



## Trustees vote to end Moody's teaching

by Wesley M. Pattillo Jr.

Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, meeting in Louisville in annual session Apr. 13, approved a request by professor Dale Moody for a one-year leave of absence beginning Aug. 1. This will bring to a close his 35 years of service on the seminary faculty.

The board determined that Moody's current contract with the seminary will expire July 31, 1984 and that he will be paid full salary until that date.

However, his teaching responsibilities at Southern Seminary will be completed this June at the end of the current school year.

Moody has been the subject of criti-



Moody

cism about his views on apostasy (or "falling from grace") and his published statements regarding the seminary's Abstract of Principles. The Abstract, part of the seminary charter for 125 years, is the oldest statement of faith among Southern Baptists. A copy of the document is signed by every person who teaches at the seminary as a commitment to teach "in accordance with and not contrary to" its 20 doctrinal statements. Moody has challenged the Abstract in numerous public comments over the past year.

He had requested the 1983-84 leave of absence early in 1982, before criticism of his views became an issue with the trustees.

Moody reached regular retirement at

age 65 in 1980. He has been teaching under a series of short term appointments since that time, in keeping with seminary personnel policy. That policy limits to one year at a time the length of contract for a person over 65.

The board also heard a report from a committee on academic policies on its review of the way former president Duke K. McCall and current president Roy L. Honeycutt had handled questions about faculty commitment to the Abstract of Principles. Specifically, the committee said the two administrators had "fulfilled their responsibilities required under the Charter and Bylaws" with reference to the Moody controversy.

In a related action, the trustees adopted an official statement on "Freedom and Responsibility in a Denominational Seminary." The document reaffirms the contractual nature of the Abstract of Principles, which the Southern Seminary charter designates as a guideline for those teaching in the seminary. The statement terms the Abstract a doctrinal consensus, officially approved, within which academic freedom for every professor is guaranteed.

"Assuring compliance with the charter's mandate requires both the conscientious commitment of individual faculty and the integrity of administration and trustees," the statement continues. It notes that the Abstract seeks to guarantee "the continuation of historic Baptist emphases on the primacy of scripture and liberty of conscience, while maintaining theological continuity with the cardinal principles which Baptists hold in common."

Moody, 68, is a native of Texas and a graduate of Baylor University. He holds earned doctorates from Southern Seminary and from Oxford University in England. He has been a visiting scholar at the Institute for Advanced Theological Studies in Jerusalem, and was once a student under noted theologians Paul Tillich, Karl Barth and Emil Brunner.

## Kentuckians awed by appointments at Indianapolis for overseas service

by Bob Allen, Staff Writer

The first Foreign Mission Board appointment service ever held north of the Ohio River drew no small number of Kentuckians across their state's northern border to a gathering at the Indianapolis Convention Center Apr. 12.

Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, estimated Kentuckians numbered 400 in a crowd of 6500 hailing mainly from seven north central region states.

The past few years the FMB has been conducting its annual spring meeting and appointment service at various sites across the Southern Baptist Convention, prefixing the service with a big attendance push in all states in the area. While Kentucky was not part of the targeted north central region, Kentucky Baptists were urged to attend.

For many who did go it was a new experience and most rated it highly. "It was a marvelous, tremendous service," Owen opined, that was undoubtedly a

witness to the work of Southern Baptists in the north central pioneer states.

Kentuckians commenting on the meeting identified several impressions and highlights.

Jim Holloway, himself a Home Mission Board appointee working as director of Long Run Association's Baptist Center in downtown Louisville, was impressed from the beginning. "I thought the flag procession was colorful and moving." Immediately after the welcome and introduction, flag bearers carrying banners representing the 96 nations served by Southern Baptist missionaries proceeded down aisles and circled the platform area. "It was like a mini United Nations," Holloway declared. "The whole event impressed in me a pride of being a missionary."

Three women from East Baptist Church, Louisville, riding to the service with Holloway commented on the scope of the work of Southern Baptists in the world. They were intrigued with the various places the missionary appointees will be going and with the many different jobs they will perform on the mission field.

Holloway was touched by the way the large congregation was made to feel a part of the selection process. After a unanimous vote by board members to appoint the missionary candidates, FMB president R. Keith Parks asked everyone in the assembly hall to stand in agreement with the board's action.

William L. Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, appreciated the warm atmosphere of the meeting. He had witnessed a commissioning service several years ago, but the influx of area church people made it a much more worshipful experience. "It was a very inspirational service," Hancock said. "I thought there was a greater degree of emphasis on missions without the distraction of a convention atmosphere. It came closer to giving the opportunity to magnify missions and to giving people a chance to make a commitment to missions."

The highlight, in Hancock's opinion, was testimonies from all 23 missionary candidates. Clearly that was a sentiment shared by the majority of those at the service. "The Foreign Mission Board is wise in selecting these sites

across the convention for these services," he added.

Baptist Building staff were well represented, with a number of KBC employees making the two hour drive up I-65 from Middletown. "I was really grateful that we got to go," said Ella Mae Young, office secretary, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union. "It was something special."

Kentucky Baptists were also well represented on the program with seven of the appointees owing Kentucky for part of their spiritual pilgrimage.

Russell W. Futrell, a Louisiana native appointed to Lebanon, and Teri Lynn Smith, an Alabamian headed for Jordan, both attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Robert and Deborah Cochran, missionaries appointed to Belgium, both hold Southern Seminary degrees and Cochran is currently in the seminary's doctoral program.

Long Hong Pham and wife Mary, natives of Vietnam, were appointed to the Philippines. Pham, a refugee, is minister to Vietnamese at Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville.

And Karen Sue Wright, missionary appointee to Belgium, is a native of Kentucky who got her first taste of missions as a BSU summer missionary. A product of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Miss Wright graduated from Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. She worked five years in inner city work at Baptist mission centers in Houston, Tex. before surrendering to foreign mission service last year at Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest.

Seminary Winds, under the direction of Southern Seminary professor Douglas Smith, led music throughout the program along with a combined choir.

The service climaxed with a long invitation as numerous young people and adults responded to a plea by Parks for commitment to foreign missions and other full time Christian work. Followed, for Kentuckians, by a long but pleasant drive home.

Additional coverage of the Indianapolis appointment service is on page 9.

## Ecumenical lodging offered in Pittsburgh

Non-Southern Baptist ministers in Pittsburgh are helping find "homes for the homeless" who want to attend the annual SBC convention in their city.

Publicity over the shortage of rooms for the 15,000 to 20,000 Southern Baptists who are expected to attend the meeting June 14-16, especially stories of hotels refusing to honor reservations they had already accepted, has evoked Christian charity among the Pittsburgh religious community.

"American Baptists and Methodists have really taken the lead in offering assistance," said Tim Hedquist, SBC convention manager. "The local ministerial alliance has contacted the Southern Baptist Convention and is trying to find private housing among its member congregations for Southern Baptist visitors."

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C. R. Daley

## daley observations

# The pro-Israel resolution should be rejected

A welcome spirit of calmness and optimism prevails among most Southern Baptists as we approach the annual convention in Pittsburgh this June. President James Draper and other influential leaders are working for peace in Pittsburgh.

Unfortunately this desire for harmony is not shared by all those who plan to participate in Pittsburgh. Glaring examples are Norris Sydnor and Edward McAteer and their hardline followers.

Sydnor, a black bivocational pastor in the Washington area, was made chairman of the 1982 convention resolution committee by former president Bailey Smith in spite of the fact he had never attended a Southern Baptist Convention and he was deeply involved in right wing political activity.

McAteer is a Memphis layman and founder of The Roundtable, an ultra right wing political organization. He was an advisor for Sydnor in last year's convention and admits he was the contact person for the Reagan administration with the 1982 Southern Baptist Convention.

The bitterest struggle in New Orleans last year was over a pro-Israel resolution strongly supported by Sydnor and McAteer. Because of its divisive effect and its potential to jeopardize Southern Baptist missionary efforts among Arabs, the proposed resolution was referred

back to the committee by the messengers. This should have been the end of it but the resolutions committee brought it back to the floor in spite of Foreign Mission Board president Keith Parks' plea and the request of its original maker to drop it. It was finally tabled by the messengers which, McAteer says, was his biggest disappointment with the convention.

It is not surprising then that Sydnor and McAteer say the same resolution will be presented in Pittsburgh this year. If it is, it will again be a source of turmoil.

This proposed resolution should be rejected by this year's resolutions committee and never brought to the messengers. If it reaches the floor of the convention, it should be promptly rejected by the messengers.

There are several good reasons for not adopting such a resolution. The first is that the resolution is based upon a very controversial interpretation of the scriptures. Some Baptists believe the modern state of Israel is part of God's completion of all things and that is surely their right. Other Baptists do not hold the kind of dispensationalism upon which this resolution is based and that's their right.

The resolution is interpreted as unconditional support by Southern Baptists of all policies of the modern state of Israel including the invasion and occupation of Lebanon by Israel. Many

Southern Baptists, though supporters of Israel, would not go so far so why divide ourselves over such an issue?

An even stronger reason for not adopting such a resolution is its potential effect upon Southern Baptist missionary efforts among Arabs. Jews and Arabs are mortal enemies so to take such a pro-Israel stand would enrage Arabs and greatly hinder our present Christian witness among them.

Paul's principle of spiritual expediency applies here. Our obligation to evangelize supersedes our right to express our views. Even if all Southern Baptists subscribed to the biblical interpretation underlying this resolution, it would be wrong to adopt it if it hindered anyone from hearing the gospel and coming to Christ.

Our Southern Baptist leaders see this. Foreign Mission Board president Keith Parks sees much potential harm from the adoption of this resolution. Former Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian Rogers is also on record against any convention action which would hamper our missionary work. Surely messengers in Pittsburgh will not ignore the counsel of such denominational leaders in order to follow fringe zealots like Sydnor and McAteer.

Resolutions should be used not to try to identify Southern Baptists with divisive conservative or liberal political or theological views but to try to unify us and to strengthen our witness.

## Dehydrated watermelons and hydrated Baptists

An unidentified but much appreciated Western Recorder reader shared with me last Monday a newspaper clipping which would take the blues out of any Monday. The clipping was from the Times-Argus of Central City in which editor Larry Stone writes a column with the heading "muleburgers." I don't know what a muleburger is but if the Mar. 30 version is typical, one of these delicacies is worth the annual subscription price.

The fascinating muleburger marked for my attention has to do with a concocted experience of Stone in World War II. While reminiscing recently with buddies Larry mentioned how he deplored dehydrated eggs, milk and potatoes served him while in service in Europe but how delicious the dehydrated watermelons were.

Immediately he was challenged by his listeners as if he were not telling the truth about the watermelons so he set out to verify his story. The first fellow G. I. to whom he appealed denied any memory of the dehydrated melons but another service buddy from the deep south not only verified the story but added some back-

ground and details.

It seems the watermelon project was the idea of a Southern officer who wanted to prove Southerners are smarter than Yankees. He persuaded the quartermaster corps to dehydrate watermelons and use them for a test in one company of soldiers under combat conditions. The company had one platoon made up entirely of Southerners while the rest of the company was made up completely of Yankees.

The quartermaster experts succeeded in reducing 50 lb. watermelons to the size of a golf ball. The melons were distributed to the members of the company with only one word of direction. The one word direction was "baptize." Since most of the platoon of Southerners were Baptists, they immediately understood the directions and upon immersing the golf ball melons began enjoying 50 lb. beauties. The Yankees who were mostly Methodists, Catholics and Episcopalians proceeded to sprinkle the melons but with no effect.

Stone says he and his southern buddies never did tell the Yankees how to reconstitute their

melons but that the experiment designed to demonstrate the superior intelligence of Southerners worked.

Having raised watermelons in Georgia where a 50 pounder is regarded as golf ball size, I can believe part of Larry's story but as a Kentucky Baptist I cannot believe all of it. No Baptist from Kentucky would hesitate under any conditions to tell a sprinkling believer how to be baptized.

But with too many Baptists today the problem is not understanding the directions but in submitting to the whole process. We have no trouble with the dehydration part. Too many spiritually 50 pounders at the time of conversion become golf ball size as the years go by. Our problem is how to restore golf ball size believers to 50 pounders spiritually. Immersion alone once or even twice won't do it.

Some of us, however, have learned the magic of reconstitution when it comes to reporting religious news. We can take most any golf ball size result and make a 50 lb. report out of it.

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## The inner city

# All God's children

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

Many churches won't let them in. Employers won't hire them. The news media try to exploit them.

They are the street people, homeless people who own little more than the clothes they wear, people who must constantly wander the streets of the city in search of food and shelter.

Southern Baptists have committed themselves to helping these people through community centers such as Jefferson Street Baptist Center in Louisville.

Jeff Street also offers aid to the residents of Louisville's oldest and largest projects, which are directly across the street from the center.

**A JOURNALIST'S EYE VIEW.** I had never encountered a so-called 'street person' until I visited Jeff Street; so I naturally had the stereotypical image in mind at the outset of my journey.

I was somewhat apprehensive leaving my car in the parking lot behind the center but when I walked into the lobby those apprehensions were quickly forgotten as others took their place.

Several men, whom I in my limited knowledge discerned to be street people, were sitting on the steps leading to the offices and the chapel which is located in the center.

They wore faded jeans and old jackets and well worn shoes. I was surprised to note how young they must have been.

No one was talking when I came in and immediately I felt all eyes turn upon me. In the noticeable silence I suddenly had great misgivings about continuing my venture.

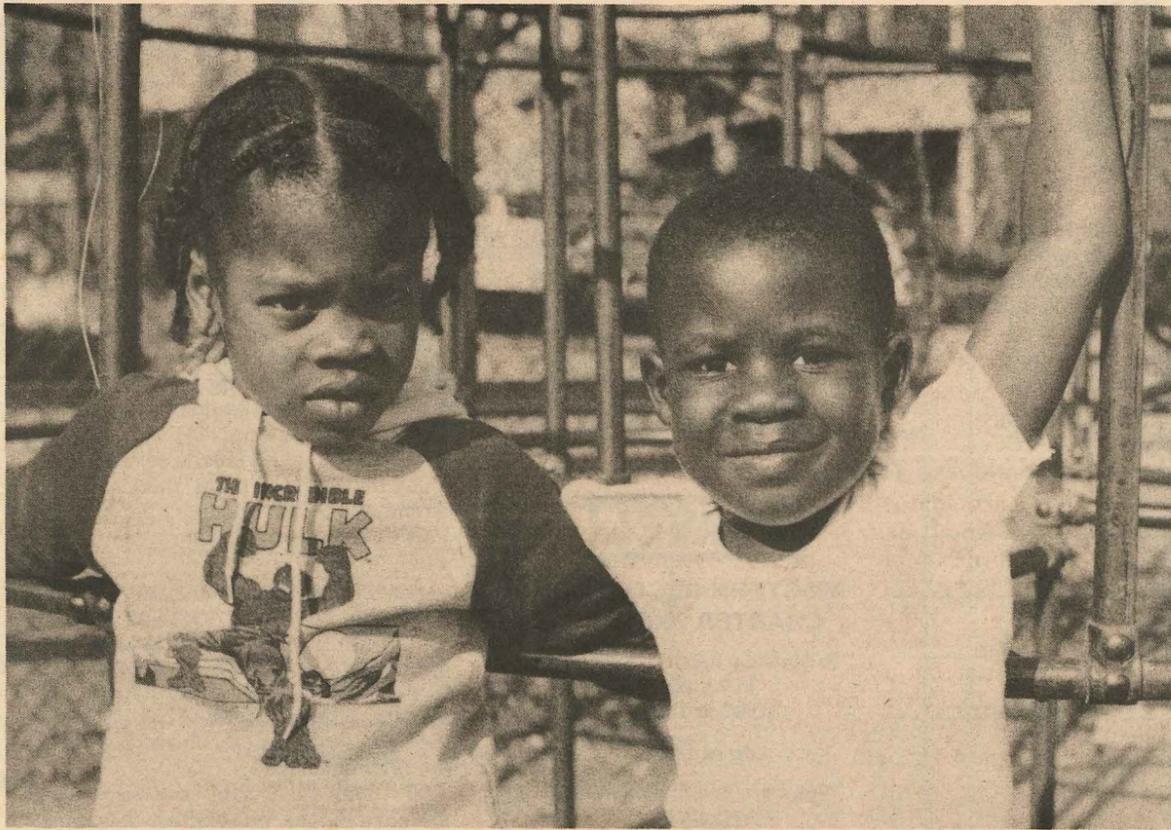
Still I proceeded, rather nervously, up the stairs, past the men, and found the office of Greg Whitetree, weekday program coordinator for both Jeff Street and East Baptist Centers. I was much relieved when I went into his office and he closed the door behind us.

**ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN.** Jeff Street offers a quite comprehensive program for the needy. According to Whitetree, "We're here when people need us and want us 365 days a year. If a person needs something we try to provide it. Through it all we try to weave the word of God."

The street person spends his day in a series of movements from place to place biding time until he perhaps can go to a mission for the night.

The center provides a breakfast for these men on Saturday morning and opens its clothes closet to them for a change of clothing.

Sunday morning there is a breakfast then a Sunday school class conducted in street language. The Sunday school



then encourages the men to stay for the church service in the chapel.

Jeff Street is also trying to meet employment needs. According to Whitetree a "band aid" approach is not sufficient. About 90 percent of this area's population is unemployed. Long term unemployment may go back two or three generations and living 'hand-to-mouth' is the only way of life many of these people have ever known. "There are many who would like to get out of this system," Whitetree pointed out, "but they don't know how. We're trying to short circuit the unemployment cycle."

Jeff Street brings in people to teach basic job skills. The center also offers a program which works to develop a mindset of being employed. It teaches people to see themselves as individuals with ability and they teach them attitudes about working.

"These men have been told they're never going to make it because they're black or white trash or inner city," Whitetree explained. "We have to begin by working on attitudes, to teach them to say, 'I feel good about myself. I'm a child of God'."

Jeff Street also has a program with the community treatment center of the Jefferson County jail. It offers Sunday morning classes especially for these men and after the worship service local brotherhood groups provide lunch for them.

Jeff Street's programs for community children are another important facet of the center's work.

Friday night's drop-in program gives older children and teenagers a safe place to go to play pool and ping pong and to talk with center workers.

During the summer Jeff Street takes the gospel to the children with "God wagons." These wagons are filled with backyard Bible club material, refreshments and sports equipment. A Jeff Street staffer takes the wagon to a community playground and sets up shop. Usually five-15 children will turn out for one of these get togethers.

A day camp takes the children out away from the inner city hustle and bustle for a while. The Bible school is held at Jeff Street and East centers. Last year about 250 attended VBS.

Through funding by the Home Mission Board Christian High Adventure



Jefferson Street Baptist Center ministers to area children as well as street people. As more than a "band aid" operation, Jeff Street offers opportunities for personal development as well as crisis assistance.

was begun for teenagers. Eight campers and two summer missionaries make a six day trek through the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

For senior citizens Jeff Street has an ongoing program of Bible study, activities and worship. It is also a nutrition site for the elderly.

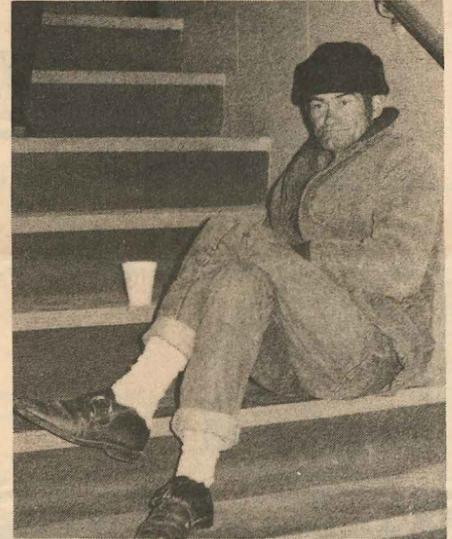
Along with channel 32, the American Red Cross and the Jefferson County Medical Society, Jeff Street provides health fairs for area residents. Last year 150 were screened through this program.

**ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.** After my interview Greg took me on a tour of the center's facilities. I mentioned to him that I wanted to take pictures of the men on the steps. He asked them if that was all right with them and they agreed.

As I stood at the bottom of the stairs focusing the camera I felt keenly aware of my position and theirs. My earlier apprehension had begun to reappear until the men began to talk to me and to laugh at me because I was having problems with the camera.

For the first time I realized they were really no different than anyone else and certainly were not to be feared nor scorned because of their social status. I finished the picture with a different attitude toward street people.

Next, Greg allowed me to sit in on an



interview one of the workers was about to have. A mother of four desperately needed food and clothing for her children.

As I listened to her story and watched her five-year-old son sitting in the chair next to me I felt helpless.

Later after the interview while the mother went back into an office I was waiting near a water fountain in the hall. The little boy came up beside me and tapped me. "Can I have some water," he asked, pointing to the fountain."

He was much too short to reach it; so I picked him up and held him there while he drank his fill.

As I set him down I felt even more helpless. "Is this all I can do?" I thought, "give him a drink of water?"

Then I remembered what Jesus had said about giving a child a cup of water.

Black, white, young, old—the inner city people are still all God's children and they need a cup of water that Southern Baptists can give.

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# Many will again take the bus, leave driving to WR

by Bob Allen, Staff Writer

Plenty of room remains available on the Western Recorder charter bus express to the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., but the proverbial hour is getting late.

That's according to Ray Hayes, advertising/promotion director for Western Recorder, who is planning the third annual trek to the 126th annual meet-

ing of the SBC. Hayes says persons wanting to join the troupe need to apply by May 1. Final payment on rooms booked a year ago is due May 15, Hayes explains, and rooms not spoken for by that date will have to be relinquished.

News reports indicate housing will be a headache in Pittsburgh. Two thousand fewer rooms are available than were promised in 1978 by the Pittsburgh housing bureau, and there will

be competition for remaining rooms between SBC messengers and persons attending the U. S. Open golf tournament at Oakmont Country Club.

Aside from securing a room, Hayes says the WR Express has other selling points. Downtown parking is always a nightmare and will be complicated in Pittsburgh by construction projects underway. The charter bus will deliver messengers from the door of the hotel to the door of the convention center. Bus shuttles will be made several times a day between the hotel, the Civic Arena and to and from auxiliary meetings held away from the convention site.

Another selling point, Hayes says, is fellowship offered by traveling as a group. Many passing acquaintances have gotten to know each other better on previous trips, he claims. About 75 percent of those already booked for the 1983 trip have gone to one or both of the previous trips.

The main attraction, however, is cost. The idea for the WR express was born prior to the Los Angeles convention in 1981. A small church pastor and Hayes were discussing how they would like to go to the annual meeting but cost seemed prohibitive. The pastor's church had budgeted \$500 to send him to the convention and Hayes set out to find if it could be done. He chartered

two buses, reserved rooms and figuring on a cost recovery basis made it by \$20.

The trip continues to be nonprofit as a service to churches. Costs for the trip are computed by adding the cost per rider of each bus to room rates—period. This year's costs are \$260 per person in a four person room, \$280 for a three person room and \$305 for a double. Rooms will be at the Ramada Inn, Washington, Pa., about 11 miles from downtown.

The bus will leave the Baptist Building in Middletown at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 11, arriving in Pittsburgh prior to pre-convention meetings on Sunday. The group will attend church Sunday morning in Pittsburgh. The bus will return to Middletown on the evening of Friday, June 17.

Soft drinks, fellowship and devotions are included. "It's structured enough to be enjoyable," Hayes says, but informal enough to be relaxed. "It's fun," he summarized.

Persons interested in going along for the ride should clip and mail the "Travel" coupon from the Western Recorder, accompanied by a \$75 deposit for each reservation, or may call Hayes at (502) 245-4101. Full payment was officially due Apr. 15, Hayes says, but an extension to May 1 is being granted.

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## Campbellsville convocation

# Wednesday's child spotlighted by Liz Everman

by Joan C. McKinney

Liz Everman, host of Louisville's Channel 32, WLKY-TV's "Wednesday's Child," spoke Apr. 5 at Campbellsville College's convocation program.

"Wednesday's Child," a series shown every Wednesday, introduces viewers to a youngster who needs to be adopted.

Eighty-eight children thus far have been adopted as a result of being on the air. Two hundred and fifteen children have been adopted from exposure from the program.

The "Wednesday's Child" series works with the Special Needs Adoption Program of the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources in placing the children.

According to Miss Everman most of the children have emotional problems, have been sexually abused or are malnourished and have had "a very sad childhood." Yet the children still have a deep love for their real parents after being adopted, she noted.

Miss Everman pointed out she learned valuable lessons in dealing with the children. She said they did not trust her at first because they had been rejected so many times. "I learned you can't be a nice guy all the time," she stated.

She added, "love goes a long way"

in dealing with the children and for the adoptive parents.

The series has won numerous awards, including 14 awards in 1982. "But the real awards go to the special people who adopt the children," Miss Everman commented. "They give love, attention and the patience that the children need."

The program, which is aired on both early and late news programs on Wednesday, features a child sharing an activity, such as roller skating, with Miss Everman. At the end of the program a local number for Jefferson County residents and another one for those in other parts of the state are flashed on the screen.

Interested persons may call the numbers and social workers give them the rest of the child's story. If they are still interested, they may come to a group meeting in which other adoptive parents share experiences.

The parent and child are matched after the family is approved. Then a visitation process is started, a sort of courtship, to see if they can get along.

After the parents and child live together successfully for one year the final adoption takes place in a judge's chambers. The child is given a new birth certificate as if he had been born in that family.

Miss Everman explained one does not have to be rich to adopt a child. Nor does he have to have a college education or own his own home. He must

have love and patience.

She also refuted the common assumption that the children on the series are retarded. She added, however, children with severe handicaps are the most difficult to place.

Miss Everman, whose mother died when she was 12 years old and who was raised by an aunt, said the most special child with whom she has dealt was the first one who was adopted.

Teresa was 12 and she and Miss

Everman shopped for a cowboy hat and played miniature golf. The station received 65 calls after the segment ran and Teresa was adopted. When Miss Everman paid her a followup visit Teresa had just got a telephone in her room and she was trying out for cheerleader.

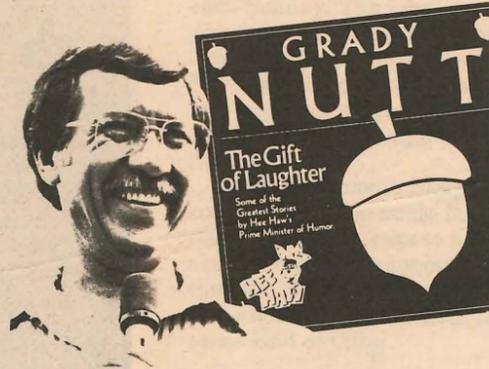
She told Miss Everman, "When my mom gave me up, I thought it was the end of the world, but now I know it's not."



Liz Everman [r], host of the "Wednesday's Child" series on Channel 32, WLKY-TV, Louisville, speaks with Rolando Raganas, minister of music at Campbellsville Baptist Church, following convocation.

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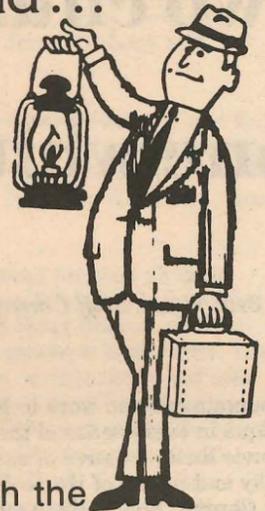


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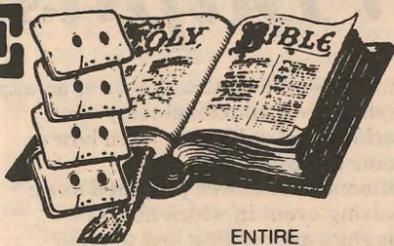
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## Leading the way in mountain missions

# One preacher, two churches; one white, one black

by Beth Wyatt, Staff Correspondent

Mountain mission work in Kentucky is unique in every sense of the word. Denvis Rush, a native of eastern Kentucky and pastor of Horse Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association, the past 23 years is an example.

In addition to the mission minded white congregation Rush also serves Lilly Grove Baptist Church, a black congregation equally missionary in its endeavors.

Horse Creek meets in a large brick building on Highway 80 in rural Clay County. Fifty-two percent of its offerings go to the Cooperative Program and local association. It is listed in the top 100 in Kentucky in giving and baptisms. In addition many local projects are led by the church.

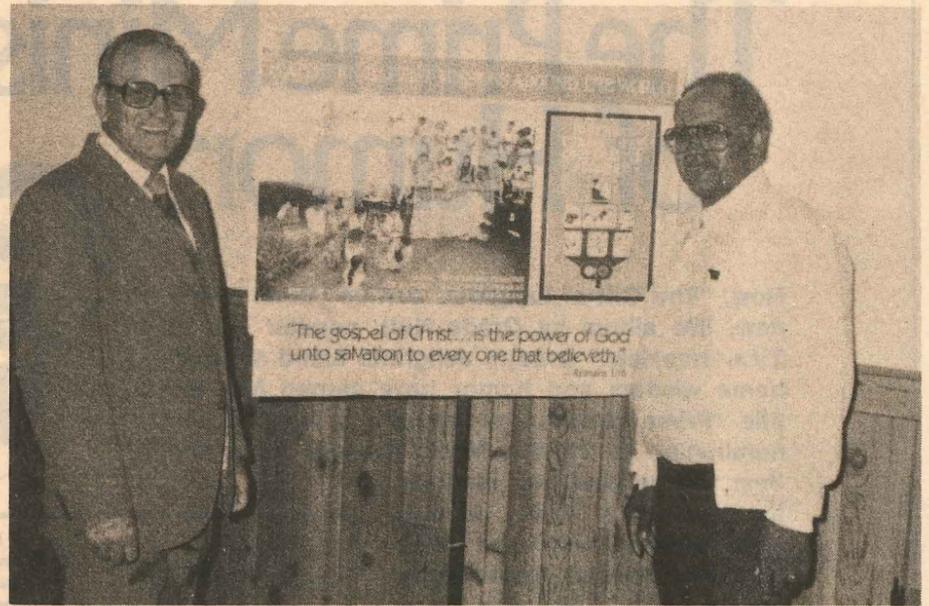
Mission vacation Bible schools have

been a continuing project of the church and from one came the revival of the Lilly Grove church.

In 1969 following vacation Bible school Bertha Johnson approached Rush telling him, "You have got to come and help us." After much prayer on his part and insistence on hers, he agreed to preach an initial revival and to come once a month to preach on Saturday night.

The folks agreed he should be their pastor, beginning a relationship that has continued to grow for almost 15 years.

One of two men saved in that first revival was Roy Lyttle. He said, "I took my wife to the revival meeting and sat in my truck until one night I decided to slip in and sit in the back of the house." Lyttle relates, "That's the night the Lord got me." Prior to that day Lyttle divided his time between the bank in town where he works and the



"Carrying the gospel around the world . . ." Denvis Rush, Horse Creek Baptist Church pastor and deacon Roy Lyttle of Lilly Grove Baptist Church share this mission dream.

local jail. He has been a deacon and a leader in the church, he smiles and says, "about ever since I was saved. We believe in getting to work for the Lord."

Lyttle is Brotherhood director of the Booneville Baptist Association and is an active one. Lilly Grove, voted into Booneville Association in 1971, is the only black congregation belonging to an eastern Kentucky association and Lyttle is possibly the only black man serving in such a capacity in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In the two and a half years he has been director five new Brotherhood organizations have been started.

"With Roy pushing, who can quit?" admitted one church director.

Early in his work at Lilly Grove Rush told the group if they were going to have a church a building would have to be built. Lilly Grove's meeting place was literally falling down. Today a

lovely brick building sits atop a hill in the community. Complete with a baptistry, carpet, padded pews and adequate room for growth, the building was paid for the day it was occupied.

Rush has urged the people at Lilly Grove to get a black pastor, claiming a black man could do more for them and they in turn could do more for the Lord. "You are plenty black enough for us," Mrs. Johnson says. "When the big church gets to be more than you can handle, you can always have us to preach to."

Preaching the gospel is missions, Rush declares. "I want to support missions here and on the foreign fields until the Lord comes for me or calls me home." He has spent his life and entire ministry in the area where he was born. A native of the Bush community in Laurel County, Rush served a number of churches in Laurel River Association before going to Horse Creek.

## Why I am a Southern Baptist

by Glenn Mollette, Staff Correspondent

Occasionally I will hear someone comment about his reason for being a Southern Baptist. Some declare they are members of our convention because of some particular doctrine or doctrines. Others point out they belong to the SBC because of the convention's attitude toward missions, evangelism and education. I, too, greatly appreciate our convention for being a people of the Bible and because of our mission endeavors and various Cooperative Program efforts.

However, I did not become a member of a Southern Baptist church because I was impressed with all the convention was doing.

I am a Christian and a Southern Baptist because Southern Baptists first of all cared. This care affected me while I was growing up in Martin County outside Inez on Milo road. The First Baptist Church of Inez, one of still only two in the county, cared enough to have a mission Bible school in an old deserted block church building once upon a time used by a Freewill Baptist church.

The school was small, consisting of three teachers and a director, and was planned to reach children and youth.

About eight of us attended. I remember at age 15 riding my bicycle three miles from home every day for a week because one of the teachers, a high school senior girl, invited me and told me refreshments would be served each day. We had refreshments, recreation, crafts and a Bible lesson. I figured it couldn't be all bad since they served Kool-Aid and cookies.

On Friday an invitation was given to respond in commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord. I did so along with several others. I became a Christian that July day and was baptized the next Sunday in the Southern Baptist church in Inez.

Southern Baptists in Martin County have been viewed suspiciously for years by the Old Regular Baptists. Some of the old county folk still view them as being some kind of heretical sect.

Yet, I became a Christian and then a Southern Baptist because Southern Baptists cared enough to have a Bible school and invited me to participate in it.

Secondly, I am a Southern Baptist because they taught me. Southern Baptists were the first people to tell me how to be saved. Growing up in Appalachia makes it easy to be exposed to a lot of religion. Unfortunately, a person might attend some churches all his

life, see people on their knees at an altar weeping, view emotional teary eyed preaching and still never learn how to become a Christian.

Often salvation was preached as an agonizing event in which hours of struggling and wailing had to occur before one could get right with God. Thus Christianity seemed to be a perplexing mystery that frightened me.

However, Southern Baptists taught me. They told me how to be saved. They explained in simple terms the love of God and his plan of salvation. They enrolled me in Sunday school and taught me the Bible.

What if it had not been for Southern Baptists? I tremble at this thought. I am afraid I still might not be a Christian. Thank God for Southern Baptists!

Third, I am a Southern Baptist because they helped me. No church could have loved me more than did the Southern Baptists in Inez.

After I was baptized they wanted me to sing in the choir. They wanted me to give my testimony and even lead in prayer during worship. After I felt called to preach the pastor and the people provided many opportunities for me to do so.

I don't know what life would be like today if Southern Baptists had not

looked beyond my faults and sins and loved me enough to help me.

Finally, I am a Southern Baptist because of fellowship. I had never experienced the joy of being around many Christians and the joy of Christian living until I became a Southern Baptist. Southern Baptists were fun. They were not sad faced and stern about everything. Through their fellowship they helped me understand the Christian life is a joyful life.

I am committed to Christian education, missions, evangelism and all other Cooperative Program endeavors of Southern Baptists. Yet my commitment to the Southern Baptist Convention began with the outreach of Southern Baptists.

Those who are not Christians are not impressed that we have a Cooperative Program. Nor are they impressed with all that the Cooperative Program does. I am. This is because I have been a Southern Baptist for 13 years. However, those who are lost are impressed because of outstretched arms of Southern Baptists. These arms are the arms of Christian love, care, instruction, help and fellowship.

If lost persons are approached with these arms, our Cooperative Program ministries will never suffer.

# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

Lawrence E. Palmer assumed duties Feb. 1 as pastor of Cardinal Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

A native of Mississippi, Palmer has pastored churches in Louisville, Philadelphia and Mississippi. He is an MDiv student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was 1981 recipient of the Clyde T. Francisco preaching award.

He is married to the former Dianne Jones, a high school teacher in the Oldham County school system. They are parents of two children, Charissa, 11, and Joshua, 7.

J. Chester Badgett, pastor of Meadowview Baptist Church, Campbellsville, and director of church relations for Campbellsville College, and wife Ruth held an eight day revival recently at Bethel Baptist Church, Caracas, Venezuela.

Twenty nationalities were represented in the congregation, including members of national embassies of Indonesia, Jamaica and Trinidad.

The church is pastored by William Hoglen, former missionary in residence at Campbellsville College. The church's membership is 65.

Joseph Wayne Norman recently accepted the position of assistant pastor for music and youth at Little Flock Baptist Church, Shepherdsville.

Norman, his wife Becky and daughters Amy and Shannon are natives of Birmingham, Ala. He is a graduate of Samford University and has attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is former minister of music and education at East Baptist Church, Louisville.

James Phillip Majors is pastor at Little Flock.

Lewis W. Martin, pastor of the Orchard Knob Baptist Church, Atlanta, was honored in services Mar. 20 upon his 60th anniversary as an ordained minister. Martin is well known in Kentucky as a pastor, evangelist, missionary and denominational leader. His work in eastern Kentucky led to the invitation to join the Home Mission Board staff from which he retired and returned to the pastorate. Guest speaker for this recognition service was Leonard Irwin of the Home Mission Board.

Tim Madison has been called to pastor Poplar Ridge Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association. A native of western Kentucky, Madison is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., now attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Pochantas, Tenn.

Rick Joyner recently became part time youth minister at Second Twelve Mile Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. He and his wife Vickie have a son, Matthew.

Bill Hart has resigned as minister of music and youth at South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington, to accept a call from First Baptist Church, Seymour, Tenn.

Hart leaves Kentucky after 13 years at two churches.

Judy Hale became youth director at Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike Association, Mar. 27. A member of First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Miss Hale is a student at Pikeville College.

Bill Egbert began a pastorate at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Monroe Association, Apr. 3. Egbert is also pastor of



Palmer



Badgett

Rough Creek Baptist Church, Allen Association.

Randy Davenport has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, Elkton. A native of Logan County, Davenport recently moved from Mercer Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

Davenport and his wife Nancy have two sons, Shane, 7, and Matthew, 2.

Thomas Dail was named pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owenton, recently.

A North Carolina native, Dail is a graduate of Trinity Bible College and is currently a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Faye have two daughters, LaRaine and Melissa.

Bruce Carson, a student at Cumberland College, has been named youth director at First Baptist Church, Jenkins. Carson is the oldest son of pastor Tony Carson.

Henry Smith began Apr. 3 as pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Allen Association. He has pastored churches in Allen, Monroe and Liberty associations.

Champ Varney resigned Mar. 27 as pastor of Phelps Baptist Church, Pike Association, to accept the pastorate at Unity Baptist Church, also of Pike Association.

This is Varney's second pastorate at Unity.

## congregations

Buechel Park Baptist Church, Louisville, will receive food donations Apr. 24 from 2-4 as a part of the fourth annual interfaith food drive sponsored by Louisville United against Hunger.

Dare to Care Inc., this area's emergency interfaith food program, will be the recipient of all nonperishable food collected during this drive.

Donations will also be taken that day from 2-6 p.m. at the Dare to Care warehouse at 112A Louisville Air Park, on Grade Lane between Preston and Fern Valley roads.

Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, will celebrate its 100th anniversary May 7-8. Former pastors and staff members are planning to attend and participate in informal and formal services beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Former members and friends are urged to join in the celebration. Marion Duncan is pastor.

South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville, has joined First Baptist Church, Newtown, Oh., in sponsoring Summer-side Baptist Chapel in Cincinnati Association. Robert Simpkins, South Fork pastor, says that since the South Fork church was looking for a place of service and the Newtown church was not able to begin a work by itself it was natural for the two churches to go together in sponsoring the chapel.

People from the South Fork congregation make weekly visits to Cincinnati to work on the field and so far have also supplied the speakers for the chapel each Sunday. The joint sponsorship is a direct outgrowth of the Kentucky-Ohio linkup. James Bunch, pastor of the Newtown congregation, says the chapel was begun in August 1982 as a part of the 104 Miracles emphasis of Ohio Baptists.

South Fork pastor Simpkins says his congregation has made far reaching financial commitments to help this mission become self supporting and at that time the South Fork congregation will find another area in which to do the same kind of thing.

Persons unable to hear Dorothy Sample, president of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, at the KBC WMU annual meeting Apr. 21-23 at Murray will have two more chances Sunday, Apr. 24.

Mrs. Sample, a Flint, Mich. psychologist, educator, wife and mother, is scheduled to be morning speaker at First Baptist Church, Madisonville the day following the final session of the WMU annual session. She will speak during evening church services at First Baptist Church, Sebree, beginning at 7 p.m. Apr. 24.

South Jefferson Street Baptist Church, Louisville, will hold a reception and open house Friday, Apr. 29 to celebrate the completion of phase two of the church's "Celebration 60" building program. The congregation will dedicate its newly completed fellowship hall Sunday morning, May 1.

Donald F. Coleman is pastor of the church.

## revivals

First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, held a revival Mar. 27-Apr. 1. Donnie Sutton was evangelist and Wes Bottoms music leader.

Virgie Baptist Church, Pike Association, reported a record 363 in attendance at the Wednesday, Mar. 30 session of the church's revival. Twenty-four made professions of faith and 14 were baptized. The revival closed Mar. 31 with 347 attending, four making professions of faith and 10 baptized.

First Twelve Mile Baptist Church, California, Ky., reports four professions of faith and two rededications from a revival Mar. 25-27. A Baptist Student Union youth team from Cumberland College led the weekend revival. Tim Martin was preacher, Alice Lusby song leader and Joyce Blevins recreation leader.

Keith Blair is pastor at Twelve Mile.

Hartford Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, reports 17 professions of faith and three additions by letter after a revival Mar. 27-30. Homer Martinez, Dallas, Tex., was preacher.

Wesley O. Hanson is pastor at the Hartford church.

## missions

Mabel Summers, missionary to Lebanon, has arrived in the states for furlough (address: c/o Thomas Summers, Rte. 7, Box 115A, Elizabethtown, KY 42701). A native of Nelson County, she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1948.

Ruth A. McConnell, missionary to Yemen, may be addressed at Box 8080, Ibb, Yemen. A native of Kentucky, she was born in Louisville and considers Hopkinsville her home town. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

## ordinations

Randy Smith was ordained to the ministry Feb. 20 at Liberty Baptist Church, Russell County Association. Smith is pastor at White Oak Baptist Church, also in Russell County Association.

The ordination council consisted of Valda H. Cooper, Jerry Howerton, Barry Jude, Jerry Kibbons and C. A. Crews.

Lynn Baker, Harold Hornsby and Ron Brickler were scheduled for ordination as deacons Apr. 10 at Grant's Lick Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

There is nothing unusual about a preacher's son following in his father's footsteps but Doug Sharon and son Gerald have gotten it backwards. The elder Sharon, an insurance and real estate agent in Danville and active member of Calvary Baptist Church, recently surrendered to preach and entered Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

The younger Sharon, one of three children, pastor of Hedgeville Baptist Church, South District Association, was in the ordination service for his father Apr. 10.

Doug Sharon has been called to pastor Hyattsville Baptist Church, Lancaster.

## deaths

Connie Lee Hargrove, 93, died Jan. 1 in Florida. He held pastorates in Kentucky at Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, and 18 years at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington. He was field representative for Kentucky Baptist Hospital and the chapel at the hospital bears his name in honor of his fund raising efforts.

Hargrove retired from Porter Memorial and moved to Florida, where he for nine years was pastor of First Baptist Church, Tavares, Fla. He continued to preach on a supply or interim basis until age 91.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bess Bruce, Altoona, Fla.

W. E. Davis, 73, died Mar. 31. A preacher 53 years, Davis was pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Pike Association, the past four years.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter and grandchildren.

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# baptist forum

## Dale Moody's going has it coming

Mar. 6, 1983 the executive board of Casey County Association of Baptists voted unanimously to send a letter to Western Recorder and to Roy Lee Honeycutt stating our disagreement with and opposition to Dale Moody being allowed to continue as a professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since it is clearly known that he does not believe in the eternal security of the saved. We believe that all professors like Dale Moody should be asked or made to leave the seminary immediately upon learning of their departure from basic Baptist doctrine.

Also, we are confused as to why something has not been done to correct such a serious matter since it is so well known and even admitted by Dale Moody himself.

John P. Cummins, Middleburg

## They endorse Honeycutt action

This letter is being sent to you by unanimous action of the executive board of Greenup Association of Baptists.

We heartily commend you (Dr. Roy Lee Honeycutt) regarding your reprimandatory action concerning professor Dale L. Moody. We know that such a stand on your part took much courage.

This is to inform you that you do not stand alone. We strongly support you in this matter. The churches and pastors of this association stand by your side to offer you strength through our encouragement.

Whether or not professor Moody is correct and Baptists are wrong regarding "salvation by grace," he is an instructor in an institution that pays his salary from Southern Baptists' tithes and offerings. And if he insists on teaching principles that are contrary to historical Baptist doctrine, it must be insisted that he resign his professorship. If he does not it will greatly affect Cooperative Program receipts in the future.

We know that your load is heavy. In this day when biblical confusion is so prevalent among God's people and moral chaos is so obviously increasing among Satan's people, it is so very essential that our "Mother Seminary" stand forth in our world of darkness as a brilliant light.

Only truth makes men free. Jesus promised us that we shall know the truth (John 8:32). But its price is total consecration to the Lord. He promised his disciples then and us today, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God . . ." (John 7:17). And there is, absolutely, no other way to know biblical truth.

We positively lend our consent to your recent actions, and we promise you our prayers (Isa. 41:10-13).

[The above letter addressed to President Roy Lee Honeycutt of Southern Seminary is printed upon request of the Greenup Association executive board. —Editor]

## Commercializing our giving

I support the Cooperative Program fully but I don't understand the promotional material I recently received. The Cooperative Program Day publicity informs us that "Prayer is powerful . . . so is the Cooperative Program." Both of them are powerful, but so is Listerine. Both are powerful, but in different ways. To link them together such as this publicity does is to equate the two. What is the message we are trying to convey to our people; that we have elevated a program to the level of prayer or that we have lowered prayer to the level of being just another program? I hope neither one.

Tom Turner, Bellevue

## Are pastors doing the job?

This is in response to an article which was published in Western Recorder Mar. 23, 1983 concerning the confer-

ences which the Missouri Baptist Convention conducted for ministers who have experienced a forced termination of a pastorate.

The conference appears to be a very needed and commendable service. However a forced termination could possibly be avoided if pastors were better trained and equipped to go into the ministry.

Nothing could be better for a church than to have a pastor who would stay with a church and show humility, concern and love for God and his people. Today members of churches need to renew their church covenant and commitment to Christ, families are torn apart by divorce, drugs are consuming our youth and an apathetic attitude exists about Christ's work, as well as many other vices prevailing. Can pastors preach about these? Are pastors godly?

The book of Titus makes several points concerning pastors. He is to be blameless, a steward of God, not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre, temperate, holding fast to God's work that he may be able to exhort and to convince. I ask, can God change a pastor as well as a church? Can pastors handle church conflict? Can pastors be unbiased church moderators? Can churches trust their pastors? Are pastors willing to spend enough time in prayer and study in order to preach to the lost, inspire their memberships and motivate people to grow spiritually? Are pastors willing to give an account of their time to churches which pay them full time salaries?

Being a pastor is an awesome task and it takes a very special individual to perform the service even half way.

Louise R. Hester, Stanford

Remember to turn your clock  
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## Who would want an SBC in Louisville?

Here we sit in Kentucky, a state that boasts on bumper stickers "Home of fast women and beautiful horses"; a state which hosts (and loudly proclaims for the world to hear) the fastest (and richest, in form of bets) five minutes in sports; a state that leads the world in production of alcoholic beverages (and proclaims that for the world to see in some of the leading newsmagazines, some of which run advertisements to the effect that 'since leaving Kentucky I can't find my favorite brand' etc.); a state that leads the world in tobacco production (which has been named by the Surgeon General of the United States to be the second leading cause of deaths in the U. S. after heart disease); and a place where one can get on the elevator in the Baptist East Hospital in Louisville and see, as you ride up to the cancer ward to see a dying parishioner, a plaque stating: "This elevator donated by the Brown and Williamson Company."

Here we sit and say "no, we should not go to Las Vegas for the meeting!" Seems a little one sided doesn't it. I wonder what the good Southern Baptist brethren that are working so hard in Nevada and the home missionaries who we have on the strip working among the show people, the sinners, the ones that Jesus loved and associated with during his ministry on earth; I just wonder what they would say if the meeting was scheduled for Louisville or Lexington?

As for my deacon brother, Richard Lewis of Jenkins, that is the kind of attitude that is akin to the small child saying "Play by my rules or I'll take my ball and go home." I've seen people who said "I don't like what you preach so I'm withholding my tithes until you leave." It's that attitude that keeps the doors of hell wide open and a steady stream of lost souls marching right in. Bold Mission Thrust will never succeed until we learn to pull together and overlook each others' faults.

J. Stuart Cundiff, Linwood

# viewpoint

## Pastor search committees - a better way?

The time when a church is seeking a pastor represents one of the most important times in both its life and in the ministry of the prospective pastor. Speaking as a pastor, I want to surface several frustrations concerning the method of many pastor search committees, with the hope that the pastor search process might be improved.

First, many pastor search committees misuse the results of the congregational surveys now in vogue. When tabulated, such surveys characteristically reduce the profile of the new pastor to a predictable lowest common denominator: He must be between the ages of 35 and 45, and also possess a seminary degree, 15 years of experience, a supportive wife, two children (preferably a boy named "Johnny" and a girl named "Susie"), and a reputation as an adequate speaker and an effective evangelist.

Following the results of a survey legalistically, automatically excludes the exceptional person (either in terms of training, experience or age) because he does not conform to the golden mean.

Moreover, following such surveys so

slavishly strips from the committee its right to lead the church in a direction in which it feels led. It may feel strongly that the church needs a younger pastor, for example, but allow the wishes of a church as expressed in a survey to tie its hands.

Furthermore, such surveys include the opinions of the once-a-quarter attenders along with those of the "faithful few."

While not desiring to disenfranchise any member of the congregation, surely at such an important time in the life of the church as this an active member is more likely to be "in the know" concerning the needs of the church than a person who attends only at Christmas and Easter. A survey of the deacons, or of the church council, or of the teachers and officers in the Sunday school organization, for example, might be more helpful to the work of the committee, if indeed a church survey is needed at all.

Secondly, the time has come for churches and pastor search committees to reexamine the "unanimity rule" by which a committee must be unanimous in its recommendation to the church to call a prospective pastor. While the

reason for such a rule to prevent a fragmented committee and church is well intended, in practice the rule allows one committee member to exercise the tyranny of the veto because of some hidden agenda, personal ego problem, or power struggle on the committee that has nothing to do with the prospective pastor.

My suggestion is that a church's pastor search committee should be able to recommend a prospective pastor to the church on the same minimum percentage vote that the church's constitution requires to constitute a call from the church as a whole. The vote of one committee member should not be allowed to sabotage the committee's group process.

Finally, pastor search committees show an alarming lack of "down home" Christian courtesy in their method of operation. Too many committees treat pastors like so many hunks of raw meat on display at the supermarket. Pastors are persons with feelings, too. They deserve to be kept abreast of a committee's progress and decisions once a committee has approached them (and committees have a moral obligation to

provide such updates and not keep a prospective pastor "hanging" in suspense and/or ignorance).

This need for courtesy applies also to the habit of some committees to pay a surprise visit to the church of a pastor in whom they are interested. This practice is wrong on several counts: (1) it overemphasizes the pastor's preaching ability as if preaching is all that a pastor does; (2) it can prove disruptive to the pastor's present church and may even harm his position in it, thus showing no consideration for either him or the church; and (3) it wastes time and effort. After having gone to hear a person unannounced, the committee may find that he is not even interested in considering its church; or he may not be in the pulpit on the Sunday when it visits.

The importance of the task and the feelings of all involved call for pastor search committees to work through the search process in a more orderly and courteous manner than is all too often the case at present.

[The above opinion article was signed but name is withheld by the editor.]

# baptist news in brief

## Billy Graham recipient of CLC service award

The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has presented its Distinguished Service Award to evangelist Billy Graham for his outstanding contributions in applied Christianity.

Foy Valentine, executive director of the commission, and the six members of the commission's executive committee presented the award to Graham just prior to the second service of the Central Florida Billy Graham Crusade at Orlando, Fla.

Valentine told Graham the moral concerns agency selected him to receive the award in recognition of his leadership in such Christian social ethics areas as race, peace and public righteousness.

"We are presenting you with this plaque because you have been a faithful preacher of the whole gospel of God in Christ," Valentine told Graham. "You have emphasized in your preaching the divine imperative both to practice and to preach the whole gospel. You have been an authentic advocate of personal morality of the finest kind."

Valentine also lauded Graham as a "mighty voice for public righteousness" and "a consistent proponent of personal morality of the finest kind."

## Religion 'Baptistified' by worldwide influence

World Christianity is becoming increasingly "Baptistified" according to one of America's best known modern church historians.

Martin Marty, professor of the history of modern Christianity at the University of Chicago, delivered two addresses at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., as part of the seminary's 75th anniversary

observance.

He told an audience of Baylor University religion faculty and Southwestern Seminary's theological faculty that the Baptist form of Christianity which emphasizes persuasion and decision is gaining popularity over the "catholic" form of nurture, that "Christian children spring from the loins of Christian parents."

Marty, associate editor of *The Christian Century*, editor of the newsletter *Context* and coeditor of *Church History*, proved his claims he is an "unabashed Baptist watcher" by addressing several topics which have embroiled Baptists in recent years.

From his perspective of involvement when the Missouri Synod Lutheran split, Marty was asked what advice he had for Southern Baptists who, some say, are threatened with a split over biblical inerrancy. "I don't have a lot of advice or cheer," Marty said. "I have observed when an accuser gets the privilege of forming the accusation, there's no way to respond to it without sounding at least half guilty."

He said he had never seen an argument over the authority of the Bible that was not an attempt to use it as a weapon against other church members.

## Elkhorn Association begins building project

Elkhorn Association broke ground Apr. 4 for a new associational office building. Harold Polk, executive director of the 66-church association, stated, "Our purpose is to bring together cooperating churches to evangelize our area, strengthen the programs of our churches and to promote fellowship among our congregations."

Associational moderator Darrell Cruse said, "The entire association has wanted this building for a long time. Our people are 100% supportive."



Good turnout in an area relatively sparse of Baptists pleased sponsors of a Foreign Mission Board missionary appointment service in Indianapolis Apr. 12. If Baptists percentage-wise in any other place where the board has held similar meetings had responded as well, president R. Keith Parks told the crowd, "we never would have had a place big enough to hold them." One highlight of the service was testimonies by all 23 missionary appointees. Lynn Smith [inset], an Alabamian attending Southern Seminary, shares her call experience. [Right] Russ Futrell, also a Southern student, signs an autograph.



# Honeycutt reacts to trustee decision on Moody

by Bob Allen, Staff Writer

Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt told students that trustee action on the Dale Moody controversy reaffirmed "the centrality of the Abstract of Principles in the life of this institution," but also maintained freedom of faculty "to perform within the framework of these principles."

Speaking to students at a monthly coffee fellowship in Broadus Lounge the day after the board of trustees' annual spring meeting, Honeycutt summarized a statement on freedom and responsibility adopted by the board saying the Abstract of Principles, adopted in 1858 as part of the seminary charter, outline "a normative contract relationship."

However, the issue of whether Moody's controversial public views on apostasy, or falling from grace, violate that abstract, Honeycutt said, was skirted by the trustees. "My only public statement has been we would not have a heresy hearing," he said, defining a "heresy hearing" as a discussion that would have led to a dismissal because of doctrinal matters.

The trustees' action specifically concerning Moody consisted of two motions, Honeycutt reported. Omitting the specific "whereases" of the motions because of their personal nature, the

president said trustees voted to extend a half year leave requested by Moody before the apostasy controversy to a full year at full salary, and confirmed an interpretation of personnel policies that Moody's current contract with the seminary expires July 31, 1984.

Moody requested the leave of absence to accept an invitation by the Foreign Mission Board to teach in the Baptist seminary at Hong Kong, China. The original request was for a half year leave, which could be taken either as a six month leave at full salary or a full year at half salary. The clarification of the personnel policy stemmed from policy initiated by Honeycutt last year that contracts for faculty past the usual retirement age of 65 carry only an installation date and not a stated date of termination. The board upheld the administration's interpretation that all such appointments are valid for one academic year. As a result, the board stated, Moody's contract with the seminary concludes July 31, 1984.

The trustees purposely left undiscussed the 1984-85 school year, the last year Moody would be allowed to teach before reaching a mandatory retirement age of 70, Honeycutt said, "passing by in silence the Arkansas resolution."

"They took no action on that," Honeycutt explained, adding they "handled it as low key as possible. We felt like it was the best and least dam-

aging way to handle it."

However, Honeycutt later said privately, the action in effect was tantamount to a termination. Moody is undoubtedly a faculty member in good standing through his leave of absence, but the action taken by the trustees means Moody will not be asked to return to the classroom in the fall of 1984.

Honeycutt said in the past year he has received charges from the "radical right"—notably Paige Patterson, director of Criswell Institute for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Tex.—that the issue in the Moody case was not Moody's views on apostasy, but the failure of the Abstract of Principle guidelines to be enforced. Honeycutt opined, however, that the central issue is "not his views on apostasy, but his views on the Abstract."

An addendum presented by Moody in 1980 when he was required to re-sign the Abstract—he is the only professor ever to sign it twice—was clearly "suggestions should the abstract ever be revised," Honeycutt said, and "no one was substantive" as far as violating the Abstract itself.

The guiding rule for enforcing the Abstract, Honeycutt said, has always been the word of the professor that he will "teach in accordance with and not contrary to" the principles of the document. "As long as he says he will teach in accordance with the Abstract of Principles and means it, that's the only

standard," Honeycutt added.

The president suggested that Moody's statement "I can live with the Abstract" included in the 1980 addendum written to then president Duke K. McCall seems to indicate pretty clearly that Moody agreed to the Abstract. Honeycutt added that he and the trustees were "not willing to judge" whether Moody's expressed views on Article 13 of the Abstract constitute a violation of that agreement.

Honeycutt also reported that the board approved a resolution affirming that presidents McCall and Honeycutt acted properly in the handling of the Moody matter. Honeycutt said in an interview with a Louisville newspaper that a letter he wrote Moody last fall telling Moody that if a professor finds himself outside the Abstract of Principles, the only two options are the professor's resignation or action by the board of trustees to terminate him, and suggesting that if Moody chose the former route, he would need to write a letter of resignation by Dec. 31, was interpreted by Moody as an ultimatum. It was not meant to be, Honeycutt said, but was designed to jump the gun on an impending annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Arkansas Baptists debated Moody's position on apostasy in November and during their annual meeting passed a resolution asking the seminary to "consider the termination" of Moody.

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Acts 15:4-14 Certain teachers went from Judea to Antioch and bluntly denied the sufficiency of faith in Christ for salvation. Very emphatically they declared believers in Christ could not be saved without circumcision. Their agitation brought confusion and controversy over the question, can Christ save or does salvation come through Christ plus something else?

When Paul and Barnabas were not able to persuade these men to give up their erroneous teachings, it was decided the thing to do was for them to go to Jerusalem and consult with the apostles and the elders about this important matter and then obtain a ruling which would settle this question once and for all.

Upon their arrival in Jerusalem a lengthy discussion was held, many expressed their opinions and then Peter took the side of Paul and Barnabas, appealing to history (verses 7-9), experience (verse 10) and essential truth (verse 11). His speech prepared the assembly to listen attentively to Paul and Barnabas as they described the great things which God enabled them to accomplish among the Gentiles. Peter's masterful statement dealt his critics a severe blow. The rehearsal of the wonders which God had wrought through Paul and Barnabas had the desired effect.

After listening to the extended debate and waiting upon the Lord for wisdom, James, the half-brother of Christ, and the president of the council, sum-

marized what had been said, taught that Jews and Gentiles are saved on exactly the same terms, namely, by grace through faith in Christ, and then announced the final decision.

According to Peter, to require the Gentiles to keep the law would be to put a yoke upon their necks and according to James it would be to trouble them. To this verdict the council agreed and its members testified it was not necessary to be circumcised in order to be saved.

Acts 15:19-21 In keeping with the appeal of Peter, expressed in a few well chosen words, James said: "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from the Gentiles are turned to God."

Knowing it was not necessary to be circumcised and to keep the law in order to be saved, James encouraged the people to let the grace of God work in mighty power to transform and purify their lives.

## Life and Work Series GOD OF THE PAST, OF THE FUTURE

Isaiah 43:1-3 At the time these words were penned many Israelites were slaves on alien soil in Babylonia, surrounded by those who spoke a foreign language, and were perplexed by the strange customs of their captors. The one concern of these captives was that of release and the opportunity to go home.

For the people of Israel God had done many wonderful things. He had led them, fed them, defended them and given them numerous evidences of his presence, protection, power and provi-

sion.

Trouble is here described as passing through the waters and in its more severe form as walking through the fire. As long as we have them under control water and fire are two of man's best servants.

Isaiah 43:10-11 In making known Israel's role in the world, God made it clear he had never intended she should exist just for herself, but that she should be a faithful witness for him to the other peoples in the world. That is why God enabled the Israelites to know he is the only true and living God who can meet the needs of people anywhere.

Isaiah 43:16-19 In these verses God made reference to his making it possible for the Israelites to have an opening through the Red Sea through which to pass, and then caused the water to come back together and drown

the pursuing Egyptians. He also spoke of overthrowing the horse and chariot, of opening a highway through the wilderness, and of providing an adequate supply of water for those who traversed the wilderness. What God was now ready to do for them in the realm of spiritual redemption would prove to be much more than all he had done for them in the past. Those who would become the beneficiaries of God's grace and the recipients of his redemption through the Messiah would be expected to be his representatives and witnesses throughout the world. Isaiah 43:25 In spite of Israel's tendency to indulge in sin and thereby displease God, and at the same time do the nation an irreparable injury, God marvelously demonstrated his grace and mercy by making forgiveness available to all who would repent of their sins and receive it.

## Meet Cumberland College Student



*Judith Ann Pennington*

Judith Ann Pennington, Cumberland College senior from Keavy, is a unique person with a unique experience to relate.

Judy, a highly intelligent student majoring in mathematics and data processing, wants to become a college mathematics teacher. She is president of the Cumberland College Mathematics and Science Club.

Her unique experience occurred while auditing a class in calculus; Judy had the distinct privilege of being permitted to teach the course when the regular instructor became ill.

Judy loves such a challenge. "There are many people who find mathematics difficult and boring. I would like the opportunity to present mathematics in such a way to create interest from those who previously felt mathematics wasn't in their league. I like solving problems with numbers."

Judy chose Cumberland College because we are "...a small Christian school that made me feel at home. The first person I saw—a total stranger—smiled and said "Hi". Then the next person did the same. I was amazed that the people were all so friendly."

Judy immediately became an active member of the Cumberland College family and a friend to many others and Cumberland College helped her minister to others. "I now have a better perspective on life. I have realized the importance of being a friend to others and sharing Jesus with those who don't know Him...because after all Jesus is our best Friend!"

She has found that friendship and help returned to her by both students and faculty. "The faculty and administration sincerely care for the students. They make us feel as though our future is their main concern. They always ask if they can help and are willing to go the extra mile to help you learn."

Cumberland's Christian commitment is important to Judy. "Cumberland College stresses Christian principles and the importance of the role of Jesus Christ in one's life. I have the same beliefs and my motto is to let my light shine so others can see that Jesus Christ lives within my heart."

She concludes, "If I had to make my decision to attend Cumberland College again, I would make the same choice. I think of Cumberland as a light in Appalachia guiding students in their educational as well as spiritual lives. I challenge all high school students and others who are interested in attending college to come to Cumberland College, if you want to be surrounded with a Christian atmosphere and receive true concern from the faculty and administration."

Judy, herself is a light unto others. We are searching for others like her.

President Taylor,

Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Judy.

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## frank owen

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### CHURCH HOUSE HUMOR

One Monday morning during my Georgia years I met a good Methodist friend on the town square.

He said, "Frank Owen, I almost lost my marbles at church yesterday. I could hardly keep from laughing out."

I said, "What was so funny?"

He replied, "Your wife was our guest soloist. She had sung a solo that was reported to have been well done at your church so we asked her to sing it at First Methodist. The humor of the circumstance occurred to me as I sat in the pew and listened to the Baptist pastor's wife singing to us assembled Methodists 'O Generation of Vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Repent ye, for the Kingdom of God is at hand'."

On another occasion our church choir rendered an Easter cantata entitled "Immortality." Beneath the title on the printed program were the words, "directed by Mrs. Franklin Owen." Unfortunately, the printer left the "T" out of immortality. It read, "Immortality—directed by Mrs. Franklin Owen." Years later "Prof." Inman Johnson of Southern Seminary wrote a book en-

titled Of Parsons and Profs. He tells the that story in the book but declares he couldn't remember which of his former students had such event occur in his church. Well, the church was Gainesville, Georgia and my wife was the "immortal" director.

Once during testimony time at prayer meeting Brother Candler McEver, who loved to sing, announced that he would sing his testimony. The hymn he chose started at a moderate level and progressed higher and higher, line by line. Singing impromptu without the piano he took off an octave too high and ended up in a squeaking halt on tip-toe, unable to reach the last line.

Speaking of prayer meetings, I was once advised by a parishioner, "Preacher, you just may need to leave off the testimony time for a while. Samantha Hartle and "Smokey" Jones (both names fictitious) have a tendency to get into a sort of contest telling which one has been saved from the worst sins. It kinda comes out with the wrong emphasis."



# oneida journal

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## WALKING THE WALK

"Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight" has always meant more to me than noble words and a catchy tune. That belief and compulsion to love others and to serve others was with me long before I was a teenager.

When I accepted Jesus that Thursday chapel day morning more than 30 years ago, I caught a vision that has never left me. It first encompassed Oneida and the work done here since 1899 and then the world. Jesus loves people everywhere and died for people everywhere.

This vision and compulsion led me from law school back to Oneida 21 years ago to work that first time. It then led me thousands of miles from home and Oneida and all things earthly that I loved to the Turkoman steppe near the Russian border. There I lived and

labored and loved the Mongolian featured tribespeople and the almond eyed Persians. God was also there. That same love and compulsion for service then led me right back where I started. Here for nearly 11 years I have been privileged to work with the girls and boys of the hills and hollows, the cities and villages of 35 states, and 29 differing nations. God is also here.

Each morning it is my privilege to preside over our morning chapel. I look into the faces of nearly 550 girls and boys and staff. Then my eye is caught by the large piece of oak in the back of our chapel with the words carved boldly, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

Yes, we would! Yes, we do!

Those who stand behind our cross-shaped pulpit to sing, to pray, to preach help us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to see him and to be a servant as he was a servant.

One cannot separate loving God from

serving those about us. Jesus himself asked, "How can ye claim to love God whom ye have not seen, if ye love not your brother whom he have seen?" It is my daily prayer and burning desire that each boy and girl be so filled with the love that is Jesus that they, too, will wish to be servants of others for life. How wonderful it is to be a servant with Christ as Master.

The joy that comes with walking the walk is so much greater than the one of only talking the talk.

I have been thrilled to hear of many of our OBI graduates who are out doing things for other people. I wrote of several last week, and want to tell you of Pam Banks, also a 1982 graduate. Pam recently returned from a week of hard work in Georgia. She and other Berea College BSU young people helped to repair a home for the needy. It makes me happier to know that Pam wanted to do, and found joy in doing, something like this than in the other good things she is also doing.

Pam is making top grades in her college work and she is much more serious academically than when she was with us. Also, she finds time to play on the Berea College girls basketball team. Coming to us in her sophomore year

from Winchester, she was our most outstanding Lady Mountaineer for three years. The only girl in her family, and having five brothers, she has had to learn to hold her own.

Pam's youngest brother, Rick, will graduate from OBI this year. He came to us in the eighth grade. He was age 12. It is very tough to be a student at Oneida when your mother is one of the deans but Rick has handled this very well in his quiet, unassuming way.

Pam and Rick's mother, Mrs. Banks, is a very special human being. She has mothered and disciplined hundreds of growing teenage boys the past four years. She has found her own niche in many hearts. She has given fully of herself in this labor of love.

Steve Derryberry of Nashville is Oneida's 1983 summer missionary. He was commissioned the weekend after Easter in a special service at First Baptist, Frankfort. In recent years, Oneida students have served in the states of Texas, Missouri, Washington, Oregon and Florida in summer mission work under the auspices of the state Baptist Student Union.

Pray for us as we work with, teach, and provide a home-away-from-home for these hundreds of boys and girls.



# campbellsville college today

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## DIFFERENT TROPHIES

Trophies come in different shapes and sizes. Our Lady Tiger basketball team has captured several new ones in winning their state and regional cham-

pionships. And I'm proud of them.

But some don't fit into the trophy case that way.

Joe (not his real name) was a confirmed teenage alcoholic when he came to us from that broken home but he

wanted a new life as a Christian and he wanted an education that was Christian. It wasn't easy with Joe. It wasn't that simple to put the old life behind and we had our share of problems with him before he graduated. But some professors cared, some administrators cared and some fellow students cared and Joe was nurtured along.

We were often misunderstood while we worked with Joe—and it probably did look to some as if we should have sent him home at times. Of course, there was really no home to which to go. So we tried.

Joe came to see me the other day. Years have gone by now without his having touched the old drink. The new

life is well established. He is serving effectively in a role that reaches many others who are headed in his old path—but who may be diverted to a better life because Joe knows the way.

I don't know all of you who were giving your money to support Campbellsville College or who were praying for God's leadership and guidance for all of us at Campbellsville while we worked with Joe—and most of you didn't know Joe. But you know God and you know the values of a Christian college. I am eternally grateful for that.

Some trophies just don't fit the display case. Joe is yours too, you know. Thanks for being on the team with us.



# clear creek comments

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## THE LORD'S COMMITTED

April is life commitment month in our Southern Baptist Zion. The Bible speaks much about commitment. My personal life verse begins "Commit thy way unto the Lord . . ." (Prov. 3:5).

Not everyone who hears the gospel is permanently enriched. Some accept the Word with a momentary stir of excitement but soon return to a former lifestyle. Others respond superficially for worldly interests dominate their lives. However, to the praise of the Lord, some respond to the good news in deep and genuine commitment finding deep meaning and purpose in life by claiming Jesus as their personal Lord.

Every Christian should be as committed to Christ and his work as Paul described Epaphroditus in Phil. 2:30, "For the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me." The devotion Ruth expressed to Naomi (Ruth 1:16) should mirror our dedication to God.

Equally committed (or should I say

surpassingly committed) should be those whom God calls into full time life commitment. God often chooses not to use extraordinary people to accomplish his purposes in the world. Rather, he uses ordinary people with an extraordinary amount of dedication. Put another way, God uses people of ordinary ability, if they have extraordinary availability.

Our students at Clear Creek are committed to the Lord. They may often feel they have only ordinary ability but I can personally vouch for the fact they are extraordinarily available to serve God.

Commitment always costs. "It pays to serve Jesus" but it also entails problems, suffering, stress and pain. We should not expect the rain to fall only on the unjust. We dedicate ourselves to his service regardless of how life treats us. Paul expressed the commitment of Clear Creek in Acts 20:24, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, . . .".



# homes for children

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## STANDING TALL

On Saturday, Mar. 26, 1983, thousands focused their attention on two of Kentucky's great basketball teams—the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Although one team had to lose, Kentucky could not lose because both teams represented Kentucky.

Many eyes were focused on the McCray brothers, Scooter and Rodney, on the U of L team. Scooter McCray stands six feet nine inches. No wonder he can hit the basket with a slammer. The match between the two teams was a thriller.

However, at the end of the game after the University of Louisville basketball team had dramatically won in the overtime play, everyone knew that Scooter McCray had stood and jumped tall all through the game. But he never stood taller than right after the final whistle blew. Before he went to the U of L bench and climbed onto a chair to take a bow and lead the Cardinals in a victory cheer, he went to the gloomy UK bench and congratulated them for a great game. That, in my opinion, was when he stood tallest.

Someone once said, "No one stands

so tall as when he stoops to help a child." No matter how tall, how important, or how busy one may be, that person stands tallest when in love, caring and humility, he stoops to help the helpless, hurting, defeated. Therefore, I believe Kentucky Baptists surely stand tall. Through programs in our churches geared to minister to children, Baptists are stooping to help. Then for children who need special help, Baptists provide that help through Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

For 114 years, through children's homes, we have been providing for children. But today, Baptists stand tall as they reach down in their pockets and give to continue this important ministry. Although the last Thanksgiving Offering fell short of the goal, it was still the largest ever.

Support comes from many sources: individuals, church groups, memorials, wills, bequests, insurance, etc. Then don't forget that your Cooperative Program gifts also help support us. Baptist Homes for Children received 1.5 cents of every Cooperative Program dollar your church gave. That keeps our doors open two hours and 10 minutes each day.

# STEEL CITY SUN

**SBC PREVIEW**  
A Pull-Off Section

## A pawn shop on a corner

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

When this writer was a youngster, one of the most popular songs on the airwaves [and the hit parade] was one called, "There's a Pawn Shop on a Corner in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania."

For those of us who had never been there, it was the only word picture we had of America's steel capital back then.

On a visit to Pittsburgh a few months ago, I asked my guide—a local Southern Baptist pastor who seemed knowledgeable about every great thing that had ever happened in Pittsburgh—where was the pawn shop mentioned in the song?

While the pastor was my junior by more than a decade, I was unprepared for his reply: "I've never heard that song in my life!" he exclaimed.

When it comes to lasting impressions, I thought, how quickly a city forgets.

Southern Baptists—including 15,000-plus messengers, and perhaps another 5000 visitors accompanying them—will converge on this mammoth industrial stronghold of the north June 14-16 for their 126th annual session. It will be the first time the denomination has met in Pittsburgh and only the second it has met in the Keystone State. (The 1972 session was held in Philadelphia.)

Located in the mineral rich foothills of the Appalachian ranges in southwestern Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh is an impressive place by every measure.

Statistically, it has much about which it can boast.

While the city proper lays claim to something over a half million residents, 1980 census figures for greater Pittsburgh (including nine counties in southwestern Pennsylvania) showed 2,797,474 population.

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Allegheny County (in which Pittsburgh is located) entertains an estimated 1.2 million visitors annually. They spend \$1.4 billion and generate \$14 million in tax receipts. The paper estimates that 33,000 jobs depend upon tourism, with an annual payroll of \$320 million. In 1981 the area hosted 342 conventions which attracted 265,000 delegates who spent \$107

is the home of the largest tin plate mill and the largest by-product coke plant in the world.

Pittsburgh is also known for its cultural and entertainment life.

KDKA, the world's first commercial radio station, went on the air there in 1920.

The Carnegie Institute and the numerous Carnegie libraries are located there. The list of institutions of higher

Montreal Expos arrive the day before the SBC). In winter, Three Rivers is home of the only four time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers football team.

A renowned week long jazz festival also coincides with the Southern Baptist Convention meeting, starting June 12 in Pittsburgh.

Yet another major competitor that week will be the U. S. Open Golf Tournament at Pittsburgh's Oakmont Country Club.

In the "Golden Triangle," formed at the juncture of those three famous rivers, 16 Fortune 500 companies and 22 others with gross revenues exceeding \$100 million base their corporate headquarters. Among the more recognizable names are Gulf Oil, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Alcoa, Westinghouse, H. J. Heinz, United States Steel, Rockwell International and USAir. They give Pittsburgh the distinction of being the third largest headquarters city in the nation.

The city is presently adding 25 percent to its available office space in a redevelopment program called Renaissance II. As a result, streets, traffic and services in the central downtown district are experiencing major disruption. Pedestrians and drivers are thwarted at almost every turn as a result of this massive billion dollar construction boom. As a part of the development, a \$480 million subway system is under construction, too.

In the midst of it all sits the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, where Southern Baptists will meet in mid June. Opened Sept. 18, 1961, the 18,000-seat arena boasts the nation's first retractable dome over a large stadium. From time to time, the roof is rolled back and spectators literally view events "under the stars."

Under the arena's silver colored high polished stainless steel dome is 78,000 square feet of exhibit space and parking for 2000 cars. Facilities are included in the arena for musicals, ice shows, circuses, home shows, industrial exhibits and hockey, basketball and soccer.

While there are some imperfections in every host city, there are some redeeming points, too.

For instance, Pittsburgh is the place where Dr. Jonas Salk conquered polio in 1955. The legacy continues through its marvelous medical facilities.

Pittsburgh boasts the lowest crime rate of any city its size in the nation, according to Travelhost magazine.

It is a quaint town with many ties to a historic and picturesque past. Cable cars still haul passengers and freight up the city's many steep hills. You are transcended in space and time to another era which has almost been erased everywhere else.

And somewhere . . . somewhere in the middle of it all . . . I just know, there stands a pawn shop on a corner. That would have made Pittsburgh famous to some people all by itself.



### Making a point

The city of Pittsburgh will host the 1983 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention this June. One view of downtown looks across Point State Park situated at the junction of the Allegheny [l] and Monongahela [r] rivers. They form the mouth of the Ohio River, which flows southwesterly forming all of Kentucky's northern boundary. [BP photo]

million.

Pittsburgh is, by far, the largest inland water port in the world, outstripping Chicago, its nearest competitor, 61 to 36 million tons per year.

Located near Pittsburgh are massive amounts of coal, petroleum, limestone, natural gas and iron ore. The city is the world's leading iron and steel producer. In manufacturing, its leading products include coke, aluminum, air brakes, rolled steel, glass, steel sheets, safety equipment, plumbing fixtures, electrical goods, wire, nuts, bolts, rivets, radium and vanadium products, wrought iron pipe and stainless steel. It

learning is impressive, among them: Carnegie-Mellon and Duquesne universities and Chatham, Mount Mercy and Point Park colleges.

The Pittsburgh Symphony is widely respected by music lovers. A number of landscaped parks contribute to the aesthetic beauty of the city, with the best known being Point State Park. It is situated downtown at the juncture of the Allegheny, Ohio and Monongahela rivers.

On the north bank sits Three Rivers Stadium, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team (which will vie for Southern Baptists' attention when the

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# STEEL CITY SUN

## Pittsburgh: a melting pot of races and religions

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In addition to "steel city," another monicker which has stuck with Pittsburgh over the years is "melting pot." Surely it is an appropriate one, for 77 nationalities comprise the diverse population of this metropolitan region.

Austrians, Czechs, Germans, Poles and Italians number from 50,000 to 120,000 each.

But the city is not just diverse in ethnic origin but in religious persuasion, too.

Fifty-two percent of Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) is Catholic. The largest Presbytery in the world is located here. To a lesser degree, the city is a stronghold for Lutherans, Methodists, Christian Reformed and Jews.

Southern Baptists are somewhere near the bottom of the list.

There are presently only 3681 Southern Baptists in Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, a nine-county territory. There is one Southern Baptist per 44 non-adherents, or one Southern Baptist per 1000 population.

J. T. Cravens, cochairman of local arrangements for the SBC meeting and director of missions in Greater Pittsburgh Association, believes Southern Baptists in the area "would not have 500 present on any given Sunday for

worship services."

There are 20 churches and nine missions in the association's nine-county area. Cravens said 35 percent of those churches presently have no pastors. Nine of the present pastors arrived within the last year.

"One reason we want Southern Baptists to come is to see the mission opportunity here," said Ed Price, retired Westinghouse executive and Cravens' cochairman for local SBC arrangements. "If we're going to reach this area for Christ, we've got to have help," he continued.

"Baptists will make an impact (when they're here). We just hope it's a peaceable one."

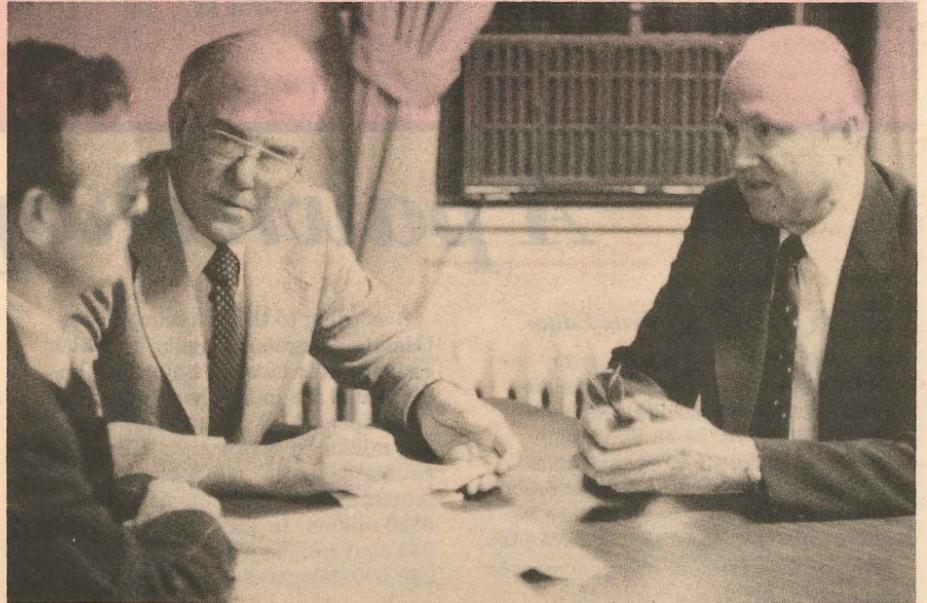
The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, headquartered in Harrisburg, was constituted in 1970. It now includes 100 churches and 80 mission points.

Another layman, Jack Edens, began Southern Baptist work in the state in 1958. He contacted the Home Mission Board, which put him in touch with the neighboring State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Later, the Birmingham (Ala.) Baptist Association began to support the fledgling Southern Baptists in the state with sizeable sums of money.

More recently, in 1981, the Florida Baptist Convention adopted Pennsylvania as a sister state. Presently, 53 of Florida's churches are liked with a like number in Pennsylvania.

In Pittsburgh, an area where half the



### Your hosts in the melting pot

Three key Pittsburghers meet to plan for the invasion of Southern Baptists there this June: [l-r] Dwight Moody, a native of Murray, Ky., pastor of North Park Baptist Church, and chairman of the local publicity committee; and local arrangements cochairmen J. T. Cravens, executive director, Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, and Ed Price, retired senior vice president, Westinghouse Corp. Local arrangements committee chairmen have been meeting monthly since October with Tim Hedquist of Nashville, SBC manager.

citizens are members of no one's church, and thousands more do not attend anywhere, the task of Bold Mission Thrust has become a formidable one.

"We're getting in shape to do some-

thing for the Lord here," assures Ed Price.

The rest of us will have an opportunity to bear witness to that task when we climb the Alleghenies and meet in the "melting pot" this summer.



### Better safe than sorry

## A word to the wise . . . about messenger cards

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Credential (registration) cards for messengers from Kentucky Baptist churches planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. June 14-16 are now available in the office of the executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

The SBC constitution provides the following guidelines for electing messengers:

1. One messenger for each church

which is in friendly cooperation with the SBC and sympathetic with its purpose and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention.

2. One additional messenger from each church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the convention, but no church may appoint more than 10.

4. Each messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed.

**Note to the messenger:** Be sure to bring this card with you and present it in person at the secretaries' registration office. Your name will be filed for insertion in the roll of messengers from your state, and you will receive a badge which will admit you to all sessions of the convention.

This further word has been published by the registration secretary, that messengers must have a properly completed card or a letter of certification from the church stating the appointment or election of the messenger. If neither of these is available, the messenger may be asked to phone the church for a telegram authorizing credentials.

### Corporate capital

At left, tucked amid the skyscrapers which house much of the nation's steel industry in downtown Pittsburgh, Pa. is Mellon Square which may offer a brief respite to weary Southern Baptist conventioners during June's humid days.

## Kentucky will share in national prayer plan

Extensive group prayer plans in two locations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa. have been announced by SBC president James T. Draper Jr.

At a prayer room in the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, site of the SBC meeting, there will be eight sessions of about three hours each. The prayer room will be in continual communication with the platform for particular prayer needs.

In the convention headquarters hotel, the William Penn, prayer meetings will begin Monday evening and continue through Thursday noon. State prayer coordinators, designated already by Draper, will be responsible for having someone in the prayer room throughout assigned prayer periods.

J. Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has been named as Kentucky's prayer coordinator.

In addition to his assignments in Pittsburgh, Cobble will form a state convention prayer chain to pray several times between now and the convention, June 14-16. Working with state convention leadership, he will set aside a particular prayer Sunday for the SBC in the state convention.

Kentucky's assigned times for prayer leadership during the SBC are as follows:

Pittsburgh Civic Arena—Wednesday, June 16, 7-8 p.m.

William Penn Hotel—Tuesday, June 15, 4-5 p.m.

### On early program agenda

## At least four persons will represent state in official capacities at Pittsburgh

Few Kentuckians have been called upon by committees planning program agendas for SBC and related meetings in Pittsburgh, Pa. this year.

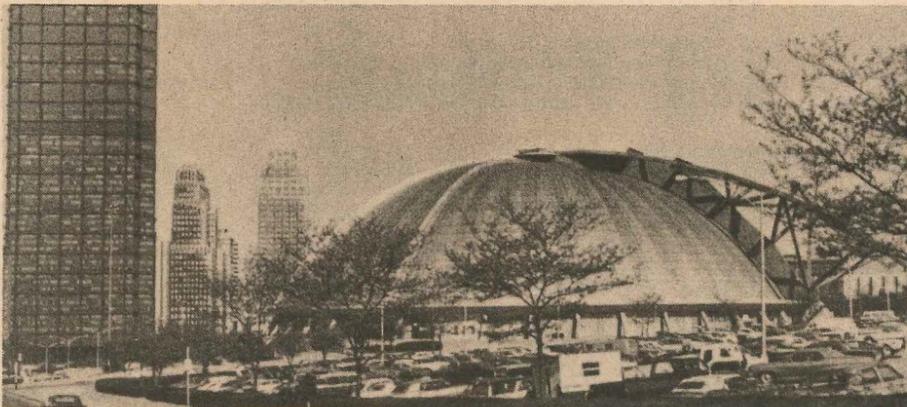
Tracy Ellen Webb, a Lexington Accetee, member of Immanuel Baptist Church, will be a page during the WMU meeting Sunday and Monday before the SBC convenes Tuesday morning.

Wednesday morning, June 15 will be Kentuckians' time to share the spot-



### *Will Pirates 'steel' messengers' affections?*

From the Mt. Washington overlook visitors can gaze across the steel city and practically into Three Rivers Stadium, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Pirates are in town SBC week.



### *A retractable dome, too*

All sessions of the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention will be held in the Civic Arena in downtown Pittsburgh. To the left of the Civic Arena is the U. S. Steel corporate headquarters building.

## You could save cash on an air trip to SBC

If you're planning to fly to the Southern Baptist Convention and can't get space on a direct flight, or perhaps more importantly—want to save money—going to a little extra trouble could save you (or your church) a bundle.

While Western Recorder does not endorse one product or service over another, we felt you should know that hopscotch fares (where passengers change planes in an intermediary city) are 35 to 60% cheaper on Piedmont Airlines than on some direct carriers.

For example, from Louisville you may fly to Charlotte, N. C., change planes and possibly experience a daytime layover. Then go on to Pittsburgh, repeating the process in return, for a present \$184 round trip. The coach fare on the only direct carrier from Louisville to Pittsburgh is currently \$290 round trip.

It may cost you a little more in time, but the savings to your pocketbook or your employer's budget may be worth the difference.

Caution: Space on these flights is filling rapidly. If interested, act promptly. While there are no restrictions on days of the week, times of day, or advance purchase, only a certain number of seats per flight are designated for the reduced prices.

Piedmont flies out of airports in and near Kentucky at Louisville, Lexington, Cincinnati, Nashville, Bristol-Johnson City-Kingsport, Tenn., and Charleston, W. Va.

## SBTS offers flights, meal at bargain rates

Airline tickets to the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. are still available to Kentuckians at bargain prices, according to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary officials planning another airlift.

Departure locations and ticket prices on USAir are: Cincinnati, \$175; Lexington, \$216; Louisville, \$210; Knoxville, \$228; and Nashville, \$167.

Each fare also includes a ticket to the Southern Seminary alumni luncheon at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Limited housing is still available through the seminary's booking agent, Heritage Travel of Louisville. Both airline tickets and housing reservations will be granted on a first come, first served basis.

Airline ticket prices were correct as of Mar. 22 and are subject to change.

For reservations or information, contact Heritage Travel, 1204 S. Third St., Louisville, KY 40203, telephone (502) 636-9214.

light on the SBC program.

Congregational singing will be led at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11:55 a.m. by S. Milburn Price, dean of the School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

At 10:10 a.m. Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., president of Southern Seminary, will bring a 10-minute report on the seminary.

The third Kentucky Baptist on the SBC agenda, who will serve at all ses-

sions of the convention, is Ronald E. Boud, associate professor of church music at Southern Seminary. He will be convention pianist.

While not named on the official printed agendas, it is possible two other prominent Kentucky Baptists will also appear before the messengers in their official capacities.

Duke K. McCall, Louisville, president of the Baptist World Alliance, may come before the messengers when

the BWA reports Thursday, June 16 at 3:30 p.m.

And when the SBC Executive Committee reports at 10:20 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, its chairman, John T. Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, may be there.

Agendas for the meetings of the religious educators, church musicians, directors of missions and evangelists had not been released when this copy was prepared for printing.

### *Soda on the house*

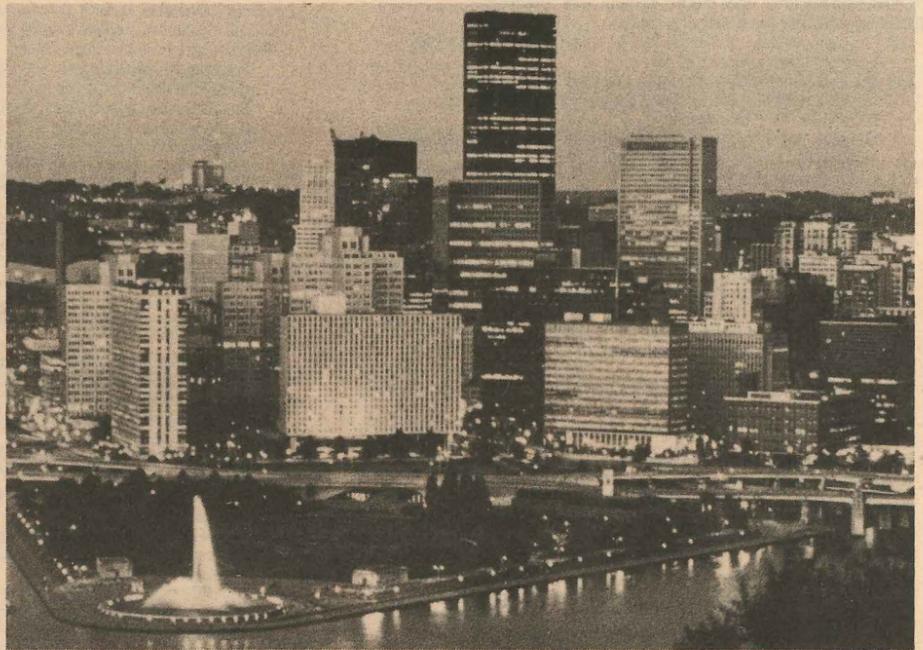
The "thirst for knowledge" will be given a new meaning at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this summer in an offer for travelers to and from the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh.

The Louisville seminary, located within a few minutes of three interstate highways, is offering a free lemonade break for traveling Baptists.

The deal will be sweetened with the option of personal tours of campus attractions, including two archaeological museums and Billy Graham and Lottie Moon collections.

Travel groups and families are encouraged to make reservations for tours by contacting the seminary's public relations office.

Southern Seminary, which will celebrate its 125th anniversary next year, is Southern Baptists' oldest theological institution.



### *A midsummer night's dream*

All the glow in Pittsburgh doesn't come from smelting furnaces. A twilight view of downtown, looking across Point State Park, includes skyscrapers reflected in the rivers. It's a pretty sight on a summer night.

# STEEL CITY SUN

## the pastors

### Pittsburgh Civic Arena

#### Sunday evening, June 12

Fred Wolfe, Pastors Conference president and pastor, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., presiding

- 6:30 "Come Before His Presence with Singing"—Jerry McGrath, evangelistic singer, Marietta, Ga.  
 6:40 Invocation—Ellis M. Bush, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey  
 Welcome—Fred Wolfe  
 6:45 Congregational Hymn—Ed Keyes, associate pastor in music, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.  
 6:50 Special Music—Vernard Johnson, music evangelist, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 7:00 Message—Arthur Blessitt, minister of Sunset Strip, Hollywood, Cal.  
 7:45 Congregational Hymn  
 7:50 President's Remarks—James T. Draper Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Convention  
 7:55 Testimony "Tried By Fire"—Mark Stone, evangelist, Virginia Beach, Va.  
 8:20 Congregational Hymn  
 Offertory Prayer—Al Jackson, pastor, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala.  
 Offering—Combined youth choirs, Lakeview, Auburn, Ala., Cottage Hills, Ala., First Baptist, Orlando, Fla., Shades Mountain, Birmingham, Ala.  
 8:40 Special Music—Vernard Johnson  
 8:45 Charles F. Stanley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Benediction—Don Chasteen, pastor, East Pickens Baptist Church, Pickens, S. C.

#### Monday morning, June 13

Ron Herrod, Pastors Conference vice president and pastor, First Baptist Church, Kenner, La., presiding

- 8:45 "Come Before His Presence with Singing"—James Wright, music evangelist, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 8:55 Invocation—Steve Brumbelow, pastor, Cross Lanes Baptist Church, Cross Lanes, W. Va.  
 Congregational Hymn  
 9:00 Special Music—New Song, music evangelists, Valdosta, Ga.  
 9:05 Message—Fred Lowery, pastor, New Pisgah Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C.  
 9:30 Congregational Hymn  
 9:35 Special Music—Ed Keyes  
 9:40 Message—Ron Long, pastor, Glenwood Hills Baptist Church, Lithonia, Ga.  
 10:05 Congregational Hymn  
 10:10 Offertory Prayer—Joey Hancock, pastor, Ash Street Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ga.  
 Offering

## the educators

### Marriott Hotel, Greentree

#### Sunday, June 12

Theme: A disciplined ministry

- 12:30 Registration open, ballroom area  
 2:00 Orientation of New Members, Andrew Carnegie Room, Gary Ellis, minister of education, Germantown (Tenn.) Baptist Church; Charles Gwaltney, minister of education and administration, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.  
 2:30 Premeeting reception, Grand Ballroom, provided by Church Programs and Services, Baptist Sunday School Board, Morton Rose, vice president, Office of Church Programs and Services, Baptist Sunday School Board, host  
 Spotlight—Denominational Emphasis on "Strengthening Families," Paul Thompson, director of church development division, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo., SBREA Coordinator

A Disciplined Response to God's Call

"A Disciplined Ministry," Elaine Dickson, manager, Sales Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

- 3:00 Pre-session music—orchestra, New Covenant Baptist Church, Billy Souther, director, Richmond, Va.  
 3:15 Music, Malvie Lee Giles, Columbia County director of social services, Magnolia, Ark.; Vivian Conrad, First Baptist Church, Brooksville, Fla., accompanist  
 Message, Richard Foster, associate professor of theology and writer-in-residence, Friends University, Wichita, Kan.  
 Call to purpose, Elaine Dickson  
 Prayer  
 Testimonies, "My Response to God's Call," Burdette Robinson, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Sylva, N. C.; Gary Ellis  
 Music, Malvie Lee Giles, accompanist Vivian Conrad  
 Message, "Disciplined Family Life: Support for Ministry," Robert and Mary F. Bailey, pastor and wife, Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.  
 Reflections, Albert McClellan, author, seminary professor, former program planner, SBC Executive Committee  
 4:40 Adjourn  
 7:30 SBC Evangelistic Rally, Convention Center

#### Monday, June 13

"Disciplined Church Growth Through Reaching and Discipling"

"A Disciplined Ministry," Lucien E. Coleman, professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, presiding

- 8:45 Music, Malvie Lee Giles; accompanist Vivian Conrad  
 Message, Richard Foster  
 Testimonies, "Our Church is Growing; I am Growing," Walter Jacobs, minister of education, Edwards Road Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.; Judy Stamey, minister of education and administration, Ridgela West Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Jere Wilson, associate pastor-education, First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Okla.  
 Officer—Choice Recognitions, Outstanding Church Educators Selected by SBREA Officers, 1982-83, Clyde Hall  
 Messages—"Continuing the Good Work," Harry Piland, administrative pastor and minister of education, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; Roy Edgemon, director, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Reflections, Albert McClellan

- 10:15 Special Music—Adult choir, First Baptist Church, Kenner, La.  
 10:25 Message—Morris Chapman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
 10:50 Congregational Hymn  
 10:55 Special Music—James Wright  
 11:10 Message—Jim Hylton, pastor, Lake Country Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 11:35 Benediction—Jack Smith, director of evangelism, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey

Fred Wolfe, presiding

- 1:30 "Come Before His Presence with Singing"—R. L. and Beth Sigrest, evangelistic singers, Yazoo City, Miss.  
 1:40 Prayer—Hayes Wicker, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Enid, Okla.  
 Congregational Hymn  
 1:45 Special Music—Jerry McGrath  
 1:50 Message—Charles Campbell, foreign missionary to Argentina  
 2:15 Congregational Hymn  
 2:20 Special Music—Ray Jones, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Kenner, La.  
 2:25 Message—Ron Herrod, pastor, First Baptist Church, Kenner, La.  
 2:50 Congregational Hymn  
 2:55 Offertory Prayer—Richard Lee, pastor, Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga.  
 Offering  
 Special Music—Jeff Benward, evangelistic singer, Houston, Tex.  
 3:05 Election of Officers  
 3:20 Special Music—New Song  
 3:25 Message—Len Turner, pastor, First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Fla.  
 3:50 Congregational Hymn  
 3:55 Special Music—Yoido Women's Choir, Korea  
 4:00 Message—Mike Gilchrist, evangelist, Shreveport, La.  
 4:25 Benediction—Roddy Turner, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.

Fred Wolfe, presiding

- 6:30 "Come Before His Presence with Singing"—Combined adult choirs, Cottage Hill, Mobile, Ala., First, Kenner, La., Eastside, Marietta, Ga.  
 6:45 Prayer—George Worrell, director of evangelism, Missouri Baptist Convention  
 Welcome—Fred Wolfe  
 6:50 Special Music—Jerry McGrath  
 6:55 Message—Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.  
 7:20 Congregational Hymn  
 7:25 Special Music—Jeff Benward  
 7:30 Message—Edward V. Hill, pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 7:55 Congregational Hymn  
 8:00 Offertory Prayer—Roger D. Roberts, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairborn, Oh.  
 Offering  
 Special Music—Adult Choir, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.  
 8:15 Message—Stephen Oford, evangelist with Encounter Ministries, Wheaton, Ill.  
 8:40 Introduction of 1984 Officers  
 8:45 Benediction—President of 1983-84 Pastors' Conference

- 10:10 Break, Grand Ballroom, East and West, furnished by Home Mission Board, Robert Bingham, host, vice president services secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"Disciplined Communications Technology in Servicing Growing Churches,"

Elaine Dickson, presiding

- 10:35 Message, Grady C. Cothen, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Questions from Listening Panel, David Cunningham, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; Robert C. Bailey, minister of education, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; Tim Holcomb, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Denton, Tex.  
 Thank you, Grady Cothen! Gary Ellis  
 11:15 Business Session  
 Committee Reports  
 Election of Officers  
 Recognitions and Presentations  
 Miscellaneous Business  
 12:15 Adjourn  
 12:00 Annual SBREA Luncheon, Paul Thompson presiding  
 12:30 "Celebration of Discipline," Grand Ballroom, North and South Distinguished Leadership Awards, Lawrence Klemppner, vice president for student affairs, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 Entertainment, Jerry Clower, humorist, Grand Ole Opry star, Yazoo City, Miss.

Enrichment Conferences, Lucien E. Coleman, coordinator

- 2:50-3:00 Conference Options (see list below)  
 3:40-4:20 Conference Options Repeated  
 The Issue of Job Security in Educational Ministries, Will Beal, consultant church staff section, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Dialog with Harry Piland on Sunday School Growth, Harry Piland  
 Dialog with Roy Edgemon on Growing Disciples, Roy Edgemon  
 Film Preview, "Strangers No More," with Use Suggestions, Douglas Anderson, director Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
 How Your Church Can Use Video Tape Service, Lucien E. Coleman; Doug Day, coordinator video tape service, SBC Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 Idea Exchange: Enlisting and Training Workers, Charles Tidwell, professor, church administration and chairman of denominational relations, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
 Idea Exchange: Visitation Strategies, La Vern Plett, minister of administration/education, Oak Cliff Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.  
 Educational Missions: Opportunities for Your Church, Esther Burroughs, assistant special mission ministries department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Dialog with the Baileys on Family Life, Robert and Mary F. Bailey  
 How to Get the Most Out of Baptist TelNet Resources, Joe Denney, manager, telecommunications, SBC

"Disciplined for a World Witness"

"A Disciplined Ministry," Gary Ellis, presiding

- 7:15 Music, Malvie Lee Giles; Billy Souther, choir and orchestra  
 Message, Robert Foster  
 "Bold Mission Thrust is Happening . . . A Report," Wilmer C. Fields, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee  
 Music, Malvie Lee Giles; Vivian Conrad, accompanist  
 "Next Steps in World Witness": William Tanner, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
 Commitment, Albert McClellan  
 Music, Malvie Lee Giles; accompanist Vivian Conrad  
 Adjourn

## the musicians

### First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh

#### June 10-12

Pittsburgh Convention/Exposition Center

Preconference sessions and SBC Handbell Festival

#### Saturday afternoon, June 11

- 4:00 Executive Council Meeting—University Inn  
 6:30—Executive Council Dinner

#### Sunday afternoon, June 12

- 12:30 Past President's Luncheon  
 1:30 Registration—First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh  
 Music Exhibits Open—First Baptist Church  
 3:00 Opening Session—Al Washburn, professor of organ and chairman, Division of Church Music Ministries, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, presiding; coordinator, Truitt Roberts, local church representative east  
 Pre-session concert—John and Mary Giger, Dallas, Tex.  
 Call to order—Al Washburn  
 Hymn of Praise  
 Welcome—Harold Price, church music director, Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention  
 Greetings and Invocation—Nathan Williams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh  
 3:10 Handbell Choir, First Baptist Church, Gaffney, S. C., Robert Sutter, director  
 3:30 Worship—R. Quinn Pugh, director of metro missions, New York (N. Y.) Baptist Association  
 4:00 Mini concert—Choir, First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Mary Louise Wright, organist-director  
 4:30 Address—"The Minister of Music as Educator,"—Mabel Warkentin Sample, professor of music, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.  
 5:00 Benediction, exhibit break and dinner

#### Sunday evening, June 12

Al Washburn presiding; coordinator J. M. Wood, local church representative east

- 7:30 Worship—R. Quinn Pugh  
 7:50 Choral Techniques—Elaine Brown, director, Singing Cities, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 8:45 Offertory—Handbell Choir  
 8:55 Mini concert—Sanctuary Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.  
 9:30 Benediction and reception

#### Monday morning, June 13

Jack Coldiron, vice president, education division presiding; Harlan Hall, vice president, local church division coordinator

- 8:30 Prelude—Betty Jean Chatham, concert pianist, Shelbyville, Ky.  
 8:45 Worship—R. Quinn Pugh  
 9:10 Address—"Challenges of a Bivocational Music Director,"—Rick Coleman, minister of music, Redland Baptist Church, Rockville, Md.  
 9:30 Mini concert—Youth choirs of Peters Creek Baptist Church, Library, Pa., David Ballbach, director; and Monroeville (Pa.) Baptist Church, Denny Pyles, director  
 9:55 Annual Business Session  
 10:15 Exhibit Break  
 10:50 Commissioned Work performed by instrumental ensemble—Monroeville (Pa.) Baptist Church, Denny Pyles, director; Peters Creek (Pa.) Baptist Church, David Ballbach, director  
 11:00 Address—"The Minister of Music as Educator"—Mabel Warkentin Sample  
 11:30 Mini recital—Robert Sutter, organist  
 11:50 Lunch

#### Monday afternoon, June 13

John McGuckin, denominational division west presiding; coordinator James Allcock, denominational division east

- 1:30 Prelude—Betty Jean Chatham  
 1:35 Choral techniques—Elaine Brown  
 2:30 President's address  
 2:45 Exhibit break  
 3:15 Divisional meetings—Local church, Harlan Hall presiding; Denominational, Charles Storey presiding; Educational, Jack Coldiron presiding  
 4:00 Mini concert—The Singing Men of North Carolina, Charles Gatwood, director  
 4:30 Hymnic Monologue—Mayrene Bobbitt, Florida State music director, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 4:45 Address—"Music Drama in the Church"—Carl Gerbrandt, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville  
 5:15 Dinner

#### Monday evening, June 13

Al Washburn presiding; coordinator Leroy Summers, local church representative west

- 7:00 Prelude—Robert Sutter, organist  
 7:45 Worship—R. Quinn Pugh  
 8:10 Introduction of new officers  
 8:20 Musical drama—"A Gift of Song" by Mary Elizabeth Caldwell (Boosey & Hawkes)  
 Sacred music drama workshop, Carl Gerbrandt, director  
 9:30 Benediction—Fes Robertson, new president, Nashville, Tenn.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE  
 SOUTHERN BAPTIST EVANGELIST'S  
 CONFERENCE DID NOT ARRIVE  
 IN TIME FOR INCLUSION.

# the women

Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel  
and Stanley Theatre

Theme: *Building Bridges*

NATIONAL PRAYER CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 11

PITTSBURGH HILTON HOTEL GRAND BALLROOM

"Building Bridges Through Unity"

10:00 Why WMU Prays, Dorothy E. Sample, WMU, SBC president  
Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks, author, Richmond, Va.  
Music for Meditation, Randall Atcheson, concert artist and minister of music, Greenwich, Conn.  
Why We Pray for Unity, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, Birmingham, Ala.  
Testimony, Vanita Baldwin, executive director of Florida WMU, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Prayer for the SBC, Helen Allan, executive director of Ohio WMU, Columbus, Oh.

10:45 Break

"Building Bridges Through Giving"

11:00 Music, Ellen Roweton, cellist, Bolivar, Mo., and Randall Atcheson  
Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks  
Coming Events, June Whitlow, associate executive director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.  
Why We Pray About Money, Christine Gregory, president of Baptist General Association of Virginia, former president of WMU, SBC, Danville, Va.  
Special Music, Ellen Roweton  
Prayer About Missions Finances, Maxine Bumgarner, executive director of West Virginia WMU, St. Albans, W. Va.

12:00 Luncheon (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)  
Food and Feedback, Beverly Sutton, field services director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

"Building Bridges Through Mission Action"

1:00 Music, Major McDaniel, music missionary, Korea, and Randall Atcheson  
Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks  
Coming Events, Bobbie Sorrell, associate executive director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.  
Ruth Miller, author  
Why We Pray About Ministry and Witness, Lillian Isaacs, home missionary and literacy trainer, Tallahassee, Fla.  
Testimony, Grady Cox, president, WMU of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Bensalem, Pa.  
Prayer About Mission Action, Nona Bickerstaff, executive director of WMU of New York, Syracuse, N. Y.

1:45 Break

"Building Bridges Through New Work"

2:00 Music, Ellen Roweton and Randall Atcheson  
Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks

# the campus ministers

Victoria Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Sunday afternoon, June 12

2:00 Call to Order—Fred S. Witty Jr., Johnson City, Tenn., president  
2:20 Bible Study—William M. Pinson Jr., Dallas, Tex.  
2:50 Business Session  
3:05 Break  
3:20 The Changing Role of Women in our Society with Special Attention Given to Building a Ministry Model for the Women on Our Campus—Sarah Frances Anders, Pineville, La.  
4:00 Small Group Discussions Concerning Previous Topic  
4:30 Dialog with Sarah Frances Anders

Sunday evening, June 12

5:00 Dinner Break  
7:00 Worship—Frank Cofer, Chicago, Ill.  
7:30 The Mission Thrust on Campus—Jimmy R. Allen, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
8:05 Small Group Discussions Concerning Previous Topic  
8:30 Dialog with Jimmy R. Allen  
9:00 Reception—Jointly sponsored by National Student Ministries and Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers

Monday morning, June 13

8:50 Reconvene  
9:00 Worship—Charles Scalise, Northborough, Mass.  
9:20 Business Session  
9:40 The Strategy of National Student Ministries—Charles Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.  
10:10 Break  
10:30 Small Group Discussions Concerning Previous Topic  
11:00 Dialog with Charles Johnson  
11:30 Business Session

Monday afternoon, June 13

1:30 Reconvene  
1:40 Bible Study—William M. Pinson Jr., Dallas, Tex.  
2:00 Health Care Delivery Services—Dewey Dunn, Nashville, Tenn., and James Smalley, Little Rock, Ark.  
2:30 World Hunger Emphasis—Presentation by staff of SEEDS, a world hunger ministry of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.  
3:30 Business Session  
4:15 Worship—Robert Timmons, Strongsville, Oh.

Monday evening, June 13

7:00 Banquet—Stephen Foster Memorial Hall, University of Pittsburgh  
Music Presentation—Paul Lee, Richmond, Ky.  
Featured Speaker—William M. Pinson Jr., Dallas, Tex.

Coming Events, Evelyn Blount, director of WMU National Enlargement Plan, Birmingham, Ala.

Why We Pray About New Work, Helen Fling, promotion associate for new areas, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.  
Special music, Ruth and Richard Piscopo, Ronkonkoma, N. Y.  
Prayer for New Work, Joyce Mitchell, executive director of Michigan WMU, Southfield, Mich.

2:45 Summary, Dorothy E. Sample

Sunday, June 12

PITTSBURGH HILTON HOTEL, GRAND BALLROOM

Worship Internationale

10:30 Music for meditation, Randall Atcheson  
Call to worship, Dorothy E. Sample  
Music, Major McDaniel  
Scripture and Prayer, June Totten, executive director of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C.  
Congregational music and special music, Randall Atcheson  
Bridges Binding the Baptist World, Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C.

First General Session, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Theme: "The Bridge of New Work"

2:00 Building Bridges, Peggy Masters, WMU director, Pennsylvania-South Jersey  
Bridge Builders of Pittsburgh, Cheryl Steele, WMU director of Pittsburgh Association; Paul Baxter, Pittsburgh Penguins hockey star; Hollis Half, chaplain of the Pittsburgh Steelers; James Cravens, director of missions for Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association; Ann Cravens, former president of Pennsylvania-South Jersey WMU  
Featuring the Slavjane Ensemble, ethnic musicians of Eastern Europe descent  
Congregational music  
Prayer, Samuel Simpson, missionary, Home Mission Board's Church Extension Division and Baptist Convention of New York  
Building the Bridge of New Work, Grady Cox, president of Pennsylvania-South Jersey WMU and school teacher, Bensalem, Pa.  
Special music, Ellen Roweton  
Spanning the Century—Brazilian Baptist Centennial, Charlotte Vaughan, National Children's Leader, Brazil WMU, Rio de Janeiro  
Congregational hymn  
Processional of church planter apprentices, Randall Atcheson

Commissioning Service

Message from Home Mission Board, Margrette Stevenson, personnel division director, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

# the directors of missions

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday afternoon, June 12

Bill Moyle, director of missions, Tampa Bay association, Tampa Bay, Fla., presiding

1:00 Registration  
1:30 Welcome  
Hymn  
Special Music—Beth Duke Nunn, soloist, Richmond, Va.; Betty I. Carlton, accompanist, Richmond, Va.  
1:50 Theme Interpretation I—"Association"  
2:00 What in the World is an Association?—Russell Bennett, director of missions, Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville  
2:30 The Association in the '80s and '90s—presentation and dialog—J. C. Bradley, director, Associational Administrative Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Reggie McDonough, associate executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.  
3:10 Break, registration (Get tickets for banquet for those who pay their fees at First Presbyterian Church.)  
Bob Franklin, director of missions, Montgomery Baptist Association, Montgomery, Ala., presiding  
3:25 Hymn  
3:30 Special Music—Beth Duke Nunn and Betty I. Carlton  
3:40 Theme Interpretation II—"Director"  
3:50 What Does a Director of Missions Do?—Charles Nunn, director of missions, Richmond (Va.) Baptist Association  
4:20 What Does a Director of Missions' Wife Do?  
Patty Slaughter, Allegheny and Pioneer associations, West Virginia  
Millie Renick, Alachua Association, Florida  
Phyllis Winters, Appomattox Association, Virginia  
4:50 What Are the Spiritual Rewards of Being a Director of Missions?—Quinn Pugh, director of metropolitan missions, New York, N. Y.  
5:30 Benediction—departure to William Penn Hotel  
6:00 Dinner hosted by WMU, William Penn Hotel—Bill Moyle, presiding  
6:30 Invocation  
6:35 Special music, Beth Duke Nunn  
6:45 Introductions and announcements  
6:55 Special music, Beth Duke Nunn  
7:05 The Important Place of WMU in Associational Missions—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.  
7:45 Benediction with fellowship following

Monday morning, June 13

Bill Moyle presiding

8:15 Registration  
8:30 Hymn  
8:35 Theme Interpretation III  
8:45 How Do You Discover Your Association's Missions Responsibilities?  
9:15 The Role of an Association in the USA in Foreign Missions—R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
9:45 Break  
9:55 Hymn  
10:00 Business Session  
10:45 Special music—Beth Duke Nunn  
10:55 President's message—Bill Moyle  
11:30 The 1983 Kansas City Meeting—Bob Franklin  
11:40 Benediction—Bob Franklin

The church planter apprentice program, David Benham, associate director and administrative assistant, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Introduction of Missionaries

Presentation of certificates, Irvin Dawson, missionary personnel department director, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Testimonies by missionaries, to be announced

Music

Charge to missionaries and to mission supporters, Jack Redford, church extension division director, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.  
Prayer of dedication, Betty Gilreath  
Reflections from Lottie Moon—Meditating on Today with Wisdom of Yesterday, monolog by Sheila Bailey, actress in "Journey Home"

4:30 Adjournment

6:00 Banquet for associational WMU directors, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.) For current and incoming associational WMU directors only.

Speaker, James V. Hamble, associate director, association missions division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

7:30 Conference on Baptist Women Mission Projects, Pittsburgh Hilton, Grand Ballroom  
Featuring state Baptist women directors. (Advance ticket purchase necessary for dessert fellowship which follows conference.)

Monday, June 13

7:00 Breakfast for WMU, SBC executive board members, Pittsburgh Hilton, King's Garden North (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)

Second General Session, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Theme: "The Bridge of Giving"

9:30 Building Bridges, Yvonne Parker, Zambia  
Congregational music  
Prayer, Betty Smith, Israel  
Financial pillars in missions, Panel interview featuring Robert T. Banks Jr., associate to the president, Home Mission Board; Carl Johnson, vice president, office of finance, Foreign Mission Board; James L. Powell Jr., director, Cooperative Program promotion, Stewardship Commission  
Special music, Major McDaniel  
Address: Building on the Foundations of Baptist Cooperation, James H. Currin, executive director for Baptist General Association of New England, Northboro, Mass.  
Musical Drama: World Premiere of "A Call to My People," commissioned for dedication, Luther Rice Homesite, Northborough, Mass.  
Written by Bob and Esther Burroughs, performed by Eastside Baptist Church adult choir and orchestra, Marietta, Ga., conducted by Billy Jack Green  
Congregational music  
Business, election of officers  
Special music, Ruth and Richard Piscopo  
Laborers Building Together, executive director's report and address, Carolyn Weatherford  
Reflections from Lottie Moon—Meditating on Today with the Wisdom of Yesterday, Sheila Bailey  
11:30 Adjournment

Third General Session, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Theme: "The Bridge of Mission Action"

2:00 Building Bridges, Betty Smith, Israel  
Prayer, Rosalie Hunt, Hong Kong  
Bridges to The New Poor, Paul R. Adkins, director, Christian social ministries department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.  
Bridges into Burned-Out Bronx, Samuel Simpson, missionary of church extension division, Home Mission Board and Baptist Convention of New York, N. Y.  
Bridges into Inner-city Philadelphia, Gaynor Yancey, director of Christian social ministries, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Special music, Ellen Roweton  
The 25th Anniversary of Literacy Missions in the SBC, M. Wendell Belew, director of Missions Ministries Division, Home Mission Board; Mildred Blankenship, assistant director of Christian Social Ministries Department, Home Mission Board; Lillian Isaacs, literacy missions field missionary, Home Mission Board; Bea Cagle, associational WMU director and literacy teacher, Traveler's Rest, S. C.  
Introducing "The Mission Action Book," Ruth Miller, author, Marietta, Ga.  
Special music and congregational music, Major McDaniel  
Meeting Human Need in the Philippines, Harold Watson, missionary, Davao City, Philippines  
Reflections from Lottie Moon—Meditating on Today with the Wisdom of Yesterday, Sheila Bailey  
4:15 Adjournment  
4:30 Acteen Riverboat Dinner, Station Square at Carson and Smithfield Streets. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.) Featuring missionaries and National Acteens Panelists  
5:30 Banquet for church WMU directors, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Ballrooms 1 and 2. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)  
5:30 Baptist Young Women Annual Get-Together Banquet, Pittsburgh Hilton, King's Garden North and South/Le Bateau. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)

Fourth General Session, Stanley Theater. (Free tickets distributed by state and national WMU offices.)

Theme: "The Bridge of Unity"

7:30 Building Bridges, Christine Gregory  
Congregational music  
Prayer, David Parker, Zambia  
Introducing "Holding the Ropes," Helen J. Parks, author, Richmond, Va.  
Meet the missionaries, introductions of foreign missionaries  
Presenting Acteens  
Why We Want Unity, president's address, Dorothy E. Sample  
Special music, Yoido Women's Choir, Korea  
Prayer, Dorothy Neal, president of Women's Department, Baptist World Alliance, Toronto, Canada  
The Faith that Overcomes, Gerhard Claas  
Special music, Randall Atcheson  
The China Legacy—Bridging Time, Carter Morgan, foreign missionary, Hong Kong and Philippines  
China Today—Bridging the Great Wall, Bob and Rosalie Hunt, foreign missionaries, Hong Kong  
Introduction of "Journey Home," William R. O'Brien, executive vice president of office of administration, Home Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
Reflections from Lottie Moon, Sheila Bailey  
World Premiere of "Journey Home," Color film on the life of Lottie Moon, produced by Foreign Mission Board

# STEEL CITY SUN

## Southern Baptist Convention

Pittsburgh Civic Arena

June 14-16, 1983

*Theme: Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace*

### Tuesday morning, June 14

- 9:00—Music for Inspiration—Adult Choir, Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh., Wendell Boertje, director
- 9:30—Call to Order  
Congregational Singing—Harold R. Price, music secretary, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Prayer—Roy DeBrand, pastor, First Baptist Church, Americus, Ga.
- 9:40—Registration and Constitution of Convention Committee on Order of Business—Bruce McIver, chairman, pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
- 9:50—Welcome—C. Edward Price, retired officer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 9:55—Response—Dan C. Stringer, executive secretary-treasurer, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 10:00—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, professor of preaching, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:15—Announcement of Committee on Committees, Resolutions and Tellers
- 10:20—Executive Committee (Part 1)—Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:15—Presentation of Gavels  
Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:25—Congregational Singing—Harold R. Price, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 11:30—Music—"Shekinah," First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., Robert Wagoner, director
- 11:35—President's Address—James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.
- 12:00—Benediction—James Randall Draper, gift manufacturer, Bedford, Tex.

### Tuesday afternoon, June 14

- 1:30—Evangelistic Singers—William J. Reynolds, associate professor of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 2:30—Congregational Singing—Robert Wagoner, Euless, Tex.  
Prayer—William J. Lotz, layman, Boones Mill, Va.
- 2:40—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 2:55—Messenger Information Survey—Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary, manager, Research Services Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:05—Election of Officers
- 3:25—Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 3:35—Congregational Singing—Robert Wagoner, Euless, Tex.
- 3:40—Executive Committee Report (Part 2)—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:05—Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:35—Business  
Election of Officers (Second)  
Committee on Committees Report  
Committee on Boards Report  
Miscellaneous Business
- 5:20—Benediction—Roy Owen, executive director, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, Rapid City, S. D.

### Tuesday evening, June 14

- 6:50—Music for Inspiration—"Shekinah," First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., Robert Wagoner, director
- 7:15—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
Prayer—A. A. Hyden, vice president of student affairs, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.
- 7:30—Foreign Mission Board Report—R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, Va.
- 8:30—Business and Election of Officers

- 8:40—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 8:45—Music—Clinton Nichols, associate professor of church music, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary
- 8:50—Bold Mission Thrust Report—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:00—Benediction—Richard W. Lubbert, minister of outreach and pastoral care, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

### Wednesday morning, June 15

- 9:00—Music for Inspiration—Sanctuary Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., Charles H. Worley, director
- 9:30—Congregational Singing—S. Milburn Price, dean, School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.  
Prayer—Brian L. Harbour, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.
- 9:40—Election of Officers  
Miscellaneous Business
- 9:55—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:10—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., president, Louisville, Ky.
- 10:20—Annuit Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Tex.
- 10:40—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Russell H. Dilday, president, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:50—Brotherhood Commission Report—James H. Smith, president, Memphis, Tenn.
- 11:00—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans, La.
- 11:10—Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:20—American Bible Society Report—Alice E. Ball, general secretary, New York, N. Y.
- 11:25—Business  
Election of Officers and  
First Report of Resolutions Committee
- 11:55—Congregational Singing—S. Milburn Price, Louisville, Ky.
- 12:00—Music—Sanctuary Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., Charles H. Worley, director
- 12:05—Scripture and Prayer—James Wideman, pastor, Scriven Memorial Baptist Church, Portsmouth, N. H.  
Convention Sermon—James L. Pleitz, pastor, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
- 12:30—Benediction—Joseph Napier, layman, Pensacola, Fla.

### NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

### Wednesday evening, June 15

- 6:30—Music for Inspiration—"The Singing Churchmen of Maryland"—James C. Allcock, director, music secretary, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville
- 7:00—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
Prayer—Mark Lee McNeil, pastor, Derita Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
- 7:10—Presentation of Past SBC Presidents—James T. Draper Jr., Euless, Tex.
- 7:25—Special Recognition of Grady C. Cothen—Alton H. McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
- 7:30—Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, president, Atlanta, Ga.
- 8:30—Benediction—Russell Fitts, pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.

### Thursday morning, June 16

- 9:00—Music for Inspiration—Combined Choirs of Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, Karen Petro, director
- 9:30—Congregational Singing—Gilbert Wilder, music secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columbus  
Prayer—Dale O. Steele, pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C.
- 9:40—Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson III, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:50—Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Frank Pollard, president, Mill Valley, Cal.
- 10:00—Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:05—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—W. Randall Lolley, president, Wake Forest, N. C.
- 10:15—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 10:30—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Milton Ferguson, president, Kansas City, Mo.
- 10:40—Congregational Singing—Gilbert Wilder, Columbus, Oh.
- 10:45—Business Session  
Resolutions Committee (Final)  
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30—Benediction—Rodney V. Byard, assistant to the president for communication, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

### Thursday afternoon, June 16

- 2:00—Music for Inspiration—John and Mary Giger, concert artists, Dallas, Tex.
- 2:30—Congregational Singing—Doyal V. Spence, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.  
Prayer—Joseph A. Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Wales, Fla.
- 2:40—Introduction of Fraternal Messengers
- 2:50—Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:00—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James M. Dunn, executive director, Washington, D. C.
- 3:10—Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:20—Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:30—Baptist World Alliance Report—Gerhard Claas, general secretary, Washington, D. C.
- 3:40—Congregational Singing—Doyal Spence, Roanoke, Va.
- 3:45—Theme Interpretation—Joel Gregory, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 4:00—Business Session
- 5:00—Benediction—William Lacy, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La.

### Thursday evening, June 16

- 6:45—Music for Inspiration—Russell Newport, layman, Springfield, Mo.
- 7:15—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
Prayer—Terri Jean Draper, teacher, Euless, Tex.
- 7:25—Introduction of Local Committee
- 7:30—Radio and Television Commission Report—Jimmy R. Allen, president, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 7:45—Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.
- 7:55—Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 8:00—Special Emphasis—Fred Roach, president, Centennial Homes, Dallas, Tex., testimony, The Laity—Ministers in the World
- 8:10—Music—Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo.
- 8:15—Introduction of Speaker—Neal Jones, pastor, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.
- 8:20—Unity of the Spirit—In Ministry—Charles W. Colson, president, Prison Fellowship, Washington, D. C.
- 9:00—Benediction—Bailey Ray Draper, printer, Euless, Tex.

## Pittsburgh Baptists show that somebody cares

**WHEREVER THERE ARE PEOPLE AND PEOPLE NEED, YOU'LL FIND SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.** Jim Cravens, 65, is director of missions for the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, coordinating Southern Baptist outreach to the greater Pittsburgh metropolitan area through its 28 churches and missions. Though Pittsburgh is already heavily populated with churches, Cravens believes Baptists offer an important distinction.

Baptists began in Pennsylvania, he explains, "so we've made the cycle and come back home." Returning with them, Baptists have brought a more evangelistic presentation of the gospel, he adds. "We are concerned about people who are not identified with the Lord," says Cravens.

"That's our goal," he continues, "that everyone be identified with Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with him. And that happens best in a church setting."

Cravens and Pittsburgh Baptists are actively trying to start new churches. Yet he contends that "we're not in competition with other groups." As director of missions, Cravens also helps Pittsburgh Baptists go beyond their own congregational needs and serve people in their communities.

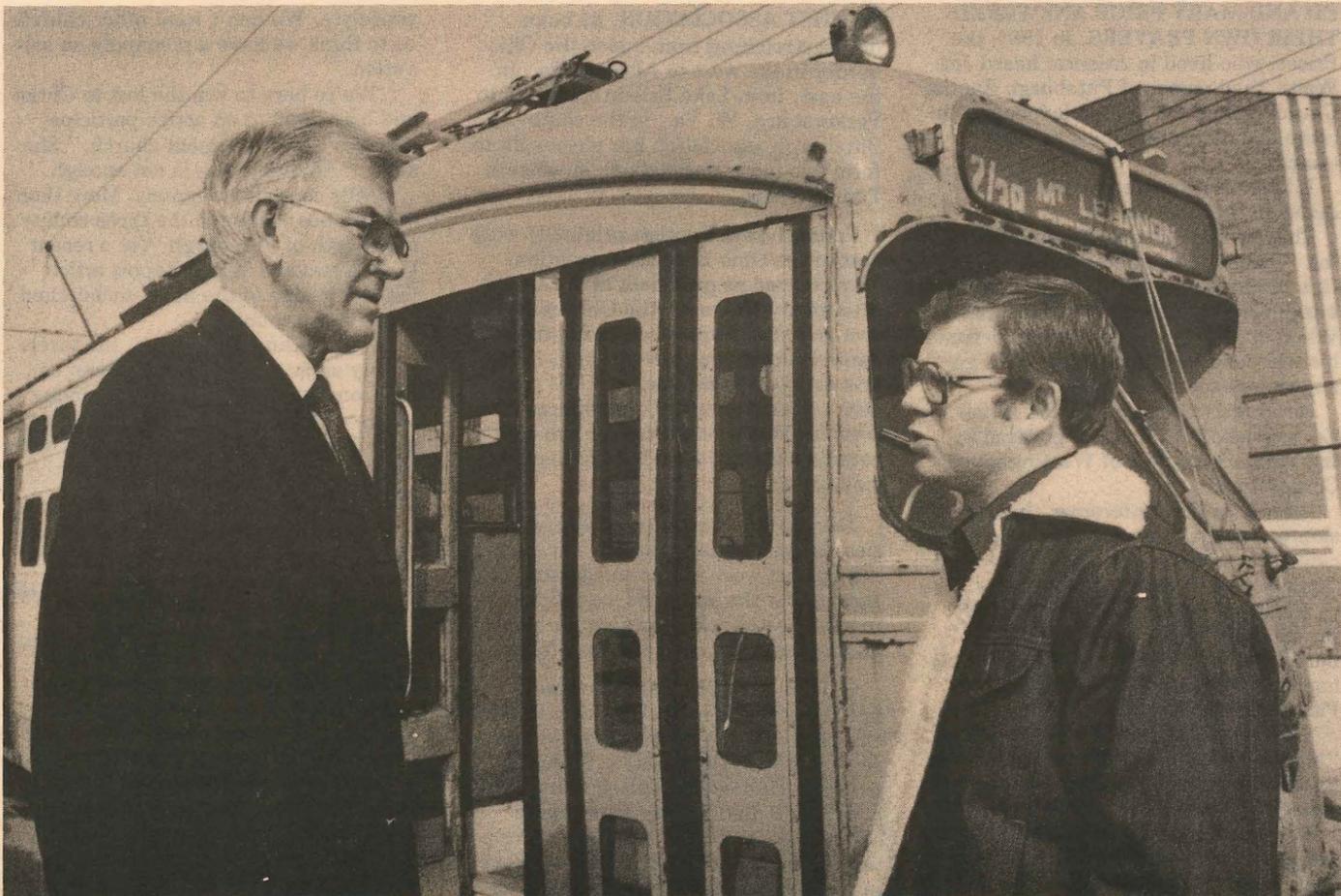
"Southern Baptists have become concerned about the total person," says Cravens. "You can't concentrate on the soul and not on the flesh. Feeding the flesh is an avenue toward feeding the soul. If we're going to live in an acceptable society, we must be concerned about what goes into the mind and spirit of a person as well as the stomach."

Cravens avoids approaches that belittle other denominations and chooses to applaud their strengths and see Baptist work as complementing ministries of other groups. "We believe other denominations have Christians in their congregations, too," he muses. Yet Cravens is quick to boast about his own denomination. "It's great to be identified with Southern Baptists by choice," he smiles. "We couldn't be here if it weren't for the cooperative efforts of Southern Baptist churches and the groups that came to serve one or two weeks to help churches here get started."

**CORNELIUS BRIGHT DOES IT FOR A LIVING.** Bright is appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, responsible for coordinating all Southern Baptist ministry in the United States, as a church planter strategist for the Pittsburgh Baptist Association. As such, Bright locates areas where he believes a Southern Baptist congregation might flourish. "We never start churches where we feel the gospel is being sufficiently preached," says Bright. "Only when there's a vacancy do we begin one."

Once a need is determined, Bright secures a place to hold weekly Bible study meetings, gets the word out in the community that a Bible study fellowship is beginning and carefully nurtures the group until it evolves into a congregation. Once the congregation is on its feet, Bright helps the group secure a pastor and he's off to start another church.

Since March 1982 Bright has been planting churches in Pittsburgh. His first effort has been a Bible study fellowship in Lower Burrell. Last Novem-



Jim Cravens [l], director of missions for the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, talks with Christian social ministries director Alan Dahl about ways Southern Baptists can minister to residents of a city hard hit by the economic recession.

ber the group held its first Sunday service. Despite an ice storm which made Bright 30 minutes late 22 people gathered to worship. Bright is now helping the small congregation, sponsored by Expressway Baptist Church in Freeport, to find its first pastor.

Bright believes Southern Baptists offer people a "caring, family relationship with the church where people can become personally involved in a type of ministry."

Bright became personally involved in 1946 when he helped begin a church in California while stationed there with the Navy. He went to college with the intention of graduating and returning to California to work as a bivocational education minister.

Instead, he and his wife, Edna, went to Ohio in 1960 as part of the Home Mission Board's "Tentmaker" program, a program which used self-supported persons to start churches. Their first church has sponsored 40 other missions during the past 20 years, says Bright, and he has personally started more than 50 churches and chapels during the past 37 years.

But starting churches is both a job and a joy for Bright. "We are trying to provide a New Testament church in every community where there is not evangelical witness," explains Bright. "If we had the personnel and the financial resources, we could start 10 churches a year for the next 10 years and still not reach the needs in this association."

**ONE OF THE GREATEST NEEDS IN PITTSBURGH,** says associational language missionary Boris Rock, is that of Southern Baptist congregations for the number of ethnics in the metropolitan Pittsburgh area. Since 1969 Rock has been canvassing the area and working among the large Slavic population of Pittsburgh.

But establishing Southern Baptist congregations among Slavic groups, many of whom have strong orthodox backgrounds, has proved difficult. Rock now pastors Slavic Baptist Mission, a small congregation of eight people of Russian and Ukrainian background. The mission, sponsored by Pittsburgh Baptist Church, meets at the Bingham Methodist Church in Southside.

Rock, who works with a variety of language groups, also has a weekly Sunday Russian broadcast to reach Russian immigrants and sponsors a Bible study group at Noble Manor high rise in Ingram each Tuesday.

Rock uses materials written in Polish, Greek, English and Ukrainian and Russian printings of the four gospels to share the message of salvation offered in Jesus Christ.

Born in Russia, Rock lived in Rumania and Austria and pastored in Germany before he came to the United States in 1951. He pastored Rumanian Baptist Church, Gary, Ind., before moving to Pittsburgh.

**ALAN DAHL CAME HOME TO PITTSBURGH WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE, Sandi, joined the associational staff as directors of Christian social ministries in 1977.** Alan grew up in Monroeville Baptist Church and met Sandi when she moved to Pittsburgh and joined the church at the age of 14.

Since the association's Baptist Center was torn down to make way for the PAT Busway, Dahl has been concentrating on reaching the inner city through ministries of City Baptist Chapel, sponsored by the Monroeville church.

Begun two years ago, the nine indigenous members meet at the Fourth Presbyterian Church building in Friendship neighborhood. The Presbyterian congregation refuses to take payment for housing City Chapel, says Dahl, but chooses to view themselves as "co-

ministers in the area."

Dahl hopes to purchase some dilapidated buildings on the east side and with the help of Southern Baptist work crews from the south, renovate the buildings and convert them into housing units and centers for ministry. In the meantime, Dahl divides his time between ministering in the inner city and helping associational churches develop programs for meeting their own communities' needs.

In the past few years Dahl has helped several churches organize food bank programs. He also helped Hanover Baptist Chapel, a small congregation west of Pittsburgh, develop a ministry to troubled youths.

A Southern Baptist volunteer work team built a chapel on the campus of the Youth Forestry Camp #2, a camp jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Justice and the Pennsylvania Department of Resources to help troubled youths. Hanover Chapel now sponsors the ministry, leading worship services at the camp and working with the teens who visit Hanover services.

**SINCE THE FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONGREGATION BEGAN IN PITTSBURGH IN 1958,** Southern Baptists have been committed to reaching the area with the gospel. Says Cravens, "We've tried to zero in on a segment of the population not in the sights of others."

As Pittsburgh struggles through tough economic conditions, Cravens hopes to communicate that God—and Southern Baptists—care.

"We're trying to keep people thinking positive that there is a way through this," adds Cravens, "and that we, Southern Baptists, are in this together with them. There is someone who cares."

# STEEL CITY SUN

## Pittsburgh couple's prayer nets surprising answer

**ED AND MARY PRICE ANSWERED THEIR OWN PRAYERS.** In 1961, the Prices, who lived in Atlanta, heard Joe Waltz, then pastor of Pittsburgh Baptist Church, plead for Baptist laypeople "to come and plant their lives in Pittsburgh."

Ed and Mary price put Waltz's request on their prayer list.

They confess that at the time neither felt "inclined" to go to Pittsburgh. In fact, Ed had transferred from the Pittsburgh office to Atlanta 20 years earlier. When in 1943 he asked Mary to become his wife, she recalls thinking, "I'll go anywhere except Pittsburgh."

But three weeks after Waltz's visit, Ed was asked to fill a new position in the Pittsburgh office of Westinghouse Corporation.

After a family conference, the decision was made to move. They also decided that while in the north, they were "going to rest" from church duties.

Waltz had other plans for them. By the time the Prices arrived in Pittsburgh, Waltz had already been by their house and left a note inviting them to Pittsburgh Baptist.

"We joined his church," says Mary, "and I haven't spent an unhappy day in Pittsburgh since." Neither have they rested.

When they first came to Pittsburgh there was only one Southern Baptist church and two missions in the city. Though they had been active in their Atlanta church, neither felt qualified to be involved in missions. Nevertheless, they plunged in.

They became the nucleus for new church starts throughout western Pennsylvania, offering leadership, time and money to insure a strong Baptist foothold. They were personally involved in beginning between eight and 10 churches.

**IN 1963, THEY HELPED ORGANIZE THE GREATER PITTSBURGH**

**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,** its boundaries stretching from inside the Ohio border in the west to Altoona, Pa., in the east; from Lake Erie in the north to Parkersburg, W. Va., in the south. The Pittsburgh association has since split to form two more associations in western Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Baptists originally were part of the Ohio Baptist Convention. Mary served as president of Woman's Missionary Union for the Ohio convention and after Pennsylvania Baptists organized their own convention in 1970, was elected Pennsylvania WMU president—making her the first woman to serve as WMU president for two conventions without even having to move, smiles Ed.

Despite Westinghouse responsibilities, Ed was equally involved in furthering Baptist work in Pittsburgh and throughout the state. Ed would preach in newly established chapels and offer advice about church business affairs.

In 1973, the Prices helped band fledgling Pennsylvania Southern Baptist churches into the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention. When the newly elected executive secretary of the convention died shortly after taking office, Ed was interim executive secretary, often spending three days a week in his Westinghouse office, then packing up work and heading for Harrisburg to mind state Baptist affairs. The Prices' commitment to and knowledge of Southern Baptists proved invaluable to the growth of the new convention.

**THOUGH THERE ARE MANY OTHER CHURCHES OF VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA,** Mary asserts that Southern Baptists are still needed. "One-half of the people 13 years or older claim no church membership," she explains. "We don't need to

proselyte. We don't want other churches to think we have a monopoly on salvation.

"We're here to win the lost to Christ and lead them to an active participation in a New Testament church." She adds, "Anything else is not enough."

Needs continue to mount. More than 400,000 people live in the three county area south of Pittsburgh. Yet a recent U. S. News and World Report article listed it as one of the most unchurched areas in the country.

Largely ethnic in makeup, the three-county area "has not always been on the front burner of acceptance among White Anglo Saxon Protestants," says Ed. "But that's the kind of people here. They're just as much prospects as the new couple from Dallas."

**NOW RETIRED, ED WAS EMPLOYED BY WESTINGHOUSE CORP. FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS.** Mary points

out that Ed still receives letters from executives with whom he worked recalling the influence his faith had on their lives.

"If I had continued in Atlanta I probably would never have been concerned about the image I projected," confesses Ed. But now after more than two decades in a highly unchurched area, he has learned valuable lessons about sharing his faith.

"You don't have to preach to everybody you work with or advertise your faith," he says. "If it's not vital enough for people to sense it it's not worth much anyway."

Ed is reluctant, however, to accept credit for Southern Baptist expansion in the north. At least 30 Southern Baptist families have "made their second activity church" throughout Southern Baptists' history in Pittsburgh, he says. "The did the same thing we did. We just stayed here longer."

"There are many who are willing to give over and above to support this work," he adds. Some of them have joined the Prices in organizing the Southwestern Pennsylvania Baptist Ministries Foundation, an independent laypersons' fund to help new churches. With foundation monies the group has purchased several mobile chapels for church starting, helped struggling missions pay bills and purchase educational materials.

**THOUGH ED, 65, WAS RECENTLY DIAGNOSED AS HAVING CANCER,** he remains active as a member of Lakeside Baptist Church and in Pennsylvania Baptist affairs. He served as the cogeneral chairman for the upcoming 1983 Southern Baptist Convention which will meet in Pittsburgh; Mary is registration chairman.

Together, they will continue to tell Pittsburgh residents the "good news." "God cares and through his Son has offered us salvation," says Ed.

"There's no greater news. It doesn't mean freedom from problems." But, insists Mary, "It has made for a more tranquil life."

"We've been involved more deeply than we could have been anywhere else," says Ed. "There's been a tie that's given us a common goal to work toward. It's hard not to be involved, and once you're involved, it becomes personal."

"I didn't realize it at the time," he concludes, "but laypeople can be called to move just as surely as a pastor can."

"We should be careful how we pray," muses Mary. "It's a calculated risk. Often we're not willing to be the answer to prayer."

Yet Ed and Mary wouldn't change their prayer for the world. "God's given to us," says Mary, "and we want to share."



Ed and Mary Price, who moved to Pittsburgh in 1961, became the backbone of new Southern Baptist work there, helping to

start 10 churches and the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, and the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention.