



## Sky-lines

### Southern Baptists enter era of satellite communications

by Dan Martin, Baptist Press

A \$2.1 million annual contract that will provide the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission "a home in the sky" has been signed.

The signing Aug. 10 provides the commission and the American Christian Television System (ACTS) a 24-hour-a-day transponder (receiver/transmitter) on a communications satellite to be launched in early 1984 by Southern Pacific Communications Co.

"We are at the end of the beginning," said Radio and Television Commission president Jimmy R. Allen. "We are at the point of having a permanent

home in the sky for the gospel and for entertainment and alternate kinds of clean television programming which can be shared with the 50 states."

The satellite link is one phase of an ambitious television strategy launched December 1980 by Allen, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who was named to head the commission at the start of 1980.

During signing ceremonies at commission offices in Ft. Worth, Tex., trustee John Hughes from Independence, Mo., commented that "no other mainline Christian denomination has established a television network."

Bailey Smith, SBC president, said "Jimmy Allen has always been ahead of his time . . . ahead of most folks' thinking in terms of spreading the gospel."

Harold C. Bennett, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, commented the signing reflects the "vision in the minds of some people to accomplish the impossible."

Allen said the strategy to create a television network of cable systems and low-power stations has been put together under "tremendous" time pressure and "there are a whole lot of loose stitches" in the planning.

Arranging the delivery system was the first step. "Until now all of our time and energy has gone to get the delivery system," Allen said.

Other phases remain, such as programming, policies, licensing and constructing low-powered stations, cable systems contracts and other matters before the system is complete.

A key component in the strategy is to obtain licenses for at least 105 low-power television stations with a 10- to 15-mile range. When the contracts were signed Aug. 10 none of the proposed stations had been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. In fact the FCC probably will not decide until January 1982 if it wants to go ahead with the idea of low-power stations.

Allen, however, is positive the low-power stations will be approved and that the Radio and Television Commission and ACTS will get at least 100 of them for its network. Each will cost approximately \$150,000 to become operable, Allen said. That is a revision of his earlier estimate of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Some of the 105 license applications will be contested, Allen acknowledged, but he feels ACTS will fare well in any case and noted that an informal study of the 5200 applications shows 76 of the 105 license applications are uncontested.

He added that the licensing and constructing the low-power stations is not critical to the establishment of the network, adding that a network can begin in early 1984 with cable contracts.

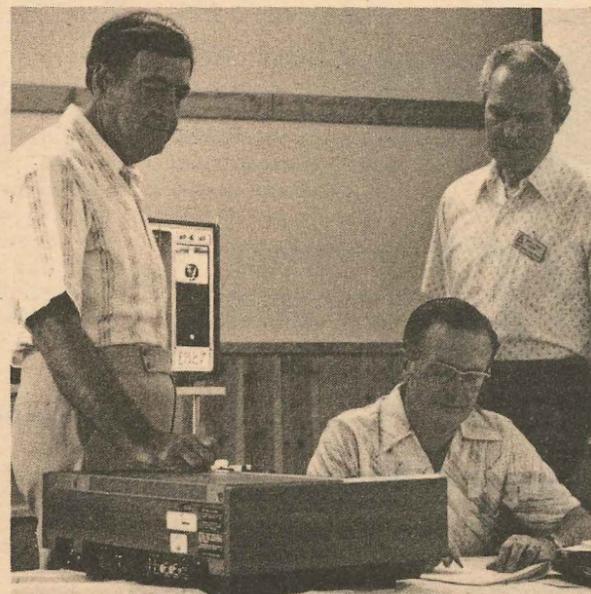
However, Allen said: "God is going to give us a television network. We plan to put together a new national network for this nation. We are not going to do it because we sat around thinking it up but because we feel God has given us the idea, affirmed it and given the Southern Baptist family the vision to respond to it."

As to programming, which will fill 12 hours per day and then be repeated to fill the entire 24 hours, Allen said he does not know what it will be nor what it will cost.

Programming, he said, will be a combination of RCTV-produced materials as well as that done by independent producers and others.

"We are working with producers all over the country," he said. "We are working on production now. Where the money will come from is also being worked on."

Currently, he said, the strategy is to provide 75 percent "alternate entertainment, preevangelism and family entertainment, with 25 percent to be direct religious teaching and preaching."



### Things are really looking up

Ted Sisk [l], pastor of Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church and president of the Baptist Sunday School Board trustees, is among those signing documents leasing a transponder on a satellite to be launched in early 1984. With him are board president Grady C. Cothen [c] and Robert Taylor, Nashville attorney and vice chairman of the board. [See related story, page 4.]

He believes both the audience and production money are available.

Allen believes there is a "yearning" for clean television and warned that success for Christian television networks might not be measured by Arbitron ratings but by "what God wants done" in the lives of people.

In order to lease the transponder on Spacenet One, the RTVC posted \$175,000, the equivalent of one month's rent. The contract will engage, Allen said, when the satellite is launched and operating, probably by March 1984.

In the meantime, Allen said, time is being sought on satellites already up to begin the television network by late 1982 or early 1983.

By the time Spacenet One goes up Allen hopes to have at least six hours of programming a day in progress and really believes the full 12-hour component will be ready.

The Baptist Sunday School Board just leased a transponder on the same satellite, anticipating an information network to churches. Asked why the two agencies did not share a transponder to halve costs to each Allen indicated there was "enough diversity" in programming ideas to warrant separate transponders.

Funding for the Radio and Television Commission's first two year of satellite time, as well as an uplink to beam the signal to the satellite, will come as special designations from "major donors." Allen said he has talked to 63 Southern Baptist millionaires in recent months whom he characterized as willing to participate in the venture.

Allen said as of the contract signing he has "just under \$3 million on the table" for the funding of two years of satellite time as well as building an "uplink" to beam the signal to the satellite.

Earlier he had predicted he would have the \$5 million necessary by early spring but revised his estimates by noting "the Father seems to be giving it to us when we need it instead of just when we ask for it."

Asked about the enormous leap from minimal television programming to 84 hours of new material per week and the cost of providing it Allen admitted it is "incredible" but said he believes it is also "an incredible leap from an idea in December to 100 applications and a satellite in August. It is an incredible leap from zero to potential reality."

He added Southern Baptists "have seized this opportunity" for the network because the cost of not doing it to communicate the gospel to "millions of people" would be "unthinkable."

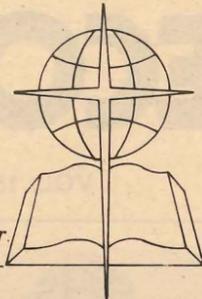


### A sign of the times

In Ft. Worth, Tex. last week these men participated in signing ceremonies for a satellite to beam a Southern Baptist television network by 1984. [l-r] John Hughes, Independence, Mo., trustee of the Radio and Television Commission; Rex Hollis, Burlingame, Cal., official with Southern Pacific Communications Co.; and Jimmy R. Allen, Radio-TV Commission president.

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. — Jude 3

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C. R. Daley

## Daley Observations

### More on women deacons

As expected the discussion on women deacons on this page two weeks ago brought more reaction than most Western Recorder editorials do. A surprising proportion of the reaction was positive.

The question of women serving as deacons is nothing new for Baptists. Obviously it has been discussed by every generation of Baptists and by some noteworthy Baptist theologians.

A widespread report which I have not documented is that John R. Sampey used deaconesses in the church near Frankfort which he served for many years as pastor. According to the report these deaconesses were used for visiting and other ministries but they were not formally ordained.

Bill Dudley, pastor of Carpenter Street Baptist Church, Moberly, Mo., added to my knowledge by sending a copy of the great B. H. Carroll's treatment of 1 Tim. 3 in his *Interpretation of the English Bible* (Pastoral Epistles, pp. 45-46). Carroll, known for his conservatism, says of 1 Tim. 3:11:

*We need now to consider only one other sentence: 'Women in like manner must be grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.' As this verse is sandwiched between two paragraphs on the deacon's office, and is a part of the section on church officers, it would be out of all connection to interpret it of women in general. And as there is no similar requirement concerning the pastor's higher office, we should not render it 'wives' meaning the wives of deacons. The context requires the rendering: 'women deacons.' This rendering not only has the support of Romans 16:1, commending Phoebe as a deaconess of the church at Cenchrea and as doing work supplemental to the preacher and the administrator of charity help, but meets a need as obvious as the need of a male deacon. In every large church there is deacon's work that cannot be well done except by a female deacon. In the administrator of charity in some cases of women—in the preparation of female candidates for baptism, and in other matters of delicacy there is need for a woman church official. The Waco church of which I was pastor for so many years, had, by my suggestion and approval, a corps of spiritually minded, judicious female deacons who were very helpful, and in some delicate cases indispensable. In churches on heathen mission fields the need is even greater than in our country. Many an embarrassment did the worthy deaconess save me from, even on the subject of visitation. In some cases appealing for charity, only these women could make the necessary investigation.*

Equally interesting is an excerpt from John Taylor's *A History of Ten Baptist Churches*. Taylor was one of the best known and influential early Baptist preachers in Kentucky. In the second edition of his history published in 1927 Taylor says:

*I shall now take a little notice of several families belonging to the Buck Run Church, as Price, Wilson, Wingate, and Casey. Mrs. Hubble was a daughter of the noted old Mr. John Price, who had married a daughter of the well-known, late Father Gano; by whom he has a swarm of respectable children; a number of them has been baptized in the last revival [the Lord grant that the balance may follow]. Mr. Price is a deacon of the church, whether his wife should be numbered among the deaconesses, we may examine a little; a deaconess was an early appointment in the church, of a worthy female of age, to officiate in sacred rites, and thereby serve the church. All this was drawn from what Paul said of widows, 1 Tim. 5 c. Mrs. Price professed the Lord's name from her youth, the mother of many children, uncommon ripeness of judgment in what belongs to good order; takes great interest in the church where she is a member; has some gift in poetry, as some of the hymn books will show some of her poems in print; her mind more devotional to the Lord than common, and particularly in those highest strains on earth, and praise to God. She now rejoices in the Lord, that he has answered her prayers, in the conversion of her children and neighbors. She is, by way on compliment, among us at times called the seed of Abraham; not merely being the daughter of old Father Gano, but by faith, the daughter of old Abraham, the Patriarch. Query. Should not a woman of this cast, be invited to prayer or prophesying in the church. Answer. Nothing but the pride or folly of man, would object to it. See 1 Cor. 11 c. All that is demanded of Paul here is, that a woman shall have power on her head, 10th v. which only designs a veil or covering, a cap itself would do, showing that a woman praying or prophesying in the church, manifested due respect to her husband, or that the government of the church, mainly lay with the male members. Though in some churches the greatest strength of intellect and counsel is the females; prudence in these cases should direct, but it is a pity a church should lose any gift that is among them, merely because it is found in a female.*

Two other interesting and informative works on this subject are Leon McBeath's *Women in Baptist Life* (Broadman, 1979) and Frank and Evelyn Stagg's *Woman in the World of Jesus* (Westminster, 1978).

### When pastor and people respond to one another

There are many success stories among Baptist pastors but none more outstanding than the ministry of Rollin Burhans with First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. There have been many beautiful and happy relationships between pastors and congregations but none more gratifying than the one between Burhans and the Bowling Green congregation.

The experience of this pastor and congregation reassures those who might question the specific leadership of the Holy Spirit in placing pastors and churches together. Mere coincidence could never explain what happened in this instance.

Success in the experience of Rollin Burhans is certainly nothing new. His pastorates in West Virginia and at Crescent Hill Baptist in Louisville were models of success. He combined excellence in the pulpit and in pastoral care in a way rarely seen.

One example of his leadership is the phenomenal debt retirement response of the congregation in Bowling Green. In the nearly 12 years of his pastorate the church has added \$1.7 million in capital improvements. In 1975 the church indebtedness stood at \$900,000. A drive that year reduced the debt to \$378,000. Earlier this year Burhans challenged the congregation to raise the \$378,000 over and above the regular offerings. The result is today the church is completely debt free. The special offering on one Sunday (June 14) was \$170,000. All this was in addition to the regular budget which is \$715,000 this year.

As is often the case with successful leaders, there was one special trial by fire in the ministry of Burhans. This was his administration as the first and only president of the now defunct Kentucky Southern College.

His commitment to this project was so deep and convincing that failure of the school to survive almost killed him. He had led in constructing facilities and recruiting a faculty that were truly outstanding. He led in raising considerable funds but the project proved so expensive that it folded. Burhans had not only invested his life and talents but whatever funds he had for his own security and retirement. He was left without a job and without material resources. Being in such a predicament at his age was enough to destroy a man of less strength and faith.

Then entered First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, which was without a pastor. Burhans responded to an invitation to serve on an interim basis but such a warm relationship between preacher and people developed that the church prevailed upon him to be their pastor. He agreed and along with his lovely wife has led the Bowling Green church in one of its most productive eras.

Love is always healing and the unusual love of First Baptist for the Burhans soon healed their deep wounds. Thoughtful leaders in this church helped the Burhans reestablish themselves not only emotionally but also materially including purchasing a home and getting ready for retirement.

The response of the church to Burhans' leadership was remarkable. The amount of money raised outside the regular offering for debt retirement is nothing less than phenomenal. The condition of the church, at all times one of Kentucky's strongest, is at an all time peak. In the two weeks since his retirement was announced there have been 24 additions and Burhans baptized 16 on a recent Sunday.

What a pastor!  
What a church!

# Christian Education

## Dupier named director

Charles M. Dupier was recently appointed director of continuing education at Cumberland College, according to president James Taylor.

Dupier, who joined the Cumberland College staff in 1966, has degrees from the University of North Alabama and the University of Kentucky. He has also attended Southern Seminary.

The on- and off-campus continuing education programs provide highest possible quality educational opportunities for men and women from the Kentucky and Tennessee mountains at an affordable cost.

Last year approximately 400 persons enrolled in the program. Courses in business administration, accounting, data processing science and mining technology have recently been added to the selection of available classes.

## Elrod on Appalachia board

Georgetown College president Ben M. Elrod has been named a member of the Appalachia Educational Laboratory board of directors, according to Raymond Barber, superintendent of public instruction in Kentucky.

As a member of the board Elrod will represent Kentucky's private colleges.

A native of Little Rock, Ark. and a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Southwestern Seminary and Indiana University, Elrod has been president of Georgetown College since 1978.

## Students receive \$9000

Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union recently awarded scholarships totaling more than \$9000 to students in Kentucky Baptist educational institutions.

Anniversary scholarships are given annually to upper classmen recommended by the presidents of their schools. The recommendations are based on financial need as well as the students' academic and personal potential.

Awards of \$80 were given to students at Oneida Baptist Institute: Amy Ash, Berea; Pam Becknell, Owsley County; Molly Beiter, Louisville; Elizabeth Charlton, Lexington; Tammy Edwards, Hazard; Rhonda Helton, Walton; Kim Henson, Manchester; and Jenifer Monbeck, Louisville.

Clear Creek Baptist School students who earned an \$80 award are: Johnny Adamson, Mt. Olivet; Bobby Brooks, Bell County; Stephen Carney, Louisville; Lynn Dotson, London; Barry Harmon, Danville; Charles Miracle, Bell County; John Napier, London; John Ramsey, Bell County.

Eight students at Boyce Bible School earning \$80 scholarships are: Forrest Chilton, Louisville; Thomas Allen Conway, Louisville; Robert Victor Dyshuk, Asheville, N. C.; David Hayden, Louisville; Tom and Jennell Hemby, Tampa, Fla.; Bill Humphrey, Elizabethtown; Frederick Jerome, Hartford, Conn.; and Price and Carrol Simon, Louisville.

Cumberland College students awarded \$350 scholarships are: Cheryl Reeves Baker, Patricia Bird, Vonna Sutton Johnson and Claudia Kay Manning, all of Williamsburg; Nola Wyatt, Middlesboro; and Timothy Young,

Louisville.

Six Campbellsville College students earning the \$350 award are: Debra Campbell, Louisville; Nina Juanita Clarkson, Gravel Switch; Kim Johnson, Evansville, Ind.; Martha Sandlin, Versailles; Brenda Simmons, Brandenburg; and Kim Smith, Louisville.

Georgetown College students who received \$350 scholarships are: Marty Carter, Lawrenceburg; Billie Jean Clifton, Midway; Todd Fields, Mt. Vernon; Deborah McRoberts, LaGrange; David Monday, Georgetown; and Mark Smith, Rineyville.

A \$400 scholarship is awarded periodically to a Kentucky woman enrolled at Southern Seminary. Doris Middleton of Owensboro received the award this year.

An additional award is given annually to a person whose parent is a Kentucky Baptist associational missionary and who is enrolled in a Kentucky Baptist college. Bill Wright, a Georgetown College student, was given the \$600 scholarship. He is the son of Billie C. Wright, missionary to the Laurel River Association in London.

## SBTS offers short-termers

Southern Baptist church leaders will have opportunity for professional, intellectual and spiritual growth this fall in a series of conferences offered by Southern Seminary.

The seminary's Continuing Theological Education Conferences for persons in ministry will feature three four-day seminars and two one-day mini conferences.

Topics and dates are: marriage enrichment, Sept. 14-17, a retreat for couples; theological potpourri, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, a theological refresher course from 14 disciplines in the Southern Seminary curriculum; and studies in Jeremiah, Dec. 1-3, a concentrated preparatory course for teaching the 1982 January Bible study.

Mini conferences include ministerial time management Sept. 21 and studies in Jeremiah Oct. 5.

Registration for the seminars is \$50 per person. Mini conferences are \$30 per person. Spouses may attend without additional registration cost. Information is available from CTEC, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

## Southern granted funds

Southern Seminary has been awarded a \$150,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation, Troy, Mich.

The grant, to be applied toward cost of a central services building on the seminary campus, was one of 176 grant commitments awarded by the foundation after consideration of more than 1500 proposals in 1981.

The 14,000-square-foot building will house the school's facilities planning and management department. It will enable the seminary to consolidate several service areas on its 120-acre campus, while tripling existing space for the department.

Facilities will include an indoor shop and storage for grounds maintenance equipment, central office for house-keeping and maintenance personnel,

and a central storage area.

The challenge grant, along with pledges and grants received from other donors, will assure construction of the building. Total cost will be \$475,000.

Since 1924, the Kresge Foundation has appropriated more than \$416 million for institutions in the areas of higher education, health care and related services, arts and humanities, social welfare, science, conservation and religion.

## Maurer offers scholarship

Ralph Maurer, long-time reporter, editor and public relations professional, has established a scholarship fund for handicapped students at Georgetown College.

The scholarship is intended to minimize the challenges facing handicapped students, Maurer said.

It will be funded by sales of Maurer's first book, "Ralph's Report," a compilation of some of his most popular columns, selected editorials and other articles which he has written during his 35 years in journalism.

Maurer has worked for Cincinnati and northern Kentucky daily news-

papers, edited the Georgetown News and Times, worked as public relations director for several agencies of Kentucky state government and organized an advertising and public relations firm during his career.

## Prospects to see fun

Plans are underway for a "Get Acquainted Day" to be Oct. 10 for prospective students at Campbellsville College.

Prospective students will be able to learn more about the college, talk with professors in their fields of interest and "see Campbellsville College students involved in Christian fun and frolic and a little bit of foolishness," according to Kent Cooper, vice president for advancement.

Campbellsville's students will participate in such events as tug of war, rubber raft relay races in the college's pool, blanket races, a husband calling contest, a six-mile marathon and a physical fitness contest.

There will also be musical entertainment.

The day is open to churches' senior high groups by contacting Jim Coates, director of admissions.

## We're Concerned About Your Health!



Health care services in Appalachia lag far behind those in other areas of the country.

In addition to a shortage of medical doctors and nurses, the area has a dire shortage of medical technologists and medical lab technicians. Cumberland is doing something about that shortage by offering both a four-year Medical Technology program and a two-year Medical Laboratory Technician program.

Medical technicians are the professionals responsible for running and interpreting the many critical lab tests without which doctors might not be able to correctly diagnose many illnesses and diseases. They are trained in clinical chemistry, hematology, blood banking, urinalysis, bacteriology, and many other exacting specialties.

Cumberland's program has been in existence for 10 years and much of our equipment is badly worn and in need of replacement. Also, because medicine is fast becoming more computerized, new and advanced equipment is needed. We need oil emersion microscopes, audio-visual teaching aids, and a spectrophotometer (an amazing machine that does blood tests, enzyme tests, and many others). We also need other equipment.

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# Baptist News in Brief

## BSSB oks satellite link

Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board have approved leasing a transponder on a satellite to be launched early in 1984, moving the board one step closer to establishing a denominational telecommunications network to churches.

The transponder, part of Space Net One Satellite to be launched by the Southern Pacific Communications Company, will lease at a cost of \$2.1 million each year.

Calling the proposed telecommunications network "one of the great breakthroughs in communications for the Sunday School Board," board president Grady Cothen said the system will enable the board to beam telecasts to churches, seminaries, state conventions and other Baptist groups.

Southern Baptist programming for a nationwide network is being developed by the Radio and Television Commission and a subsidiary corporation, the American Christian Television System, which will use another transponder on the same satellite.

In addition to leasing the transponder Cothen said the board expects to build an uplink station in Nashville in late 1982 from which programming will be beamed to the satellite and into churches with receiving equipment.

At present rates Cothen said the satellite receiving dish and other equipment a church would need to receive telecommunications can be purchased at prices ranging from \$7500 to \$18,000. Costs are expected to decrease somewhat in the next few years, he said.

Cothen said the telecommunications network initially will include approximately three hours of daily programming. As programs are beamed from the board they will be scrambled. Church equipment will include decoders to unscramble the signal.

Cothen said the board hopes to offer several levels of training packages at different prices for various sizes and types of churches. Churches will be able to show programs as they are broadcast or record them for later use.

"The Sunday School Board is in the position to furnish to the denomination a live link to churches," Cothen said. "The more we study the potential of this, the bigger it gets."

## Pastors' homes on rocks?

"If you're not interested in family and marriage counseling, you'd better be," Bill Little told 50 Illinois Baptist pastors and their wives at a retreat.

Little, pastor of Christ Memorial Baptist Church, St. Louis, said 51 percent of American marriages now end in divorce and that the highest rate of increase is among clergymen.

"Remember, everyone on every level, including the ministers in this room, has some problem with interpersonal relationships in his or her marriage," Little said. He emphasized the necessity of making a commitment to make marriage "work" and encouraged the pastors to let members know they have problems of their own.

"Don't leave the impression that because you're a minister your marriage is problem-free," he said.

"Getting along means accepting the personality differences of your husband or wife," he explained. "If there are no differences in your marriage, there's no

growth, only an echo. Accept the weaknesses and strengths of each other—but don't try to reform the other!"

## BSSB wins N. C. suit

The Baptist Sunday School Board won a precedent-setting case when the Superior Court of North Carolina ruled the agency operates primarily for religious purposes.

The board filed suit because the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina demanded payment of unemployment compensation taxes on the operation of Baptist book stores owned and operated by the board in North Carolina.

A ruling at the end of the 2½-hour trial declared the board was operated for religious purposes and directed that taxes paid under protest since 1979 be returned to the board.

The charges from the state of North Carolina involved Baptist book stores in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, plus the Greensboro Mail Order Center and the Raleigh Lifeway Store. The state did not attempt to collect taxes on the Baptist book stores at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center or Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, which are operated under the same guidelines and policies.

## SBC: losing the South?

Southern Baptist membership grew faster than the U. S. population during the 1970s, but the convention's growth fell "alarmingly" behind the rate of increase in Sun Belt states, according to an SBC Home Mission Board report just released.

SBC resident membership increased 17 percent during the decade, while the U. S. population grew 11.4 percent, noted Orrin D. Morris, the board's research director.

Based on 1980 census data and SBC Uniform Church Letters the report said the nation's population grew from 203.3 million to 226.5 million and the SBC expanded from 8.3 million resident members to 9.7 million. The convention claims 13.6 million total members.

But the figures are misleading, be-

cause Southern Baptists are "losing in the states where we have the greatest strength—the South," Morris claimed.

"The shocker is that we've shown what appears to be growth but we've been overrun by the population," he said.

Churches in the South provided 79 percent of the total SBC membership growth and 48 percent of the increase in churches. But while population in those states increased 20 percent SBC churches there increased by only 15.4 percent.

"If we'd kept up with the rise in population in eight of these states we would have 427,000 more Southern Baptists right now," Morris said.

## Pension plan to be offered

Three Kentuckians will serve on a 20-member committee to study and recommend a new church pension plan for churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

SBC Annuity Board trustee chairman Charles L. Holland Jr. of Longview, Tex., appointed the committee, naming as chairman Herbert H. Reynolds, president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

The three Kentuckians are David A. Nelson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, and a board trustee; C. R. Daley, editor, Western Recorder, Middletown; and J. Howard Cobble, who becomes pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Sept. 13.

"This committee will consider the design, marketing, financing and documentation of a new church plan," stated Darold Morgan, Annuity Board president. "We expect the study to take about 18 months, but the committee will make a preliminary report to the 1982 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans."

## Ridgecrest rates up again

A record 1981-82 budget of \$126.5 million was adopted by trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board during their semiannual meeting at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The budget represents an increase of \$16.6 million over the projected 1980-81 income of \$109.9 million.

In other actions the trustees approved a change in the formula for board contributions to the Southern Baptist Convention, authorized a contribution to the SBC Executive Committee and approved a 1982 conference center rate increase.

The formula change, effective 1982-83 pending approval by the Southern Baptist Convention, is expected to provide an additional \$100,000 to the convention the first year.

An average increase of 11 percent in 1982 summer conference center rates was approved. The conference service fee for persons seventh grade and older will increase by \$3.50, from \$24 to \$27.50. Rooms and food service rates also will increase.

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## Cothen lauds Smith stand

SBC president Bailey Smith has been lauded for his effort at stemming expected controversies at the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles.

Following an address by Smith in Glorieta, N. M. to Sunday School Board trustees, board president Grady Cothen said, "Before the SBC I was among those concerned that there were strong pressures within our denomination to lead us to become a creedal people."

Cothen said he was one of several who felt the crisis might be overcome "if Bailey Smith would take a strong stand on the traditional Baptist position that the Bible is our sole rule of faith and practice."

"He did and we did and I will forever give thanks to God for Bailey Smith," said Cothen. "We made history in that moment."

## Gaithers do well at SBC

The special offering on the final night of the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles amounted to \$16,894.93, of which \$6500 was used to help the Gaither Trio pay travel expenses.

According to Tim A. Hedquist, convention manager for the SBC Executive Committee, the Gaithers billed travel expenses of \$10,000, of which \$3500 was paid from convention budget.

Also, \$10,000 was used to upgrade the sound system, required by the Gaithers for their final night performance. The system was used throughout the three-day meeting of the convention.

"A special offering such as the one taken in Los Angeles requires approval by the order of business committee and by the convention officers. Offerings have been taken at previous conventions, but always require prior approval," Hedquist said.

In previous conventions, he said, special offerings have been used to offset expenses for the image magnification system. No such system was used in Los Angeles.

## Cal. leader suffers attack

Robert D. Hughes, executive director of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, continued to improve after being admitted to St. Agnes Hospital, Fresno, Aug. 4.

Hughes, 62, was taken to the hospital's emergency room suffering chest pains. A preliminary diagnosis of acute angina was later confirmed by a specialist.

Following tests, physicians confirmed that some minor tissue damage oc-

curred to the heart. However, Hughes' doctor predicted a complete recovery with no further complications.

Meanwhile, Hughes was to remain hospitalized for observation until Aug. 14. He will spend two to three months recuperation period at home where he will be permitted a limited work schedule.

## Tax plan aids FBM

President Reagan's \$749 billion five-year tax cut includes provisions which will save the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board about \$100,000 a year on the taxable income of its missionaries.

Last year Congress passed a bill exempting from taxes \$20,000 income of each charitable worker in the world's underdeveloped nations. That saved the board nearly \$1 million a year retroactive to 1979, but did not include developed nations.

The Reagan plan excludes \$75,000 per year in income for all Americans abroad, not just charitable workers, and includes all nations, not just underdeveloped ones. The salary exclusion will increase by \$5000 a year to a maximum of \$95,000 over the next four years.

"The combination of the increase in the income exclusion and the addition of the developed nations will put about \$100,000 a year back into our budget," said Carl Johnson, Foreign Mission Board treasurer.

Under the plan effective January 1982, the board no longer will have to pay taxes on the salaries of missionaries working in 11 developed nations, nor on that portion of taxable income above \$20,000. Some missionary families, because of cost of living factors in high inflation areas, exceed \$20,000 in income to equalize their buying power with missionaries in other parts of the world.

Although no longer liable for U. S. taxes on missionaries living abroad, the board pays about \$200,000 a year in income tax for furloughing missionaries living in the United States and about \$1 million a year in income taxes to foreign governments.

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## BSSB goal reached

A five-year goal to start 5000 new Southern Baptist Sunday schools was reached two months early when the July 1981 reports were received in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department.

As of July 31, 5027 new Sunday schools had been reported since the new starts emphasis was launched Oct. 1, 1976.

The first year 566 new Sunday schools were begun nationwide. The totals for the next three years were 1174, 1273 and 1034, respectively.

For this year a total of 960 new Sunday schools had been reported as of Aug. 13.

Texas (226), Florida (81), Alabama (53) and California (50) have reported the most new starts this year.

## Witness in turbulence

Missionaries serving in countries troubled by unrest, violence and revolution drew warm applause as they told of openness and dramatic response to the gospel in a session of Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Hoyt Eudaly, missionary to El Salvador, reported that perhaps 15,000 persons had made professions of faith in that strife-torn nation in the past two years, doubling the "gospel popula-

tion."

"Your Baptist building was three blocks away from any of the major violent points of the whole nation," he added. "We could go any way for three blocks and get a nice battle anytime . . . You say, 'Wait a minute, God. How are you going to bring glory to yourself out of this mess?' And he does."

Lewis Myers, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director of program development and a former missionary to Vietnam, told the audience, "Sometimes folks say, 'Why don't you wait until these political kinds of tensions settle down? After the war is over this will be a great mission field.'"

"But suppose there was no Stanley or Glenna Stamps (missionaries in Nicaragua before and after its 1979 revolution) to be in the midst of turbulence when people were reaching out—to hand them this book, to give them that word. Suppose that in turbulence there is a vacuum in witness.

"Is not the turbulence outside matched by a more severe turbulence inside? We commit ourselves to ministry in our world. And a great part of that world is in turbulence."

June Pike, missionary to Cape Town, South Africa, shared how multiracial teams of students faithfully witnessed in 400 homes last year despite threats and confrontations. "God has been good and turbulence is really his arena because he is the God of history," she said.

## SEPTEMBER FOOD "ROUND-UP" FOR CHILD CARE

The Women's Advisory Board of the Baptist Child Care Program is sponsoring a food round-up for our Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes during September, and this is to be the monthly project for that month. Individuals and church groups are encouraged to use the designated pick-up points in each region of the state (as listed below). Child Care personnel then will transport the food from these points to the children's homes. If you have questions about the food round-up, please contact Harold Holderman at the Child Care offices, phone 1-800-292-9440.

Food suggested for the food round-up includes the following: (*Unfortunately, home processed foods cannot be accepted because of state law.*) Canned vegetables and fruits, flour, corn meal, sugar, apple butter, jams, jelly, honey syrups, molasses, cake mixes, pie and cookie mixes, brownies, fillings, puddings, jello, soups (canned and mixes), canned meats, dried beans (pinto, navy, great northern, butter beans), potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, shortenings, canned fruit juices, mustard, tomato catsup, pickles & relishes, peanut butter, sauces (meat, steak, tomato), salad dressings of all kinds, seasonings, coffee, tea, and other drink mixes, apples, cereals, rice, spaghetti, macaroni—and other staples that would keep for a while. We can accept beef or pork, either for our own processing or already processed in a government approved processing plant.

### Designated Food Pick-Up Sites:

**Southwestern Region:** West Union Associational Office, Paducah; First Baptist Church, Mayfield; Caldwell Associational Office, Princeton; Christian County Associational Office, Hopkinsville.

**Southern Region:** First Baptist Church, Russellville; First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow.

**Western Region:** Little Bethel Associational Office, Madisonville; Daviess-McLean Associational Office, Owensboro.

**South Central Region:** First Baptist Church, Somerset; First Baptist Church, Danville; Greensburg Baptist Church, Greensburg.

**Central Region:** Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale; Spring Meadows Children's Home, Middletown.

**Southeastern Region:** First Baptist Church, Corbin; First Baptist Church, Hazard; McKee Baptist Church, McKee.

**North Central Region:** Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger; Central Baptist Church, Lexington.

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# Baptist Board of Child Care extends its ministry to children yet unborn with home for their mothers

by Susan K. Taylor, Staff Writer

To an unmarried woman pregnancy means much more than having a baby. She and the baby's father, as well as their families, are thrust into a high pressure, no win situation and are forced to make an awesome decision: Do I, as a single parent, rear a child or do I give my baby up for adoption?

Whatever the decision, "it'll always be there in your head," Sandra said. Sandra is an 18-year-old Kentuckian who is single—and pregnant.

Sandra and all women who share her situation are potential recipients of one of the ministries performed by the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care. Through the board women can find a home, meals, activities, a church affiliation, medical and dental care and counseling.



Frances and Bill Treadwell

Up to six women can live in the three-story home on Cherokee Road in Louisville provided by the board. Susan Cooley, maternity and adoptions specialist and director of the home, explained that the home is open to women 13 to 22 years old in the last three to four months of their pregnancies. Those standards are flexible, she said.

Self-sufficiency is the only criterion for admission. "We don't have the staff to handle drug and alcohol problems or extreme sickness," Mrs. Cooley said. Race, religious beliefs and social background are not considered.

"The need is the important thing," Frances Treadwell said. "Mrs. Treadwell and her husband, Bill, live in the home as foster parents."

## Needs are varied

Those needs vary among the women, but according to the three women living in the home in early August, one of their primary needs is relief from pressure.

Jenny, the home's oldest occupant at age 24, said she came to the home because "I didn't want to deal with public opinion about my decision. You see somebody at work and the first thing they say is to give their opinion." The home provides a neutral environment for thought, she said.

Jenny left her Los Angeles job to return to Kentucky. "Something about Louisville is comforting to me. I don't know what it is but being here helps me make decisions," she said.

She also came to escape the pressure for marriage that the baby's father was using. "I like being

single," she smiled. "I don't want to marry now. I would like to have a child one day—just not these days." Jenny plans to offer her child to adoption.

Sandra was reared in independent Kentucky children's homes and was living with a foster family when she became pregnant. Her foster mother "threw me out," she said, "so I went to live with my grandparents. When they threw me out I came here."

"Everybody was trying to pressure me to give the baby up," she continued. But Sandra lost a two-year-old younger brother through adoption and although she remembers him she has no idea where or how he is. She plans to keep her baby.

"I've decided I can do it," she said with determination. "I want to prove to my foster mom and everyone else I can do it."

Martha, 19, was placed in the home by her parents and said the pressure lifted from her family was primarily financial.

Residents are charged from \$2 to \$5 per day depending on ability to pay. If they are unable to pay anything they are not turned away, Mrs. Cooley said.

In addition Kentucky medical assistance covers much or all of their medical expenses including regular appointments with a private obstetrician, the baby's delivery and the mother's hospital stay.

Martha has not decided whether to place her baby for adoption or keep it. As she talked she held her hand to her abdomen. "It's trying to get out," she laughed.

She and the father of her child have discussed marriage, but "I don't want to get married because I'm pregnant," she said. "If we get married I want it to be because I love him."

Martha said she was excited about her pregnancy until she began to think of all its ramifications. She went to an abortion clinic but decided "at the last minute" that the child would outlive any embarrassment it could cause her or her family.

People's judgments may be the hardest part of their situation, the girls agreed. "If it weren't for that you could be happy about it," Martha said.

## Counseling, too

The women discuss their feelings with the Treadwells and Mrs. Cooley. Individual and group counseling sessions are led at least once a week by Mrs. Cooley who has earned a master's degree in social work from the Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville.

They discuss family relationships, self-concept, plans for the future.

Mrs. Cooley said there is no pressure on the women to offer their babies for adoption. The three women at the home agreed but said the subject is too thoroughly avoided. "We need to know what our alternatives are before the ninth month," one of them said. They said they need more information, sooner, on adoption services and legal procedures as well as available financial and counseling services if they opt to keep their children.

Mrs. Cooley handles all adoption services for the child care board. "We place about 14 babies a year," she said. About half of the women who stay in the home choose to keep their children.

The women who choose to place their children are allowed to return to the home for two weeks after the child is born; the child is placed in a foster home for the two weeks to three months required for the legal process of adoption. The time varies with the child's father's cooperation and other factors, Mrs. Cooley explained.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention had offered adoption services until the early 1970s. When the number of children placed continued to decline the convention decided to let a state agency handle all adoptions.

At the state convention in 1975, however, the messengers requested the child care board to resume the service. A maternity home often used by Kentucky women in Cincinnati had closed and they felt a home

was necessary. The program reopened in January 1976 and the home itself was opened three months later.

Those mothers who choose to keep their babies are referred for continuing supportive services, such as temporary state aid, jobs, housing and day care.

Single pregnant women who do not want to live in the Louisville home can receive the same counseling and services for adoption or referral, according to Mrs. Cooley.

## Referrals from many sources

Women are referred to the home by various sources, she said, including doctors, family planning agencies, targeted publications and advertising and family pastors. Although the last is seldom the case, according to Mrs. Treadwell. "Sometimes the last person a girl wants to tell is her pastor," she said.

One of the Treadwells is at the home at all times. During their six days off each month a relief couple, usually a seminary student and spouse, lives in the third-floor bedroom.

The Treadwells help prepare meals, organize the work schedule, plan activities, provide transportation to appointments, accompany the women to the hospital when they deliver and take them to Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

At Crescent Hill they have formed a Sunday school class of their own "because their needs are so different," Mrs. Treadwell said.

The women contribute to maintenance of the home by helping with meal preparation, housework and other daily chores.

High school students continue their studies through the Jefferson County Board of Education's Teenage Parent Program. Credits earned can be transferred to most high schools to keep the girls from losing time in their school work.

A nurse visits the home regularly to discuss prenatal and child care, natural birth methods and birth control.

Other people come to instruct classes in macrame, stained glass or other crafts in which the girls are interested. They can go shopping or to movies.

The home is run on a regular schedule. The girls are not allowed to leave the house alone, must return before 10:30 p.m. and may stay overnight only with their families two nights each month after the first month.

The women's families must approve a list of visitors and no men are allowed to visit in the home.

Although the 24 hours a day, 25 days a month work schedule is demanding, the Treadwells have enjoyed their three years as foster parents.

"Since we've been here 50 babies have been born and I've only been away for one of them," Mrs. Treadwell said proudly.

"This job is more of challenge than anyone would ever imagine. It's trauma from word one."

They are required to listen without being "opinionated," she said. "We care about what happens to the girls. They develop a confidence and a security in the fact that this is home."

## An ongoing concern

Many keep in touch with the Treadwells and they said it is gratifying to know of the women's successes.

All of the home's residents have the same reason for being there but give the home different roles in their lives.

Social, family and financial pressures can be relieved, at least temporarily. Care is assured and confidentiality, if desired, is more easily obtainable. But for some the home has far more significance.

Although her pregnancy was untimely, Sandra sees it as a beginning in her own life as well as her child's. She has escaped an unhappy foster home situation and plans to complete vocational school and rear her child.

"It's a chance for me to start a new life," she said with a smile.

# Polly Dillard: she'll just go on being a kid at heart

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Pollyanna: a girl of irrepressible optimism who finds good in everything . . . hence, one with a disposition or nature like Pollyanna's.

So says Webster's New World Dictionary.

Those words could have been written about Polly Hargis Dillard, who retires Aug. 31 as KBC preschool-children's consultant.

Commenting on where Kentucky Baptists are now in her area of expertise, she allows, "I've never seen such enthusiasm as there is. I feel we're really headed somewhere, and I hope it won't be long until someone is named to maintain the momentum."

She has been working with six supportive preschool area coordinators across the state who have helped give visibility to the early childhood education program she has promoted. This has given her particular joy for it is no secret preschool work is and always has been Polly's first love.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Polly's first job was as superintendent of Beginner work at the Baptist Sunday School Board, from 1939-49. She left there of her own accord with no place to go, believing "it was time to branch out into something else." For six months she subsisted by her own writing, producing curriculum units for Miss Robbie Trent, then a children's editor at the Sunday School Board.

Next there followed three churches in succession for which Polly was director of children's work: Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., 1949-53; Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, 1953-55; and Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, 1955-57.

When she went to Louisville she also joined the Southern Seminary faculty as assistant professor of elementary education, becoming the first woman on the faculty.

It was during this period she met and married Badgett Dillard June 2, 1957. Dillard is now the seminary's vice president for business affairs.

They have two adopted children, Stephen, who will be 22 Aug. 28, a Berea College graduate employed by a private youth camp at Henryville, Ind., and Aynn, 19, who lives at home.

Polly returned to the seminary on several occasions as a visiting professor in the mid-sixties, but turned her attention to her home, her writing and Kentucky's Head Start program after leaving the faculty in 1958.

As an author, she is widely recognized by more than one generation of Southern Baptists, as well as Christian parents in many denominations. Her first solo book, *Sunday with Stevie*, published by Broadman Press in 1956, is her all time best seller. But she has made a hit with preschoolers and their moms and dads through many other Broadman titles, among them: *Peter and the Rain* (1957), *Bible Stories for Me* (1961), *My Thank You Book* (1964), *My Book About Jesus* (1968) and *Outdoors with Jesus* (1980).

In between books she has produced numerous curriculum units for Sunday school, Church Training and vacation Bible school; mission studies for the Home Mission Board; preschool leadership materials for the Sunday School Board; and an elementary education course for the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

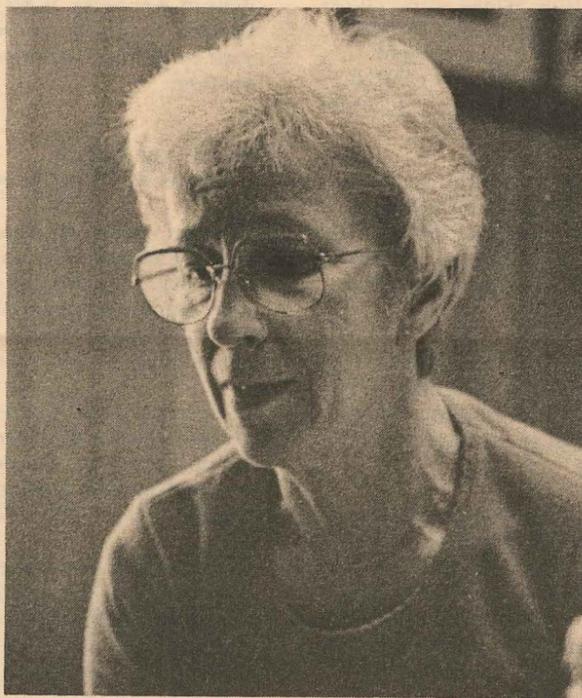
Her ideas and philosophies about children's work have gained favor and been widely used, too.

While a Sunday School Board staff member, Polly introduced centers of interest into Beginner depart-

ments, moving away from altogether instructional teaching by leaders. The idea caught on, and soon Nursery and, later, children's department workers were adopting her methods. "This was the forerunner of the activity type teaching we find today in widespread use in children's departments," she says.

"We also fostered the concept that teaching babies was possible. It was an unheard of idea at the time," she remembers. "The Nursery had been only a baby sitting service most places before then. Now we know foundational teaching can actually begin even with 2's and 3's."

Having served in her position at the Baptist Building in Middletown only since Jan. 1, 1977, Polly Dillard's accomplishments in Kentucky have also been



great for so short a time.

Says Harold Phillips, minister of education at Louisville's Deer Park Baptist Church, "Polly Dillard has more information about kids in her little finger than most of us will ever have in a lifetime."

"She helped our church properly establish children's and preschool work, and showed us how we could minister to youngsters through the educational programs of the church," Phillips declares. "I have learned so very much from her."

C. Vernon Cole, director of the KBC Church Training Department, observes that Polly "is constantly adapting and adjusting to meet the needs of people." When she goes to lead a conference across the state, Cole attests, "If what she has planned doesn't seem to supply her conferees' needs, she alters it on the spot to help them at the point where they are."

He also noted she has gained "the professional respect" of her coworkers throughout the state.

Polly hates "to leave it," but on the other hand, she adds, "I feel the time is right for me to go, too."

Certainly she won't be destitute for something to do, however.

"The first two years I'm going to clean my house!" she laughs.

She also expects to participate actively in the Kentucky and Louisville associations of Children Under Six, both of which she has served as president, and to be free to write and lead conferences as requested. She has a vacation Bible school writing assignment for 1984 material now.

She will travel with husband Badgett to some meetings he attends, a luxury not often afforded her before; she'll do some volunteer work, keep up with her hobby of embroidery and will continue teaching four-year-olds in the Sunday school of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

She's also put a lot of ideas for children's books on the back burner over the years and hopes to move them into words on paper and eventually into print.

Thus, while Polly Dillard's days of serving Kentucky Baptists in a full time capacity are few, her ministry—and her life—will go on touching and inspiring future generations. And those who attend her conferences and read her materials will continue to be influenced by her for ages to come. After all, most of them, like Polly, are probably kids at heart.

## An open letter to Polly

### Dear Polly,

Can retirement really be here this soon?

Why, it seems like only yesterday that I was reading *My Book About Jesus*, *Peter and the Rain*, *My Thank You Book* and other literary treasures by you to my own children. Now, one of those children is but a year from high school; another, but a year from college. Where has the time gone?

While I had read your books, and taught your theories, for so many years, and while both of us are alumni of the Sunday School Board staff (although our service there did not coincide), it was not until I returned to Kentucky that I finally met Polly Dillard.

My friendship with Badgett goes back almost two decades, when he was actively involved in the Baptist Public Relations Association. We're still good friends, but we don't see one another very often.

Six years ago James Whaley told me he hoped you would accept the position of preschool-children's coordinator which was then open at the Baptist Building. From what he said about you, I was sure you had every qualification the job would demand, and I became hopeful, too, that you would find your way here. It took nearly a year-and-a-half, but you finally came, Polly, and preschool and children's work has prospered in every corner of the state since.

It has been a privilege to travel in groups with you to Sunday school and vacation Bible school conferences in associations and churches all over Kentucky. And as we traveled, all of us listened, and gained from the insights you shared with us as the miles passed by.

As a writer, you have encouraged so many who struggled to put words down on paper for consumption by the masses. You inspired us with your own achievements in the publishing field as you made the task seem worthwhile.

As a children's worker, a writer, a colleague and a Kentucky Baptist, thank you for the years you have given us, Polly. Your contributions will reap dividends for decades to come. I know my life is richer for the privilege of having known Polly Dillard.

Your friend,  
Jim Cox

# Mountains to the Mississippi

## Personnel

### Burhans to leave Bowling Green FBC



Rollin Scofield Burhans recently announced his retirement from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, to be effective Aug. 30.

During the 12 years Burhans has been at the church, \$1.7 million in capital improvements has been made on the facilities.

In 1975 the church owed \$900,000, a debt which was reduced to \$378,000 by the first of 1981. When the total was down to \$280,000, Burhans challenged the congregation to remove the debt. Between the third Sunday of May and the second Sunday of June, with an offering of \$170,000 Sunday, June 14, the debt was cleared.

In the two weeks following Burhans' retirement announcement, 24 people have joined the church, 16 by baptism.

Burhans was president of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, from its beginning in 1960 until its merger into the University of Louisville in 1969. He has also been pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.

Although his plans for his own future are indefinite, Burhans said, "I have confidence in the church and its future."

### Roberts featured in magazine

Austin Roberts, pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, was featured in the July 19 issue of the Kentucky Advocate Sunday magazine.

Roberts, in his 40th year in the ministry and 18th year at Lexington Avenue, is a native of Virginia. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary and was pastor of Cynthiana (Ky.) Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Aiken, S. C. before coming to Lexington Avenue. He was first vice president of Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1978.

### Osteen to serve Pleasant Grove

James Osteen, a student at Boyce Bible School, Louisville, has accepted the pastorate of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Osteen and his wife, Lou Ellen, are natives of South Carolina.

### Tucker resigns Mt. Zion position

Steve Tucker, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, has resigned to enter the University of Kentucky College of Law.

He has served the Mt. Zion church five years.

### East Barbourville calls Gallion

East Barbourville (Ky.) Baptist Church has called Carl Gallion as pastor. He is the former pastor of Cannonsburg Baptist Church, Ashland.

Gallion is a graduate of Clear Creek

Baptist School, Pineville, and Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.

### Taylor resigns Audubon position

G. Ted Taylor, former minister of education at Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, began duties Aug. 1 at Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Taylor recently received the MRE degree from Southern Seminary.

### Travis to lead Lawrenceburg youth

Jerry Travis has been called as minister of youth by First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.

Travis is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., and is enrolling in Southern Seminary. He was president of the student government at Wayland College and is the recipient of the Rice Judson Award at the seminary.

Bob C. Jones is First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, pastor.

### Mrs. Branson's study tape released

A teaching tape entitled *The Bible is about God*, by Mary Kinney Branson, has been released by Broadman Press.

Relating to the October 1981 Sunday school unit for younger children, the tape can also be used in Church Training, vacation Bible school, mission organizations and other study groups.

Mrs. Branson is director of children's work at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, and a Western Recorder state correspondent.

### Mercer to attend Drew University

Jack Mercer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sonora, resigned his position effective Aug. 17 to pursue a PhD degree at Drew University in Madison, N. J.

### Whitten resigns Vine Street post

Dee Whitten recently resigned as copastor of Vine Street Baptist Church, Louisville, to accept a pastorate in Alexandria, Va.

### Bell to be Broadman representative

Clyde W. Bell will visit Kentucky churches as a consumer sales representative for Broadman Press, according to Sunday School Board officials.

Bell was minister of music and education at Long Point Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., and is a graduate of the University of Houston. He attended New Orleans Seminary one year.

## Congregations

### Kentucky youth go to Centrifuge

Young people from five Kentucky churches attended Centrifuge North, a summer camp which provides recreation, youth musicals, puppetry and drama, sports, Bible study and evening worship services.

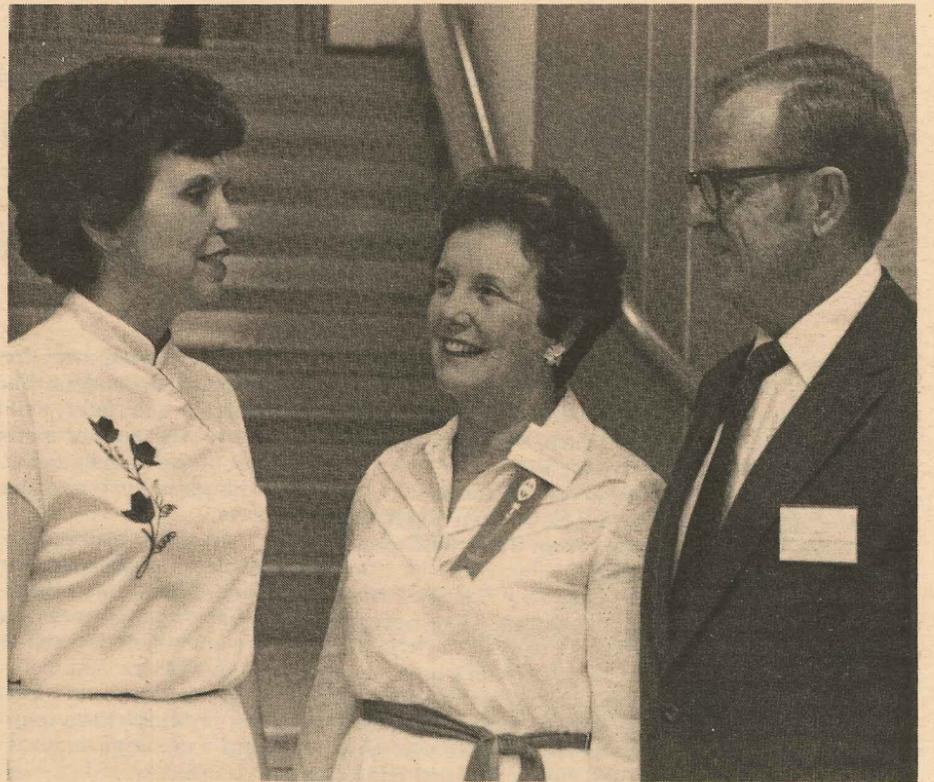
Kentucky churches represented are: Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville; Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown; First Baptist Church, Richmond; Trinity Baptist Church, Lexington; Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville.

Open to junior and senior high school students from all Southern Baptist Convention states, Centrifuge is sponsored by the Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board. It is located on the campus of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.

### New Hope has its first VBS

New Hope Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, conducted its first vacation Bible school June 15-19.

Forty-four children enrolled; average



Dorothy Sample [l], national Woman's Missionary Union president, talks with Lealice and Wayne Dehoney in Birmingham recently. Mrs. Dehoney, former president of Kentucky WMU, and her husband, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, were among 43 pastors and spouses who met with the WMU staff to discuss the organization's role in missions education and its relationship to pastors.

attendance was 29.

James E. Casey Jr. was director.

### Fletcher seeks ride sharer to Tenn.

David Fletcher, 617 Housman, Mayfield, Ky., is a student in the seminary studies program at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. The fall session starts Sept. 14 and runs through Dec. 7.

Fletcher would like to share or exchange rides with other students to the Union University campus. Anyone interested in such arrangements may contact him at (502) 247-4648.

### Franklin FBC ensemble tours

Joyful Sound, the college/career music ensemble of First Baptist Church, Franklin, returned Aug. 11 from its concert and mission tour.

The group performed at Jenny Wiley and Cumberland Falls state parks; First Baptist Church, Paintsville; Forest Hills Baptist Church; and First Baptist Church, Williamson, W. Va.

The concert was performed at the Franklin church Sunday, Aug. 16.

### Thornhill dedicates education annex

Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, dedicated its educational building Sunday, Aug. 2.

The 11,000-square-foot building contains church offices, a choir room and classrooms for adult, preschool and children's Sunday school divisions. An additional 3000 square feet have also been remodeled.

C. R. Daley, Western Recorder editor, gave the dedication sermon. James Gross was chairman of the building committee.

## Revivals

### Casey leads tent revival

James E. Casey Jr. led a tent revival for Russell Creek Association July 20-26.

An average of nearly 300 people attended the evening services. Eight people made professions of faith, two rededicated themselves to Christ, 100 youth committed themselves to a

Christian lifestyle and 100 adults promised a renewed commitment to the Lord's work.

**Williams preaches Fariston revival**  
Jimmy Williams preached the recent revival at South Fariston Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Two people made professions of faith and several made rededications.

### New Zion ends revival

New Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, was in revival Aug. 3-9. Charles Ham was evangelist.

Claud Smith is the church's pastor.

**Six baptized after Clear Fork revival**  
Clear Fork Baptist Church, Russell County Association, reported six professions of faith as a result of its recent revival.

### Tompkinsville gains 7 in revival

First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, had revival services July 5-8, led by evangelist Paul Gorgey.

Six people made professions of faith and joined the church by baptism. One addition was made by letter.

## Deaths

### Former Cedarmore employe dies

Elizabeth Long, former employe of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, died July 23 and was buried in Shelbyville July 25. Mrs. Long was the mother-in-law of Peggy Long, a former employe of the Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown.

### Father of state missionary dies

Howard L. Barnes, 80, father of Liberty Association director of missions Harold Barnes, died in Louisville July 31.

Most of his life was spent in Louisville. He was converted in a Billy Graham evangelistic crusade and was a member of Clifton Heights Christian Church, Louisville.

He is also survived by his wife, Helen, and another son, Ronald Barnes of Vincennes, Ind.



# Ministering to the children of the 80's

by Edna R. Woofler,  
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## Translating hope into reality

Perhaps each of us has experienced a separation which has undermined our security—lost from a group, parent or child in a large crowd; moving to a new community; going off to college; whatever. These separations cause at least momentary panic and anxiety.

For most youth who must be separated from family, the trauma is not short lived. A large percentage of children in residential care are there because of difficulty in interpersonal relationships—difficulty which often stems from family relationship problems. Some studies suggest that not more than 15 percent of youth in placement are there because of problems of the youth only. Whatever the cause for placement, it is the youth who is removed from the home. This separation carries with it a trauma that makes a tremendous impact on the individual as an avalanche of feelings—guilt, worthlessness, powerlessness, abandonment, loss—close in upon the youth.

A caring campus staff must help the youth to restore or create feelings of self-worth as well as the value of a network of relationships in life. For whatever time a young person stays in our care, the plan for growth, maturity and resolution of problems that brought about the separation includes the family wherever possible. Family is a permanent part of the child. A portion from a poem written by a teenager expresses this fact so well:

"The people, they treat me fair; / The pain they help me bear; / But it's not my family home. / I'll be glad when it comes the day / I can go back home to stay. / Maybe I won't feel so all alone."

The possibility of translating hope into reality motivates staff and youth alike and justifies "our being."

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**Proverbs 3:5-8** 1. A plea: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart." This beautiful word "trust" represents a wonderful experience. Literally the word "trust" means "to lean upon" or "to depend on." God wants Christians to have the same loving trust in him that a child reposes in his parents and more. We are told to trust "with all thine heart." "Heart" here refers to the seat of the affections and has to do with thinking, loving, feeling, willing and acting. Trust God completely for he said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

2. A prohibition: "Lean not unto thine own understanding." Nothing is more frail, fickle or unreliable than our own understanding and that is why God forbids our relying upon it. We should surrender to the divine authority, submit to the divine power, obey the divine commands and depend on the divine promises.

3. A precept: "In all thy ways acknowledge him." If we are to receive and enjoy the guidance and blessing of God we must acknowledge our Lord in all the details of life. He is worthy of being acknowledged with the supreme affection of our hearts, the complete homage of our intellects and the unswerving loyalty of our lives.

4. A promise: "And he shall direct thy paths." Our attitude toward and response to this precept—"in all thy ways acknowledge him"—will mark the difference between yieldedness to God's will and rebellion against it, happiness and unhappiness, victory and defeat. If we are to receive his guidance we must let him determine our thoughts, form our opinions, mold our characters and control our lives.

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At the age of 120 and approaching the end of his long and useful career, Moses made his last appeal to the Israelites with reference to their conduct upon their entrance into the promised land. Moses set before them certain alternatives: life and death, good and evil, blessing and cursing. He challenged all to choose life. He told them that if they would conform to God's will for their lives that blessings untold would follow in the wake of their obedience. He also told them that if they chose to ignore God and his will for them that consequences unspeakably grievous would follow. Moses admonished the people to put God's will first in their lives, to live close to him, to obey his commandments, to follow his leadership and to refuse to worship any other god. He reminded them that life is invested with dignity and solemnity, and that man is king and woman is queen in the realm of choice.

One certainly admires Moses for his faithfulness to the people, in showing them the way of obedience and the way of disobedience, as well as the definite and inevitable consequences of walking in each of those ways. For them he painted a beautiful picture of the blessings that God would bestow upon all of those who would be faithful in their obedience to him. Then by way of contrast, Moses also portrayed the inevitable results of turning away from God and disobeying his commandments. The pathway of obedience to God is always the safest and best one that anybody can pursue.

Last words of men and women are often the most revealing, impressive and memorable of their utterances. This was true of Moses as his majestic farewell address which is recorded in Deuteronomy reveals. We recall that after preaching in various parts of the world and presenting the gospel of Christ to myriads of people, Dwight L. Moody in his last days was unable to lie down because of a heart ailment. He was propped upon his pillow and waiting for the summons. Presently it came and he said to his loved ones at his bedside: "Earth is receding, heaven is opening, God is calling me and I must go."

In view of the challenge of Moses: "Choose life that both thou and thy seed may live," surely none of us should have any difficulty in deciding whether Christ or Satan shall be the master of his life, and whether heaven or hell shall be his abiding-place throughout eternity.

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# Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President  
Clear Creek Baptist School  
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## Sharing

Sometime ago I ran across a poem, written by Nick Kenny, entitled "Sharing." The poem impressed me so much that I wanted to share it with you. I hope it blesses your heart as much as it did mine.

"Some share their lives with all they meet / Along life's thoroughfare, A smile . . . a nod . . . a silence sweet, / These are the joys they share. / Some close their eyes along the road / While others hold their ears, / And there are quick and thoughtless words / That transform smiles to tears. / Our hearts tick off the nights and days / Like clocks upon a shelf, / And lonely is the one who wastes / God's time upon himself."

One thought that occurs to me frequently is that the Lord gives us everything we have. In fact the scriptures tell us that he "owns the cattle on a thousand hills." God is rich beyond measure and allows us to use the possessions we have during our lifetime.

It seems to me, therefore, that nothing could be more fitting than to remember him in our wills.

When you give to Clear Creek Baptist School you help the Lord's work in many ways. You help to provide classrooms and expenses to operate and maintain them. You help students who are striving hard to obtain ministerial training. You bring love and care to many who desperately need it and appreciate it.

One simple way to include our school in your will is to suggest to your attorney the following bequest: "I give and bequeath to Clear Creek Baptist School, a charitable and non-profit religious organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Kentucky, located at Pineville, Ky., the sum of \$..... to be used at the discretion of the above named school for the training of ministerial students."

You may also wish to designate a percentage of your estate rather than a certain sum. Simply include a percentage amount rather than a dollar amount.

For more information about our school and the wills program, write to: D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977.

# KBC Activities

## Here and now

### AUGUST

- 20-25 WMU Leadership Conferences. Cedarmore. For lunch reservations on drive in days and full accommodations for overnight events, contact Cedarmore  
20 and 21—drive-in days; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
22-23 and 24-25—overnights; 1:30 p.m. on first day through lunch on second day
- 23-30 Church Music Week. Materials in Church Music publications
- 24-25 Sunday School "Basic" Books Training for Assist Teams. 7 to 9 p.m.

## Planning ahead

### SEPTEMBER

- 6-12 Brotherhood Leadership Week
- 6-13 State Mission Week of Prayer and Eliza Broadus offering. Program and promotional materials available from WMU, KBC
- 7 Labor Day
- 11-12 WMU Leadership Conference. Jonathan Creek. Same program each day. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Jonathan Creek for reservations
- 13 Single Adult Day. Suggestions for observing from Family Life Section, KBC
- 14,15,17 New Directors' Conferences. For newly elected church directors of Brotherhood, Church Training, church music and Sunday school. 7 to 9 p.m.  
14—Somerset, Calvary Baptist Church; Henderson, Immanuel Temple; Paintsville, First Baptist Church  
15—Lexington, Rosemont Baptist Church; Williamsburg, Main Street Baptist Church; Benton, Briensburg Baptist Church  
17—Russellville, Post Oak Baptist Church; Elizabethtown, Central Avenue Baptist Church; Northern Kentucky Association, church to be announced

# Oneida Journal

## In the afterglow

Barkley Moore, President  
Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972



Floy DeJarnette, cousin of NBC's John Chancellor, is beginning her 10th year of service with us. Though she will be age 74 next month she still outworks most of us. She is director of our "Special Help" program and assembled her staff for a workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 4. We have 10 working with her this year as we strive to maintain at least a one-to-five teacher-student ratio for students needing intensive work in reading and math. We get so many students from public schools who have been "socially" promoted rather than taught. We teach them.

Our entire faculty then met on Wednesday and Thursday mornings in our library. The afternoons were spent at physical labor in the various classrooms and about campus as we prepared for the largest enrolment of our history. The deans and I worked into the wee hours of the morning preparing room assignment lists. Deciding who is to room with whom, matching personalities and backgrounds, age and class level is a time-consuming but important responsibility. How well we do this task determines how smoothly dorm life begins for many, and helps to keep the number lost to "homesickness" to a minimum.

Late Thursday afternoon we traveled by bus and several cars 16 miles to beautiful "Big Double" park tucked away in a "holler" of these beautiful Cumberland Mountains. There we enjoyed a delightful picnic and a rousing game of volleyball, and my staff surprised me with a birthday cake two days before the fact.

Friday morning was a busy time, and our faculty left at 1:30 p.m. on our "Greyhound" for the campus of Chilhowee Baptist Academy near Knoxville. My departure was delayed for 1½ hours as two groups of visitors arrived unexpectedly. I gave them the full tour and was glad I stayed around to do so when several of them wrote checks to the school, and one of the checks was for \$1000! Two of the ladies had made a bus trip to Florida some months ago and had met one of our students and had heard of Oneida from him. They were so impressed they decided to come and see for themselves. I am always fascinated how people learn of our work.

Chilhowee Baptist Academy, the only boarding high school of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. Their president, Hubert Smothers, is a dedicated Baptist layman and educator. We have a close working relationship as we recommend students to one another and share about mutual concerns. Smothers keynoted our faculty retreat after a delicious meal. Then our faculty decisively defeated the Chilhowee faculty in a basketball game followed by hours of games in the dining room.

I awakened Saturday, Aug. 8 to realize I had crossed the threshold of 40 years. In memory I relived my 10th, 20th, 30th birthdays shared with many friends now in heaven. Grandad, grandmother, Preacher and Mrs. Sparks, Mary Nancy Wilson. I felt they were there in the room with me.

Some hours later I met with our board of trustees for 2½ hours on the Cumberland College campus. These men and women are among God's choice servants. Some important decisions were made which I will share in a later column. Immediately following that meeting nearly 200 guests invited by Cumberland president Jim Taylor sat down to a delicious banquet. Former state superintendent of public instruction, now state auditor, James B. Graham, led the assemblage in singing "Happy Birthday."

Two hours later I sat beside Jim Boswell and watched my only sister, 17 years younger than myself, receive her college degree. Just a few minutes before I had received the honorary doctor of laws degree, 19 years to the week after I left law school to first work at OBI. It was a moment to be treasured a lifetime.

# Frank Owen



## Growth emphasis

The 1982-85 phase of Bold Mission Thrust will emphasize growth. Naturally, we must look principally to churches in growing communities where the population is increasing. However, the program hopes also to restore a growth outlook among churches that largely have lost it. Some growth seems always possible as long as lost people remain in the territory of churches that are trying to "make disciples."

It will be our purpose to applaud and further challenge exemplary churches whose time and place-ness give them maximal opportunity during current and coming years. Also, to help and encourage churches to take full advantage of second growth cycle opportunities—namely, to win and enlist all the children of the growing young families in newly built communities.

In all of the above, let us remember to cheer also the faithful leaders and laity of all the churches in older communities whose faithful ministry keeps the gospel alive where life is often more difficult. These churches had their great growth eras too, back when geography and economics worked in their favor. (The three most important factors in real estate apply somewhat also to churches: 1. location, 2. location, and 3. location.) These, now, more static churches must not become weary in well-doing, nor cease to seek growth through winsome proclamation of the message of salvation among derelict lives. Surviving inner-city gospel center sites could prove again, unforeseen, the mighty pillars of our strength if the ever restless humanity that has moved to suburbia should start moving back, or be forced to do so by diminished or too expensive energy to allow us to live so scattered. Meanwhile, a metropolitan outlook is still a live possibility for many downtown churches which could thus achieve further growth.

May our appreciation remain high for all who authentically address themselves to whatever type or measure of opportunity before them. And may all our churches aspire to grow, especially through new converts.

# Lightning bolt brings legacy for missions

by Craig Bird

Aug. 1 Goodnight Baptist Church became only a memory, but it will leave behind a legacy for missions and Christian education.

The tiny Southern Baptist congregation in the Texas Panhandle, about 50 miles from Amarillo, closed its books, but its influence will be felt indefinitely in spots as diverse as Brazil and Abilene, Tex.

Last April a freak storm which splattered only a handful of raindrops rolled across the Panhandle. A bolt of lightning struck the steeple of the church. Nobody noticed any damage, but about two hours later fire broke through the roof of the 29-year-old building. Before any of the surrounding fire departments could reach the rural church the structure was de-

stroyed.

The seven regular members of the church, all women except for pastor O. C. Edwards, faced a dismal situation. Insurance coverage was only \$20,000 while rebuilding costs were estimated at \$150,000. Edwards is 74 and the women range in age from 65 to 80 except for one youngster in her mid-50s.

"We decided to put what money we had into missions instead of trying to rebuild because we knew our community could be served (by other churches)," Edwards explained.

So in a business meeting, the church parceled out \$5500 to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; \$5000 to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene; \$5000 to Wayland Baptist University in Plainview; \$2000 to the Top of Texas missions area (basically

the Texas Panhandle region); \$1000 to the Baptist General Convention of Texas; \$1000 to the Home Mission Board of the SBC and \$1500 to Panfork Baptist Assembly.

The gifts to the FMB and the BGCT are designated for mission work in Brazil. The Top of Texas area will also receive title to the two lots the church stood on.

The congregation didn't forget Edwards either, who has been pastor of the church for more than 20 years, including the last seven as "interim" after his retirement in 1974.

The parsonage was put in top shape at a cost of \$3600 and deeded to Edwards and his wife as a retirement home.

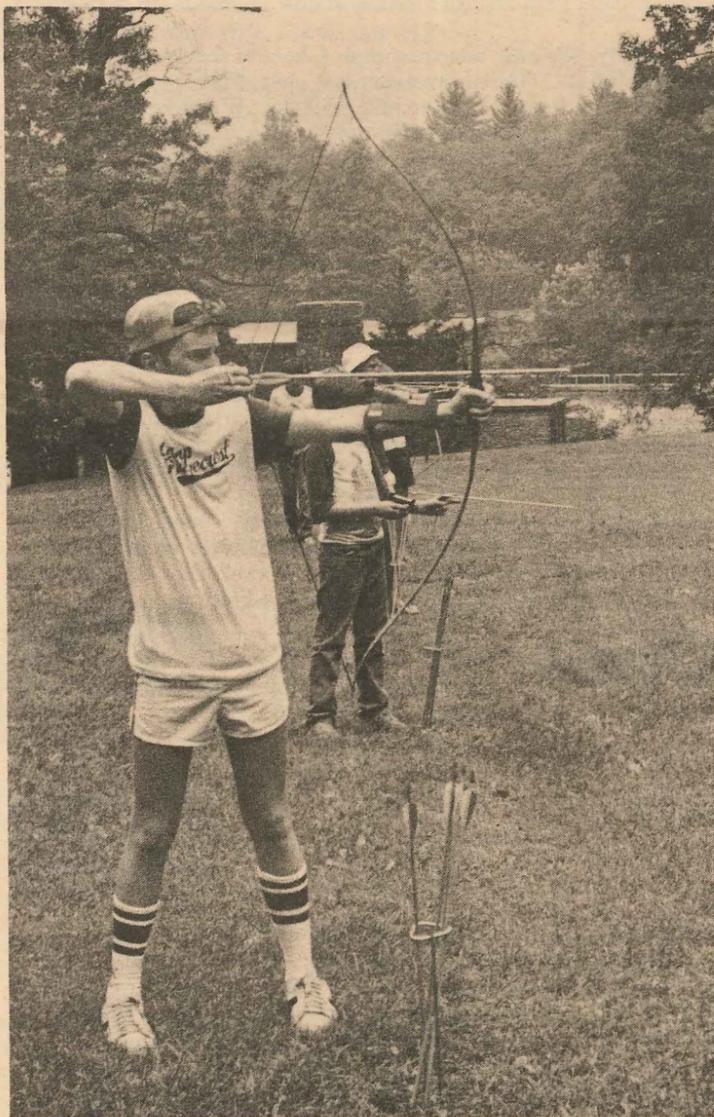
The two universities included in the distribution have endowed scholarships with the gifts so that each year, begin-

ning in 1982, the interest from the original gift will aid a worthy student.

Since its organization in 1903, Goodnight Baptist Church has invested in missions and Baptist education.

"We've been giving 20 to 25 percent of our budget to missions for years," Edwards pointed out. And in 1965 the church sent him to Brazil where he teamed with another preacher and a musician for three weeks of mission work in Poltaronda Brasilia and on the Amazon River.

July 26 was the last service of Goodnight Baptist Church. On Aug. 1 the books were closed and all the church records sent for microfilming to Southwestern Seminary. The 78-year-old church became a memory—a memory and a legacy of missions and education that will live for years to come.



*Ridge-crest-ridge*

## More than 2000 attend SBC camps

Beth Bass (above) of First Baptist Church, Newnan, Ga., and Dennis Conner of First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga., are among the more than 2000 youth who will attend one of the national Southern Baptist camps this summer.

Camp Ridgecrest for boys ages 8-16 and Camp Crestridge for girls ages 7-17 are fully accredited camps owned and operated by the Sunday School Board. They are located on the 1900-acre tract of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Each camp is open eight weeks in the summer.

Campers may participate in two-week or four-week sessions.

Last summer 1217 boys attended Camp Ridgecrest and 890 girls went to Camp Crestridge. It is estimated that approximately 45 percent of the campers are repeat attenders.

In addition to daily chapel and campfire services, campers may participate in skills development activities including archery, crafts, horseback riding, riflery, swimming, basketball, canoeing and music.