

FMB adopts 1990 \$174.9 million budget built on Lottie Moon

by Marty Croll

Trustees of the Foreign Mission Board adopted a \$174.9 million budget for 1990 to support some 3800 missionaries working in 116 countries.

The budget approved Oct. 11 represents a \$7.2 million increase over 1989. The increase is built on rising revenues from the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Projected expenditures for 1990 show, among other things, decreases in Southern Baptist subsidies to many seminaries, hospitals and churches overseas where national Baptist organizations are becoming more financially self-sustaining.

Projections also show an increasing percentage of the budget going to basic missionary support. Because of rising costs, about \$5 million of the net budget increase will be used to maintain the missionary force overseas, said Carl Johnson, vice president for finance. Expenditures for missionary travel and freight, medical costs, insurance payments, salaries and stipends rank as the greatest areas of increase over 1989.

"The hard realities are . . . the cost to support missionaries continues to escalate, medical expenses are becoming almost unbearable, and the cost of schooling for (missionary children) has reached a point where it's taking such a heavy percentage of mission resources that we're looking for alternatives," said board president R. Keith Parks. "Housing, automobiles, travel—everything's going up."

Overseas ministries claim almost 88 percent of the total 1990 budget. About \$109 million will support missionaries and their families. An additional \$31.8 million will pay for mission work programs and \$11.3 million will finance capital needs such as missionary housing, churches, schools and medical facilities.

Although the Foreign Mission Board this year is expected to experience its first net loss in 17 years in the number of missionaries under appointment, the new budget sets aside support money

Western Recorder board releases editor profile

The Western Recorder board of directors has released a profile describing the essential beliefs and qualities of an editor for Western Recorder. The profile was developed as a result of six "listening sessions" conducted across the state since July. The text of the profile appears on page 6.

for 1990 based on an expectation that the downward trend will be reversed. "We are of the opinion that the number of missionaries under appointment will increase in 1990," Johnson said.

Mission administrators are casting a wary eye on the \$13.5 million difference between projected receipts from the denomination's unified Cooperative Program giving plan and those from its annual offering for foreign missions. The 1990 budget projects \$67.5 million in receipts from the Cooperative Program and \$81 million from the Lottie Moon offering.

"If I had to pick out any one thing about this budget, it would be our concern about the Lottie Moon Christmas offering playing an increasing role in our budget support, while the Cooperative Program is playing a decreasing role," said Johnson.

In recent years Johnson and others at the Foreign Mission Board have voiced growing uneasiness over the board's increasing dependence on the annual Lottie Moon offering, which generally is collected in local churches during the month of December.

Until 1961 the Cooperative Program supplied more money to foreign missions than the Lottie Moon offering. Since then, Lottie Moon giving has surpassed receipts from the Cooperative Program. The size of the gap has fluctuated but Lottie Moon receipts have never been more than about \$6 million greater than income from the Cooperative Program.

"Certainly we feel we're much more vulnerable as the gap is widening," Parks said in an interview. "It's been a moving target all along, but the sudden gap between last year and this year is quite striking and I think this is a real concern to us."

Parks underscored to trustees the importance of the Lottie Moon offering to foreign missions. "It is a demonstration of commitment and cooperation that stands alone in denominational circles," he said. "If the confidence of Southern Baptists in the integrity of this offering's use is ever eroded, our efforts to reach this world will be severely crippled."

The board projects that \$7 million, or 4 percent of its budget, will come from gifts for hunger and relief ministries. It expects \$12 million, or nearly 7 percent, to come from investments and \$2.8 million from designated contributions.

Gifts for human needs are used entirely for hunger and relief projects. Domestic administrative expenses related to relief efforts come from general board funds.

The domestic budget for home office salaries, administration and promotion is about \$21.5 million, or 12.3 percent of the budget.

Another \$1 million is earmarked for unexpected needs overseas. (BP)

Smiths Grove pastor new leader of Kentucky Brotherhood panel

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

John Lucian Lott Jr., pastor of Smiths Grove (Ky.) Baptist Church, was elected president of the statewide Brotherhood convention by that group meeting in annual session Oct. 5-6. The Brotherhood president is elected to a one-year term, although he may be reelected to an additional one-year term.

Lott succeeds Owensboro layman Mike Melloan who presided over the sessions at Ashland's Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Melloan completed two terms in the office.

Other officers elected at Ashland include Terry Thompson, of Louisville, vice president; Calvin Bohannon, Hardin, recording secretary; C. A. Easterling, Somerset, SBC Brotherhood Commission trustee from Kentucky; and Melloan, past president.

Program coordinators elected: Lee Highbaugh, Louisville, lay revivals; Don Putnam, Lexington, assistant for lay revivals; Ray Acree, Greensburg, Baptists overseas; Don Bratcher, Owensboro, prison ministries; Matt Sugg, Morganfield, prayer support; Bailey Sadler, Ashland, assistant for prayer support; Jerry Vittitoe, Louisville, Royal Ambassadors and High School Baptist Young Men; Randall Rogers, Greensburg, Baptist builders; Don Perkins, Central City, assistant for Baptist builders.

In addition, these regional Brotherhood directors were named: Ralph McConnell, Hopkinsville, and assistant Jim Simmons, Murray, southwestern region; Wayne Burden, Bowling Green, and assistant John Lewis, Magnolia, southern region; Lloyd Gray, Smithfield, central region; Glen Canada, Greensburg, and assistant Carl Powell, Richmond, south central region; Jim Looney, Frankfort, and assistant George Naylor, Falmouth, north central region; Mike Saunders, Catlettsburg, and assistant Mike Crace, Ashland, northeastern region; Jim Baxter, Central City, and assistant Darrell Everly, Central City, western region; Keith Rogers, Loyall, and assistant Claude Hobbs, Loyall, southeastern region.

Principal speakers on the two-day Brotherhood convention agenda in Ashland included Bob Dixon, director of Texas Baptist Men, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; Hickory, N. C. Baptist layman Donald Green; and Calvin Wilkins, partnership coordinator in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department, Middletown.

Said Wilkins in the keynote address: "When God opens the door for you, if you don't step through it, you're the one who loses. I thank God we have men in Kentucky who are willing to drop everything at a moment's notice and go where God leads."

He cited opportunities for men to participate in partnership ministries supported by Kentucky Baptists in Espirito Santo, Brazil; Utah-Idaho; and Ohio over the next three-to-five years. "As long as there is someone who is hurting, as long as there is someone who is lost, we have a mandate from our Lord Jesus Christ to go," Wilkins declared.

He thanked God for WMU and praised God for Brotherhood. "We men sat on the sidelines for a long time," Wilkins admitted, "but now all over our state I'm hearing about men who want to be-

come involved in missions . . . We can't go to all these places but I believe God lays on the hearts of individuals where he wants them to go."

He called for increased Bible study, prayer and emotional and financial support by men for missions. "God works mightily through us when we show our availability to him. Going is part of it," Wilkins concluded. "I think God is about ready to do even greater things with Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood."

The Brotherhood convention was sponsored by the KBC Brotherhood Department, Middletown, Robert Y. Simpkins, director. Next year's meeting is set Oct. 5-6 at Stithton Baptist Church, Radcliff.

Expanded Washington role for CLC opposed by PAC

by Dan Martin

An expanded role for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission to include religious liberty issues has been opposed by the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee.

During its Oct. 1-2 meeting in Washington, the 18-member PAC adopted a motion to "recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that the program assignment of the Christian Life Commission not be expanded to include religious liberty issues."

The motion, which was adopted with only one dissenting vote, was the only mention of possible changes in the role of the PAC, which is a standing committee through which the SBC relates to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

In February 1989 the Executive Committee proposed creation of a new agency, the Religious Liberty Commission, to represent Southern Baptists in Washington on religious liberty matters. Under the proposal the SBC would continue to cooperate with the BJC through the PAC, although with reduced financial contributions. Action on the new agency was postponed at the 1989 SBC annual meeting at the request of SBC president Jerry Vines.

During its September 1989 meeting the Executive Committee changed direction, rescinding the proposal to create the RLC and proposing the transfer of the program assignment for religious liberty to the convention's moral and social concerns agency, the CLC. Currently, the proposal is before two subcommittees of the Executive Committee.

Although the proposal to create the RLC, its rescission and the proposal to shift the assignment for religious liberty to the CLC all have taken place since the last meeting of the PAC, the subject was not on the agenda for the two-day October meeting.

Committee member J. I. Ginnings, an oilman from Wichita Falls, Tex., made the motion to put the PAC on record opposing giving responsibility for religious liberty to the CLC late on the second day of the meeting.

The only opposition to Ginnings' motion was from committee member Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, who said he opposed creation of the RLC but favors assigning the religious liberty assignment to the CLC. (BP)

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Editor search committee update

On behalf of the board of directors of Western Recorder, I am providing an update on the process of searching for our next editor. Our search bears many similarities to a church's search for a pastor or staff member. One of the tasks beyond the initial organization was to establish the "principles of operation." Guidelines were constructed in order to chart the course to find the person whom God has prepared.

The second major step was to develop a profile which would describe the essential beliefs and qualities of a person who would become editor. Early in our deliberations the board concluded that Kentucky Baptists should be given the opportunity to express their views and offer input. Therefore, six "listening sessions" were held across the state. This proved to be a valuable experience. We are grateful for the insight and encouragement of those who participated. The final result of this aspect of our work is shared on page 6.

Like the church seeking the perfect pastor, we have sought to describe the ideal editor. We recognize that no one will measure up to every detail of the profile.

According to the dictionary a profile is a representation of a person. We believe that we have sketched a representative picture of one who would serve effectively as editor of Western Recorder.

The most difficult task of knowing and doing God's will in the choice of editor lies ahead. Let me remind you that Oct. 30, 1989 is the deadline for submitting the names of persons to be considered. Send your recommendations to me at First Baptist Church, 203 S. Fourth St., Murray, KY 42071.

We as a board feel no constraints in terms of a timetable, only the conviction of working within God's timing to find God's person. When the search has been completed, we will recommend this person to the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

I speak for the board when I say that the search process has been a spiritual experience. We have sensed God's leadership in each step of our pilgrimage. We trust that you will continue to join us in prayer. Thank you.

*Greg C. Earwood, chairman
editor search committee*

Preparing for Frankfort

In a few short weeks the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be called to order in Frankfort. The people of Franklin Association have worked long and hard to prepare their facilities and city for Kentucky Baptists. Even though we will be meeting in new surroundings, their hard work guarantees that our meeting will be convenient and helpful to every messenger. Kentucky Baptists owe Franklin Association their thanks in advance of this meeting.

The folks who gather in Frankfort will be messengers elected by their churches to constitute the convention. Across Kentucky churches are now, or should be, selecting the church members who will serve in this capacity. It is the time of the celebration of the Baptist ideal of church governance. Messengers are not instructed by their church or their pastor, they are not given a list of issues or concerns they are to address, nor are they even to be held accountable when they return to disclose their vote on each issue. Messengers, in the Baptist tradition, are simply faithful church members, committed to the work of Kentucky Baptists, who will vote their spiritual conscience. Nothing interferes with the leadership of the spirit between individual believer and the Lord. What a remarkable way to conduct the business of a complex organization! Yet it is a way that works, and works well, when messengers yield to the leading of the Spirit.

What qualifications should a messenger have? He or she should be a believer in the Lord Jesus and his ways, should be committed to our cooperative work as Kentucky Baptists, should be informed and prepared to participate in decision-making and should

have a keen awareness of the responsibility of the individual before God. Messengers should have a reverence for the past and a spirit of confidence in the future.

The meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is as important as any meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The work of Baptists has always moved outward, beginning at the local level and moving in larger circles of cooperation. What we do in Jesus' name in this state is even more basic than what we do on a national level. In fact, what we do as a national convention is dependent on our local commitment.

It is especially important that local churches send as many messengers to each meeting of the KBC as they may be qualified to send. Why? Because the churches that send their full complement tend to be churches that will inform their churches more completely about our work. Because we need to fight the tendency of Southern Baptists—especially our younger adults—to abdicate from decision making and let the pastor, the staff, or the deacons decide. Because the most effective way of training people in the ways of Kentucky Baptists remains direct participation.

All Kentucky Baptists should join in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving as messengers are elected, as they prepare to meet together and as they travel. Once in Frankfort, we will be a unique body, the living reminder of the possibility of the spirit of good will, common commitment and brotherly cooperation that comes from knowing Christ as Saviour.

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BPRA scholarships

Two scholarships for communications students at Baptist colleges, universities or seminaries will be awarded for the 1990-91 academic year by Baptist Public Relations Association.

A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student and a \$500 scholarship to a graduate student. Students must be in good standing, have three letters of recommendation from the institutions they attend and maintain a 2.5 overall grade point to be eligible for consideration. Winners will be announced at the annual BPRA spring meeting or at the annual breakfast meeting of BPRA during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Deadline for scholarship application is Dec. 1, 1989. Applications should be sent to Dana Williamson, BPRA scholarship committee chairman, 1141 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

southeastern seminary

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees approved and then overturned an "exigency plan" for operating the school if president Lewis A. Drummond becomes incapacitated during his bout with cancer.

Jesse P. Chapman, a retired physician from Asheville, N. C., proposed that Cecil Rhodes, a retired physician from nearby Wilson, N. C., be designated as the seminary's acting chief executive officer "during the time Drummond is un-

dergoing active medical treatment" in the hospital.

Trustees approved the measure 14-10. But they continued to discuss the issue after L. Russ Bush III, the seminary's academic vice president, asked for a clarification, noting the three vice presidents assumed hospitalization would constitute the president's "absence," a provision already covered by seminary documents.

Trustees voted on Chapman's motion again, and it failed 4-18. Outgoing chairman Robert D. Crowley, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church, Rockville, Md., said the three vice presidents—Bush; George Worrell, external affairs; and Paul Fletcher, internal affairs—would carry on in the possible absence of Drummond, with Bush taking the lead.

Though enrolment this fall is down from previous years, Lewis Drummond, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., is excited.

"We're excited about the new students we see choosing Southeastern," he said. "We're making it known that we intend to be a major center for the study of evangelism and church growth."

"We're pleased that students are catching a vision for reaching the world and are responding to our new programs," he continued. "Enrolment is down from where we've been historically, but that's to be expected any time a major new direction is taken in leadership and in academic emphases. We're appealing to a new kind of student for Southeastern. We believe Southeastern's vision will set the pace for our stu-

dents who will make a serious contribution to reaching the goals of Bold Mission Thrust."

According to registrar Sheldon Alexander, the enrolment of 650 students appears to be down about 10.5% from the historical average of 725. One hundred twenty-five new students began classes this fall.

campbellsville college

Campbellsville artist Jean G. Pennebaker will have various media in an art exhibit at Campbellsville College's Gosser Fine Arts Center Gallery Oct. 30-Nov. 21.

Mrs. Pennebaker's works consist of paintings, prints, ceramics, metalwork, jewelry and wood crafts. A reception for her will be Monday, Oct. 30 from 7-9 p.m. in the gallery.

Gosser Fine Arts Gallery is open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday or by appointment. The exhibit is open to the public free of charge.

golden gate seminary

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary trustees heard a report on development of the seminary's property and approved a loan to cover related costs during their fall meeting Oct. 11-12.

The Mill Valley, Cal. seminary is facing a cumulative budget deficit for a three-year period of more than \$300,000 because of a portion of the Mill Valley campus that was to be bought by a pri-

vate developer has not sold, trustees were told.

Consequently, the seminary lost \$580,000 in income from potential sale proceeds for the 1989-90 fiscal year, said Gordon Fercho, vice president for business affairs.

Seminary staff identified \$635,199 in reductions from the seminary's \$5.6 million budget. Several open positions will remain vacant to help with the shortfall.

Trustees also approved borrowing almost \$2.1 million to cover costs related to the property development project.

california baptist college

California Baptist College has signed a contract that will create the largest single gift ever received by the institution, immediately worth \$4.4 million.

The contract allows Concordia Development Corporation of San Bernardino, Cal. to purchase 15 acres of the campus. The purchase agreement includes a clause that requires the land be given back after 37½ years. The giveback will include all improvements to the land.

The purchase price plus the improvement costs in today's dollars will be about \$25 million, school officials said. Construction to be built on the land was not determined at the time of signing.

In November, trustees will consider using the money received by the college from the initial transaction with Concordia to retire all major debts, both in loans and accumulated deficits. About \$1 million will remain for endowment, college officials predicted.

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October-November	Resource persons conduct Associational Pastor's Briefings to use Here's Hope Preparation Packet. Each association to set own date.
October 22-29	Evangelistic People Search/Scripture Distribution. Sunday School takes leadership.
October 29	Cultivate Commitment Sunday. Members begin cultivation of unsaved prospects.
December or January	Association Prayer Retreat. Each church to organize own Daniel Prayer Team. Procure Prayer Packets from Home Mission Board Evangelism Department, 1-800-346-1990.
1990	
January 14	Soul Winning Commitment Day.
February 26-27	State Evangelism Conference. Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.
January-March	Associations conduct Simultaneous Revival Rallies (4 weeks before revival meetings) Set goal to be largest Baptist gathering in history of Association.
February-April	Churches use Here's Hope Simultaneous Revival Church Preparation Packets. Media Campaign begins. Prayer programs. Visitation outreach. All church committees functioning.
March 18-April 29	Simultaneous Revivals (8 days).
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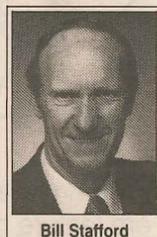
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SEBTS reconciliation almost undermined

Faculty, trustees and administrators at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., took a first step toward reconciliation during an unprecedented workshop Oct. 9-10.

The three groups—engaged in a two-year-old conflict that has threatened the seminary's accreditation—reached a three-part "compromise" offered by outgoing trustee chairman Robert D. Crowley, a pastor from Rockville, Md. They agreed to place a moratorium on election of permanent faculty members until after the board's March meeting; instruct a special faculty/trustee task force to propose a new faculty-selection process, which the trustees are to consider in March; allow president Lewis A. Drummond to maintain his prerogative to appoint temporary faculty as needed during the interim.

When it was over, participants agreed progress had been made. But faculty noted the process almost was undermined by four actions trustees took in their meeting.

First, trustees voted that the American Association of University Professors and its chapter at Southeastern Seminary "have no official standing with the seminary." The Southeastern chapter involves all but one full time professor who were on the faculty prior to Drummond's tenure.

Second, they refused to allow "inclusive language guidelines" drafted by the faculty to be printed in the seminary's catalog, student handbook and directory.

Third, they agreed to consider at their March meeting a proposal that would name the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement as an official seminary document and would require all faculty candidates to affirm the statement prior to election or full time employment. Current faculty signed the seminary's present doctrinal guidelines, the Articles of Faith—also known as the Abstract of Principles—and would not be required to sign the Baptist Faith and Message.

Fourth, they voted to open the small group meetings in which faculty and trustees were to discuss seminary issues. At the faculty's request, they later consented to close those meetings, as prearranged procedure indicated. (BP)

Samford prof wanted in student's death

An arrest warrant has been issued for Samford University professor William L. Slagle in connection with the murder of student Rex B. Copeland.

Copeland, 20, a junior from Birmingham, Ala., was found stabbed to death in his off-campus apartment Sept. 22. Shelby County, Ala. law enforcement officials have reported Slagle sent them a letter admitting he killed the student.

Shelby County sheriff Buddy Glasgow told the Birmingham Post-Herald his office received a letter Oct. 2 with a Sept. 29 Nashville postmark from Slagle in which the assistant professor of debate and director of debate confessed to the crime. A second letter was received Oct. 3 from the west coast. Harold Hunt, head of Samford's Speech and Com-

munications and Theater Department, also received a letter Oct. 3.

The pair apparently had argued during a debate team meeting Wednesday evening, Sept. 20, and continued the argument later that night at Copeland's apartment, the sheriff added. Copeland was killed in the apartment early the next morning, Glasgow said, citing Slagle's letter.

Samford officials have declined to comment specifically on the matter but have issued two statements. The first, dated Oct. 2, states: "The university has been advised that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a university professor, William L. Slagle, in connection with the death of student Rex Copeland. We do not have any details of the allegation against the professor. Samford University will cooperate fully with any investigation into this matter. Since this is the subject of a continuing investigation, it is not appropriate for us to comment at this time."

The second statement, dated Oct. 3, says: "The Samford University community is profoundly disturbed over recent developments relating to the death of student Rex Copeland. We are doing everything possible to support all those in our university family affected by these tragic circumstances and to cooperate fully with the authorities in their investigation of this matter." (BP)

Joint Committee adopts resolutions, budget

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs adopted resolutions on two controversial issues as well as a proposed 1990-91 budget during its annual meeting Oct. 2-3 in Washington.

One of the resolutions adopted by the 48-member committee dealt with the report of the Secretary of Health and

Human Services' taskforce on youth suicide while the other dealt with the right of religious institutions to enforce their religious doctrines and practices.

Both of the adopted resolutions—which had been passed in more strongly worded versions by the Public Affairs Committee—dealt with some aspect of homosexuality. The BJC declined to adopt two other resolutions adopted by PAC.

The BJC also were told J. Brent Walker has been named associate counsel for the organization. Walker, who will assist General Counsel Oliver S. Thomas, is a graduate of the University of Florida, Stetson University College of Law and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Members adopted a resolution that noted the report of the taskforce on youth suicide "includes a paper which criticizes the theological and ethical teachings of Baptist and Catholic churches on homosexuality." The adopted resolution calls on the Department of Health and Human Services "to refrain from dictating or appearing to dictate the policies, teachings or behavior of churches" and recommended that any future taskforce "that might deal with theological and ethical issues and with the possible role of organized religion in dealing with such issues include representatives of the religious community." The BJC adopted another resolution on the right of religious institutions to enforce their religious doctrines and practices.

The BJC also adopted a proposed 1990-91 budget of \$722,772.

The committee elected John Binder as new chairman, succeeding Marvin Griffin, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., and a representative of the National Baptist Convention of America. Other officers are Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, (SBC) first vice chairman; Tai Shigaki, a layperson from St. Paul, Minn., (ABC) second vice chairman; and Charles G. Adams, pastor of Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, (Progressive National Baptist Convention) secretary. (BP)

First Amendment group picks Valentine as head

Foy Valentine has been chosen as president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Valentine, who was executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission for almost three decades, was elected to the Americans United post during its National Conference on Church and State Sept. 25-26 in Alexandria, Va. He succeeds James C. Corman, a Washington attorney and former U. S. Congressman from California.

Valentine, a former Americans United trustee, is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He directed the work of the Christian Life Commission in Nashville from 1960-87. He now lives in Dallas.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State is a 55,000-member public policy group headquartered outside of Washington in Silver Spring, Md. The group works to preserve the First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom by upholding the principle of separation of church and state. (BP)

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HMB offers free number for abortion alternatives

The Home Mission Board has established a toll free number for churches and individuals to call for assistance in offering abortion alternatives in their communities.

The toll free number, 1-800-962-0851, went into operation Oct. 1.

Sylvia Boothe, coordinator of alternatives to abortion ministries for the Home Mission Board, said the new service is directed to churches and individuals who are concerned about abortion but do not know what to do or what resources are available.

Pregnant women and girls who are struggling with the abortion question can also call the toll free number. (BP)

Golden Gate trustees affirm academic dean

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's academic dean, criticized by Baptist Sunday School Board trustees for an article which appeared in one of the board publications, was affirmed by the seminary's board of trustees during their regular fall meeting, Oct. 10-11.

Robert L. Cate was criticized by BSSB trustees for an article, "The Development of Monotheism," which appeared in the Biblical Illustrator, a Sunday school teacher's resource magazine.

The article was published without any substantive changes, following an examination by the board's doctrinal reader, seminary president William O.

Crews said. Cate was requested to "survey the development of Israel's belief in one supreme God in the midst of cultures which practiced pantheology," Crews added.

Golden Gate trustees approved a motion, with two dissenting votes, which affirmed Cate, saying the article did not violate the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement.

The two dissenting trustees opposed the motion because they felt board trustees were unfair and that the criticism of Cate was inappropriate. Saying the Sunday School Board trustees "owe us an apology," Carolyn Self of Atlanta and Norman Taylor of Silver Spring, Md., asked to have their dissenting votes recorded in the minutes. (BP)

FMB names successor to executive vp post

Donald R. Kammerdiener was unanimously elected executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 11 by the board's trustees.

Kammerdiener, 53, a former missionary and currently vice president for mission work in the Americas, was nominated for the post by board president R. Keith Parks. He will succeed William R. O'Brien Jan. 1, 1990.

O'Brien, who will become special assistant to Parks, asked to be relieved of the executive vice presidency when his wife Dellanna O'Brien, was named executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union. The O'Briens have moved to Birmingham, Ala. where she

assumed her new job Sept. 1.

The role of the executive vice president will expand in January to include administration of day-to-day operations of the board. Top administrators will report to Kammerdiener but have access to Parks. Kammerdiener also will represent Parks in his absence.

Kammerdiener, an Oklahoma native reared in Kansas City, Mo., has been vice president for the Americas since 1987. He formerly was area director for Middle America and the Caribbean, 1980-87; and field representative for eastern Spanish speaking South America, 1970-80. In the latter post he also directed evangelism and missions for the Argentine Baptist Convention and taught missions at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He and his wife, the former Meredith Ruch of Kansas City, were appointed missionaries to Colombia in 1962.

The Kammerdieners have five children and are members of Ridge Baptist Church, Richmond. (BP)

FMB committee to discuss buying Belgian property

Trustees of the Foreign Mission Board voted Oct. 11 to study the pros and cons of purchasing property now occupied by the Belgian Center for Biblical Education near Brussels, Belgium.

The action grew out of a motion by trustee Ron Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Thousand Oaks, Cal. Wilson's motion urged the board to investi-

gate purchase of the property quickly to head off possible acquisition of it by a non-Christian group.

FMB Trustee chairman Mark Corts ruled that discussion of Wilson's proposal be held at the trustees' December meeting by the committee responsible for mission work in Europe, rather than by a special committee Wilson asked Corts to select from the Europe, finance and strategy committees. Wilson agreed and trustees sustained Corts' ruling by a 4-1 vote.

Corts emphasized the December meeting would simply begin a process of hearing facts and gathering information and would not result in a decision.

Wilson said his motion involved purchase of the property, not of the seminary on the property, so that the site could be used for ministries which would advance evangelistic efforts in Europe. (BP)



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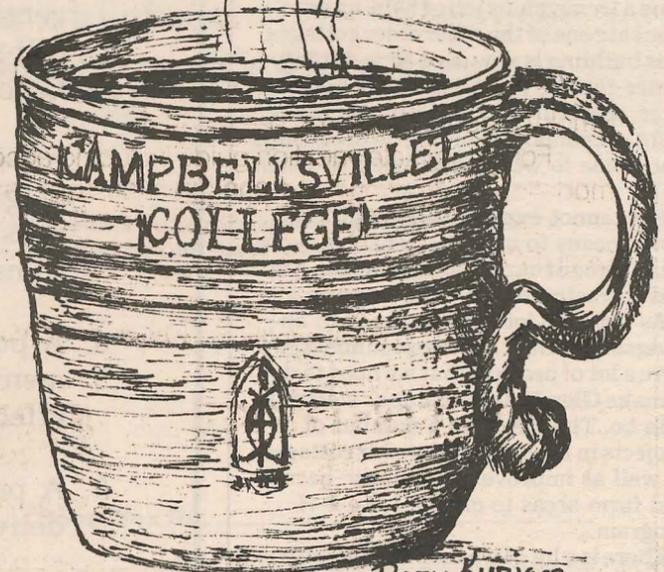
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homes for children

Thanks, Lone Oak

This past week 26 members of Lone Oak Baptist Church gave three days of their time to begin the process of restoring Covington Cottage on Glen Dale campus. This building which is one of the old cottages has really looked bad for some time. They came and put a new roof on the building, put a new coat of paint on the outside and painted a great deal of the inside as well. They have plans to come back and finish painting the interior woodwork. West Union Association provided the materials for the renovation.

We are hopeful of completely renovating this cottage so that we can develop a new program for children as they first enter Glen Dale.

The Lone Oak group did a great job for us and I understand that they had a good time as well. They were able to share with our youth and the Homeland Singers provided a program for them.

This is just one of the groups that have worked with us. Recently a group of men from First Baptist Church, Richmond, helped us to restore the main barn on the campus. This was a major undertaking, but they did a good job and it is a tremendous asset to our 4-H program.

Mercer Baptist Association has also done a tremendous job of helping us to renovate one of the other older cottages. This building is now used as an activity center for the youth and some meeting room space. It also will provide overnight accommodations for future groups who come to work on projects at Glen Dale.

We cannot express how much this work means to us. It has enabled us to bring some of our buildings back to life and to vastly improve the campus.

As we look forward to the 75th anniversary of Glen Dale next summer, we have a lot of projects that we need to do to make Glen Dale the campus we want it to be. This involves a number of projects in the older and newer cottages as well as improvements in the barns and farm areas to enhance the 4-H program.

There is a lot of work to do, but with the help of the able hands of Kentucky Baptists all working together our dreams for Glen Dale can become a reality.

Profile of the editor

As a true believer in Jesus Christ, the editor's lifestyle must reflect clearly the Lordship of Christ in both word and deed. A viable witness to Christ is a necessity. The editor should be a person of unquestionable integrity in all relationships and in the management of the paper. The editor's doctrinal views must be consistent with the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement. This person must have a strong commitment to the Bible as the inspired word of God. The editor should stand in the historic tradition of Baptist beliefs and be especially supportive of the following: believer's baptism by immersion, soul competency, separation of church and state and the autonomy of the local church.

Beyond these personal beliefs and qualities the editor should be:

1. A person with a sound theological education which includes training in a Southern Baptist seminary. The editor must have a thorough grasp of biblical principles in order to present a spiritual perspective on issues important to Baptists.
2. A person who understands that the main task of the editor is to interpret the news instead of writing it. The editor need not necessarily be a trained or experienced journalist. However, the editor should possess or move quickly toward obtaining a working understanding of the mechanics of producing a paper.
3. A person whose business acumen has been reflected in sound organizational management including skills in personnel supervision, financial responsibility and resource development.
4. A person of wisdom in terms of insight and discernment. The editor must be able to communicate this wisdom through precise writing and effective speaking.
5. A person whose experience provides a relatively thorough understanding of the uniqueness of Kentucky Baptists, her regional peculiarities, her variety and diversity of doctrinal emphases and practices of local polity and her colorful history. An effective editor must become and continue to be a perceptive student of Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist histories as well as current trends in Baptist life. The editor should be a person whose experience in Baptist life and ministry is sufficiently broad enough to grasp and speak to the issues pertinent to Kentucky Baptists.
6. A person with a strong commitment to the structures of Kentucky Baptist life which unify the church, the local association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In addition, the editor should be sensitive to and tolerant of the differing opinions which exist within that unity. The editor must be Western Recorder's vital link to all Kentucky Baptists.
7. A person who, in the spirit of the Great Commission, maintains an awareness of global, national and regional circumstances which impact the cause of missions. The editor should be able to locate and interpret the spiritual dimensions of social and political issues to Kentucky Baptists.
8. A person whose commitment to the local church can be observed by active membership in a Southern Baptist church. The editor should be able to speak effectively in churches of all sizes and in all locations across the state.
9. A person who will "earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

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The college has come to us

"What do a high school principal, a history teacher, a factory employe, a computer programmer, a bivocational pastor and a housewife all have in common?" queried Lincoln/Casey Baptist Association's director of missions Stan Stevenson. They share a common interest in knowing more about the time between the close of the Old Testament and the opening of the New Testament. Their willingness to study made possible the Clear Creek External Study Center in Stanford.

Twenty-two people meet every other Monday night for two hours in the association office. Individuals audit the class or secure credit for Clear Creek's degree program. Two of the Stanford class are full time Clear Creek commuting students. Another indicated his plans to enrol in January, "I'm just waiting until I reach age 21." Academic dean Darlys Warren and business manager Marita Rice were present to register students and collect fees. Dean Warren noted the students' enthusiasm and several wanted to know what would be offered in January. The dean expressed appreciation for director of missions Stevenson, "This external study center would not be possible without his promotion and leadership. Although Stevenson has had similar classes he also enrolled to encourage others."

The key element to any study is the instructor and Stanford has one of the best. Old Testament and Hebrew professor Robert O. Fitts commutes from Harrodsburg. "I love it! The class has a marvelous spirit. We have a good cross section from the community and very capable students. I am careful about my testing so I will not scare them away," Fitts remarked. Fitts retired in 1985 after 23 years at Clear Creek. He later commuted two years to assist with Old Testament studies. He previously pastored in Stearns, Bethel (Mercer County) and Wheelwright. Some will remember his work under Gardner and Roy Boatwright.

Stevenson said, "We appreciate the opportunity Clear Creek is offering our folks. What a wonderful thing this can be. Hopefully many others will take advantage of it. We are so thankful the college has come to us."

At the turn of the century

Kentuckian's witness comes full circle today

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

The congregation of Springfield Baptist Church, North Concord Association, sat spellbound and listened to testimonies and words of praise for Kentucky Baptists and the Cooperative Program by missionaries Fayiz and Emilia Saknini during a recent series of mission/rally revival services.

The witness of a Kentucky pastor's wife during the beginning of this century has reached full circle. Mrs. Saknini tells about a young man who settled near Irvine in Estill County about the turn of this century. He became successful and prosperous in business. One day the Kentucky pastor's wife in a grocery store noticed his foreign accent and began conversing with him. She invited him to her home, to attend church with the family and introduced him to Jesus Christ. The young man later married her daughter.

Tragedy struck and the young man's wife died, leaving him with four sons and a daughter. Unable to find help with the children, in desperation he returned to Lebanon. Mrs. Saknini is his granddaughter.

Mrs. Saknini's brother received a gospel tract from Fayiz Saknini, a young oil company employe who was witnessing for Christ in Lebanon. Mrs. Saknini was not converted right away. However, she recalls attending a New Year's eve party her brother invited her to in 1954. It was in that setting that she accepted Christ. She married Fayiz Saknini in 1955. Immediately she began work with the women, organizing prayer groups and mission action, and for four years directed the WMU work in the church in Tripoli. The family moved to Beirut, Lebanon, where she directed the mission organizations of the church and served as a catalytic language missionary to Mideasterners since moving to Georgia in 1977.

Saknini describes how he was raised as a nominal Christian. "Everyone in our country is a Christian if not a Moslem or a Jew." However, that does not mean everyone is a believer in Jesus Christ. As a youngster I spent a lot of time in church, behaving as a fallen angel at best," he says. "I did everything I could think of to make fun and disrupt the services."



Ralph Duncan, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, watches as Fayiz Saknini inscribes his Bible in English and Arabic. Saknini, a native of Palestine, conducted a mission/revival emphasis at the church.

"One day the missionary picked me up, shook me hard and told me never to come back to church. I enjoyed being around the people and went back. They had something I wanted. I was saved at age 18," he relates. Thirty years later the missionary who had been Saknini's childhood pastor came to Lebanon. Saknini, pastor of First Baptist and president of the convention, was not the rowdy child the elderly missionary remembered. "I proudly stood on the platform and served as his interpreter, not as his interrupter," Saknini smiles.

Saknini was baptized in the Sea of Galilee. He continued his full time job with the British Oil Company. Wars were so prevalent in that area he was forced to go to Beirut in 1948. There he worked under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board for 29 years. Little did he know when he left Nazareth that it would be 27 years before he would be able to visit with his family again. He was the only member of his family to leave Nazareth.

Even as a high ranking official, life

has not been easy for the Saknini family. He was beaten and the family persecuted. For a number of years he was a man without a country. He did not live in Nazareth when Israel declared its independence, nor was he a citizen of Lebanon. At times his only communication with his family was by way of a brother in the U. S. who then sent the letter to his mother 150 miles from Saknini's home.

With heavy artillery falling outside, during the second week of May, 1976, he felt strongly led by God to claim Abraham's promise and look for another country. The family of five left with only a briefcase each.

Fayiz made high grades on the Immigration Department tests and is a U. S. citizen.

While visiting in eastern Kentucky he sought ways to express appreciation for Kentucky Baptists and their concern for missions through the Cooperative Program. He and his wife are grateful for the events which led to the conversion of her grandfather 100 years ago.

Missionaries to Spain retire in Kentucky

When Kentucky missionaries Gerald and June McNeely stood before the annual meeting of the Spanish Baptist Union recently, they received a plaque and a standing ovation.

The McNeelys were being honored at their retirement after 32 years of work in Spain. During their final annual meeting in the northern Spanish city of Lerida, some Baptists came up to give the McNeelys a parting hug and to say, "I was there when you arrived!"

Behind the tears and hugs lie 32 years of solid ministry. When the McNeelys arrived they went through the usual missionary initiation of learning a foreign language. Eventually both earned degrees in Spanish studies at a Spanish university. Soon both began working at the Baptist Theological Seminary near Madrid.

McNeely began teaching New Testament but saw a need for religious education training and earned another seminary degree so he could teach religious education, church administration and archaeology.

Mrs. McNeely was seminary librarian, helping set up the seminary's library in the early days. She also taught classes for women, usually pastors' wives.

McNeely also found time to serve as national Sunday school promoter. The fact that he has taught virtually every Baptist pastor in Spain was a big help, he notes. Mrs. McNeely modestly allows that she "helped with the women's work." But fellow missionary Linda Fisher says, "She just about singlehandedly got WMU started in this country." Both McNeelys are quick to point out they worked closely with Spanish Baptists in their ministries.

The McNeelys kept involved with church work, and helped start Alcobendas Baptist Mission, which meets near the seminary campus.

Their work sounds relatively routine until one remembers that much of it was done in Spain during years when any non-Catholic religious effort was severely persecuted. Baptists carried their Bibles to church wrapped in newspapers. They closed the windows before



Mr. and Mrs. McNeely

singing hymns, lest someone report them to the police. McNeely was once detained by police for passing out gospel tracts to young people.

Now that Spain has religious liberty, many in the country have abandoned the Roman Catholic Church but have not replaced it with any other church, the McNeelys said, although Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses have won big followings. Baptists have grown through the years, now numbering more than 7000.

Although many American Christians don't consider Europe a mission field, McNeely disagrees strongly. "Europe is a mission field," he insists. "European Christians recognize it as such. The percentage of people attending any church is much less than in the United States. Europe needs to be evangelized!"

Evangelism is much more difficult in Europe, he said, "because people have a veneer of Christianity. They are members of a state church and have some understanding of Christianity. But from our New Testament perspective, these people are not Christians because they have not had an experience with the Lord and they don't have an experiential faith."

The McNeelys were to return home in September to Louisville, where they will live. One of their daughters, Linda Hoffman, is GA director at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. Their other daughter, Marsha Smith, is a Southern Baptist representative in Israel.

Despite retirement, they expect to continue promoting missions support and participation among Southern Baptists. "Our call to missions hasn't stopped just because we've retired," says Mrs. McNeely with a smile.

mountains to the mississippi



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

The past is prologue

Are you one of those people who have difficulty letting go of one decade when it comes time to enter another? Increasingly I hear of people who talk about the trauma they felt on reaching the big 3-0, or worse—the big 4-0. I've heard that more from women than from men, but I have talked to some men who are troubled when it is time to kiss their 20s or 30s goodby.

Why the jitters? Is life less sweeter as it rolls on? Perhaps in our senior years we'll have more ailments and anguish than we now have. Yet most of us in reasonably good health and circumstance in our 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s should experience one decade about as well as the previous one.

I'm about to find out again. Next week yours truly takes the plunge past the big 5-0. A trauma not well handled? I don't anticipate it. I doubt the day I turn 50 I'll feel a day over 49. I base that on prior experience, for 40 was no shocker and 30 created no ripples. I guess I've always believed that "the best is yet to be" and I'm in hopes of being around for it.

Let me tell a couple of funny experiences on myself related to aging.

I was in a two-night Sunday school workers' clinic in an association north of Louisville a dozen years ago. Two car-loads of conference leaders were traveling up there each night. We stopped at a fast food restaurant for supper one evening. After the others, my age and older, had placed their orders, the teenage girl behind the counter singled me out, inquiring if I would like the senior citizen's discount. I asked what that was and she said, "Ten percent off for people over 55." (Mind you, I was then 37 or 38.) Discerning by her face that she was serious, I replied, "Young lady, I may be old enough to be your father but I'm not old enough to be your grandfather!" The others got a big kick out of it.

Anticipating this column on the big 5-0, last spring I dropped Jim Newton a line at the Home Mission Board requesting the hilarious piece I recalled he wrote on turning 50 in his editorial days at the *World Mission Journal*. I got no response from Jim, who's three or four years my senior. At Las Vegas, I asked him why. He broke into laughter and said, "The mind certainly doesn't go at 50, even if everything else does. The editorial I wrote was on turning 40, not 50. You are remembering that column from nearly 15 years back!"

Well, the good Lord willing, and with a memory like mine, I plan to return to that same Kentucky fast food counter in about five years. I want to ask for what's rightfully mine.

associations

Daviess-McLean Association passed a resolution honoring Gerard Howell, former pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church. The resolution praised Howell for his leadership and scholarship and bestowed the association's blessing as he moves to Central Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

During its annual meeting, **Northern Kentucky Association** elected Herbert Booth as moderator. Among other business, the association accepted Beechgrove Baptist Church as a member.

At their annual meeting, **Wayne County Association of Missionary Baptists** elected the following officers: Glenn Edwards, moderator; Koger Ramsey, assistant moderator; Gifford Walters, clerk; Harold Vire, treasurer.

Henry County Association is sponsoring a divorce recovery seminary Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28. The event will be held at the Henry County Public Library in Campbellsville. Pam Cobb is the association's director of missions.

congregations

New Harmony Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association, celebrated homecoming Sept. 24. Former pastor Henry Johns delivered the message to the 240 people attending.

South Side Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, held a special service in its newly renovated sanctuary. Pastor Harold Pike asked members to symbolically remove their shoes as they entered the building singing "Standing on Holy Ground."

First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association, held a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 1. The service marked the beginning of a \$450,000 project which will provide the church with additional classroom and storage space. John David Laida is interim pastor.

Sept. 24 First Baptist Church, Sturgis, Ohio Valley Association, held "Jack Sanford Day." The occasion honored the late Western Recorder editor who died this past May. A love offering was taken for the paper's endowment fund. John East III is interim pastor.

Upon retiring a \$210,000 debt for their new sanctuary, the members of **Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort**, Franklin Association, held a note burning celebration. Malcolm Lunceford is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Three Forks Association, is beginning a "FRAngelism" project. "FRAN" stands for "friends, relatives, associates and neighbors." Thomas Stokes is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Moreland, will hold a 30th anniversary celebration Nov. 5. The celebration will feature messages from former pastors, special music and an afternoon dinner. George Darnell is pastor.

Georgetown Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, is sending eight members to Cuernavaca, Mexico. The members will assist missionaries with simultaneous revivals in the local association. The

church is helping finance the Nov. 15-20 mission. Richard Allison is pastor.

Douglas Dean, pastor of **Clifton Heights Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, was "kidnapped" Oct. 15. According to a church press release, the pastor is being held until the church's youth receive 160 lbs. of canned goods. The food will be given to the Louisville Hunger Day campaign.

personnel

After being ordained at Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, Franklin Association, **Paul Haering** is new pastor of Silas Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Lloyd Sutton is no longer minister of music at Boones Creek Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association. He goes to Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association.

Sligo Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association called **Dale Hanson** as pastor.

Parcel Flannery accepted the pastorate of Eastside Bethel Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association.

Galilee Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association, is now pastored by **John Dodson**.

Darrell Jessie resigned as pastor of Laurel Chapel Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Taylor Hampton is no longer pastor of Union Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Southern Heights Baptist Church, Bethel Association, honored pastor **Darrell Hartley** for his 20 years of service.

O. G. Lawless is interim pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Logan Association.

Daniel Saunders resigned as pastor of the New Harmony Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

Prue H. Kelly has come out of retirement to be interim pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, Central Association.

Faith Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, ordained **Perry Huff** new pastor.

Bennie Bush is interim pastor of Chapel Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Doug Broome is interim music director at Green River Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. Broome is the director of technical/media services at Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

James Driver resigned as pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

South Side Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, called **Richard Teaster** as minister of music.

Allen Valentine is new pastor of West Buechel Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Long Run Association, called **Robert Sutton** as pastor.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Long Run Association, is now pastored by **Ron Towles**.

Lebanon Baptist Church, Central Association, passed a resolution honoring **H. E. Coker** upon his retirement as chairman of Christian studies at Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

Chuck Lovejoy announced his resignation as youth and outreach minister at Harlan Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Two Kentucky natives have been honored by the Baptist Sunday School Board with the Career of Excellence award.

They are **John Oldham**, a native of Elkton and manager of advertising and sales promotion for Baptist Book stores, and **Milt Hughes**, a Louisville native and editor of *The Student* magazine.

The award program was established in 1987 to recognize employees whose performances consistently surpasses expected goals and whose careers contribute significantly to the work of the board.

Recipients are selected by the board's administrative management group, based on established criteria, including length of service, superior performances, product or service ideas, cost savings projects and church and community involvement.

deaths

Hubert L. Dobbs Sr. died Oct. 4 in Indianapolis at the age of 81. Dobbs retired in 1973 after 39 years of service with the Baptist hospital program. He was founder and incorporator of Blue Cross Hospital Plan Inc. in Louisville. He was past president of the Kentucky Hospital Association and the American Protestant Hospital Association. He was a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators, a Mason and a Rotarian.

Myra Jane "Janie" Wetherington died Sept. 26. She was the wife of Larry Wetherington, pastor of Smithfield Baptist Church, Henry County Association.

ordinations

Kento-Boo Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, ordained Wayne Russell Whaley and James Allen Whaley to the ministry. Wayne is pastor of Oak Island Baptist Church in the association and James is pastor of First Baptist Church, Pruden, Tenn.

revivals

Mint Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, reports two baptisms and one commitment to ministry following revival. Russell Joiner is pastor.

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A life changed forever

Many wonderful things come to us in the mail. That is the lifeline through which our friends reach out to us and sustain us with their financial gifts. Also they encourage us to tell us of their prayers.

Recently a letter came to us from a college professor of English. She wrote of one of our former students who only tested second grade level in reading when he came to Oneida. But with intensive individualized tutoring in our special help department, he went on to graduate three and a half years later and was accepted at college. During his first year he earned nearly a "B" average.

The professor wrote: "The enclosed theme was submitted by one of your former students in fulfillment of an English composition assignment. With his permission I am sending you a copy. I think you will find his comments interesting reading."

The theme said in part: "If a person goes back to school after he has been out for a long time, he can change his life. I was such a person. I needed to be in school because I had dropped out of high school at the age of 16.

"I was 23 years old and had just lost my job. I had no training that could help me get another job, and I did not know what I was going to do.

"I still lived with my parents and all I did was mope around the house.

"I received an *Oneida Mountaineer* paper in the mail one day. The paper told about a Baptist school in Oneida. The more I read about Oneida the more

I liked the notion of going there. I got in my car the next day and drove to Oneida. The president showed me around the campus and we talked for hours. Afterward we had supper.

"I told president Moore I would work if he would let me go to school there until I graduated. He told me 'okay' but added that I had better not let him down.

I started school one month after that. I loved being there. I made a lot of friends and had the best time of my life.

"I did let Mr. Moore down a lot of times, but he always believed in me and never gave up on me. I was at Oneida for three and a half years and graduated 23rd in a class of 86.

"The hard thing about Oneida was graduation and having to say goodbye. I think about Oneida a lot, and sometimes wish I was still there. But I know that life must go on. Nevertheless Oneida changed my life forever."

Of course such a testimonial is encouraging and we are grateful to Campbellsville College for taking up where we left off. This young man still needs a lot of help and they are providing it as he works to help himself.

A recent note from a mother lifted our spirits: "How pleased we are that Christine is doing so well in school. We received her grades and were so happy with them. This is the first time in many years that we have seen results like this. It is quite apparent that she is putting forth effort. In the past she had no desire to accomplish. She is involved in diving, swimming and the flag team. That is really spurring her on to accomplish in the classroom."

A pastor writes: "We brought 14 of our members to Oneida to work in painting, sewing, lawn mower repair and carpentry. They really received a blessing doing the work.

"The most memorable event for all of our members was the 'sermon' you delivered in the library on faith and how it works at Oneida. It is my desire that you come to our church and that you will again let go and 'preach.'

"We are now working to see how we may send different work groups to the school on a regular basis."

Yes, such people encourage. The sheer load of things to be done daily is nearly overwhelming at times. The responsibility is tremendous and unceasing. The financial struggle of caring for over 550 girls and boys is exhausting. But God provides through people like these.

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Life and work series

The message of missions

John 3:3-8 Nicodemus, one of the most religious men of his day, was honest in his convictions and sincere in his desire to do right. Even though he had position, prestige, popularity and power, he was very much aware that there was a real void in his heart. Consequently, he made his silent and unperceived way at night to a house where Christ was stopping and sought an interview with him. Without hesitation he acknowledged that Christ was sent from God and that his miracles were evidence of the approval of God upon his ministry.

Christ ignored the reference of Nicodemus to the miracles, and proceeded to talk with him about the meaning, the nature and the necessity of the birth from above. The new birth is not optional, but it is imperative. It is not something that one can do for himself, but it is a miracle produced by the Holy Spirit.

John 3:14-18 God's great, wonderful and matchless love was the source from which salvation has come to sinners. It was wrought out through the death of his son on the cross. His love is universal. It was wrought out and manifested to the end that all who will may receive eternal life. God's love is also unchanging, unending and unending, so no

words are needed to enhance its wonder and its glory. The purpose of the gift of his son was that "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This word "believeth" denies salvation by character, refutes salvation by works, contradicts salvation by culture, disproves salvation by feeling, and declares salvation through trusting Christ, the only Saviour. Salvation is never an achievement of man but always a gift from God. Only through believing on Christ or receiving him as Saviour will condemnation be lifted.

International series

The need for watchfulness

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Most of the Thessalonian Christians waited, watched and expected Christ to return during their lifetime. Some of them were disturbed and distressed by the fear that their loved ones and friends who had passed away would occupy a position second to those who would be living when Christ returned. In this epistle Paul wrote to give the perplexed Christians proper instruction and set their hearts at rest. He taught his readers not to worry about their saved, departed loved ones not sharing in the glory of Christ's kingdom. When Christ comes again the first thing that will take place, Paul says, will be the resurrection of the bodies of the saved. Following the resurrection of the bodies of the deceased Christians, the living believers will then be changed from mortals to immortals, and together they will be snatched away from all danger and caught up to meet their Lord.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Paul taught the Thessalonian Christians that the second coming of Christ was a future event of absolute certainty and tremendous importance. Since the exact time was an uncertainty, Paul emphasized that his readers should be prepared for the return of Christ regardless of the time when he might appear. Paul urged his Christian readers to watch for Christ ardently, to wait for him patiently, to wish for him prayerfully, to walk with him dependently, to witness for him faithfully and to work for him diligently. God's word emphasizes the importance of those bearing the name of Christian really living as Christ would have them to live and serve. In "the day of the Lord" the children of God will not be subjected to the judgment and punishment as will those who do not know Christ.



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on mission together

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The door was open, as it always is when she's not home. Each day I pass it several times.

It wasn't the best time, nor the most convenient but I couldn't put her out of mind. In three days she would be 21.

We'd be "celebrating" the event on the weekend; I had already sent a special card from "daddy." Somehow I was feeling the need for her presence.

Walking into her room I pulled out the chair from her dresser and scanned

the room, touching with my eyes those special things that she had left behind. Among them, sitting in the other chair across the room was Raggedy Ann. I looked at her. She stared at me.

"Raggedy," I said, "I'm glad you're here. You've known Shawn almost as long as we have. I suppose you miss her, too.

"Remember when you first met her at Mayo Clinic in 1974 when she was having surgery? She liked your big smile. I'm glad you still have it. Sometimes we humans lose ours.

"I suppose you feel like you've been moved around a lot, too. You've never said anything though... you seemed to understand... you know... my being a minister and all... ministers move a lot.

"I'll bet you've heard a lot from Shawn over the years—the secrets of a little girl; the words of dreams; the giggles at her slumber parties; the music she loves; the songs she sang; the tearful times of disappointment. You must have

heard it all.

"What would you tell me, Raggedy, if you could talk? That you miss her? How you love her, too? How proud of her you are? That you pray for her as we do?"

"Or would you fuss at her for growing up and no longer seeking your kind of company? Or that she doesn't need you as much as she used to?"

"Raggedy, things have changed you know. She's not the same little girl you came to stay with back then when she was five. She's a woman now—lovely and graceful; full of life and promise. In three days she will be 21."

The big doll sat silently in her chair. She had spoken in the only language she knew—the language of my memory.

I determined then that there would be another guest at Shawn's party when we go to visit her on Saturday.

"Raggedy," I said to myself, "you're going to a birthday party. And I know a girl who will be surprised to see you there."

If dolls smile, she did.

Southwestern students warned about the occult, Mormonism

by Chip Alford

A young couple uses their horoscope to plan daily activities.

A teenage boy obsessed with the role playing game "Dungeons and Dragons" begins having difficulty distinguishing fantasy from reality.

A teenage girl participates in satanic rituals and later attempts suicide.

Does the Bible speak to these issues, and can Christians effectively witness and minister to people in these situations? The answer is "yes," according to Gary Leazer, director of the Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department.

Leazer, along with Jimmy Furr, a regional interfaith director based in Nashville, were on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., Sept. 22-23 to give seminary students an overview of the occult and Mormonism and teach students how to tell people involved in both sects about faith in Christ.

The occult, Leazer said, is "an umbrella term referring to teachings or rituals practiced in secret or to the invisible spirit world." The occult phenomenon includes practices such as astrology, spiritualism, fortune-telling, magic, witchcraft and satanism.

In the last five years, Leazer said, the number of requests his department receives for information about the occult has mushroomed.

"Before 1985 it was very seldom that we'd get more than one call per year on the occult," he said, "but now the occult and the New Age Movement are the top two areas that we get requests about."

Leazer detailed several reasons for the occult's resurging popularity: "One reason is the simple fascination with the unknown and the mysterious. And at the same time, there is a tendency in so much of our culture to be turned off by traditional Christian religion or traditional religion of any kind.

The breakdown of the family unit, drugs and heavy-metal music with lyrics that glorify violence, sex and satanism are other important factors, Leazer said, adding that the promise of popularity and control over others also is a strong drawing card for the occult.

"I don't think those things in themselves cause a person to become involved in the occult, but if a person is very lonely or has very low self-esteem, these things increase their potential to become involved," he said. "I am convinced that almost all of the people that get involved in the occult, especially teenagers, get involved not because they have accepted it, but because they think it is the answer to some need that they have."

Teenagers especially are vulnerable to satanism, the occult's darkest side, Leazer said. Many succumb to peer pressure to try the "in" thing, he said, while others become involved to rebel against or get the attention of their parents.

Leazer described three types of satanism. "Religious satanists," he said, worship Satan as a symbol of man's carnal nature. The best known example is Anton LaVey, founder of the Church of Satan and author of "The Satanic Bible."

"Self-styled satanists" often are teenagers who read books, watch movies or listen to records and see sex, violence, drug use and satanism as marketable

commodities. They may not actually believe in or worship Satan, although some police investigators and social workers express concern about the drug use and violence often associated with this type of satanism.

"Satanic cults" are involved in criminal activities such as drug trafficking, kidnapping, pornography and animal and human ritual murders.

In ministering to someone involved in the occult or telling such a person about Christ, Leazer said, believers should realize progress may require a long period of Christian counseling. The first step to overcoming occult involvement is seeking to bring the non-Christian to faith in Jesus Christ, he said.

"In-depth communication between parents and their children also needs to be emphasized," Leazer said.

While the popularity of satanism and other occultic practices is growing, the fastest growing cult in the United States is Mormonism, Furr said.

The wholesome Mormon lifestyle and appealing television advertisements fail to tell the whole story about Mormon beliefs, he said: "What they say sounds good. They have a lot of easy answers to hard questions. But in actuality, Mormonism is a type of universalism. According to them, ultimately everybody will be saved.

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The Mormon terminology also is deceptive, Furr added: "They use the same terms we do, but they mean different things. For example, for them salvation is the keeping of a lot of different things, such as being married in the temple, tithing and not drinking coffee or tea. It's all based on works, where we teach that salvation is based on the grace God has extended to us and the faith that he has given to us to accept that grace."

Converting a Mormon to Christianity is very difficult, he noted: "Mormons have usually been indoctrinated from early childhood. The chances of sitting down with a Mormon on one occasion and leading them to Christ are very slim unless there has been some background work already done by someone else."



Cindy Lewis, a 1984 graduate of Campbellsville College who is a pharmacist, said Campbellsville College changed her life at the annual president's club dinner. Ken Winters, president of the college, is at her right.

Alumni praise Campbellsville at president's club dinner

by Joan C. McKinney

"Campbellsville College changed my life."

Campbellsville College offers a student a chance to sit down and learn about himself and about God."

So say Cindy Lewis, 1984 graduate of Campbellsville College and Ed McGuire, 1961 graduate. Along with Ron Rafferty, 1969 graduate, they addressed the recent Campbellsville College president's club dinner.

The president's club consists of those who have given at least \$1000 to Campbellsville College in the last fiscal year. A dinner honors them annually and this year Ken Winters, president of Campbellsville, announced the club has 132 members, 25 of whom are new for this year.

"I'm excited about your demonstration of support and about having you here," said Winters. "I can't tell you how much I appreciate you."

Winters introduced the three alumni speakers as a "tremendous inspiration to me during the past year."

"I can't imagine alumni who are greater supporters of Campbellsville College. Campbellsville College has meant a great deal in their preparation for a career."

Campbellsville was not the place Miss Lewis wanted to be after high school. "My mom literally forced me to come," said Miss Lewis of Bradfordsville. "Mom put me in the car and said, 'Cindy you are going to college.'"

She didn't enjoy the first semester at all as she drove back and forth daily to her home.

Then she discovered the science area at the college. The faculty "instilled in me the desire for higher goals," she said. She also found people talking about God—something of which was normal on campus and not something to be ashamed of, she said. She became a Christian, graduated and was accepted to top pharmacy schools throughout the country.

She graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy in 1987 and is a pharmacist at Central Drug

Center, Campbellsville. She was also the 1988 Campbellsville Business and Professional Women's Club young career woman of the year.

"Campbellsville College has something to offer everyone," she said. She said she gained knowledge and the strength to fulfill her potential at Campbellsville College.

"Campbellsville College faculty and staff have the art of sharing through the heart," she said.

McGuire has been associated with Campbellsville 33 years as a student, alumnus, instructor and star of the college's cable channel 21 television show "What's Cooking, Neighbor?"

"Students are nurtured in their personal and spiritual lives at Campbellsville," McGuire said, "and that's what makes the college different."

He said Campbellsville College gave him a chance to sit down and learn about himself and God.

As educational consultant with Kentucky educational television, McGuire comes in contact with Campbellsville alumni in almost every community he visits. He said alumni "still have strong feelings" for the college.

Rafferty is another star of cable channel 21's television shows. He's on "Rafferty!" where he interviews local guests.

Rafferty has been teaching 21 years, 19 at Taylor County High School.

He said that "a lot of new and creative things are going on at Campbellsville College." He cited the "personal touch" he received at Campbellsville as a reason for his still being in the city of Campbellsville.

He said Campbellsville College helped him believe, "you are somebody. I am somebody. God doesn't make any junk."

Entertainment for the evening was by Steve Skaggs, senior church music major from Buffalo, with Yvonne Emerson, senior music education major from Russell Springs, accompanying him on piano.

Lawrence Hall, Elizabethtown, president of the Campbellsville College board of trustees, led the invocation as Robert S. Clark, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, led the benediction.

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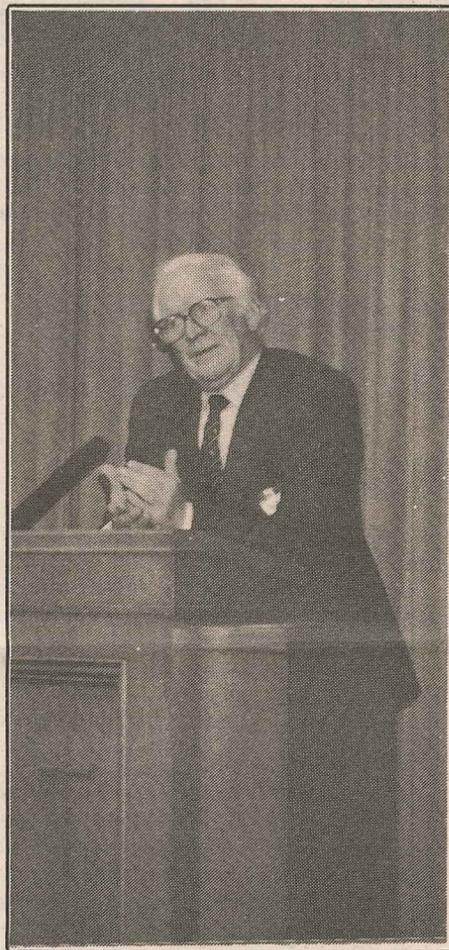
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Medical Nobel Prize Winner Addresses College

GEORGETOWN, KY. - Sir James Black of King's College in London, England, presented a lecture in the John Hill Chapel at Georgetown College Thursday, Sept. 21. Black was awarded the 1988 Nobel Prize for Medicine which honored his part in two major drug breakthroughs, including one leading to Tagamet, SmithKline Beckman Corp.'s ulcer medicine with annual sales exceeding \$1 billion.

Head of the Department of Analytical Pharmacology at the King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, Black's appearance at Georgetown College is his only scheduled visit in Kentucky.

Black joined the Medical School in 1984 and has since established a thriving research department in Analytical Pharmacology, according to King's College information officer Melanie Gardner. In December, 1988, England con-



ducted the formal opening of its new laboratories of The James Black Foundation. This small, independent pharmaceutical research company is funded by Johnson and Johnson. It is charity-linked and closely related with King's College.

CHOIR SERIES NAMED IN COLLEGE'S HONOR

GEORGETOWN, KY. - The Tempo Music Co. of Leawood, Kan. will begin publishing the "Georgetown College Choir Series," according to Tony G. Whitfield, associate professor of music at the college.

Whitfield, who will edit the series, said that Tempo Music will publish the music series beginning with this year's Youth Choir Day anthem by composer Bob Burroughs. The company will publish one to two anthems per year for

Georgetown College. At least one of the compositions will be in connection with Youth Choir Day which is held annually at the college.

"This is a tremendous honor for Georgetown College," said Whitfield. "Our name and a picture of the (John Hill) Chapel will grace the cover of the music series."

Burroughs' work for the Georgetown College Choir Series, "A Promise," will be released sometime this month.

Professor Receives Federal Grant

GEORGETOWN, KY. - Dr. Robert D. Bryant, chairman of the Department of Sociology at Georgetown College, has received a federal grant of \$24,997 for a human services project coordinated by his department.

The project, "Student Community Service in the Bluegrass Area Human Service Agencies," is in its second year and involved over 60 Georgetown College undergraduate students last year.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education and the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, the Georgetown project is designed to implement a broad-based student internship program while giving students an opportunity to work in several human services agencies in Scott

and Fayette Counties. Among those agencies participating in the program are the Georgetown Child Development Center; the Hollon House, a Georgetown-area youth shelter; the Lexington Juvenile Court; the Georgetown-Scott Co. Housing Authority; YMCA; and Comprehensive Care.

The total federal grant for the past two years of the program's existence exceeds \$45,000.

Jones Named Coach Emeritus

GEORGETOWN, KY. - Georgetown College golf coach L.E. "Brad" Jones, the country's oldest active coach at age 94, has been conferred the honorary title of "Coach Emeritus" by the college's Board of Trustees.

Jones has coached almost all of the sports at the central Kentucky college at one time or another since he joined the school's teaching staff in 1945.

A 1921 graduate of Georgetown College, Jones remains active, playing golf 3-4 times each week. He's been shooting his age since 1970.

Franklin Educator Bequeaths Gift

GEORGETOWN, KY. - Mrs. Carrie Woodall Baldree, a long-time educator in Franklin County, Ky., has left through her will a gift of \$50,000 for Georgetown College.

Mrs. Baldree, who died this past February, left instructions for the gift to be used in establishing a scholarship fund that would provide financial grants every year for students at the college.

"We are grateful for the vision of those who see beyond their own lifetimes," said J. Richard Carlton, vice president for development. "While living, Mr. and Mrs. Baldree helped a number of young people secure college educations. This memorial scholarship will continue their good works for generations to come."

Farmers Bank and Trust Co. of Frankfort acted as executor of Mrs. Baldree's estate.



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