

All roads lead to Ft. Worth as collegians head to Mission 90

by F. W. White

If the response of students from Kentucky is any indication, participation in Mission 90 might top expectations.

Student response in Kentucky more than doubled what was expected from those areas for the student missions conference to be held in Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 27-31.

The Kentucky Baptist Student Department was overwhelmed by 243 students who accepted an offer of free transportation and housing for the conference. They had budgeted for 100 students, said Ralph Hopkins, associate director of the department.

Student ministry leaders anticipate more than 4000 participants for the conference in the Ft. Worth-Tarrant County Convention Center.

Participants won't be just from churches and schools across the United States. Five students from Japan, eight from Mexico and possibly some students from Brazil are planning to attend the conference, said Brad Gray, chairman of the Mission 90 steering committee

A life-changing missions encounter for college students.



Students Touching the World

December 27-31, 1989

Fort Worth, Texas

and missions consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board's Student Ministry Department, Nashville.

The conference will include hands-on missions involvement, a commissioning service for Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries, more than 80,000 square feet of exhibits related to Southern Baptist missions, choices from as many as 40 missions seminars during each of nine seminar times and a concert by gospel recording artist Cynthia Clawson of Louisville.

Mission 90 is sponsored by the Student Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board in coordination with the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union and the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

In Kentucky the Student Department had to scrape together an additional \$8500 and ask students to provide \$25 toward transportation costs, Hopkins said.

Initially the department was relying on a \$10,000 grant from the state convention's special projects fund to provide housing and transportation costs

for 100 students.

"We didn't anticipate many more than 100 would go," Hopkins said.

Five years ago, when the last conference was in Nashville, about 150 students from Kentucky attended, he said.

Hopkins had planned to rely on a couple of church buses. He now has chartered five Trailways buses for the trip. The students will meet in Paducah to leave at midnight Dec. 26 for the 12-hour trip to Ft. Worth.

The conference will be well worth the disruption of Christmas vacation, Hopkins agreed.

National student mission conferences have proved to be life-changing experiences, he said.

Richard Poe, who was campus minister at Murray (Ky.) State University when he attended Mission 80 in Nashville, made a commitment to missions at that conference and now is a Southern Baptist missionary in South America, Hopkins said.

"Mission 90 will have a tremendous impact on the future because the students will be leaders in the 21st century, he pointed out. (BP)

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Stalled SBC growth to be focus of leaders to facilitate outreach

by Jim Lowry

Stalled growth in Southern Baptist churches will be the target of renewed efforts by program leaders over the next few years to get the denomination back on track for reaching people for Christ.

Baptist state convention directors of church administration met Nov. 16-17 with personnel of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department and discussed the denominational slowdown. They also heard about customized growth plans, new products and increased cooperation among programs to encourage growth. "We are not presently a growing denomination, even with the slight increases we have had recently," said Gary Cook, the board's vice president for church programs and services. "It is our commitment, dream and prayer that

we will once again be a growing convention.

"We want to look at methods that will provide growth with integrity."

The growth plan that was unveiled for the state directors emphasizes the need for cooperation among programs of the denomination.

The Coordinated Church Growth Plan, which will help churches diagnose growth potential in light of the impact on all programs of the church, calls for balanced biblical church growth in evangelism, discipleship, missions and administration.

To help church leaders understand the dimensions of healthy, sustained growth, a new periodical, "Growing Churches," will be available beginning in October 1990. It will provide suggestions for growing churches by considering needs in evangelism, missions and outreach and will carry testimonies from pastors and other staff members who have led churches in growth.

For larger churches in the convention, the Church Administration Department unveiled a new cost-recovery growth consultation service that will customize a plan of growth to the situations and particular needs of churches with more than 1500 members.

Joe Stacker, director of the Church Administration Department, said only larger churches are included in the strategic growth planning service at first because they tend to be more involved in long range planning, which is an essential element of the project. The service will be expanded at a later date to include smaller churches.

This growth plan includes four visits to the church, including an initial two-day session to evaluate the church's situation and train the pastor and other church leaders.

A related emphasis, "Let's All Go to Church," is a jointly sponsored project for the Church Administration and Church Music departments to focus attention in local churches on improved worship services. (BP)

Adults view Paul's defense, youth Luke in Bible studies

by F. W. White

The diverse topics of stewardship, suffering and criticism are among the critical issues that will be highlighted through a study of Second Corinthians, the 1990 January Bible Study topic, according to the writer of the adult study text.

Second Corinthians is the most personal letter of the apostle Paul, said Brian Harbour, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., and author of *Second Corinthians: Commissioned to Serve*.

The study gives an opportunity to review Paul's defense of his ministry and apply it as a model to our own, Harbour said.

"Everyone experiences suffering and criticism. Looking at how Paul dealt with those can help us know how to deal with them," Harbour allowed.

The book contains the best stewardship text in the New Testament, he believes.

A chapter of the study text focuses on the motives, methods and results of giving based on Paul's instructions to the Corinthian church.

Harbour recommends that persons should become familiar with Second Corinthians before beginning the study.

I'm encouraging my congregation to read it over. Preparation will help make the study more meaningful," Harbour explained.

He said he plans to teach the study in his church in six sessions.

Overhead transparencies have been added to the January Bible Study Adult Resource Kit for 1990. The transparencies, including maps of Paul's travels during the period covered in the study and an outline of the textbook, can be used in any size study group.

Youth will study the book of Luke for January Bible Study 1990.

Luke's Gospel: A Model for Ministry, written by David Crim, a mission pastor in Cheyenne, Wyo., encourages youth to



Julian Tinsley (r), a deacon at First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., typifies the 1990 January Bible Study theme "Commissioned to Serve" as he greets visitors Kathy Wood and her son, Justin, prior to a worship service.

rely on God's spirit that is available to empower them in ministry, explained Judy Wooldridge, editor of youth January Bible Study materials.

January Bible Study materials also are available for children and preschool sessions. Adult language materials are available in Spanish, Korean and Chinese. Materials are available from Baptist Book Stores or by calling 1-800-458-BSSB.

Although adults and youth in 1990 will be studying different Bible books, beginning in 1991 youth and adult January Bible Study will focus on the same Bible book with a study of Acts. Study texts and approaches will be different for the two age groups.

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These are without question the most exciting days of my entire life. This has to be the most wonderful, exciting and challenging time in human history! Southern Baptists, already well into Bold Mission Thrust, will be guided by a year-long priority "Here's Hope Jesus Cares for You" simultaneous revivals. I can see clear evidence of a genuine quest for revival. The signs of the times are everywhere. I've heard several references recently to the need for a "pentecostal, Holy Ghost revival." Kentucky does have a precedent for such a revival experience.

"It was in the frontier states of Tennessee and Kentucky that the most emotional and spectacular manifestations of the awakening occurred. There the camp meetings began in 1800, and there the revivals especially were marked by emotional outcries and bodily manifestations."

Such behavior was first perceived as mere "overwrought excitement." But evidence of genuine revival manifested itself in the decline of infidelity, the lifting of the moral level of the frontier and the steady growth of churches.

I am a firm believer in the word of God. I really believe we can and will experience real revival right here in Kentucky whenever we have help from heaven. Starting new churches, missions, preaching points and watching God add to them daily can and will be a reality in our day when we have help from heaven. The numbers will multiply when we have help from heaven. I am convinced that the lethargy, the laziness and the indolence of the church today can only be changed by getting help from heaven. We must link our impotence to his omnipotence.

We are in dire and desperate need of revival. Some of our churches are like the church at Ephesus, loveless. Some are like the church at Sardis, lifeless. Many are like the church at Laodicea, lukewarm. To each of these as well as those of the other churches Jesus' call was to repentance or revival! The only exception was the church of Philadelphia (the church of brotherly love) to whom he said, "I have set before you an open door." I see this as an opportunity to evangelize and minister.

I believe that "Here's Hope Jesus Cares for You" simultaneous revivals is really the answer to Bold Mission Thrust. If revival really comes to our churches to the extent that love, life and linkup are restored, we will reach our world for Christ.

We need help from heaven to cross language, racial, religious and cultural barriers with the gospel.

Reading the book of Acts one soon recognizes that all barriers were removed and the gospel was unhindered. The book is filled with excitement from page to page. Nothing in it is dull and drab. God is at work in the lives of believers. And as a result the numbers of disciples are multiplied. They had help from heaven. They were supported by God's strength. That same strength is available to us today. We can be clothed with power from on high when we stand to proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. We must have an unction from the Holy One to enable us to tell the good news of God's love to a lost and dying world without hope. Let me focus on one thing about these

unusually impowered and spiritually gifted people of God.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together" (Acts 4:31 a,b).

This prayer meeting was occasioned by the threat of the council which had ordered Peter and John not to preach anymore "in that name." Now this was a serious and dangerous threat from "the powers that be."

I'm glad that Peter and John did not answer the threat with another threat. Neither did they succumb to the powers that be. This was serious pressure but thank God Peter and John knew how to handle it. They took it to the rest of the church body, who collectively took it to the Lord in prayer. Peter and John had brought hope to a hopeless cripple who had spent his life begging. When he asked them for money, Peter declared, "Silver and gold have I none," but (Here's Hope) "such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk."

Now that was help from heaven. The man jumped up and went running and leaping into the temple. That's power! But remember it was in the name of Jesus. That's help from heaven. This was too much for the Pharisees. They could handle the cripple's begging but they couldn't stand to have him leaping and laughing and praising God. So they forbade Peter and John to preach "in that name!"

The church turned that problem over to God. Why won't we do the same? We certainly are faced with the same problem. We are among many "who will not endure sound doctrine." Many want a watered down compromising kind of gospel. Many churches are like the council who prefer that we not preach or teach "in that name." We dare not handle their threats with our own counter threats but take it to the Lord in prayer.

The object of their prayer was also very important. "Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29 d,e).

They went to God and said in effect, "Look Lord, we have a little problem here." They actually said "Behold their threatenings." They called the bluff of the council by calling on the one that's "bigger than any problem."

Notice however, that they didn't tell God what to do about the problem. They simply asked him to take a look at it. Then they proceeded to ask for boldness to continue preaching the word. Now I see that as a call for help from heaven.

Therefore we look finally at the outcome of their prayer. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word with boldness" (Acts 4:31). The outcome of their prayer was that God answered. God shook the place where they were gathered, just as he shook the Philippian jail when Paul and Silas prayed. I believe he will do it again when his people get together in the right attitude, with the right agenda, especially when that agenda is a desire for boldness to share hope to a world in desperate need.

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baptist news briefs

"Life Together" focus of EBREA meet in Louisville

Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association held its 44th annual session at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Oct. 23-25.

Its 1989 program focus was "Life Together: Congregational Models for Doing Christian Education." C. Ellis Nelson, one of the pioneer theorists of congregationally-based Christian education, was the principal speaker. Nelson is retired president of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Other speakers were Dan Aleshire, Timothy Lines and Mike Harton all of Southern Seminary and members of EBREA.

Officers of EBREA for 1990 are Diana Gabhart, secretary-treasurer, Decatur, Ga.; Eddie Hammett, vice president, Durham, N. C.; Bill Penick, recording secretary, Greenville, S. C.; Gene Lovelace, president, Nashville.

HMB employe resigns protesting resegregation

David Benham, an American Indian who has worked with the Home Mission Board 22 years, has resigned in protest of a staff reorganization that he charges is evidence of "a regression to an old but resurging racism."

Benham, a missionary among American Indians seven years and a member of the Home Mission Board staff 15 years, said he plans to return to Arkansas and work in his family's insurance business.

Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis, in accepting Benham's resignation, issued a brief statement "categorically and emphatically denying his allegations."

"Our position is that the gospel is for everyone, regardless of race or ethnic background, and that churches should welcome and actively seek to enlist those of other races and ethnic heritage," said Lewis.

In his letter of resignation Benham said the 1988 reorganization of the board that created divisions of black church extension, language church extension and new church extension was retrenching the board into a posture of the 1950s and was evidence of "organized resegregation." Benham said that although the board took a strong stand for racial acceptance during the 1960s and 1970s, he felt in recent years little progress has been made in the election of staff "which would reflect the imperative to reach all people for Christ."

Lewis accepted Benham's resignation

"with regret," noting "I am saddened by this because I feel he is a man of deep commitment to missions who has served our agency effectively in the past." (BP)

Missionary charged in fatal auto mishap

A Southern Baptist missionary in Tanzania has been charged with "careless driving resulting in death" and must appear in court Dec. 18.

Tim Tidenberg, 29, of Loving, Tex., was involved in a car accident Nov. 15 that resulted in the death of a young Tanzanian child. Tidenberg said the accident occurred because the child jumped into the road as he drove by, hitting the left side of the car.

The missionary reported he was asked by police to sign a report Nov. 20 that stated the child was crossing the road and Tidenberg failed to stop. He refused to sign.

The minimum sentence for the offense for which Tidenberg is charged is two years in jail, according to the law in Tanzania, a country, like most African nations, with extremely heavy pedestrian traffic. The U. S. Embassy said it would step in to help in the case if Tidenberg is arrested or if the court requires his passport.

Tidenberg and his wife, Ann, live in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, where they have worked as church developers since April. But he is not new to the country. His parents were missionaries to Tanzania, and the Tidenbergs now live in the house where he grew up. (BP)

BHI announces four new staff appointments

Baptist Hospitals Inc. has announced four new staff appointments.

Leigh B. Collier was appointed as director of risk management for the corporation. Prior to joining the corporate office she was director of the medical records department at Baptist Hospital Highlands, 1982-89, and concurrently worked as director of quality assurance at Highlands and Baptist Hospital East, 1984-89.

Fayette F. Harned Jr. joined Baptist Hospitals Information Services as director of systems services. He has more than 30 years of data processing experience. In a former position he was director of health information systems for a multihospital system. He has also worked as a hospital information systems consultant.

George Nix joined BHIS as DEC systems manager. He has six years of data

processing experience primarily in healthcare. He was formerly software and systems manager for the DEC group on the regional campus of Indiana and Purdue universities in Indianapolis.

Charlene Lawson accepted a position as systems analyst with BHIS. In a prior position Miss Lawson analyzed and installed physician office information systems for Humana Inc. She has five years of data processing experience and has worked as a consultant in healthcare information systems.

Annuity Board's Fixed Fund will earn 8.9%

The Annuity Board has announced a Fixed Fund earnings rate of 8.9 percent for 1990 and a one-time crediting of excess earnings that raises the 1989 earnings rate to approximately nine percent.

Darold H. Morgan, president, announced the 1990 earnings rate, noting an increase from the 1989 rate of 8.75 percent.

The Fixed Fund is the board's most conservative plan fund. Plan members' accumulations in the Fixed Fund are invested in fixed income assets. Fixed income assets presently in the Fixed Fund include Guaranteed Investment Contracts (GICs) issued by major life insurance companies, Bank Investment Contracts (BICs) and related deposit products issued by commercial banks and high quality money market investments.

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Serendipity

In 1 Timothy 4, Paul admonishes:

I command you to preach the message, to insist upon telling it, whether the time is right or not; to convince, re-proach, and encourage, teaching with all patience. But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances; endure suffering, do the work of a preacher of the Good News, and perform your whole duty as a servant of God (vv. 1,2,5, TEV).

In four decades of church membership I have never encountered what so many have experienced: the retirement of a pastor. Until now.

The minister who stays put long enough will eventually reach that point. After 21 years at Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church, James B. Lewis has. A native Louisvillian, Jim may hold the unprecedented record of serving three pastorates in his own home town. After 40 years in Kentucky pulpits, he will lay it down Dec. 31. Church members will honor him and his wife Alois Dec. 10.

The call of Jim Lewis to Westport Road is one of the serendipities of that fellowship (as unusually good fortunes occurred). In time, pastor and people made discoveries about one another that have profoundly blessed their pilgrimage together.

I cannot be impartial in evaluating this man. He has been one of God's beloved servants, possessing a heart beating passionately for lost souls. A more compassionate man I cannot imagine. He was *there* when he was needed. He took courageous stands on issues, yet listened to other points of view. His winsomeness and integrity allowed his people to love and admire him. When the pulpit committee mailed a questionnaire asking what kind of pastor we would like to see succeed him, I wrote, "A duplicate of Jim Lewis, just younger!"

Jim Lewis will be missed. But time does not stand still. The flock he has served stands on the precipice of greater opportunities. The same God who delivered us in the past will lead us through the transition and unlock marvelous discoveries in our future.

As we turn a page, I'm convinced Jim Lewis could say with Paul:

I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, I have kept the faith. And now the prize of victory is waiting for me, the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day (1 Tim. 4:6-7, TEV).

Should we expect any less of any minister? The standard is high, but fortunate is the congregation whose subshepherd attempts to reach it throughout his ministry. I hope your church is as blessed as ours has been.

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Going and giving

As members of the Clear Creek singers Tim and Brenda Searcy had sung "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" and never realized God would eventually lead them to Colombia. Aug. 8 the Searcys were appointed Southern Baptist foreign missionaries and after one year of language training in Costa Rica, expect to teach at International Baptist Seminary in Cali. Searcy receives the EdD from New Orleans Seminary this month.

Tim Searcy's connection with Clear Creek goes back to childhood when he accompanied his father to the annual alumni meetings. In 1946 his dad was in the first graduating class to complete the three year program. Searcy recalls, "Dad went to the alumni sessions and we played in the creek."

As a 17-year-old preacher he was invited to speak at a nursing home. The pastor also invited 14-year-old Brenda Barrett to play the piano. After the service they went to a restaurant and the relationship grew until their marriage July 4, 1975. Study at Clear Creek had to wait a year until Searcy reached age 21. Both completed the four year curriculum with Mrs. Searcy majoring in church music and Searcy in theology. They enjoyed the handbell choir and the Clear Creek singers. "We received excellent training. We were able to do a good job in churches because of Clear Creek's top notch training program."

While at Clear Creek the Searcys "lived in the cave," a basement apartment below a Holly Hill residence. Water seeped into the apartment from the hillside and froze on the wall in the winter. During their last semester the sewer backed up and flooded the apartment, bringing a move to a faculty apartment.

Reared in mission minded churches the Searcys had a heart for missions but thought involvement would come later in life as volunteers. On foreign mission night at the St. Louis Southern Baptist Convention Searcy experienced God's calling. He went home and told Mrs. Searcy and was surprised to hear God had already confirmed the calling in her life.

My gift to the Lottie Moon foreign mission offering will be motivated by Tim and Brenda Searcy and their sons Phillip, age 5, and Nathan, 18 months. All of us can't go but we all can give.



Ambassador Baptist Church's new facility.

congregations

Ambassador Baptist Church has been accepted into Green Valley Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. With the aid of a grant from the KBC the church has purchased a building and renovated it for use as a sanctuary.

Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association, has announced plans for

a special Christmas presentation. Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will be performed at the church Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The opera was originally written for NBC Television and was first presented in 1951. Admission is free but tickets are required and can be attained by calling the church at (502) 896-4425.

Elkton Baptist Church, Bethel Association, surpassed its high attendance goal for Sunday school Nov. 19. The goal was

200 and 262 were present. It was the highest attendance in 20 years. Garnett Moss is pastor and Rudy Hall is Sunday school director.

personnel

Due to illness Charles Bayes resigned as pastor of Jacksonville Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. Lawrence Spears is interim pastor.

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association, is now pastored by Scott Bivins.

Bobby Estes accepted the call to pastor Pink Ridge Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Norman Douglas accepted the pastorate of Trammell Creek Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

revivals

Five professions of faith were made during revival services led by Denny McCowan at Hawk Creek Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Ron Davis led revival services at Ovesen Heights Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. Three professions of faith were made, two came by letter and several rededications were made. Paul Smith is pastor.

missions

Burton Cosby of Mt. Washington and Ramona Alexander of Cadiz have returned from a two week mission trip to Brazil. They led worship services in which 47 decisions were made. Cosby is available for speaking engagements and can be reached by phone at (502) 538-6153.

associations

Pulaski Association is sponsoring a drive to collect potatoes for Oneida Baptist Institute. Due to flood damage, the school lost a large portion of its potato crop. Oneida depends on its agricultural production to feed 700 people three times a day.

Elkhorn Association passed a resolution stating opposition to loose interpretation of Kentucky's lottery law. According to the resolution, the Kentucky Lottery Corporation is attempting to use the state's lottery law to promote betting on athletic events. The resolution requested that the KLC refrain from promoting such activities until "all legal questions are resolved."

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Acts 11:2-6 Peter's preparation for being a messenger to the Gentiles came through a vision. While waiting for the meal to be prepared Peter went up on the housetop to pray. Soon after reaching the housetop Peter fell into a trance. He had a vision in which he beheld a sheet let down from heaven. Within its folds were all kinds of wild and revolting animals, creeping things and fowls of the air. Everything within him recoiled from such a ghastly sight. The purpose of the vision was to convince Peter the Gentiles were as admissible to the privileges of Christianity as the Hebrew people.

Acts 11:7-9 God's command "Arise, Peter; slay and eat," aroused a protest in him. Having been a loyal Jew, the command was repulsive and abhorrent to Peter. Frequently the leading of the Holy Spirit may be contrary to our prejudices, judgment and wishes but the Lord will eventually cause us to see that his way is always best.

Acts 11:15-18 Appreciating the perplexity of the leaders of the church in Jerusalem Peter recited the events which had brought them so much disquietude. He did not conceal from them the fact when he went into the house of Cornelius the Gentile he found himself in a very delicate situation. Had he consulted his personal inclinations and prejudices he certainly would not have gone there.

As Peter was speaking to those who were assembled in the house of Cornelius, God vindicated the proclamation of his message by sending the Holy Spirit to convict his hearers and to open their hearts for the reception of the gospel of Christ. When the Jewish leaders at Jerusalem heard Peter's explanation they did not have any further complaint. Rather they glorified God when they came to see the gospel of Christ was meant to be taken to all—Jews and Gentiles.

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Born of the Spirit

John 3:1 Nicodemus, a Pharisee, was one of the most religious men of his day, honest in his convictions and sincere in his desire to do right. He knew he had not learned the real secret of the best way of life but he was convinced Christ knew that secret so he sought a personal interview with him.

John 3:2-4 Under cover of darkness Nicodemus made his unperceived way to the house where the saviour was stopping. He acknowledged Christ was commissioned by and sent from God and his miracles constituted valid evidence of the approval of God upon his ministry. With startling abruptness Christ talked to him about the meaning, necessity and manner of the new birth.

John 3:5-17 Christ told Nicodemus the new birth is both a divine and a conscience change, for which there is no substitute, and it is something which God does for human beings. Nowhere in all divine revelation is the message of grace and love more beautifully or more fully revealed than in John 3:16-17. As far as language can express it, the height, the depth, the length and the breadth of the love of God are here unfolded. No words are needed to enhance the wonder of the glories of his love, which is universal, unchanging, unending and unfailing. His love is infinite, inexpressible, incomprehensible, immeasurable, inexhaustible and illimitable.

Christ was sent into the world not for condemnation but for the salvation of those who were condemned already. In salvation there is deliverance from sin—its guilt, condemnation, pollution, power and effects. People are not saved by their own deeds, but by Christ Jesus. Salvation is never an achievement of man, but always a gift from God. God's love has rescued multitudes from despair, brought hope into their hearts, influenced them to put their trust in Christ and to depend on him alone for salvation. The acceptance of Christ guarantees the reception of eternal life.

God loved people enough to give his son to die for them. "He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life."



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homes for children

I can hardly wait

Jason, our four-year-old, has used the expression "I can hardly wait" several times over the past week. This is the first year he has been able to remember a past Christmas and really understand what's going on. As we put the tree up this last Saturday he got excited and he really likes all the lights on. He gets enthusiastic as he looks through Christmas books and with his sister's help makes out his list of wants. His wants are far more than his "gets" will be.

For Jason and all of us anticipation is a major part of the holiday. Since he does not have many Christmases to compare this one to he will be excited by whatever the holiday brings. For the rest of us many times the anticipation builds up so much in our minds that when the reality does not meet our expectation we are often depressed.

Ann Landers noted not long ago that few Christmases can match the picture we see presented on television where almost always beautiful people have great endings to their stories. Families get back together, the children always come home and in the end everyone gets the present they wanted.

In the real world families do not put their feelings aside at Christmas and often because they do come together there is greater stress on estranged families during the holiday season.

Some of the best advice I have read lately, for everyone, is to not have such high expectations for the holidays. Expect them to be normal and be pleasantly surprised if they turn out to be special days.

Christmas is the celebration of the day that God sent his only son into the world as a means of atonement for each of us who accepts him. That act of love offers tremendous hope for all of us but it must begin within the heart of each person.

Perhaps if we celebrated the holidays by remembering that special personal gift to each of us from God we could rejoice in that reality no matter what the circumstances of the world around us.



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oneida journal

A wedding

Our boys' varsity basketball season began with a four day round-robin Oneida invitational involving five different schools. Every team played every other team. This is a powerful way to begin a season giving the boys a lot of game experience in a short period of time. Our team came in second and left for Thanksgiving break with a record of 4-1.

In the meantime our academic team was in Frankfort and Louisville for the three-day Kentucky Youth Assembly sponsored by the state YMCA. The mock legislature sessions were held in the actual chambers as was the mock supreme court. The committee meetings and the dinner were held in a large Louisville hotel.

Senior Donna Akers was appointed

chairperson of the cabinet and won one of the ten "top speaker" awards out of 900 delegates. Senior Paul Menefee was chosen a Justice of the Supreme Court in which capacity he will also serve for the Junior KYA. Various other students were chosen as senators or representatives. A bill on the environment written by the Oneida delegation was debated and passed. It was all very valuable experience for many of our young people.

Saturday our drama class took part in the regional competition at Hindman. They qualified for the state tournament to be held at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, in December with Anton Ckekov's one-act "The Marriage Proposal," each speaking with a thick Russian accent. Junior J. R. Bodenheimer who played the father received the most outstanding actor award. He came to Oneida as a sixth grader and has been active in choir, band and drama since.

For those who follow our drama the next production will be Saturday, Dec. 16 with "The Homecoming" on which the TV Walton series was based; "The Robe" will be Mar. 10; and "The Miracle Worker," the story of Helen Keller, will be Saturday, May 19. All performances are at 8 p.m. Mark your calendar.

The drama group got back to the campus just in time to board our bus leaving at 2:30 p.m. for a weekend concert tour. All of them are also in choir. The bus stopped in Lexington to pick up eight other choir members who had left early that morning to go to Shelbyville for a swim meet.

I also met the bus there in my car and we went on to Cropper Baptist Church for their annual Thanksgiving dinner with members of their local

Christian church. After a bountiful dinner our choir sang a beautiful concert. We traveled on to First Baptist, Ludlow, where we were hosted for the night. The next morning many of the women and men of that good church prepared a tremendous breakfast of biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage, in the church kitchen.

Later in the morning our choir sang at Crescent Springs Baptist Church and I spoke briefly. That service was followed by a delicious church dinner.

After the meal, our choir left to return to Oneida. Two students and I drove all afternoon to get to Owensboro where another church supper awaited and I spoke in Parrish Avenue Baptist Church. It was a wonderful service. We got back home about 3 a.m.

Most of our students and staff left Wednesday noon for the break, but we fed 177 the traditional meal with all the trimmings on Thursday. The tables were beautifully decorated. Many hours went into all the various preparations and it was a beautiful time of eating and sharing. Even with the flooding we have had, the Lord has blessed more bountifully in the last 12 months than any comparable period of Oneida history. We thanked God and asked a special blessing on each of you reading this, each one that has had a part in any way.

Friday a young couple and many relatives arrived for a wedding Saturday. They met while students at Oneida ten years ago and wished to be married in our chapel. Three meals, a wedding practice and a tour later the couple were happily married by John Sanderson who had been the groom's drama director while he was a student. Then followed a beautiful reception. It was all great fun being with these folk again.

State convention reports



**on
mission
together**

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A man through all seasons

When the University of Tennessee moved two touchdowns ahead of Kentucky Saturday night, Nov. 25, thousands of UK "fans" deserted.

My son-in-law, Steve, his father, Gil Clifton and I stayed, hoping for a miracle. Except for a young couple nearby, we were virtually alone in that part of the stadium. It was no exaggeration that by the end of the game, there remained more Tennessee fans than those for UK. If the UK football team has been predictably "mediocre," UK fans have behaved predictably "stinko."

Several "fans" shouted as he headed for the locker room with his defeated team—"go on and retire, Claiborne."

A few days later Jerry Claiborne did, but not because of a few negative "fans." That's not the kind of man Jerry Claiborne is.

Jerry is a Hopkinsville boy and was a member of First Baptist Church in his early years. It was there that pastor Dr. Peyton Thurman married him and Anna Fay Hooks, whose father Floyd Hooks was a deacon there.

Active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jerry has helped to point hundreds of young lives in a Christward direction.

When he was coach at the University of Maryland, Dr. Glenn Hinson, professor at Southern Seminary, taught a Bible study at the Baptist church of which Jerry was a member. Dr. Hinson later shared with colleagues that Jerry Claiborne was the only man who attended every evening session.

While I never knew Jerry "close-up," his brother, George, now a deacon in First Baptist, Owensboro, was my football coach at Georgetown College. Anybody who cussed took extra laps around the field. George's steady testimony and fairness played a strategic role in my later conversion and call to ministry.

Jerry and Anna Faye are now members of Calvary in Lexington. When Peyton Thurman preached there about a year and a half ago, Jerry and Anna Faye had gathered about six couples whom Dr. Thurman had married. They had agreed to "mix-up" as couples to try to confuse Dr. Thurman. They all had a good laugh in the warmth of their memories.

The comments made by the players in a Courier-Journal interview tell who Jerry Claiborne is:

"If I had been somewhere else, I'd probably have turned into a hood." (Randy Holleran)

"He thought of everybody but himself." (Ron Robinson)

"He always talked to us about doing the right thing. He must have told us a thousand times how important it was to never do anything that would embarrass your family, your teammates or your university." (Mike Pfeifer)

Thanks, Jerry Claiborne, for a life long demonstration of how to be a Christian man!

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Baptists adopted a \$13.5 million 1990 budget that allocates \$7.9 million for state programs. That budget will send 41.39 percent of undesignated receipts to Southern Baptist worldwide causes, an increase of 0.25 percent over the 1989 budget.

Registration at the annual meeting reached 1602, the largest in Arkansas Baptist history.

A recent series of letters in the Arkansas Baptist, the convention's newsjournal, had focused on a coalition of individuals who had organized support across the state for the candidacy of Ronnie Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Springdale. Two of those letters were written by individuals who purported to have been members of that coalition and had resigned in dismay at what they called "underhanded political activity."

The letters also referred to a cassette tape that was represented as a recording of one of that group's planning meetings and had been circulated anonymously to an undetermined number of individuals around the state. Articles quoted organizers as saying their activities were intended to prevent the Arkansas Baptist convention from succumbing to the liberalism they believed they saw "invading" other states. Critics of the coalition said they saw no evidence of liberalism in the state to justify that kind of political activity.

Messengers elected as president Mike Huckabee, pastor of Beech Street First Baptist Church, Texarkana. Huckabee, who was described as a "conservative, mainstream pastor without a political agenda," defeated Floyd by a vote of 808 to 443. Also elected to office were Dan Grant, president emeritus of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, first vice president, and H. E. Williams, president emeritus of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, second vice president. (BP)

TENNESSEE

A record-breaking congregation of messengers took care of business at the 115th annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Knoxville Nov. 14-16.

Meeting at Central Baptist Church, Bearden, messengers passed a \$26.7 million budget for 1989-90, approved first reading of a revised statement of purpose and elected a Murfreesboro pastor as president.

The 2031 messengers eclipsed the old mark of 1884 from last year's meeting in Jackson.

Murray Mathis, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, received 604 votes in winning over Marshall Gupton, pastor of Una Baptist Church, Nashville, with 419, and Richard Patton, pastor of Portland Baptist Church, 166, in the presidential election.

Other officers include two Knoxville pastors: Guy Milam, North Knoxville Baptist Church, vice president; and Jack Prince, West Hills Baptist Church, second vice president. Wallace Anderson, recording secretary, and Pat Porter, registration secretary, were unopposed. Both are employed by the TBC in Brentwood.

During business sessions, the messengers approved the \$26.7 million budget, up six percent from the previous \$25,281,000. Tennessee Baptists are expected to raise all but \$309,896 of the budget, which will come from the Home Mission and Sunday School boards. Tennesseans will send 37.5 percent of

undesignated receipts from their churches to support the Cooperative Program unified budget. That percentage remains unchanged from the previous budget.

A move to change the constitution so the TBC president, instead of the committee on boards, would nominate people to the committee on committees, was defeated. (BP)

ALABAMA

A tornado roared through Huntsville, Ala., just a few hours after the final gavel had sounded on the Alabama Baptist State Convention annual meeting.

Striking the city during rush hour traffic Nov. 15, the tornado killed 18 people, wounded hundreds others and destroyed at least 259 homes, including the home of convention host pastor, Allen Walworth of First Baptist Church, Huntsville.

Otherwise, messengers conducted a businesslike convention, reelecting all its officers by acclamation and featuring a global evangelization service that honored Dellanna O'Brien, newly appointed executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Charles T. Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, was elected to a second term as convention president without opposition. First vice president is Hugh Chambliss, retired director of missions, Huntsville. Ralph Jones, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Clanton, second vice president.

Messengers also approved a 1989-90 budget goal of \$26,630,000 a 5.9 percent increase over the 1989 budget, and a special offerings goal of \$10,567,000 a 10 percent increase. The budget continues the 43-57 percent division between Southern Baptist Convention causes and state convention causes. (BP)

GEORGIA

Georgia Baptists met in Albany's Civic Center. The 4247 messengers compared to the 7000 plus who registered at last year's meeting in Macon.

Dwight (Ike) Reighard, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, was nominated for a second term and elected without opposition. At the two previous conventions the presidential elections were contested and resulted in unseating two incumbent presidents.

Messengers unanimously supported a \$31.7 million budget which again calls for a 50/50 division of receipts between Georgia Baptist and Southern Baptist mission causes. Georgia is the only state convention that continues to give a full 50 percent of Cooperative Program unified budget gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes outside the state.

Messengers went on record opposing the closing of Mercer University's Cecil B. Day College in Atlanta and asked Mercer trustees to reconsider their decision. They also approved a Mercer study committee's report which calls for the creation of a board of visitors to be a Baptist advisory group to Mercer, supposedly helping to create a closer relationship between the Baptist school and convention. Both motions related to Mercer passed by wide margins with little discussion. (BP)



This is a letter that will be mailed during the month of December. Our hope is that it will motivate you and others to help.

Dear friend:

I would like to share with you a recent occurrence in one of our hospitals.

June and Brad married in 1983. Their farm is a dream come true. Their only child was born a year ago. The child's breathing problem required the use of an incubator for two days.

A week before the baby was born, a Friend of Baptist Hospital and the Foundation purchased that incubator for the hospital. The generosity of that Friend saved June and Brad's baby's life.

We all care about the welfare of our neighbors. Not everyone can donate an incubator, but we can give \$500, \$100, \$50 or \$25 in support of programs and services that could help our family as well as others survive critical situations.

Please send a check today so Jesus' healing, teaching and preaching ministries in our hospitals can be shared by many other patients and their families.

Sincerely,
Charles W. Cox Jr.
Vice president

P. S. Remember in prayer the many people like you who will become Friends and assist us as together we provide the best health care possible.

Surprise yourself! Write and mail that check now! People are counting on you.



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Abortion protests may lead to jail**Baptist abortion protesters facing Atlanta courts**

by Mark Wingfield

At least 33 Southern Baptists arrested last year in Atlanta's Operation Rescue abortion protests are now working their way through the judicial system—some being sentenced to jail and most paying fines of \$500 to \$1000.

Despite the punishment and legal battles, the Southern Baptists involved say they have no regrets about their actions and would risk arrest again to stop abortion. (See related story.)

During the almost-daily protests last year, participants in Operation Rescue blocked entrances to three Atlanta abortion clinics with their bodies. Southern Baptists were among those arrested in the protests, and Kenneth Burnette, a Southern Baptist deacon, was the police officer rounding them up.

Southern Baptists are prominent on both sides of the issue again as the battle moves from Atlanta's streets to the state court of Fulton County.

Fulton County Solicitor General James Webb, who is responsible for prosecuting the abortion protesters, is a member of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta. His chief assistant, Robert Lee O'Brien, who was the state's prosecutor against Operation Rescue leader Randall Terry, is a member of First Baptist Church, Mountain Park.

On his desk Webb has a six-inch stack of correspondence about Operation Rescue he has received from people across the United States—postcards from elderly women, theological discourses from laymen, handwritten letters from young mothers. One person wrote, "Let My People Go" in large letters at the bottom of the page.

Webb has sorted some of the correspondence into two manila file folders labeled "Correspondence Favorable to Solicitor's Office" and "Correspondence Unfavorable to Solicitor's Office." The two folders are about equal in thickness.

Webb said he is dismayed that people who have never met him assume he is a non-Christian and favors abortion just because he is prosecuting the Operation Rescue cases.

Representatives of Operation Rescue have picketed in front of Webb's and O'Brien's homes. They also picketed at O'Brien's church on a Wednesday night and attempted to talk with the pastor about how O'Brien can profess to be a Christian and still prosecute the cases.

While people around the nation have been sending Webb and O'Brien scripture references to support their cases, the two prosecutors have been quoting scripture themselves. On a recent morning Webb brought to the office a commentary on Romans. "We are commanded to obey civil authority," he noted of the 13th chapter.

Of about 1000 Operation Rescue cases that already have been tried in state court the solicitor's office has lost only one. About 200 cases are still pending.

In most cases the solicitor's office has offered defendants a plea bargain where the individual pleads "nolo contendere," pays a \$500 fine and receives a one-year suspended sentence with the stipulation that the person will not go within a certain distance of any Atlanta abortion clinic during that time. By pleading "nolo contendere," which means, "I will not contend," a defendant subjects himself to conviction without

admitting any guilt.

Some Southern Baptists have accepted the plea bargain while others have not. James Wood, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta, and a trustee of the Christian Life Commission, pleaded "nolo contendere" to charges of unlawful assembly and blocking a public way.

"I feel like what I did was not illegal," he said. "But it became abundantly clear it was not going to be possible to get a fair trial."

As with Wood most of the Southern Baptists being tried are angry at the judicial system because they have been prohibited from using what they call the "justification" or "necessity" defenses at their trials.

Put simply the necessity defense argues it was necessary for the person to commit an unlawful act to prevent

another unlawful act. The justification defense says the person is justified in his actions because of the commands of a higher authority than the written law.

O'Brien, who has fought to keep the necessity and justification defenses out of the trials, said the problem is that most abortions are legal acts in Georgia. Therefore, the protester's unlawful act is not being committed to prevent another unlawful act.

"If they were able to prove that an unlawful act was being performed at the time, they might have a shot at using that defense," he explained. "But the state has said abortion is lawful under certain circumstances."

"The sad thing about the justice system here in Atlanta is that not one rescuer could bring up the issue of abortion or the fact of a higher law," said Pidge Haynes, a member of Christ Com-

munity (Baptist) Church, Clarkston, Ga., who was arrested at two different protests. "That basically takes away our entire defense."

"We were not allowed to defend ourselves," said Frances Harper, a member of Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, Ga., whose two-year probated sentence prohibits her from going within 200 feet of any abortion clinic in the state. "Our defense was that we were there to place ourselves between the child and its killer."

"What they're saying is that abortion is relevant to my punishment but not to my defense."

Becky Fern, a member of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, who has been banned from going within 200 feet of any Atlanta abortion clinic for two years, was not pleased with that condition either. "They don't tell someone who robbed a bank they cannot go within 200 feet of any bank," she said.

But O'Brien said such restraints have precedent, citing instances where thieves have been ordered not to go near stores where they were caught stealing and cases of people who were banished from entering certain counties.

Additionally the Southern Baptists on trial said their penalties are out of line with what defendants in cases not related to abortion receive. Several cited an incident in September when 20 disabled protesters pleaded guilty to blocking entrances to Atlanta's Greyhound bus station. Those protesters, charged with similar crimes as the Operation Rescue participants, received \$75 fines that were suspended.

"It seems like the justice system shows which things they are in favor of protesting against and which ones they are not," said David Lively, pastor of Northbrook Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Ga., who received a \$500 fine and two-year suspended sentence.

O'Brien explained the two situations were different because the city of Atlanta charged Operation Rescue protesters with state offenses and only charged the disabled protesters with breaking city ordinances. Also owners of the Greyhound bus station did not push for additional charges as owners of the abortion clinics did, he said.

Webb said the prolonged attempt by Operation Rescue to disrupt the judicial system also was a factor in the stiff prosecution. "We have to do whatever is necessary to stop certain things," he explained.

However, the tough sentencing only adds fuel to the fire of the abortion protesters' cause. "I feel stronger than ever now that this is important," said Elizabeth Hall, a member of Christ Community Church. "They wouldn't be doing such tough sentencing and trying to squelch this so much if it wasn't working."

Hall, the mother of a nursing 4-month-old, has been sentenced to 30 days in jail but is out on bond pending appeal. She was convicted after rejecting the plea bargain offered by the solicitor and taking her case to a jury trial.

But Southern Baptists on the other side of the issue remain firm in their stand also. "We're not a group of prosecutors trying to put everyone in jail," Webb said. "We're trying to do the job we were elected to do."

"This has been hard to deal with. There's no way I can come out being liked by 100 percent of the people." (BP)

Abortion protesters have no regrets

by Mark Wingfield

Southern Baptists who were arrested in last year's Operation Rescue abortion protests come from different walks of life but all still agree that what they did was right.

At least 33 Southern Baptists were among more than 1200 people arrested in the summer and fall of 1988 for blocking entrances to three Atlanta abortion clinics in almost-daily protests. Those arrested are now making their way through the judicial system—most receiving suspended sentences with fines of \$500 to \$1000 and some receiving jail sentences.

James Wood, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta, and a trustee of the Christian Life Commission, said he remains convinced God told him to participate in Operation Rescue: "It was useful in saving the lives of children. That is a very small price to save a human life."

Wood, who accepted a plea bargain to receive a \$500 fine and one-year suspended sentence, said the trauma he has been through in the past year is "minor compared to what unborn children go through every day in this country."

"This is also very minor compared to what we face in the future if the church of Jesus Christ does not wake up and repent of the apathy and the selfishness that has caused us to allow this horrible wickedness in our land," he said.

That sentiment was echoed by Clint Day, a member of North Lanier Baptist Mission, Atlanta, and franchisee of several fast food restaurants in the state. Day, who was arrested Aug. 27, 1988 and spent two days in jail before being released on bond, still has not been notified of his court date.

"This is a cakewalk compared to what's going to happen if Christians don't wake up," he said.

"I would do it again," said Diane Lewis, single mother and church secretary at Christ Community (Baptist) Church, Clarkston, Ga., "but not right away because I'm still paying off \$1000 in fines."

"I know one baby was saved while

we were singing in front of the clinic that day. It was well worth the thousand dollars to save one child's life."

Sandy Hinton, homemaker and member of Briarlake Baptist Church, Atlanta, said she has no regrets about her participation in Operation Rescue despite the two-year probated sentence she received and the \$500 fine she still is paying in monthly installments.

"I don't feel the national attention could have been garnered as it was without Operation Rescue," she said. "Look at all that's happened in the past year. Look at what's happened in the Supreme Court. There's a possibility that Roe v. Wade may be overturned."

"I don't believe the justices are deaf. Look at the turnaround they've made."

Becky Fern, whose case has not yet been decided, said the abortion protests were "probably the peak of my spiritual life." Her husband David, an Atlanta surgeon, received a two-year probated sentence for his participation and has to get permission any time he leaves the state. The Ferns are members of First Baptist Church, Atlanta.

After participating in the Operation Rescue protests, some Southern Baptists have found ministries related to abortion.

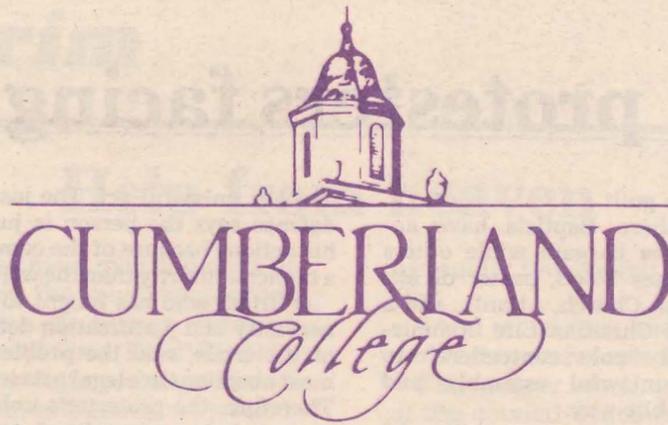
Don Villnow, a member of Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., who works for Lockheed Aeronautical Systems, now volunteers at a local crisis pregnancy center.

Pidge Haynes, homemaker and member of Christ Community Church, has worked closely with three women who decided not to abort their babies as a result of the protests. One of the women lived with the Haynes family for a time.

Dwain Mercer, pastor of Briarwood Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga., said the month after he was arrested was "the best month of ministry I ever had in my life."

"The first five days after I got out of jail I led seven adults to the Lord. That was just a confirmation in my own heart that what I did was right."

(BP)



Cumberland Begins Second Century of Service

Cumberland College has recently finished a celebration of its first 100 years of educational, community and Christian service. It was a year of reflecting on the growth, progress and accomplishments of Kentucky's largest Baptist college.

Throughout the Centennial Celebration, the landmarks of the college's past were remembered and cherished. Now, as Cumberland College enters its second century, the goals, dreams and aspirations of the future are taking the forefront.

The progressive spirit that brought the college from a smaller, two-year college to the growing and comprehensive four-year and graduate institution of today has never been so evident. The impressive and majestic O. Wayne Rollins Physical Education and Convocation Center is nearing completion and the proposed Appalachian Crafts Center is close to becoming a reality. The campus facilities are some of the state's finest as new buildings take shape and older ones are refurbished and remodeled.

Academically, the college is broadening its programs to include more major and minor fields of study including the addition of a major in speech and drama and a newly-expanded major in computer information systems this year.

Equipment and resources are state of the art and the Norma Jeanne Perkins Hagan Memorial Library is considered by many to be one of the finest private college libraries available with one of the leading resource and research systems in use. Cumberland also has a learned and dynamic faculty which shares in a development program designed to aid professors in receiving additional academic training. With 106 full time and 12 part time professors, the college can offer smaller classes and more personalized attention.

Cumberland students are encouraged and assisted in find-

ing and succeeding in undergraduate summer research and educational projects. A full 40% of Cumberland College graduates go on to enter post-graduate study following their graduation.

Even with one of the lowest costs among private colleges, Cumberland still provides one of the most comprehensive financial aid packages. Eighty percent of Cumberland's students receive financial aid which ranges from scholarships to the workstudy program whereby students earn money for their college educations by holding part-time jobs on

campus.

Student activities are also an integral part of a Cumberland College student's experience. The work of the Baptist Student Union and Appalachian Ministries help students to grow spiritually. The Campus Activities Board sponsors a variety of entertainment events, and clubs and organizations help students to develop leadership and academic abilities. Cumberland's intramural and club sports give students an outlet for physical growth.

The Cumberland College athletic teams are nationally known for their successes. Perennial national contenders in basketball and, most recently, football, the college also offers tennis, baseball, softball and golf teams. Even Cumberland's cheerleaders are nationally recognized and compete in national competition.

As Cumberland enters its second century and takes on the challenges of a new decade, the emphasis on growth, Christian service and academic excellence remains the foundation on which the college will continue to build.

For more information on becoming a part of the Cumberland College tradition of excellence write or telephone: Admissions Office, Cumberland College Station, Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769, (606) 549-2200, extension 4241.

