

Election, BJCPA on New Orleans SBC agenda

by Dan Martin

Election of a new president and the question of who will speak for Southern Baptists on religious liberty concerns top the list of issues facing messengers at the 1990 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Messengers also will hear challenges to some of the people nominated to be trustees of the 24 national entities of the 14.9-million-member denomination; consider motions, resolutions and other business; as well as listen to missions presentations, preaching and singing during the June 12-14 meeting in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

President George Bush, who initially indicated a desire to address the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination, in mid May announced he would not speak at the convention. As with most things concerning the annual meeting, opinions differ as to whether his schedule would not permit his address or whether controversy over his inviting gay and lesbian groups to the White House caused the cancellation.

Although predictions of messenger registration have ranged upward to 70,000—nearly capacity for the cavernous Superdome—SBC registration secretary Lee Porter of Nashville realistically expects registration to be “somewhere between 35,000 and 37,000.”

If he is right, it would make the 1990 annual meeting the third-largest in the history of the 145-year-old denomination. The all time record for participation was set in 1985 in Dallas, with 45,519 messengers. Second was Atlanta in 1986, with 40,987; third was

San Antonio in 1988 with 32,727.

“The emotions as we head for New Orleans this year are just as intense as they were in 1985 but just not as broad,” said one veteran convention watcher. “Therefore, there will not be as many people as we first thought.”

Moderates and conservatives have

squared off politically, and each group has its standard bearer. Political activity has been intense during the past six months, with each candidate appearing in numerous places around the convention drumming up support.

Moderate Daniel Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban



The oldest continuously running street railway in existence, carrying the St. Charles Ave. streetcar in New Orleans, La., will board hundreds of Southern Baptists June 12-14 during their annual meeting. The line stretches beneath arching oaks and rolls past miles of mansions from Canal St. to Tulane University.

Atlanta, announced in September he would again seek the presidency. He was nominated in 1989 against incumbent Jerry Vines, but lost 8248 to 10,754.

Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist church of Wichita Falls, Tex., was presented in February as the conservatives' candidate to succeed Vines, who has served his allowed two consecutive one-year terms.

Although running mates for Chapman have not been announced, Vestal has unveiled a full slate. Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler, the recently retired executive director of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, will be nominated for first vice president; Steve Tondera, a Huntsville, Ala. layman, for second vice president.

In conjunction with announcing Chapman as the candidate, conservatives also unveiled a “new coalition” to bring peace to the troubled denomination, which would include “enlarging the tent” of SBC leadership to include all who could embrace “a perfect Bible from a perfect God.”

Several pastors of large churches who previously had not taken overt political stands endorsed the proposal—presented by John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist church of Houston—and conservatives generally promoted the “new coalition.”

Moderates, however, are skeptical of Bisagno's proposal, the supposed “non-alignment” of the endorsers, and believe the “enlarged tent” does not include moderates.

The sharpness of the division ap-

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Dispute with Indiana executive shuts Boyce's Hoosier center

by Pat Cole

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has closed its Boyce Bible School center in Indiana in response to a rift between the seminary administration and center director Mark Coppenger.

Coppenger, executive director-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, expressed his disenchantment with seminary policies and personnel in

an article in the May 8 issue of the Indiana Baptist, the weekly newsjournal published by the state convention.

Boyce, a division of the Louisville seminary, provides ministerial training for people without college degrees. The school's Indiana center conducted classes in Indianapolis and Kokomo during the spring semester.

In the article Coppenger criticized several seminary professors and administrators, including the provost and president. He also accused seminary trustees of failing to deal thoroughly with concerns raised by the Southern Baptist Convention peace committee in 1986.

Seminary provost G. Willis Bennett announced with “deep regret” that Boyce would close its Indiana center May 31. Boyce could no longer effectively function in Indiana due to the climate created by the article, he said.

“At the same time, we express hope that the problems may be resolved and the work resumed under a new administration and with a cooperative spirit.”

In the article Coppenger took exception to remarks made by Bennett during an April meeting of Boyce off-campus center directors. Bennett informed the directors that the seminary expected Boyce professors to be loyal to the seminary and refrain from public comments that might engender distrust of Southern, he said.

In response, Coppenger wrote: “I observed that our teachers were only contract workers, performing short term duties for the seminary, that they didn't ‘belong’ to the seminary in the same

way that full time professors did. And I suggested that one could be loyal to the seminary itself without supporting its current direction.”

Bennett submitted a letter to the Indiana Baptist in response to Coppenger's article. In the letter he charged that Coppenger had set “his opinion over every board of trustees which has served each of the past 10 years.”

The letter continued: “The problem is, Dr. Coppenger will never be satisfied with Southern Seminary until decisions are made his way and interpretations of scripture are in agreement with his own views.”

“Loyalty does not rule out criticism, but it does not sow distrust.”

—G. Willis Bennett

While Bennett said Coppenger's article was the direct reason for the center's closure, he acknowledged that previous problems existed between the seminary administration and Coppenger, who became director of the Indiana center in early 1990.

Coppenger, he said, also had been critical of the seminary's policy of selecting textbooks and furnishing course outlines for off campus courses. The requirements were established to ensure the courses at off campus centers were comparable to those taught in Louisville.

Yet he said Coppenger had indicated a “preference for his own standards and perhaps his own ‘training base.’”

Bennett also said some statements made by Coppenger in a private conversation after the April Boyce center directors meeting led him to conclude that Coppenger favored the removal of Roy L. Honeycutt as president of the seminary. Coppenger, he said, told him he thought Honeycutt's doctrinal views would disqualify the president from teaching at the Boyce center in Indiana. At another point in the conversation Coppenger also indicated a need for a “change in direction for the seminary,” Bennett said.

Despite the disagreements, Bennett said, the two of them had prayer and Coppenger left the meeting with a list of courses and professors approved for the 1990-91 academic year.

Coppenger reported that faculty selection for the Indiana center was the crux of the dispute between him and the seminary administration. He decided after his meeting with Bennett that he no longer could continue the relationship with Boyce, he said.

“When I resolved to write the column (for the Indiana Baptist), I suspected there could be difficulty (with Boyce) and I started brainstorming” about other possibilities for ministry training in Indiana, he said, noting seminary extension classes are among the options he is exploring. Coppenger also suggested in a May 22 Indiana Baptist article that the state convention may begin its own program of theological study.

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Support for Honeycutt widespread

by David R. Wilkinson

Trivia question: Which takes longer for Roy L. Honeycutt to read—*War and Peace* or a recent week's mail?

The answer may be a toss-up.

During the week of May 21-25 the president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary received more than 2000 letters and post cards from Southern Baptists in 23 states and several foreign nations. Volunteers who helped Honeycutt open the mail found only one letter that was not clearly supportive.

Letters of support poured into the Louisville seminary campus following news reports of questions about Honeycutt's belief in the Bible raised by a first-year seminary trustee. In a 16-page document, 25-year-old pastor Jerry Johnson of Aurora, Colo., charged Honeycutt and several other faculty members with "doctrinal infidelity." Following criticism of excerpts from Honeycutt's writing in several Old Testament commentaries, Johnson wrote, "One would have to be as blind as a mole not to see that Dr. Honeycutt just does not believe the Bible."

The document, circulated to seminary trustees just before their annual meeting in late April, also was published in the Southern Baptist Advocate, an independent newspaper.

Since then Honeycutt has responded in writing and in alumni gatherings in four states. In statements reaffirming his commitment to the authority of

scripture the 63-year-old Old Testament scholar has charged Johnson with precipitating "an unprecedented crisis" at Southern Seminary.

Johnson's accusations, said Honeycutt, "strike at the very heart of my own ministry and at the foundation of the Southern Baptist Convention's oldest seminary. Like a rainstorm that becomes a ravaging hurricane, these charges threaten to gather enough de-

structive power to inflict irreparable damage upon the seminary and upon individuals and their families."

While seeking to address the charges, Honeycutt said he has been "deeply moved" by the outpouring of support for him and the faculty. Reading the letters of prayer support, he said, has "been one of the most meaningful and encouraging experiences of my 44 years of ministry." (BP)



Violet Jones (l) and Barbara Chafin were among more than a dozen volunteers who helped sort over 2000 letters of support sent to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt. (SBTS photo by Tony Aja)

Court rules contributions to children not deductible

by Kathy Palen

Parents who directly support their missionary children may not deduct that money as a charitable contribution, the Supreme Court has ruled.

In a unanimous opinion May 21 the high court held such contributions are not "for the use of the church" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code.

When congress added the phrase "for the use of" to Section 170 of the code—which originally allowed individuals to deduct only contributions made "to" a charitable organization—it most likely was referring to donations made to trusts, foundations and similar donees, wrote Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In that way, congress assured that charitable contributions would be made in a legal arrangement in which the beneficiary would have the incentive and the legal authority to ensure that donated funds be properly used, she said.

The case before the court involved a Mormon couple, Harold and Enid Davis, who provided financial support for two of their sons who were selected as missionaries by the Mormon Church. The couple claimed they made their contributions "for the use of the church" and, therefore, should be allowed to deduct them on their tax returns.

But O'Connor said to interpret the tax code as allowing taxpayers to claim deductions for funds transferred to children or other relatives would burden the Internal Revenue Service with "insurmountable administrative difficulties." (BP)

Registration secretary predicts crowd of 35,000 messengers

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pears to continue the polarization which has afflicted the denomination for more than a decade.

Messengers also will be asked to make a decision on who will have the primary responsibility to represent Southern Baptists' concerns on religious liberty, particularly as it relates to separation of church and state.

Controversy has swirled around the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs since 1982. The BJC, a coalition of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, has been Southern Baptists' primary watchdog for more than 50 years. However, the agency has been the object of at least two efforts to reduce funding and of three special SBC executive committee study committees.

Last year, a proposal to create a new SBC entity, the Religious Liberty Commission, was withdrawn before the convention session. Later, the executive committee rescinded the proposal and proposed that primary religious liberty responsibilities be given to the SBC Christian Life Commission, the denomination's moral and social concerns agency.

The proposal includes a shift in budgeted funds going to the agencies, reflecting the change in responsibilities. In the 1989-90 budget, the CLC received \$897,508; in the 1990-91 budget, it would receive \$1,262,836. In contrast, the BJC received \$391,796 in 1989-90, but would receive only \$50,000 in 1990-91.

Sixteen members of the Executive Committee disagreed with the action to shift the program assignment and revise the budget allocation and have asked for permission to submit a minority report to the convention.

In addition, Nashville attorney Frank Ingraham, a former member of the executive committee, announced in an open letter he intends to challenge the proposal.

Messengers also will confront a challenge to the report of the 1990 committee on nominations, which nominates people to serve as trustees of the 24 entities affiliated with the SBC.

The committee annually nominates about a quarter of more than 1000 trustees serving on the entities. About half of them are new trustees, and about half are people nominated to second terms.

This year, committee member David Montoya, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gravette, Ark., announced he would challenge some of the nominees because they are "conservative loyalists." He later announced a list of 32 alternates.

Even if Montoya does not introduce his alternate slate, others have indicated they will challenge at least the three nominees.

They are Lee Roberts, a Marietta, Ga., businessman, who was in the spotlight with his challenge to Mercer University and its president, Kirby

Godsey, in 1987, who is being nominated to the executive committee; Robert M. Tenery, pastor of Burkemont Baptist church in Morganton, N. C., and editor of the conservative Southern Baptist Advocate, who is being nominated to a new term on the Sunday School Board even though he rotated off after serving eight years only one year ago; and Curtis Caine, a medical doctor from Jackson, Miss., whose remarks on Martin Luther King Jr. and apartheid caused controversy, to a second term on the Christian Life Commission. (BP)

Southern students, others set New Orleans rally

Heads of three Southern Baptist missions organizations will join Southern Baptist Convention presidential candidate Daniel Vestal as speakers at an outdoor rally in New Orleans June 11.

Sons and Daughters of the Southern Baptist Convention, an organization of students from the six SBC seminaries and more than a dozen Baptist colleges, is sponsoring the "homecoming rally." The focus will be on "our Southern Baptist heritage and future," said national coordinator David Burroughs, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Burroughs said Sons and Daughters had invited five SBC leaders to speak briefly on the theme. Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis, Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks, Woman's Missionary Union executive director Dellanna O'Brien and Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta, accepted invitations. Burroughs said SBC president Jerry Vines and presidential can-

didate Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., declined invitations to speak because of schedule conflicts.

The rally will begin at 9:30 p.m. Monday, June 11 at Duncan Plaza across from City Hall on Perdido Street, two blocks from the Louisiana Superdome, site of the 1990 SBC annual meeting.

Critical volunteer needs cited

With the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting nearing, a "critical need" for witnessing volunteers has surfaced.

"We could use as many as 1100 to 1200 more people" in the door-to-door witnessing project, said Howard Ramsey, director of personal evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

Another 400 people have agreed to be part of neighborhood witnessing teams. However, Ramsey said he had hoped for more than 2000 volunteers.

Additional volunteers are needed to

meet the requests of participating churches. Ramsey noted that one or two churches have said they will "take as many volunteers as are available."

The personal evangelism project will take place Saturday, and volunteers are asked to attend training sessions and a rally Friday.

People willing to be involved in witnessing campaign should contact the HMB's Evangelism Department at (404) 898-7180 or 1350 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. (BP)

Texas advisory committee asks delay on BJCPA vote

by Toby Druin

In the interest of convention harmony and expressing fear of the potential negative impact on Cooperative Program unified budget giving, the Texas Baptist administrative committee has asked that a proposed reduction in the budget of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs be reconsidered by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The administrative committee asked instead that Baptist Joint Committee funding be kept at the current level and that if messengers to the 1990 SBC annual meeting want a realignment of the SBC-Joint Committee relationship that it be phased in over a five-year period.

The request was unanimously ap-

proved by the 13 members attending the meeting of the 15-member administrative committee in Dallas May 18. The administrative committee is the budget and finance committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

A letter expressing the committee's concern was sent to Sam Pace, chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, May 22 by George Gaston, chairman of the administrative committee and pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston.

The SBC Executive Committee will recommend to the annual meeting of the convention in New Orleans, June 12, that the budget allocation from the SBC to the Joint Committee be cut from \$391,796 to \$50,000.

Writing as "friends in Christ," the Texas committee noted in the letter that

the SBC budget was drafted by "competent and dedicated persons" and also cited the autonomy of the Texas Baptist and Southern Baptist conventions.

It noted that a precedent was set for reconsideration of the budget when prior to the 1989 convention in Las Vegas, Nev. a move was made "in the interest of harmony" at the meeting that withdrew a proposal for a proposed Religious Liberty Commission.

"Our best evaluation of the decision to drastically reduce funds for the Baptist Joint Committee leads us to request your reconsideration," the letter stated. "We are apprehensive about the proposed budget's impact on Cooperative Program giving and on the spirit of our convention."

The letter noted that Texas Baptists

have had close ties with the Joint Committee—three of its four executive directors have been Texas Baptists—and that in 1987 the state convention went on record as being committed to continued support of the Joint Committee should funds be diverted from it in the SBC budget process.

That 1987 action has resulted in more than \$10,000 each year being designated for the Joint Committee from the Texas convention in 1988 and 1989.

Gaston told the Baptist Standard, the Texas Baptist weekly newsjournal, the letter was suggested by A. E. Fogle, layman and committee member from First Baptist Church, Abilene. "We did not want anything to be done that would hurt the Cooperative Program," said Gaston." (BP)

Tennessee students embark on Leningrad project

by Frank White

Ten college students and two student ministry leaders from Tennessee have become the first Southern Baptists to embark on a volunteer missions project in the Soviet Union.

The Tennessee team is the first of four state student ministry teams that will spend two and one-half weeks each throughout the summer renovating a church in Leningrad.

The project is a joint venture of the Student Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School and Foreign Mission boards. This is the first mission project that Southern Baptists have been allowed to conduct in the Soviet Union, according to Brad Gray,

department world missions consultant.

The Tennessee team left Nashville May 20 and will return June 8. It will be followed in Leningrad by teams from Texas and Mississippi with a joint team from Alabama and Kentucky.

Team members' business visas rather than the usual tourist visas will allow them to stay in homes. Gray said visiting Baptists have never been allowed to stay in homes before.

The teams plan to use the freedom to do some Christian witnessing and speaking to area congregations, said Rodney Wilson, associate director of student ministries at the Tennessee Baptist Convention and project team leader.

The team took Russian-language New Testaments for use in witnessing

opportunities, Wilson said.

The students have been scrambling to learn a few Russian words since they were selected for the project six weeks ago. But Jeremy Wilcox, a Vanderbilt University student from Madisonville, Ky., will have an opportunity to test the Russian language he has learned during his past two years in college.

"I never had a clue I would be going to Russia like this," Wilcox said.

In addition to his language skills Wilcox gained construction skills through working with his father, who is a building contractor. "But I never worked on a cathedral before," he said.

The Foreign Mission Board has allocated \$150,000 for materials to be used in the renovation. (BP)

FMB cancels student missions to Philippines

Forty-one Southern Baptist college students won't go to the Philippines as summer missionaries because of recent violence and threats against American service personnel there.

Philippine Baptist leaders have recommended that Baptist Student Union summer missionaries cancel their 10-week service planned this summer, said Sam Waldron, a Southern Baptist missionary administrator in the Philippines.

The recommendation came after the May 13 shooting deaths of two U. S. Air Force enlisted men in the Philippines. The New People's Army, the armed branch of the outlawed Philippine Communist Party, claimed responsibility for the deaths. The NPA warned that killings will continue until American troops and military bases leave the country. The lease for six U. S. bases in the Philippines expires in 1991.

Although NPA threats are not directed against American civilians, the U. S. State Department has issued travel advisories for Americans in some areas where the students would have worked, Waldron said.

Thirty-nine of the 41 students, who were trained and ready to go, already have been named to new assignments in the United States, Canada, Hungary, Israel, Korea and Madagascar. Placement was arranged through the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and state student ministry departments.

Missionaries and Philippine Baptists are disappointed about the cancellation, Waldron said. Student summer missionaries "are always like a shot in the arm to us," he said. "We'll miss them."

The students would have worked in about 50 Baptist churches on the Philippine islands of Luzon and Mindanao, Waldron said. They would have been involved in a variety of ministries including personal evangelism, youth and children's work and Bible teaching while living with Baptist families.

In the wake of the NPA threats, the 168 Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers working in the Philippines are limiting their travel, "but basically our work is uninterrupted," Waldron said.

Missionaries are feeling some tension, he said, but "we don't feel a personal threat at this time, especially as long as we're able to stay in areas where we're known and recognized. We feel our missionaries are safe." (BP)

Meadowland raises first building with unique sponsorship

by Bill Moore

State Correspondent

Meadowland Baptist Mission has a unique sponsorship and a tremendous potential for a bright future. The two-year-old mission north of Bowling Green is currently building its first building with volunteer labor. Warren Baptist Association is sponsoring the effort, with Living Hope Baptist Church as administrative sponsor.

The mission's new pastor, Kenny Armstrong, is working with a crew of volunteers, and missionary Frank Dorris has recruited extra men to help.

Both Dorris and Armstrong believe there is tremendous potential for Meadowland. There is no Baptist church closer than five or six miles.

The only church in the area is a Cumberland Presbyterian church.

In 1987 Warren Baptist Association's missions development committee recommended the association act to begin a new work in the north Warren area. A survey showed 760 homes in the general area, with a smaller area of 483 homes being surveyed door-to-door. Seventy-seven families indicated interest in a new work. Projected total yielded a potential of 140 interested families. In the larger area the possibility could be as high as 220 interested families.

The association located and bought 12 acres of land in the heart of the surveyed area, aided by a grant of \$5000 from the Kentucky Baptist Convention. A balance of \$11,000 will be payable by the mission three years after the first unit is completed.

A trailer was purchased and services began in spring 1988. Pastor Brad Johnson of Living Hope and other members of that church assisted in the services until Armstrong, a native of Knoxville and a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, began in March of this year. Attendance is now running 35-45 in Sunday school and about 55 in worship.

Work on the first building was begun Mar. 1. Glenn and Rhonda Switzer of Natchez, Miss. were employed to supervise construction. The Switzers try to assist in one church building a year.

W. K. Pinkerton of Bowling Green, a Mission Service Corp volunteer, met the Switzers in Florida. Pinkerton builds pulpit furniture and gives it to the churches he helps build. He has already completed the pulpit furniture for Meadowland.

Work on the building is being done mostly by volunteers from the mission and other churches in the association, but some help has come from other associations. Three workers from Blood River Association and one from Logan Association have helped. Nine churches have assisted so far, some from as far away as Owensboro.

The building will be nearly 5000 square feet, to accommodate 175 people. Estimated cost for the building itself is \$75,000. A building loan of \$80,000 has been obtained through "Mission Kentucky" of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Insurance appraisers have already valued the building, when finished, at \$206,000.

The steeple was erected May 14 and



The new building for Meadowland Baptist Mission, Bowling Green, has been constructed largely with volunteer labor.

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Editorial

Marv Knox

You deserve to know what is happening in the life of our denomination. That's a bedrock Baptist belief.

The idea involves several phases, but it begins with Creation. The Bible tells us God made people to be his friends. Friendship demands communication; you can't be good friends without knowing about each other.

Baptists call this friendship principle the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer. It means that all Christians are "priests." We can speak directly to God and hear his voice through prayer, Bible study and events in our lives. We are personal friends with our Lord.

The relationship becomes a bit more complicated when God's friends get together. How do we all hear God's voice at the same time? In the old days, it was easy: Moses spoke from the side of a mountain; Elijah scoffed beside an altar to a homemade god; Jesus preached from a boat; Paul wrote letters.

In a prophet-less age, Baptists long ago decided to determine God's will for their group through the channels of democracy. The idea is a logical consequence of our doctrine of the priesthood of the believer: Every believer-priest gets one vote. Majority rules.

That is where your right to know what's happening becomes important. Any democracy is only as strong as the knowledge and wisdom of the voters. Baptists are no exception. We make the best decisions when we know all about the issues.

Consequently, Baptist newspapers play a vital role in the life of our democratic denomination. Will Rogers often said, "I only know what I read in the papers." For good or ill, that's pretty true of Baptists and their knowledge of the denomination. Determining which pieces of knowledge to put in a newspaper each week—selected from mountains of alternatives—is the editor's challenge.

baptist forum

Thanks for all those letters

I am writing to express my profound gratitude to Kentucky Baptists for their many warm and encouraging expressions of personal support for me and for Southern Seminary.

In the days following the news report of our trustee meeting and the publication of trustee Jerry Johnson's accusations against me and other faculty members, my office has been flooded with letters and phone calls from alumni and friends who want the seminary community to know of their prayerful support. In just three days this week, I received more than 2500 letters of encouragement from individuals in Kentucky and 23 other states.

Since it is impossible for me to respond to every letter, please consider this my personal and sincere word of gratitude. In recent days I have experienced anew the power of intercessory

prayer. My spirits have been lifted and my faith has been strengthened.

Please continue to pray for Southern Seminary and for our beloved Southern Baptist Convention.

Roy L. Honeycutt, president
Southern Seminary
Louisville

Student leader affirms seminary

I am a 30-year-old student at Southern Seminary completing my third year of study. I have had many opportunities to study with various professors and wish to express my support and affirmation for each one of them. I have found that all of my professors are extremely responsible where theological education is concerned. They are persons of commitment and fidelity.

When choosing which seminary to attend some three years ago, I specifically chose Southern Seminary because

As the Western Recorder enters a new era, we pledge to take that responsibility seriously. Ours is a ministry of information and a divine trust. We will prepare the paper without fear or favor, except for God alone.

Week-in and week-out, we will report on the people, events and issues in Baptist life as promptly, factually and fairly as we are able. Readers who favor one side or the other in our denominational controversy probably will not think we are fair. For many of them, fairness has come to mean: "Tell the story my way. And while you're at it, make sure everyone realizes the rascals on the other side are a bunch of heritage-hating, doctrine-denying sorry sinners." As far as the Western Recorder is concerned, fairness means providing objective reports that focus on facts and—when comment is needed—allow articulate representatives from various constituencies to address the issues. We will not write or edit news stories to favor a political group or cause. We believe the facts will speak for themselves, and Baptists are intelli-

gent enough to interpret the information.

We will, of course, present opinion on the editorial page. We also are planning to develop an opinion page opposite the editorial page. Articles on these pages will include the editorial, letters, guest commentaries and columns. All of them will be signed by the authors. Here, balance will not be defined by a single article, but by the variety and depth of articles presented over time. Even yet, honesty, integrity and fairplay will prevail every week.

Before you say it, we openly admit: We will make mistakes. We are human beings, vulnerable to the same shortcomings that cause people in other jobs to falter. But our mistakes will be of the head and not the heart. We always will try to do our best.

We also will pray over every issue of this newspaper. And while we're praying for the paper, we'll be praying for you, your churches, your ministries. Please return the favor; we need your prayers. After all, we're all believer-priest members of this Baptist democracy.

We're happy to be in Kentucky

These are bittersweet days at the Knox house. Ours is a tale of two cities—Nashville and Louisville—as we move from Baptist Press to Western Recorder.

In Nashville, every trip to church, foray into the neighborhood or carpool into the office is a heart-breaker. We have felt the magnitude of God's gift of friendship as we have experienced the pain of parting.

But now we're heading to Kentucky. The excitement almost overwhelms our family. New friends from across the commonwealth already have revealed themselves to us. That makes the anticipation of joining you even sweeter.

The Western Recorder trustees and Kentucky Baptist Executive Board led the way, with unanimous votes in the selection process. KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bill Marshall called the Executive Board vote "a priceless gift to give our new editor."

Indeed it was. We thank God for the wonderful start He has given to this journey with Kentucky Baptists. But the unanimous vote indicated much more than personal affirmation. It came early in a long meeting filled with unanimous votes. Participants there sensed what close observers of KBC life tell us: Kentucky Baptists want to stand united. We want to work together to lead people to faith in Christ and to serve them in His name.

Quite honestly, that's even more gratifying than a unanimous vote. We are delighted to be part of a Kentucky Baptist family that loves God and each other. We look forward to laying our lives alongside yours down through the years. We'll share victory and loss, bountiful joy and burdensome sadness, laughter and tears. And through it all, we'll serve our Lord together.

hand the commitment to academic excellence, biblical fidelity and integrity of character by those faculty who represent one of the finest theological institutions in this country—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tina G. Pugh
President, SBTS student body
Louisville

Stand up and be counted

The ax fell against the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs at the meeting of the Executive Committee (SBC) in Nashville, Feb. 19-20, 1990. The Executive Committee approved a recommendation from its budget and program committee to reduce the allocation to BJC by \$341,796.00 (87.24%), leaving only \$50,000 for the BJC from our convention. This recommendation will go to the SBC in New Orleans and I hope will

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Mission leaders discuss controversy

Rise above controversy

For the sake of 3.5 billion lost people, I plead with Southern Baptists to rise above our controversy and recommit to sharing Christ with the whole world.

We are seeing the most results ever in our work overseas. But at home our conflict is depriving us of the additional resources that are urgently needed to meet new openness and responsiveness. We were on God's timetable starting in 1976 when, through Bold Mission Thrust, our convention repeatedly committed to larger mission budgets, great increases in missionaries and strengthening of missions through every part of denominational life.

As we enter what should be a climactic decade in global evangelization, God has opened many nations before us. Regrettably the controversy has not only taken the focus off missions but has hindered the fulfilling of our biblical mandate.

The effort to control has excluded many major supporters of cooperative

Timing, conclusions wrong

I join with Dr. Parks in calling for an urgent recommitment from all Baptists to share Christ with the whole world. While I deeply respect him and his sacrificial commitment to world missions, I question both the timing and conclusions of his letter, though certainly not his motives.

No doubt, the SBC controversy has taken some focus off missions, but it may be unfair for the controversy to be the scapegoat for our failure.

Some of the controversial issues handled at the Foreign Mission Board have gotten negative publicity. The controversy created the negative aspect of the publicity, but the controversy did not create the issues themselves. Many of those issues were matters on which the current board of trustees and the staff were in strong agreement. It is inappropriate to say that such matters as the new emphasis on evangelism, the 70/30 plan, the question of sending divorced missionaries are all to be laid at the feet of the SBC controversy.

If "major supporters of cooperative missions" are no longer supporting missions because they feel excluded, their very withdrawal proves they may not actually be supporters of cooperative missions. I appeal to them to take an inclusive approach to missions and continue support for missions in spite of the temporary controversy rather than because of it. In the past when many conservatives felt systematically excluded, they were exhorted by many to continue their support for missions in spite of their concerns. If it was ap-

propriate then, cooperative support for missions is appropriate now.

Because of our diversity, we have always been a mixture of more than "two major groups." Today, as in the past, we have a wide variety of Baptists with many concerns, and Baptists tend to cluster around those concerns. There is a large number of loyal Baptists concerned about a loss of biblical authority who believe that the decline in missionary activity in many mainline denominations in the past 30 years is directly correspondent with the decline in biblical orthodoxy. They feel history serves a clear warning to Baptists today that we cannot separate our mission mandate from confidence in the integrity of the Word of God which provides that mandate.

The appeal to "rise above the controversy" may fall on its own timing. By appearing just a few weeks prior to the convention, the letter thrusts missions directly into the controversy and fuels it rather than rising above it.

The matter of missionary candidates appears to be cyclical without regard to the controversy. We have appointed 224 missionaries in the past six months, and if that rate continues, this will be a year of record appointments.

Are not both the controversy and decline in mission support symptoms of our desperate need for revival and reformation? For instance, in North Carolina in 1977, Cecil Sherman reported that his church growth commission had seen a decline in most major churches in North Carolina in the preceding 20

years. The fruit of that decline is just now being seen. The controversy may reveal our denominational weaknesses rather than create them.

In addition, we must ask, "What role does our soft national economy and troubled economic times in the oil belt, which traditionally provides strong Baptist support, play in this decline in missions giving?" Carl Johnson, our treasurer at the Foreign Mission Board, has identified that there is a definite correlation in the trend of the Consumer Price Index and our gifts, both to special offerings, the Cooperative Program, and total gifts to churches. The Consumer Price Index fell from 13.5 percent in 1980 to 4.4 percent in 1988, and we had a corresponding decline in rate of increase in the Lottie Moon Offering, the Annie Armstrong Offering, the Cooperative Program gifts, and total gifts to SBC churches. Unfortunately, we cannot ignore the truth, that the giving and spending psychology of the world has heavily influenced our churches.

We dare not put our heads in the sand and deny the need for biblical reformation and spiritual revival among us for the sake of temporary peace and unity. Let us as Baptists be known everywhere as a people committed both to practicing missions and a biblical authority which is the foundation for our mandate to reach the lost persons of the world.

*C. Mark Cortis
Immediate past chairman
Foreign Mission Board*

internationally, we are headlined as a people of controversy. Our witness of love and hope is less effective.

The only solution I see is spiritual. We must humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face and turn from our wicked ways. Hopefully, it is not too late for healing. I would urge all who are concerned about Southern Baptists doing our part in reaching this lost world to commit to a regular day of prayer and fasting until our convention is reconciled.

Let us rise above the controversy. Let us reemphasize our world mandate as described in Bold Mission Thrust which our convention has reaffirmed many times. We can still impact the world if we are willing to pay the price. May we come to the end of this century known again by the commitment of prayer, life and resources as Bible believing, missions practicing people—for the sake of 3.5 billion lost persons.

*R. Keith Parks, president
Foreign Mission Board*

years. We are losing the wholesome balance that has been our convention's strength. Historically, we have always been a mixture of two major groups. We need full participation of both if we are serious about reaching the world for Christ.

After this decade of controversy we have not received the increased budgets necessary to fund Bold Mission Thrust. We have received a larger number of dollars, but this level of giving has hardly matched inflation, much less provided for growth. Buying power per missionary has steadily weakened. More and more churches and individuals are noting the controversy as a reason for withholding support.

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Let it not be so

Twenty-seven years ago I was called to the Foreign Mission Board to serve as a "personnel secretary."

The responsibility included counseling with missionary "candidates" in more than 20 states in various stages of the appointment process.

Later we were appointed as missionaries to the Middle East. But after almost eight years of missionary service, I was invited to return to serve in another staff position.

The seven years between 1976 and 1983 were most promising years for new missionary growth. New structures were developed both to "call out" new missionaries and to provide opportunities for increasing numbers of short-term volunteers.

During 1982, my last full year with the Foreign Mission Board, missionary appointments for the first time ever topped 400. This reality was among several which made more difficult our decision to leave the Foreign Mission Board. Listening month after month to the testimonies of new missionaries never got old to us. We miss it still!

By 1985 an all time record high of missionary appointments was set with 429. However, from that point, I have watched the numbers decline: 411 in 1986; 407 in 1987; 371 in 1988; and in 1989, the last reported year, the number had fallen to 310, a 27.7% decline since the record year in 1985.

More significant is the fact that 1989 represented the first year since 1972 that our total mission force experienced a net loss of overseas missionaries.

According to information I requested from the Foreign Mission Board, an average of about 480 new missionaries must now be appointed each year to achieve the Bold Mission Thrust goal of 5000 by the year 2000.

Before his retirement in 1979 I remember a discussion we had with Dr. Cauthen during a Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest. We asked him if he thought that Southern Baptists would ever "peak-out" in sending missionaries, as some other denominations had done. He paused for a moment and said: "Only if God no longer finds us useful servants."

Have we Southern Baptists reached our "peak?" Where are the many volunteers who are needed for career service? Who will replace folks like Kentuckians Jim and Betty McKinley in Bangladesh when they return after this term to retire?

My heart compels me to hope that these discouraging statistics are just a five-year "blip" and that better days are coming.

In the meantime, Dr. Cauthen's words linger hauntingly.

be defeated by the messengers.

Why I am against the action of the Executive Committee:

1. Because of the manner in which it was done. Although the SBC for five different times had refused to close out our participation in the BJC, yet the Executive Committee dared bring this action. It shows how bent on having their way the current leaders in the convention are.

2. Because of the secrecy and manipulative manner in which the matter was handled in the budget and program committee, and in the changing of the

agenda when it would be discussed by the Executive Committee.

3. Because most of the reasons for their nonsupport of the BJC is aimed at the leader, executive director Dr. James Dunn, and not based on moral grounds or on grounds of financial mismanagement, but simply because they don't like the way he leads.

4. Because they have totally discarded the views of the great men of the past who took the lead in establishing the BJC in cooperation with sister Baptist denominations and because the current majority wish to go it alone.

For these and other reasons I think we should defeat the recommendation to reduce the funds and that we should strongly support our participation in and with the BJC.

It is time to stand up and be counted. Let us express clearly and strongly how we feel regarding the actions of those now in power.

Let us continue to pray for God's leadership in this dark day but look with faith to the coming new day with the dawn of tomorrow.

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Thank you!

Common courtesy and etiquette encourages us to thank people. Often times we say thank you only once. I would like to say thanks again to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for allowing me to participate in the senior adult retreat at Jonathan Creek May 7-9. The subject I was asked to share was "Christian Financial Planning." Richard Carnes, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, gave me all the materials to prepare me for my three presentations. He also encouraged me to personalize my discussions and to share the good works of the Baptist Hospitals Foundation with those attending the retreat.

During the drive from Louisville to Jonathan Creek my wife was attempting to balance our checkbook. She couldn't account for two checks. She was quick to point out that the two missing checks were checks I had written. I couldn't remember who I'd written them to or for what amounts. She calmly closed the checkbook and asked me why we were traveling to Jonathan Creek. When I told her I was going to share some ideas about Christian Financial Planning you can imagine how hard she laughed.

I would like to say thank you again to my wife for her patience; James Whaley for his leadership and Christian gentleness; the senior adult choir of First Baptist, Calvert City for their witnessing by song; Willis Henson for his message of love, hope and understanding; Richard and Lois Summers for their superior talents in music; the staff at Jonathan Creek that made our stay safe, enjoyable and spiritually rewarding; and those attending the retreat that were gracious to me.

If you see any of these people would you also say thank you for me? I am a better person for being in their presence.

If you are struggling for a way to properly say thank you to someone I have a suggestion: send a check in that person's honor to the Sunday School Charity Fund. Your kindness will assist those less fortunate than you with needed medical services. Or perhaps you would like to say thank you to someone by contributing to the Endowment Fund, to ensure that your gift and your friend's memory will be helping others for years to come. The important thing is that you say thank you. If we can help please let us know. Thank you.

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

Standing by Southern

The recent action by a segment of the trustees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has raised deep concern among the members of the congregation at St. Matthews Baptist Church. The congregation wants to affirm its enthusiastic appreciation for and support of the faculty, staff and administration at Southern Seminary. The congregation believes that a high quality theological education is best accomplished within a framework in which students are exposed to many perspectives and interpretations of theological, ethical and biblical issues. The congregation urges the trustees to allow the faculty to continue to teach students to think for themselves, rather than to indoctrinate students with a preconceived fundamentalist agenda.

The congregation particularly affirms the work of Dr. Roy Honeycutt, Dr. Paul Simmons, Dr. Glenn Hinson, Dr. Molly Marshall-Green, Dr. Frank Tupper and the other members of the faculty, staff and administration. The congregation believes the administrators and faculty members are dedicated Christian teachers, recognizing that many of them have given 20-30 years of their lives in teaching at our Baptist seminaries.

The congregation encourages the trustees to allow them to enjoy, and affirms their exercise of, academic freedom. The congregation believes that they have exhibited a deep devotion to Christ and to the Bible, and believes that they have appropriately exercised their prerogatives as professors to teach a variety of perspectives in the pursuit of theological truth. The congregation affirms their right as professors to interpret the Bible to enable and equip students to be the best ministers that those students are capable of being; and so the students have the potential, education and experience to face modern society and to lead lay Baptists effectively.

The congregation resolves to do all it can to continue to support Southern Seminary in its effort to provide a high quality theological education—as it has for its over 130 years of existence—which has been a hallmark of its tradition. The congregation opposes any attempt to change the tradition of informed scholarship, academic freedom, professional excellence and Christian devotion which has characterized Southern Seminary since its founding.

St. Matthews Baptist Church
Louisville

Nice guys doing nothing

Having followed the news of the attacks on the BJCPA and Southern Seminary I am struck by the ignorance of the attackers as to the consequences of what they are doing.

The BJCPA has one mission which it has carried out in admirable fashion for 15 years or more. Its mission is to make sure that none of the laws of the land encroach upon religious rights. Past experience has shown that constant vigilance is necessary to keep this from happening. Supposedly the CLC will take on this task along with all its other duties. Practically speaking, however, that means vigilance toward the law will have low priority on their agenda. All things considered, haven't we just shot ourselves in the foot? Or more dramatically, "fixed" something that wasn't "broke."

With their rule allowing tape recorders in every classroom the Southern Seminary board of trustees has

breached an unwritten law regarding academic freedom. I wonder if the board would be equally willing to have its meetings recorded for all the membership of the SBC to hear.

I am struck also by the complacency of all the "nice guys" in our denomination who are sitting back doing nothing about the controversy in our convention.

The truth of the matter as I see it is that the devil himself is loose in our denomination and his purpose is to "divide and conquer." By diverting our attention and having us focus on one narrow issue like abortion or inerrancy he is succeeding in his mission of tearing down all our institutions. By attacking our seminaries or the BJCPA under whatever guise or pretext—whether it be abortion, inerrancy or whatever—he is diverting our attention from what we should be doing—winning souls to Christ.

Doris Wilson
Middletown

Church thanks, supports Honeycutt

First Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky., voted in business meeting May 9, 1990 that the church express to Roy L. Honeycutt her gratitude and confidence.

His ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Princeton is remembered with much appreciation. It was a time of the church's enlarging her vision and taking steps to achieve her goals. He is remembered not only as a caring pastor but also as an excellent biblical teacher and preacher. His knowledge of, love for and confidence in the word of God were an inspiration to his people.

The church also wishes to thank him for his leadership as president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and to assure him of our continued prayers and support.

Bill R. Tichenor, pastor
J. Bill Jones, member and
former pastor
First Baptist Church
Princeton

Translate controversial words

I read your rather caustic editorial in the latest issue of Western Recorder. I have been translating the Bible from the Hebrew and Greek for more than 55 years and there are no such words as "liberal" and "conservative" in the Bible.

The reason why we have almost 300 denominations in the United States and the reason we have factionalism in the SBC is simply so many people endeavoring to be Christian leaders who know little or nothing about Hebrew and Greek.

You would profit by translating the controversial passages from the original Greek and seeing who is right and who is wrong.

Walter M. Averett
Lexington

Remove Jerry Johnson

We affirm the role that Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt, faculty, staff and students have in the life of Bagdad Baptist Church and their vital role in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We have close ties with Southern Seminary. We have been served faithfully by members of the faculty as interim pastors and pulpit supply. Most of our pastors in our 100-plus years' history either have been students or graduates of this fine educational institution. We thank you Southern Seminary for the unique training you have given our pastors and staff through the years.

We feel it is necessary to decry the unjust charges leveled at president Roy L. Honeycutt and members of the faculty by Jerry Johnson, a trustee, who obviously has not experienced the commitment and dedication to the Bible and our mutual Christian faith that Bagdad Baptist Church has experienced with these fellow Christians.

Therefore, we call for the resignation or removal of Jerry Johnson from the board of trustees. We further call for an end to this injustice to our fellow Christians on the part of certain trustees and we encourage the appointment of trustees who support, not attack, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bagdad (Ky.) Baptist Church

Laughable or deplorable?

Eminence (Ky.) Baptist Church has shared a long and fruitful relationship with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Through the years students, faculty members and graduates of Southern Seminary have faithfully been ministers of our church. Without exception these men and women have proven to be faithful in their commitments to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Bible and our distinctive Baptist heritage.

The seminary has come under heavy attack—an attack which was initiated and publicized by trustee Jerry Johnson. Mr. Johnson has accused president Roy Honeycutt and members of the faculty of not believing the Bible and of not teaching in accordance with the Baptist understanding of our faith. Knowing the seminary personnel as we do and having benefited from the ministry of men and women who have been trained by the seminary, were the charges by Mr. Johnson not so serious and the effects not so devastating, we would deem such charges to be laughable. Since the charges are serious—though erroneous—and the consequences are devastating, we find them deplorable. A seminary should be judged by the students it trains, educates and graduates, not by detractors who are frightened by an open and honest approach to the study of God's word and the ministry which ensues from such study.

Meeting in regular business session on this date (May 23, 1990), we hereby reaffirm our faith and trust in president Roy Honeycutt and the faculty of Southern Seminary. Furthermore, we call on the board of trustees to reprimand Mr. Johnson and to act quickly to right the wrong which has been unleashed against this seminary, its administration and faculty and its wider community which benefits from its faithful service in our midst.

Emminence (Ky.) Baptist Church

The readers have spoken

Kentucky Baptists have expressed their feelings regarding events at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

During Southern's April board meeting, a young trustee circulated a document accusing president Roy L. Honeycutt and five professors of "doctrinal infidelity." Since then, Western Recorder has received 28 letters on the issue. All but one of them supported the seminary and its president.

Space does not permit the Recorder to carry all the letters. Since many of them are similar, we have carried a representative sample. With this issue, we will bring publication of these letters to a close. Copies of all the letters will be forwarded to president Honeycutt.

Southern Seminary, Boyce graduate 57 Kentuckians



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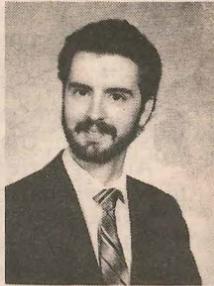
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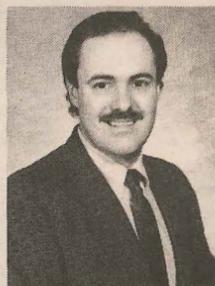
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Baptist distinctives in danger, Cothen warns

by Pat Cole

Southern Baptists entering ministry today serve in a denomination that has placed Baptist distinctives in "mortal peril," Grady Cothen told Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's 165th graduating class.

Cothen, president emeritus of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said "fear and intimidation masquerade as orthodoxy" within the Southern Baptist Convention. "Religious liberty is being assaulted by people bearing the same denominational name as those who died to win the freedom," he said. "A people historically non-creedal rush headlong into a narrow creedalism that claims superior authority to holy Scripture. A bitter and vindictive anger masquerades as righteousness assaulting everyone who does not do obeisance."

Diplomas were awarded to 277 graduates during the Louisville school's May 25 commencement. The seminary also recognized Kentucky pastor Mark Driskill, of First Baptist Church, Jackson,

as the 20,000th graduate of the 131-year-old seminary. Driskill earned the master of divinity degree in Christian education. During a separate ceremony the same day, Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary that provides ministerial training for persons without college degrees, graduated the largest class in its 16-year history. Boyce diplomas and certificates were awarded to 62 graduates.

In his commencement address, Cothen stressed that ministers face a secular world which declares "greed is good, pleasure is where it's at and the commitment to spouse, child and church is unnecessary."

Despite these problems, he said, contemporary ministers also stand at an "hour of great opportunity." He exhorted graduates that "if ministry under the command of the Almighty is your passion, this is your hour."

He noted mission fields abound in eastern Europe and the Third World as well as the United States. "This is a glo-

rious time to be in ministry," he said.

To seize such opportunities, ministers must be certain of their call, Cothen emphasized: "You will need a burning conviction that he (God) has placed his hand upon you, that he has set you apart for his purpose, in his place, in his time, in his manner and for his glory."

At the beginning of his address, Cothen voiced support for seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt and the seminary faculty. His statements were met with sustained ovations.

Cothen praised Honeycutt for his service and for having "steeped your mind and your life in holy Scripture."

He told faculty members they stand in a long line of dedicated scholars at Southern Seminary and that they "do the tradition honor." He also paraphrased of a quote by John A. Broadus, an original member of the seminary faculty: "It is our prayer that you will quietly agree that the quality of instruction in this institution may die, but you will die first."



Billy Jackson Estes
Diploma in Christian
Ministry
Covington



Jeffery Lee McCarty
Diploma in Christian
Ministry
Warsaw

Not pictured

Southern Seminary
David L. Alexander, Sandra Hawkins Haynes, Jeffrey M. Coursey, Dale Goodin Curry, Anthony Blaine Rodgers, Donald E. Waltermire Jr., David Earl Wirth.

Boyce Bible School
Rosa Davila, Juanita G. Dils, Billie A. M. Dixon, Janee Lois Douglas, Aubrey Eckler, Tom Farley, Greg A. Fightmaster, Wade Hampton, Ruth Evelyn Harris, Lynda R. Hoskinds, Keith Lyle Jackson, Rexford Napier, Paul Henry Schmidt, Rebecca Ann Sharp, Joseph Donnie Vibbert, Eula V. Weissmann.

New Orleans personalities drawn from 26 states

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The names of 203 individuals appearing on the agendas of Southern Baptist Convention-related annual meetings this year include some not-so-common monikers, like:

Junior, Buster, Leobardo (two people), Yamile, Fermin, Rafael, Miguel, Andee, Vancil, Nikki, Herbet, Yo Yo, GiGi, Manuel, Varnard, Lino and Buryl.

The personalities for 10 Southern Baptist events scheduled June 7-14 in and near New Orleans, La., were pro-

vided by Baptist Press, the denominational news service. The list includes those scheduled to appear on the platform of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 12-14 in the Louisiana Superdome and before nine other groups:

Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers, Hispanic Ministers' Conference, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference Prelude, Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions, Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, Southern Baptist Women in Ministry and Woman's Missionary Union.

Of 203 persons with designated program time, 42 (20.7%) are from Texas, more than from any other state.

Behind Texas is Tennessee, with 27 program personalities (13.3%).

Other states contributing heavily to program leadership: Louisiana, 19 (9.3%); Georgia, 13 (6.4%); Alabama and California, 11 each (5.4%); and Florida, 9 (4.4%).

This handful of seven states accounts for roughly two-thirds of those

participating on the convention and pre-convention agendas this year.

In addition to these, four states, including Kentucky, will supply seven leaders each (or another 13.8% combined). Others: Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma.

Twenty-six states, the District of Columbia and two foreign nations (India and Liberia) are among the total.

Twenty-four states have no representation in the leadership of any of the 10 programs this year. Among the missing: West Virginia, all New England states, most Northern Plains states, Michigan, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Pennsylvania.

Among cities contributing heavily to program personnel:

Nashville, 22; Ft. Worth, 11; Dallas, 10; New Orleans, 8; Atlanta and Louisville, 7 each; Birmingham, 6.

Of Louisville's seven, six are connected with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, three faculty and three students.

Seminarians' assignments: Molly Marshall-Green, assistant professor of theology, addressing the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers annual meeting June 10, 3:45 p.m., Quality Inn, Midtown.

E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history, addressing the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America luncheon June 11, 12:15 p.m., Clarion Hotel.

Roy L. Honeycutt, president, addressing the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion annual meeting, June 13, 10 a.m., Louisiana Superdome.

Phyllis Pleasants, student, addressing the Southern Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting, June 9, 9:30 a.m., Hotel Intercontinental.

Andy and Olivia Wakefield, students, addressing the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, June 11, 7 p.m., New Orleans Convention Center.

In addition, Russell Bennett, director of missions, Long Run Association in Louisville, will preside at the Directors of Missions annual meeting June 11, beginning at 9:45 a.m. at Landmark Hotel, Metairie.

John McKay, of Keller, Tex., has the largest number of assignments on the New Orleans agendas. As convention music director, he is scheduled to appear before the SBC nine times.

Three individuals have drawn five assignments each:

Joann H. Goatcher, medical consultant at the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., who will address all five sessions of the WMU annual meeting.

Bob Hatfield, minister of music at McElwain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., who will direct music at all five sessions of the WMU annual meeting.

Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ga., and chairman of the SBC committee on order of business, who will address the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference once and the SBC annual meeting four times.

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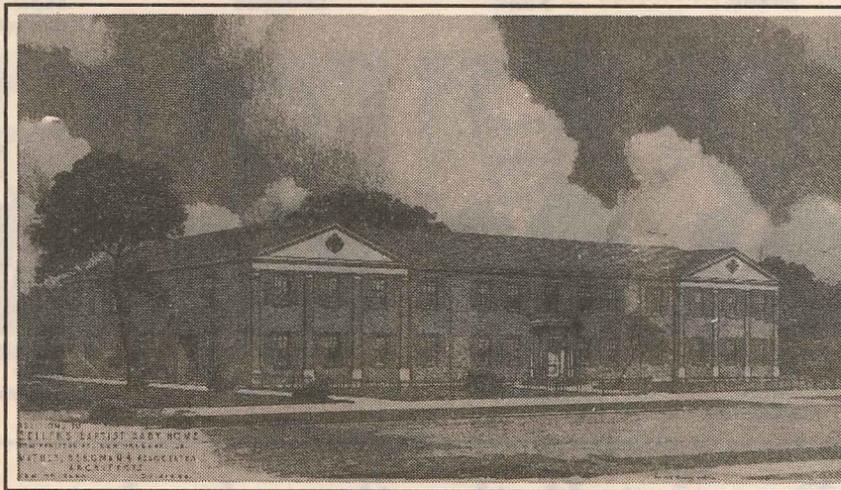
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Clear Creek College graduates ministerial quartet

What do a former coal miner, skilled carpenter, ex drug dealer and a college dropout have in common?

They were seniors at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville. This ministerial quartet graduated with other adults ranging from 27 to 50 years of age. D. L. Lowrie, executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, was featured speaker at commencement exercises May 11 at Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro.

When Carmel Hoskins moved to Bell County in 1973 he did not know it was a move that would drastically change his life.

Hoskins, a native of Harlan, came to Frakes Road in rural Bell County following the death of his father. The young high school student enrolled at Bell County High School and graduated in 1975. The following year he met his future wife, Jay Geania Engle.

When the couple married in 1977 Hoskins was employed as a miner at Brownies Creek Collieries. Hoskins observed that his life began to change soon. During a church service he rededicated his life to God.

In 1984, while a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Hoskins remarked, "I felt God calling me to the ministry after I almost got killed."

The pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Mission, Pat Garland, urged Hoskins to seek training. In 1984 Hoskins enrolled at Clear Creek. He continued to work as a miner at night. Hoskins felt the Lord preparing a way for him to complete his education and in 1986 he moved to the Clear Creek campus.

May 11 Hoskins, the father of two children, Amie, 11, and Carla, 9, graduated from Clear Creek. He recently became pastor of Mt. Freeman Baptist Church, Junction City, and the family moved to their new home following graduation.

Sam Macri, a skilled carpenter from Rome, N. Y., and pastor of Blackey Baptist Church near Whitesburg, enthusiastically describes Clear Creek as having "stretched every part of my being."

While working at his father's business at age 17 Macri was introduced to Cliff Hand and Don Hunt who were putting a roof on a house. There was something different about them. This aroused Macri's curiosity and when they invited him to a Bible study he decided to go.

Macri later accepted Christ as his savior. He was hungry for the word of God. He grew rapidly as a young Christian.

Macri felt God calling him into full time Christian service. The call presented unusual problems for the young

Macri. He had close family ties, was a partner in a business, owned a nice home and had rental property. Life was good. But he knew God was calling him to full time Christian service. He and his wife Darlene finally found Clear Creek listed under "military academy." They visited Clear Creek and both knew immediately this was where God wanted them.

Macri graduated May 11 with a BA in ministry. He, his wife, and sons Lance, 9, and Jeff, 5, plan to return to New York after graduation.

While J. C. Jordan was singing in the choir at a Billy Graham crusade in Knoxville, Tenn., God convicted him of his sin. He went forward and accepted Christ as his savior.

Jordan knew God was calling him to preach and he ran from that call. Joining the Navy he went from Orlando, Fla. to the Great Lakes in Michigan and then transferred to Spain. He started peddling drugs. He had not seen or heard from his family. One day he got a call saying, "Granny is sick." Jordan returned to the states and was met at the airport by his father who told him, "Granny won't know you."

Jordan remembers praying, "Lord, I know you have something for me to do. Allow her to speak to me."

Granny had not recognized anyone or spoken coherently for two weeks. When Jordan entered the room she sat up in bed and exclaimed, "This is my son who was once lost but is now found." Jordan returned to Spain but nothing was the same. He felt God had something for him to do but he still didn't do it.

The following year Jordan was transferred to Norfolk, Va. He was put in the brig for dealing in drugs. One night he totally surrendered his life to Jesus. After an honorable discharge Jordan met his wife Cheryl and the couple was married.

While working at the Human Services Department in Pineville Jordan resigned his position and became a student at Clear Creek.

Jordan's wife has Crohn's disease. It's hard to stay in school when he must also be at his wife's hospital bedside. God gives him the extra strength, he says. He feels God led him to Bethel Baptist Church, Pineville, so he could get an education. May 11 he received a BA in ministry.

Anthony Day, who also graduated May 11, is a pastor. He overcomes daily a severe visual handicap as a full time college student and pastor. Day has attended Craft Colly Missionary Baptist Church since age nine. He is now the church's pastor.

Day recalls 1982 as a turning point in his life. After high school graduation he started classes at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. While he was a student at Cumberland his parents separated and divorced. He then dropped out of college and returned home. Soon afterwards he was married.

While attending a revival conducted by Clear Creek alumnus Ray Wilson Jr. Day felt God calling him into Christian service. In 1986 he left his job and with his wife Diane and son Joey moved to the Clear Creek campus.

Day comments, "I have matured as a Christian since coming to Clear Creek."

Clear Creek is a family affair

Do you remember the old country song "I'm My Own Grandpa"? The Larry Day, Greg Humpert and Arthur Irvin families, who are students at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, are proof such relationships exist.

Day and Humpert are step brothers; they have the same mother. Irvin is their mother's sister's child, making the three cousins. To complicate matters Day was legally adopted by his mother's parents; this adoption makes him a brother to his, Humpert's and Irvin's mothers. This also makes him an uncle to both Humpert and Irvin. Their wives Brenda, Wanda and Martha (Bitsy) Gentry are sisters; this forms a new bond as brothers-in-law.

Day, a native of Chickens, and raised in Harlan, first came to Clear Creek in 1982, graduating with an associate degree in ministry in 1984. Upon leaving Clear Creek he pastored Wharton Missionary Baptist Church in West Virginia. In 1987 he was called to pastor First Baptist Church, Rose Hill,

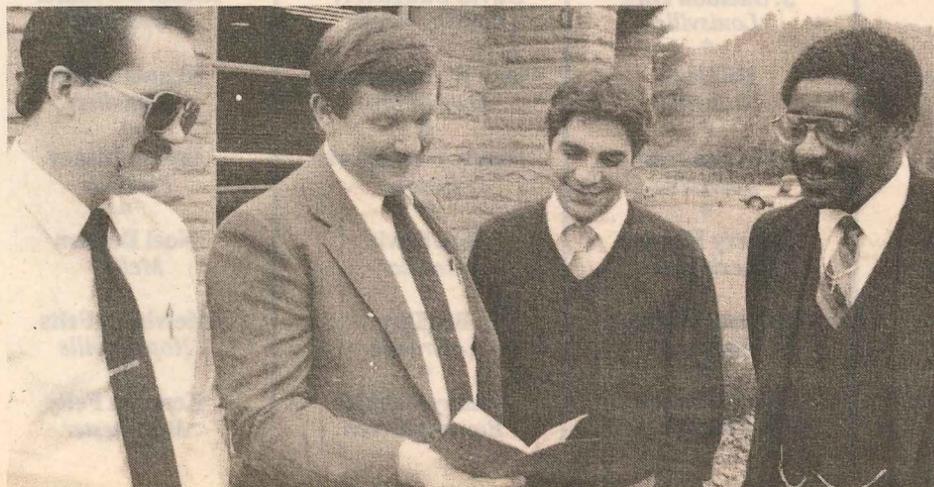
Va. With the support of Rose Hill First Baptist he was able to come back to Clear Creek and graduate with a bachelor of ministry degree in 1988. His wife Brenda Gentry, a native of Harlan, graduated May 11 with a Christian worker's certificate.

Irvin came to Clear Creek in August 1985, completing his studies in December 1989. He graduated with a BA in ministry May 11. Irvin plans to serve in a full time pastorate. Born in Harlan and raised in Hebron, he is married to Wanda Gentry. She received the minister's wife award in commencement ceremonies.

At Chevrolet Baptist Church, Harlan, Humpert first surrendered to the ministry. He came to Clear Creek in 1986 and graduated May 11 with a BA in ministry. Born in Cincinnati, Oh. and raised in Harlan, he plans to become a full time pastor. He is married to Martha (Bitsy) Gentry and they have two children. Bitsy also received the minister's wife award May 11.



Pictured (l-r) are Greg and Martha Humpert, Arthur and Wanda Irvin and Larry and Brenda Day.



Clear Creek ministerial quartet (l-r): Anthony Day, Carmel Hoskins, Sam Macri and J. C. Jordan.



John Bisagno
Evangelist

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Southern Baptists have proven through the years that once the truth is known they will respond in a proper manner. The Kentucky Baptist ministers listed on these pages present the following facts for your consideration.

HOME MISSIONS

HMB BOLD MISSION THRUST STATISTICAL UPDATE

Item	Goal	Beginning Figure (1975)	Latest Report (1989)	Current Status
Missionaries	5,000	2,492	3,808	On Time
Missions & Churches	50,000	36,873	43,694	On Time
Short Term Volunteers	75,000	13,810	48,681	Record Number

==== OTHER HMB HIGHLIGHTS ====

- In 1989, Southern Baptists gave a record \$32,993,023 through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.
- As of May 1990, 2,198 Chaplains are under endorsement which is the highest number during peace time.
- Also in 1989, there were more missionaries and missionary personnel than in any one year.

the Silence"

Ministers Speak

FOREIGN MISSIONS

BOLD MISSION THRUST STATISTICAL UPDATE

Item	Goal	Beginning Figure (1975)	Latest Report (1989)	Current Status
Missionaries	5,000	2,667	3,780	Ahead
Countries	125	82	116	Well Ahead
Volunteers	10,000	1,200	10,287	Goal Met

==== OTHER FACTS from 1976 to 1989 =====

- In 1988-89, the total gifts to the Cooperative Program was \$354,764,112. This is an increase of 93.66% over 1975-76.
- The total mission expenditures (\$712,921,790) in 1989 rose 171.72% during this period.
- Total church membership increased from 12,922,605 to 14,913,538.
- Sunday school enrollment increased 5.57%, church training 9.5% and church music 30.4%.
- SB churches baptized an average of 370,318 yearly.

We invite you to join us in New Orleans as we continue to speak the truth in love and elect Morris Chapman for the continuation of our goal to reach the world for Jesus Christ by the year 2000.

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Mayfield
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Greenville
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Thomas Webb
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Ray Woodie
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Kent Workman
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Kenneth Wrather
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Hickman
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All Statistical information given on these pages came from recent Home and Foreign Mission Board reports.

mountains to the mississippi



Bill D. Whittaker
President
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek chronicle

Senior testimonies

Seniors recently gathered for breakfast and reflected on their years at Clear Creek.

"My fellow students have made Clear Creek a real home. Here we have found spiritual people who have given us a strong witness during tough times." Randy Chestnut, Ohio student body president, received the president's award for outstanding campus leadership and exceptional promise.

"I appreciate the professors and will miss them. I am able to cut it straight with people because the professors have cut it straight with me." Sam Macri, New York, received the trustees' award for effective church ministry.

"I have found the Lord God to be all he said. He is trustworthy. When I came to Clear Creek my brother said, 'It's stupid.' I came with some fear. Dr. McCall reminded me of the scripture that God did not give me the spirit of fear. I have gained self esteem I did not have and I know I can do his work through Christ who lives within." Cloyd Bell, Tennessee, received the Mahon founder's award for faithful response to the ministry during adult years.

"The first two years sailed by. We came wanting to rest awhile but in three weeks we were placed in a church with an opportunity of service. During our last year it seemed a new trial and test came every week. We praise the Lord because we made it. There must have been 100 times I told my husband, 'I'm going to quit.' His quiet assurance helped me keep going." Mary Jefferies, Ohio, recognized for the highest grade average among women graduates and winner of the Jeannette Z. Robertson award for qualities of an ideal minister's wife.

"We moved here from New Iberia, La. We had considered going to a larger school. Upon graduation my mother said, 'You could have gone anywhere but you would not have received the foundation God gave you at Clear Creek.' Here we don't have to worry about the Bible. We just study it. You can't beat the education found at Clear Creek. To be used more effectively we will need even more education, so I look forward to seminary." Steve Hazelwood, Tennessee, received the evangelism award for zealous presentation of the gospel.

congregations

Plum Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association, celebrated its 180th anniversary June 3 with morning and afternoon services and dinner on the grounds. Pastor Kenneth Hollis brought the message and William Pauley, minister of music and youth, led music. There were reminiscent messages from several former staff members. A gospel concert June 2 introduced the celebration.

New Columbus Baptist Church, Corinth, Owen County Association, will celebrate its 100th anniversary Aug. 26. Former pastors will be featured in the 11 a.m. service and dinner on the grounds will be served that afternoon. The church invites all former members to return. Charles Barrineau has been pastor of New Columbus four years.

Lebanon Baptist Church, Central Association, will celebrate its 130th anniversary Sept. 2. The church is searching for former members and staff members. Contact Lebanon Baptist Church, 144 E. Mulberry St., Lebanon, KY 40033. Kevin H. Lee is pastor.

associations

Mar. 13 **Severns Valley Association** held an "accompanists' night out" salad supper at Cecilia Baptist Church. All church organists and pianists in the association were invited, with 18 present. Also present were Greg Harry, minister of music at Cecilia; Joel Worley, associational music director; Delores Baugh, Severns Valley Association director of missions; and Angie Harrington, keyboard consultant, Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

The program included a meal and fellowship time, discussion of the role and calling of the church pianist and organist, music, time for sharing experiences and concerns and time for browsing through keyboard resources and materials. Severns Valley accompanists plan to meet once a quarter for "accompanists' night out." Information will soon be going to all state associational music directors, encouraging

them to begin similar programs in their associations.

ordinations

Beech Grove Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, ordained **Barry Blakeman**, **Randy Bland** and **Gordon Milby** deacons May 20. Herman Wilkins is pastor.

Ritchie L. Curtis, minister of music and youth at **Smithfield Baptist Church**, Henry County Association, was ordained to the ministry Apr. 29. Invocation was given by his father, Terry Curtis. Larry Wetherington, pastor of Smithfield, preached the ordination sermon.

Sorgho Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, ordained **Robert Jones** a deacon Apr. 29. William Franks is pastor.

personnel

Daryl Jessie is new pastor of **Linefork Baptist Mission**, Three Forks Association.

Lyttleton Baptist Church, Booneville Association, called **Rollin Bradshaw** as pastor.

Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Booneville Association, called **Russ Taylor** as pastor.

James DeSpain resigned as pastor of **Russell Heights Baptist Church**, Russell Creek Association.

Gene Noe is new pastor of **Flat Rock Baptist Church**, Rockcastle Association.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, called **Robert D. Sain** as pastor.

Wayde Hall is new pastor of **Brush Grove Baptist Church**, Central Association.

First Baptist Church, Whites Run, called **Joel Emerson** as minister of music.

Douglas Bunch is new pastor of **Trinity Southern Baptist Church**, Crittenden Association. He goes from **Oakland Avenue Baptist Church**, Northern Kentucky Association.

Clifford Ray Morris is new pastor of **Poplar Grove Baptist Church**, Lynn Camp Association.

Terry Cox resigned as pastor of **Greasy Creek Baptist Church**, North Concord Association.

Germantown Baptist Church, Bracken Association, called **Jerald Coffey** as pastor.

Chalmus Boggs resigned as pastor of **Bennetts Fork Baptist Church**, Bell Association.

Larry O'Bryan is new pastor of **Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church**, Bell Association. He goes from **First Baptist Church**, Union, Northern Kentucky Association.

Faith Baptist Mission, Bell Association, called **Larry Kidwell** as pastor.

Sinking Creek Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Mark Whicker** as pastor.

Dennis Borden is new pastor of **Pine Grove Baptist Church**, Laurel River Association.

Dry Ridge Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, called **Kevin Graham** as minister of youth and music. He is a graduate of **Cumberland (Ky.) College** and is presently a church music student at **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Louisville. He goes from **First Baptist Church**, Sonora.

Sunnyside Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, called **Rick Lawson** as pastor.

Curtis C. Mooney, president of **Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children**, was awarded his doctoral degree in administration May 19 from the **University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work**.

Originally from **Dixon, Ky.**, Mooney began his work in child care in 1974 at **Hudelson Baptist Children's Home**, Centralia, Ill. He became executive director of the home in 1978. Before returning to his native state in 1988 to head **Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children**, Mooney had been an administrator at **Buckner Baptist Benevolences**, Dallas, seven years.

An **Air Force veteran**, Mooney is a cum laude graduate of **Western Kentucky University**. He earned a master's degree in social work at **Washington University**, St. Louis. He is a member of **Southern Baptist Child Care Executives** as well as state and national associations of **Homes for Children**.

He and his wife **SuEllen** are parents of two children, **Andrea** and **Jason**. The **Mooneys** are members of **Middletown's Lakewood Baptist Church**.

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Apr. 29 Lancaster Baptist Church, South District Association, held a groundbreaking service for its new educational building. The three story structure will house the fellowship hall and Sunday school classrooms. Pictured are (l-r): **Roger Grubbs**; **Rex Speake**; **Logan Arnold Jr.**, chairman of deacons; **Gordon Clark**, chairman of building committee; **Bennie Robbins**; **Bob Ballard**; **Bob Rush**, pastor; **O'Neal Carrier**; **Kenneth Adams**; **Ray Turner**.



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Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JUNE 10, 1990

Life and work series

God's offer of forgiveness

Jer. 3:12-15; 19-23 A backslider is a child of God who has indulged in sin and gotten out of fellowship with him. His backsliding does not affect his sonship but it does affect his peace, joy and fellowship with the heavenly Father.

A child of God cannot neglect the study of the Bible without becoming a backslider. Sin in the life keeps one from studying the Bible but diligent study of it will prevent sinful living. When people forsake assembling

themselves together for worshipping the Lord they need not be surprised at the deterioration of character which is so obvious in their lives.

The backsliding of his children always brings deep grief to the heart of God. A backslider is always ready to find fault with others and harshly judges their motives and conduct. When a child of God is not living as the Lord wants him to live he tries to ease his conscience by saying that others are as bad or worse than he is. If any Christian is doing his duty he is too busy to be looking for the faults of others.

When a Christian fails to do his duty, or when he does that which he ought not to do, he always loses peace and contentment. It is impossible for anybody to be happy as long as he is living in disobedience to God. The only people who are truly happy are the children of God who are living in accordance with his will for their lives. Backsliding always brings unhappiness and the loss of usefulness. Sooner or later God chastens every backslider. He does it in love and for the purpose of correcting the backslider.

International series

Justice will prevail

Psalm 37:1-9 Doubtless most of us, like David, have observed the seeming prosperity of the wicked and the obvious sufferings and adversities of the righteous and have wondered why God has permitted these things. The Holy Spirit through David has told us to stop fretting about such matters for, after all, the prosperity of the wicked is very brief.

Since God has always been trustworthy it should be easy to trust him.

Trusting in the Lord brings forgiveness of sins and peace of mind and proves to be a cure for fretfulness and excessive care. He is able and willing to bring about the proper solution of whatever problems we submit to him. Trust in the Lord adds motive and stimulus for right living and finds expression in doing good. Christ went about doing good, and we should follow his example in this regard. He blessed the bodies, minds and spirits of people at all times, in all places and under all circumstances. God told his people: "Don't worry about the wicked. Trust in me and I will take care of you."

When we delight in the Lord or look to him for the finer, richer, deeper and sweeter joys of life, we shall not be disappointed but we shall be pleased with his word, will, ways and works. If our trust is truly in him and we have committed our wills and ways in unconditional surrender to the will of God, he will give us adequate strength for every need.

Mistreatment at the hands of others does not justify anger and retaliation. Losing one's temper and giving vent to fury never constitute the right solution of the problem, but leaving the procedure and outcome to God will produce the best results. Those who obey God faithfully never have a cause for regretting doing so.

After many years of close observation of the way in which God dealt with those who loved, obeyed and served him, David declared that he had never seen the righteous forsaken by God nor one of his descendants begging bread. Others now living can bear the same testimony. Security and satisfaction are guaranteed to God's faithful and obedient children.



Curtis C. Mooney
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homes for children

Mike Goodwin

Children everywhere lost a great friend this past week with the death of Mike Goodwin. Mike died after a five month battle with cancer. He was such an active, healthy individual that his death signified for all of us how fragile life really is.

Mike had devoted his life to caring for children and for the last four years had directed the Spring Meadows Children's Home. As I watched Mike work, the greatest asset that he had was that he really cared about children individually. His last conversation took place four days before his death. Mike had not been talking with anyone that day, but one of the girls from Spring Meadows came in to see him. Mike became alert and spoke to her. She is a senior and is making a decision about college. Mike encouraged her to go on to school.

Throughout his career Mike always had time for the youth in his care. He knew their individual needs and was always their greatest supporter.

This spring has been a very difficult one for his family and the extended family at Spring Meadows. Mike so loved his job and one of his most difficult decisions was when he finally had to give it up.

For all of us, including the president, it is so hard to understand death, particularly death to one so young. For staff and youth alike there is an underlying question of why. One is painfully aware that there are no simple, rational answers to that question and that only as one trusts in our Lord can comfort be found.

Mike will truly be missed at Spring Meadows, in his church and in the organizations of which he was part. The greatest loss will, of course, be for his family. Carron and the four children need our prayers and ongoing friendship. The next several months and years will indeed be difficult ones. We are grateful for Mike's lifetime of caring for children.



Barkley Moore
President
Oneida Baptist Institute
Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

The world is here!

For many years every Oneida student was a mountain boy or girl. It took all day to travel 20 miles over dirt roads and creek beds. Our world was small and the occasional visitor was called a "furriner." The rest of the country and the world was the "outside."

Today our mountain boys and girls have the educational advantage of living and studying with young people of all races, of religions from five continents and from every part of the United States. They get to us in a day or less as did the student of yester-

year. But instead of on foot, in a wagon or on horseback, they come by plane, bus or car. This cross-cultural exchange is a two-way street for those from other parts of the country and world find advantages in living and studying with our mountain people and one another.

The world is here. Students are enrolled from 20 states—New York and California, Massachusetts and Texas, Illinois and Arkansas, Oregon and Pennsylvania and 12 other states in between them with well over half our students from Kentucky.

The world is here. We have students from Israel, Japan, communist China, Iran, Thailand, Ethiopia, Brazil, Guatemala, Germany, England and Yemen.

Other countries from which we have enrolled students in recent years include: Ghana, Taiwan, Libya, Surinam, Vietnam, Laos, Costa Rica, Turkey, Mexico, Marititius, Gabon, Lebanon, Jordan and El Salvador.

One of the amazing things about these foreign students is that only a few have been told of Oneida by missionaries. Most have heard of us in other ways.

Several years ago a student escaped from the revolutionary trials of his homeland. He fled for his life and was a refugee in Egypt for more than a year. There he heard of Oneida and appealed to us for a scholarship. We were able to give him that but he had no money for an airplane ticket and few clothes. He appealed to the United Nations refugee fund and they bought him an airplane ticket to London, Ky., 40 miles from us, gave him a new pair of blue jeans and \$10. He is a wonderful Christian young man, doing well in

one of our Baptist colleges.

Some months ago a 14-year-old orphan managed to get out of his homeland and to us. Raised a Moslem, he smiles today, a reflection of the joy of his acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ and baptism recently.

Ross Figart, director of the Mountain Missions program, recently preached in our daily chapel service. A few days after the service, he wrote:

"It was chapel time at Oneida and it was surprising to see the number of faces obviously of other nationalities. I could not help but think of the recent Home Mission Week of Prayer theme, 'The World is Here.'" There at Oneida, in an isolated mountain community, is the world! There in a small Baptist boarding school, the world is truly represented.

"Most of these foreign students have come from backgrounds which were not Christian, but many have found Christ as their savior even as they were finding knowledge and training. Students have come from countries with little or no Christian witness. Several presently enrolled are from areas closed to all mission activity by Christian groups.

"I am deeply impressed with the way God seems to be bringing people to us when their governments forbid us to go to them. What an opportunity we have to 'go into all the world' by being faithful in our witness to everyone where we are. The world is here! Even in the mountains. Our people at Oneida are not ignoring the world God has brought to them."

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75 years of caring

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campbellsville college

Campbellsville (Ky.) College's 78 seniors were told to "take time to care" by Allen P. Splete of Washington, D. C., president of the Council of Independent Colleges, during commencement May 12 at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

Splete was presented an honorary doctorate of humane letters by Campbellsville president Ken Winters. Winters also presented an honorary doctorate of divinity to A. B. Colvin, assistant to the president of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute. Colvin was 1987 Kentucky Baptist Convention president.

Winters also presented a distinguished alumnus award to Reginald Bethel of Lexington, a 1953 graduate and retired IBM executive.

Distinguished service awards were given to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Green River Memorial Baptist Church and the Campbellsville-Taylor County rescue squad.

Awards, given by the Campbellsville College Alumni Association, were announced at a commencement day luncheon:

Scholastic award: Gina Allison, Greensburg, and Daniel Hamm, Ewing, coaledictorians; Don Doyle spirit award: Rick Wigginton, Princeton; double A award for athletics and academics: Jackie Prather, Somerset; achievement awards: Ray Kuszmaul, Gravel Switch, and Ayo Olaniyan,

Ibadan, Nigeria; outstanding senior award: Cindy Crowder, Elkhorn City; alumni award: Kathy Price, Campbellsville; athletic award: Phil Cunningham, Campbellsville.

Paul Horner scholarship: William Adams, Bardstown; James Bullock, Yosemite; Shannon Blackburn, Madisonville; Gary Conway, Campbellsville; Todd Cumberledge, Columbus, Oh.; Monica Flanagan, Russell Springs; Eric Garvey, Owenton; Weldon Greer, Center; Billy Gregory, Franklin; Tim Morgan, Florence; Eric Sturgell, Taylor, Mich.; Terry Tipton, Hardinsburg.



A. B. Colvin (c), known as "Mr. Kentucky Baptist," received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Campbellsville (Ky.) College at commencement May 12. Ken Winters (l), president, and Robert S. Clark, vice president for academic affairs and dean, place the academic hood on Colvin.

The L. M. Hamilton scholarship was given to Rebecca Ballard, Eubank.

Robert S. Clark, Campbellsville College vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, announced that Campbellsville has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to develop its faculty over the next several years.

Clark said the college's project seeks to improve the quality of the faculty by providing funds to faculty seeking to complete their terminal degree course work. He said additional opportunities will be made available for faculty to retrain themselves in emerging areas or disciplines, and research funds will be made available to faculty in the creative arts.

Campbellsville was one of 84 private institutions in a five-state area that submitted creative proposals for strengthening its faculties in a competition sponsored by Lilly Endowment Inc., a private charitable foundation in Indianapolis. Twenty schools were named as winners of the competition.

mid-america seminary

Among 48 May 11 graduates of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn., was Kevin J. Hamm of Kentucky.

Hamm, son of Jerry Hamm and Mrs. Burrell Howard, both of Bowling Green, received an MDiv degree. Hamm is associate pastor and youth pastor of Eastern Gate Baptist Church,

Shepherdsville. He has a BA degree from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

midwestern seminary

Millard J. Berquist, president emeritus of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died May 22 at an Overland Park, Kan. nursing home after a five-month illness with cancer. He was 88.

Berquist was the first president of Midwestern Seminary, accepting the position in October 1957—before seminary facilities existed.

A native of Kansas City, Kan., he returned to the area to administer the opening of Southern Baptists' youngest seminary. During the previous 15 years he had been pastor of two Florida Baptist congregations: Riverside, in Jacksonville, and First, Tampa.

Berquist retired from the presidency in July 1972 but continued administrative duties until his successor, Milton Ferguson, assumed office in February 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys, of Mission, Kan., and a daughter, Barbara Sanderson, of Robbins Dale, Minn.



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Bible Study: Harold Songer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of New Testament Interpretation will lead in daily Bible Study on the Book of Acts which will be the Mid-Winter Bible Study for 1991.

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Baptist missions impact convention's host city

by Celeste Pennington

When Southern Baptists descend upon New Orleans for their annual convention June 12-14 they will enter a place where their giving and praying have gone before. Baptists have had a presence in the predominantly Roman Catholic city for 175 years, and the Home Mission Board assigned one of its first missionaries, James Raynolds, to help start First Baptist Church.

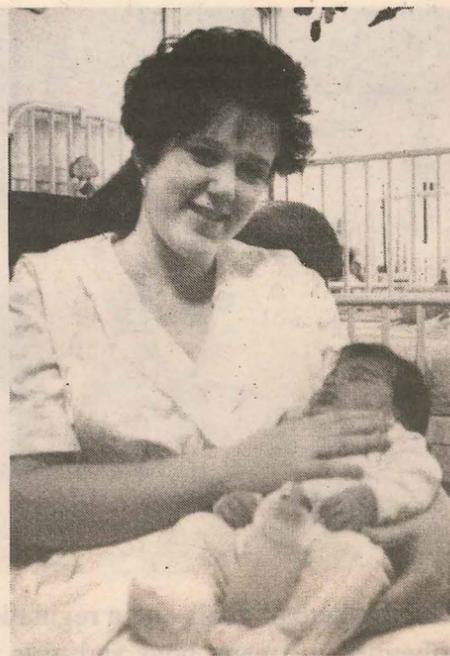
Although outnumbered and underfunded, Southern Baptists have carved out a tough mission field with little recognition. More than half the urban population claims to be Catholic, compared to about five percent who are Baptists.

In tough times, in sometimes hostile territory, missionaries, associational staff members, pastors and volunteers have maintained New Orleans ministry with grit, pure grace and more than a few miracles.

If these are difficult times undeniable evidence exists of God's power at work in people's lives.

Greg Odom is one example. Last September his bus stopped in New Orleans en route from Houston to North Carolina. He headed for Bourbon Street and plunged into an eight-day drunk that cost him the \$3000 in his billfold, his gold ring, his Rolex and his credit cards, charged to the limit.

When he finally awoke, huddled up and cold, Odom was down to his t-shirt and a pair of jeans. He ended up at Brantley Baptist Center's fourth floor men's unit, going through withdrawal.



Giselle Holt cuddles her young child in the nursery at Sellers Maternity Home in New Orleans. Sellers was begun 57 years ago with "over and above" gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

One evening while he was stretched out on a clean bottom bunk at Brantley, Odom heard a voice tell him to get up and go to chapel. "I sat down at the back," he recalls. "The message that night hit me dead in the face.

"I never felt God could forgive me for all I had done but the message was

on God's unconditional love."

Odom, 28, has made it through Brantley Center's four-month rehab program. He now works at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, lives in the Charles Spurgeon dorm and is a member of Central Baptist Church.

Similar stories are repeated regularly as a result of diverse Southern Baptist ministries in New Orleans—at places like Southern Baptist Hospital, Sellers Maternity Home and Adoption Center, Friendship Center and LaBelle Retirement Apartments.

With a 500-bed capacity, the Baptist hospital was begun as a missionary endeavor. "Pastoral care is the heartbeat of the hospital," believes Anne Ernest, director of volunteer services. "The rest would not be the same without it."

Much of that pastoral care is done by chaplains Royce Ballard and Edward Clarkston. They also rely on a group of volunteers such as Dwan Brown.

Mrs. Brown, who lost her husband to a heart attack at the hospital, was motivated to find a ministry as a result of experiencing chaplains' ministering to her. "To be able to share in other people's emotions, to be part of their lives—this is the most rewarding thing I have done in my life," she says.

Greater New Orleans Baptist Association's first multifamily housing ministry takes place at LaBelle Retirement Apartments. The apartment staff already had a crafts class, a sewing class and a number of other activities. "Baptists like to do Bible studies," they reasoned. "We ought to get a Bap-

tist church to do a Bible study."

In a city with acres upon acres of apartment complexes and government housing projects, the Baptist association now has ongoing work in 25 of about 400 properties. "We're not scratching the surface," laments director Joan Stovall.

At Friendship Baptist Center, 35-year-old Larry Hudson sits in a cool, drab office, pulls a Lauback literacy manual from his bag and begins to read: "Big sister. Little sister. Supper. Sitting. Ah...singing."

He leans back and eyes whole sets of encyclopedias, song books and Bibles on the shelves surrounding him. "I go by stores and see books I want to buy," he says, "but I can't read them. If I could read, I could know things."

With his spiritual conversion Hudson put a drug-induced hell on earth behind him. Now he has a job—and a teacher, home missionary Carolyn McClendon.

Sellers works in yet another ministry with people like Giselle Holt. When she was 17 an abortion clinic informed her she was 12 weeks pregnant.

She was living on the streets and doing crack but wanted the baby even though she had been refused support by her 29-year-old boyfriend. Someone referred her to Sellers.

"All my life I felt put down, like nobody cared about me," says Miss Holt. But after she ventured into stately red brick Sellers Home, she grabbed onto a steady hand and repeated verbal and nonverbal assurances: "We are here for you, period." (BP)

SWBTS graduate leaves Vietnam with much precious cargo

by Pam Alewine and Scott Collins

When Ha Nguyen fled the Communists who came to power in Vietnam after the war in 1975 he left a lot behind—but he left with even more.

With the Viet Cong bearing down on South Vietnam near the end of the American occupation there, Nguyen (pronounced 'win') gathered more than 80 orphans under his arms and did what many Vietnamese did—he looked for a safe place to run.

For Nguyen and the orphans that turned out to be a boat floating in the South China Sea, bound for wherever the current would take them.

When Nguyen and the children finally found a resting place, it was in Houston. "I was planning to come to the United States to study but not as a refugee," Nguyen said.

"We lived on faith," Nguyen said of the evacuation from Vietnam. "And our needs were always met."

May 11 Nguyen will graduate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. with an MDiv degree. But getting to the seminary wasn't easy.

The flight from war-torn Vietnam was the culmination of years of strife and hardship for Nguyen and his family who operated the Cam Ranh City Christian orphanage. But for someone born into a Christian home and who later became a Baptist pastor, it was "something I needed to do," Nguyen said.

"The war in Vietnam destroyed many families. As a preacher I knew I needed to do something. I didn't know exactly what to do but I found my place."

Those convictions were born in Nguyen's life almost as soon as he was. His father was converted by missionaries with the Christian Missionary Alliance in 1925 and Nguyen himself accepted Christ as a child. Later, as a college student, he "became excited about Christianity and the possibility of ministry."

"When Baptist missionaries came to Vietnam I saw that I liked the Baptist ideas," he said. So in 1958 Nguyen joined a Baptist church.

A high school teacher, he became a bivocational minister in Vietnam and was pastor of a Baptist church there.

But as the war grew worse Nguyen began to see a need greater than his church and school. That's when he started the orphanage, set up for children who had lost their parents in the war, and for children whose parents did not feel safe enough to keep them in the villages.

The orphanage survived the war thanks to gifts from Baptists around the world who donated money and building materials.

But when Saigon fell and the country was overrun Nguyen knew it was time to flee.

Once safe in the United States the orphans went to children's homes or were adopted. Now, 15 years later, Nguyen said he still maintains contact with many of the children. "I have had the opportunity to perform the marriage ceremonies for many of them," he said.

With the children safely cared for Nguyen began pursuing his own new life. But a new life did not mean a new direction of ministry.

Instead, Nguyen took up where he had left off in Vietnam. "There were no



Ha Nguyen (center) leads members of Faith Baptist Church, Dallas. The church is the first Vietnamese Baptist congregation in the United States.

Vietnamese preachers (in the United States), but there were many, many distraught Vietnamese people," he said.

To fill that need Nguyen began the first Vietnamese Bible class at East Grand Baptist Church, Dallas. The Bible class has since become Faith Baptist Church—the first Vietnamese congregation in America. According to Nguyen, many of the people in the church are originally from Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam.

From 1978-85 Nguyen worked under appointment of the Home Mission Board, working with Vietnamese in Wichita Falls, Tex. In addition to his work with the Vietnamese Nguyen also attended Southern Methodist University on scholarship, earning an MBA which helped him and his wife begin an insurance business.

Nguyen had returned to Dallas to lead Faith Baptist, again, as he had in Vietnam, serving bivocationally. But as

the congregation grew so did the need for a full time pastor.

Nguyen enrolled at Southwestern Seminary "to receive more knowledge about the Bible and the work of the Lord."

Today, 15 years after fleeing Vietnam, Nguyen sees himself as something of a foreign missionary to America, working with his own people. There are more than 30,000 Vietnamese in Dallas alone. And as many of the Vietnamese have become accustomed to American life, Nguyen said his ministry has become more evangelistic than social.

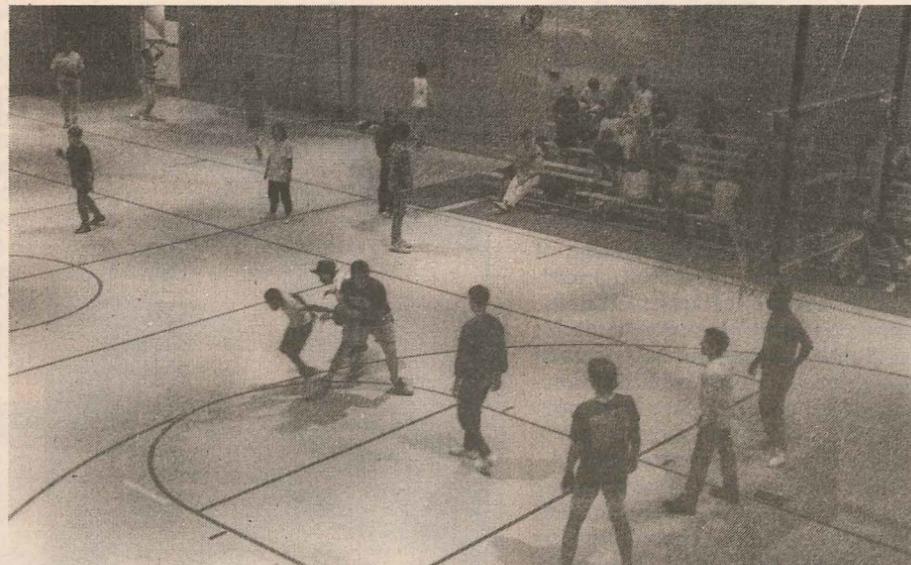
But while the Vietnamese work is in Texas, Nguyen and his fellow countrymen have not forgotten their home. He is active in the International Bible Ministry, helping to send 5000 copies of the Gospel of John to Vietnam.

For Nguyen, helping other Vietnamese has become a way of life. "I feel like I'm needed."

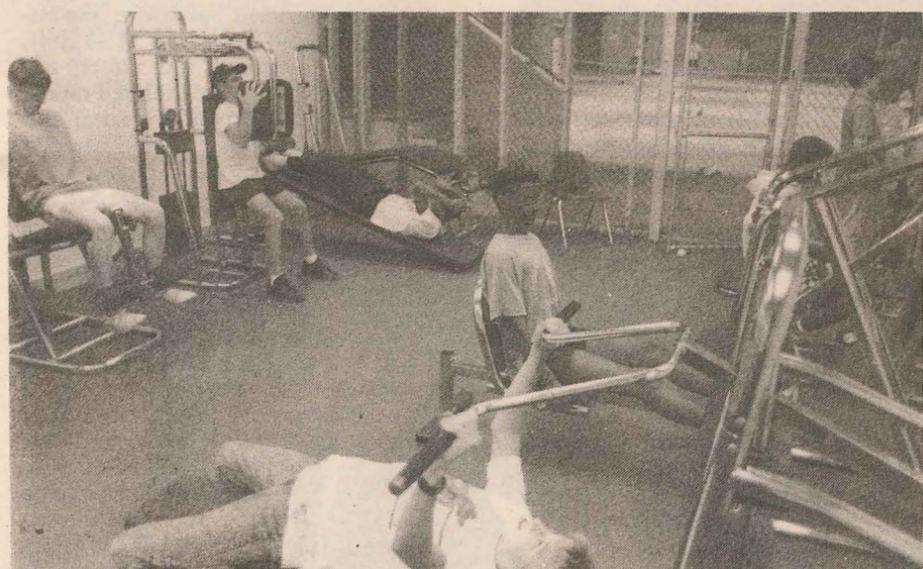
Oneida's *Gritton Hall* offers many new possibilities!



North view of GRITTON HALL, new two-story gym-classroom building. Covered walkway on left leads to Burns Hall, the Oneida girls dorm, keeping the girls dry in rainy weather as they go between buildings, and keeping the steps from icing up in the winter. The girls have exclusive use of the gym 11 hours weekly, and other hours are shared with the boys.



Five basketball goals and a regulation floor offer the potential for the involvement of many boys and girls in physical education classes and "freetime". The facility is in constant use from 8 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. daily except worship hours year-round. The durable floor is surfaced with a rubber-like compound providing years of service with minimal maintenance.



Students daily exercise in the 19'x30' weightlifting area.



(Right to left) Tana Rangsikul, a junior from Thailand, Russell Cox, a senior from Lexington, and Andy Patton, seventh grader from Crestwood, are meeting the challenge in an exciting game of ping-pong. Four new tables have been installed in the game room section of the new gymnasium.



Tom Burby, a junior from Louisville, works in the new concession stand area. Tom came to Oneida in the sixth grade. Students like James Bauman, a freshman from Prospect, and sophomore Jason Shepard, of Shepherdsville, can purchase candy, chips and soft drinks and socialize in the room which will seat forty patrons.



An intense game of "Foos-Ball" is being played by Micah Hasty, a freshman from Boston, Kentucky, and Chris Neville, a sophomore from Louisville, after returning from a hard day of work on the Oneida farm.

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The first quarter of summer school at the Oneida Baptist Institute will begin June 10, 1990. For more information call (606) 847-4111 or write the Oneida Baptist Institute, P.O. Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972.