celebrate a day that comes only once in a thousand years: the beginning of a new year, a new century and a new millennium. What does the future hold?

"Let us be guided not by power, position and prestige, but by grit, grace and gratitude and service to others as we all stand—the haves and have nots, the rich and poor, the red, yellow, black and white—on the level ground before the cross of Christ where all men are equal.

"Let us work for a higher calling than a mere title and a nobler calling than a mere profession as we turn our eyes upon Jesus and let the things of the world grow strangely dim in the light of his wonderful love."

Following Taylor's speech 23 faculty and staff members were recognized for their outstanding service ranging from 10 to 25 years.

Two Cumberland seniors were awarded Sullivan awards for outstanding citizenship and achievement to the college and the community. Cumberland College is the only private institution in Kentucky with permission to present the prestigious awards. LeeAnn Claypool, a music education major, received the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award and Harold Harper, a religion major, was given the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

After the convocation ceremonies students launched the new century by releasing 100 balloons in front of Gatliff Gymnasium. A reception/birthday party was held featuring a birthday cake in the shape of the new convocation center which is scheduled for completion late next fall.

# celebrates centennial

## A new century is dawning at Cumberland

A new century is dawning at Cumberland College.

Our centennial year has been filled with the sights and sounds of celebration. Groundbreaking was held for the new physical education and convocation center during the annual church relations advisory board meeting; the Bock memorial entrance and Andersen memorial buildings were dedicated; the centennial gala celebration was held in conjunction with homecoming 1988; Dr. Jim Taylor's book, *A Bright Shining*

*City Set on a Hill*, was published; and "Patchwork," an original play depicting the early years of the history of Cumberland College was staged.

With our centennial celebration behind us, we look to the future filled with promise and progress for Cumberland College. The new physical education and convocation center is scheduled to open next fall, fund raising efforts will soon begin on a new Appalachian crafts center and restaurant and dreams for a much-needed women's dormitory and a

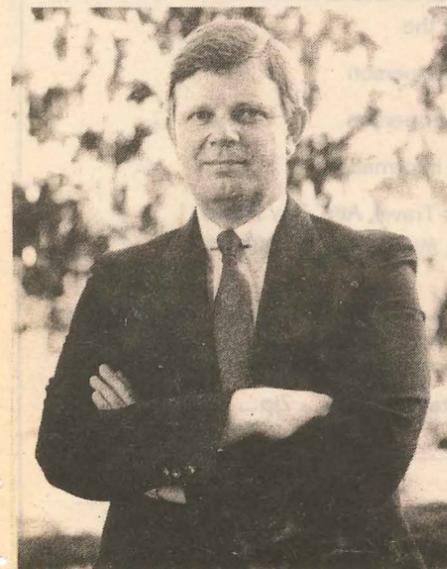
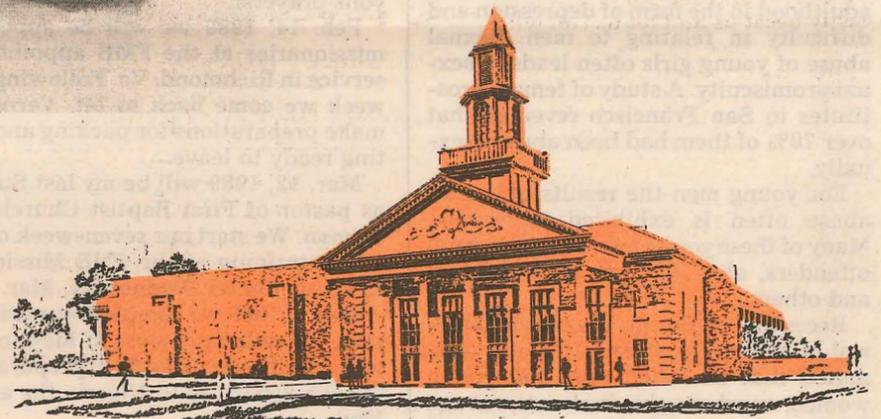
football stadium will seek reality.

Upgrading and additions of departments and majors, an active and growing faculty and staff, the creation of new programs and a continuing emphasis on our Christian foundation makes for a bright future for Cumberland academically, spiritually and socially.

Cumberland College currently enrolls more full time students than any other private college in Kentucky. From the one-building Williamsburg Institute of 1889 to our current expansion and

growing campus, the influence of Cumberland College and its 10,650 alumni is felt worldwide. Educators, missionaries, businessmen and women, public servants, doctors and a full range of other professionals have graduated from Cumberland.

As we enter our new century, the commitment to excellence will continue. We send our heartfelt appreciation for the 100 years of support Kentucky Baptists have shown to Cumberland College, "The college of the Kentucky mountains."



Clockwise: (l-r) Fund raising efforts are beginning for Cumberland's Appalachian crafts center on Interstate 75 near the college campus.

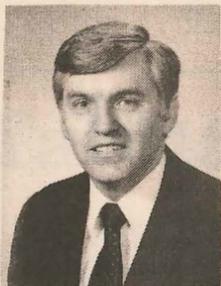
The new physical education and convocation center scheduled to open next fall.

Cumberland College's first gymnasium built in 1911.

President Jim Taylor.

Students release balloons at founders day.

# baptist forum



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## homes for children

### The betrayal of trust

What happens when a child is victimized by those they love and trust the most—their parents? That question haunts all of us who have responsibility for caring for abused children.

Though all abuse of children hurts, sexual abuse leaves the deepest psychological scars.

Young women internalize their hurt and shame and the problems surface in adulthood in the form of depression and difficulty in relating to men. Sexual abuse of young girls often leads to sexual promiscuity. A study of female prostitutes in San Francisco revealed that over 70% of them had been abused sexually.

For young men the results of sexual abuse often is exhibited externally. Many of these young men become sexual offenders, abusing their own children and others.

Recently Ted Bundy, the convicted serial killer, was executed. It is now estimated that he killed over 100 young women, murdering his first victim at age 13. I was shocked by the number until I heard an individual who works with sexual offenders say that the average number of victims of each sexual offender is 80. Though most do not kill their victims, the idea that each sexual offender victimizes 80 people is extremely frightening.

As I read the intake material on each of our children, I see so many times where the child has been sexually abused. I am becoming very concerned that we need to be doing more to help these young victims with this extremely sensitive issue.

One of the most important ways of helping a victim of sexual abuse recover is for the adult offender to give a heartfelt apology to the child. That often comes only after lengthy treatment.

The world of many children is a very ugly place. Unfortunately the abuse of one generation so often leads the child victim to abuse his or her own children. Your ministry for children is one means of breaking that cycle. As we work with these children and the parents involved, our goal is to help reshape lives for the future.

We provide the professional help these children and families so desperately need. We also share with them the knowledge of the greatest healer of all, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### RA camp changes lives

Kentucky Baptists are blessed to have such a terrific Royal Ambassador camp program. We should all be thankful for the program of witnessing and ministering to young men which is available at Rabro and Jonathan Creek.

Rob Carr has done an outstanding job as associate director of the state Brotherhood Department and Camp Rabro program director, administering and leading in this unique mission ministry. I have had the privilege of working as chaplain at Camp Rabro and have seen first hand the hard work and sacrifice that goes into presenting the gospel of Christ and the joys of Christian fellowship in the camp setting.

Let me encourage every church to do three things: (1) pray for the leaders and counselors at our RA camps; (2) support the Calvin Fields Memorial Scholarship; and (3) begin planning now to send a group of young men to RA camp this summer.

RA camp changes lives.

Lloyd W. Rodgers  
Louisville

### Kentuckians to the mission field

Yesterday we were presented to the Foreign Mission Board committee for approval as missionaries. We are happy we have been accepted and approved for missionary appointment.

The first thing Carrie and I want to ask is that you pray for us as we make this step into a new area of ministry after 28 years in the pastorate. We are very excited to say the least and do covet your prayers.

Feb. 14, 1989 we will be appointed missionaries at the FMB appointment service in Richmond, Va. Following that week we come back to Mt. Vernon to make preparations for packing and getting ready to leave.

Mar. 12, 1989 will be my last Sunday as pastor of First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. We start our seven-week orientation training at the FMB Missionary Training Center Wednesday, Mar. 15.

May 2, 1989 we complete our orientation. We will have most of May to visit with family and make final preparations for our departure to Nigeria the end of May.

Carrie and I have been compiling a mailing list of family, friends, churches, etc., to whom we want to send a newsletter about our ministry in Nigeria. It will be important to us to know we have many who are praying for us. We also want to keep our friends and churches informed as to the needs on the mission field.

Charles and Carrie Hedrick  
Mt. Vernon

### A different opinion on the KBC vote

Several letters have focused on the refusal of the Kentucky Baptist Convention to accept the report on Convention-wide Education by Jerry B. Hopkins. I was there and though I am not a spokesman for those who voted, I would like to offer a differing interpretation of the vote.

Annual reports should focus on convention supported programs and agencies. The education report included about 20 percent of the line count of the report in references to Mid-Continent and Mid-America. The convention vote was not a referendum on these institutions but was simply a recognition that, regardless of how worthy these institutions are, the conventionwide education report should focus on institutions sup-

ported by Cooperative Program funds.

Campus Crusade, Navigators and Focus on the Family may be good organizations, but they have no place in our home mission report. Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Roman Catholic Church do mission work, but it is not appropriate to include them in our foreign mission report.

Even though Mr. Hopkins had been advised that inclusions of non-Cooperative Program institutions in his report would be inappropriate and possibly divisive, he chose to keep the printed reports as presented. That was the only issue.

We were not voting on the worthiness of these institutions or whether western Kentucky needs to be affirmed or slighted. Frankly, I appreciate any effort that brings people to the Lord and helps equip disciples. Our conventionwide reports must focus on those agencies which have been officially recognized as conventionwide.

W. Robert DeFoor  
Harrodsburg

### Opportunity for mission service

Trinity Baptist Church, Baumholder, West Germany, was recently informed our present pastor would be leaving in June 1989. A pastor search committee has been formed and we are now in the process of seeking an individual who, in accordance with God's will, desires to be the spiritual leader of our congregation. The congregation is mainly people connected with the American military. Our church is affiliated with the Euro-

pean Baptist Convention (English language) and is founded on the principles and doctrines of the Southern Baptist Convention. If God is leading you to pastor in a mission setting, please contact Terry J. Stockman, OSJA BHR, APO NY 09043.

Terry J. Stockman  
West Germany

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

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Philippians 1:6

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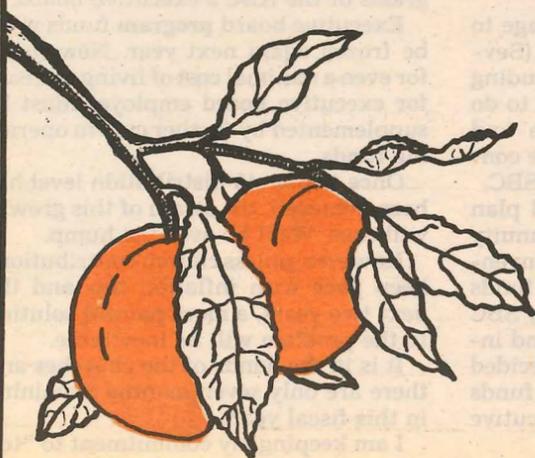
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## oneida journal

### Our beautiful Oneida

"If more people could see and know personally the wonderful work being done for the children and young people there, certainly they would give more support." So wrote a Louisville friend recently as she sent a generous donation to our work.

Yes, seeing and knowing, personally, what is going on at Oneida has always been vital to Oneida's needed and necessary financial support.

Dear reader, sister or brother in Christ, have you ever seen Oneida? If you have not, why don't you plan a trip here this spring, summer or fall? If you have been here before, has it been within the past six months? If not, you need to come again.

We have no one or two days of the year designated as "open house" days. Our welcome mat is out everyday. You are welcome to see us just as we are. If everything isn't in just perfect order, it probably isn't at your house either.

We always feed our guests. And we feel a little insulted when folks stop off along the way to eat before they get to us. Whatever God has blessed us with, you are welcome to share. If it is good enough for our boys and girls, we will assume it is good enough for you.

Yes, don't put it off any longer. Come and see. What better way to know missions? What better way to be informed and better able to share? And be able to do so enthusiastically. And yes, to see mission money, God's money at work and be able to feel good that at least a dollar's worth of good is being achieved

with the dollar spent. Most people leave Oneida convinced, after firsthand examination, that we get several dollars value for each dollar spent. In fact we do.

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To see Oneida is to see missions and mission money at work. In one location, you can see state, home and foreign missions going forward minute by minute. Hundreds of children are from Kentucky. But several hundred come from 25 differing states and 18 foreign nations.

Most people seem blessed to see and experience, even for a little while, the something special that is Oneida.

The mother of one of our black students with us nearly seven years and nearing graduation writes: "I hope that all the parents can send as much as each can. I truly wish I could work more to help. I suffer with arthritis, but work as much extra as I possibly can. Daryn is a very lucky young man to be a part of the marvelous experience of Oneida. Only God knows without Oneida what we would have done. I hope and know he will do his best. It is difficult for others to know how far he has come along. I remember you telling his dad how weak he was in very vital areas. I can be proud now of his writing, composition and math. Please accept this \$25 donation for our beautiful Oneida. God love you for your compassion for our children."

This dear black mother from New York has paid her son's way and helped with donations whenever she could. How she has blessed our hearts so many times. Her equally wonderful husband died 1½ years ago of a heart attack in his mid-50's, so things are pure of a struggle than ever. It has been pure joy to work with her son and watch him grow.

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 12, 1989

### Life and work series

#### Relating to unbelievers

**I Cor. 9:19-27** Motivated by a consuming desire to lead people to a saving knowledge of Christ, Paul was willing to undergo self-discipline to succeed. As long as basic Christian doctrines and moral conduct were not involved, Paul did not hesitate to alter his methods to introduce people to Christ and to get them to be submissive to his will.

Paul portrayed the athlete putting his body through the most rigid self-discipline in preparation for running a race and winning the prize. He pointed out that they participated in the race for corruptible prizes and were very careful to discipline themselves to be in the proper physical condition to run a successful race. How much more important it is for those who run for the incorruptible prize to discipline themselves if they expect to run well.

**I Cor. 10:30-33** Christians should test their contemplated actions by the influence which they will have upon others and by the amount of glory which they will bring to God. This we do through obedience to his expressed will.

In the complexity of activities—eating, drinking, working and playing—our chief aim should be to glorify God. We are admonished to recognize God in

all our plans, purposes and pursuits—his ownership of us, his authority over us, his love for us and his provision for our needs.

### International series

#### Expressing gratitude

**Luke 17:11-19** As Christ was about to enter an unnamed village he met 10 men, nine Jews and one Samaritan, all of whom were in the same sad plight. Their common misery banished all national prejudices from their minds and drew them together.

Stricken with leprosy, these 10 men were drawn together in a brotherhood of common misery, suffering the horrors and degradation of a malady which was but a living death.

They endured terrible suffering from their intensely polluting and horribly mutilating disease. Their only prospect was more suffering and an inevitable death.

Forbidden by law to approach others, they dared not come nearer than 150 feet to clean people if the wind were blowing from their direction.

Others could only attempt to alleviate the suffering of these lepers while the plague ran its death-working course.

Recognizing Christ when they saw him, and believing he could heal them, in sheer desperation they uttered the pitiable cry, "Jesus, master, have mercy on us." Their cry was to the right person, at the proper time and in the correct spirit. It was unanimous, respectful, humble, earnest, urgent and expectant. Their sad plea moved Christ, whose ear was always attentive to the cry of human need.

In response to their cry, Christ bade them to take the cure on trust and proceed to show themselves to the constituted authorities, as persons who had been cured of leprosy. Instantly they set out in the firm faith that they would be healed. Two things brought about their cure: faith in the word of Christ and obedience to the will of Christ.

Each had received a healthy body, restoration to society and readmission to the sanctuary. All of them got what they wanted but nine of them continued their journey without expressing any appreciation to Christ for healing them. One grateful recipient, the Samaritan, promptly came rushing back to Christ to express his gratitude. Christ not only made him physically whole, but also gave him the greatest spiritual blessing, which is eternal life.



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## on mission together

### A no-nonsense matter

The next two budget years—1989-90 and 1990-91—loom as the most difficult in our history.

Cooperative Program percentage growth has decreased from an average 10.5% (1978-82) to 5.3% (1983-87). That is a sharp drop.

Because of this trending, we have budgeted conservatively, anticipating a modest 4% growth in our 1988-89 budget. However, after five months (Sept. 1-Jan. 31) Cooperative Program giving from the churches has increased by only 1.6 percent. (Cost of living in 1988 increased by 4.4.)

If this trend continues the executive board may be forced to consider radical action to relieve the Kentucky Baptist ministries which have borne the brunt of the sacrifice to attain the desirable 40 percent portion to SBC causes.

Actions to be considered would include:

- Freeze or reduce the percentage to the Southern Baptist Convention. (Several state conventions, including Florida and Oklahoma, have had to do this.) This year, South Carolina and Kentucky lead the largest 12 state conventions in percentage increase to SBC.

- Revise earlier board-adopted plan to provide additional Church Annuity funds. (Five of the largest state conventions have voted to take those funds right off the top, shared equally by SBC and state convention programs and institutions. Kentucky Baptists decided earlier that almost all of the funds needed will come from KBC executive board program funds.)

- Freeze Cooperative Program allo-

cations to all agencies and institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at current levels.

- Reduce Cooperative Program funding to the five Christian education institutions.

- Radically reduce the staff and programs of the KBC's executive board.

Executive board program funds must be frozen again next year. New funds for even a minimal cost of living increase for executive board employees must be supplemented by further cuts in operating funds.

Once the 60-40 distribution level has been achieved, the strain of this growth will ease. We'll be over the hump.

However, unless church contributions keep pace with inflation this and the next two years, a more painful solution to the problem will be inevitable.

It is in the hands of the churches and there are only seven months remaining in this fiscal year.

I am keeping my commitment to "tell the truth and trust the people."

## Pharmacist gives eternal medicine in new churches

A pharmacist from Rome, Ga. has discovered that starting new churches is the best prescription for winning people to Christ in upstate New York.

As a pharmacist Allen Baldwin said he knew the prescriptions he gave people ultimately would not save them from death. But as a church planter, Baldwin dispenses eternal medicine.

Baldwin changed careers 10 years ago after his wife took him to West Rome Baptist Church where he became a believer in Jesus Christ. As a young pharmacist working in his hometown Baldwin had achieved his life's goals. He had a beautiful wife, a new house, a new car and a contract to buy the drugstore where he worked.

After becoming a Christian Baldwin discovered new goals that changed his life, he says. He sold the house, forfeited the option to buy the lucrative pharmacy and loaded the car to move his family to New York to start new churches as an unpaid volunteer.

That was nine churches ago.

Today the 37-year-old Southern Baptist home missionary is a church-starter strategist in New York's Frontier Baptist Association. He makes half the salary he did as a pharmacist but claims he is twice as happy.

"We live right on the edge," he explains. "Every day if God doesn't do something, we're going to fall. But that's a wonderful, exhilarating feeling. It's the best life in the world because you know it's real. You know people's lives are being changed eternally."

In 1988 Baldwin helped the association's 30 congregations begin seven mission churches. The association encompasses 1.6 million people and seven counties, from Niagara Falls on the north down through Buffalo to the Pennsylvania border on the south.

At one time last year, Baldwin was pastor of three of those new congregations. "I believe we could start a new work every week if we had the people to help," he says. "God has opened doors all around the association."

*"We've got a wide-open field for starting churches here. I feel like a kid in a candy store."*

"We have people calling to offer the use of their homes for Bible studies. My greatest heartache is having areas where we could start churches today and not having anyone to provide leadership.

"You could take a map and throw a dart and randomly hit a place in our association that needs a church. Right now we're just trying to target the most needful areas."

Ten years ago the Baldwins would not have believed such a place existed, he says. "We had never given any thought to the fact that there was a place different from Rome, Ga., where there is a church on every corner," he explains.

After serving as Mission Service Corps volunteers in Watertown, N. Y., Baldwin said, he and his wife gained a new perspective on home missions. He determined church planting was where he should put his life.

Baldwin later was appointed a church planter apprentice in Ticonderoga, N. Y., where he began his second church. He assumed the strategist position in Buffalo in 1987 as part of Frontier Association's emphasis on starting new churches and the Home Mission Board's emphasis on reaching America's cities.

In 1988, to commemorate Frontier's 30th anniversary, the association's 30 congregations determined to establish 30 mission churches by 1993. With seven started in 1988, 23 more are needed to reach the goal.

"We're not proposing something out-

landish," says Terry Robertson, associational director of missions. "We're simply proposing to do each year what we've done in 1988."

Robertson estimates 90 percent of the people who live in his association have no personal relationship with Jesus Christ. About 65 percent are totally unchurched, he says.

East Aurora, a Buffalo suburb where Baldwin recently started a Bible study, is typical of most communities where he works. "There are church buildings but not necessarily churches," he explains.

The Bible study meets at the home of Ron and Patty Graves. The Graveses, who have helped start Southern Baptist churches other places they have lived, approached the association about starting a congregation in their community.

"We need evangelical churches in East Aurora," Patty Graves says. "I don't have the statistics about how many people attend church. But I do know that when we go to church other people around us do not."

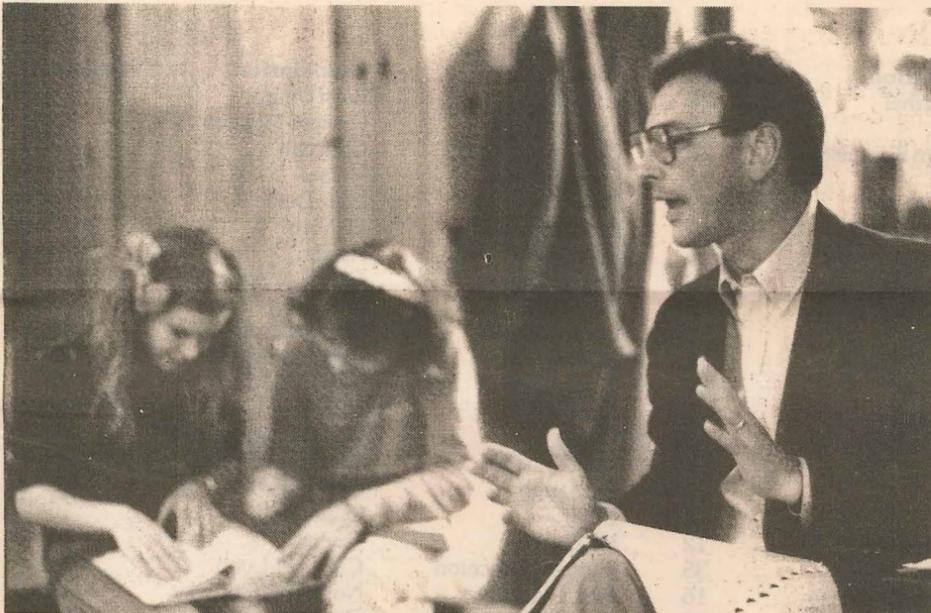
Baldwin enters a community like East Aurora, finds a home to begin a Bible study and then starts knocking on doors.

"If I don't do anything else right, I'm going to make sure every door gets knocked on," he says. "This is the purest form of what we're supposed to do. We're told to go and tell."

Through surveying the community Baldwin finds prospects and invites them to attend the new Bible study. Although gentle and soft-spoken by nature he believes God has given him a "holy meanness" to aggressively approach people with the gospel.

Baldwin usually leads the Bible study for the first few months until it gets established and other leaders are enlisted. As the Bible study grows, it becomes a mission and then constitutes as a church.

"My goal is for every community to have a Bible-believing, soul-winning church that's easy to get to," Baldwin says. "We've got a wide-open field for starting churches here. I feel like a kid in a candy store." (BP)



Allen Baldwin teaches a Thursday night Bible study which he hopes will grow into a new Southern Baptist church.

## 'When your world's shattered, what's left?'

The last thing Ron Thompson remembers is memorizing 1 John 5:11-12 with his wife while they drove to the tiny church in rural Arizona where he was pastor.

When Thompson opened his eyes, paramedics were hovering over him. He was lying on the grass. Cuts and abrasions scarred his body. The car was a crumpled mass of steel. It was 3:45 p.m., May 14, 1988 just outside Phoenix.

"What's happened? Where's my wife?" Thompson asked. A paramedic replied, "Someone else is taking care of her."

Today the words of 1 John 5:12 mark Darla Thompson's tombstone: "He that hath the Son hath life."

Sometimes when Thompson is concentrating, studying for a test at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., where he is a student, flashes of Darla come into his mind. It's hard to think about anything else.

When the Thompsons were married in 1982, they committed themselves to God. They were living in Vernal, Utah, where Ron was a surveyor when "God retouched my life in January, 1984. He called me to the ministry," Thompson

said.

When he told Darla she smiled and said, "I knew that a long time ago. I'm so glad he finally told you."

The Thompsons packed up, moved to Phoenix and enrolled at Grand Canyon College.

In June 1987 Burton Baptist Church, Show Low, Ariz., 175 miles from Phoenix, called Ron as pastor. On Saturdays the couple would load their car and drive to the church for the weekend. Usually Ron drove. But the day of the crash Ron needed to put the finishing touches on his sermons. He asked Darla to drive. He doesn't remember anything else except memorizing the scripture verse.

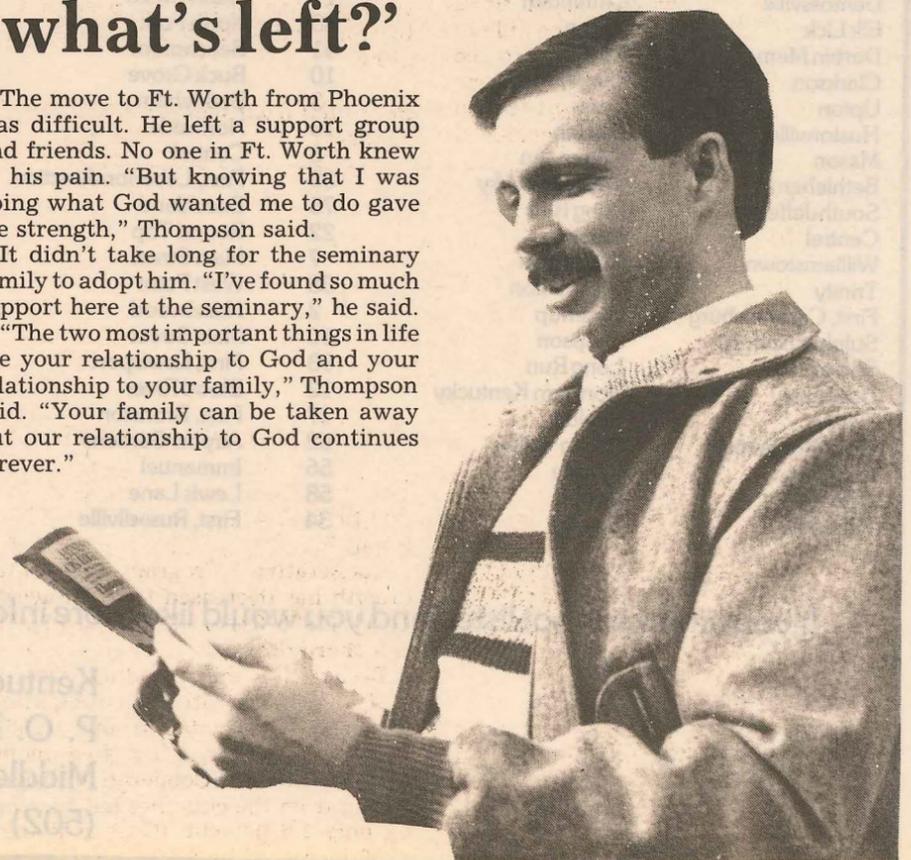
Thompson enrolled at Southwestern Seminary last August, just three months after the accident. "I didn't know what else to do but carry on," he said. "Besides Darla would want me to keep going."

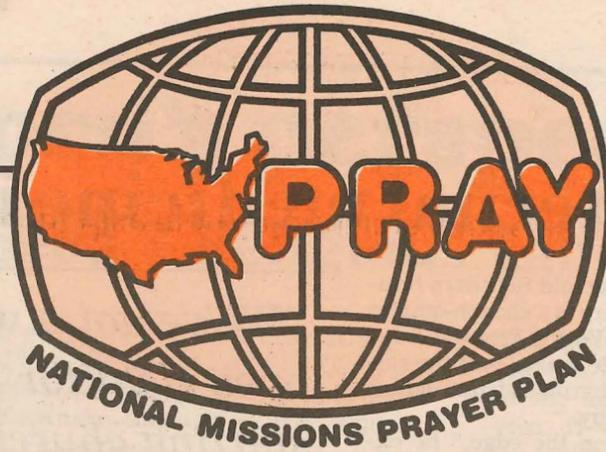
The decision to attend seminary was one Ron and Darla had made together. "I had been accepted and we'd made plans," Thompson said. "We were looking forward to the next step of faith in our pilgrimage."

The move to Ft. Worth from Phoenix was difficult. He left a support group and friends. No one in Ft. Worth knew of his pain. "But knowing that I was doing what God wanted me to do gave me strength," Thompson said.

It didn't take long for the seminary family to adopt him. "I've found so much support here at the seminary," he said.

"The two most important things in life are your relationship to God and your relationship to your family," Thompson said. "Your family can be taken away but our relationship to God continues forever."





Begun in 1987, the National Missions Prayer Plan is a plan to lead people to reaffirm or make new commitments to develop the habit of daily praying for missions. This three year plan supports the Bold Mission Thrust goal: every church with continuing intercessory prayer activities.

A nationwide network of prayer for missions, the plan is an avenue through which all Southern Baptists can help to strengthen missions. It is for individuals—every person in the church, not just WMU and Brotherhood members—children and teenagers as well as adults. To participate, individuals are asked to make a commitment to pray daily for missions by signing a commitment card and checking each day that they pray for missions.

The following Kentucky Baptist churches have made this commitment:

Church	Association	Pray-ers	Church	Association	Pray-ers	Church	Association	Pray-ers
First, Shelbyville	Shelby	73	Liberty	Little Bethel	20	First ?	West Union	11
Graham	Muhlenberg	11	Kettle Island	Bethel	13	Calhoun	Daviess-McLean	28
Oakland	Ten Mile	13	East Dayton	Northern Kentucky	20	First, Hopkinsville	Christian	98
Central	Elkhorn	18	Riverside	Bell	30	Franklinton	Henry	3
Liberty	Graves	20	Richland	Gaspar River	13	Slaughters	Little Bethel	8
Crabtree Avenue	Daviess-McLean	7	Farmington	Graves	7	New Hope	Elkhorn	20
Hill Grove	Salem	27	Melber	Graves	15	River View	Nelson	8
Greensburg	Russell Creek	10	Crescent Springs	Northern Kentucky	12	Beaver Dam	Ohio County	16
Sunshine	Upper Cumberland	30	Locust Grove	North Concord	3	Deer Park	Long Run	10
Parkway	Elkhorn	29	Lyndon	Long Run	75	Boones Creek	Boones Creek	86
First, Loyall	Upper Cumberland	22	Livermore	Daviess-McLean	37	Temple	Daviess-McLean	48
Pine Grove	Laurel River	52	First, Richmond	Tates Creek	21	Lucas Grove	Lynn	9
Seven Hills	Daviess-McLean	12	Garfield	Breckinridge	40	Knoxville	Crittenden	22
Yellow Creek	Daviess-McLean	40	Trinity	Northern Kentucky	45	Dione	Upper Cumberland	9
Second, Madisonville	Little Bethel	59	Georgetown	Elkhorn	58	Highland Hills	Northern Kentucky	38
East Rhudes Creek	Severns Valley	29	Middleburg	Casey	10	Burnaugh	Greenup	8
Palestine	Taylor	16	McVeigh	Pike	6	Unity	Crittenden	15
Hillcrest	Elkhorn	48	Ridgeview	Long Run	12	Mt. Gilboa	Taylor	4
Woodland	Long Run	6	McKinney	Pulaski	35	Second, Princeton	Caldwell-Lyon	34
Gum Lick	Crittenden	5	Wilmington	Northern Kentucky	16	First, Ludlow	Northern Kentucky	24
First, Olive Hill	Greenup	25	Mt. Pleasant	Elkhorn	26	Calvary Missionary	Green Valley	50
Blackjack	Simpson	21	Hempridge	Shelby	33	Melton	Sulphur Fork	24
Aflex Missionary	Pike	15	New Harmony	Muhlenberg	41	Florence	Northern Kentucky	98
First, Lawrenceburg	Anderson	25	Pleasant Hill	Taylor	54	First, Leitchfield	Grayson	114
Demossville	Crittenden	11	Hazel Creek	Muhlenberg	6	Antioch	Logan	8
Elk Lick	Logan	38	North Fork	Franklin	16	Blue Lick	Lincoln	6
Durbin Memorial	Elkhorn	41	Beechmont	Muhlenberg	32	Antioch	Sulphur Fork	6
Clarkson	Grayson	10	Buck Grove	Salem	60	Third, Owensboro	Daviess-McLean	70
Upton	Lynn	3	Bethlehem	Muhlenberg	63	Eaton Memorial	Daviess-McLean	25
Hustonville	Lincoln	16	Northside	North Concord	10	Sedalia	West Kentucky	35
Mason	Crittenden	8	Central	Mt. Zion	30	Mt. Pisgah	Muhlenberg	42
Bethlehem	West Kentucky	32	First, Lebanon Junction	Nelson	36	Highland	Shelby	14
South Jefferson	Long Run	75	Beechland	Long Run	30	Waddy	Shelby	34
Central	Bracken	22	Round Top	Severns Valley	7	Charleston	Little Bethel	22
Williamstown	Crittenden	7	Main Street	Mt. Zion	70	Salem	Shelby	17
Trinity	West Union	38	West Point	Blackford	3	Lowell Avenue	Taylor	18
First, Cannonsburg	Greenup	2	Hazelwood	Long Run	55	Pleasant Valley	Liberty	9
Sulphur Springs	Simpson	50	Main Street	Northern Kentucky	23	Cedar Bluff	Warren	12
Shively	Long Run	93	First, Lewisport	Blackford	9	First, Eddyville	Caldwell-Lyon	2
Decoursey	Northern Kentucky	12	Blood River	Blood River	8	Mt. Carmel	Ohio	10
Dover	Shelby	17	First, Bronston	Pulaski	10	Brooksville	Union	20
First, Morganfield	Green Valley	62	Airport Gardens	Three Forks	18	Trinity	Crittenden	35
Park City	Liberty	56	Immanuel	West Union	102	Second, Providence	Little Bethel	25
Calvary	Bethel	58	Lewis Lane	Daviess-McLean	22	Donaldson	Caldwell-Lyon	13
Finchville	Shelby	34	First, Russellville	Bethel	75	Clay Village	Shelby	31

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