

Former WMU executive enters SBC vice pres race

by Jim Newton

Speaking from the pulpit of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta Jan. 14, former Woman's Missionary Union executive director Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler announced she is willing to be nominated as first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Crumpler also publicly endorsed Daniel Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Church, as a candidate for president of the 14.8-million-member convention.

Vestal, who announced plans in September to seek the presidency of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, said he asked Mrs. Crumpler to work with him as SBC vice president to bring healing and reconciliation to the convention.

Her announcement came during Sunday evening worship services at Dunwoody Church following a "private meeting" the previous day of about 50 laymen from the southeast who met to discuss ways to involve more Baptist laymen in the denomination. The meeting was hosted by Dunwoody laymen, but Vestal pointed out Mrs. Crumpler did not attend and was not involved.

Mrs. Crumpler, who for 15 years directed the Woman's Missionary Union national organization, said she was entering the political arena of the SBC because of deep concern about erosion of emphasis on missions in the convention.

The convention's political controversy has blurred and weakened the true function and mission of the denomination and has weakened the organizational structure of the denomination and the local church, she added.

She also is concerned because a "takeover" group now in control of the denomination has silenced, or at least muzzled, executive leaders of the denomination and "our flagship, Baptist Press," she said.

In an interview, Mrs. Crumpler said she never felt "muzzled" by the WMU executive board, but she avoided involvement in denominational politics because she did not want to hurt the

WMU organization. Now, as the wife of a pastor, she feels "total freedom" and support of her church to speak out and become involved.

She shared her plans to announce her candidacy during the morning worship service at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Cincinnati, where her husband, Joe Crumpler, has been pastor 27 years, she said.

At the SBC annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. last year, two months before her marriage, she was nominated as first vice president, but defeated by about 2700 votes. Junior Hill of Hartselle, Ala., was elected to the post with 6989 votes compared to her 4207 votes.

At the same convention, Vestal was defeated for the presidency by a vote of 10,754 to 8248 when Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla., was reelected to a second term.

In a message during the Jan. 14 Sunday evening worship service at Dunwoody Church, Mrs. Crumpler said the dream she and other Baptists have had for Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust campaign efforts to proclaim the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000 is in danger and jeopardy.

Speaking on the eve of a national holiday observing the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. Crumpler said she had a dream when she became WMU executive director in 1974. "I want to recapture that vision," she added.

The "finest hour in the Southern Baptist Convention" was the service launching the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust program at the 1979 annual meeting in Houston, she said. At that meeting Southern Baptist missionaries formed a human cross on the playing field of the Astrodome while thousands of Baptists came forward, joining them and volunteering for missions service.

At that same convention in 1979, she said, a group of determined, organized Baptists also launched a planned, openly-announced political takeover of the convention.

"I didn't believe it then," she said. "But today, 11 years later, I believe it."

She called for Baptists to return to their roots, to recapture the vision of Bold Mission Thrust and the vision and genius of the denomination's founding fathers.

Expressing support for Vestal, she said his election as SBC president "offers the last major hope we have for turning the SBC around."

Vestal, in an interview after the service, said he had asked her to run for first vice president not to try to get the vote of women in the SBC but because she is a servant leader who epitomizes Southern Baptists' commitment to missions.

Mrs. Crumpler said Vestal had called her in early October to ask her to seek the vice presidency, but she delayed her announcement until early January after promotion of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

She expressed reluctance to become involved in denominational politics, saying she regrets the day that Baptists became political. "But I have a new sense of freedom and the complete support of my husband and my church to deal with the issues and to become involved," she said. (BP)

News territories realigned; paper to increase coverage

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In an effort to provide better coverage of Kentucky Baptist people, programs, churches and associations, Western Recorder has expanded its network of statewide regional correspondents from 10 to 12. As a result, the size of previous geographical territories has been reduced, offering more concentrated representation. In practice, reporters will be even closer to those about whom they write.

The statewide stringer program is an innovative idea among state Baptist news journals which Western Recorder pioneered a decade ago. It permits writers across the commonwealth living close to what is transpiring in Baptist life to become the paper's "eyes, ears and hands" and to share it with readers. The program has been fine tuned several times previously.

The present 10 state correspondents are being retained while an additional permanent and temporary stringer have been named. Each lives in the territory he or she is assigned.

Serving in extreme northeastern Kentucky, representing Bracken, Enterprise and Greenup associations, will be Polly Ward, a Tomahawk, Ky. freelance writer, who has accepted permanent appointment.

In the north central area, which includes Henry County, Long Run, Shelby County and Sulphur Fork associations, Greg Hodnett, a former Western Recorder staff writer, will serve on an interim basis. Hodnett expects to graduate in May from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. That territory will be filled by a permanent writer as soon as possible.

Miss Ward, 33, is a former teacher with the Martin County board of education, and has been a correspondent with the Ashland (Ky.) Daily Independent. A graduate of Morehead (Ky.) State University, she presently writes for The Martin Countian, published in Inez, and is a regular columnist for the Church Training Magazine, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

She is an active member of First Baptist Church, Inez, where she is Sunday school outreach director, choir member, church council member and editor of the church's monthly newsletter.

Hodnett, 35, is a native of Ackerman, Miss., although he grew up in Indianapolis, Ind. He holds the BS degree in Christian theology from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky., and is pursuing the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

Married to the former Jennifer Moon, he is the father of a daughter. Hodnett has served pastorates in Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee and was a staff writer at Western Recorder in the spring of 1989. He is preparing for a career in denominational communications.

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in the interim

Kentucky politics in the year of Here's Hope

Say what you will about the current state of political life in Kentucky, but at least say it's interesting and entertaining. Now that the legislature is in session, every morning (or evening, depending on when you get your news) is an adventure in state developments. For example, months ago the people who were convincing Kentuckians that a lottery would be a great thing for the state let stand the implication that its adoption would take the place of new taxes. Now it's January of 1990, and what do we have? The same governor who brought you the lottery has made public the largest proposed tax increase in the history of the commonwealth. Those of us who opposed the lottery could say, "We told you so," but no need of hindsight gloating.

A lot of water has gone over the dam in the months since the lottery was adopted; the Kentucky school system has been declared unconstitutional, the governor wants a succession amendment, the University of Kentucky is nervous about the identity of a new president, legislators have been accused of being simply front men for special interest groups, potential candidates for state office are falling all over themselves (and us) in the early search for funds on which to run. The list is longer than that, but you get the idea: Kentucky has a long agenda of serious and trivial concerns confronting the body politic.

Most pastors and preachers refrain from involving themselves in these matters, at least from the pulpit or from their position as a spokesperson of a local church. They are circumspect in these matters for good reason. Their business is the proclamation of the good news and advancing the work of the church. The pastor who takes a partisan stand is likely to find himself looking for a new place to serve. However, and that is a big "however," Kentucky Baptists have something to say about the state of politics in this commonwealth.

One Kentucky pastor was approached by one of his members, a member of the local school board, and asked to endorse from the pulpit that board's attempt to raise the local school tax for the improvement of the schools. The pastor patiently explained why he couldn't do that, and the response of his member was, "Well, I guess that preachers are more against sin than they are for good education." It was a comment that dug deep because it had the ring of truth. Pastors and denominational leaders ought to be for things that will make life better for the people of Kentucky as well as being against things that will make life worse. How can that happen without being drawn into the slippery ground of partisan politics?

We need to remember the teaching of scripture. Rom. 13:1 and 4 make the point that government is

provided by God and that those who are called to govern are to do it for the good of the people over whom they exercise authority. Government must live up to its purpose for it to be blessed by God. Government activity is not automatically given divine endorsement. If those in leadership do not promote good for their citizens they fall under God's judgement. A governor, a legislator, an appointee, a local official have a high calling and responsibility. Where they promote the good—and the Bible makes the characteristics of what is good painfully clear—they are to be applauded. Where they promote evil, they are to be called into account.

We need to remember that political party and identity has no standing before God nor before God's people. Democrat, Republican, Independent, or any other human allegiance is secondary to the heart, mind and soul of the office holder or office seeker. The church's concern is the moral force of the politician's life and not partisan identity.

We need to remember that Kentucky is a ravaged land. Poverty, ignorance, hunger and depression stalk our state. Kentucky has been a happy hunting ground for the deceitful, the callous, the self serving. Whiskey, tobacco, gambling and environmental destruction are our public image. Our people languish for want of a vision. Kentucky Baptists need a burden for the people of this beautiful and promising land.

We need to remember that the government officials who are Christians—and there are scores of them—need our prayers and support. So many are trying to do what is right, and their fellow Christian brothers and sisters ought to be quick in a supply of solidarity of faith. Gross cynicism that condemns all politicians is not right; we ought to have the sense to applaud those who are struggling with a corrupt system.

We need to remember that the year of Here's Hope can make a difference in the political life of Kentucky. Among those who will accept Christ as savior, among those who become active members of a local church, among those who make soul shaking decisions of recommitment to Christ in these revival meetings will be many potential governors, many potential legislators, many potential appointees, many potential mayors, sheriffs, judges, school board members. The fact of Christ in a man or woman's life changes everything. Kentucky Baptists can make the difference in every corner of the commonwealth by sharing Christ, by living Christ, by not losing faith in difficult times. Kentucky Baptists ought to be for something, not just against something. We ought to be for simple God fearing, Christ honoring, life producing people whom God wants to call into political life.

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baptist forum

To all who would write to Baptist Forum: We welcome for consideration your letters on any subject, provided they do not make personal attacks on anyone. We ask, however, that you accommodate a longstanding policy of a 300-word maximum limit for published letters. Thank you for adhering to this, and welcome to the pages of Western Recorder.—James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Tribute to Carl Loy

I just learned a few hours ago of the death of Carl Loy, a man greatly admired by many people touched by his long and enduring pastoral ministry. A native of Columbia, Loy was a pastor of Kentucky Baptist churches for well over half a century. "Bro. Loy," as many of us affectionately called him, made a tremendous impact on my life in particular. For 17 years (1955-72) he pastored my home church—Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg, and there he and Mrs. Loy were dear friends to me and my family. He was my boyhood pastor—the first minister of the gospel I ever met and the only pastor I ever knew until I was a teenager. During those early years of my life, Bro. Loy was for me a model both of what a Christian and a pastor should be.

The last time I saw him was almost five years ago when both of us returned to Williamsburg and he preached the charge to me during my service of ordination to the ministry.

Today, I paused to reflect on what this man of God had meant to my life. I thanked God that I had been so blessed to have such a man as my pastor, especially during my formative years. A man who believed the Bible to be the divinely inspired, authoritative word of God and who preached it as such; a man who was a humble servant of the Lord and who took his servanthood seriously; a man of totally unquestionable character and exemplary Christian conduct. As I thanked God for Carl Loy, I found myself again being challenged by the Christlike qualities I saw in him.

Today, as this good and godly man has gone on to be with his Lord, a little bit of him still lives on in my life and in the lives of countless others who likewise were blessed by having known him.

Danny W. Davis
Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church
Tyner, N. C.

Passing resumes secretly is deceitful

In a recent issue of Western Recorder I read a statement that substantiated a thought I've long held about the Baptist way of "calling" a pastor. The article was "I Like a Baptist Meeting" by Glenn Mollette. He stated he liked it when pastors get together and catch up on Baptist gossip "or slipping a resume to a pastor search committee member" or just getting away from daily duties.

We all realize pastors have families and bills to pay like everyone else, and that they pass out resumes seeking better pay just like anyone else. But why don't they just say so instead of acting so surprised when a pulpit committee shows up to hear them preach? Then they say they pray about it and God has called them to another church. It sounds so deceitful to me. I'd feel much better if they'd just say "I'm here until I can find a higher salary to meet my family's needs."

I've been a Baptist 38 years, but I still don't like the method of a pulpit committee coming to listen and hire away a pastor. There must be a better way!

Julia Whitehouse
Gravel Switch

A word of clarification

What a joy it was and privilege to participate with so many other Kentuckians in Mission 90. Thank you for mentioning my small contribution.

May I, however, clarify one or two things that might cause the readers to misunderstand my comments? First, I did not say that mountain people do not own their own land. They do. But in the past the mineral owners have controlled that land.

Next, I was not suggesting that mountain students cannot make decisions. They can and do! I was simply saying that we are so person oriented that we have not paid enough attention to goal setting and then to reaching the goals. I stated in answer to a question that young people in the area ought to be taught to set goals.

Finally I contrasted the high number of teenage church members in western North Carolina with those of others in central Appalachia, which was at one time 30 percent to one percent. However, I made it clear that the people of central Appalachia are more God-conscious and more God-fearing than people I've met anywhere else in this nation.

Lawrence Baldrige
Pippa Passes

Grateful for years of Christian service

L. P. Howser has served for nearly two decades as the church representative for Beechwood Baptist Church on the board of Baptist Homes for the Elderly. Just recently he asked to be relieved of this duty and our church has reluctantly conceded to his wishes.

Howser has distinguished himself and brought glory to our Lord by his many years of service in this capacity. He has served since the initiation of the home on Hounz Lane and has faithfully encouraged support for the home among our members, both financial and otherwise.

Beechwood Church is grateful to God for Bro. Howser and for his Christian service in this and many other ways.

Joseph R. Estes, pastor
Beechwood Baptist Church
Louisville

No backbone, no result

I am sick and tired of hearing that the church bus was responsible for the accident which killed 27 persons at Carrollton. Alcohol did the killing and Mahoney was the "tool" used for the murder.

Alcohol is a drug that is responsible for more deaths each year than all illicit drugs combined (including crack and heroin) and its problems affect one out of every four families.

Alcohol use has slipped past the moral issue and is now a huge political issue. The legislature and the governor have been very reluctant to suggest any restrictions on an industry that is responsible for one auto injury every minute of every day in our nation.

Why not raise wholesale taxes on all alcohol? Why not charge sales tax on beer? Why not restrict hours of sale? The list goes on and on.

When will it happen? Not until we elect enough legislators and a governor

who is willing to stand up to the political pressure of the alcohol beverage industry in Kentucky.

Claude M. Witt
Executive Director
Temperance League of Kentucky

Please attend pro life rally Jan. 25

Please consider attending the pro life rally Jan. 25 in Frankfort to give public witness for the sanctity of human life. It's time for all of us to get personally involved in the struggle to preserve the lives of the unborn. Be on the steps of the capitol at 12 noon.

Speakers at the rally will include Dr. Jack Willke, Pat Robertson, David Ring and Mrs. Terry Fangman. The rally is sponsored by Kentucky Right to Life, American Coalition for Traditional Values, Presbyterians for Life, National Organization of Episcopalians for Life, Kentucky Doctors for Life, Knights of Columbus, Respect Life Office and Lawyers for Life. Call (502) 895-5959 for additional information.

Mike Morris, pastor
First Baptist Church
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In protest of TV homosexuals

by Louis Moore
Christian Life Commission

Step by step, frame by frame, the major television networks seem to be testing just how much of the homosexual lifestyle the public will let them depict in programming.

ABC scored a major breakthrough in November 1989 when its show *thirtysomething* portrayed two male homosexuals in bed together. Through the use of scripting and camera work, the ambiance of the scene left the impression that the men had just engaged in homosexual activity.

Now, as the new decade opens, ABC and NBC are both pushing the limits further through films about the life of actor Rock Hudson. Hudson was an active homosexual who died of AIDS.

The ABC docudrama on Hudson aired Jan. 8. It will be followed later in the year by NBC's miniseries on the actor.

According to TV Guide, the ABC movie shows men "embracing, flirting, lounging in bed together and entering a bedroom with unambiguous purpose."

The homosexual theme is so clear and pervasive that some of the actors in the show have gone out of their way to deny homosexual backgrounds. However, TV Guide identifies the show's scriptwriter, Dennis Turner, as an active homosexual.

Television writer Tom Shales said the NBC miniseries later in the year will be "produced in cooperation with Mark Miller, who was Hudson's secretary." The homosexual theme will, no doubt, permeate the NBC series, too.

Shales commented in a recent review: "TV movies about gay celebrities who die of AIDS are, alas, becoming a genre."

He said the trend he sees includes two previous movies about Liberace, a homosexual who also died of AIDS.

Christians need to say: We are tired of the networks slowly and steadfastly introducing into our homes the unbiblical idea that homosexuality in an acceptable, alternative lifestyle.

The time to act is now! Call ABC TV at (212) 456-7777 and let them know how you feel.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Thank God

Southern Baptists' esteem for missions and evangelism has been impressed upon me anew through two experiences in the last few weeks.

In December I attended Mission 90 at Ft. Worth, Tex., a kind of missions and evangelism explosion for Southern Baptist college students. Thousands were there, including about 300 Kentuckians. The tender moments of that week played on my heartstrings.

From the beginning I sensed God was at work in the midst of those young people. Their inquiring minds, their winsome personalities and attentiveness to all that had been planned for them was refreshing. Most were exposed to significantly larger fields of service than they had previously experienced. All of us surely have reason to rejoice in that week. Let us:

Thank God for youth's potential, an inspiration today and our hope for tomorrow.

Thank God for campus ministers who so faithfully and beautifully model God's love as they seek to guide and counsel young people every day.

Thank God for Christian mothers and fathers who make typical and great sacrifices so their sons and daughters can participate in life changing events such as Mission 90.

Thank God for Kentucky Baptists who underwrite much of the funding to help students take advantage of these opportunities.

Thank God for program leadership so attuned to lost and forgotten people and to youth's potential.

Thank God for the freedom to pursue such activities in a free land.

Thank God for young people who are openly seeking God's unique plan for their individual lives.

The commitment of Western Recorder directors to Southern Baptists' simultaneous spring crusades under the theme *Here's Hope. Jesus cares for you* has also touched me deeply in the last few weeks. In a 15-week period starting Feb. 6 we'll devote 40 pages to the revivals. This is the first time in the 164-year history of the paper 40 concentrated pages have been given to any subject.

Through a weekly center spread and four-page sections five weeks we'll impact and motivate readers to prepare and share the gospel with lost people. Mary Royals Driskill, a former staff writer, has returned as production assistant for the series. Besides staff writers we have enlisted 12 regional correspondents and other freelancers to provide about 30 contributors.

It's an exciting venture. Perhaps it will bring someone to the joy of a saving knowledge of Jesus.

If it does, let us all thank God.

baptist news briefs

Criswell calls dibs on finding successor

Setting an Easter deadline, pastor W. A. Criswell instructed the copastor search committee at First Baptist Church, Dallas, to work with him in following the biblical example of men of God who chose their own successors.

"Don't listen to the voices of those who are piously pompous. Listen to the word of God. And listening and following the word of the Lord, come and work with your pastor. Then call us a man that can be as one with your pastor," Criswell said in his annual "state of the church" message Jan. 7.

Criswell first announced in January 1986 that he was praying for a young preacher to "come serve alongside" him and ultimately succeed him as pastor of the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Aug. 24, 1989 the church voted unanimously to appoint a committee to seek a copastor.

"The search committee was appointed a full one and one-half years ago. For one and one-half years, that committee has been assigned this tremendous task," Criswell said. "The time has come when an ultimate decision must be made. It must be made soon. It must be made by Easter."

Richard Clements, chairman of the search committee, said he considered Easter "not a deadline as such," and he doubted that the committee would reach a decision by then.

Clements noted that when the 20-member search committee met on the

Tuesday evening following the sermon there was little discussion of the sermon. He said the committee is continuing to interview and consider several men for the position. (BP)

FMB photographer joins national magazine

Photographer Joanna Pinneo, who has traveled the world recording through pictures the story of Southern Baptist missionaries and the people they serve, will join the photographic staff of U. S. News and World Report, weekly news-magazine.

Miss Pinneo, 35, began work at the Foreign Mission Board as a photo lab technician in April 1978. Two years later, she became a staff photographer and began handling overseas coverage assignments for The Commission—the board's magazine—and Baptist Press. She became a special assignment photographer in 1984.

Associated Press nominated Miss Pinneo for a Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for her photograph of an injured child separated from his parents by the 1985 volcano mud slide in Armero, Colombia.

She won third place recognition as magazine photographer of the year in the 1987 Pictures of the Year competition sponsored in part by the National Press Photographers Association. Also in that contest she received awards of excellence for profiles of the mud slide victim in Colombia and a family living on the streets of Calcutta, India. She also has received numerous photo awards

from the Baptist Public Relations Association, Religious Public Relations Council and other associations of media professionals.

Her new job begins after her current contract with the Foreign Mission Board expires in late March. Since March 1989, she has worked with the board on a contract basis in addition to handling other photo assignments for various publications as a freelance photographer. (BP)

Improved curriculum to boost evangelism

Writers have begun work on improved Sunday school curriculum that leaders of the Baptist Sunday School Board hope will boost evangelistic and ministry efforts and lead to more creative Bible study.

In writers conferences for various age groups and curriculum lines, writers received guidelines for the improved Sunday school curriculum to be introduced in the churches in October 1991.

Board president Lloyd Elder challenged writers for adult materials in the Convention Uniform and Bible Book series to become part of a grand enterprise for reaching people.

Increased evangelism focus and application of Bible materials comprise one of the four major features of the curriculum improvements.

The improvements are the result of five years of study and evaluation to provide curriculum that meets current needs of Southern Baptist churches.

Other features of the improvements

are an increased emphasis on the Bible, improved ease of use and more attractive presentation. (BP)

Ridgecrest, Glorieta set Feb. 1 launch

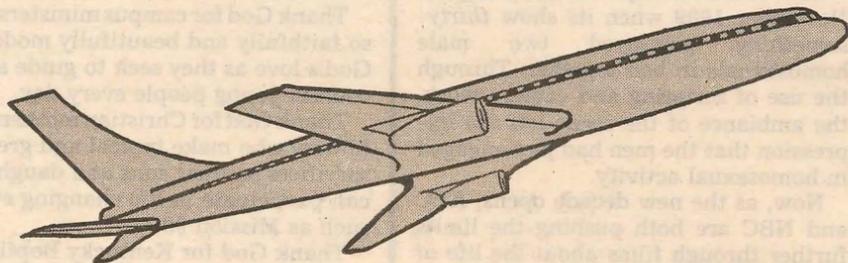
Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist conferences will begin Feb. 1 accepting reservations for 1990 summer conferences. All reservations must be postmarked by that date.

While the conference centers remain open year round, conferences during the summer include Discipleship Training, Sunday school, church media library, drama, recreation, family ministry, church administration and church architecture. Other conferences are held for home and foreign missions, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, deacons and student ministry. Jericho 90, a Southern Baptist mission festival, will be held at the conference centers for the second year.

Conference registrations should be sent to either Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770 or Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87535-0008.

In addition to housing in hotel type accommodations or apartments, camp sites are available. Tent sites are \$32 per week and RV sites are \$47.

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Kentucky's Discipleship Training Department recently won a national award for having the largest number of Baptist doctrine diplomas for the church year ending 1989. Above Douglas T. Strader (l) accepts the award from Roy T. Edgemon, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Discipleship Training Department.

CLC urges complaints over TV homosexuals

ABC-TV has agreed to instruct its employees who take calls from the public to refrain from trying to antagonize critics who object to homosexual themes in the network's programming.

In recent weeks a Southern Baptist pastor in Arkansas and a Southern Baptist director of missions in Oklahoma tried to phone the network to complain about a homosexual theme on the network's show "thirtysomething" and encountered hostile responses from an ABC employe who identified himself only as an avowed homosexual, the callers said.

Louis Moore, associate director of the Christian Life Commission, complained to ABC about the treatment of the pastor and director of missions. He said he received assurances from network spokesman Ed Centron that such responses by ABC employes would be stopped.

The Christian Life Commission is leading a national effort to get Southern Baptists to phone ABC and complain about the "thirtysomething" show. The calls are being made to ABC in New York at (212) 456-7777.

ABC is receiving 25 to 30 phone calls a day from critics of the show, Centron

said.

The network is sensitive to the demands of the public, he added, noting the calls are being tabulated and the results will be presented to ABC's management. (BP)

Southeastern president making quick recovery

Lewis A. Drummond, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, is back on the job at the Wake Forest, N. C., school following cancer surgery Dec. 7.

Drummond underwent what his family described as "extensive colon cancer surgery" at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N. C. Doctors said most people who have this kind of surgery require about eight weeks of recuperation before returning to work, but they believe because of his stamina and physical condition Drummond is making a faster-than-expected recovery.

Drummond began dictating work and answering correspondence before leaving the hospital. Doctors had him walking in the halls two days after the surgery. He was released in time to be home for the Christmas holidays after being hospitalized nine days.

When asked about his full recovery, Drummond said: "I feel I should be back up close to 100 percent by the end of the month. By then I should be able to spend the whole day in the office. I'm easing slowly into speaking engagements. I have a speaking engagement at the state evangelism conference in Arkansas at the end of January that I intend to keep." (BP)

WMU board focuses on new leader, new strategies

The Woman's Missionary Union executive board invested a new executive, updated its charter, adopted a new church missions program and approved three staff positions during its Jan. 8-11 meeting.

Dellanna W. O'Brien was invested as the sixth national WMU executive director by WMU president Marjorie J. McCullough Jan. 9. The service represented the first time a WMU executive director was formally installed.

During the meeting, board members

voted to replace the charter's declaration of incorporation with articles of amendment. The change was made to clarify WMU's tax exempt status. WMU has functioned under the tax exempt status of the Southern Baptist Convention. Under the articles, WMU will apply for its own tax exempt status.

Proposed bylaw changes include the requirement that the WMU national president must have served previously on the WMU executive board.

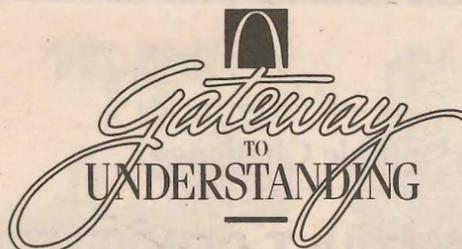
Three national staff positions were

approved by the board: executive director/financial adviser assistant, information systems assistant and records assistant/missionary housing coordinator.

In another decision, board members by a 2-1 margin declined to become an official sponsor of lay renewal. However, the board voted unanimously to affirm the work of lay renewal and encouraged the continued participation by a WMU representative on the Southern Baptist interagency lay renewal executive group. (BP)



Dellanna W. O'Brien (standing, r) was installed as the sixth executive director of WMU in a Jan. 9 service in Birmingham, Ala. WMU president Marjorie J. McCullough (l) invested the office on Mrs. O'Brien. Participating in the service were two former WMU executive directors, Alma Hunt (seated, l) and Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler.



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Binghamtown Church, Middlesboro celebrates pastor's 40-year ministry

by Beth Wyatt
State Correspondent

"God does the calling, we do the obeying. I have paid my own way, I have not loafed, I have not cheated and have tried to be a blessing and not a burden," W. B. Bingham II commented during the celebration Jan. 7 of his 40th anniversary as pastor of Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

Born Jan. 25, 1922 on the Warrior's Path in Knox County, he is the youngest of seven children. He watched the wagon trains on the Wilderness Road and has witnessed the space age as American astronauts have explored the moon and outer space. When he was a child he saw his father gunned down on election day and recalls the funeral procession as his mother and the small children followed the casket, wondering what would become of them. It was during the depression and before the days of Social Security and the widow's benefits.

Inspired by the diligent example of their mother, the Bingham children each learned to work and have attained prominent status in the mountain area they know and love.

Bingham recalls receiving \$3.20 a day, working with a team of mules, to pay debts and help support his family.

In the late 40s he went to Middlesboro

as manager of the Kroger store. He was saved then and was called to preach. But management said he could not work for Kroger and preach, too—he must make a choice. The bottom line was Bingham lost his job. He now says, "We set out, following God with a '36 Ford, \$250 and some used furniture." Before going to Binghamtown he was pastor of Midway Baptist (which he helped organize), Cannon Creek and Dewitt, all in southeastern Kentucky.

Bingham is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, and was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Cumberland College, Williamsburg. He is a Kentucky colonel; has been named honorary mayor of Middlesboro and Pineville; is listed in *Who's Who in Religion in Kentucky*; has served on denominational boards; and was distinguished in 1976 as A. S. Petrey Mountain Minister of the Year. He has been chaplain of the United States House of Representatives and is currently vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference.

In 40 years at Binghamtown he has conducted nearly 4000 funerals. He has witnessed the baptism of at least one person every week in his 40-year tenure. The congregation has placed among the top 10 churches in the state in baptisms for many years.

Bingham was 27 and had a wife and

two children when we went to Binghamtown the first Sunday in January 1950. Forty-six people were present that day. Now, between 1200 and 1300 persons typically attend the weekly Sunday morning worship service. Services today reach thousands more by radio and television broadcasts.

The veteran pastor claims Prov. 3:5-6 as his "admonition," which reads: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

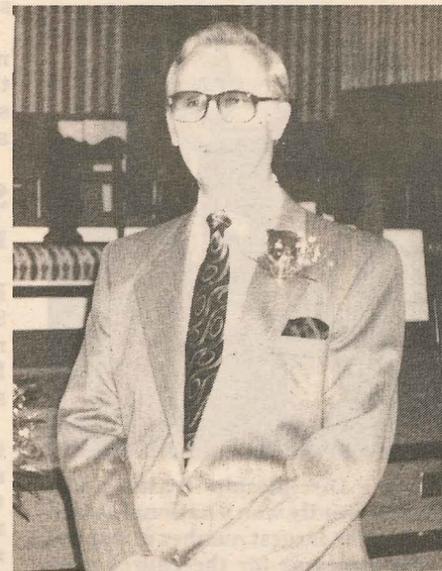
Bingham has served his entire ministry under a serious handicap. He is totally blind in one eye and has only partial vision in the other eye.

At recognition events on Bingham's 40th anniversary the week of Jan. 7 was proclaimed W. B. Bingham II Week in Bell County. The written proclamation was signed by the Bell County judge executive and the mayors of Pineville and Middlesboro. Letters were read from the religious and political leadership of Kentucky and from the Southern Baptist Convention, from president Bush and former president Reagan. Mrs. L. C. Kelly, widow of the founder and first president of Clear Creek School, declared that if that institution trained only Bingham it would never have been labeled a failure.

The 1200-seat church auditorium was filled. Included were the four Bingham children and their families, 18 in all, his two sisters, three brothers and other relatives.

Commendations in the form of paintings and plaques were presented by members of the congregation and family. A lapel pin signifying life, mercy and truth designed by Bingham's brother Vernon was presented by the sisters and brothers.

Jimmy Jackson, choir director 25 years, read a report from the church's



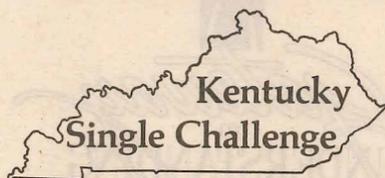
W. B. Bingham II was all smiles Jan. 7 as he greeted family, friends and members of the congregation at Binghamtown Church, Middlesboro, where he has served 40 years.

final business meeting of 1989. In it the congregation transferred its parsonage title to the Bingham, voted to employ someone to help Bingham write his life story and endowed a chair of education at Gateway Christian School in his name. Jackson also introduced a song in Bingham's honor written by Norman Marcum and sung to the tune of *I'll Meet You in the Morning*.

Several members stood who were present Jan. 1, 1950. "They have suffered a lot," Bingham told the group.

Standing by his side through the celebration was childhood sweetheart and bride of 48 years, Mae Bowling Bingham.

"The Lord has given me a wonderful wife, four wonderful children. One to keep me in a good car, one to buy me nice clothes and one day bury me, one to help me preach and one to help me as a deacon. I have the best family in the world and a church family that has no equal. I am a rich man," Bingham tearfully observed.



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southern seminary

Southern Seminary, Louisville, has received a \$24,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to expand and strengthen its ongoing program of trustee development.

The school was one of 40 North American seminaries selected for the \$791,000 grant program by the Indianapolis-based charitable foundation which has a longstanding interest in American religious institutions and nonprofit leadership. It was the only Southern Baptist seminary selected for the grant program.

The seminary will use a major portion of the grant to help fund a trustee retreat in 1990 focused on trustee development. Trustees will hear reports on the history of Southern Seminary, the seminary's institutional plan and demographic factors impacting seminary admissions.

campbellsville college

Campbellsville (Ky.) College art professors Linda J. Cundiff and Tommy Clark will have a joint faculty art exhibit Jan. 22-Feb. 2 in the Gosser Fine Arts Center Gallery.

A reception for the artists will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22 in the Gallery. The public is invited to the exhibit and reception which is free of charge.

Miss Cundiff's artwork is new work

she completed on sabbatical last semester. It includes watercolors, oil pastels, collagraph prints, water-based silk-screen prints and pastels.

She has shown collagraphs at the Kentucky State Fair where she won first place in printmaking and in collage in 1989. She won first place in graphics at the 1988 fair. She won third place in pastels at the Green River Arts Festival in Campbellsville this fall.

Clark's exhibit will consist of ceramics, sculpture and watercolors. "I have been experimenting with combining fiber, metal and clay," Clark said. "The pieces in the show consist of organic-looking clay sculptures and ceramics combined with dyed broom straw and/or metal (such as nails, brads, rivets or screws)," he said.

Clark has shown work at the Kentucky State Fair for several years and won numerous awards. He won first place in sculpture for "Missing Link" in the 1989 fair. He has been a juried member of the Kentucky Department of Arts and has shown at several exhibits.

The exhibit is open from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

georgetown college

"The reports of my death have been grossly exaggerated!" Mark Twain said in 1906. To prove the point, professional actor Ken Richters will present his unique one-man production of "Mark Twain on Tour" Thursday, Feb. 1 at 8

p.m. at John L. Hill Chapel on the campus of Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Since 1978 Ken Richters, as the celebrated humorist, has been the toast of theaters throughout the United States, Canada and abroad.

Richters requires almost three hours of make-up application to effect his transformation into the crusty, grey-haired Twain. The physical changes are relatively sudden, when compared with the more than two years of preparation and research that allows Richters to don the personality and mannerisms of

Twain as easily as he puts on the white linen suit that has become Twain's trademark.

Richters' acting experience includes work in community theater, Broadway plays, soap operas and television. Recent television credits include "Happy Days," "Love Boat," "Search for Tomorrow" and "Johnny We Hardly Knew Ye."

The event is sponsored by the college's Foust Artists Series. Tickets are limited and reservations are required by calling the college at (502) 863-8146.



Robert Gaddis, (l), chairman of the fine arts division at Campbellsville College, shares the accreditation of the school's music program by the National Association of Schools of Music with Ken Winters, school president. Out of 60 colleges applying, Campbellsville was one of only three granted accreditation.

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clear creek chronicle

Relief worker

The campus preschool director awakened with the flu and told her husband to open the center because two assistants were unavailable. I am married to the preschool director. After a quick shower and shave I roused our three teenagers and tried to throw something together for breakfast. What a morning to be out of milk! No quick cereal or instant breakfast.

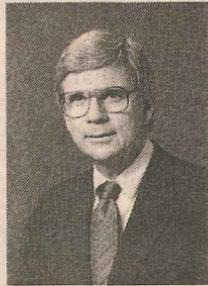
When I arrived at the preschool center Gary was waiting with 10 month old Tyler. I got the door unlooked but couldn't find the light switch. Fortunately the father knew where it was. Another student accompanying the father asked if he needed to stay and help. I insisted they go on to class. Surely an experienced father of three could handle this until the substitute workers arrived.

Karl brought Korinna, a lovely four year old girl with cerebral palsy. There was 19 month old Joshua, who eyed me with suspicion. A mother came with her daughter and I breathed a sigh of relief for she had come to work. I left the center 30 minutes after opening very thankful the Lord had called me to be president instead of preschool director.

Two student spouses, Patricia Delano, Mass., and Joy Whicker, Ky., join my wife Rebecca to provide care for ages six months to five years and free mothers for work or class. Mrs. Whittaker notes, "The work challenges our creativity as we plan different activities to teach scripture truths, develop sharing and provide positive educational experiences." Long range plans call for a new center open all day and available to the community. This would meet demands for quality child care and provide jobs for student families.

Back at home our three got off to school on time. I did the dishes, walked the dog, straightened the house, got medication in my sick wife, put on a tie and headed to work. On the steering wheel a large note, hand written by our youngest, warned, "Don't forget! Pick up Mary at 3:20." At the office I expressed thanksgiving for a wife more precious than rubies and realized greater empathy for the single parent.

personnel



Bugg



Duncan

Charles Bugg, professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, became interim pastor of Louisville's Westport Road Baptist Church Jan. 1. He has been on the seminary faculty one semester and is an alumnus of that school. A native of Florida, Bugg held pastorates in Melbourne, Orlando and DeLand, Fla. before going to First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., birthplace of the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1982. He and his wife Diane are parents of a daughter and son.

Ralph Duncan, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, North Concord Association, celebrated his 43rd anniversary of preaching Jan. 7. He preached from the same text he used in his first sermon Jan. 5, 1947 at Red Hill Baptist Church, Speedwell, Tenn.

Duncan was ordained by Providence Baptist Church, Cumberland Gap, Tenn., when he was 17 and became a pastor in Jackson, Mich. when he was 20.

Duncan is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville; Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tenn.; and Emmanuel Bible College, Nashville.

He has pastored churches in Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. He has been married to the former Louise Sandefur 41 years. They have three children: Kelly, Brooke and Rhonda Carroll.

C. Keith Rodgers resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Loyall, Upper Cumberland Association. He goes to Ross Baptist Church, Gary, Ind.

Reba S. Cobb has been appointed executive director of the Louisville Free Public Library Foundation. She replaces Sylvia Watson who resigned Feb. 6 to become assistant to the president of Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Mrs. Cobb is a native of Oneonta Ala., a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and holds a MA/CE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She is a former minister of youth for Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Memory Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Randy Wood** as pastor.

Lees Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, added two staff members: **Garmon Tip Brown**, youth minister, and **Fred Horn**, music and children's minister.

Linda Frost resigned after 10 years as minister of counseling and community missions at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. She goes as chaplain to Koala Mental Institute, Columbus, Ind.

E. D. Helton retired as pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church, Christian County Association, where he pastored 12 years.

Leonard McWhorter retired as pastor of Tyner Baptist Church, Irvine Association, after 19 years.

missions



Mrs. Janet Cornelius, a volunteer from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, is shown assisting **Mrs. Ollie Gaines** during the annual Give a Gift party at Laurel Heights Home for the Elderly. Give a Gift is sponsored each year by churches of the Laurel River Association.

Lonnie and Frances Turner missionaries to Zambia, have arrived in the states for furlough. Their address is 110 Glass Ave., Lexington, KY 40505. They are natives of Harlan and were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1976.

In its 1990 budget **High Point Baptist Church**, Graves County Association, included \$5000 for constructing a church building in Espirito Santo, Brazil. No Cooperative Program funds were cut for this project.

deaths

Carl Loy, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Russell County Association, died Dec. 7. He is survived by his wife Jessie and son Glendal Loy. Funeral was held at Stotts Phelps-McCreary Funeral Home, Columbia.

Loy had been pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg, and several churches in Russell County. He was moderator of the association five years.

Reba Hubbard Shelton, wife of T. Hicks Shelton, former KBC Evangelism Department director 11 years, was killed in an auto accident Jan. 19. The couple resided in Princeton, where they retired in 1976. Her funeral was Jan. 22 at First Baptist Church, Princeton.

Mrs. Shelton is survived by her husband and four daughters: Patricia Koppman, Barbara Gardner, Nancy Jennings and Susan Shelton.

revivals

One transfer of letter and six professions of faith are reported as a result of revival services at **Anville Baptist Church**, Ir-

vine Association, where Monty Carney is pastor.

Sidney Baptist Church, Pike Association, saw five professions of faith, one transfer of letter and several rededications during revival. **J. T. Rafferty** is pastor.

Revival at **Sinking Valley Baptist Church**, Pulaski Association, resulted in four professions of faith and one person's acceptance of a call to ministry. **David King** is pastor.

Revival services at **Big Creek Baptist Church**, Three Forks Association, resulted in two professions of faith. **Douglas Lewis** is pastor.

First Creek Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, saw five professions of faith during revival. **A. D. McGee** is pastor.

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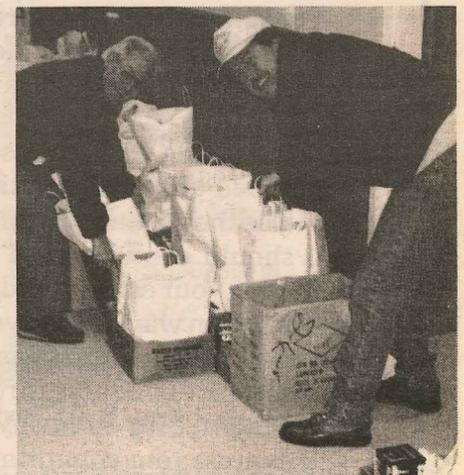
LaGrange Heights Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, dedicated its new sanctuary and education building Dec. 17. **Robert Jones** director of the KBC Direct Missions Department, Middletown, brought the message. **Henry Beach Jr.** is pastor.

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, has dedicated an addition to its church building. Two people joined the church and one surrendered to the ministry.

Despite temperatures of nine degrees below zero members of **First Baptist Church**, **Prestonsburg**, and **Fitzpatrick Baptist Church**, Enterprise Association, once again delivered Christmas baskets to needy families of Floyd County. Four hundred and ten baskets were hand packed and delivered early Dec. 23.

Traditionally members of these churches meet Dec. 23 to pack the baskets. An assembly line is set up and baskets are stored in various rooms. Early Christmas eve, fresh baked goods, frozen chickens and other food are delivered. Wrapped new toys are included for children of each family as part of "Operation Santa Claus," another local ministry to struggling families. This year each basket included a Here's Hope New Testament. Total cost of the project exceeded \$7000, raised locally during December.

Pastors **Stephen Hopkins** and **John Woods** are always among the early arrivals to assist with delivery and loading food baskets.



Pastors John Woods and Curt Risner sort food baskets into routes along the hallway of **Fitzpatrick Baptist Church**.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 28, 1990

Life and work series

Serving despite disappointment

Mark 4:10-20 The disciples waited until they could be with their Lord in private and there asked him to explain and interpret parables for their benefit. Our Lord's reference to a mystery meant something which had formerly been concealed but now had been revealed. Those who refused to open their minds and hearts to the truths which Christ was teaching could not understand the meaning of what Christ was teaching. On the other hand, those who listened to the great truths which Christ was uttering and who were willing to believe

what Christ taught were unable to comprehend and obey.

In this particular case the sower is regarded as a type of Christ during his earthly ministry. Interpreters have also thought of the sower as a type of all of Christ's servants whom he has chosen to scatter the seed of the word of God. The seed, or the word of God, is to be sown in the hearts of all men everywhere.

Christ mentioned four classes of hearers which typified the four types of soil:

Wayside hearers hear his words, but do not admit them. Satan's greatest desire is to prevent people from believing the word, accepting Christ and being saved.

The stony was bedrock covered with a thin layer of earth, so the shallowness of it did not permit its roots to grow. The plant soon withered under the heat of the sun.

The thorny seed fell among thorns and thistles and drew the moisture and fertility from the soil, thereby preventing a harvest. Likewise, Christian fruitfulness is often prevented by carelessness or indifference.

The good heart which is good soil is one which accepts God's will, walks in his ways, endures affliction for his sake and awaits his recompense.

International series

Jesus reveals himself as the light of the world

John 9:1-11, 35-41 One autumn sabbath as Christ and his disciples walked near the gate to the temple in Jerusalem they saw a beggar who was blind since his birth.

Christ stopped and looked at the beggar with sympathetic eyes. The disciples stopped to philosophize about the cause of his blindness. Thinking all afflictions were due to some sin, they asked Christ, "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Christ's reply made it clear that the beggar's blindness was not the result of sin on the part of either member of the family. It had been permitted in order "that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

Christ took ordinary clay, moistened it with saliva, smeared it over the eyes of the beggar and said to him: "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." As soon as the man obeyed Christ's command he received his sight. Christ demonstrated his ability to confer the power of vision where it had never existed.

The Pharisees cross examined the man, scorned and ridiculed the authority of Christ and forbade the man the privilege of worshiping in the synagogue. The Savior then sought him out. He asked him, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" The man answered: "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" Christ revealed himself saying, "It is he that talketh with thee." Instantly there came to the soul of that man light which the Holy Spirit alone gives and he recognized Christ as God the Son whom he could trust to save his soul. The man acknowledged Christ as his Savior and worshiped him as Lord. He had a strong desire to please him, a strong urge to advance his cause and an intense longing to glorify him.

Claiming to see, the Pharisees refused to receive Christ and continued in their spiritual blindness. Christ informed these that their rejection of him would not be excused on the basis of ignorance on their part.



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Volunteers

Jan. 14 I had the privilege of attending a reception given by the members of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, in honor of their pastor, Bill Messer, who was recently elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. I was impressed by the way which the church honored Bill and their willingness to share him with the convention for this year.

Messer will indeed be away a great deal as he has so many meetings and special events to attend to represent all of us. Bill is also on our board of directors and that alone will take four of his days in the coming year.

Did you ever stop and think how much we as a church, a denomination and even a nation depend upon volunteers to get our work done? Oh, there are paid staff, but so many decisions and so much of the work in our society is really done by people who give of themselves.

I am amazed at the way our board members and those of the other institutions are willing to give so generously of their time to attend board meetings, committee functions and special events. They do this without pay, of course, and at expense to themselves at times, particularly if they must be away from their own work.

Being on a board involves not only giving of time but also assuming responsibility. With the covenant agreement of today our board has ultimate responsibility for this ministry. The decisions they make shape our future.

When you look at our individual churches the same is true. Think of all the deacons meetings, the committee meetings and WMU meetings. Thousands and thousands of volunteer hours are required in every church in our convention.

This tradition of volunteers is unique in America. Individuals from other countries who study our society are amazed at the way volunteers do so much. If all of those hours were for pay, as they are in many other countries, the cost would be enormous.

Giving of not only one's means but one's self is an American as well as a Christian tradition. If it did not occur much of the good that is accomplished would go undone.



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oneida journal

No one will forget!

Each year after the Christmas break, the academic and dorm parent staff of Oneida return one day before our students for a daylong meeting. The focus of the meeting is a mutual evaluation of the entire student body from the smallest sixth grader to the oldest senior. No student is overlooked in the process, and several score students are discussed in great detail. By the end of the day after discussion and voting by secret ballot the "most outstanding boy and girl" have been selected from each class. Also Mr. and Miss Oneida, "the most versatile senior," the "most studious" high school and middle school students have also been determined by majority vote. Sometimes as many as three ballots are necessary to get a clear

majority. Also the "most likely to succeed" is selected, not in the world's measure of success in terms of power, prestige, money, but by the measure we try to teach at Oneida. We measure "success" as being the degree of faithfulness in service to God as evidenced by concern for other human beings.

This year's meeting lasted nine and a half hours continuously with 50 minutes for lunch, and a few brief breaks while ballots were being counted. Of course, such a prolonged meeting is always a bit tiring, but also thrilling and inspiring and is excellent preparation for renewed effort. It brings into sharpened focus our very reason for existence as a school. We are here to serve and to train in the Christian walk over 500 girls and boys.

No one misses this important meeting except for illness or a death in the family. No one is paid a dime to attend. Two such meetings yearly are simply a memorable part of the Oneida year. Anyone begrudging such an effort is not worthy to be a part of the Oneida ministry. It is hard for outsiders to comprehend, but this meeting is actually something most of our staff family looks forward to. We simply care about our students and we enjoy working with them and the opportunity to recognize and honor those whose effort merit some recognition.

In our first chapel of the new semester and in the new calendar year we remembered Oneida's first chapel 90 years before as classes opened Jan. 1, 1900. It was a time of singing God's praise, sharing God's word and bowing ourselves before him in thanksgiving for his countless blessings through nine decades.

It was also my great privilege to call

the "honor roll" of the highest achievers academically for the quarter ending with Christmas vacation. This is a tradition that extends back to Oneida's first year. Each student is called to the platform to applause. It is something that even the most "sophisticated" or "cool" senior looks forward to if they have earned the recognition. Taking the time to do this every nine weeks definitely is a factor in motivating students to study harder.

This "honor roll" was the most thrilling I have had the pleasure to announce in 20 years. Our first quarter of this year there were only 11 on the "A" honor roll. This time there were 60! Eighteen of these had straight As, split half between girls and boys, and 42 others averaged A. Figuring gradepoint averages, it is possible to have a B and still average an A overall if the As are very high.

Averaging a B overall were 72 this time as compared to 113 last grading period. On the entire honor roll, there were 132 this time compared with 124 last time. Grades are not given away at Oneida. They must be earned.

The emotional highpoint of the 48 hours of activity starting the new calendar year at Oneida was at noon Saturday. Before eating lunch our staff entered our second gym, built during the past year. There we recalled God's tremendous blessings during 1989, had prayer and joined in singing "To God be the Glory." No one present will ever forget those moments as our voices beautifully echoed in singing. "Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher, and greater will be, our wonder, our victory, when Jesus we see."



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In pleasant places

Not many Sundays ago I drove past old Bald Knob High, now an elementary school, headed for Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. Pastor Marshall Phillips had invited me to preach for him while he participated in one of the Brazil partnership projects.

I recounted for Alice that I had been over this road many times as a boy, accompanying my father on his mail route. The roads were rocky then.

We passed the old "Union Store" where we always stopped for "pop and crackers." The pot-bellied stove, glowing red in the middle, provided warm relief on cold, winter days against which the tiny car heater labored valiantly but in vain.

A few minutes further down the road we pulled into the parking lot across from the church, which dominates the crest of one of the area's many ridges. In the small graveyard rest my great grandparents, Martin and Rosa.

Established in 1854, Pleasant Ridge has never been large in number. Like many of Kentucky's Baptist churches, they have had their share of blessings and hard times. The 30 or so present that morning testify to their determination, not only to "keep the doors open" but to shape a future. (The Lottie Moon offering will later exceed \$500, well above the per capita giving of most Kentucky Baptist churches to this offering.)

Pleasant Ridge had known the early years of strict church discipline. A humorous incident was recalled by a humor member in a 1983 history of the church:

"My mother used to tell about the time before she and papa were married when she went to a dance with a bunch of young people. Of course, this was back when dancing was still frowned on. Uncle Lucien was there, and he later got up in church at the business meeting and confessed. Mama said she just sat real still and never said a word, but she could have killed Uncle Lucien for telling."

Following the service and a time of greeting we wound our way along Stony Creek to the home of Grace Marshall who had invited many other Marshalls for lunch. With the help of children and grandchildren, she treated us to a feast. Grace walked us through the part of the house where my grandmother had birthed my father and let us see the delicate work of her hands—the quilts and pillow covers she was making for children and friends.

"How fortunate for all of us Marshalls," I thought, that Leonard—now deceased—had brought such a lady into our family.

Toward afternoon's end we closed the cattle gate behind us and headed back to Louisville. It had been a pleasant day at Pleasant Ridge.

Youth choir declines prompt philosophy analysis

by Charles Willis

Continuing decline in youth choir enrollment among Southern Baptist churches may soon level off.

But a national youth choir consultant said he believes even the upcoming increase in the U. S. youth population may not reverse the trend to small youth choirs. Instead James Hawkins of the board's Church Music Department is encouraging youth leaders to reevaluate their philosophies.

Hawkins said figures dropped from a high of approximately 335,000 in the mid 70s to less than 241,000 in 1988. The current enrollment is virtually the same as in 1967, the year "Good News" began a trend in youth musicals that continued throughout steadily increasing enrollments for five years. A plateau of enrollment followed, and the numbers began to plunge in 1977.

The enrollment trend has followed the youth population of the U. S., he said, with fewer youth and greater numbers of adults and senior adults. But today's conditions, and those for the foreseeable future, don't provide encouragement for better times ahead even when there will be more youth in the general population.

"Youth who could be available are tied up with jobs to support cars and clothes," he observed, "and Sunday isn't as sacred as it used to be to leaders of extracurricular

school activities. Parents have encouraged this by expecting excellence in school related activities."

Hawkins said he believes there is a positive side to the situation.

"We Baptists have opened our eyes to the broader ministry to youth. Youth choir was the youth ministry of the 60s and 70s," he continued. "Today, we have youth into ministers, and they've gotten youth into other activities, including Bible study, discipleship and recreation programs that get them into church program organizations."

"The minister of music and the youth minister are not in competition, but they

are working to meet specialized needs," he said. "We're going to have to relearn to minister to youth where they are. Not all youth will have the time or interest to be in a choir. Laying a guilt trip on them is not the way to minister to them. We must be ready to minister fully to the youth that are challenged by the excellence demanded in youth choir. In choir one learned to give oneself in service."

"Yes, we need to make it as interesting, fun and meaningful as we can," he acknowledged. "But we need to minister to their needs. We don't need to make them choose between being the best swimmer and the best choir member."

Pastor uses scripture for offering

by Beth W. Prassel

Children at Louisville's Baxter Avenue Baptist Church don't have much money of their own. But pastor Roy Lillpop found a way for them to contribute to the 1989 Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children Thanksgiving offering. The children's gifts plus other offerings from church members totaled around \$300.

In order to let the children take part in the offering, he asked them to give the money they received from scripture memorization. When the children come

to the front for the children's sermon each week Lillpop encourages them to recite the Bible verse for the month. For each verse a child recites Lillpop gives him or her one dollar.

"I told them for every dollar they gave [to the Thanksgiving offering], I'd give a dollar . . . The boys and girls were eager to do that," he says.

Lillpop believes the offering was a significant gift for this inner city church, which averages from 30-50 in Sunday school each week and from 2-10 children. He'd like to see the church set a goal of \$500 for next year's Thanksgiving offering.

Children at Baxter Avenue Church have been memorizing scripture since Lillpop first went to the church over three years ago.

"The scripture must be recited perfectly and they must know the reference," he says. "I think [knowing the reference] is the key. Our churches are full of people who say 'that's in the Bible some place.'"

Lillpop's idea for the program came from Poplar Level Baptist Church, where he was a member several years.

"Some people think [the children] memorize for the money," he says. "But I don't think that's really true. Even if it is, down the road sometime they might apply one of those verses to their lives. It might alter the course of a child's life."

Lillpop was a member of Poplar Level 16 years before he came to know God. Soon after his conversion 13 years ago, Lillpop says, he quit smoking and instead began memorizing scripture.

One day Lillpop went deer hunting and took his New Testament with him. "I didn't get a deer, but I had a life changing experience," he says. "That's when I memorized my first Psalm."

Later Lillpop felt the call to preach. He went to Boyce Bible School, Louisville, and graduated May 1985.

In addition to his church work, Lillpop also enjoys his work as a painter. He thinks "being bivocational is twice as hard." For awhile, he thought he wanted to quit painting and pastor full time. "But everybody I've worked for tells me it's every bit of my ministry."

Lillpop says he works for "all kinds of people." While working in homes he is able not only to tell people about Christianity but also to practice it.



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BSSB plans emphasis on worship quality, attendance

State and national program leaders in church music and church administration have joined hands for a five year emphasis on authentic worship and improved worship attendance for Southern Baptists.

In their annual December planning meetings at the Baptist Sunday School Board, leaders reviewed final plans for implementation in October 1990.

"Let's All Go to Church" is designed to help churches grow in the understanding of authentic Christian worship and to increase worship attendance.

Joe Stacker, director of the board's Church Administration Department, and Wesley Forbis, director of the Church Music Department, say their goal is to place worship of God at the forefront of SBC church life.

"We want to help pastors, ministers of music and other worship leaders grow in their understanding of and ability to lead meaningful congregational worship," Stacker told state leaders.

"Authentic worship begins with a sound theology of worship and the practice of biblical worship of God by the congregation," Forbis agreed.

Bruce Grubbs, manager of the pastoral leadership/administration section in the Church Administration Department, said he believes music and

preaching "are the two most significant parts of worship. If there is good singing and poor preaching or good preaching and poor music, the service lacks. Worship that just goes through the motions usually doesn't experience the presence of God. It takes prayer, planning and preparation. That's what 'Let's All Go to Church' is all about."

Efforts also will focus on a worship attendance goal of 55 percent of resident church membership present for worship on Sunday mornings and 30 percent on Sunday evenings, they said.

Church, associational, state and national promotion of the theme is proposed to ensure awareness for all Southern Baptists.

Quarterly attendance emphases through September 1995 will urge worship attendance with Sunday school classes, families and friends and neighbors. Some quarterly themes will focus on celebrating our heritage and hope, singing the old and new, honoring God's word, renewing commitment, celebrating faith, sharing Christ's spirit, singing in the spirit, proclaiming the good news and celebrating victory in Jesus. Sunday School Board periodicals will support the quarterly themes with articles, and a variety of resources will be available from the board.

Hardin-Simmons professor drives 1400 miles to work

by Terri Lackey

Paul Sorrels drives 1400 miles across four states to get to work. And that's just one way.

What could be worse, you wonder? Well, get this—he doesn't even bring home a paycheck for the job.

"At least it's just during the summers," said Sorrels, who believes he should consider becoming one of his own clients. Among many many other things he is a psychologist.

Sorrels, a Texas resident, said "OK" about two years ago to becoming the family ministry consultant for the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship.

But there were conditions, said Sorrels, who was in Nashville at the Baptist Sunday School Board in early December to meet with state family ministry leaders.

Of course, he would keep the three positions he holds at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene—professor of psychology and family ministry; director of the Family Psychology Center at the school. Those weren't even among the conditions.

"I was teaching during the summer at Yellowstone Baptist College in Billings (Mont.)," Sorrels said in explaining how he was "discovered." Billings is the headquarters of the Montana Fellowship.

"The second summer I was there James Nelson (executive director of the fellowship) asked me to be the family ministry consultant, and I said, 'But I live in Texas.'

"And he said, 'I know.' And I said, 'How do you see that working?'"

"All he said was 'You have the skills we need.'"

So, Sorrels "talked about it and

prayed about it" with his wife Cherry and their two daughters and went back to Nelson with a conditional answer.

"I said I would do it under four conditions.

Sorrels told Nelson he could only work in the summers. He said he wanted to involve graduate students of family ministry and family psychology in the Montana program.

Sorrels' third condition was to integrate the family ministry program into the other programs of the fellowship (i.e. Sunday school, discipleship training), and "not just tack it on as an extra."

"The fourth condition was that Nelson work really hard at finding someone else to take the job," Sorrels said. "I really tried to make it so he could say, 'no.'"

But, Nelson said yes.

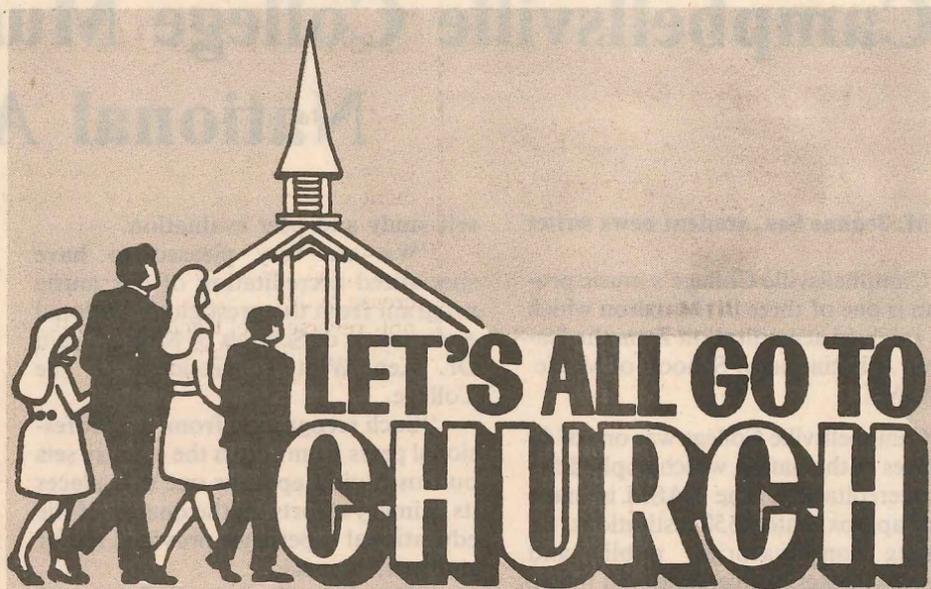
Sorrels said his vision is for all Southern Baptist churches in Montana (about 70) to begin some sort of family ministry program.

"Montana has a lot of problems like divorce and suicide, and they could use those types of programs," Sorrels said. "I would like to see more counseling services there, and I would like to see Southern Baptists in other states come up and do family leadership things."

Sorrels said he takes his family with him during the summer and conducts single and senior adult seminars, and marriage, family, parenting and leadership conferences in as many churches as he can get to.

He said he and his family have put about 35,000 miles on a Suburban wagon they just bought last year.

"It can get kind of hard on us because we have to pay our own way," Sorrels said. "But we look at it as our family ministry missions project."



Southwestern professor helps students improve their aim

by Pam Alewine

When Tom Urrey encourages students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to "aim for the mark," he knows what he's talking about.

For Urrey, professor of New Testament, the mark is "the upward call of God in Christ." And as an expert marksman with a bow and arrow, he knows how to get the point across.

Although Urrey may not fit the mold of a professor, he loves to teach.

"Some day I may be a scholar but I would much, much rather be a minister in the field of teaching," he said.

Urrey has taught at Southwestern since 1961. In that time he has used the New Testament to teach students lessons on life.

After nearly 30 years of teaching seminary students, Urrey said those lessons remain unchanged. And he encourages students to "minister to people."

Urrey's pilgrimage in the ministry began when he graduated from high school in Camden, Ark. He had two loves at the time which influenced his college choice—football and a girl friend.

The girl friend became his wife Helen who has worked as director of alumni records at Southwestern 26 years. Football was replaced by the need to make the most of his time at Ouachita Baptist University in preparation for ministry.

Urrey came to Southwestern in 1956 intent on pursuing a ministry in the pastorate. "My heart has always beat for churches and people," he said.

A place very close to Urrey's heart is Patoak Baptist Church, where he was pastor during his seminary days. "I learned so much there," he said. "It was a big, little church."

As Urrey prayed about future ministry, he was offered a position on the faculty at Southwestern, he said.

Urrey becomes emotional when he talks about God's leadership in his life.

"Even a causal reflection upon the use of God's grace moves me to emotion," he said. "I think I've been graced by having a tender heart. It's a way of relating to hurts and griefs of others."

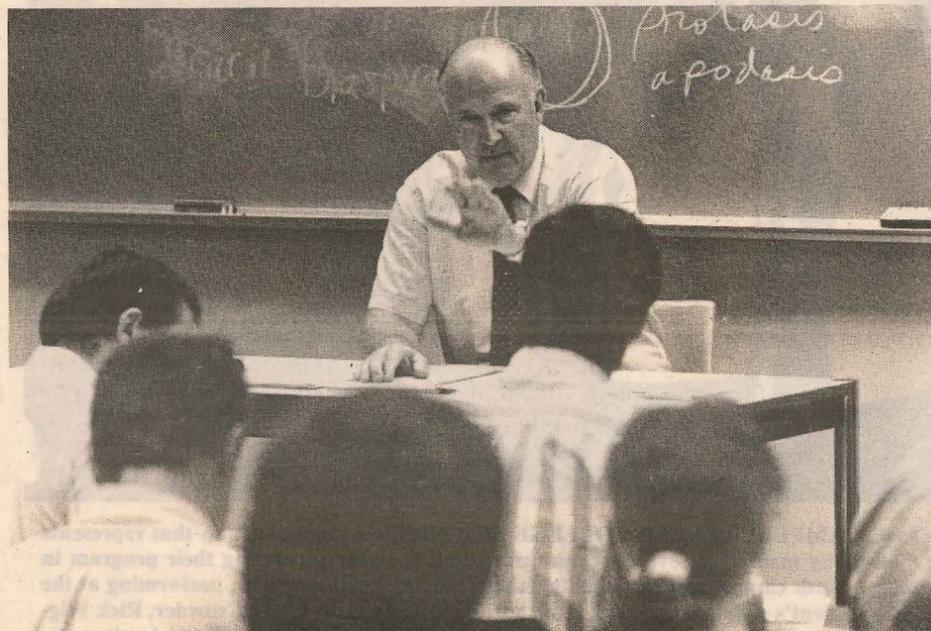
Along with a tender heart Urrey has "a love for life and living" which is evident in his outdoor activities.

"I've always loved outdoor sports and I still play my trumpet," Urrey said. Both hobbies are from earlier days.

But a far greater love is his family.

In the midst of all his activities, Urrey still has a desire to teach, a vocation and calling he now views as his ministry.

"It's my goal that when the student goes out from the seminary he has in his heart, in his mind and in his life the tools that he will need to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, wherever the Lord leads," he said.



Tom Urrey teaching Greek.

Campbellsville College Music Program Accredited By National Association

By M. Jeanne Sea, student news writer

Campbellsville College's music program is one of three in the nation which has received accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Campbellsville College was one of 60 colleges in the nation which applied for the accreditation. The NASM is made up of approximately 550 institutions, including conservatories, public and private colleges, universities and music schools.

The NASM is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the agency responsible for accreditation of all music curricula. The NASM also establishes curricular standards and guidelines. The two basic procedures for membership in NASM are institutional

self-study and peer evaluation.

"We are very pleased to have specialized accreditation of our music program from the prestigious National Association of Schools of Music," said Dr. Ken Winters, president of the College.

"Such recognition from our professional peers from across the country sets our institution apart as one that places its primary efforts on the quality of the educational experience provided to our students," he said.

"This accreditation reinforces the fact that Campbellsville College does have an excellent music program and has been recognized by an agency that thoroughly examines music programs all over the United States," said Robert Gaddis, assistant professor of music and chairman of the fine arts division.

Gaddis said he is "extremely proud"

of the fact that Campbellsville College was only one of three schools to receive the accreditation.

"This is another demonstration of our quest toward academic excellence in all of our academic offerings," said Winters. "We are extremely proud of our music program, including its faculty and students.

"A debt of gratitude goes to Mr. Gaddis and his faculty for the hard work that went into bringing such distinction to our campus," said Winters.

Campbellsville College offers a bachelor of music degree and a bachelor of arts in music degree. Students pursuing the bachelor of music degree choose from an area of concentration in either church music or music education.

The church music program prepares the student for service as a church musician and/or for graduate study at a

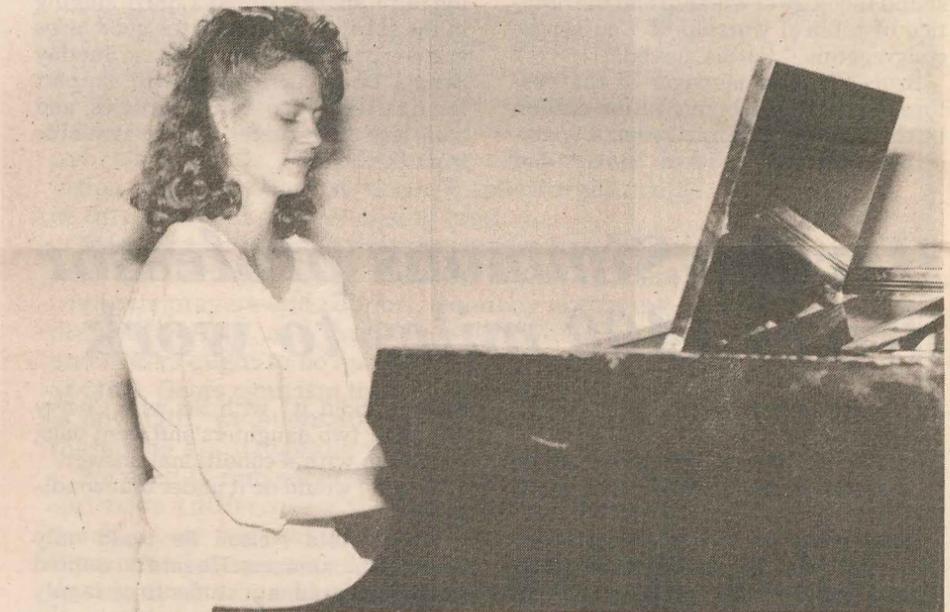
seminary or other graduate institution. The music education program prepares students for teaching in the public schools and/or for graduate study.

The area of concentration for the bachelor of arts music program is music in general without the specialization toward church music or music education. Students who are looking to graduate study and careers in performance or college/private teaching, as well as students who want more freedom to take course work outside the field of music, may be interested in pursuing the bachelor of arts degree.

Campbellsville College, affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, offers 22 academic majors and 26 minor programs. The College is a private, four-year liberal arts and sciences college located in central Kentucky.



ROBERT GADDIS, left, chairman of the fine arts division at Campbellsville College, shares the Campbellsville College's music program's accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music with Dr. Ken Winters, president of Campbellsville College. (Campbellsville College Photo by Chris Gray)



MARCINA CLARK of Albany received the Cecile Meskimen Piano Scholarship at Campbellsville College for the past two years. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)



THE CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE SINGERS is a musical group that represents the College by touring in several states throughout the year presenting their program in churches, youth camps, associational meetings, etc. A previous group, performing at the annual president's club dinner, were, from left: Suellen Higgins, Cindy Crowder, Rick Wigginton, Marsha McLean and Carolyn Slape. (Campbellsville College Photo by Joan C. McKinney)



JULIE VAUGHN, left, a freshman from Campbellsville, receives scheduling advice from Dr. Mark Bradley, associate professor of music at Campbellsville College. Miss Vaughn received a music performance grant to Campbellsville College. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)