

Discipleship Training is new Sunday evening program name

The No. 1 task of Southern Baptists' Church Training program is involving people in discipleship training, according to the director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department.

Roy Edgemon said changing the name of the program, the department and the monthly magazine to Discipleship Training will better reflect "the biblical base for our program."

Sunday School Board trustees in February approved the changes, effective Oct. 1, 1989. Changing the name of the program from program of Church Training development to program of Discipleship Training development also was approved in February by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, as required by SBC bylaws, and by messengers to the 1989 SBC meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., June 13-15.

The new name, which Edgemon said already has gained wide acceptance

among churches, "has emerged naturally over a period of years."

"It more adequately reflects the task assignments of our program," he added.

Edgemon said the six tasks of Church Training are:

- Reaching people for discipleship training.
- Orienting new church members for responsible church membership.
- Equipping church members for discipleship and personal ministry.
- Teaching Christian theology and Baptist doctrine, Christian ethics, Christian history and church polity and organization.
- Training church leaders for ministry.
- Interpreting and undergirding the work of the church and the denomination.

Changing the name of the Church Training Department came in part as a response from a request at the 1986

Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, where a motion from the floor called for a name change, Edgemon said.

Discipleship Training "provides a fresh, biblical name without producing an abrupt change," he said. "The name will provide continuity, since training has been a part of our program for over 50 years."

The Church Training program began as a youth movement, Edgemon said. In 1895, Southern Baptists established an auxiliary agency of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, which originated in Chicago in 1891 as an independent agency serving churches in several Baptist conventions.

BYPU was for youth 17 and older. By 1905 a junior BYPU for youth under 17 was established.

In 1918 the SBC committed to the Sunday School Board full responsibility for developing BYPU work. By 1929 BYPU had evolved into a churchwide,

age-graded church membership training organization with full curriculum and periodical materials.

The name has changed twice since then, Edgemon said. In 1943 the program name was changed to Baptist Training Union to reflect the more diversified membership.

In 1972 the name again was changed to the program of Church Training development, more commonly referred to as Church Training, and the current task statements were applied, Edgemon said. The task assignments will not change under the new name.

State Church Training directors unanimously approved the name change when they met for a mid year meeting with the Church Training Department in May 1988.

Edgemon said he hopes the new name will "awaken many churches to the work of member training, new member training and leadership training." (BP)

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Youth evangelism state Baptists' best kept secret?

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Is it possible the state youth evangelism conference, growing phenomenally in attendance and decisions since its inception a few years ago, has become Kentucky Baptists' best kept secret?

Think of the denominational calendar

No paper next week

In keeping with a long-standing policy there will be no issue of Western Recorder published July 11. The next issue will be dated July 18. Western Recorder does not publish one week of July and one week of December each year, in compliance with postal regulations.

observed by Kentucky Baptists. What single event draws more than 2000 persons annually? The state convention meeting in November and the evangelistic conference in February approach 2000 participants most years. None goes beyond that, and most are much smaller. None, until now.

Would you believe double that? An estimated crowd of nearly 4000 Kentucky Baptist teenagers, their youth ministers, pastors and counselors participated in the state youth evangelism conference at Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center, Frankfort, June 23-24. After sitting still more than three hours on opening night they displayed decorum and were attentive as throngs from their midst responded to the invitation.

A total of 288 decisions was recorded during three invitation periods extended that weekend, according to Billy Compton, of Middletown. Compton, associate since February in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department, was directing his first state youth evangelism conference.

He noted that recorded decisions included 86 professions of faith, 68 who agreed to pray for and witness to a friend, 41 who indicated they were considering church related vocational choices, 55 who said they would help in "Here's Hope, Jesus Cares For You" revivals in 1990 and 38 who made some other decision such as rededication.

Home Mission Board youth evangelism consultant Dean Finley, of Atlanta, Ga., peaked his listeners' curiosity when he announced: "We have a crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention." Expecting something else, the audience was told: "That crisis is that we are not reaching our teenagers for Jesus Christ."

Finley, a former Baptist campus minister at Campbellsville (Ky.) College, noted that Kentucky Baptists baptized 9504 teenagers in 1972. Citing the "new generation" of teens, Finley observed that in 1987 Kentucky Baptists baptized only 3926 in this age group or 5578 fewer than they had 15 years before.

Finley continued to hold his audience at rapt attention by declaring one out of seven teenagers in Kentucky have "already put their name" on a Southern

Baptist Sunday school roll.

"We don't have to go look for an army (to share Jesus)," declared Finley. "The army already exists." He then chastised youth leaders and pastors, saying, "Some of our teenagers aren't getting up and marching, leaders, because they don't hear the call of their generals."

Finley continued with his statistical tally, citing Southern Baptists' baptism records in 1986. That year, the year of "Good News America, God Loves You" nationwide revivals, baptisms increased in every area except one—ages 12-17.

"I'm guessing there are 400 teenagers in this room who do not know Jesus," Finley continued. "We can rejoice over the 100 who came forward last night but our hearts should be broken over the others that have not come."

He then led the teens in a witness training exercise involving a partner

wherever they sat throughout the mammoth civic center hall.

Also on the youth evangelism conference program was Frederick D. Haynes III, pastor of Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Said Haynes: "Self image is simply self worth. Self worth is merely what you cost. Check out the price tag on the sleeve of your soul. I cost the same as you. The price tag reads J-E-S-U-S. I can't be treated like junk because I cost God too much."

He urged his listeners, "Sometimes you've got to tell the world 'no,'" and received generous applause. "No, I will not sacrifice my virtue or principles or whatever," Haynes added. "If you are a child of God, no matter what atmosphere you are in you are a child of God."

Haynes went on to suggest to the thousands of youth before him that when they left the conference, they should walk like Jesus and talk like Jesus "cause it's in your blood."

"Have you had that blood transfusion only God can give?" he inquired. "You don't have to leave here the same way you came in."

In addition to Finley and Haynes, other principal program participants included musician Kevin Landgrave, state BSU teams Son Share and Son Celebration and several musical groups. One which made profound impact on the audience was the Silent Touch Choir whose rendition in sign language of "God Bless the USA" brought the audience to its feet with standing ovation and thunderous applause.

Assisting Compton with program leadership were KBC Evangelism Department staffers William D. Jagers, director; French B. Harmon Jr., intern; and Eugene I. Enlow, "Here's Hope" coordinator. Other KBC leaders appearing included William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, and C. Benton Williams, director, Missions and Church Services Division.

The 1990 state evangelism conference is scheduled again at the 6800-seat Frankfort arena June 22-23.

In the interim, how many of those seats will Kentucky Baptists fill at their state convention meeting in that same hall next November? This could be Kentucky Baptists' next best kept secret.

Cobble motion referred

As reported in Western Recorder June 13, J. Howard Cobble, pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, introduced a change in Southern Baptist convention bylaws from the SBC convention floor in Las Vegas, Nev., Tuesday, June 13.

The amendment stipulated that spouses or other relatives of church employes be considered church or denominational employes. In so doing, they would fall under an SBC bylaw regulation stating that no more than two-thirds of any board or commission may be made up of church or denominational employes.

The motion was referred to the Executive Committee as Cobble expected. "What the Executive Committee chooses to do is what happens next," Cobble commented. "It is traditional that changes in bylaws and the constitution be referred to the Executive Committee for study," he explained.

Cobble expects to have an opportunity to present the motion to the Executive Committee in September.

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June 12, 1989

An open letter to Kentucky Baptists

Thanks to all of you for the hundreds of expressions of sympathy, accolades, love, affirmation and respect in the death of my husband. Even during this sad time, I have been humbled and overwhelmed by the cards, letters, notes, phone calls, telegrams and flowers that came from every section of the country from persons who knew him personally—through his writing, his preaching, as pastor, teacher, fellow pilgrim and friend—and many who had never met him but knew him through his writing and reputation.

Jack was a faithful proclaimer of the word and he loved to preach. He was also a prolific, natural writer. Putting words on paper came naturally and easily. He enjoyed teaching at Boyce because his students were so eager to learn. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother and grandfather. I was a greatly loved woman and he was a well loved man. We walked together for almost 44 years.

He was a self-assured, straight forward and sometimes blunt man (some thought this was arrogance) but he always respected the other person's right to disagree with him.

Serving as editor of Western Recorder was a challenge. As in everything in life, there were times he wondered why he was an editor but these feelings were soon set aside by a new challenge. He was grateful and thankful for having well-qualified coworkers: Jim Cox, Ray Hayes, Ann Tatum, Sandy Teague, Holly Oliver and the interns. He felt blessed by having a board of directors that was supportive and understanding. He had great respect for Bill Marshall and all of the KBC staff.

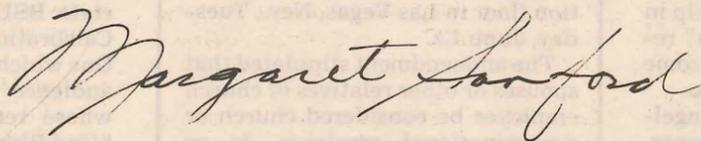
Jack was committed to the local church and felt the church was the instrument used by God to teach love, missions, evangelism and ministry. He had been a pastor 35 years but for the past five years, he enjoyed being a member and deacon of Walnut Street Baptist Church, where he had a pastor as a friend and counselor—Wayne Dehoney, Jon Stubblefield and Kenneth Chafin respectively. Each in his way blessed Jack's life.

This chapter closes with his death but at the Lord's will and time a new chapter will begin with a new editor to carry on and enlarge the work of Kentucky Baptists through Western Recorder.

Please keep remembering us in your prayers as we work through our grief.

Thanks again for all your expressions of love, caring and sympathy. They will be long remembered.

May God bless you all,



Margaret Sanford

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homes for children

Why has it changed?

That question was the start of a long conversation with one of Glen Dale's alumni at this year's homecoming. He remembered Glen Dale of 1932. When he left, there were over 200 children in care, there were huge gardens and the children all worked long hours each day on the farm to be able to supply the needs of the home.

He believed that the training he received in those days was the best possible and doubted that our children of today, who do not have to work as hard, are benefiting to the level that he and his colleagues of another era did. It is interesting how we glorify the past. We are able to remember the good times and forget the bad.

The world has changed a lot since 1932. Families have changed and the problems of youth have changed. Our society looks at child care much differently than it did during the depression era.

The children who need care today have needs beyond food and a place to sleep. Because of the breakdown of families today, many children have problems which require special attention.

In 1932 we would have had one house mother for 30 to 50 children; today our highest ratio is one house parent for 10 children and it usually is one to five.

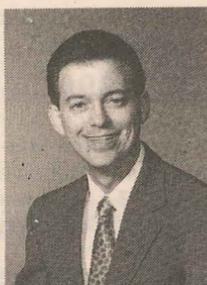
In 1932 the stated rule was that boys left the home at 16 and girls at 18. Many boys left at 14 and few if any finished high school in those days. Then with the abundance of farms a boy trained on a farm could find a job fairly easily.

Today our youth must be prepared for a very different world. Our older teenagers generally stay until they finish high school and this fall we will have 17 children going to college. We are trying to develop programs to help all of our children make a better transition to adulthood.

Each era must meet new challenges. The alumni with whom I talked remembered a Glen Dale that met his needs and prepared him well for life. Today Glen Dale and Spring Meadows are doing the same thing for the 120 children in care. Their preparation is different because life is different, but we have the same goals in mind.

personnel

Mike James is new minister of youth and education at First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. He goes from Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association.



James



Sholar

Stephen Sholar is new pastor of Big Spring Baptist Church, Elliston, Va. He goes there from Blackey Missionary Baptist Church, Pine Mountain Association. Sholar is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Tom Rush is new associate pastor/youth minister at Southside Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Ludlow Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, called **Tommy Mitchell** as pastor.

Stephen Willie, student at Clear Creek Baptist College, is summer music minister at Sand Run Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Wendell Romans resigned Boones Creek Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association. He goes to First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Association.

Douglas Miller resigned the pastorate of Cow Creek Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association. He will be available for supply and special occasions.

Jim Crum resigned as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association.

John David Laida, who retired from the pastorate of the 3600-member First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. after 28 years, is interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association. He was pastor of several Kentucky Baptist churches and was also on the board of Western Recorder, 1958-60. Last year he was honored as alumnus of the year by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1980-81.

Brian Rogers, High School Baptist Young Men's president of Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood, recently completed his educational unit award, one of five units toward the missions challenge service aid award. Each unit represents 150 hours of mission work through church and community activity. This completes the second level of work toward his goal. Rogers is the son of Keith Rogers, pastor of Loyall First Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Tony D. Stinnett resigned as pastor of LaCenter First Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Ernest A. Carpenter resigned as pastor of Oaklawn Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Buechel Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Robert Nash** as pastor. He goes from North Rolling Fork Baptist Church, South District Association.

Kevil Baptist Church, West Union Association, called **James Cason** as pastor.

David Daniels was ordained a deacon at Thixton Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association. David Alan Dills is pastor.

David Jones was licensed to the ministry by New Hope Baptist Church, Central Association, during homecoming celebration May 28. Isaac Ferguson is pastor.

Highland Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Lynn Arnold** as minister of preschool/children. She is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Dot Wright is minister of music at Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Jefferson Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Jon Rainbow** as interim pastor.

Tom Halsell is interim pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

David Byrd is interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Long Run Association.

Eubanks Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, called **Robert Jones** as pastor. He goes from Faith Baptist Church, Loretto, Tenn.

Mark Shelton resigned as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He goes to First Baptist Church, Liberty, Casey County Association.

Eddie Mosley is minister of education and youth at Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He goes from Auburndale Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

J. T. Rafferty is pastor of Sidney Baptist Church, Pike Association.

Mayflower Unity Baptist Church, Pike Association called interim pastor **Tim McClanahan** as pastor.

Ron Jones resigned as pastor of New Home Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

Gary Ellis resigned as pastor of Fleming Baptist Church, Pine Mountain Association.

Charles Stewart celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

C. W. Turner resigned as pastor of Calloway Baptist Church, Bell Association. **James Delano**, former pastor of Fonde Baptist Church, Bell Association, is new pastor of Calloway.

Charles Moore resigned as pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, Bell Association. He goes to Island Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association, as youth minister. **Grant Lee** is new pastor.

Huff Settlement Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, called **Robert Smith** as pastor.

Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Thermon Taylor** as interim pastor.

congregations

Trinity Baptist Church, West Union Association, observed its 55th anniversary June 11. Former pastor Bob Solomon of Sarasota, Fla. was guest speaker. A church wide luncheon was served.

Beechgrove Baptist Mission, Northern Kentucky Association, constituted a church Sunday, June 25 in a 2:30 p.m. service. Pastor is James Amburgey.

Bagdad Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, celebrated its centennial June 4. G. Allen West, former pastor, brought the message. Other participants included Guy Futral, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Walter Jackson, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Gene Milby, Shelby Association; and John Meadows, former pastor. Music was provided by the single adult ensemble from Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, and the youth instrumental group from Bagdad church. Dottie Anderson is minister of music and Mark Potts is pastor.

DeHaven Baptist Church and **Crestwood Baptist Church**, both of Sulphur Fork Association, are engaged in a Sunday school attendance contest through June and July. Points will be scored by average attendance, number of visitors and new persons enrolled. Both churches will participate in a Belle of Louisville excursion as a Sunday school fellowship. Pastor of Crestwood is Tom Kinman and pastor of DeHaven is Bill Day.

The personnel committee of **Salem Baptist Church**, Salem Association, held Staff Appreciation Day recently. Those honored were Lorie Wacaster, minister of music; David Elks, minister of youth; Donald R. Cole, pastor.

ordinations

First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, ordained **Donald Clark Measels**, minister of music, and **Nenette Leatherwood Measels**, minister of education, to the ministry June 4. Bill Daniel is pastor.

Summit Hills Baptist Church, Long Run Association, ordained **J. Todd Stout** to the ministry. He is minister of music and youth at Summit Hills and a recent MCM graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Charlie G. Bridges is pastor.

missions

Southern Baptist missionary **Gerald McNeely** seventh president of Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary, Spain, was recognized at a May 2 service dedicated to former chief executives of the seminary. Current president Jose Borrashung McNeely's picture along with those of other past presidents in the faculty lounge. The McNeelys will retire from active missionary service this year and plan to make their home in Louisville.

baptist news briefs



The Baptist Hospitals Foundation is very excited about our new monthly column. We look at it as one more way to effectively communicate the mission of Baptist Hospitals Foundation.

Founded in 1983, the Foundation's mission is to assist Baptist Hospitals Inc. in acquiring and managing philanthropic gifts. As we strive, with the help of Friends, to accomplish the mission we do so with the understanding that we are complementing the "healing, teaching and preaching" ministries of Jesus.

In order to give structure and organization to satisfying that mission, we have established five essential elements for a successful foundation. They are planned gifts (deferred gift) program, annual giving/direct mail program, memorial and honor gift program, major gift support programs and special support/special event program. In future columns we will attempt to explain each one of these elements and how they support Baptist Hospitals Inc. as it strives to provide the best Christian healthcare possible.

The foundation works with Louisville Baptist Hospitals; Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah; and Baptist Regional Medical Center, Corbin. Each hospital has needs unique to its service area that in some situations can only be met through the generosity of Friends.

We will be sharing with you in future columns what those needs are and how Friends have helped us meet some of those needs in the past.

Every day there are patients that require assistance with medical and financial needs. By becoming a Friend of the foundation you can directly help countless patients reclaim their self esteem and dignity by helping them get through this financial crisis. Donations to the Sunday School Charity Fund will ensure that services will be available to patients that are down on their luck, don't have adequate medical insurance, are without a job or have a disability that has drained them financially. The foundation can help many more patients if you will financially support the Sunday School Charity Fund by sending a check today. We believe that Jesus, the great physician, expects us to help our fellow man.

If you would like to know more about Baptist Hospitals Foundation and its daily activities you might want a free subscription to Foundation Update. It is a quarterly publication which lists in detail the needs and activities of the foundation as it supports BHI. It also has many tax related articles as well as money management tips.

Any questions or comments concerning this article, Baptist Hospitals, Inc. or Baptist Hospitals Foundation should be directed to Charles W. Cox Jr., vice president of Baptist Hospitals Foundation, BHI Corporate Complex, 4007 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207, (502) 896-5000.

Gaza Baptists endure constant war of nerves

Two Southern Baptist families evacuated from Gaza June 23 following the kidnapping of an American relief worker the day before.

Although the Save the Children worker was released unharmed June 23, the kidnapping prompted fears that other Americans might become targets in Gaza, where a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation has continued the past 18 months.

Americans remaining in Gaza are staying indoors and out of sight. A total of 11 Southern Baptist career workers and four volunteers, primarily involved in medical care, have continued to work during the uprising, despite schedules often disrupted by strikes, curfews and periodic outbreaks of violence. Earlier in the week, one Southern Baptist couple led a quiet class on marriage while armed troops passed by on patrol on the street outside.

The constant pressure and war of nerves, Southern Baptist workers say, have become increasingly difficult to bear. Often they must stay indoors for days because of erratic strikes called by Arab leaders or curfews imposed by Israeli forces. Food has been hard to obtain at times, and water and telephone service frequently have been interrupted. Most stores are open only from 8 a.m. until noon.

One Southern Baptist worker and her child barely missed being shot when they happened to walk into the midst of a pitched battle between rock-throwing protesters and troops who opened fire. The two took shelter in a neighbor's home until the fighting stopped. Other workers have narrowly escaped injury from bombs and rocks as they pass through Gaza in their cars. (BP)

Music, drama involve congregation in worship

A trend toward using music and drama together in a variety of worship formats in churches of all sizes is evident throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Ev Robertson, consultant in the Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department.

Robertson's assessment was supported by overflow attendance at a church music/drama class during Church Music Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, June 17-23.

Robertson advocated more forms of drama than once-a-year pageant production. He teaches how to visualize traditional music, including anthems and hymns, as well as how to use drama to introduce a music portion of the worship service. He encourages drama as a means to congregational involvement rather than spectator worship.

"Historically, Baptists have been in

the middle as a corporate worshiping body of believers. We have not worshiped liturgy," he observed. "We've sought to make our worship fresh and exciting. When you get into complete congregational involvement, it affects your worship philosophy."

Church Music Leadership Conference was sponsored by the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department. (BP)

SBC evangelism effort planned for SBC 1990

Louisiana Baptists and the Home Mission Board, are planning an intensive soul-winning emphasis in 13 Louisiana associations prior to the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans.

The 13 associations comprise the major population area of the state, including New Orleans and Baton Rouge, with more than 2.5 million people, said Charles Harvey, director of evangelism for the Louisiana convention.

The effort was planned in a March meeting at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by Home Mission Board personnel Bobby Sunderland and Howard Ramsey and Louisiana Baptist evangelism and Sunday school leaders.

Harvey said plans include enlisting 1500 certified witness teachers from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention by the Home Mission Board to work in 250 Louisiana churches prior to the 1990 annual meeting, scheduled June 12-14 in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

Harvey said, "Our schedule calls for the witness leaders to have an orientation meeting the evening of June 8 along with leaders of the participating churches. Saturday morning, June 9, we have scheduled a soul-winning workshop led by the witness teachers for Sunday school teachers and other leaders of the participating churches. Saturday afternoon and night will be times for witnessing in the communities where churches are located. Harvest Day is set for Sunday to give opportunity for those making decisions to unite with the local church."

The "One Day Soul-Winning Workshop" program is designed by Ramsey, director of personal evangelism at the Home Mission Board, said Harvey. Plans for the program are expected to be completed in September when "Project SBC '90" will be presented by the steering committee to representatives of all the associations. (BP)

Patterson's bid to buy European school fails

Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College of Dallas, Tex., has failed in his attempt to raise the necessary support for the purchase of an evangelical school complex in Heverlee, Belgium.

Robert Johnson, chairman of the Belgian board of trustees which owns the property, stated, "We have mutually

agreed with Dr. Patterson that all of our efforts to negotiate the sale to a successful conclusion are terminated." Johnson added, "I think both parties were very sad about the outcome."

He continued, "The rationale for the failure to complete the sale basically is that Dr. Patterson could not generate sufficient financial backing for the goal that he had set for himself."

Johnson stated that the Belgian board of trustees would have to "see what the Lord has for us as the next step. It's going to take some time to determine that. You know, after we had spent months working with Patterson towards what we hoped and thought would be a successful conclusion, when it breaks down like this, it takes some time to regroup, rethink and reevaluate where we should go—which is what we're in the process of doing now."

Kentucky colleges among Fountation honor roll

Eighteen Southern Baptist colleges and universities have been selected to appear on the 1989 Templeton Foundations honor roll for character building colleges.

The three senior Kentucky Baptist coeducational colleges—Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown—were included in the 18 recognized institutions.

The Southern Baptist educational institutions were among the 92 four-year accredited colleges and universities nationwide named to the annual honor roll of schools sponsored by John Marks Templeton and the Templeton Foundations.

The honor roll, selected annually by college presidents and development directors at more than 1400 colleges and universities, is a listing of schools "which best exemplify campuses that encourage the development of strong moral character among students."

An additional 14 Southern Baptist colleges and universities were among an additional 80 schools that did not make the honor roll but were listed as receiving honorable mention. (BP)

Louisville, other sites host marriage retreats

Marriage enrichment will be the focus of eight Fall Festival of Marriage conferences this year in six locations.

Places and candidates: New Orleans, La., Sept. 15-17; Louisville, Sept. 22-24; Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center, Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22; Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center, Oct. 13-15; Santa Barbara, Cal., Nov. 3-5; Osage Beach, Mo., Nov. 3-5.

The conferences are sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department, Nashville.

Weekends include general sessions for worship with music, dramatic theme interpretations and a keynote speaker. Four workshop times offer practical approaches to communication, intimacy, problem solving, money management and growing spirituality as a couple.

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Rely on God's justice

Psalm 73:1-3 After observing the righteous suffering and the wicked prospering, Asaph wrestled with the problem of how that could be in a world controlled by God. He raised the question, "What is the use of trying to live a godly life?"

Psalm 73:13-14 Asaph questioned the wisdom of living decently and obediently when the glittering rewards appeared to be going to the unprincipled and unscrupulous. He found himself on the verge of renouncing his faith in God and acknowledging that his efforts to please God had been in vain.

Psalm 73:16-17 Asaph's concern for others kept him from expressing his doubts in their presence lest he might undermine their faith and thereby do them an irreparable injury. Instead of expressing his thoughts to others and causing them to doubt the justice of God, Asaph went into the sanctuary and considered his problem in the presence of God. Upon learning that the rule of God was right and best, Asaph was deeply grieved that he had ever doubted the goodness of God or questioned his justice.

Psalm 73:21-28 Out of his meditation and worship there came to Asaph a real awareness that he had not shown any more wisdom than a beast that behaved instinctively. After he had readily confessed his ignorance and folly in questioning the love of God, Asaph came to a new realization of God's grace.

International series

Gideon: reluctant leader

Judges 6:11-16 God greeted Gideon as a "mighty man of valor," and assured him that "the Lord is with thee." To these surprising words Gideon made the significant reply, "If the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us?" It was as if Gideon had said, "I have been under the impression that victories and freedom and abounding joy are the evidences of his presence and help." Aware of his personal limitations, Gideon protested against assuming such tremendous responsibilities by saying, "Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel?" He honestly felt that he was not qualified for this great task.

Judges 6:25-29, 32 The Israelites called on God for help and at the same time refused to separate themselves from what they knew to be very displeasing to him. However, if they were to enjoy his favor, and to serve him acceptably and effectively, it was necessary that Baal worship be eradicated.

So that night God commanded Gideon to destroy the altar of Baal and to erect in its place an altar to Jehovah, and to offer a burnt sacrifice. Gideon did as he had been commanded. When the men of the city discovered what had been done to the altar of Baal, they immediately inquired who had destroyed it, meanwhile suspecting Gideon.

Due to having no issue July 11 Western Recorder is running this extra Sunday school lesson.

WMU postpones June China tours

Tours of Lottie Moon's China, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, have been postponed until resuming them is advisable, a national WMU official reported.

"The tours which have been postponed will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date," said Catherine Allen, WMU associate executive director. "We hope to be able to resume travel by August."

The two tours scheduled for June have

been postponed based on advice from officials with Cooperative Services International. CSI is a Southern Baptist organization that provides aid and personnel to countries where missionaries do not work.

Scheduling of the remaining 15 tours planned through 1990 will occur on a tour-by-tour basis, Miss Allen said, adding, WMU plans to be among the first tour groups to return to China.

"We're still signing people up to go to China," Miss Allen said. "We will continue to go as long as there is a constructive reason to do so." (BP)

kentucky baptist opportunities

Pendergraph meet set July 10-12 at J. Creek

The Pendergraph Conference including worship, teaching and special interest workshops is scheduled July 10-12 at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly near Aurora, Ky.

The three-day, two-night conference sponsored by the KBC Minister-Church Relations Department will feature Don Mathis, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Corbin, preacher; Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Bible teacher; and James McMurtrie, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, music leader.

Small group workshops include ministers' wives, led by Nancy Futral, Louisville; managing conflict in the church, led by Guy Futral, KBC Minister-Church Relations Department; planning for worship, led by McMurtrie; and ideas for church fellowship, led by Donna McMurtrie, Madisonville.

Cost is \$68 per couple, \$34 for individuals and \$26 for dorm rooms. Commuters should pay \$1 per person for insurance and use of facilities plus cost of meals, and should notify Jonathan Creek in advance.

Reservation forms may be obtained from the Minister-Church Relations Dept., and should be mailed with a \$15 per person deposit to Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Box 418, Hardin, KY 42048, phone (502) 354-8355.

Six summer assemblies will train SS workers

Six assemblies to train church leaders will be offered in late summer by the Kentucky Baptist Convention Sunday School Department. Conference material will be taken from the "How to Guide Series."

"Sunday School Overnight" is set Aug. 11-12 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near Bagdad. Locations and times for "Sunday School Drive-Ins" are Aug. 19, Laurel Lake Camp, Corbin; Aug. 26, Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly near Aurora and First Baptist Church, Ashland; Sept. 2, Cedarmore; Sept. 9, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville.

All assemblies include conferences for leadership in preschool, children, youth, adults and pastor/general officers. "Cedarmore Overnight" and "Jonathan Creek Drive-In" will feature specific conferences for single adult and outreach leaders. Homebound will also be a topic at Jonathan Creek. An assembly for small churches has been planned for

early September at Cedarmore.

Chip Miller, director of the state department, encourages churches to bring persons currently in leadership positions or those who will have leadership responsibilities in the near future. "We have found that those churches bringing a group benefit greatly through this shared experience," Miller commented.

For more information, contact the KBC Sunday School Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Nearly 500 Kentuckians to attend Acteen fest

A total of 464 Kentucky Acteens and their sponsors will join an estimated 16,000 participants at the National Acteens Convention in San Antonio, Tex. July 12-15.

The Kentucky group, representing 64 churches, will fly to San Antonio from Nashville, Lexington and Louisville July 11 and return July 16.

NAC is held once every five years for the Woman's Missionary Union-sponsored missions organization. Girls in grades seven through 12 may participate.

Five rallies during NAC will feature missionaries; interviews with national Acteens panelists; and concerts by performing artists such as Karla Worley, Scott Sontag and Chuck Maxwell. Another highlight will be a festival in La Vallita, a Spanish village adjacent to the convention center.

Bible studies will be held each morning and special issues conferences will be offered two afternoons. Participants will choose from topics such as friends, abuse, the occult, sexuality, making decisions, self image and suicide.

Hoptown 2nd hosts August drama event

The tentative schedule of conferences for a drama, puppetry and clowning festival has been set Aug. 4-5 at Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4 with conferences continuing that evening and Saturday, Aug. 5, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Conference leaders include Billie Dixon, clowning specialist, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville; Ev Robertson, drama specialist, Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Tom Smoot, associate, KBC Student Department, Middletown; and Jennifer Smoot, puppet specialist, Louisville. Son Share Players, under the direction of Tom Smoot, will also perform.

RECOGNITION OF KENTUCKY BAPTIST LEADERS

The KBC Obituaries Committee wishes to include in its 1989 report information on deceased persons who have served our Lord and Kentucky Baptists in a noteworthy manner. We are including persons who died during the convention year, September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989.

These persons may be Kentucky Baptist ministers, missionaries, educators, laypersons, institutional leaders and staff and others whose Christian service has had an impact beyond the local church.

We need your help to gather the following information:

1. Full name of deceased
2. Date of death
3. Active or retired status in last position held in city, state where located
4. Name of church where member, association, state
5. Service or ministry worthy of recognition (briefly stated)

Please forward this information as quickly as possible to:

**Ray Cooper, Chairperson
Committee on Obituaries
P. O. Box 158
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These obituary entries will be reported to the 1989 KBC annual meeting in Frankfort. You are an important part of our network to gather information on those servants who deserve to be remembered among Kentucky Baptists.

We are grateful to you.

Ray Cooper, Chairman, 1988-89 Committee on Obituaries

christian education



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Our private war

A Kentucky pastor and I were discussing the last decade of Southern Baptist Convention meetings. The controversy which has shaken the foundations of our beloved denomination was uppermost in our minds. We suggested it is a "preacher fight" we are embroiled in.

From our vantage points, we further agreed that the typical pew-sitter knows little about our struggle. Beyond that, he has little interest in it, doesn't want to become involved in it and wishes the whole thing would go away.

Visiting with Baptist laypeople in cities and hamlets, I find an almost universal detachment from the mire swirling about us. Some who once professed an opinion have long since ceased to care. Some who may have initially been convinced the seminaries were teaching views inconsistent with scripture are accustomed they were either mistaken or accommodating adjustments have been made. Some who believed the struggle was theologically and not politically motivated lost interest when they concluded the whole thing focused on man rather than God. Some bowed out when they saw little hope of returning to the way things "used to be." My suspicion is there is also a great host who never cared one way or the other.

In their blissful ignorance, many of these good laymen and women have gone right on supporting the Cooperative Program. They give liberally to Lottie Broadus, Annie Armstrong and Elizabeth Moodus. They pray for the lost at home and abroad. They encourage their church staffers. They faithfully fill leadership roles. They participate in worship. They visit the sick, witness to the down-and-out, give care to the needy. They offer themselves for volunteer missions. They pay their debts, uphold the laws, remain faithful to their spouses and models to their children. In summary, they seek to do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord.

Despite the limited success we've had in involving more and more laypeople in attending annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, statistics prove that pastors, church staffers and their families overwhelmingly predominate as messengers every year. While many disapprove of it, the conflict—in reality—involves a ministerial class that can't get along. For the sake of all, we had better hope and pray the folks back home remain firm in their resolve as if our private war did not exist.

To me, the real Southern Baptist Church is in our nearly 38,000 churches, not some far away turmoil fought in an exotic place. Without our local lighthouses radiating God's love, the SBC would undoubtedly be left, perhaps deservedly, in the dark.

clear creek



Terry



Mrs. Terry

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, welcomes six new faculty members to the fall semester staff.

J. Chester Badgett, PhD graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Old Testament history and archaeology, has been named distinguished professor of Old Testament. Badgett pastored Campbellsville Baptist Church 30 years, was president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and was president of the Foreign Mission Board. He completed three one-year terms as interim pastor of international churches in Hong Kong, Venezuela and Kenya.



Badgett

The D. M. Aldrige chair of missions and evangelism will be filled by John Mark Terry, missionary to the Philippines since 1975. Born in Arkansas, Terry received a PhD in missions from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He was professor and dean of extension education at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Davao City. Mrs. Barbara Terry joins the staff as assistant library director. She has a MLS degree from Texas Women's University.

Billy J. Pfoff comes as a teaching assistant for one year to complete a field requirement for a ThM degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. Pfoff earned a PhD in physiology from the University of Southern California. He is a native of London.

George and Barbara Sleeker will volunteer their time and experience to teach and tutor Clear Creek students. Both have MA degrees in school administration from Eastern Michigan University and have taught school about 30 years. They recently completed a volunteer assignment at Oneida Baptist Institute.

campbellsville college

Thirty-one students from Kentucky and surrounding states have been awarded excellence in action scholarships from Campbellsville College.

Top full tuition scholarship valued at \$16,760 over four years was given to Michael David Sharp of Louisville.

Two half tuition scholarships valued at \$8380 over four years went to Mary Beth Donovan of Olive Hill and Kellie Parthena Post of Brooks.

Twenty-eight \$750 scholarships valued at \$3000 over four years went to Lori Ann Bamer, Columbus, Oh.; Brian Keith Bishop, Shepherdsville; Robert Glen Blackford, Russellville; Melissa Kearn Bright, Greensburg; Regina Yvonne Campbell, Pineville; Virginia Leanne Childers, Irvine; Angela Edwards, Manchester; Joseph Darrol Wayne Foster, Campbellsville; Jason Greene, Farmersville, Oh.; Melissa Dawn Hadley, Shepherdsville; Rhonda Lynn Johnson, Campbellsville; Candy Lynne Jones, Kokomo, Ind.; Timothy Darren Kidd, Pine Knot; Samuel Wayne Lowe, Glasgow; Connie Jo McCloud, Waynesville, Oh.; Tamara Kaye Marsteller, Benton; Tina Marie Massengill, Denton; Jennifer Leigh Mishler, Dunntville; Tamara Ann Moynahan, Campbellsville; Lee Anne Noble, Columbus, Oh.; Anna Matilda Orange, Louisville; David Michael Perkins, Circleville, Oh.; Karen Alice Pierce, Greensburg; Catherine Sue Rhodes, Holt, Mich.; Laura Lynette Scobee, Guston; Dawn Marie Smith, Louisville; Michael Clay Stewart, Huff; Margaret Ann Whitehouse, Lebanon.

The excellence in action scholarship is given to Baptist students who are recent high school graduates and have demonstrated Christian commitment, service and leadership in their churches, schools and communities. The students' pastors nominated one senior for every 250 church membership. Recipients were chosen by a panel of pastors and laymen of Campbellsville College's church relations council.

cumberland college

Cumberland College will hold final registration for the second graduate summer term July 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in room 223 of the Gatliff building. Graduate students should check with their advisors before registering.

Students must complete registration according to the procedures available in the registrar's office. Financial arrangements should be made, either by mail or in person, before completing registration. Regular graduate students will

qualify for the graduate program's discounted tuition charge of \$97.50 per credit hour. The 12 graduate classes will meet July 10-Aug. 4, Monday-Friday.

For information contact Bob Schoonover, (606) 549-2200, ext. 4434.

southern seminary

Hugh T. McElrath, native of Murray, was recognized recently by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for 40 years on the Louisville school's faculty.

McElrath, V. V. Cooke professor of church music, holds degrees from Murray (Ky.) State University, Southern Seminary and University of Rochester (N. Y.) Eastman School of Music. In addition to teaching, he has been on staffs of five Southern Baptist churches. He was minister of music at Louisville's Beechwood Baptist Church, 1955-77.

Four other faculty and staff were honored for reaching milestone anniversaries in their seminary employment. They include Nancy Robinson, catalog librarian, 35 years; G. Willis Bennett, provost, 35 years; James W. Cox, Victor and Louche Lester professor of Christian preaching, 30 years; and Page H. Kelley, John R. Sampey professor of Old Testament interpretation, 30 years.

"Biblical Authority and the Practice of Ministry" is theme of a first annual pastor's school at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Aug. 7-11.

Program personalities include Carl Bates, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and senior professor of pastoral ministries at the seminary; D. L. Lowrie, executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Stan Grenz, professor of theology and ethics, North American Baptist Theological Seminary; Bob White, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah; Kenneth Chafin, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Southern Seminary provost G. Willis Bennett and professors Gerald Borchert, David Dockery, Gerald Keown and Bill Leonard will also address the conference.

For information contact the seminary's continuing education office at (502) 897-4315.

springfield baptist church

Springfield Baptist Church, North Concord Association, launched a new radio ministry with two broadcasts heard on WYWY, Barboursville. Pastor Ralph Duncan is director/speaker for the program.

"Bread from Bimble" Monday-Friday, 10:05-10:10 a.m., is sponsored by Flocoe Drug Store, Pineville. With a newscast format, this weekday program features a devotional message often associated with current events.

"Sunshine from Springfield," Saturdays 1:30-2 p.m., is an evangelistic outreach project of the Springfield congregation and features the Springfield Singers, a group of duets, trios, solos and quartets.

Duncan is former radio broadcast producer for Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville.

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Pirates GM serves the Lord in church and on field

by Lori Zonner

Larry Doughty serves the Lord at his church and on the baseball field.

As general manager and senior vice president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Doughty comes into contact with many players and has opportunities to witness.

While he is often on the road 200 days a year and usually works 16-hour days during the baseball season, he is active at Pittsburgh Baptist Church, where he is a substitute Sunday school teacher.

"There's an opportunity during practice sessions to visit and talk to players on the ball field and in the clubhouse,"

Church and home help parent/teen relations

by Terri Lackey

Parents who want to have a good relationship with their teenagers need to have a good relationship with their spouses, a conference leader at Summer Youth Celebration said.

"There is nothing better you can give your kids than a strong marriage," Terry McIlvain told adult leaders of youth at the June 3-9 conference sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department youth section. The SYC conference was held at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. "I don't care if you've been divorced and you are remarried, try to give your kids a strong marriage—not perfect, but strong," said McIlvain, associate pastor at North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church.

McIlvain said communication between parents and teens is another key to a strong relationship, and he noted the church should play a major role in building communication skills between youth and their parents. "An average Southern Baptist church pulls families apart," said McIlvain, "and the idea is for families to be together."

He said the church can accomplish family together time by scheduling parent meetings and teen meetings at the same time. "That way parents will know where their kids are, and they can go home at the same time."

McIlvain said another way to bring families together is by scheduling a retreat for parents and their teens where a "particular topic" significant to both parties is attacked. "It's the most delightful thing to see parents and their children on a retreat together, sleeping in the same quarters," he said. "It's also frightening because it's the first time the two have spent so much time together since the teen was in diapers."

Another way parents can build a relationship with their adolescent is to teach the Bible in the home, McIlvain said. "In America we take our teenager and give him to the youth minister and say, 'Do something with this child.'"

"Dropping him off at church ain't training your child—you have to actively get involved in their religion," he said.

Doughty said. "On several occasions, players have questioned me philosophically and so forth regarding a religion or a right standing with the Lord.

"I really think that in some cases I've seen careers saved for players because they were saved."

As general manager, a position he has held since November 1988, Doughty manages the major league team, works with the club's seven minor league teams and scouts for new recruits.

He has been involved with professional baseball since 1970, when he started as a scouting supervisor with the Cincinnati Reds. He first joined the Pirates in October 1987 as assistant to the general manager.

While Doughty shares Christ with others on the job, he said his greatest opportunity for witnessing is teaching Sunday school and having served as a deacon in several churches.

While being active in his church is important to Doughty, many times during the season he is on the road.

While traveling with the team or scouting for new players, Doughty attends church in the city closest to the game or baseball chapel.

"Baseball chapel takes place every Sunday in virtually every professional baseball park. The local area brings in people to perform chapel. The players usually are in uniform and have begun preparing for the game." About 40% of the major league players take part in this.

Doughty grew up in a Christian home in Bowling Green, Ky. "I knew for quite some time I loved the Lord and the Lord loved me." He was nine when he made a profession of faith.

Doughty said, while on the job, "I really rely heavily on the Holy Spirit to help me. I feel the Holy Spirit will enlighten me to the point I need to be enlightened at the time to carry on."

"A lot of times in the stresses of the day, whether it be negotiating with agents or whatever it might be, I dial God's phone number," he said. During a recent Baptist Men's breakfast at Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Doughty said that number is Jeremiah 3:33.

If you ever get in trouble with life, God's phone number is there and it's a working number."

Doughty is down to earth about his major league title, even though he is one of major league baseball's 26 general managers.

"After you get to know people, their interpretation of you and their perception of you is what you are to them," he said, adding this is not based on a public image or a title.

Doughty's pastor at Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Dan Crow, said Doughty proves that in a very select field, "People can be people."

"Our people see him who he really is," Crow said. "If they win the world series this year, he'd still be Larry Doughty."

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clear creek chronicle

High water

While Rebecca and I adjusted to 107 degree heat at the Las Vegas Southern Baptist Convention, Bell County got rain. "The rains came down and the floods came up" raising Clear Creek to the highest level long time employees have witnessed. The bridges to Kelly Hall were completely covered. The rampaging waters carried trees and large boulders which severed gas and telephone lines. Upstream the creek reclaimed its former natural routing and washed away a stretch of the abandoned railroad bed, a popular walking trail from Pineville.

A support post for the swinging bridge broke and the span now faces major repairs. It is a favorite spot for children including the Middlesboro grandchildren of faculty-staff members Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Farmer. Three-year-old Wesley reflected a deep loss when he saw the twisted bridge. Five-year-old Jennifer informed her grandparents: "If they don't fix the bouncing bridge they will be looking at the saddest girl in the world."

On the other side of the campus rapid mountain run-off inundated culverts near the Courts housing and flooded two apartments. May graduate Bill Helton added to his Clear Creek experience the memory of an apartment with five inches of water. "We got the mud washed out that night. It could have been much worse." Second year students Jim and Linda Short appreciated the small army of volunteers. "The campus family was so wonderful. So many came to help."

The Mary Terry family arrived on campus late Thursday evening while flood waters continued to cover the road to Kelly Hall. Blocked from the guest room, they slept on the floor of their vacant faculty residence. The previous day the storm downed two large oaks in the back yard, narrowly missing the home while Mrs. Terry's parents prepared for arrival of our newest faculty members. The storm was probably mild compared to typhoons the Terrys lived through in the Philippines.

While grateful the damages were not major, a budget already pared to a minimum must now include repair costs. We enjoy this beautiful valley and the normally quiet Clear Creek but beauty sometimes has its price.



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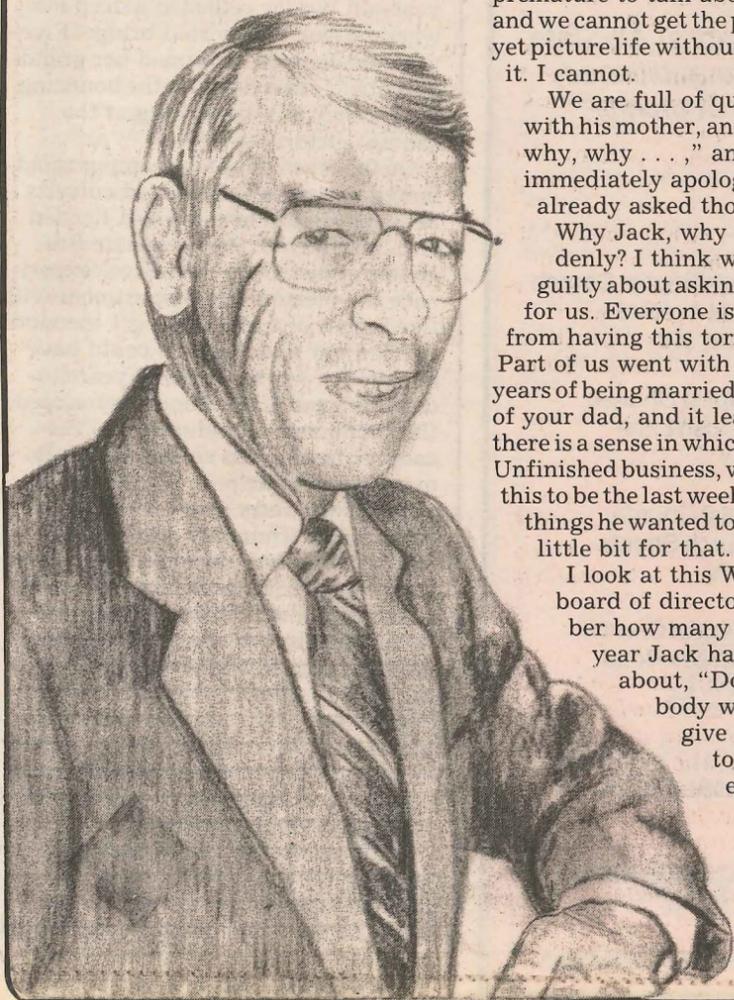
Walnut Street Baptist Church May 26, 1989

by Kenneth Chafin

We gather here this afternoon as family, as friends, as the Walnut Street Baptist Church and as that larger community of faith called Kentucky Baptists. We've come to mark the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Jack Sanford. Born Sept. 22, 1925 in Ohio and passed away May 24 here in Louisville. He is survived in his death by his wife of almost 44 years, Margaret Reeves Sanford, by two sons, Michael W. Sanford and Jack Stephen Sanford, by his dear mother, Emma Sanford, by a brother, Robert Edward Sanford and by eight grandchildren whom he loved very, very much.

On days like this there is no instinct that we have more natural than to turn to the word of God and to turn to God in prayer. From Psalm 23: *"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

And from the 14th chapter of John, just before the crucifixion when the disciples were distraught and full of anxiety: *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye will be also."*



And wither I go you know and the way you know." Thomas saith to him. "Lord, we do not know wither thou goest. How can we know the way?" And Jesus said unto him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:1-7).

I think more than anything else each of us gather here today needs during these moments to find a context for our grief, so that grief will have healing in it, and will free us to go on living. Our grief is just beginning. It will not end with the burial. It begins with the burial. Right now we are all in the state of shock. Jack's death came so suddenly that it does not even seem real. I sat here, Margaret, and I still cannot believe it is real. All of our minds are crowded with pictures of his life. A week ago Wednesday night at prayer meeting I pushed a button and got a reaction, and we had a little spontaneous discussion in prayer meeting on the giving habits of deacons. Margaret had been on a committee to select deacons, so she made a speech along with others. Then Jack got up and made a speech that was not exactly on the same side Margaret was on, and we kidded him about did he need a ride home. That is so fresh in my mind that when I go to church on Wednesday night, I will look for him over there.

Friday, he taught his class at Boyce, and those students, you know, their minds were full of what he was saying. Sunday morning he talked to one of you about his plans to go to one of his grandson's baccalaureate Sunday night and preach, which he did in northern Kentucky. Tuesday night he covered a rally as a reporter for Western Recorder. He got up Wednesday morning, had breakfast with Margaret and took time to pray for one of our church members who had had a heart attack. Now there is just so much of his life that is still so fresh in our minds that it is almost premature to talk about him as gone, and we cannot get the picture. I cannot yet picture life without Jack Sanford in it. I cannot.

We are full of questions. I stood with his mother, and she said, "Why, why, why . . ." and then almost immediately apologized, and I have already asked those questions.

Why Jack, why now, why so suddenly? I think we should not feel guilty about asking those questions for us. Everyone is feeling the pain from having this torn away from us. Part of us went with him. Forty-four years of being married, all of those years of your dad, and it leaves pain. I think there is a sense in which all of us grieve. Unfinished business, we didn't plan for this to be the last week of his life. The things he wanted to do, and I grieve a little bit for that.

I look at this Western Recorder board of directors, and I remember how many times in the past year Jack has talked to me about, "Do you know anybody who would like to give a million dollars to Western Recorder?" One of the things he wanted to do before he resigned that position was to get a little more financial

independence and stability for Western Recorder, and it hints to me of a fitting memorial for someone to make.

More than anything else though, he talked to me about looking forward to spending more time up close to his children and his grandchildren. He could draw on any napkin the floor plan of the house they had bought up there, that they were going to live in, and I grieve that he has not been given those days.

I grieve for myself, for unfinished business. Just last week he said, "Kenneth, let's find us a Saturday morning, and take our wives to get country ham someplace." The first thing I said to Margaret when I came to the house, "I'm sorry we didn't get together for a Saturday morning." And I think there are many of you who may have brought to this sanctuary notes that didn't get written, little differences that didn't get reconciled, maybe a thought that you had that you feel guilty about on this day. Let me urge you to leave them all right in this place. We worship a God of grace and forgiveness. But that is a part of our grief today.

I found myself grieving the loss of a Kentucky Baptist. This is not a good time to lose such a stable force for good in the life of a denomination. I think more than anything else, Jack's death, coming suddenly as it has, has heightened an awareness of our own mortality. In this church are a host of couples the age of Jack and Margaret. Every wife has looked at Margaret, and every husband has looked at Jack, and we have seen ourselves there. It has raised for us about our own lives and about planning too much in the future and taking for granted too much in the present.

All of our grief has its individual expression as individual as our personalities. Some will sit quietly and hurt and others will pour out tears with great ease. The terrible thing about grief is that it has its own time table. You can't control it. Margaret, a year from now when you think it's all over, you'll hear a bump at the door and think it's Jack, then wonder if you are losing your mind, and you won't be. But this is the place, this sanctuary where the people of God meet to worship, where the gospel is preached. This is the time to bring our pain and our loss into God's presence, to come openly with any feelings we have, not with feelings we ought to have, but the feelings we have, to come honestly, to come trusting his love and his concern for us.

I think it's also very appropriate that we focus our minds for a little while on the uniqueness of this man, his rather remarkable life and ministry. I think we honor God when we pause and celebrate what he's done through one of his servants, and Jack's life is a testimony of his grace. He was a man of very humble beginnings who probably when God first touched him did not dream of all the opportunities he would have, nor the mark he would make. And I felt last night, standing for awhile at the funeral home as the people came in, and just talked to each other and the family, that probably at the time of his death, Jack had no idea of the impact he had had in our Baptist community. It would take all of us spending a lot of time talking with each other and reminiscing to begin to capture the wholeness of the man, and then only God himself would

know everything.

Many of you saw the very public man who edited Western Recorder. He was read very carefully around this state and quoted very often. Some of those people only saw him in that way are going to miss him greatly. A few saw the private man who could take raw lumber and make a beautiful table, or who loved old pick up trucks. Many know him as a loving pastor and people here from churches whom he pastored, people who he baptized, people who he won to Christ, people who he comforted just in times like this. Some of you know him as professor. Not everyone knows that he has taught regularly at Boyce for a number of years. His last class was called "Christian Interpersonal Relationships." It was a class just made for his personality. His students stood with me last night, and I said, "What kind of a teacher was Jack?" They were a little offended that I called him Jack. They said he was open and honest and more than a professor. He was a friend. He would visit during the break, and after the class they didn't have to be talking about the class, they could be asking him about life. One student said, "He seemed to always have his hair down so you could talk to him."

Some of you will miss him as a fellow church member. I think it is a tribute to Jack and Margaret to churchmanship, that as an editor of a state paper and a significant person in the life of the denomination that the two of them won the hearts of this church as laypeople; Margaret in the choir, Jack and Margaret in Sunday School, Jack as a deacon, Jack on the pulpit committee. This is a respect earned. Before I became pastor I was in the class with them, and I watched him sit there when he was not in some other pulpit, he was in this church; faithful, unpretentious. If you had walked into that class with a stranger and said, "Pick out the one who is the writer," they probably wouldn't have picked Jack. He never pushed himself. I've sat with him at deacons meetings and watched how sensible, practical, and positive he has been as a deacon. He was on the pulpit committee that called me, and I watched how wise and patient and prayerful he was in that process. All of us see Jack as a family man, a loving husband, a caring father to Margaret and to the children. All of us here know him as preacher. Soon after I came I asked the staff, "Who are the preachers that the church likes to hear. If I'm going to be gone, who shall I call? The first name they gave me was Jack Sanford. They loved to hear him preach.

Always when I am preparing a funeral I try to pick scripture passage which for me captures the essence of the man or the person who I'm burying. Sometimes it's hard, but it was hard for me for Jack for a different reason. Too many passages wanted to be used. I thought of David's message at Abner's funeral when he said, *"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"* (2 Sam. 3:38). I think if this were for Kentucky Baptists that would be the verse, because truly, a great man has fallen among us. I could have chosen Jesus', *"Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God"* (Matt. 5:9), from the sermon on the mount, because I discovered from talking to you, whom

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by Paul J. Godsey

he pastored, and from watching him in his role as editor in Kentucky Baptist life that he was essentially a bridge builder, a peace maker.

I have always been fascinated with preacher's goodbye speeches. Two of the Bible's goodbye speeches sort of said to me, "Use me." Remember Moses' speech to Israel. It would be good for an editor: "I have set before you life and death, choose life" (Deut. 30:19). Or probably more appropriate to a pastor's heart, Paul's goodbye speech to the elders at Ephesus: "I have shown you all things." Or perhaps Paul's affirmation to the Corinthians: "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel" (I Cor. 9:16). The last editorial he wrote, as far as I know is the one that came out this week. It was a cry for the people of Kentucky to demand good preaching and to pray for good preaching and insist on good preaching. I let all those go by, and let me tell you the one I choose, Margaret. Because of the encouraging nature of Jack's life and ministry, I chose the verse which was first used to describe Barnabas, but which I think describes him, "He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith and much people was added unto the Lord" (Acts 11:24). But even as we prepare to go, we must set the pain that we are feeling and our thoughts of Jack and his significant ministry against the backdrop of his hope and ours. Jack's death is the freshest reminder we have of our mortality. Each of us must die, and his life needs to be a reminder of our hope tied to God's love and grace revealed in Jesus Christ who reveals God's eternal love, who acts out sacrifice for us, who offers forgiveness for our sins, who promises life that never ends. It's tied to God's power which he raised Jesus Christ up from the dead. This was Jack's confession, "Jesus is Lord." This was his life and this characterized his ministry. It is the hope by which he lived and the hope by which he died, and it is our only hope.

I think on this day all of us can identify with Martha who chided Jesus at the death of her brother, and heard from his lips these words of comfort. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord if thou hast been here my brother had not died." (Always when there is death we have "ifs": if he had called from the office, if this, if that). "I know that even now whatsoever thou would ask of God, God will give it to thee." And Jesus sayeth, "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day, but Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life, and he that believeth in me, though he were dead shall he live. And whosoever live and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:21-23).

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We have gathered here today as a mark of respect and love for one who has lived among us and had a special relationship to all of us in some way or the other. How do you really say goodbye to a good friend? I suppose you don't really say goodbye to a good friend because all that they have been to us will continue to be a part of us. The personality that they have shared with us, the friendship, the joy of life itself becomes a part of who we are and what we share with one another. And I think in a very definite Christian way, we have gathered here today as a celebration in the truest sense of that word, celebrate. That is, we express the kind of joy and peace that only genuine faith can bring into our lives and into our consciousness.

As some of you would know, my relationship with Jack Sanford goes across many, many years. We had a lot of good times together. We shared heartache and pain along the way as only good friends can. And so for me and for each of you, I'm quite sure, Jack had a special place in our hearts and in our lives. We can truly say that he was unique: he was an irreverent reverend. He was independent, blunt, firm in his opinions and bold with his convictions. You were aware when he was around. I cannot help but share with you what some of us were talking about yesterday as we were reliving some very special experiences. As you know, there were some terrible thunderstorms that raged all across the area the night when Jack had gone to be with the Lord. One dear friend turned to another and said, "Well, he must have gotten there, and he's already stirred up a ruckus!" To which another friend said, "Well, the ones who are stirring up a ruckus are those who wonder if he ought to let him in." You'd have to know him in an intimate way to appreciate that, and I'm sure he appreciates that.

You see, Jack had a way of enjoying shocking us, and he could do it in a masterful fashion. He was tough and he was tender. We who knew him well understood his sensitivity and his compassion that he often masked with some sort of bold and shocking statement to cover the sensitivity that was so deeply tender. Some of us have been privileged to know him in those intimate moments when we have wept together at the hurt and frustration and injustice of sharing with a family in a time, for instance, when a child may have passed on. We've known the anger that sometimes wells up in our hearts when we've tried to find words to comfort, when disease and tragedy have struck those that we love and attempt to serve as ministers. We know deep compassion. And Jack was indeed a model for me in my ministry in so many ways. He was a deeply caring person. He had a lot of talents and abilities—some of us knew about his writing and many of us appreciated his deep wisdom and insight far beyond many others. He had a profound sense of logic and understanding. We often turned to him with perplexing questions or issues and he never failed to help us. Whether it had to do with some complicated theological question, Jack was always there for us. He was a genuine friend whose friendship we never questioned.

There were many facets to this individual. He was at his best, and his

worse, when he confronted the pompous, or the sanctimonious, or the self-righteous. He didn't like that and they knew it fairly soon. He could puncture your ego real fast, and with masterful skill. It became a part of what we appreciated about him, his utter honesty and his integrity. He had tremendous power in his preaching. I could not help but reflect on the editorial in this past week's Western Recorder, that I had read not an hour before hearing about his passing, when he called us to reaffirm again the power of the proclaimed word. Whether as editor, author, statesman, minister, Jack was above all a preacher. And he was proud to be a preacher. He honored the profession and the calling. He had a sincere and loving heart; he could count among his friends folk of all walks of life, from the simplest laboring man whom he revered and respected as profoundly—perhaps even more—than he did those of high intellectual or academic achievement. Sadly, there are many who do not. Jack could prick our consciences, stir our hearts and challenge us to do more for our Lord and to be more of what we were capable of being. He was a teacher of truth. And indeed he valued all of us for what we were as well as for what we might become.

With his strength of character and personality, he conveyed to us something of the dignity that the called of God can come to appreciate. I thought of many passages after I had heard about his passing, and tried to find some way to share this with the folk where I pastor. Just before I went in to speak, Margaret called me on the phone and I said, "I'm going to preach a message in prayer service for Jack," and some of the things I had to say are some of the things that I've shared here with you today. I thought especially of so many of the strong passages of the writings of the apostle Paul. Sometimes we lose that power in translation. But I think the apostle was similar in many ways to Jack Sanford, or maybe Jack was similar to him. Because if you were able to read some of the original language of what he had to say, it was sometimes pretty strong and shocking. When the apostle wrote to Timothy, perhaps one of his last writings, and he was giving last minute advice to a young man in the ministry, he warned him about a lot of troubling times that he would encounter and the difficult and cantankerous people that would give him problems. He told him how to deal with them in no uncertain terms. In the midst of some of those rather strong imprecations against those who might be opposed to the gospel, he would come back to affirm again the centrality of what life is all about. I'd be so tempted to read far more than you might be patient to listen to, but let me just call to your attention a few words. He had talked about having differences of opinion with some others, and he said:

"Wherein I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds, but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying, if we be dead with him we shall also live with him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. We believe not, yet he abideth faithful, he cannot deny himself. So put them in remembrance

of these things, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words of no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

These words could well be a summary of the philosophy of brother Jack, along with many others that are also in that passage. And then finally he came to say:

"I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom, preach the word. Be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall heap up to themselves teachers having itching ears. They shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. Watch thou in all things, endure affliction, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry, for I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all those also that love his appearing."

There is a strong and virulent sound in these words. Here was a man of vigor, and he said, "Don't be intimidated by what you confront in life, give it the best you have!"

Maybe preachers are not supposed to talk about "give them a good fight!" but the apostle did. So have many others who have walked in his footsteps. Give it a good fight, but keep the faith. Jack did that. We're indebted to the strong and courageous life that he has shared with us. He gave it a good fight. He kept the faith. And we have every confidence that there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give him on that day. Not to him only, but to all who love his appearing.

What a joy it has been to be counted in his circle of friends; to have known him. And may God grant that we, in our individual lives, may be able to share with others in much the same way. I hope there are some folk that might be glad that they have known me when I pass on. What a tribute! I hope that there are a lot of folks who will have come to know about God, and about the reality of faith, because I have walked with them. I know that many of you can pay that tribute to Jack Sanford. I said to Margaret when she called me the other night, "Margaret, I'm angry! I'm angry because Jack didn't get to enjoy a lot of the things that we talked about doing, but he got to do a lot of other things, and I know whatever he did, he enjoyed it, and you do, too." Which bears a message to each of us to make the best of our days and to enjoy what we have when we have it. We're sometimes prone to forget it. May God bless you, and each of us, as we live our lives through faith.

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Stewardship in adversity

Whatever happens, especially when we suffer a setback, it is good to remember that God is yet on his throne. We need to be reminded from time to time that we are dependent on God ultimately. In all situations, there is still much to be thankful for.

In our recent flood, there were no injuries or deaths. No staff member's house was flooded nor that of any of our students. We had only one shop building to flood and one building on our athletic field that has a concession stand, rest-rooms, etc.

We did suffer some damage to our outfield fences on the baseball and softball fields. But a little effort and some small expense will correct that. We have already hosed the mud out of the two buildings and things are back to normal there. In a few days, we will take high-pressure hoses and get rid of the mud on our one-fourth mile long, 21 feet wide track.

It was heartbreaking to see all of our gardens and seven acres of Irish potatoes under water as well as our corn fields. Most of that is destroyed. But already we had eaten much from the gardens since mid May and hundreds of gallons of beautiful strawberries had been frozen for later use.

Thousands of hours of work had gone into all this by our students with several staff supervising. Even though most of the projected produce is gone, our girls and boys learned much in the effort.

Hopefully even now we are teaching them how to go forward in adversity.

We will plant late gardens. Around the first of August we will replant the potatoes and try for a late crop. We are going to replant much of our corn.

In the meantime much food will have to be bought. But please, if you want to help us in this do not go out and buy cans of food to bring or send us. It is so much easier for both you and us, and much better stewardship, to simply send us the money you would have spent in buying the food and the cost of shipping or bringing it to us.

We can buy at least one-third more food (or anything else) for the same amount of money you would spend because we are nonprofit and do not have to pay tax; we buy in bulk, we buy wholesale, etc. Also we can buy precisely what we need, when we need it, and avoid unnecessarily lengthy storage.

You can be sure we will take some of the money you send to buy seed, fertilizer, etc. We believe in teaching our girls and boys how to raise food, to learn to grow things, to feed themselves in some way other than out of a can. A Chinese proverb, thousand of years old, says: "Give a man a fish, you feed him for a meal; teach a man how to fish, and he can feed himself for a lifetime." That is the philosophy of the Oneida school.

Yes, we are sorely in need of financial aid because of the recent flooding. Also we need help for many ongoing projects and preparations for the beginning of a new academic year and students' arrival Aug. 13.

In the meantime we are having an excellent summer school with nearly 200 girls and boys in daily classes, over 60 of them here for the very first time.

Recently a letter came from the wife of a retired Baptist pastor now living in Minnesota. She graduated from OBI 65 years ago. She wrote: "The Mountaineer (Oneida's bimonthly school paper) came yesterday. Reading it made me feel very proud of the work being done and the opportunities the students have. I would love to hear some of them talk to see if they are getting the same basic English that was given in my day.

"Dr. Saul Houchell, Mr. Goins, Miss Hand and others would have flogged us if they heard us butcher the king's English that I hear from congressmen and others on TV. When I hear such in conversation, I say a silent prayer of gratitude for Oneida. It makes me grateful for the opportunity I had. Enclosed is my small check."



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 9, 1989

Life and work series

Testify to God's presence

Psalm 113:5-9 What is it to praise God? It is to have one's whole soul and being attuned to his holy character and his benevolent purpose. The Lord' name should be praised universally and everlastingly from now on. From the repeated scriptural exhortations to praise God, and the declarations that he deserves to be praised by us, we should learn and remember that all of us owe him our genuine and highest praise.

Psalm 139:1-10 The first six verses in this Psalm speak to us of the omniscience of God. David rejoiced in having the privilege of announcing to others that he had learned that God had a perfect knowledge of him. There were inward recesses in him which escaped the observation of those who knew David and associated with him, but there was not anything that escaped the penetrating sight of God.

Another thing which David emphasized was God's omnipresence. To David, God's presence everywhere was not just an opinion but a reality. He

informed his readers that it is impossible for one to escape from the presence of God, regardless of how hard he may try.

Awareness of God's presence should restrain Christians from indulging in sinful practices. It should be an incentive to godly living and should strengthen and comfort them when they are called upon to endure temptations, trials and tribulations. Walking with the Lord is the only thing for Christians to do if they expect to receive the strength for every emergency that may arise during their earthly careers.

International series

Deborah: leader of God's people

Judges 4:1-9 Deborah, a prophetess, was one whom the people recognized as being in touch with God. The fourth in the order of the judges, she became a leader of her people in a time of great national distress.

This famous prophetess was endowed with divine power to instruct, to direct and to govern others. She was used of the Holy Spirit to declare "his will to the people." When people came to her for counsel and assistance, Deborah learned of their sad plight. She saw their compromise with heathenism, their military strength vanished, their homes disrupted, their children carried away captive and many other things that distressed her very much.

Inasmuch as Deborah was not a warrior, and sensing that the time to strike had arrived, she called to her aid the best man to be found, Barak, and commanded him to mobilize an army of 10,000 men to wage warfare against Sisera. Lacking initiative, Barak was hesitant and consented to undertake the task only on the condition that Deborah accompany him. We can readily understand his desire in wanting the inspiration of her presence, but we cannot sympathize with his refusal to do the Lord's will without her.

Judges 4:14-15 To prevent Barak from thinking that the victory might be won because of his leadership or because of what his army might do, Deborah emphasized "the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand." Through her encouragement Barak led the children in utterly destroying their foes. When the battle was over, Deborah and Barak united in singing a stirring, patriotic and inspiring song of victory.



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on mission together

Teenage hearts

Teenagers are often referred to as the "lonely crowd." A big bunch of them gathered in the Frankfort Civic Center the weekend of June 23-24 for **Youthfest 1989**, the annual youth evangelism conference planned by the KBC's Evangelism Department.

The Civic Center sits on an area in which my father and, later, I delivered groceries as teenagers. My grandfather's grocery was located two blocks east.

Nearby also was a "rough" part of town insensitively labeled by Frankfortonians as the "CRAW." On most any Saturday night one could park up the street from the many taverns and witness one or more fights.

The gathering teenagers began filling the seats without the faintest notion of (or interest in) the history I have here recalled. They were there on other

business. This was a new generation and something would happen here which would change many of their lives. And I got caught up in it.

The experience had been carefully designed to communicate the gospel in music, drama and preaching. It would become obvious that the Lord was making good use of it.

An estimated 3800 finally gathered that night. Scores of adult church leaders and pastors had encouraged and chauffeured them there in vans, cars and church buses. Throughout the arena they became the silent encouragers, praying that one or several in their group might that evening receive Christ or experience renewal. Knowing they were there and why, I felt proud and deeply grateful for leadership in our churches who have that kind of love for their youth. They would not leave the arena unrewarded.

When Dr. Frederick Haynes issued the invitation, young men and women began to move toward the front. I found

myself joining the many others who were praying and reflecting upon their own relationship to Christ. I could hear weeping from among the teenagers who had gathered there at the front. By the end of the conference, more than 288 had walked forward to register a decision, 86 of them professions of faith in Christ.

People huddled after the service; tearful and smiling youth hugged one another. Small groups lingered outside, some in prayer together.

On my way home I drove by the house that was once my grandparents'. And I wished, for a moment, that I, too, was a teenager again; that granddaddy was still alive and I could sit with him in the front porch swing until it became cool enough to go to bed in that upstairs room in which I spent so many nights.

Once is enough to be a teenager. Even so, I knew there was still a teenager alive within me and that God had spoken to him that night. And I had listened to what he had to say.

Churches ignore teen sex, says Glorieta speaker

by Terri Lackey

Where teen dating in the '60s might have meant driving to the nearest hamburger hangout for a shake and fries, today it

is synonymous with increased pressures to engage in premarital sex.

"The courtship years of young adults have expanded, making teenagers more at risk for sexual involvement," said

Lane Powell, author of "The Dating Book" and assistant professor of sociology at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. She led conference sessions for youth during the Summer Youth Celebration in June at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

"Because men and women are marrying much later in life, a lot of sexual pressure is being put on teenagers for a longer period of time," Miss Powell said. "There is more pressure to be sexually active, and there is more pressure for a male to push a female to go further."

While dating is still good social interaction for teens, it has changed significantly in the past 30 years, said Miss Powell, who also is a contributor to The 24-Hour Counselor, a series of cassette tapes on issues youth face. She urged conscientious parents and leaders of youth to offer guidance about dating.

"No matter what TV implies, everybody is not doing it. But it is also true that church-related youth are not immune to peer pressure," she said. "We are fooling ourselves if we think church kids can resist pressure without our help."

"We as parents and youth leaders need to help our children stay on the right path. Guidance gives reasons and helps teens know why they should choose not to be sexually active."

In her book, Miss Powell lists five guidelines to help teens make good decisions while dating.

She said young people should ask themselves if the behavior is morally or ethically right: Are there laws against it? Does it go against the rules? Does the Bible speak against it?

Youth should determine if the be-

havior adds to or subtracts from their personal and spiritual growth and whether the behavior will hurt anyone physically or emotionally, she said.

Young people should ask themselves the consequences of the decision and whether the decision will please God, she added.

While the church could play a major role in giving young people moral direction about their sexuality, it has traditionally been one of the last places a teen will go to seek answers to questions about sex, Bayne Pounds told a group of adult leaders.

Miss Pounds, a doctoral student in Christian education at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, said, when young people have questions about sex, they go first to their peers, second to their parents and third to a doctor or clinic.

Seeking out the help of a schoolteacher or pastor comes eighth and ninth respectively on a list of 10, according to a popular survey, Miss Pounds noted.

Sources of information about sex and sexual relations teens identified in the survey included friends, 38%; movies, 26%; parents and classes at school, 23%; TV, 22%; books, 17%; the Bible, 13%; adult magazines, 11%; siblings, 10%; and church, 7%.

"Churches just don't want to deal with the problem of sexual activity," she said. "They have let the (secular) world take it (sex education) away from us."

Summer Youth Celebration is sponsored by the youth section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department. (BP)



While dating is good social interaction for teens, Christian youth need guidance in dealing with peer pressures, youth attending Summer Youth Celebration at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center were told.

Southwestern Seminary student child of earthly, heavenly kings

by Pam Alewine

Charles Mwakitwile is a child of two kings.

One king is his earthly father, chief of the Tanzanian tribe Mwakitwile was destined to lead. The other is his heavenly father Mwakitwile has followed to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Although Mwakitwile's great grandfather shook hands with the famous missionary David Livingstone, it was three generations later before Christianity came to the tribe of Mwakitwile.

Mwakitwile was only nine when missionaries came into his Tanzanian tribe 100 years after Livingstone and asked his father, chief of the tribe, if they could use a house to teach a Sunday school class.

"My father offered that house to the missionaries," Mwakitwile said, "and I was one of the first to enroll in the class."

What transpired challenged the beliefs and rituals of the Mwakitwile tribe.

In the Sunday school class, Mwakitwile learned about Jesus from the missionaries and John 3:16. "I read that and God used that text to draw me to himself. It was a turning point," he said.

Concerned about his father's reaction to his new-found faith, Mwakitwile prayed and soon shared about Christ with his mother.

With boldness, Mwakitwile then shared the gospel with his father and others in his family.

Remembering their great grandfather, Mwakitwile and his brother invited the local missionary, Tom MacMillian, to visit the tribe. Through the missionary's witness, Mwakitwile's father accepted Christ.

"It was a breakthrough," Mwakitwile said. "So many people came to know the Lord as a result of my father's decision." Among those following Christ were 19 of the elder Mwakitwile's 25 wives.

"We thank God because inviting Christ into our family has made such a difference," he said.

A major difference has been the impact of Christianity on the entire tribe.

"Of the whole tribe, 70% are Christian now," Mwakitwile said. Polygamy has disappeared along with many of the other rituals.

"I thank God because Jesus Christ has been my friend. The people in the tribe love one another now," he said. "I have received so many blessings."

For Mwakitwile, that testimony is a fulfillment of his name, which means "son of many blessings."

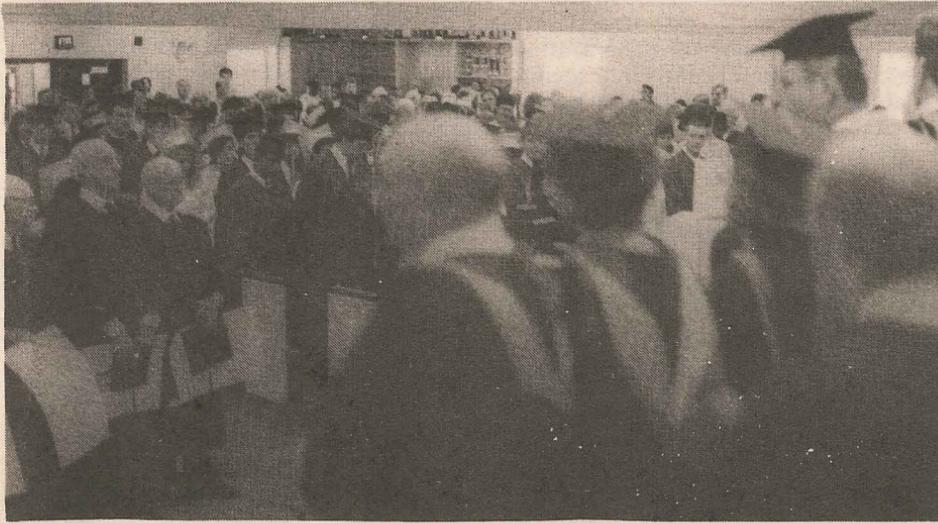
And although Mwakitwile has enjoyed studying in the United States, his heart is still in Tanzania with the tribe that bears his name.

Said Mwakitwile: "I'm constantly praying for God to lead me home."



Charles Mwakitwile shows artifacts from his native country of Tanzania.

116 Graduate In Largest Oneida Class Ever



Pictured is a portion of the standing-room-only crowd of nearly 1,000 that attended Oneida's 90th Commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 21, to see the largest class ever, 116 young men and women, graduate.

In the foreground 100 Oneida staff members in academic regalia face the standing congregation as all sing the school song "ONEIDA FAIR".

Facing the platform holding prints of Old Marvin Hall are members of the 1939 class with the 116 members of the 1989 class behind them.

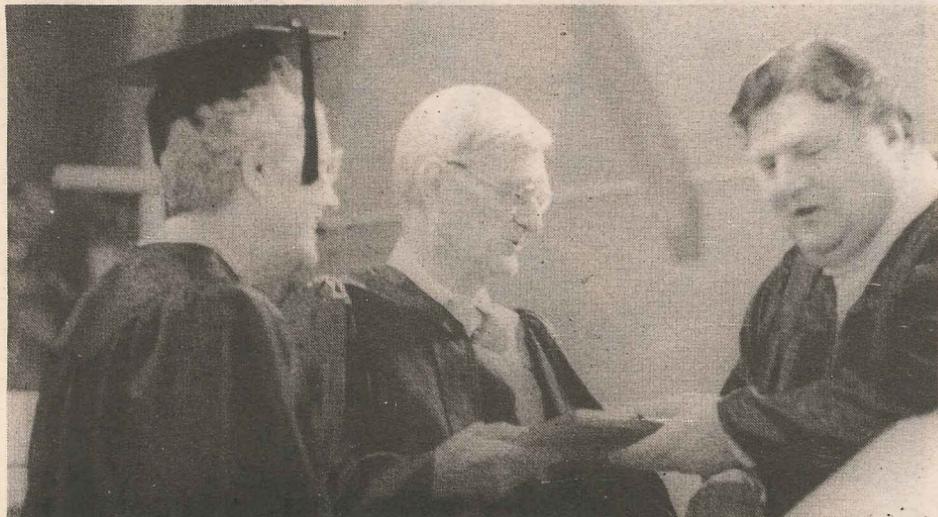
Oneida Class Of '39 Back For 50th Anniversary



Listening attentively during their 50th anniversary Commencement ceremony May 21, were members of the 1939 class. L. to R. Lois Gibson Needham, Glenna Sams Davis, Manley Combs, A.T. Hensley, Denny Campbell, Oscar Sams and John L. Campbell.

Also present for the anniversary weekend, including a dinner in historic Anderson Hall, were: Eula Sizemore Bowling, Stanley Webb, Nancy Pearl Webb Bowling, and Edna Craft Mills.

Fulltime Staff Volunteers Honored At Band Concert



Staff volunteers Alice & Melvin Hopwood receiving plaque from President Moore for five years service.

Evelyn Kelly Honored At Oneida

Pen Pals For Over 60 Years Meet For First Time



Sylvia Drapkin, Evelyn Cress Kelly, President Moore

More than sixty years ago, Miss Carter got some of her Oneida English students interested in being penpals with young people in New England.

The then Evelyn Cress was a young teenager, living in the Oneida dorm after the death of her mother. She began corresponding with Sylvia Drapkin. The letter-writing and an occasional telephone call continued for over sixty years without either party ever personally meeting the other.

At the invitation of Oneida President Moore, Sylvia Drapkin left her home near Boston to fly to the Lexington airport where an Oneida staff member met and chauffeured her to Oneida to attend the varying events of Commencement week.

One of the highlights of those events was the honoring of her longtime penpal, Mrs. Evelyn (Emery) Cress Kelly with a dinner, an evening's performance of "The King and I", and at the graduation ceremony. These two grand ladies met in one of Oneida's guesthouses for the first time and were nearly inseparable for the next five days.

Sylvia Drapkin stood with Evelyn Kelly as her old friend was honored for a lifetime of Christian service, much of it at Oneida. Mrs. Kelly received a large plaque and a standing ovation.

The playbill for the previous night's performance of the musical "The King and I" read: "In honor of Mrs. Evelyn Cress Kelly, Class of 1931, longtime English teacher and drama coach at Oneida Baptist Institute and in other schools until her retirement. She is the wife of former OBI student Emery Kelly and mother of Carolyn, Class of 1958, and sons James and John. We thank this great Christian lady and beloved teacher, faithful wife and mother, for the inspiration she has been, and is, to a host of friends, former students and family who love her and call her 'blessed'".

The Oneida Concert Band gave a special concert on Saturday, May 20 in Melvin Davidson Chapel honoring Oneida staff members who serve fulltime without any salary. Each one has other income.

Honored were: Melvin Hopwood, electrician in maintenance; Alice Hopwood, Special Help teacher; Donna Atto, Craft House Mgr; William Atto, Latin teacher; Betty Stapp, hostess; Ken Stapp, retired mechanical engineer who has taught geometry the past four years; Marie Lawson, Special Help; Evelyn Long, retired Home Ec. teacher and instructor in Special Help; Bob and Margaret Feltner, craft volunteers; George Sleeker, Bible teacher; Jean Sleeker, math; Danny Kittrell, maintenance; Edna Kittrell, Special Help; Margaret Penney, retired Home Ec. teacher working fulltime in Crafts; Henry Walters, civics teacher and newly appointed OBI assistant principal having had 15 years experience as assistant principal of Harrison County High School prior to retirement one year ago; Shirley Walters, Guidance secretary; and Ann Haywood, certified librarian.

Richard Burns conducted the Concert Band.

The Brass Choir did "Trumpet Voluntary" for the prelude.

The Band then played Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, The Great Jubilee, Fantasy on an Irish Hymn Tune, Chelsea Suite, The Phantom of the Opera, Londonderry Air, and Song For The Young.

Graduating senior Troy Parrish, in the band for four years, conducted the Band in the "Lyric March".

The 3:00 p.m. concert was attended by all the Oneida students and staff, many parents and other guests present for the various events of Commencement Weekend.