

SBC schools' enrolments climb 8th time

by Tim Fields

Southern Baptist colleges and universities showed an overall increase in fall enrolment for the eighth consecutive year, according to figures released to the Southern Baptist Education Commission. Enrolment figures for the 1989 fall semester show 109,035 students attended Southern Baptist junior and senior colleges, a four percent increase over the 1988 total of 104,846.

The enrolment figures include both full time and part time students in college credit courses but do not include students enrolled in noncredit courses. Student totals were released to the commission by each school.

For the first time, the fall 1989 total includes students enrolled at Florida Baptist Theological College, Graceville, which changed from a Bible school to a four year senior college in November 1988.

A compilation of the figures shows that 33 of the 48 senior colleges had an increase in enrolment ranging from 23.8 percent to 0.1 percent, while two of the four junior colleges had increased enrolments ranging from 4.2 percent to 1.1 percent.

Averett College, Danville, Va., had the

largest percentage increase, with 23.8 percent, followed by Brewton-Parker College, Mt. Vernon, Ga., 22.4 percent; Missouri Baptist College, St. Louis, 19.8 percent; Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex., 18.9 percent; and Bluefield (Va.) College, 18.8 percent.

Campbell University, Buies Creek, N. C., showed the largest numerical increase, with 625 additional students, followed by Brewton-Parker College, 330; Wayland Baptist University, 326; Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Fla., 278; Dallas Baptist University and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Tex., both with 251. Increases at all other schools fell below 250 students.

The last time overall enrolment in Southern Baptist colleges and universities decreased was in 1981, when enrolment was 91,602, a drop of less than one percent over the previous year.

The increased enrolment for eight straight years means 17,433 more students attended the 52 Southern Baptist junior and senior colleges during the fall 1989 term than attended in fall 1981, for a net increase of 19 percent.

"The interest in an emphasis on values and the personal concern for the students reflected by the Baptist colleges

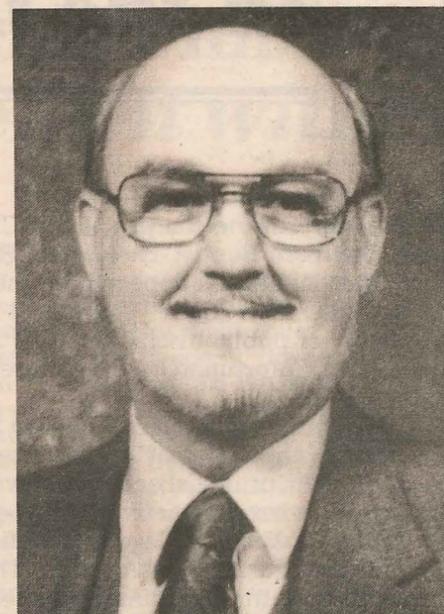
has made possible the continued increase in enrolment at our institutions," said Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission.

"The same interest in students has encouraged nontraditional students to enter or return to college, and many of these are especially interested in the type programs offered by the Baptist institutions. This, plus an emphasis on quality education undergirded by strong values, has been demonstrated as having appeal to all prospective students.

"The emphasis upon the basic mission purpose of Baptist institutions has proven to be of major value in relating to the constituencies of these colleges."

Baylor University, Waco, Tex., remains the largest Southern Baptist university, with 11,774 students, followed by Mercer University, Macon/Atlanta, 5856 students and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., 5264 students. All three schools showed decreased enrolment from fall 1988 enrolments.

In Kentucky: Campbellsville College, has 760 students, up 4.7 percent; Cumberland College, 1880, down 1.3 percent; Georgetown College, 1562, up seven percent. (BP)



Michigan Baptists tap Wally Miller for leadership post

James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Wallace E. (Wally) Miller has resigned as associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Sunday School Department, Middletown, to accept a position with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, with headquarters in Southfield.

Miller's resignation is effective Feb. 15 when he becomes director of leadership development, director of church music and director of Discipleship Training for Michigan Baptists. He will also be associate director for general officers in the state's Sunday school program.

Miller, 54, has been on the Kentucky Baptist Convention staff since Dec. 1, 1981. He went there from the position of educational director of Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, Newport, where he served five years.

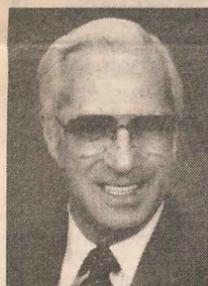
Earlier, he was a full time combination education and youth director on five Baptist church staffs: White Hall, Columbus, Oh.; Bethany, Lansing, Mich.; Crestwood, Frankfort, Ky.; First, Earlinton, Ky.; and Eaton Memorial, Owensboro, Ky.

A native of Louisville, Miller is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is married to Louisville native Peggy Derksen and they have four grown children—Daryl, of Cincinnati, Oh.; Yvonne Hawkins, Florence, Ky.; Michael, Louisville; and Michele Prentice, Louisville. They have four grandchildren.

Miller said he felt the "strong leadership of the Lord" in making his decision, with the opportunity to work in an area he had long wanted to work in "and never thought I could." He is particularly excited about working with small churches in leadership development, he indicated.

It was not an easy decision to leave children, grandchildren and aging parents, Miller noted, and his work for Kentucky Baptists "never ceased to be a challenge." He thanked Chip Miller, Sunday School Department director, for being "so supportive" and "a real friend in everything I undertook to do."

Miller will work in Michigan under the supervision of church development division director T. Frank Smith, also a former associate in the Kentucky Sunday School Department.



Wilkins



Bill Thomas



Ruth Thomas



Miss Hunt



Mrs. Crumpler



Belew

Florence will host state WMU April 20-21

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Constraining Love," adapted from the text, "For the love of Christ constrain-

eth us" (2 Cor. 5:14), will be theme of the state WMU annual meeting this spring. The two-day event is set Apr. 20-21 at Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Sessions are slated at 9:20 a.m., 1:50 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. Friday and 8:50 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. Saturday, adjourning at 3:15 p.m.

Highlights include talks by Calvin Wilkins, partnership coordinator, Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown; Janet Dillard, Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya and native Kentuckian; Bill and Ruth Thomas, Southern Baptist missionaries to France; Bea Conrad, Southern Baptist home missionary to American Indians in Utah; and Wanna Ann Fort, retired Southern Baptist medical doctor to Zimbabwe.

In addition, several prominent retired denominational servants in missions education will have continuous participation at various times throughout the sessions. Included: Helen Fling, Alma Hunt and Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler, all retired from the WMU staff, auxiliary to the SBC, Birmingham, Ala.; and Wendell Belew, native Kentuckian and former Home Mission Board executive, Atlanta, Ga.

Music will be under the direction of Andrea Jeanine Mullins, Baptist Women

consultant with the SBC WMU, Birmingham.

Delores Spears, of Paducah, president of the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, will preside at the Florence sessions. WMU staff members, all from Middletown, are scheduled on the agenda, including: Dee Gilliland, executive director; Anna Mary Byrdwell, Baptist Women-Baptist Young Women consultant; Geanine Escobar, administrative assistant; Carol Noffsinger, WMU consultant; Grace O. Powell, Acteens-Campus Baptist Young Women consultant; and Brenda Price, Girls in Action-Mission Friends consultant.

The WMU annual business session is set for Saturday morning. KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall, Middletown, will deliver a challenge and offer a dedicatory prayer at the close of the business period.

An Acteens dinner Friday evening, Saturday luncheon for Baptist Young Women and fellowship for all participants following the Friday night session are scheduled.

Information on motel accommodations in the area is available now from Woman's Missionary Union, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40253. Reservations should be made early to avoid disappointment, WMU officials said.

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Trustee responsibility betrayed

The story of the charges of Mr. Clark D. Kirkbride, a former student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, against Dr. Paul Simmons of that institution appeared on the front page of the Jan. 26 edition of the Louisville Courier Journal. It is regrettable that this incident is a matter of public discussion. This story is a testimony to two kinds of failure. Unfortunately, the failure involves three trustees of Southern Seminary.

Kirkbride made charges against Simmons on the basis of his interpretation of the professor's remarks in a class titled The Church and Sexuality. The principal accusation was that the students were taught that Jesus was sexually active. The 37-year-old student, a graduate of Mid-Continent Bible College in Mayfield, made these charges in a letter addressed to Dr. Dan Aleshire. The letter was written Nov. 7 but lay on his desk for some time unmailed. Copies of the letter were prepared for president Roy Honeycutt and three trustees—John Michael and John Hicks of Louisville and James Bullock of Indiana; Mr. Kirkbride's former pastor in Mayfield; the president of Mid-Continent; Mr. Kirkbride's local pastor in Indiana and his local director of missions; the Indiana Baptist and Western Recorder. Mr. Kirkbride asserts that he mailed all copies of his letter on the same day, some two or three weeks after their preparation. However, delivery dates were different and Western Recorder's copy never arrived.

Now enter the three trustees in question: within a few days of their receipt of the letter, every trustee of Southern Seminary received a copy of the student's letter with a cover letter signed by Michael, Hicks and Bullock. No one admits to mailing these copies but one of the three confirmed that they did sign the cover letter. Aleshire, to whom the letter was addressed, and president Honeycutt received their letters subsequent to the delivery of the letter to the board members. The point is that the entire board and persons not on the board were informed of this difficulty before the president or any administrative official of the school. When president Honeycutt did learn of the charges of the student he immediately contacted board chairman Alton Butler and set in process an investigation.

The first failure of the three trustees involved the student. They missed a teachable moment with him. When his letter arrived they should have contacted him and offered to accompany him through appropriate channels to express his dissatisfaction. Every student has the right to express himself and every trustee, administrative official and professor has the obligation to respond openly and honestly. Kirkbride's complaints could have been dealt with in a more responsible way. The trustees did nothing to help him.

The second failure of the three trustees involves what they did with his letter. Their decision to participate in the mailing of the letter to the entire trustee membership prior to contacting president Honeycutt or some other appropriate administrative officer was a mistake in judgment. Still worse, not one of these trustees even informed him of these serious charges.

Let this be clearly understood: the trustees in question had every right to do what they did. One of these three stated that he simply wanted his fellow trustees to be informed. Nothing wrong with that. Their method of communication was, however, most unwise and a betrayal of their trustee responsibility. How so? It is a spiritual responsibility of every trustee to protect the institution over which he or she has authority. The first thought these men should have had when they received the information was, "Is it the truth?" The second thought should have been, "How can I address the concerns of this student and protect the mission of the institution?" The third thought should have been, "How can I help president Honeycutt deal with this serious matter?"

The first action these trustees should have taken was to have reached for a telephone and immediately called president Honeycutt and offered

their help. If the president had been unresponsive, if seminary authorities had been derelict in their duty, had they not taken the matter with utmost seriousness, or had they sought to suppress the matter, then the case should have been taken to more public arenas for resolution. To bring these charges into public at the outset was wrong and calls into question whether or not these men understand the nature of their responsibility as members of a board of trust.

President Honeycutt is to be praised for his swift and appropriate investigation of very serious charges. Every student in the class meeting under question was contacted and 51 were interviewed, two declined to be interviewed and three could not be located or did not respond. These interviews were conducted after final examinations and grades had been assigned. No intimidation of any kind characterized this study. The result? Not one student supported the charges of Kirkbride. The charges made were found to be groundless. The board of trustees was informed of the method and result of this investigation in great detail. If there had been any substance to the charges, the thoroughness of the investigation would have brought it to light. President Honeycutt and his staff have left no stone unturned. In a society grown accustomed to cover-ups, the openness of the seminary administration has been refreshing and welcome. His immediate and open consultation with the chairman of the board indicates his acceptance and advocacy of board involvement and authority. In short, he did the right thing.

Simmons has been a target for criticism a number of times in recent years. His public comments on abortion have drawn negative comments on himself and the institution he serves. Many individuals, including staunch supporters of Southern, have been irritated by his remarks. Simmons may get a D in communication, impulsive statements and lack of diplomacy, but he gets an A in personal faith, academic integrity, concern for students and commitment to Christ. Like other folk, including many pastors, his personality makes him vulnerable as a target for dissatisfaction. He is, frankly, an easy target for those who are seeking likely places to attack Southern Seminary. The word has been circulating for some months now that Simmons would come under attack at the April meeting, primarily for his statements on abortion. These persistent predictions came weeks before Kirkbride's charges. What we likely have in this present story is a sensational charge that would have added fuel to the fire already being set.

The April meeting of the seminary board bears careful observation. If these charges, now discredited, surface at that time as a part of an effort to discipline Dr. Simmons it will be a clear indication that some trustees are proceeding with a prearranged agenda that is unconcerned with fact and truth. The Kirkbride charges have been investigated and closed. They should remain so.

The most disturbing part of this incident involves the reputations of both Kirkbride and Simmons. The former student will be identified with this incident and as one who was used. His real feelings are lost in the mistakes of others. If only these trustees to whom he mailed his letter had given him wise counsel this event might have been turned into a positive experience for him rather than a negative one. The same may be said of Simmons who will undoubtedly be explaining what he did not say for some time. The personal tragedy of lives tainted by a story like this far surpasses the harm done to an institution. Gossip, misunderstanding and uninformed cruelty have lives of their own.

What should be done? Hicks, Michael and Bullock owe their fellow trustees and president Honeycutt an apology, Simmons and Kirkbride should talk about this away from the heat of prejudiced opinion, the seminary should set up a clearly defined process for dealing with student complaints to trustees and the rest of us can stop talking and start acting like Christian men and women who know how to help each other.

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viewpoint

Baptist history clarified

by Dale Moody, *Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

The letter by Ben A. Baird of Hazard in Western Recorder Dec. 19, 1989 stimulated me to write some results of my recent reading of Baptist history, second only to my love for the Bible. Do not feel offended, Mr. Baird, if I make some corrections with my comments. I mean only to share my joy in Bible study and Baptist history.

First of all, the Charleston, S. C. tradition came to be known as Regular Baptists, not General Baptists. The Charleston Confession of Faith only dropped the articles on the laying on of hands and hymn singing from the Philadelphia Confession of Faith of 1742.

The Philadelphia Confession repeated the Calvinism of the Second London Confession of Faith of 1677 and 1689, hastily reworked by the elder William Collins of Petty France Church in London. Collins was a five point Particular Baptist Calvinist who copied the Calvinistic Westminster Confession of Faith of 1647 and made some serious errors in his additions, one of which was a flat contradiction of Heb. 6:4-6 in Article XVIII.3 of his Second London Confession of 1677. Many would call this plagiarism.

Basil Manly Jr. also repeated the error in Article XIII of the Abstract of Principles of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1858. Southern now steadfastly refuses to recognize this blunder. It is claimed that the charter forbids any changes in the abstract, but any person can see the contradiction between Article XIII and Heb. 6:4-6.

Rigid adherence to all 20 articles would not leave one professor or administrator employed at Southern. Only the ignorant and the dishonest would survive! A rigid interpretation of Articles I and XVIII of the Abstract of Principles, on the supreme authority of scripture, would give me a very high grade, but outside pressure has led others to make a rigid interpretation of the contradictory Article XIII, on the perseverance of the saints, that judges the plain teachings of the scriptures by the hasty and erroneous blunder of the elder William Collins in 1677. Every careful student of Baptist history and the scriptures knows this is true.

The Separate Baptists in America grew out of the Great Awakening led by George Whitefield in Connecticut. Their so called founder was the great American freedom fighter Isaac Backus who wrote the important *Church History of New England from 1620 to 1804*. The American Separate Baptists also argued against the supreme authority of any and all creeds over scripture. That was why the Separates became Baptists!

It is true that Shubal Stearns of Sandy Creek, N. C. was a Separate Baptist. This is the oldest Baptist church in Texas organized the very day that Texas raised the U. S. flag, 1846. It was called The United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Lonesome Dove, since they came from the effort that united Separate Baptists with the Regular Baptists and promised to bury the words "Separate" and "Regular" in "Oblivion." Lonesome Dove cooperates now with the Baptist Missionary Association. The union of the two groups in Kentucky took place in Clark County near Winchester, 1801.

As for the English General Baptists, they began in and around Lincolnshire in England. They had two great periods of growth. Between 1640-60 they had a rapid growth under such leader as Thomas Grantham, who was called a Baptist messenger (2 Cor. 8:23), serving many congregations much like a director of missions today. If we wanted to follow scripture we should use the term messenger rather than the ridiculous word DOM. Grantham's book *Christianism Primitivus* (Primitive Christianity), 1678, which I recently read, is the major theological statement of General Baptists.

The Standard Confession of 1660 is a brief statement of their beliefs, especially about the general atonement of Jesus for "every man" (Heb. 2:9). On the basis of such passages as Heb. 6:4-6, John 15:6 and 2 Pet. 2:20-22, they also taught that a believer could "fall from grace" (Gal. 5:4). John Griffith, the gadfly of the Six Principle General Baptists, got his inspiration for his famous textbook from Heb. 6:1-2: *God's Oracle and Christ's Doctrine of The Six Principles of the Christian Religion* (1655). The General Baptists loved Hebrews as much as many Southern Baptists now fear it!

In the eighteenth century their greatest leader was Dan Taylor (1738-1816) who organized the great revival called the New Connection of General Baptists. He is often called "the Baptist Wesley" and his confession of faith of 1785 is recommended as the document most representative in Adam Taylor's *The History of the General Baptists*, 1818, vol. II p. 470. After careful reading of many sources I find very little in either Dan Taylor or Thomas Grantham that I would question. How I wish Charleston, S. C. had followed these General Baptists! Instead, they had enough money to send their sons to Princeton for their education under Charles and A. A. Hodge, rigid Presbyterian Calvinists.

This has led to problems for those of us who went to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and have learned to use the Greek New Testament as interpreted by the immortal A. T. Robertson. It will finally dawn on most Southern Baptist that this is true. I will probably be dead and "out of the way" when this happens. I now believe these are prophetic words worthy of printing. The same thing happened to Robert G. Bratcher with the Foreign Mission Board over the same passage of scripture (Heb. 6:4-6).

It is true that the General Baptists in England declined when they turned away from the scriptures into the heresies of Arianism, Socinianism, Unitarianism, and Calvinism. When they spread into London and in other large cities, those itinerate messengers who remained rural and in smaller towns contributed to the decline simply because the messengers often just did not *itinerate*. There is much that Southern Baptists can learn from this General Baptist history.

If I have made any mistakes in this letter let the experts correct me and I will be grateful. I am only a "Bible believing Baptist" like Thomas Grantham and Dan Taylor who thinks all creeds, confessions, abstracts, articles of faith and popular cliches should be evaluated by a careful and prayerful study of scripture.

'And ye visited me': a more excellent witness

by H. B. Kuhnle

It was an inspiring sight that Sunday morning at the close of the morning worship hour. The Lord had blessed the presentation of his word and hearts had been touched as was evidenced by those who had responded to the invitation. However, the service did not end there for the people were about to translate their spiritual enthusiasm into practical service.

Standing by the table in front of the pulpit the pastor reached for a packet of cards on which were typed the names and addresses of people to be visited in the interests of the kingdom. Who were these people about to be visited and how were their names and addresses secured? This information came from many sources such as real estate offices, the chamber of commerce, moving companies, local utilities offices and church visitor cards.

Turning to the congregation, the pastor invited members to come forward to receive cards bearing the names and addresses of families to be visited that afternoon or evening. Some perhaps would make a brief visit on their way home; others perhaps would prefer to visit on their way to church for the evening service. Many responded, forming a large semicircle as they faced their pastor, who said:

"I have here the names and addresses of individuals and families many of whom are newcomers to our community. A letter of welcome has already been mailed to them. Your visit is simply a follow up of a contact already made. Some of those you will visit may be Baptists seeking a church home while others may need to know Christ as savior. There may be children in these homes who should be enrolled in our church school. On your way home this morning or some time this afternoon make a brief visit. Tell them who you are as you hand them a church bulletin and invite them to worship with you, that is, if they are not already affiliated with a church. We promise to remember you in prayer as you go."

The cards were distributed and prayer was made for God's blessing and presence as they left the sanctuary. Making their way to the church offices, they gathered around a large city map hanging on the wall. Someone well acquainted with the city was there to aid in finding locations.

The cards had been prepared in the church office the preceding week and were coded in the upper left hand corner. An "X" in the upper left hand corner alerted the visitor this person was not a professing Christian. The letters "BOT" meant a Baptist whose membership was out of town. The letters "RW" meant the person was not a professing Christian and personal work was indicated. Those visiting were prepared to deal with these people for they had been taught by their pastor who had conducted a class for those visiting.

At the prayer meeting the following Wednesday, time was allotted for reports of those who had visited the preceding Sunday. This resulted in the encouragement of those who had experienced difficulty or rebuff in their efforts.

The advantages of such visitation are

indeed many and favorable. Visitation takes place in the daytime, making it relatively easy to find street signs and house numbers. More women are willing to become involved in such visitation during daylight hours. Visitors are already properly dressed, having just come from the church service. The possibilities are good that those to be visited are at home. Those visiting are in a proper frame of mind because of the inspiration received at the morning worship service and the knowledge that many other church members are engaged in similar endeavor. It all adds up on the positive side of the ledger.

Having rung the bell, the visitor steps back a step or two and awaits the opening of the door. Handing the resident a copy of the church bulletin, he simply states they are on their way home after attending their church service, adding, "We are members of the (name) Baptist church. We understand you are new in our community and no doubt are looking for a church home. If you are Baptists we welcome you to our church. If you are members of another denomination we shall be glad to help you find the church where you can worship and continue your Christian witness and activity. If you have no preference or church affiliation our doors are open to you."

Do not insist on entering the home but should you be invited, accept the invitation to do so. Make the visit brief unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Before and during your visit ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you speak and ask questions. During the visit, endeavor to ascertain information. Ask about younger children and youth. Should these be present, speak with them and tell them of the youth activities at the church.

It is very important that paper and pencil not be in evidence as those visiting speak with family members. Seek to memorize names and facts. Make written notes after returning to your car. Before leaving the home invite them to be your guests at a church service and offer transportation.

The following Saturday make a phone call to the home you visited and again offer transportation to Sunday school and church. Seek to arrive with them at the church in time to introduce them to friends, teachers and class members. Arrange a meeting place at the close of Sunday school and sit with them during the following church service. Should they wish to respond to the invitation, offer to walk forward with them. Never attempt to deal with a person during the invitation period.

All this is just the beginning. Follow up procedures are necessary and of vital importance. Teachers should follow up with a visit in the home. The pastor should be informed and make a visit.

In the Wednesday evening prayer service special prayer should be offered in behalf of those contacted, and those who made visits should be encouraged to share their experiences.

This is a form of continued evangelism, a year round program of witnessing and soul winning. It fits the New Testament pattern "and ye visited me."

Paul once said, "Behold I show you a more excellent way." Could this suggestion of reaching people for the Lord be one of the more excellent ways?

baptist news briefs

"I'll see you in court" say Mercer plaintiffs

Mercer University's decision to close its College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta was made in bad faith and breached its contract with students and faculty, a DeKalb County, Ga., jury ruled. The ruling means students and faculty are entitled to recover damages, and they can file individual lawsuits against the university to determine how much.

The Georgia Baptist school has campuses in Atlanta and Macon.

Students and faculty filed separate lawsuits last year, which were granted class-action status and tried together. However, the class status applied only to liability and not damages, which is why individuals must file suit to seek monetary compensation.

In its finding of bad faith the jury agreed with the plaintiffs' contention that the majority of the trustees showed an inattention to duty and thus were persuaded to close the college by a few trustee leaders and administrators who did have bad motives.

Those motives, according to the plaintiffs, were a desire to silence critical faculty and students, the need to use the disputed \$18 million in endowment to reduce Mercer's deficit of more than \$30 million and the need for more space for the pharmacy school, which had been threatened with loss of accreditation due to its cramped quarters.

David Llewellyn, attorney for the plaintiffs, said students are entitled to "as much damages as they can prove"

as a result of being forced to transfer to other schools. Determination of faculty compensation will be varied, he said.

"For some it could be considerable, given the unavailability of positions for people of their age and because this school emphasized teaching instead of publishing," he said. "Many of my clients are talking about leaving the teaching profession, after they spent their entire careers in it." (BP)

Historical Commission director, Tonks, retires

A. Ronald Tonks, 55, assistant executive director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville, has announced early retirement effective Mar. 1 to pursue other interests.

Tonks joined the staff of the commission in January 1972 as research director. He assumed his present position in April 1973.

Tonks' major contributions have included conducting oral history interviews with Southern Baptist convention leaders, acquiring manuscript collections, overseeing the operation of the commission's library and archives, conducting research projects and assisting in the production of 18 videotapes on Baptist history.

Prior to joining the commission's staff Tonks taught history at Indiana Central University, now the University of Indianapolis, and was pastor of churches in Indiana and Quebec.

He is a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, Quebec; McMaster Univer-

sity, Hamilton, Ontario; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

SBC most inclusive, McCall tells students

Noting the Southern Baptist Convention had once been called the "chaplaincy arm" of the Ku Klux Klan, a Southern Baptist black church consultant said advocates for social justice within and outside the denomination have helped make it the most racially inclusive religious body in America.

The judgment on the SBC's racial progress "is not self evaluation nor congratulation, but rather an empirical report" from the research offices at Fuller Theological Seminary, the University of Chicago and the United Methodist Church, said Emmanuel McCall, director of the Black Church Extension Division of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

McCall said Southern Baptists are the "indirect recipients of the effects of the civil rights movements." These movements, he said, helped to "open our society and the closed minds of many" within the SBC.

Southern Baptists also are the "direct recipients of the sacrifices, humiliation and sufferings" of people within the denomination "who paved the way for us to become a more beloved community of faith," he added.

McCall addressed a Jan. 16 chapel service at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary one day after the national commemoration of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. (BP)

'Don't quit,' SBC veep tells seminary audience

Drawing on personal experience, evangelist Junior Hill challenged Christians to not be "pious and pass judgment on someone who has been through forced termination."

Speaking at the Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference, Hill, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention from Hartselle, Ala., also encouraged ministers not to quit, recounting an incident that occurred while he was a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary more than 25 years ago.

As pastor of a small rural church, Hill preached a sermon about Jesus loving people of all races—"red, yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight."

The next weekend he went to the local barber shop. While Hill was getting his hair cut, the barber, a member of his congregation, told him the church had a business meeting Wednesday night and voted to fire him.

"I preached the gospel of equality when it wasn't popular . . . because I believe the gospel is for everybody or

it's for nobody," Hill said.

He never will forget the "hot tears of humiliation which streamed down my face as I walked out that barber shop that day," he said.

Too late to return home in New Orleans, Hill and his wife "slept in a borrowed bed in the home of someone we knew didn't want us," he said.

That night, Hill said, "the devil tried to get me to quit, but I never considered it. I'm in it until hell freezes over or Jesus says it is enough."

Because of his experience, he exhorted pastors: "Don't quit. Don't quit. Don't quit." (BP)

Missionary cleared in 2nd Tanzanian's death

Village elders and preliminary police reports have cleared Southern Baptist missionary James Gibson of responsibility in the accidental death of a Tanzanian man Jan. 14.

Gibson and his wife Harriett of Memphis, Tenn., had to flee a stone throwing crowd after their car struck and killed a pedestrian in the Tanzanian village of Kanangozi.

The couple's car had not been running properly in the hours immediately preceding the evening accident and they had been stopping every 10 miles to clean the fuel filter.

When villagers responding to the crash began throwing rocks the Gibsons quickly decided to get to the nearest police station in the town of Iringa and report the accident. Stone throwing has been a common response of pedestrians in Africa and some other developing nations, especially in rural areas, when a car strikes a person or even an animal.

The Gibsons' car ran long enough to get them away from the stone throwing villagers before stalling again. After three hours it limped to the edge of Iringa before quitting completely. They walked some before calling a taxi and arrived at the police station after midnight in Iringa, where he is business manager of the Baptist conference center and she is a nurse.

Authorities notified the Gibsons Jan. 17 that elders in the village had given a statement that the accident was unavoidable and that police had filed a similar report. The couple helped arrange a postmortem examination of the victim and payment of burial expenses. (BP)

Attorney general wants to tighten screws on alcohol

State attorney general Frederic Cowan, has issued a call for support of legislation to tighten drinking laws.

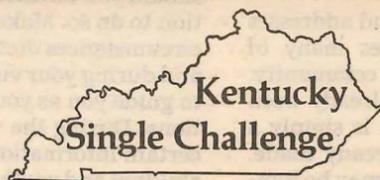
In a letter to constituents Cowan asks individuals to contact their state representatives and senators and request that they support House Bill 333 and Senate Bill 163. Cowan states the most controversial parts of the legislation are the proposals to reduce the legal blood alcohol level from .10 to .08 and to observe "zero tolerance" for teenagers.

Among the reasons for promoting the legislation, Cowan cites that the proposed law would:

—Increase the likelihood of convicting drunk drivers.

—Bring Kentucky's drunken driving statutes in line with medical evidence of alcohol impairment.

—Follow the example of such countries as Sweden, Norway, Australia, Canada and Great Britain, where legal blood alcohol limits are .08 or less.



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WMU starts new program for both men and women

Woman's Missionary Union will launch a new missions program for adult men and women called CONTACT next year.

The name CONTACT was taken from the acronym for "Christians Obeying Now the Actions Christ Taught."

"The ultimate goal of CONTACT is to increase awareness of missions and to involve more people in missions," said Betty Merrell, chairman of the team that created CONTACT and manager of the WMU age level magazines group.

The Brotherhood Commission has joined WMU in planning CONTACT and whole heartedly supports CONTACT, said Douglas Beggs, director of the commission's Adult Division.

WMU officials hope CONTACT will be a way to involve men and women in missions who are not participating in a missions organization. They also see CONTACT as a source of renewal and inspiration for long time members of missions organizations, Miss Merrell said.

One unit will be released each year beginning in 1991. (BP)

Crosspoint summer camp sites, cost announced

Crosspoint recreational camps for students in grades four through eight are being offered for the fifth consecutive summer on nine college campuses across the country.

Crosspoint offers recreational activities such as baseball, basketball, cheerleading, gymnastics, football, tennis, softball, soccer swimming, volleyball and track and field. Nonsport activities are also offered. Students study the Bible daily during the one week camps.

Camps will be held this year at Mars Hill (N. C.) College, June 9-14; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., June 18-23; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, June 25-30; Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., July 2-7; and University of North Alabama, Florence, July 9-14.

The camps will also be held at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., July 16-21; Campbell University, Buies Creek, N. C., July 23-28; Abraham Baldwin College, Tifton, Ga., July 30-Aug. 4; and Judson College, Marion, Ala., Aug. 6-11.

The cost to attend any location of Crosspoint is \$175 for counselors and campers. Call 615-251-3834 or write the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department for information.

How SBC is perceived theme of history groups

A critique of Southern Baptists by a panel of clergy of other denominations will be a highlight of the 1990 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Society and Historical Commission. The panel discussion, five additional papers and a tour of Christ Church Episcopal rounds out the theme "Southern Baptists and Relationships with Other Denominations."

The meeting will be held at the SBC Building, 901 Commerce St., Nashville, Apr. 23-25.

A registration fee of \$30 per individual, \$50 per couple, \$20 per student includes a reception, sessions, luncheon and copy of the papers.

Topics to be addressed: "Southern

Baptists as We See Them" (panel discussion by clergy of other denominations), "Roots of Southern Baptist Relationships with Other Denominations," "Southern Baptist Relationships with Baptist Denominations," "Southern Baptist Relationships with Other Protestants," "Southern Baptist Relationships with Roman Catholics", "Southern Baptist Relationships with Independent Baptists."

A workshop will be offered for church history committees, anniversary celebration committees, pastors and other interested persons Monday afternoon (3-5 p.m.) and Tuesday evening (7-9 p.m.).

Registration form and information: Historical Commission, 901 Commerce St., Nashville, TN 37203-3620, or (615) 244-0344.

Soviet changes difficult, Sakharov tells students

Rapid changes have made life in the Soviet Union difficult, a dissident who defected from that country told U. S. university students.

"Imagine a whole country that is suddenly given freedom after having everything done for them," said Vladimir Sakharov during talks at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex.

"In order to work in Moscow you must first live there two years. In order to be capitalistic you must have mobility; the Soviet Union doesn't have mobility."

Sakharov, formerly the Soviet Union's leading expert on Middle Eastern affairs, defected in 1972 and later became a U. S. citizen.

Problems in his native country paint a bleak but not hopeless picture, Sakharov told students at the Baptist school. Those problems include male dominance, AIDS, lack of incentive to work, worthless money and racism. (BP)

Phony phone scam caller strikes churches again

"Dr. Bill Slater" is at it again.

"Slater," a thief who also sometimes identifies himself as "Bill Jennings" or "Bill Harmon," calls churches with a sad, false story to squeeze money out of generous staff members.

And he's targeted churches in at least three states—Oklahoma, Kansas and South Carolina—since the Foreign Mission Board warned about the scam last October.

"Slater" places collect telephone calls to Southern Baptist churches, and perhaps others, identifying himself as a missionary to Brazil or as a pastor from the general area of the church he is calling.

He usually claims he is at either JFK or La Guardia airport in New York City, where he has been robbed. He must catch a flight back to Brazil that night, he tells listeners. Then he asks for \$64— or \$60, or \$62.50 or \$72—to be wired to him at the airport.

Sometimes he adds that he or his "associate pastor" has been shot or stabbed. Sometimes the "robbery" has occurred in a restaurant parking lot. Once he claimed a music group he was leading to Brazil had all their instruments stolen. (BP)

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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

75th anniversary invitation

First Baptist Church of Stearns will celebrate its 75th anniversary Sunday July 1, 1990. It is our hope that many of you with ties to our church through family and friends will join us for this glorious experience.

At this time we are soliciting documents such as letters and sermons by former pastors, bulletins and special programs and letters of recollection by former members and their families. We are also seeking pictures of former pastors that are suitable for framing. Photographs of the old town of Stearns and the church as well as pictures of church outings, revivals, singings, etc. would be appreciated.

Please address all correspondence to 75th Anniversary Committee, Stearns First Baptist Church, Box 57, Stearns, KY 42647.

Phil Majors, pastor
FBC Stearns

Personal profession of faith

It happened at the close of a Sunday morning service. It was a high hour as the people in prayerful mood were looking forward to the invitation about to be given by the pastor. Hearts were gladdened as several responded, among whom was a handsome youth in his early teens. In presenting him to the congregation the pastor stated the young man had come on his profession of faith requesting baptism. Appropriate action was taken by the church and he was accepted as a candidate for baptism. All rejoiced in his decision but there was something lacking. Scripture was not being followed in that the young man himself had not made his profession of faith with his own mouth. True, he had followed Christ's command to publically announce his faith in Christ but actually had not been given the opportunity to do so. Another had done this for him.

One's profession of faith is a personal matter according to scripture. "If thou

(not someone else speaking for you) shalt confess with *thy mouth* the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in *thine* heart that God hath raised him from the dead, *thou* shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth (thy mouth) confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10).

It is to be noted that in both verses the word "mouth" occurs and refers to the one making his profession of faith not the pastor's.

Are we violating scripture when we fail to follow instructions? Let us not deny babes in Christ the joy of personally informing the world of their decision to follow Christ. Let us stay with the scriptures.

H. B. Kuhnle
Lexington

Remembering Freeda Harris

I read with sadness about the death of Freeda Harris, though I shall always cherish the day I met her. In 1986 the Kentucky Baptist Convention produced a video titled, *Marrowbone: The Freeda Harris Story*. During a scouting trip to the Black Mountain area, A. B. Colvin and I visited Freeda at an Elkhorn City nursing home. She was quite ill and at first didn't recognize her old friend. But, when he called her name and clasped her hand, Freeda's eyes sparkled and a beautiful smile appeared.

While watching these two devoted Kentucky Baptists reflect briefly on decades of friendship I was reminded of what Christian devotion and loving sacrifice really mean. A model for ministry, Freeda Harris sacrificed much as she led the mothers and children of the hollows to Jesus.

I'm not sure who shed the most tears as we drove back to Middletown, A. B. Colvin or me. Now Freeda Harris is home with her Lord but meeting her will forever remain among my fondest memories. What a blessing I received that day!

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Clear Creek College graduate: church planter 'sews' the seed

When he became a Christian at age 11 in Dayton, Oh., Joseph "Pat" Garland never realized the decision would affect his life so dramatically.

Garland was born at Fonde, Ky. in 1944, but his parents, like many other Kentuckians, left to find work in a northern city. For Garland the city was Dayton, Oh., where he spent most of his youth. Garland felt called to preach when he was only 13 years of age and during high school he delivered sermons at the church where he was a member.

In 1979, at the age of 35, Garland returned to Bell County with his family to enrol at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, where he majored in theology. While a student at Clear Creek, Garland was pastor of the Henderson Hall Baptist

Church, a project of Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro. After Henderson Hall Garland became pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pineville, where he remained until 1985.

Garland was commissioned as a church planter in 1985 by the Home Mission Board and assigned to the Williamson, W. Va. area.

Since moving to West Virginia, Garland has planned five missions which he expects someday will become churches.

Garland now directs Gilbert Creek mission at Baisden, where he initiated a program called "Sewing the Seed Ministry." Soon after beginning the Gilbert Creek ministry Garland opened a clothing cottage to minister to residents

of the area in need of clothing. He discovered donated clothing required mending.

"It's unusual how things fall into place," Garland remarked. "I had been to Prosperity, S. C. in a revival. Prosperity is located just down the road from Poor Bay. Bethel Baptist Church there became interested in our work and donated six sewing machines."

At that point Garland asked some of the ladies in the community if they could quilt and found much interest in the craft. He began quilting bees and classes, donating completed items to missions. The Gilbert Creek congregation places a patch on their quilts which states: "Sewing the Seed Ministry—Gilbert Creek Baptist Mission, Baisden, W. Va.—Phil. 4:3." This year the congregation donated their quilts to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home at Kingsport.

Recently a 76-year-old woman came to the mission seeking Garland. She held

in her hands a quilt she had just made. The woman, with tears in her eyes, presented the quilt to Garland, stating, "I wanted you to have this because you told me about Jesus."

Dan and Jack Williams, Baptist laymen from Hickory, N. C., became interested in the clothing ministry after meeting Garland and gave the mission a "toe seamer," a machine used to complete the toe portion of socks.

Garland is confident the work at Gilbert Creek will soon become a full fledged church. He stated, "A man who is a member of the Prosperity, S. C. church gave a prefabricated building for Gilbert Creek mission so we can worship in our own building."

The words of home missionary Pat Garland: "If you want something to last a season, plant flowers. If you want something to last a lifetime, plant a tree. If you want something for eternity, plant a church."

SWBTS student awaits word from his relatives in Romania

by Chip Alford

A Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student persecuted by Communists in Romania is still awaiting word on the fate of two of his family members living in an area of the country hit hard by last month's bloody revolution.

John Moldovan, a doctoral student at the seminary and a part time instructor at Criswell College, Dallas, said he has been trying for three weeks to get news about his mother and brother, Eva and Viorel Moldovan. The two live in the city of Timisoara, Romania, where much of the demonstrations and heavy fighting took place.

Moldovan's mother does not have a telephone, but he has been trying to contact her friends and neighbors.

"We've been calling around the clock trying to get through," said Moldovan, "but we still haven't been able to talk with them."

"My mom lived in the middle of (where everything happened)," Moldovan said, expressing his concern for her safety. "There were tanks rolling over everything."

Moldovan, a Romanian native who is now a U. S. citizen, said he is also concerned about the number of securitate (secret police officers) who are still reported on the loose.

"Last year the secret police harrassed my mom and searched her house," Mol-

dovan said. "They tried to scare and intimidate her and my brother."

Moldovan knows first hand about the brutality of Romania's secret police. His father, the late Ion Moldovan, was a Romanian Baptist minister persecuted by the Communist party because of his religious beliefs. The elder Moldovan was interrogated and harrassed by secret police many times before his death in a car-truck accident in 1976. Moldovan, who said three other Romanian Baptist pastors were killed in similar "accidents," believes his father was murdered by secret police.

Despite the persecution Moldovan followed in his father's footsteps. He decided to become a minister at age 17 and soon began sharing the gospel in a country where open evangelism was illegal.

Moldovan was arrested in 1980 for refusing to obey oppressive laws governing religion. He was interrogated by secret police who refused to give him food and sleep and beat him with billy clubs and rubber truncheons.

Convicted of treason for his evangelistic efforts, Moldovan was sentenced to 25 years in prison. But thousands of protest letters from Christians outside Romania and a visit by a U. S. human rights delegation secured his release and expulsion to America along with his wife Anna and their three children.

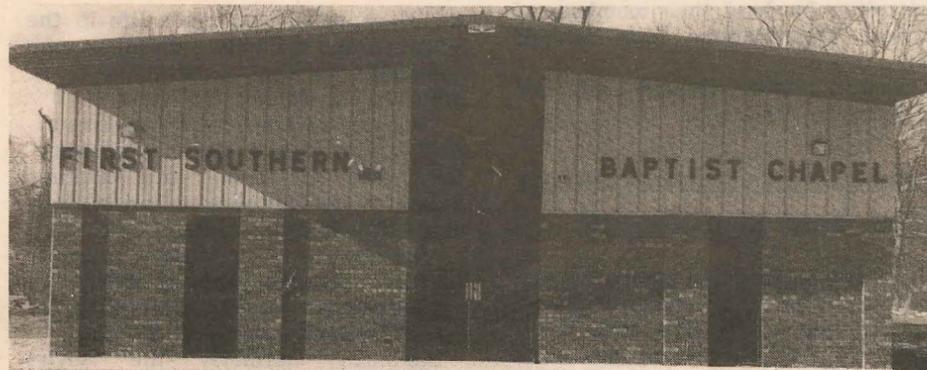
Moldovan's mother and brother remained behind, but both had been seeking permission to join Moldovan when the revolution broke out.

"They were both approved for coming here when this happened," Moldovan said. "I do not know at this point what the new regulations will be. It is just hanging in the air right now."

Though he is anxious about the welfare of his family, Moldovan is elated about the overthrow of autocratic Romanian president Nicolae Ceausescu and the possible dissolution of the Communist party and its religious repression.

"This is an answer to prayer," he said. "I really rejoice and thank God for surprising us this way."

Moldovan said Southern Baptists have "a tremendous opportunity" to help secure religious freedom for their Romanians. "We can not lay back and wait. This is the time to take action through education, literature, preaching and through visits at every level. We must take advantage of this open door."



South Point, Oh., mission of Rose Hill Baptist Church.

Rose Hill Baptist Church links up with South Point, Oh.

by Glenn Mollette
State Correspondent

Kentucky Baptists continue to be partners in missions with Ohio Baptists. The relationship between the state conventions was recently renewed for five more years at the last state convention meeting.

One model of this link up is blooming in South Point, Oh. First Southern Baptist Chapel, located directly on Route 52, is off to a good start.

The mission is a project of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland. Only 17 months ago a few from South Point community and Rose Hill Church gathered in the city's community building. It was in this location that the group met for several months. In April of last year the small nucleus, along with the guidance of the mother church, called Rick Frazier, as pastor. The 26-year-old pastor most recently pastored First Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va. five years. Prior to this he served in Eagan, Tenn. and Cherryville, Ky.

During Frazier's nine-month tenure the church has had 28 additions. Six of these have been by baptism. The church has also purchased a beautiful three acre plot. The property cost \$60,000, with \$7500 donated by the Kentucky Baptist Convention out of "Project 400" funds. The state convention also loaned the mission \$80,000 at seven percent interest to help build its new structure.

The conception and underwriting of the new mission has been greatly shouldered by Rose Hill. Frazier recalled the mother church had spent \$35,000 on the new work in 1989. Charles Stewart, pastor of Rose Hill, said, "We had some

men in our church who worked on the mission project six days a week. One man bought the baptistry for the mission and even went to South Carolina to pick it up."

The new mission is also starting out right with its attitude toward missions. Currently they are giving six percent to the Cooperative Program, two percent to Scioto (Oh.) Baptist Association and two percent to Greenup Association.

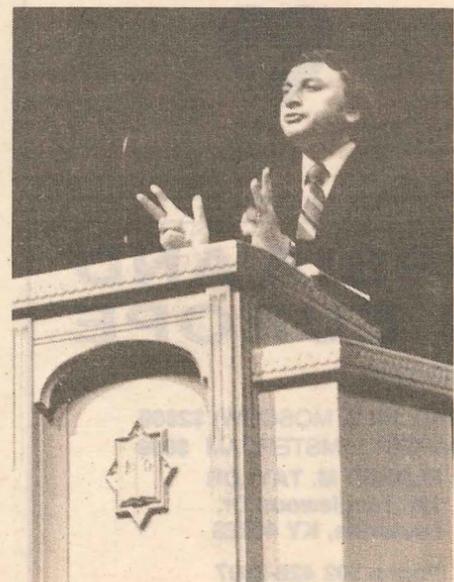
In the early conceptual stages Stewart participated with them on Tuesday night visitation. He remembered, "We visited one family who said, 'We've heard about the mission you're starting and we plan to attend.' The father of the family, however, was not a Christian." Stewart led him to the Lord that evening, and he was later baptized into the mission.

"That was one of several confirmations that a mission was needed on the other side of the river," Stewart declared.

The chapel is offering a full program. Presently their choir is averaging 24. It has an active Brotherhood, Mission Friends, children's choir and according to Frazier, "plenty of people who are willing to work."

Charles Young, director of missions for Greenup Association, reports that South Point is only one of three missions sponsored by Rose Hill. The other two are Fellowship at South Shore and Rush (Ky.) Baptist.

"Crossing the Ohio River to South Point has been an exciting project for our people," exclaimed Stewart. The church is only five miles from the Kentucky-Ohio bridge. Yet in many ways it is a world apart with a tremendously ripe field for evangelism.



John Moldovan

'God shows no partiality'

(Acts 10:34-35)

by Robert Parham

Twenty-five years ago Southern Baptists observed their first Race Relations Sunday on the denomination's calendar. That was in 1965. The goal was improved race relations. The context was crackling racial tension.

That first official emphasis Sunday occurred after the Supreme Court decision against the segregation of public schools, the Montgomery bus boycott and the massive march on Washington which had a profound impact on the nation.

That observance came before the march on Selma, the scorching riots in Watts, the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the black power salutes at the Olympics and the Kerner Commission which warned that "our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal."

Amid such tension the Southern Baptist Convention voted in 1964 to place Race Relations Sunday on the denomination's calendar. The Christian Life Commission and the Home Mission Board jointly mailed a small packet of material throughout the convention.

In a sermon before the household of Cornelius, Peter preached: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him

and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35). When Jewish Christians, who belonged to the circumcision party, heard of Peter's association with a Gentile, an uncircumcised person, they were stunned. They questioned his judgment and criticized his actions. But Peter was convinced of the inclusive love of God, as well as committed to a community of believers without barriers based upon race.

Like the early church we Southern Baptists have made many strides on the race front. But we are still imperfect people. We have miles to go before we rest.

Here are some action and reflection suggestions:

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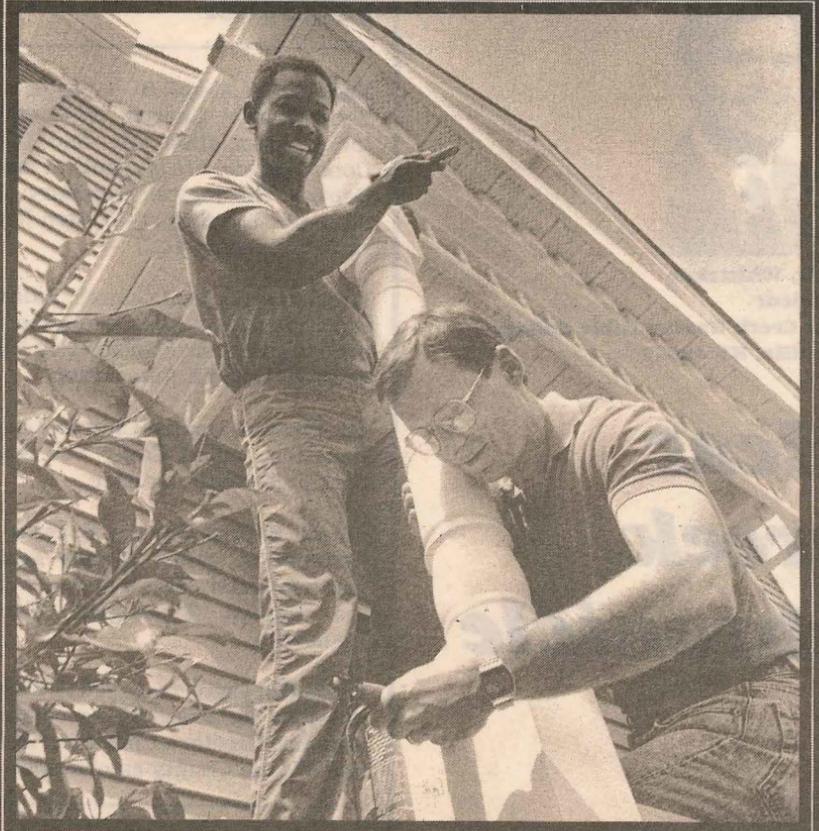
Pray about joining the long walk toward racial reconciliation, equality and justice in 1990.

Ponder the ways you think and talk about minorities.

Think about how you and our society act toward minorities.

Find ways to give witness to the impartiality of God.

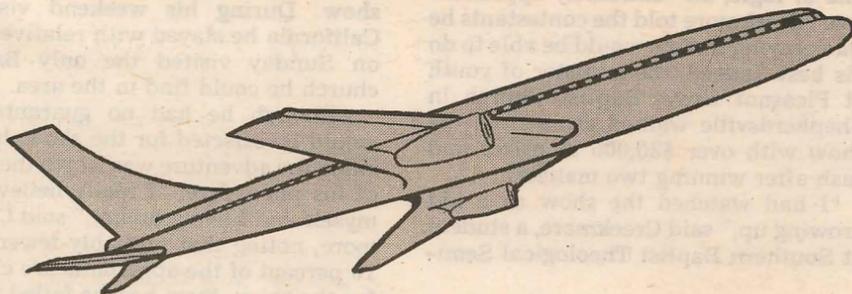
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New students

Clear Creek exists for students and we are always happy when new students come to campus. Fifteen had orientation for the spring semester Jan. 2. The new entrants include three women and 12 men. Two wives of current students will take classes and a Tennessee pastor's wife will commute.

The new students come from six states: Arizona, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia. Half the group reside in Kentucky.

Average age of the group, 37, indicates Clear Creek continues our tradition of working with older students. Half the students are above age 40, and two of them are age 54 and 57.

Better roads and our variable class schedule make it possible for many students to remain in their present home and job. Seven will commute daily.

Only one of the January entrants is unmarried. Twelve of the couples have children whose age ranges from two months to 35 years. One couple has four children ages 35, 25, 22 and 12.

The Lord has called these servants from eight different occupations: factory production, farmer, truck driver, railroad, cashier, grocer, youth agency, coal miner. Two of them have retired from previous employment and now pursue ministry training. Two of them have pastoral experience. Eleven have completed high school while one plans to secure a GED through our tutoring program. Six students have previous college work.

Nine of the January class anticipate work as a pastor. Two hope to be involved later in counseling ministry and two want to do youth work. Thirteen students will work on a bachelor's degree. One woman will pursue the 36-hour Christian worker's certificate, while another plans to complete the 12-hour minister's wife award.

Pray for these families and their adjustments. Many of them return to school after two decades. Some of them have teenagers adjusting to new schools. Others have left good homes and jobs and will move to cramped quarters and a drastically reduced income. Pray for our faculty and staff as we join them in an exciting pilgrimage.

personnel

Zane Allen Abbot Jr. is pastor of East Bend Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. He and his wife Conda (Hitch) are students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She is a former Western Recorder state correspondent.

Woodstock Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, called **John McPheron** as pastor. He goes from Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Lincoln Association.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Logan Association, called **Cathy Sue Smith** as part time youth minister.

Gilead Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, called **Tommy Temple** as youth minister. He is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Louis Shepherd resigned as director of missions for Freedom Association. He remains director of missions in Russell and Wayne County associations.

ordinations

Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, ordained **Sherman Rice**, **Gene O'Bryan** and **Durwood Cheek** deacons. Scott Casebrier is pastor.

Paul Dehaven and **Garland Carter** will be ordained deacons at Gilead Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. John Paul Brady is pastor.

Todd Dowdy, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association, was ordained to the ministry Jan. 28 at Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah. Bill Messer is pastor at Ashland First.

Kenny McFarland was ordained a deacon Dec. 3 at Maple Grove Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Steven Spencer is pastor.

Dec. 31 First Baptist Church, Ludlow, Northern Kentucky Association, ordained **Dick Bodner** and **Mark Mitchell** deacons. Tommy Mitchell is pastor.

Shirley Spalding, **Margaret Sanford**, **Karen Duncan**, **Tony Goff**, **Jeannie Hyers** and **John Smith** were ordained deacons at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Jan. 21. Kenneth Chafin is pastor.

Bill Booth, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Morehead, Bracken Association, was ordained to the ministry Jan. 14. Don Mantooth is pastor.

John Spencer resigned as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Whites Run Association, to accept a church in Herndon, Va.

deaths

Charles Luther (C. L.) Pair, editor of the Baptist Beacon newspaper and director of communications for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, 1973-80, died Jan. 16 in Greenup, Ky. He was 76. Pair died in a hospital near his home following complications from a fall. He

was hospitalized with a broken leg, then suffered a heart attack during his hospital stay and died shortly thereafter. Services were held Jan. 19 at First Baptist Church, Greenup. Pair is survived by his wife, Marie Daniel; two sons, Don C. Pair, Greenup, and Ronald E. Pair, Roseland, N. J.; one sister, Jena Mae Robinson, Sherman, Tex.; and four grandchildren.

John Earl Warford, 75, of Murray, died Jan. 10 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Funeral services were held Jan. 12 at J. H. Churchill Funeral Home, Murray. Burial followed in Murray Memorial Gardens. A Baptist minister, he retired 10 years ago after serving as first director of missions for Blood River Association. Survivors include his wife, Thelma Hundley Warford, whom he married May 5, 1942; two daughters, Mary Dell Sewell, Huntsville, Ala., and Earlene Woods, Murray; one son, Bennie Frank Warford, Hardingsburg, Ind.; two brothers, Elmer Warford, Kevil, and Charles R. Warford, Virginia Beach, Va.; and four grandchildren.

S. Cornell Snow, a Southern Baptist Theological trustee, died Jan. 22 in Louisville following a lengthy illness. He was 80.

Snow, a deacon at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church, was a retired manager at L&N Railroad, where he had worked 47 years. He had been on the seminary's board of trustees since 1986.

revivals

Kirksville Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, reports six professions of faith made during revival. Richard Easterling is pastor.

Morningside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, held a lay revival. The church has had 20 adult baptisms and 15 other additions since Sept. 1.

West London Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, had revival Nov. 12-17 resulting in one profession of faith and nine rededications.

SBTS student appears on game show

by Pat Cole

While waiting off stage to appear on the nationally televised game show "Classic Concentration," Kentucky Baptist youth minister Ken Creekmore was kidded by other contestants that his profession might entitle him to some divine help.

Although he did not agree with that line of logic, an "extremely apprehensive" Creekmore told the contestants he was praying that he would be able to do his best. Indeed, the minister of youth at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Shepherdsville walked away from the show with over \$30,000 in prizes and cash after winning two matches.

"I had watched the show as a kid growing up," said Creekmore, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Sem-

nary in Louisville. "Being on a game show is something I have always wanted to do."

He chose "Classic Concentration" because he liked the combination of concentration skills, puzzle-solving ability and luck required to play the game successfully. After practicing in front of the television and with his home version of the game, he decided to fly from Louisville to Los Angeles to audition for the show. During his weekend visit to California he stayed with relatives and on Sunday visited the only Baptist church he could find in the area.

Although he had no guarantee he would be selected for the show, he decided the adventure was worth the price of his plane fare. "I really believed in myself and I had a dream," said Creekmore, noting that probably fewer than 10 percent of the applicants are chosen for the show. Even had he failed to get on the show he joked that the audition experience would at least have provided him with "a good sermon illustration."

Most of his winnings came in merchandise and trips so Creekmore must come up with enough cash to pay income taxes on those prizes he chooses to accept. His prizes include a Jeep, trips to Paris and Hawaii, a giant screen television and a stereo.

Creekmore, who appeared on a show that aired in late December, said a show official told him he may be invited back to compete in "Classic Concentration's" tournament of champions.

In addition to excitement of prizes and network television exposure Creekmore was also able to speak to comedian Milton Berle and see "The Tonight Show" set during his trip to California. He and his wife Lisa, an intern at the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Family Ministry and Church Administration Department, were also able to take a tour of Universal Studios.

Creekmore was on the set taping the two 30 minute shows for a little less than two hours. There was a brief break between the matches so the contestants could change clothes.

Creekmore said he and the other contestants had plenty of opportunity to become acquainted while they waited off stage waiting for their turn on the show: "We got to know each other and we were pulling for each other."



Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student Ken Creekmore practiced with the home version of "Classic Concentration" before appearing on the nationally televised game show.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 4, 1990

Life and work series

Service in demanding situations

Mark 5:22-24 Into the midst of a throng of curiosity seekers there came Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue and a member of the party which was so hostile to Jesus. His only daughter, who was just 12 years of age, was at the point of death. Although her condition was very critical, Jairus had the conviction that Christ Jesus could help her even though

he was not certain about his willingness to do so. As an act of deep respect and genuine reverence, the humble suppliant dropped on his knees and said: "I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her that she may be healed, and she shall live." The savior left the throng and went immediately with the troubled father to restore his daughter.

Mark 5:35-38; 40-42 While the party was enroute to the home of Jairus, a courier brought the information that the girl had died and then suggested that Christ not be troubled any further. Christ's encouraging words and his continuing toward the house of Jairus strengthened this bereaved father against despair.

On their arrival at the home the neighbors were making a great ado. The hired mourners were already there. Christ told the crowds assembled there she was not dead, but asleep.

Ejecting the professional mourners, Jesus took Peter, James and John and the parents of the child into the room where the corpse was lying. Taking her by the hand, Christ said: "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise." At his command the spirit entered the lifeless corpse and immediately the girl arose and walked, just as she had done prior to her illness and death. Those who observed the miracle were amazed at Christ's power over death.

International series

Acceptance and rejection

John 12:20-22 Desiring an interview with Christ certain Greeks appeared out of obscurity, stood for a few minutes in the light of the gospel stage, came to Philip and said: "Sir, we would see Jesus."

John 12:23-27 Christ proclaimed that those who live for self gratification lose their lives whereas those who devote their lives to God enjoy real life. Deeply troubled in soul, Christ said: "Father, save me from this hour," and then he added: "But for this cause came I unto this hour."

John 12:28-31 Looking into the gathering storm and observing all that was involved therein, Christ Jesus prayed: "Father, glorify thy name." After all, that was his supreme desire.

John 12:32 This wonderful promise of our blessed Lord, "I will draw all men unto me," does not refer to the preaching of the glorious gospel of Christ but to his death by crucifixion. His sacrificial death on the cross is the mighty magnet which draws multitudes of all kinds of men from the various nations of the world unto him. All who hear the gospel of Christ, repent of their sins and believe on Christ will be saved. But, one must never interpret this promise as meaning all men will be saved.

John 12:33-36 Pretending they were shocked at what Christ said about his approaching death, the people asked him to explain what he meant. Knowing they were not seeking the truth, Christ referred to himself as the light of the world. He then reminded the people that ere long this light would be withdrawn. Since his public ministry was about to terminate in his death, Christ challenged his listeners to believe on him while they still had the opportunity to do so. He wanted them to receive Christ as their savior, to enthrone him as their Lord and to devote the remainder of their lives to the doing of the will of God in the service of their fellowmen. Those who obey and honor him faithfully will become the recipients of indescribable blessings.



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homes for children

Overcoming

As I read the intake studies for the children coming to us, I am amazed at the heartache and pain which they have suffered. From physical abuse, neglect, abandonment, sexual assault, what many of our children have endured in their young lives is more than most of us could even consider.

As I hear about families in crisis, so many times problems are piled on top of problems. Illness, the loss of jobs, financial crises so often seem to burden some families, and I wonder how they can possibly overcome what would surely overwhelm most of us.

I believe all of us probably think that way until we ourselves undergo a crisis, and then from within us with the presence of God we find the strength to go on.

We are told in James 1:2-3 that we should "consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

I think James is not saying that the experiences themselves are pure joy, but the end product, a stronger faith, should bring joy to us.

Ted Engstrom in his book *The Pursuit of Excellence* recalls some vivid examples of individuals who overcome and persevere in life:

"Cripple him and you have a Sir Walter Scott. Lock him in a prison cell and you have a John Bunyan. Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have a George Washington. Raise him in abject poverty and you have an Abraham Lincoln. Strike him down with infantile paralysis and he becomes Franklin Roosevelt. Burn him so severely that the doctors say he'll never walk again and you have a Glenn Cunningham, who set the world's one-mile record in 1934. Deafen him and you have a Ludwig van Beethoven. Have him or her born black in a society filled with racial discrimination and you have a Booker T. Washington, a Marian Anderson, a George Washington Carver . . . Call him a slow learner, "retarded," and write him off as uneducable and you have an Albert Einstein" (pp. 81-82).

Overcoming crises in life is not easy, but few things of value in life are.



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oneida journal

Fighting the fight

An assistant secretary of defense in the Reagan administration recently visited Oneida. He is M. C. Adams who worked alongside Cap Weinberger and is now retired living in Florida. With him was his wife. They have a special interest in Oneida for one of their grandsons is a student here.

Upon their return home, they wrote a beautiful letter and sent a \$500 donation. "We were tremendously impressed with your school and the breadth of programs—academics, sports, agriculture, mechanics, etc. It is also a great

credit to attract such a high caliber staff at very modest pay.

"Additionally we regard the opportunity for spiritual development as a great asset not available in most schools.

"Our grandson is most fortunate to be able to attend Oneida. We cannot imagine a better environment for him, with every opportunity to develop into a fine young man prepared for a successful career of his choosing."

A Cincinnati mother recently wrote: "Believe me I will never forget Oneida for the kindness and compassion you gave my son. I will be coming down there again soon to do whatever I can to help out at the school."

From central Kentucky: "I would like to thank all the staff for the education provided my son. We spoke briefly on the phone of his history and that of his parents. He was welcomed to Oneida regardless. He returned home to us with a better attitude and a better person altogether. I believe this is because of Oneida. Thank you."

A longtime Kentucky pastor wrote several months ago: "Our church group was overwhelmed by your generous hospitality. The tour of the facilities was most enlightening. The meals were delicious and the play was excellent entertainment. The free time allowed us the opportunity to explore on our own and to relax on the beautiful campus. Oneida is dear to our hearts."

This from one of our girls, now away from us: "My family situation is still weak. I just pray that I will not turn my mom off to the Lord. I pray for her to accept Christ. Through all of this the Lord has truly been my strength and my song (Ps. 8). I just wanted to share what the Lord is doing in my life and how much joy he has given me. When I left

Oneida I had a grudge, but I didn't realize the Lord has a purpose for everything. I remember our theme verse from state Fellowship of Christian Athletes retreat: 'We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus who strengthens us'" (Rom. 8:37). This young woman came to us very confused and angry, but accepted Christ while here and continues to grow.

A mother writes: "I want to take this opportunity to thank your staff for the ministry at Oneida. It was with much joy and yet apprehension his brother and I looked forward to Joe's homecoming. When he walked in and I wrapped my arms around him, he kept saying: 'I love you Mom; I love you Mom.' I knew the Lord was doing a work. My son, who seemingly despised everything I did and had been physically abusive to his brother and me, was changing. His heavenly Father had placed him in a good place (Oneida), not perfect, but where he wants him. He doesn't understand it fully, but he has a testimony. If it had not been for the Lord helping him through Oneida he would be in boys' camp. Praise God that he found the Lord there and was baptized. Not only is the Lord doing a work with him but with his brother and me. The 14 years of a very difficult marriage and the devastation of divorce had taken their toll."

The young man this mother writes about is developing into an outstanding person. We see him growing mentally, physically and, most importantly, spiritually day by day.

Every day is a struggle for us. The devil is hard at work trying to destroy every life. But we keep fighting the good fight in the name of the Lord Jesus, and eternal victories are being won.



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The walls came tumbling part I

Denton Lotz is the general secretary—treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance, an organization which includes 144 Baptist unions from 93 countries and with an estimated constituency of 35 million.

Lotz has agreed to address the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1991. With their permission, I share excerpts from his article in *Baptist World*: "And the walls came tumbling down."

"New Opportunities: Bibles, Books, Buildings."

"For years our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe have prayed for the 'three B's'—Bibles, books and buildings. This is particularly true of believers in the USSR. For years, the BWA has worked with the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians—Baptists in obtaining legal permission to either print or import Bibles.

"We rejoiced when permission was given for 10,000 Bibles to be printed in 1983. We thought it a miracle when in 1988 the BWA was permitted to send 100,000 Bibles. But now, the floodgate is open! Last year, millions of Bibles were imported into the USSR and millions more are on their way.

"For many years, our believers were packed into small buildings and had no permission to build. Last year, more than 3000 churches were returned to Orthodox and Protestant congregations. There is a 'building boom' among Baptist believers.

"Media. Rarely would church services be televised or preachers allowed on the radio. Now it is commonplace in (many Eastern-bloc countries) to see an Orthodox worship service, a Catholic mass and occasionally, a Baptist worship service.

Theological and Christian Education. "Baptists in the USSR have been given permission to open a seminary. This has been a prayer of many since 1905, when a fund was established in the BWA for such a purpose.

"The Hungarians have already opened up an academy which will serve all of Eastern Europe. Students will be able to travel easier to the European Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

"Missionaries. The name 'missionary' for many years was anathema to many governments. Western societies will still need to be discreet and sensitive. However, new opportunities for partnerships have arisen and the SBC Foreign Mission Board already has couples in Hungary and Poland; are prepared to send missionaries to the USSR; and have voted one million dollars for evangelism in Eastern Europe."

(Glasnost has introduced a new openness in religious life but there are also possible pitfalls. Read part II next week.



Aleshire



Barnes



Lowrie



West

cumberland college

Cumberland College, Williamsburg, recently awarded honorary doctorate degrees to three distinguished alumni during the annual Founders Day Convocation.

Charles D. Barnes, Louisville and Elmer S. West, Richmond, Va., were awarded honorary doctor of law degrees. Jerry D. Lowrie, Williamsburg, was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Barnes, executive vice president of First Kentucky National Corp. and First National Bank, Louisville, has been mayor of River Bluff since 1981. He is active in civic and charitable groups and is a member of East Baptist Church, Louisville, where he is a deacon and treasurer.

He is a member of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, and has been on the KBC executive board and has been KBC first vice president. He is a director and secretary of the Southern Baptist Seminary Foundation and has been a trustee of Cumberland College.

West, staff chaplain for the Foreign Mission Board, has been director of missionary personnel for the FMB and is a former director of the Christian Life Commission. He has also been a pastor in three states. He has supervised the enlistment and appointment of over 1300 new missionaries. He was a leader in developing a formal orientation program for new missionaries.

Lowrie is pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg. He has also served in four other states.

During his present pastorate the church has received more than 1100 members and has improved its physical plant. The church also began radio and television ministries and is active in mission activities.

Lowrie presently serves on the KBC executive board and the committee on nominations.

Currently he is adjunct professor of evangelism in the religion department at Cumberland and president elect of the alumni association.

southern seminary

A professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been named associate director for accreditation at the primary accrediting agency of seminaries and divinity

schools in North America.

Daniel O. Aleshire, professor of Psychology and Christian education and seminary director of professional studies, will leave his seminary duties July 31 to join the staff of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

Aleshire, 42, will be responsible for planning, administering and assessing the accrediting functions of the association. ATS is in the process of moving its headquarters from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

Aleshire, a member of the seminary faculty since 1978, is a graduate of Belmont College in Nashville, Southern Seminary and George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville.

Prior to joining the seminary faculty Aleshire was a research scientist for Search Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., for three years. He also has served churches in New Jersey and Kentucky as pastor and associate pastor.

Aleshire is married to the former Jo Ellen Gabhart. They are the parents of two children, Jennifer and Jonathan.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has received a \$24,400 grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to expand and strengthen its ongoing program of trustee development.

The Louisville 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 to be selected as a winner of the grant program.

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

The endowment grant also will help underwrite the cost of a survey of trustee perceptions of the seminary's trustee development program. Trustees will be briefed on the results of the survey at the 1990 trustee retreat.

georgetown college

"Helping the needy should be the concern of all Christians throughout the year," says Jonathan McGuire, junior at Georgetown (Ky.) College. McGuire is vice president of the Kappa Omega Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha.

He and 15 other members of the fraternity have established an innovative college assistance program, Operation Torch, that helps feed the needy in the Georgetown area. Each member of Lambda Chi Alpha gives up one evening meal per week. Then every Thursday the meals are taken to needy persons.

"This is not a program exclusive to the holidays," said McGuire, a pre-engineering major. We are seeking to serve the community as Christian college men. We want this effort to last." It is the intention of the fraternity to integrate its Operation Torch into a national Lambda Chi Alpha food drive called Raiders for the Needy.

Eugene Hall, associate dean for undergraduate studies at Georgetown (Ky.) College, has announced the 1990 summer British Studies Program. The dates for this year are July 11 through Aug. 13.

"This is the second year of our affiliation with a consortium of eight universities which affords students the opportunity to study in England," Hall said. "Through cooperative planning and recruiting, 2100 students will spend five weeks in London studying with British scholars and other professionals in business, the arts, government and the like."

Costs for this year's program are \$2699 which include tuition for six hours credit, round trip fare from Cincinnati, private room, travel connected with the courses and transfers/baggage handling.

Minimum program eligibility requirements include the completion of 28 semester hours with a 2.0 GPA. Students desiring graduate credit must apply for graduate standing. For more information contact Hall at (502) 863-8033.

clear creek college

John Mark Terry, professor of missions at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, has been nominated to participate in "Scholars in Ministry" week at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., Feb. 13-16.

Terry earned a BSSE degree from John Brown University and MDiv and PhD degrees from Southwestern Seminary. In the Philippines he was professor of missions and Old Testament and dean of chapel at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Davao City.

Those invited to participate in "Scholars in Ministry" are a select group of persons holding advanced theological degrees or who are creatively involved in ministry. The purpose is to provide a continuing educational experience.

campbellsville college

Campbellsville (Ky.) College's plan to renovate an old gymnasium on campus into a student activities center has received a boost with a donation of \$100,000 from the James Graham Brown Foundation Inc. in Louisville.

Ken Winters, president of Campbellsville College, said, "We are excited about the Brown Foundation's demonstration of support for this vitally needed project. We hope this grant will provide the inspiration and example to help us raise the additional funds needed for the total project."

The activities center will contain a multipurpose room, to be used for large gatherings as well as sporting events such as intramural basketball, volleyball, tennis and roller skating. It will also house a spacious new game room, snack bar and offices for student development functions.

Winters said the total cost of the renovation should be about \$700,000 and the college is seeking further contributions.



Mee checking out of BSSB Library Dept. after 30 years

by Charles Willis

When Keith Mee retires from the Baptist Sunday School Board Mar. 1, he may have set something of a record.

Mee, senior manager of the field services section in the board's Church Media Library Department, will leave 30 years from the day he began work in the same job.

In 1952, a desire to enter the ministry led him to Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, where he was minister of education eight years. Part of that time, Wayne Todd, later to lead church library work at the board, was pastor.

Mee had a MA degree in education and had read many of the seminary textbooks of the day. A man in control of his future, he had worked out a way to go to seminary—until a Nashville, Tenn., church sent a committee to interview him for a church staff job. And if that were not complication enough, Wayne Todd called him at about the same time to consider a job at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"The board looked to me like an education as well as a job. I could learn as much about religious education as I could at the seminary, and I could make sure something was happening on the West Coast in library work.

Thirty years later, Mee evaluates his job as "pretty much the same, except concepts have changed in library work."

While processess and technical

knowledge are vital to operating a media library, the emphasis has shifted to witnessing and ministry through resources.

During his tenure the department initiated curriculum labs in the Southern Baptist seminaries and in 27 colleges and assumed responsibility for media centers at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist conference centers. He has seen the evolution of applied technology in media libraries, from filmstrip projectors of the 1960s to satellite dishes, VCRs and computers for the 1990s.

Publishing projects over the years have made him an author, magazine contributor and, on occasion, a ghost writer.

And all this, technological advances aside, has been "to provide a way for media librarians to do their work without going to college to get a degree in library science," Mee declared. "We're in the information age. There's no way we can avoid having an adequate media library with resources accessible to all the people. The use of media in evangelism and our growing concept of services is helping Christians be better ministers in this world."

Keith Mee isn't about to give up his task at retirement. As media library director at Nashville's Two Rivers Baptist Church, he will continue to affect lives. Other churches will benefit as he directs the central region of the Tennessee Baptist Library Organization.

85-year-old Mary Kay sales champ takes "good news" to nursing homes

by Ken Camp

She has traveled to 32 states as a motivational speaker. She has won diamonds and minks as top saleswoman for Mary Kay Cosmetics. But 85-year-old Mary McDowell of Belmont Baptist Church, Odessa, Tex., has found her greatest joy in directing up to five outreach Bible studies each week.

"It is the most satisfying thing I've ever done in my whole life," she said.

McDowell started her first nursing home Bible study a little over a year ago. Currently, she coordinates a team of 21 volunteers from Belmont Baptist Church who lead several classes at nursing homes each week involving more than 100 residents.

She began visiting the nursing homes out of heartfelt concern for the neglected residents there.

"I saw the opportunity because so many people are put in nursing homes and forgotten. Many of them have nobody to visit them at all," she said.

As a part of her ministry in the nursing homes, Miss McDowell buys 40 pounds of bananas every Friday morning to deliver to residents.

In the nursing homes, so many of the people cannot eat cookies or candy because of diabetes and other health problems, so I bring them each a banana since that's something they don't get normally," she said.

"They call me the banana lady. So many of them aren't visited by anybody else. They look forward to seeing me coming with the banana. When I first started, I couldn't believe a little thing

like a banana could mean so much to them."

Leading Bible studies and visitation at Odessa nursing homes is only one of the many activities involving Miss McDowell.

She is a national leader among Mary Kay Cosmetics sales directors and holds the world's record for Christmas season sales. She has qualified 23 of the last 24 years for Mary Kay's "Queen Court" for annual sales exceeding \$32,000, earning several minks and diamonds valued at \$90,000.

However, with the exception of one diamond, she has used the proceeds from all her sales incentive prizes to provide scholarships for ministerial students at 10 Baptist colleges.

In the spring, the Tennessee native will return to her home state to spend a week addressing ministerial students at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

"I'll stay in a dorm there and eat in the cafeteria with all the rest of the kids," she said.

In addition to the nursing home Bible classes, Miss McDowell also teaches a weekly Bible study in her home and a Sunday school class for singles ages 50 and older. In the near future, she plans to start an apartment Bible study.

In some ways, that's even more fulfilling than the nursing homes. At the nursing homes, most of the people we reach already are Christians, but at the apartment house, so many people are not. The apartment house could be a wonderful place to win people to the Lord."

A history of 4 Baptist hymns

by William J. Reynolds

Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me

In December 1935, B. B. McKinney, moved to Nashville to work as music editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Under the leadership of T. L. Holcomb, the board had decided to begin music publishing.

From 1919-31 McKinney was on the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and 1931-35, he was assistant pastor and music director at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth. During these years he also assisted Robert H. Coleman in publishing hymnals and songbooks. This experience as well as his success in writing gospel songs well qualified him for this new opportunity in Nashville.

The first songbook he compiled for Broadman Press was *Songs of Victory* (1937), containing 109 songs. Two of the seven new songs McKinney contributed to this first Broadman collection were "Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me" and "Wherever He Leads I'll Go."

The stanzas of "Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me" were adapted by McKinney from a hymn by Edwin Hatch, "Breathe on Me, breath of God," written in 1878.

In the *Baptist Hymnal* (1956), the tune was named "Truett," for George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, 47 years. He was widely known for having said, "To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement."

"Send Me, O Lord, Send Me"

In October of 1955 two newly appointed missionaries walked the streets of Surabaya, Java. The atmosphere of this land, with its sights and sounds, was unlike anything they had ever known.

Ross and Doris Coggins were from Texas. A graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Ross had served in the Student Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and as student director at North Texas State University.

The call to missions had been vivid and now it was reality. The strangeness of the language made communication difficult. One the first Sunday morning in this new land, the Cogginses attended worship at Immanuel Baptist Church, Surabaya.

Though they did not understand the words the warmth of the hymn singing was evident. The melody of one of the unfamiliar hymns lingered in Ross's mind, and to this tune he wrote three new stanzas, affirming his own commitment to the will of God.

First used in Texas student meetings in the summer of 1956, the hymn became the theme song for the World Mission Conference for students in Nashville in December of that year. At the Baptist Youth World Congress in Toronto in the summer of 1958 it was sung at the close of every session.

Across the years "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me" has been sung in our churches, as we borrow these words written in a foreign land.

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

Long a favorite hymn of Baptists, both in country and city churches, the hymn was written by William Cowper, perhaps the greatest English poet of the 18th century.

When he completed his law study, Cowper was offered a position as clerk of the journals in the House of Lords. The fear of appearing before the House for examination resulted in mental illness and melancholia from which he was never free.

In 1767, he moved to Olney, a village in Buckinghamshire, and became a close friend of John Newton, the local Anglican minister. Because of Cowper's poetic gifts, Newton encouraged him to write hymns. Together they published *Olney Hymns* in 1779, which had 280 hymns by Newton, and 68 by Cowper.

Near the parish church in Olney stood a large empty mansion that Newton used for Friday evening Bible classes. The classes were very popular, and "The Great House" became the social center of the village in a day when there were few schools, no free libraries and no village forums.

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" was written in 1771 to be sung in these Bible classes. It is based on Zech. 13:1, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness," and Rev. 7:14, "These are they which . . . have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb."

"Whosoever Meaneth Me"

It was a cold day in Spirit Lake, Ia. The temperature was below zero, but a revival was in progress led by an eloquent evangelist, J. Lincoln McConnell. The evangelist's 18-year-old son, James Edwin, was leading the music.

On this day, as the evangelist was opening his mail, he became aware that his son was seated at the piano, humming to himself and playing. The father inquired what he was playing, to which the boy replied, "Oh, just another song aborning, Dad."

During the day the song was completed, and "Whosoever Meaneth Me" was sung in the evening service. Because of its immediate popularity with the people, it became the theme song for the campaign.

J. Lincoln McConnell became a distinguished pastor; at one time he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

J. Edwin McConnell, a graduate of William Jewell College, was a successful pianist and evangelistic singer. In 1922 he began his career in radio as "Smilin' Ed McConnell," and his program, "Hymn Time," was carried by NBC radio.

For years before his death in 1954, he enjoyed nationwide fame with his television program for children. Some old timers remember his radio and TV programs but his one hymn, written on a cold day in Iowa, is still sung by Baptist congregations.

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