

## Panel to seek editor named by directors

A committee to recommend a new editor for Western Recorder has been named by the paper's board of directors.

The committee is charged with responsibility of seeking a replacement for C. R. Daley, who recently announced his retirement effective June 30, 1984. Daley has edited the paper since July 1, 1957.

Included on the five-member panel are T. A. Prickett, Owensboro, chairman; John Christian, Hopkinsville; H. Gary Coltharp, Madisonville; Robert DeFoor, Harrodsburg; and Glenn Durham, Harlan.

Prickett said "any Kentucky Baptist" should "feel free to communicate" with the committee the name of any person "he believes to be a qualified editor." Biographical material should accompany names.

Names may be submitted to any director of Western Recorder, or to any member of the search committee. Prickett will receive names at Box 2222, Owensboro, KY 42302.

## Ray will be nominee for SBC giving effort

Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be nominated as national director of the Planned Growth in Giving effort when the Southern Baptist Executive Committee meets Sept. 19-21 in Nashville.

Planned Growth in Giving is a national plan to increase giving by Southern Baptist congregations to local, state, national and international causes during the remainder of this century. Goals call for increasing total gifts to the 36,000-plus congregations to \$20 billion per year, up from the current \$3 billion, and to the SBC Cooperative Program to \$1.2 billion, up from the current \$125 million.

Ray, 61, has been in the North Carolina post since 1976. He had been director of the stewardship division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas previously.

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# KBC to hear six, feature pension plan and prayer time, recognize leader

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Six major addresses, election of officers, a reception honoring the state's new executive secretary-treasurer and his family, a presentation of a new pension program by the Annuity Board and a concluding season of prayer will highlight the 146th meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 15-17 at Paducah.

Hosted by Paducah's First Baptist Church, it will be the first time in nine years that the far western portion of the state has attracted the convention. The meeting was last held at the same Paducah church in 1974.

The six major speeches include the president's address by Curtis H. Warf, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, and the convention sermon by Bob C. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg.

Other speakers include William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown; W. R. Davenport, president, Campbellsville (Ky.) College; Thomas H. Graves, professor of religion and theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; and William R. O'Brien, executive vice president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

The Paducah meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will see the election of Warf's successor as president, and the election of at least two vice presidents.

The reception for the Marshalls is planned Tuesday evening, Nov. 15, at 8:30 p.m., immediately at the close of the evening session. It will be held at First Baptist Church.

Wednesday evening will see the presentation of the Annuity Board's new pension program for church employees, projected for 1988. Elaine Elkins, of Dallas, Tex., an Annuity Board staffer, and Byrd R. Ison, Kentucky Baptist Annuity Department director, will introduce the program, to be accompanied by an audiovisual presentation. The new program is being introduced at each state convention meeting this fall.

The season of prayer is scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, the traditional time for a closing speaker's address at previous recent conventions.

Sharing in leading this period will be the newly elected state convention president; the presidents of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Kentucky Baptist Music Association, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood and the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship of Directors of Missions; plus executive board staff members, including the ex-

ecutive secretary-treasurer.

During the three day convention each agency and institution of the convention, along with the 15 departments of the KBC executive board, will present reports of their work in the last year.

A projected budget for 1984-85 of \$14.9 million in operating costs plus challenge sections bringing the total to \$17.5 million is expected to be adopted. Some 36.25% of the \$14.9 million and 37% above that figure will be shared with Southern Baptist Convention causes, the remainder staying in the state.

As always, resolutions on a variety of subjects are expected to be adopted by messengers to the convention.

Numerous committee reports, from both standing and special committees to report at this convention, will be received.

Attendance will probably exceed 2000, including visitors, from the state's 2217 Southern Baptist congregations.

William W. Marshall, the new execu-

tive secretary-treasurer, will be introduced to the messengers early in the meeting, his first in this assignment. Curtis Warf, president of the convention, will present Marshall at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday. The convention begins at 10 a.m. that day.

Music leaders for the seven sessions include these Baptist church ministers of music:

David Hale, First, Pikeville; Rick Case, Pleasant Grove, Owensboro; Mike Rose, Henderson Memorial, Hopkinsville; Ed Garr, Buena Vista, Owensboro; Steve O'Neal, Walnut Street, Owensboro; Grover Waller, First, Owensboro; and Eddie Russell, Cadiz.

Special music will be provided by the Kentucky Baptist Chorale; Mrs. Rebecca Hale, Pikeville; Bruce Richardson, Versailles, and Hunter Hensley, Lexington; the Cumberland College Chorale, Williamsburg; Barbara DeCoursey, Hodgenville; and the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church, Paducah.

## HFC's Holderman moves to eastern region

Eldred M. Taylor, executive director of Baptist Homes for Children, Middletown, has announced the appointment of Harold Holderman to a new position with that agency.

Effective Sept. 1 Holderman is regional coordinator in the eastern area of the state. An eastern regional office located in Lexington will be moved by Nov. 1 to Winchester in an effort "to be closer to the eastern counties."

Holderman, 51, has been most recently living in Elizabethtown in a development and public relations capacity with the agency. Earlier, 1970-80, he had been superintendent of Glen Dale Children's Home at Glendale, Ky.

Taylor said the regional offices (including two others, at Madisonville and Middletown) receive calls requesting service "to help meet the needs of troubled families and children."

The regional coordinator also is a public relations representative helping churches and individuals know about this available Baptist ministry. The ministry is statewide and includes residential care, foster family care and maternity and adoption.

Holderman will assist families in need of Baptist Homes for Children ministries and make referrals to other services. He is available to speak in churches, associations and to other groups to explain HFC's services, according to Taylor.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, with the BA degree, Holderman holds MDiv and MRE



Taylor



Holderman

degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is married to the former Betty Shackelford. They have three daughters.

Holderman is an ordained minister and a trained social worker. He was principal at Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute 12 years.

## Four lead Georgetown while president sought

Four vice presidents of Georgetown (Ky.) College will continue as the school's chief executive officers "until a new president is named," according to Verlin C. Kruschwitz of Louisville, chairman of trustees.

The four VPs are: Joe Lewis, academic affairs, chairman; Tom Benburg, administration and treasurer; Richard Carlton, development; and Bert Hawkins, student affairs.

Ben M. Elrod resigned Georgetown's presidency June 30.



# daley observations

C. R. Daley

## Ministerial preparation comes at a high price

This fall thousands of young people are flocking to the campuses of colleges and seminaries to begin or to continue their preparation for the ministry. For many the cost for this preparation will be high but they realize the cost of not preparing is higher so they are paying the price.

Memories of my own experience are vivid. All through college years and for three years of school teaching I struggled with the call to the ministry. In the meantime Christine and I married in 1941 and then we struggled together with deciding what to do. In 1942 our first son was born which intensified the struggle but that year we decided to make the break with teaching and seek seminary training. We began to pull up roots but because of the shortage of teachers during war years we were persuaded to remain with the high school where we taught one more year.

In 1943 we resigned as teachers and I set out in September for Louisville alone because there was a waiting list for family housing on the campus and during the war years there were few affordable places off campus where seminary families could live.

Understanding teachers let me make up final term exams in February 1944 in order to be in

Georgia with Christine for the birth of our second son. By then our financial resources were exhausted but in May 1944 we borrowed enough money for rail fare and set out with two babies for Louisville. Our meager household possessions were shipped by railway freight and were a week late in arriving so we lived a week with two babies without cooking or refrigeration facilities. We had no automobile but managed to carry in our arms what few groceries we could afford.

This experience was not near as bad as it sounds. Fellow students and seminary personnel were extremely generous. That same summer I became pastor of Woodburn Baptist in Warren County and Providence Baptist in Simpson County and the warmth and generosity of these congregations could never be fully described. Working on the seminary paint crew during the summer and in the seminary kitchen during the school year along with preaching on weekends worked out well for five years.

I recalled those days nearly 40 years ago recently when two attractive couples entering the seminary this year came by to see me. They were sent by two of my preacher friends in Tennessee and in Georgia who encouraged them to come to the seminary and who knew I would

help them all I could.

The decisions of these couples to come to the seminary were not easy. Both have been out of college several years and both young preachers had responsible places of service.

The financial resources of both couples are limited and they will have to have help. The wives will have to work. Fortunately one of the wives is a nurse and the other is an elementary teacher as well as an accomplished secretary.

Of course both of these students are praying for an opportunity to be student pastors while at the seminary. Both are good prospects because they have had considerable experience and one has been a music director as well as a pastor.

My first impressions of these young preachers would lead me to recommend them to any church in need of an experienced student pastor.

My main reason for writing this different kind of editorial is not to tell my experiences nor to get into the preacher placement business but to assure readers that commitment and sacrifice still prevail among Baptist young people and for this reason the future for Southern Baptists holds as much hope as the past and the present.

## New retirement plan offers hope

The most far reaching action in 1983 related to Southern Baptist churches and their employes has taken place with little notice and no fanfare. This is the new pension plan for church employes which has been adopted by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and was announced at the Pittsburgh convention last June. If churches and their employes take advantage of the new plan, much of the suffering now being experienced by retired Baptist preachers and their families will be eliminated and churches will be freed from the feeling of guilt which results from seeing their beloved former ministers suffer.

Some relief from this sad situation is long overdue. Most retired Baptist preachers after serving many years receive a pension of less than \$200 a month. A study committee which recommended the new plan learned that in pension benefits Southern Baptists are on the very bottom of the list of major denominations in the United States. It doesn't make sense that Southern Baptist churches which lead all other evangelical churches in many ways are treating their retired employes the worst of all churches.

The new plan to begin in 1988 is comprehensive but not complex. It involves contributions from the employe, the church and the denomina-

tion. The employe puts in up to 5% of his or her total salary from the church, the church puts in double the amount the employe puts in and the state Baptist conventions put in \$420 a year.

The plan is designed so that if the employe puts in 5%, the church 10% and the denomination \$420, the employe upon retirement with 30 years of service would receive a pension equal to one-half of the salary he or she was receiving at time of retirement. In the meantime if the employe becomes disabled he or she would receive disability benefits and should the employe die, his or her family would receive an accumulated cash death benefit or regular payments based on the accumulation.

1988 seems like a long time to wait for this new plan to begin but that much time will be required for the Annuity Board to get ready for the transition. State conventions will also need time to phase in the increased contributions which are double what is presently being done. In the meantime churches can also prepare for increased contributions for their ministers and for all other full time church employes who, for the first time, will be included in the plan.

All the old plans will be discontinued when the new plan goes into effect in 1988. Of course all

benefits under these old plans will be credited to the participants so nothing is lost.

While there is understandable excitement about the new plan, there remains the sadness over the plight of those already retired or those about to retire. Annuity Board president Darold Morgan and many others are agonizing over how to find relief for those now suffering. An endowment campaign is under way which hopefully will help. I am among those who would strongly support an annual conventionwide special offering for helping these suffering saints.

As a minister who will soon reach retirement age, allow me to make a personal plea to churches and to church employes.

Churches, don't hesitate to sign up for the new plan and for maximum participation. And don't leave it up to the pastor who might not realize the importance of present protection and future care of his loved ones.

Fellow ministers, take it from one who until a short time ago thought too little about retirement preparation and assumed there would be plenty of time to get ready. That time passes rapidly and actually few are ready. When the time comes, your only regret will be you didn't make more sacrifices in early life for later life.

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WR's newest ministry reaches visually impaired

# Cassette recipients express gratitude

by Helen Parker

Imagine, if you can, what it would be like if you could no longer see to read your Bible, your daily paper or your favorite periodical. This occurs more often than one might suspect. The loss of sight is universal. Blindness frequently strikes without warning. It can strike anyone at any age and at any time. This happened to Chester Barry, 57, a pastor and Christian social worker.

Barry's remarks are typical. "I really felt cut off from the mainstream of things," he commented, "until I learned a recorded edition of the Bible and three of my favorite publications, Reader's Digest, Newsweek and Western Recorder are available to the blind. It was indeed gratifying and comforting to discover Southern Baptists of my state and the Anchorage Studio for the Handicapped, a non-denominational agency which records material for individuals with reading disabilities, had not forgotten the visually impaired. I am deeply grateful to every professional worker and volunteer who is making it possible for the blind of Kentucky to receive their state paper."

Two other grateful recipients are Marie Childers and Mae Grimsley, members of Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville. They began receiving

Western Recorder when their pastor, Walter Isley, filled out the application which had appeared in a back issue of the print edition.

Pastors throughout the state would do well to follow his example by being on the lookout for members of their congregation who can no longer see to read but who would still enjoy Western Recorder.

The 50 or so blind recipients now receiving the taped edition owe a debt of thanks to Jim Richardson, counselor at Kentucky School for the Blind. Upon learning Baptist agencies in Florida and North Carolina were recording their state papers for the visually handicapped Richardson began to ask, "Shouldn't Kentucky Baptists be rendering this service to their visually impaired?"

Richardson shared his dream with Jeff Conner, the newly appointed state consultant to the blind.

"Providing visually handicapped Baptists of Kentucky who desire it with their state paper became my top priority," Conner declared. "Thanks to Jim's aid and to the generosity of St. Matthews Baptist Church \$1200 was raised to purchase the tapes and mailing cartons necessary for this new venture. However, we could never have completed our project without the help we received from the Kentucky Baptist

Convention, Western Recorder and the Anchorage Studio for the Handicapped. With all of us working together our dream became a reality the week of Oct. 18, 1982 when we mailed the first taped copy to approximately 35 individuals who had requested it."

Two ladies who regard the day they received their first taped copy of Western Recorder as red letter days of their lives are Daisy Reed and Lucille Har-

din. "I had been wanting Western Recorder for such a long time," Daisy stated. "It was wonderful to be able to sit down and enjoy the Recorder again," Lucille declared.

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# New hearing aid system rates high in Cynthiana

by Darrell R. Monroe  
Staff Writer

"If people can't hear you, you're not getting through to them," says Estes Denton, pastor of Oak Wood Baptist Church, Union Association.

And that's what prompted Denton and his Cynthiana congregation to install a Williams personal sound hearing system during their recent building project, dedicated July 31.

The Williams system is fairly new, Denton noted. "The concept is simple. The hearing aids are just like having a transistor radio. We have an FM transmitter rigged through the church's sound system. Whoever has a hearing problem uses an individual receiver and ear plug. They can register the volume according to their need," he continued.

According to Denton, Oak Wood came upon the system accidentally.

"We were talking about systems and Steve Tolby of Tolby Music in Richmond, Ky. contacted us. He told us about a new system placed on the market last winter, Denton added. "In the final analysis of systems, we felt he gave us the best deal."

The Williams system operates on an FCC licensed frequency in the 79 megahertz range and broadcasts about 200 feet from its base, Denton said.

"If we'd gone with the more standard systems we would have had to have transformers on the wall, wires under the floor, and jacks for each pew. People using hearing aids would have been limited where they could sit in church too," he said.

"With this, they can sit wherever they want to and hear anything that comes over the PA system.

"Also," he stated, "with other type hearing systems, once you install, you can't add more hearing jacks without more construction. With these, you have the one transmitter and then purchase however many radios you might need. They sell for \$45 apiece.

Denton estimates that nine persons in his congregation can benefit from the new hearing transistors in the church. "We bought four at first when we installed the transmitter but have already purchased four more," he said. "Some of my folks are talking about buying their own to have."

Bob Richardson, 76, said, "It's all right" when asked how he liked having the system at his church. "I hear pretty good without it but I tried one out and turned it up. It's all right," he repeated.

James L. Wright, another Oak Wood member with 50 percent hearing loss in one ear and total loss in the second, appreciates the new system.

"It's nice," he said. He added he is able to use the system in addition to his normal hearing aid.

One thing Denton said he insisted on when seeking a sound system for the church's new sanctuary was quality.

"I would not cheat on a sound system," he stated. "If Baptists don't hear, they they won't know. Half of our churches have people who don't hear. Well, here at Oak Wood they have no excuse not to hear," he emphasized.

He added that to his knowledge Oak Wood is the first church in the area to install the newly marketed Williams system. "Word of mouth has gener-

ated some interest," he said, noting that he has had some inquiries about its success at Oak Wood.

Cost is naturally a concern in inquiries, Denton agreed, but said that while equipment on the other type systems might be less, labor for installation is more. They equal out to about the same, he said. "We paid around \$700 initially," he recalled.

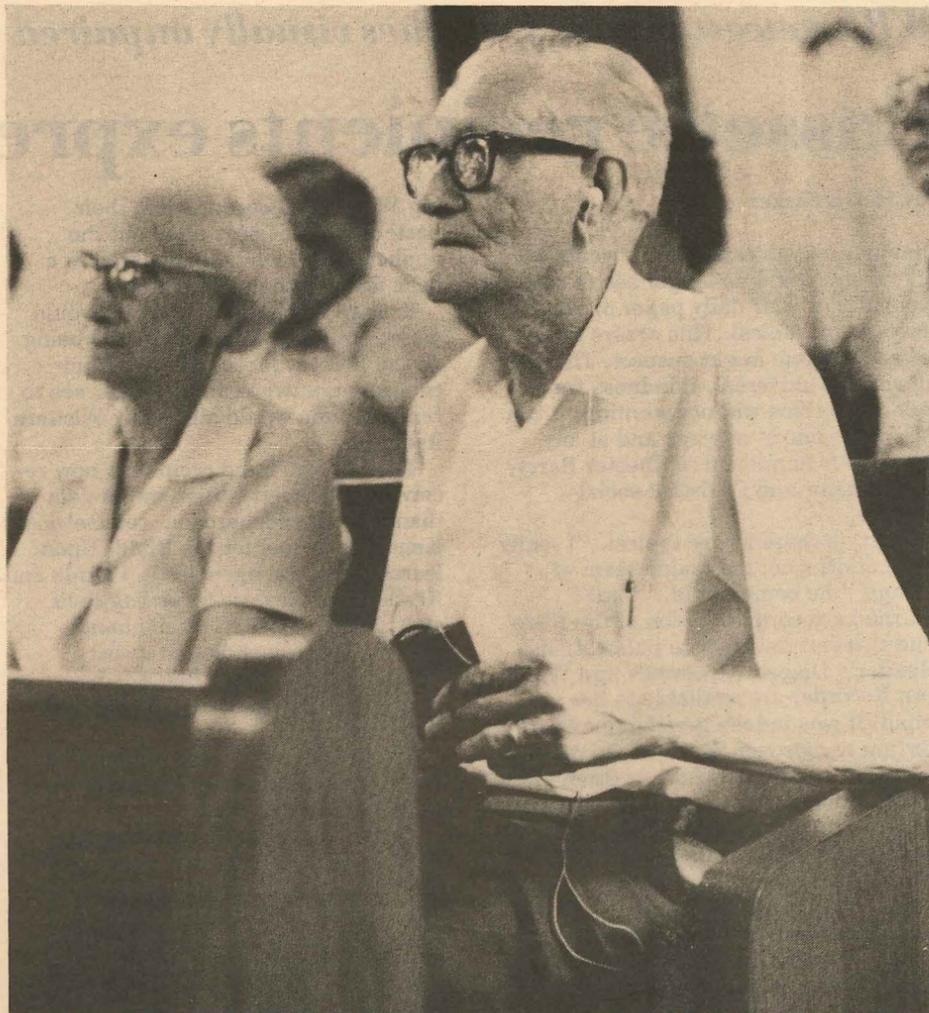
Steve Tolby, who installed the system at Oak Wood, said that the idea of the system is still fairly new in Kentucky. "It's just getting out. I believe we installed the first one in a central Kentucky church. Oak Wood was our first one," he added.

Tolby said he first heard of the system last winter and began quizzing people about it. The system works off the PA system. It broadcasts into a receiver about the size of a cigarette pack and has an ear plug.

"It's really a slick system. It has its own frequency assigned by the FCC and is limited to 200-300 feet. The only time a person might have trouble is when two churches near each other both have a system.

"In that case," he added, "different frequencies would be given each one."

"The Williams system does work well," Tolby continued. "Here's a hearing system that doesn't limit you. It grows as your need grows and doesn't limit users."



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## personnel

John Paul Brady has resigned as pastor of Whipporwill Baptist Church, Bethel Association, to pursue his MRE in family and marriage counseling at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

He and his wife Sherri have two daughters, Susan and Leigh.

David Louis Elliott has retired as pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Christian County Association, and is available for supply or interim work. He may be reached at Box 32, Blandville, KY 42026; (502) 876-7169.

H. Curtis Erwin, former pastor of Glasgow Baptist Church, Liberty Association, is interim pastor at Forest Park Baptist Church, Warren Association.

Bobby Brooks has accepted the pastorate at Big Creek Baptist Church, Three Forks Association. He is a fourth year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

James Burden has resigned as pastor at Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Warren Association. He has been pastor there about two years.

Doug Boyles has resigned as minister of music at Bethany Baptist Church, Warren Association, to accept a similar position at Fairview Baptist Church, Simpson Association.

Timothy Forsythe has resigned effective Sept. 3 as pastor of Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Russell County Association.

Jerry Noel has left the pastorate at Mays Lick Baptist Church, Bracken Association, to begin work in Ten Mile Association.

Don L. Johnson has accepted the pastorate of Crosswoods Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He goes there from Basin Baptist Church, Elba, Ala.

Johnson is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., and plans to continue his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Virginia have a son, Brian, 7.



Woodburn Baptist Church, Warren Association, recently recognized three 90-year-old ladies who are still active in the church. They are at top [l-r] Mrs. Virgie Edwards, a member since 1925 and long time teacher of juniors in Sunday school; Mrs. Margie Lewis, a member since 1931 and adult ladies teacher for 25 years; and Mrs. Mallie Murray, also a member since 1925 and small children's Sunday school teacher for nearly 60 years. In photo at right, Mrs. Murray assists two of her class members, Elizabeth and Neal Balance, who are also her great grandchildren. Woodburn's pastor is Wallace Morris.

Baptist young men Michael W. Routt and Mark Reynolds have been selected as Outstanding Young Men of America for 1983.

Routt is pastor of Fountain Run First Baptist Church, Monroe Association, and a 1982 graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Reynolds is an office designer and space planner for Internal Revenue Service, headquartered in Louisville. He has recently ended duties as outreach coordinator for the single adult ministry's department at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Glenn Mollette, pastor of Highland Heights First Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has published several articles with Sunday School Board publications.

Wesley O. Hanson has resigned as pastor of Hartford Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, effective on or before Feb. 5, 1984.

## missions

Campbellsville Baptist Church Taylor County Association, sent a 10-member mission team to Woodlawn Baptist Church, Lima, Oh., Aug. 1-7.

The group conducted several backyard Bible clubs enrolling 125 and held a layman-led revival with three professions of faith and several rededications recorded.

Middletown First Baptist Church, Long Run Association, had a youth group return recently from a mission trip to Berea, Oh. Backyard Bible clubs were held. Gary Chapman, minister of youth at Middletown First, directed the trip.

Charles R. White is pastor.

Trinity Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, had four Acteens and two adult leaders conduct four backyard Bible clubs and work with church planters at Eastgate Community Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., earlier this summer.

There were 43 children enrolled in the BYC's.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Clendenen have returned to the states for furlough. He is a native of Miami, Fla. and



Kenneth and Beth Perkins

she is the former Annette Smith of Mayfield, Ky. The Clendenens were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve in Taiwan in 1974. They may be reached while on furlough at 2523 Park Dr., Nashville, TN 37214.

William Michael and Janice L. Elliot and Richard M. and Deborah A. Hale, all of Louisville, have been approved for assignments by the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

The Elliots will remain in Kentucky where he is pastor and director of the Jefferson Street Baptist Center and she is secretary at Long Run Association. Both attended Georgia Southern College and he is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Hales will work in Ft. Yukon, Alaska where he will pastor. He is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is also a graduate of Campbellsville College as well as Southeastern Christian College.

The two couples were among 12 missionaries, 33 missionary associates and 45 pastoral aid recipients approved by HMB directors during their August meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Thorne, Baptist representatives to Israel, are on furlough (address: c/o John Thorne, 374 Aylesford Pl. #1, Lexington, KY 40508). They are natives of Oklahoma. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965.

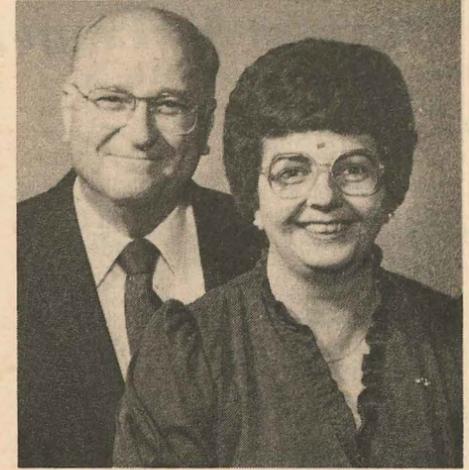
Southern Baptists commissioned six Kentuckians among its 117 new missionary journeymen July 22 for work in 47 countries during the next two years.

From the commonwealth are Mike and Debbie Brooks, Brooksville and Bardstown, respectively, Gaza; Jackie Johnson, Madisonville, Honduras; Jennifer Johnson, Versailles, Japan; Jodi Leach, Russellville, Nigeria; and Tracy Leeper, Dayton, Philippines.

The group represents the 19th to be commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board since the program's beginning in 1965. Journeymen work alongside career missionaries, handling assignments ranging from youth evangelism to social and agricultural ministries.

## congregations

Greenwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green has passed resolutions of appreciation for the 14.5 year pastoral services of Wilbur Lindsey. The resolution states that because of the faithful and dedicated service of Lindsey the Greenwood congregation is better able to continue in the ministry of the Lord as well as calls Lindsey a preacher of the Bible and a "servant of the Lord."



Herbert and Caroline Jukes

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O. Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Jukes were among 38 persons named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Aug. 11 at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Perkins, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Liberty Association, will work in Malawi as a general evangelist. His wife, the former Beth Stricker of Middletown, Ky., will be a church and home worker there.

Both are graduates of Georgetown (Ky.) College and he holds the MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Perkinses have two children, Jeremy Shane, 5, and Benjamin Ray, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Jukes will work in the Bahamas where he will be a teacher and she will be a church and home worker. He pastors Hazard First Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

Jukes holds his BA and MA degrees from University of Florida, Gainesville, and his MDiv from Southern Seminary.

He has pastored and been a professor at Pikeville (Ky.) College and a teacher in Sarasota and the University of Florida. In addition, Jukes has been associate director of Church Training with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

He and Mrs. Jukes, the former Caroline Caudill of Morehead, Ky., have four children. The youngest, Nancy Ellen, 12, will accompany her parents on the mission field.

## deaths

Mrs. Euna Mahan, 91, of Williamsburg, Ky., died Aug. 2 at Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Mahan was the wife of the late T. E. Mahan, a prominent Williamsburg attorney. She was involved in many community activities and donated much time and money to Cumberland College, Williamsburg First Baptist Church and the town.

Charles Lunsford, a retired Baptist minister died July 20 at his daughter's home in Jackson County, Ky. Survivors include his wife, five daughters, three sons, 40 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Lunsford, 87, was a former resident of Berea, Ky.

Leona Carrico, of Russellville, Ky., died Aug. 12 after a short illness. Services were held Aug. 15 there.

Mrs. Carrico, the former Leona Mangrum, was the wife of Post Oak Baptist Church (Logan County Association) pastor Joe Carrico. She was an elementary school teacher for 20 years and Sunday school teacher for 32.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Carrico is survived by one daughter, Renee, 25.

## Daviess-McLean Association ministers to students through luncheons

by Mary Kinney Branson  
State Correspondent

Hollie Miller was a member of the Kentucky Wesleyan Baptist Student Union (BSU) in Owensboro. He attended the weekly lunches, enjoyed the programs and even volunteered as part of a BSU youth team which presented services at churches in Daviess-McLean Baptist Association.

"Our youth pastor can't preach tonight," Miller told director of missions J. V. Case Jr. one day. "We'll have to cancel the service."

"Why don't you preach?" suggested Case.

Although hesitant, Miller accepted the challenge. Soon he was preaching often in local churches and felt God had called him to the ministry. Upon graduation from Kentucky Wesleyan College he entered seminary. Miller is now a pastor in the Indianapolis area.

"Hollie is one of our success stories," says Case with obvious pleasure. "We realize our ministry to Kentucky Wesleyan students is well worth the effort when we see a life changed like Hollie's."

"We've seen many lives changed through the BSU ministry," observes Rheta Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the association. "Some have accepted Christ and many have become more active in Southern Baptist life."

"We have students from other denominations who are active BSU mem-

bers. One Jewish girl remained a BSU member the four years she attended Kentucky Wesleyan. She was one of our most active members, even staying each week to help clean after the luncheon."

No one can remember exactly when the lunch ministry began and Case says the association had a similar ministry years ago. But Sept. 6, for at least the 10th year, Daviess-McLean Baptist Association began opening its building to nearby college students each Tuesday for lunch and a devotion or program. If this year is like past years the association will have 60-75 students filling its building each week.

Providing free lunch for such a large group is a monumental task and creating programs to interest young men and women is also a challenge. Mrs. Thompson, however, states neither assignment has been difficult.

"Our churches are usually eager to provide the meals," explains Mrs. Thompson, who is responsible for the scheduling of the lunches. "We have about 25 churches which participate, so most churches only provide a meal once during the school year."

"We encourage churches to keep the meals simple," continues Mrs. Thompson. "We remind them students are enthused over sandwiches, chili and other quick, inexpensive lunches. There is a definite expense and effort to providing the meals, so smaller churches sometimes work together to provide a

meal.

"Our associational WMU director, Dorothy Kanipe, always encourages WMU groups to participate, and the majority of lunches is provided by WMU groups. Some Sunday school classes provide meals, and we even have a youth group which supplies lunch during its spring break. The students seem impressed that youth would spend their vacation serving them a meal," Mrs. Thompson says.

"We could never provide such a time consuming ministry without a strong, cooperative association," lauds Case.

The meals are a definite lure to busy students on limited budgets, but Case is quick to emphasize that good programs are necessary to keep students coming back. David Adkins, BSU campus minister, works with the students to guide them in planning their own programs. Often the students reach out beyond the weekly programs to offer ministries and services to local churches. The BSU presently has a clown ministry which visits churches in the area.

Case states his biggest concern with the program is the chance that the association may be overlooking Southern Baptist students on the campus. A federal privacy act passed several years ago prohibits the association from obtaining a list of Baptist students. Associational workers try to greet students during registration, but Case encourages churches and individuals to inform

him of Baptist students who are attending Kentucky Wesleyan.

Local churches realize the majority of students to whom they minister will never become permanent members of their congregations. Most will leave Owensboro but hopefully they will have been enriched by the demonstrations of love by fellow Christians.

Case observes that providing the meals is a ministry in the truest sense.

"The people who provide these meals know they are helping in a mission endeavor," declares Case. "They are encouraging and supporting students who are away from home. Who knows what the future benefits will be? We see some immediate results, like Hollie Miller, but we feel many benefits will come years from now as these students take their places of leadership in towns and churches across the nation."

Most students who come to lunch at the Baptist building are not thinking of future benefits but immediate needs. Sometimes lonely, sometimes homesick, always eager for good company and fun, the students cross the campus each week, heading in large numbers for the Baptist Building. They hope to find good food, fellowship and a spiritual lift to get them through a busy week of lectures and exams. Hundreds of caring Christians in the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association make sure they are not disappointed.



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# Join the crowd

## Tallant retirement qualifies him for a select little circle

by James H. Cox

When Francis R. Tallant retires as executive director of missions for Warren Association of Baptists Dec. 31 a situation peculiar to the Bowling Green area may exist among Southern Baptist associations.

Tallant, 68, will join three other men—all living in Bowling Green—who have served the same local association as missions director. The four will continue to reside in Bowling Green.

Is there another city anywhere where four living residents have served the same local association as director of missions?

The other three leaders are:

- Harold Moore, 1951-58, retired;
- R. R. Hooks Sr., 1959-65, retired;
- O. G. Lawless, 1966-72, who retires Sept. 30 from the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Francis Tallant and his wife, Charlene, have offered "a team approach" to missions in Warren County for a decade. They were honored earlier this year by the association for 10 years of service as executive director and associational secretary. Their service began Mar. 1, 1973.

Serving an association is "what I said I'd never do," Tallant recalled on a warm late August day in his Bowling Green office. There were several things "I tried to get them (the committee) to say 'no' to" that he requested, "but they said 'yes'." He accepted, and is "glad I did."

### From the beginning

Tallant's initial exposure to what is expected of an associational missionary came at an early age. His preacher father was the first associational director of missions in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The younger Tallant was born Apr. 4, 1915 "just over the state line" at Rossville, Ga., where his father was serving a church.

Being a PK (preacher's kid) which "I never regretted," the younger Tallant was accustomed to living in many places, among them: Rossville, Chattanooga, Macon, Ga., Harriman and Sweetwater, Tenn., where he graduated from high school in 1933. That was the same year he was licensed to preach. He preached his first sermon there a year later, and was ordained in 1939 at Chattanooga.

Denominational leaders were "in my home" in Tallant's early years, he well remembers. Therefore, he had a "deep interest, respect and love" for denominational work from the beginning.

Pastors were "holy" in those days, Tallant remembers—"not the person,

but the position." Now, he observes, many pastors are being fired easily. He says it's a "scary fact." He thinks churches today need to be "free from strife" in order to grow.

Tallant received the BA degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., in 1937, and the ThM degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1940.

### A man for all seasons [and tasks]

His first experience on a church staff was at Louisville's Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, 1937-38, as youth director. He was music director at Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, 1938-39. His first pastorate was at Rolling Fork Baptist Church, near Bardstow, 1939-40.

While in Louisville Tallant met his bride-to-be. The former Charlene Blye and a Louisville native, she attended Spencian College and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

Francis and Charlene married in 1940, the year of Tallant's seminary graduation, and moved to west Tennessee. There Tallant served two churches, West Shiloh and Counts, both located near Selmer, 1940-42.

During that time Charlene returned to Louisville for the birth of their first son, Don. During Don's lifetime, cut short by an automobile accident at the age of 19, his parents marveled at his personal spiritual pilgrimage. He felt the call to preach and had responded affirmatively. At the time of his death, he was a student at his father's alma mater, Carson-Newman, in preparation for following that call.

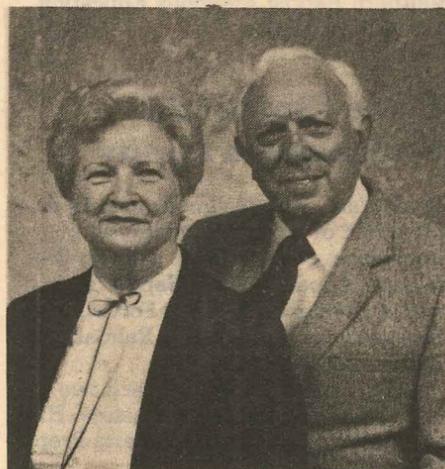
Tallant's first full time pastorate with one congregation began in 1942 at Louisiana Street Baptist Church, Memphis. From there he moved to First Baptist Church, Jellico, Tenn., serving 1945-50. He then served First Baptist Church, Central City, Ky., and declared he "never wanted to leave it."

But God had other plans for the Tallants. Three years later he moved them to First Baptist Church, Henderson, another "highly rewarding" pastorate, Tallant discovered.

### Stateside, far and wide

The Henderson pastorate was his last. In September 1959 Tallant resigned to enter denominational work where he has served ever since. He says he had "worked with the state so much" through the years, he "wasn't surprised" when the call came.

From 1959-64 he was associate in the Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.



### Two termers

Charlene and Francis Tallant have served a "partnership" in Warren Association. They will retire Dec. 31.



### And four to go

Four who served Warren Association as director of missions were: l-r, first row: Harold Moore and R. B. Hooks Sr.; second row: O. G. Lawless and Francis R. Tallant.

From 1964-73 he was one of two persons serving in pioneer missions among fledgling West Virginia Baptists, even before the formation of the state convention, organized in 1970.

As educational director, his responsibilities included being editor of the Baptist paper and directing the programs of Sunday school, Training Union, music, BSU work—"everything but missions," he remembers. Missions was assigned to the other full time staff member.

Charlene became their secretary in West Virginia. It was a natural, then, for her to continue those duties when Francis resigned to accept the Bowling Green assignment.

She has maintained her own interest in the many facets of denominational life. She is a popular youth leader and speaker across Kentucky and in other states. Both of them have frequently been asked to serve on the Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center faculty, and she has been on state assembly faculties in many states. She has also been a member of the state WMU executive board.

The Tallant family includes sons Rod, now 34, of Maryville, Tenn., and Phil, 30, of Nashville.

Rod, who has presented his parents with four grandsons, is employed by a department store and has appeared in several religious summer dramas.

Phil is currently minister of administration and education at Nashville's Judson Baptist Church. His wife is editor of preschool and children's music in the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. They have no children.

Thinking back over his career, Francis Tallant says one of his greatest joys in Warren Association has been in "working with the churches." He calls himself a "pastor to the pastors." He cites examples of his opportunities to teach young pastors to perform their first wedding, their first baptismal experience and so forth.

There's a "great deal of satisfaction," he declares, "in seeing young pastors grow." And, he adds, eyes twinkling, to see "the fellowship grow."

### As we grow, so shall we reap

In the last decade, Warren Association's budget has increased from \$18,000 to \$75,000. Warren Baptists purchased and completely paid for the

headquarters facility they occupy at 1415 High St., Bowling Green, in five years.

Tallant cites the building as "a point to rally around," where the smallest and the largest congregations have felt "comfortable" holding committee meetings, social events and prayer meetings over the years.

There are 42 churches in Warren Association. Another 11 in neighboring Simpson Association cooperate with Warren in educational and promotional events.

Tallant has, seemingly, been all things to all people.

One of his own 'talents' has been his ability to operate diversified printing equipment owned by the association. He has printed annuals, letterheads, programs, bulletins, mailouts and other materials for the association and the local churches. The association has provided paper for the churches at cost because "we can buy it cheaper" in bulk.

The association must be "a service to the churches" in every way, Tallant philosophizes.

Warren was the third association in the state to provide a guest room for visiting evangelists and other guests of member churches and the association. It's a free service to the churches, and now Warren has two such rooms, each with their own private baths.

The association loans audiovisual equipment to member churches without charge as another "service." It also keeps a tract rack and a copy of most new literature pieces available on display. This is a means of keeping church leaders informed about what's currently being offered.

Finally, Tallant talks of more personal matters.

### The past—yielding to the future

He "couldn't have done it" without Charlene. She's been "a big strength." He assures that "a person is lucky" who has "someone like that."

Charlene goes with Francis when he speaks in the churches of the association. They've come to know her "almost as well as they know me," he says. It's been a partnership "all the way through."

The Tallants are members of Bowling Green's First Baptist Church. But Tallant claims Dick Bridges, pastor, says he (Tallant) is the "worst member I've got."

Tallant preaches somewhere, as invited, most Sundays, and holds three or four revivals per year.

His plans beyond Dec. 31? "Undecided," he says.

All he knows is they plan to continue living in Bowling Green. At this point, he's had several offers for future opportunities but nothing is definite. He would like to continue to supply churches and hold revivals as the opportunity presents itself.

Charlene, five years his junior, is retiring, too.

But somehow, those who know them really don't see either Francis or Charlene Tallant "retiring." They're simply changing slots as they continue to fulfill a lifelong calling.

Perhaps Tallant's three predecessors can tell him how to enjoy retirement. This unique quartet will have time to recall a great deal that touched their lives and the people of Warren Association over the last 32 years.

And who knows? Perhaps the day will come when yet another former missions leader in Bowling Green joins their group.

Living legends, indeed.

# baptist news in brief

## Nationwide, simultaneous revivals planned for 1986

National, simultaneous revivals—billed by Home Mission Board evangelism leaders as one of Southern Baptists' most effective evangelism tools—will be held in Southern Baptist churches in all 50 states from Mar. 16-Apr. 26, 1986.

"Good News America: God Loves You" is theme for the nationwide campaign, the first such effort among Southern Baptists since 1969.

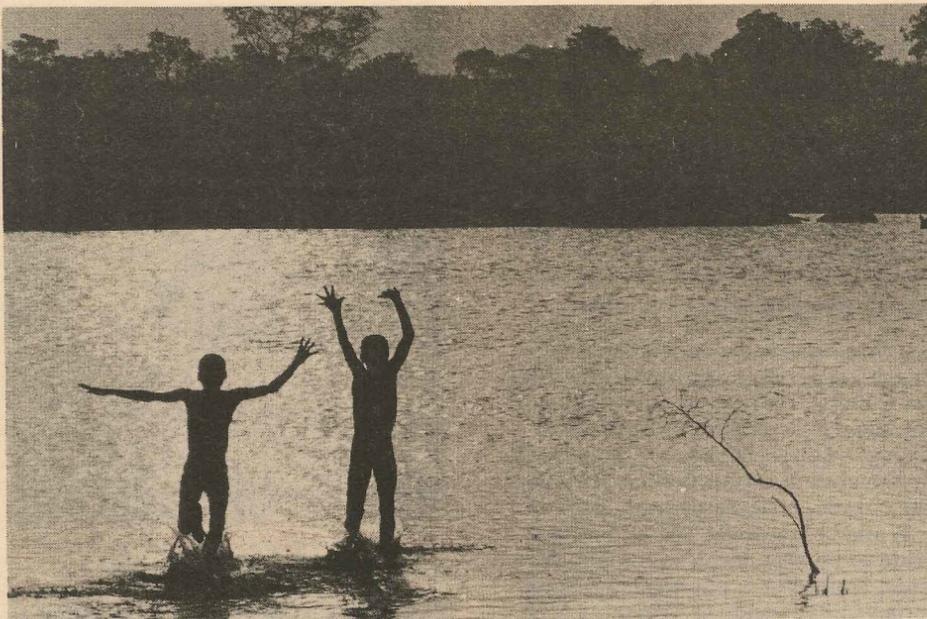
Richard Harris, director of Home Mission Board mass evangelism and co-chair of the campaign's national steering committee, noted, "These national level campaigns offer Southern Baptists a cooperative, church-centered evangelistic endeavor with possibly the greatest opportunity in our history to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

## BJCPA brief argues for students' free exercise

A Baptist public affairs agency has sided with a group of Pennsylvania high school students in asking the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia to uphold a lower court ruling which permitted a student-initiated religious group to meet on an equal basis with non-religious groups during a morning activities period.

In a friend-of-the-court brief written and filed by its general counsel, John W. Baker, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs argued the Williamsport Area School District had violated the students' free exercise of religion and free speech rights by denying them the same access to the morning activities period provided non-religious groups.

The BJCPA, a public affairs agency representing eight national Baptist denominations, including the Southern Baptist Convention, was joined in the brief by the National Association of Evangelicals, a Wheaton, Ill.-based organization whose affiliates include colleges, universities and 36,000 churches from 74 denominations.



*A cool splash*

These two boys take a late-day romp through a lake that didn't exist until Southern Baptists built a dam forming the reservoir for a steady supply of water in the Diabo Circle region of Upper Volta. Besides respite from the hot, dry climate, the reservoir provides water for drinking, washing and watering animals and plants. Southern Baptists funded more than 25 water-related projects around the world last year.

## Lower court must hear school program 'fashion'

A legal challenge to a South Dakota program providing textbooks and other instructional materials to parochial schools must be heard in federal district court, according to the U. S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Overtaking a lower court decision, a three-judge appellate panel declared Aug. 18 a hearing is needed to determine if the South Dakota program operates "in such a manner so as to have the impermissible primary effect of advancing religion."

The appellate panel agreed with a lower court that the law as written is not unconstitutional, but the panel said the program may be operated in an unconstitutional fashion.

The challenge to the South Dakota program by several state taxpayers is

being sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a national religious organization. The group has charged the program violates both federal and state constitutions.

## Elaine Dickson resigns BSSB sales department

Elaine Dickson, manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Direct Sales Department since its inception in 1979, has resigned effective Oct. 1 to pursue writing, consulting and training interests.

Miss Dickson, who joined the board in 1975 as supervisor of the young adult section in the Sunday school department, said, "My years at the board have been satisfying and fulfilling, both personally and professionally. At this point in my career, I look forward to charting new directions in some areas where I can continue to be related to the mission of our denomination."

A native of Illinois, Miss Dickson earlier was dean of student affairs at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and an executive on the staff of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. She is immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

## Clyde Fant to join Southeastern faculty

Clyde Fant, who resigned Aug. 16 as president of Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, will join the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., Southeastern's president, Randall W. Lolley, said last week.

Lolley said Fant would teach two courses during the fall semester—History of American Preaching and Preparation of Sermons.

Fant's appointment to the faculty, at the present, is only for the fall term, but Lolley expressed hope he would be there at least through the spring semester.

He resigned the presidency of the

European seminary, citing "family and personal reasons" and told the Baptist Standard (Texas) on Aug. 17 it would be improper at the time to comment on his plans.

Fant's resignation came a year after he was inaugurated as the sixth president of the European seminary which had students from 22 countries last year. He and his wife's appointments as Southern Baptist missionaries were linked to his presidency and his resignation is expected to be acted upon in September by the Foreign Mission Board.

Fant went to Ruschlikon from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., where he was pastor from 1975-81. From 1966-75 he was professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

## Truck explosion damages Baptist school in Beirut

A French ammunition truck blew up in front of a building next door to the Baptist school in Beirut Aug. 25, breaking windows in the school and damaging the wall between the two buildings.

One person was killed and eight injured in the explosion but no one was injured at the Baptist school.

Missionary Ed Nicholas said the blast knocked out windows from the Baptist school, broke the kitchen windows of one missionary home and blew open the wooden door on another. It also weakened the already sagging eight-foot concrete block wall between the buildings which will probably have to be taken down. Students were not at school, which is scheduled to open for a new term Oct. 4.

According to news reports, a spokesman for the French contingent said an accidental fire destroyed the truck. But in Berlin, Armenian terrorists claimed they staged the fire and two other attacks to get comrades freed from French jails.

## Arizona only convention to double CP giving

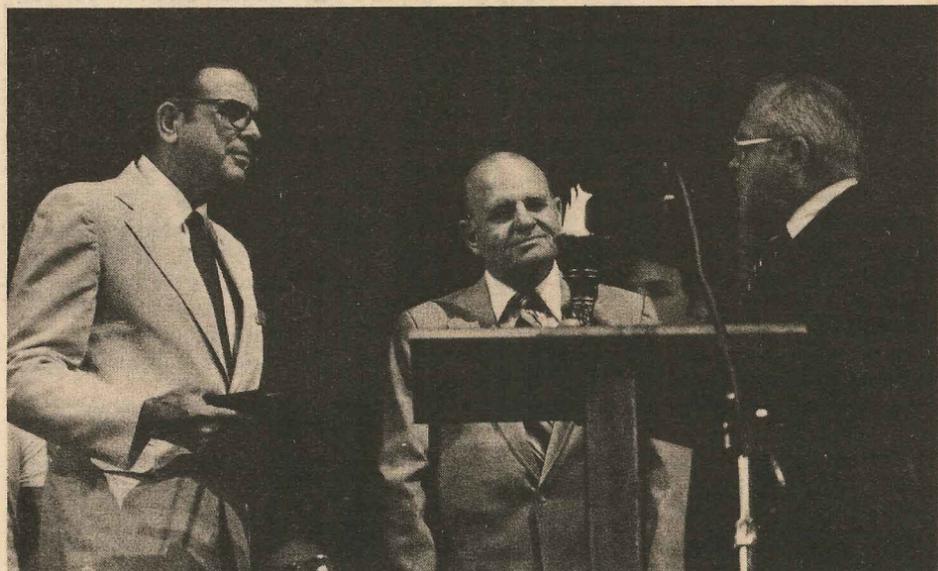
Southern Baptists didn't reach the goal—but \$104,103,117 isn't a bad consolation prize.

The Southern Baptist Convention adopted a goal of doubling gifts to the Cooperative Program, the SBC's unified giving program, in five years by 1982. The 13.9 million member denomination responded with a 69.8 percent increase, jumping from \$150,760,050 in 1977 to \$254,863,167 five years later. Most of the increase came in the past three years.

Cooperative Program contributions are voluntary from the 36,000 SBC churches. Each state convention then decides how much money to keep to fund programs such as children's homes, hospitals, hunger relief and universities within its borders and what percentage to send to the national level for worldwide mission and education programs.

Arizona was the only state convention to double its gifts. Arizona churches sent in \$1,781,459 to the Cooperative Program in 1982, up 109 percent from 1977.

However 29 of the 34 conventions increased more than 50 percent, led by Oklahoma (96.8 percent increase), Utah-Idaho (93.6 percent), Northern Plains 90.1 percent) and Louisiana (88.7 percent). Kentucky's increase was 70.7 percent.



*Passing the torch*

Glendon Grober, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, passes a torch commemorating the centennial anniversary of Brazilian Baptists to R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Gene Triggs, board chairman. Grober lit the torch in front of Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem and carried it throughout Brazil during the centennial celebration, sometimes preaching as many as 10 times a day. Grober also presented the Foreign Mission Board two commemorative medals and copies of the plaques given to churches started during the celebration and to the churches that helped start them.



# sunday school lessons

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LESSONS FOR SEPT. 11, 1983

## International Series GOD OF HISTORY

**Psalm 105:4-11** Instead of claiming credit for or boasting of achievements, the psalmist admonished his people to glory in the Lord and to praise him for what he had done for, in and through them. He reminded them to recall with gratitude and praise the divine wonders which had been performed in their behalf.

The psalmist remarked, "He is the Lord our God." The Israelites stood in a peculiar relationship to God because he had chosen them to be the channel through which his blessings might flow to all mankind.

The psalmist counted it a glorious privilege to bear testimony to the faithfulness of God in keeping his covenant with Abraham, his descendants and the Israelites. In his covenant with Abraham, God assured him that he would be his God, that he would bless him and that through the Messiah all the nations of the earth would be blessed. To Isaac and Jacob this covenant was renewed and confirmed. In the covenant which God made with Abraham, Israel held the deed to Canaan.

**Psalm 105:37-45** Through God's protection, preservation and guidance a nation of slaves was liberated from bondage in Egypt without a single battle being fought. At the command of God the Israelites had asked for the silver and gold to which they were entitled as a portion of their rightful

wages for their years of toil which they had served without remuneration. Moreover, the departure of the Israelites was an urgent matter to the Egyptians, for the latter were fearful of a more terrible calamity, even death itself (Ex. 12:33), unless the former left speedily. Believing the Israelites had been the cause of many troubles, the Egyptians gave of their jewels and possessions and rejoiced greatly when they saw them leave their country.

God's provision of a cloud to protect them from the blistering heat of the sun during the day and a fire in the sky as a beacon to direct them on their journey during the night should have caused them to be obedient to him. God met the needs of his people by giving them quails when they requested meat, bread when they needed it, and miraculously causing water to gush from the rock for the gratification of their thirst and supplying their other needs.

## Life and Work Series SERVING CHRIST

**Luke 10:38-42** Christ was always a welcome guest in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus in the village of Bethany. How pleasant it must have been to Christ to have a place where he could feel "at home," and at the same time find love, cheer, relaxation and seclusion!

One day Christ made an unexpected visit to this home. "Martha received him into her house" implies that she was the owner thereof. Wanting to do all that she could for him, for whom she had such a genuine affection, Martha

thought she should prepare a sumptuous meal.

Mary assisted Martha briefly and then left her to carry on the preparations alone. In these sisters were different attitudes. Martha was busy with her work for Christ, while Mary was sitting at his feet listening to his message for her. Martha was emphasizing the material, whereas Mary was majoring on the spiritual. Martha was concerned about food for the stomach and Mary was concerned about food for the soul.

Christ rebuked Martha for becoming the slave of things and substituting the good for the best. The one thing which is needful is to sit at the feet of Christ, hear his word and receive of his fullness in order that we may minister to others. One of the great curses of our day is too much activity and not enough fellowship with Christ.

**John 11:21-26, 43-44** During his critical illness Lazarus received the best care that the loving hearts and tender hands of his sisters could provide, but his health did not improve.

Martha had sufficient faith to believe that if Christ had arrived before the death of Lazarus he would not have died, but she did not see in Christ the same sovereignty over death which he held over disease.

Christ thought of the resurrection as a present reality because he had the power to raise one from the dead and to restore him to his family. After lifting his voice to God in thanksgiving for answered prayer, Christ elevated his voice because he wanted all who were present to hear, in order that they might observe Lazarus responding simultaneously with his call, and said: "Lazarus, come forth."



## on mission together

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### REUNION

While in eastern Kentucky for a speaking assignment, I spent the evening in one of the state lodges. After the long drive from Middletown, the Pine Mountain Lodge was an oasis of peace and quiet.

After a good night's rest, I rose early for breakfast. A crowd ahead of me, I waited at least 30 minutes before I was served. While sipping coffee, I eavesdropped on conversations floating around the room. Most of the folks in the room were part of a family reunion. A lively woman stopped at each table with a tape recorder asking for their names and how they enjoyed the experience. They had been together Saturday afternoon and evening and were now preparing to go home. At one crowded table was an older gentleman, certain in his 80s, who, when he stood, did so only with difficulty and assistance. Conversation meandered among the tables as people began saying their goodbyes. As in every group, there were "huggers" and the "kissers" and a few who either shook hands or patted a shoulder. I became aware that everyone in the group, before departing, came over to the older gentleman. Several said: "We'll see you again soon,

Grandpaw." One of them said, "We'll see you Christmas" and another opined: "I guess we'll see you in a couple of years at the next reunion." By the time I had finished breakfast, all but a few had gone. Among them was the old man. A woman came over and said: "Daddy, it's time to go." I had the impression that his wife was dead and that his daughter made a special effort to get him there. Slowly, with her by his side, he tottered across the floor and I was alone in the room still echoing with happy words.

There is something good and beautiful about families caring enough to help their children experience their roots. I can remember as a child a reunion of the Marshalls that took place at Strohmeyer's Camp down where the Elkhorn meets the Kentucky River. More than a hundred Marshalls came; arriving in the morning, with fishing, softball, horseshoes and singing on into the evening until the last stragglers went home.

There may never again be another Marshall reunion—or Smith, or Jones, or Brown . . . that is, on this earth.

But anything as beautiful as "reunion" must somehow have roots in heaven . . . and someday, in Christ, we'll all meet again and we won't have to say goodbye and go back home.

## Meet Cumberland College Student...



**Vickie Lynn Jackson**

Vickie Lynn Jackson, a Cumberland College student from Corbin, Kentucky, believes that Cumberland College has helped her become a better Christian person.

Vickie says, "Cumberland College has not only helped me receive an education but has also taught me a lot about people. Because the students and the teachers have been so helpful and understanding, Cumberland College has helped me be a better Christian."

She elaborates on the close student faculty relationship and the "one big Christian family" so prevalent at Cumberland. "This has helped me to be a lot better student than I would have been if no one had taken the time to give me the extra help I needed. The faculty and the students really do care. The family atmosphere has helped me do the best I could and grow as a person."

Vickie, a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Corbin, has grown spiritually as well as academically. "Cumberland College's Christian atmosphere has undoubtedly helped me grow as a Christian."

Vickie plans to become an elementary school teacher because, "I'm concerned about children and I love working with children."

She concludes, "I'm very glad that I chose to attend Cumberland College. My years here have been a great experience that I'll never forget."

We at Cumberland College will never forget you either, Vickie. Also, we'll never forget our founding purpose of providing a high quality, low cost Christian education.

That's why everyday we are constantly searching for others like Vickie.

Dr. Taylor,  
Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Vickie.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clip and mail to Dr. James Taylor, President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769.)



# homes for children

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## HELP THESE WOMEN

Women have had a significant role in the Christian movement. One needs only to study the life of Jesus on earth to see both his attitude toward women and their part in his ministry. Women ministered to Jesus and were faithful to deliver his message of truth.

The ministry of Paul was often strengthened by women. Down through the years, women have been sensitive to the teachings of Jesus and have been towers of strength in support of the Christian movement. They have labored, suffered, sacrificed and prayed that others may know Jesus.

Our world mission endeavor has been thrust forward by the prayers, pleadings and giving of women. They have pushed the special missions offerings until now the entire church gets excited and involved.

Women were the motivators who literally gave birth to Kentucky Baptists' ministry to dependent and neglected children. Before our doors were opened in 1869, women saw the need, prayed that a home for children could be opened, talked about it to pastors and laymen, and raised money for the effort.

It is entirely fitting that Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has a Women's Advisory Board. This advisory board of about 40 women from all sections of the state lives for the purpose of promoting and helping our ministry to children. They enlist a Child Care representative in each church and choose special projects for each month, thus not only making people conscious of our ministry but actually aiding us in caring for children.

September is Food Roundup month, when church members are urged to participate by bringing food to church for the children's homes. The Child Care representative then gets this food to a designated food pick-up place, and we send a truck to get it. During the past two years our friends have given thousands of dollars in food and money to help with this. It is a tremendous help in feeding our children.

At Philippi there were some women who had helped Paul spread the gospel. When Paul wrote the Philippian Christians, he admonished that they "help these women."

Likewise, I admonish all who care for children, "help these women" in the September food roundup.



# clear creek comments

**Leon Simpson, President**  
Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977

## AFTER MY DECEASE

I like the apostle Peter. He rushed in where angels fear to tread and discussed subjects which made other people fear.

One such subject is death. Many people shun it, dread it or ignore it. Not Peter. He spoke plainly of his death and its significance. In 2 Peter 1:15 he expressed a desire that Christian people might "have these things in remembrance after my decease." It is as if Peter was saying, "I want to have an impact for the cause of Christ long after I am gone." Simon Peter's wish was fulfilled. His testimony for our Lord influences lives for Christ to this present day.

I wonder if my life will continue to count for Christ after I am gone. I hope that it will through my family. Marilyn and I pray that our 14- and 12-year-old sons will live for God as a continuation of the Simpson family's dedication. We

hope that our eight-year-old daughter will serve the Lord all the days of her life also.

My life can count for the Lord through my service. I am sure that God will continue to bless all of my life for him even after I am gone. Every "cup of water," every sacrifice and every life touched for Jesus will continue to bear fruit for our Lord.

I will definitely make my life count after I am gone by the planning of my estate. While my family doesn't possess much of "the substance of the earth," I am determined that my support of God's work will continue after I am gone. Through a will I can dictate where my money goes after I am gone.

We are doing the Lord's work at Clear Creek and we would welcome your interest in remembering us in your will. It will be one way you will be remembered after your decease.

# oneida journal

**Barkley Moore, President**  
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## A CURE FOR ARTHRITIS?

David Cooper is stooped with age and arthritis but at 85 he stands tall to all who know him. He came to serve as Oneida's gardener 15 years after most people retire and has since worked from early morning to dark the past five years. He is always busy but it has been a labor of love. He has worked as a volunteer with no salary.

Love begets love. He has loved his flowers and Oneida's boys and girls. Both flowers and children have responded to his ministry.

His wife of 58 years died in 1978. He moved to our campus on their 59th wedding anniversary in time to plant spring flowers. He and Mrs. Cooper had six children, all living. He has 36 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

For many years Mr. Cooper worked for the Calumet Farm as well as for UK. He is one of six children, all living.

Mr. Cooper plants and maintains extensive flower beds all over the Oneida campus. He has literally thousands of flowers in glorious bloom from early spring until frost.

For several years Mr. Cooper main-

tained a 50x30 foot bed on the hillside near the chapel. The flowers formed an American flag with red, white and blue flowers forming stripes and 50 white stars.

Though hard of hearing, Mr. Cooper is always in his place for Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday night prayer services. He marches in the academic procession each graduation in full regalia. He is a gentleman of the old school, in speech and manners, and impeccably dressed when not working, often with a flower in his lapel. He arranges beautiful flower arrangements for our church services, even in winter. His apartment also serves as a greenhouse.

Another labor of love for Mr. Cooper is the supervision of the garbage. This is a daily year-round task. Nearly 500 students and more than 100 staff and families generate a lot of trash. He sorts through it all salvaging towels, articles of clothing, whatever may have been thrown away still useable. He washes, mends and distributes to the community's needy or some worthy student. Also, he collects countless soft drink cans for recycling.

Mr. Cooper is in his glory at vacation Bible school time. He doesn't miss a session. He presides over the preparation and ladling of the drink to the thirsty and eager boys and girls.

Several summers ago, it did not rain for six weeks. Mr. Cooper carried water in buckets each day for weeks as he watered each flower bed. I don't think he lost one.

When various staff members are away for a few days, or a week or so in summer, Mr. Cooper cares for their plants and flowers. He also carefully nurtures ailing plant life back to good health.

Among his many flowers Mr. Cooper raises a large quantity and variety of vegetables including cushaws, tomatoes, green beans, okra, garlic and sunflower seeds.

After nearly four years of carrying seeds, fertilizer, hoes, shovels or rock to his various beds on our large campus, we got the idea to buy him a battery operated golf cart. For over a year he has been a beloved figure tootling about our campus to any flower bed he happens to be working on. His cart is always filled with seeds, garbage bags and tools. On Sundays, he can often be seen riding some small community or staff child to Sunday school.

Several years ago Mr. Cooper stopped me on campus. "Dr. Moore, you know all that old arthritis medicine

I was taking when I came here. I haven't had a drop for 13 months!" Yes, hard work with flowers and children, all for the Lord, is a wonderful cure for arthritis.

Mr. Cooper remains in vigorous good health, mentally alert and reading his hundreds of quality books in his three-room apartment at night. But he is conscious of his 85 years. He informed me recently that he was planting perennials, "When I'm gone you'll not have to worry about the flowers. They'll keep coming up." Also, he is planting pines. They will be physical but unneeded reminders.

His 85th birthday falls fittingly on Labor Day, Sept. 5. Oneida always celebrates Labor Day by going about our normal routine of classwork, sports, work and worship. By the time you read this, God blessing, we will have honored Mr. Cooper with a special worship service.

Mr. Cooper has requested no gifts. Before he knew of our planned celebration he had requested only that his children come worship with him. Besides reading and working, another love of Mr. Cooper is writing and answering letters. With a clear hand, he carries on an extensive correspondence. Would you like to write him as he enters his 86th year witnessing and serving the Lord? Just write: David Cooper, Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, KY 40972.



# campbellsville college today

**W. R. Davenport, President**  
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## NEW YEAR'S DAY

The calendar shows September, but it's a New Year, a New College Year—a new fall term—with a new crop of

freshmen flocking the campus in the flurry of new activities that make it college! Every group of new students calls us to account regarding our basic reasons for being here as a college.

A few years ago a freshman girl (who is now a lovely mother and wife to a fine Baptist pastor) wrote for her English essay, "College life here at Campbellsville College is Christ-centered, full of excitement, and educational."

As she developed these points it was evident she had been captivated by what she described as "great Christians . . . full of God's wonderful love." She spoke of the special sense of a campus that was "Christ-centered" with a special "way of showing it." This quality of an academic program is, indeed, special. We strive to let that characterize Campbellsville College.

As a freshman, our pastor's wife also noted the role of the Christian profes-

sor. We see the Christian professor as one of the principal ingredients in such an educational program. When a Christian teacher has carefully identified his doctrinal presuppositions and when he relates his teaching to these basic, biblical truths, a different education product is the result. This is the real essence of Christian education.

Christ-centered, exciting, and educational! She closed her paper by saying, "I believe that if anyone can find a college with these three characteristics, he will have a fulfilling and rewarding college education."

Thank you for helping us keep Campbellsville College like that for other freshmen.

# A 'Sample' of servanthood

## National WMU president puts career on hold to become full time volunteer



Dot Sample set aside two careers to work as a full time volunteer in WMU. Elected national WMU president in 1981, Mrs. Sample travels throughout the U. S. and overseas representing WMU while still maintaining her strong family relationships with her husband and three children.

Is Dorothy Elliott Sample out of step with the times?

While many women are giving up voluntary work for salaried positions, Mrs. Sample has resigned not one but two professions to be a full time volunteer.

A psychologist and educator, Mrs. Sample earned five degrees (two of them doctorates) before her election to the national presidency of Woman's Missionary Union in June 1981.

Reflecting over the last two years, Mrs. Sample admits she could have strictly limited the number of speaking invitations which deluge a national WMU president and held onto her work. Instead, she chose to give herself without restraint to WMU.

"I feel the president of WMU be-

longs to the people. I think I should get out there and share with them," says this energetic wife and mother of three.

Mrs. Sample is a people person. The warmth and caring she once gave to people needing her professional help she now directs to those she encounters as she travels all over the world speaking and representing WMU.

In 1977 Mrs. Sample piloted a program for gifted junior high school students in the Flint, Mich., public school system while working as a counselor in a psychological clinic and traveling extensively as a speaker and Bible teacher in WMU meetings.

"I had just reached the point where I wanted to be professionally, and I still had two children at home. When I was nominated for the national presidency

of WMU I didn't give a 'yes' for six weeks, even though I knew in my heart I would accept.

"I felt being WMU president was God's will for me at this time but I needed to work through the decision."

Mrs. Sample knew she could count on her family's support because each member knows the meaning of Christian commitment. Her husband, Richard Sample, pastor of Ainsworth Baptist Church and a professional educator himself, is a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"I grew up in Brilliant, Ala., but Michigan is his home," Mrs. Sample explains. "We've been asked to come back south several times but he has felt a strong commitment to stay in this pioneer Southern Baptist area."

Her older son, 21-year-old Richard, a student at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., has committed his life to Christian missions and is a summer missionary in New York City.

When Mrs. Sample told him she might be the next national president of WMU he was all for her taking the position. He told her, "Mama, you can't say 'no' to God's will."

Despite family support Mrs. Sample knew she couldn't do justice to two professions throughout her term. National WMU presidents are permitted by WMU bylaws to serve up to five years.

She resigned from professional counseling and continued to relate to the school system for the first year of her presidency.

Mrs. Sample juggled her teaching, videotaping and special projects around a hectic travel schedule. Her teaching team gave her full backing although it was hard on everyone concerned, she admits. During the first year of her presidency she estimates she traveled between 150,000 and 200,000 miles.

"I spoke about 300 times in colleges, universities, seminaries, churches and

state WMU meetings and retreats. It wasn't unusual for me to be gone three weeks at a time."

By the end of the year she realized she had another career decision to make. Her work with the school system had to go, too.

Yet she considers these few years as WMU president a hiatus rather than career abandonment. She doesn't know what she'll be doing when she returns to the working world and isn't especially worried about it.

Instead she "lives today" because "I relish the opportunities and responsibilities each day brings. I don't dwell on what has been or worry about the future."

She doesn't believe her children or their relationship with her have suffered because of her busy schedule. She knows firsthand the struggle many women have as they juggle career and family responsibilities. She can identify with the mother who wants to be active in WMU and in missions but feels guilty about leaving her children.

"There is something to the notion of 'quality, not quantity' time with your children. I think it does a mother and her babies good for her to get out and do something for others," Mrs. Sample says.

She admits she has an advantage most women don't have. For 13 years her mother-in-law, who lives close by, has done the cooking and laundry for the family. "She really feels this is her mission," Mrs. Sample says.

Convinced most people waste a lot of valuable time, she believes they could do much more in terms of missions involvement than they say they can.

"You really can do an awful lot of things if you plan your time well."

# Number of HMB volunteers increases

Since 1976 more than 150,000 volunteers have served home missions in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and the number is increasing steadily.

"The work of volunteers is important as well as inspiring. It is virtually impossible to accomplish home missions without them. They are a vital part of our ministry," Home Mission Board president William G. Tanner said.

The HMB is working toward the day when a single year will provide 200,000 volunteers. "We hope to reach that goal in 1999. I'm confident that we will succeed," HMB special missions ministry director Don Hammond said.

Since 1976 the number of volunteers has increased from 15,086 to a high of 40,226 in 1982. Hammond estimates 50,000 volunteers will work for home missions in 1983.

If current projections prevail more than a half million volunteers will have worked from 1976 to 1990.

"During the past two years more adult volunteers have served than at any other time in the history of the HMB," Hammond said.

Volunteers are no longer limited to

teaching Sunday school, standing guard over the nursery or doing part time secretarial work. They conduct backyard Bible clubs, conduct surveys, run Bible schools, lead church leadership training teams, work in resort ministries and day camps and plan activities for young children.

In addition, the summer months are ideal for teams for workers traveling from state to state and site to site building churches, church-related buildings and even homes for indigent families.

The adult groups have constructed 71 churches and renovated at least that many more over the years.

Hammond credits the HMB and church programs with much of the success of reaching the adult volunteer.

"If we continue training our volunteers there will always be work for them to do," Hammond said.

"In the past church members thought the only way to be active in the church was to have a church position. We appealed to people who could teach and preach. Now we are using other gifts and skills and it has made the adult volunteer program the fastest growing program that we have," he

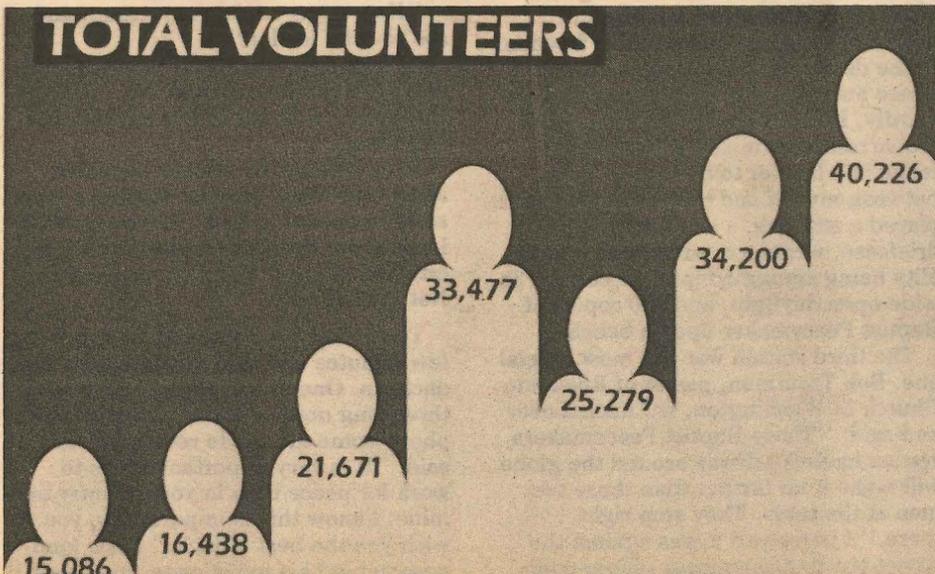
said.

Hammond is equally enthused over the thousands of high school students involved in volunteer work. "We are building a broad, strong base of volunteers in this age bracket," he said.

A total of 33,031 youth volunteers

worked in HMB programs in 1982.

"We have always had persons in our churches who would respond when there was a need but many people want to do more than give. They now have an opportunity to serve," Hammond said.



## To Russia with love: Excerpts from a Peacemaker's travelog

**Editor's note:** Robert Broome participated in a two-week "Peace Tour" of the Soviet Union early in May in a joint peace effort of Southern and American Baptists. The following are excerpts from his journal.

When I left Louisville, I had decided the only way to get Baptist Peacemaker into Russia was to smuggle copies by distributing them among the delegation. During prayer and worship before leaving, a change occurred in me and I decided to be above board, honest and quite deliberate with the Soviet officials I would encounter. I felt fear. But motivation came from the desire to speak truth to power, symbolically at least if not in actuality.

We landed in Moscow, a city of 8½ million persons. I knew, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that whatever corporate arrow we had shot from our denominations, mine was about to land in the laps of military officers in the next few moments.

I was so proud to be a member of this historically significant group. This was the first delegation ever representative of Baptists North and South. By going to the Soviet Union, I was saying "no" to the separation of the ABC and SBC and celebrating the first gathering of peacemakers, North and South, in the community of Baptists families.

Sheepishly, I progressed to the Soviet customs line. The approximately 350 copies of our journal were wrapped and tied with a nylon rope. In the first station, I handed a young officer my passport and visa. He looked at me. I stood there. He looked some more and I looked at him. His expressionless face penetrated my whole being. Long moments passed, and he spent long moments looking at me. I stood there some more. He bent over adjusting his cap on the way down so as to give me the impression that he was examining my documents beneath a microscope. Raising up, adjusting his hat, the man looked at me. With both of my eyes, I looked into his left eye and saw a facial muscle twitch.

The second station was guarded by a tall officer with high boots and a gun on his hip, which, I am sure, was not a play toy. He asked for my citizenship and wanted to see my passport.

"I come here from the United States of America."

"A-merri-KAN?"

"Yes." At this moment, I felt in union with every illiterate immigrant whoever fled from any country in search of religious and political freedom in the desire to live out one's days in peace and harmony with all peoples. Inwardly, I felt a paradoxical moment of embarrassment mixed with the challenge of a barrier to be broken down between myself and the Soviet people. I placed a suitcase, a shoulder bag, a briefcase, a camera, which was in actuality being smuggled into the country in wide-open daylight, and 350 copies of Baptist Peacemaker upon a bench.

The third station was the most crucial one. Bob Troutman, pastor of Riverside Church in Washington, DC leaned over and said: "Those Baptist Peacemakers you've hauled halfway around the globe will make it no further than those two men at the table. They stop right there." I perceived it was against the Soviet law to disseminate religio-polit-

ical literature, but would they allow our journal to get introduced to Soviet pastors and peace committees? On the customs declaration form, I declared our journal as gifts to them. The customs officer wanted to see the gifts.

"Printed matter?"

"Yes. It is the Baptist Peacemaker."

The other officer looked at the journal, and they called their supervisor. They carefully x-rayed this package. All nations do this in search of concealed weapons, I assume. But one cannot x-ray non-violent, spiritual weapons, and I felt Baptist Peacemaker was such a weapon over the heads of state and violent men and was neither anti-Soviet nor anti-American. As the supervisor came, all three looked amazed. He spoke beautiful, flawless English and asked several questions: "What is this paper? Why did you bring it to this country?"

I said, "It is the Baptist Peacemaker and I want the Soviet peace committees and the Baptist congregations in my itinerary to know what we are doing in the work of peace back home. I'd appreciate it very much if you'd approve this to be introduced in Moscow, Keiv, Tbitsi and Volgograd."

Long moments passed.

"Who publishes this paper?"

"The World Peacemakers of Deer Park Baptist Church. I initiated this work in 1980 in an attempt to locate the workers of peace in 36,000 churches in a denomination of 14 million members."

"What is your circulation? How many copies do you bring here?"

"We print approximately 30,000 copies quarterly, and I bring 350 copies."

Translation continues. Another supervisor is called who is both bewildered and irritated. They are reading the only journal on peacemaking Southern Baptists have to offer. I am amazed and bewildered.

"What other printed matter do you have?"

"Two Russian Bibles, books for the theological library of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, and my own journal which I am keeping."

"What other gifts do you bring?"

"Friendship pins made by my daughters, Lisa and Heather, religious/political peace buttons, pins and American tobacco."

"Show all these to this officer."

I began to unpack and I was nervous. "How many are in your group, and are you the leader?"

"Forty-nine altogether. Twenty came today; 29 come tomorrow. No, I am not the leader. I do not follow anyone, nor will I lead."

In an attempt to refocus attention away from fear, I began reading a book so as to appear at ease. It did not work. I asked the Russian officer for a cigarette and smoked it as fast as possible. Not bad tobacco.

The officer said it would be only a few minutes and they would arrive at a decision. One officer flipped through a three-ring notebook and talked on the phone some more. He returned and said: "It is very important for us to work for peace both in your country and mine. I know this is important to you. I wish you the best of luck." I saw kindness behind his moist eyes, and I was

overcome with joy.

Then came the transcendence! I felt the prescience of a Spirit which seeks to do no evil, nor to avenge any wrong. Fear vanished as quickly and quietly as the morning mist, and there was a calm, inward center in a flicker of a moment. As the result of this kind man, the Baptist Peacemaker was introduced to representatives of 19 Baptist churches in Moscow, two Baptist churches, the press, radio, and Soviet Peace Committee in Keiv, Ukrainian Republic USSR, 38 Baptist churches in the Georgian Republic, Armenia, and Azerbaidzhan, the House of Soviet Friendship, the Soviet Peace Committee, and a Baptist church with four languages in the city of Tblishi, Georgian Republic USSR, 11 Baptist churches in Volgograd, and the Soviet Peace Committee, the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB) and a member of the National Peace Committee in the USSR, Ilia Orlov, who also serves in the international division of the AUCECB.

I prayed prayers of deep gratitude and could care less about the KGB and the CIA presence. Our journal was embraced and welcomed by our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union.

### ANCIENT RING FOR SALE

It was my night to preach in Tblisis Baptist Church in the Caucasus Mountains, the Georgian Republic USSR. There are four language groups in this church: Russian, Georgian, Armenian and Alsatian, which hold services every night of the week. All four language groups gather at the church, referred to as the prayer house, every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon to pray and fast for peace.

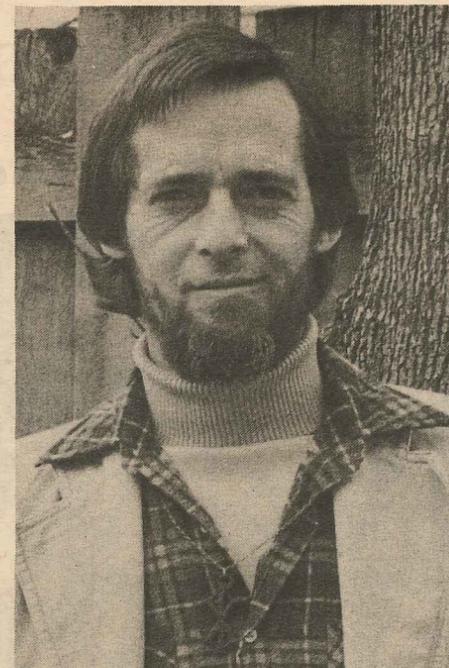
My sermon was brief. It was translated into Russian and Georgian language and summarized in Armenian. At the close of the service a very old woman with tears in her eyes placed a silver ring in my hand and would not allow me to refuse it. She said a sentence. The only word I understood was the word "mir," which means peace.

As I reflect on this experience, I receive an interpretation of her sentence which comes from the Holy Spirit. The old woman, well over 100 years of age, giving away her ancient wedding band, was saying: "Here is a silver ring. Take it home with you. Sell it so you will have more money to print the journal, Baptist Peacemaker." And I was tamed, tendered and melted by the Holy Spirit on the spot.

I had asked the church to take us through the gates of prayer while we try to find Baptist peacemakers in 36,000 SBC churches. I left them with my favorite scripture for all peacemakers everywhere, found in Eph. 6:10ff, having to do with the putting on of the armor of God, especially the shoes of the gospel of peace.

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Svetlanya Sekacheva, a new grandmother who was our Intourist guide, met us at the airport in Volgograd. She was a linguist and was very articulate and highly sophisticated, educationally. She became acquainted with each peace delegate. Upon the occasion of our meeting she asked me a piercing, penetrating question. She wanted to know why my eyes were filled with *welt-*



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*schmirsch?* My response was that I did not know what the word meant. She said the beautiful German word was difficult to translate but that it meant roughly, one who is afflicted with an inward condition known as 'world grief.'

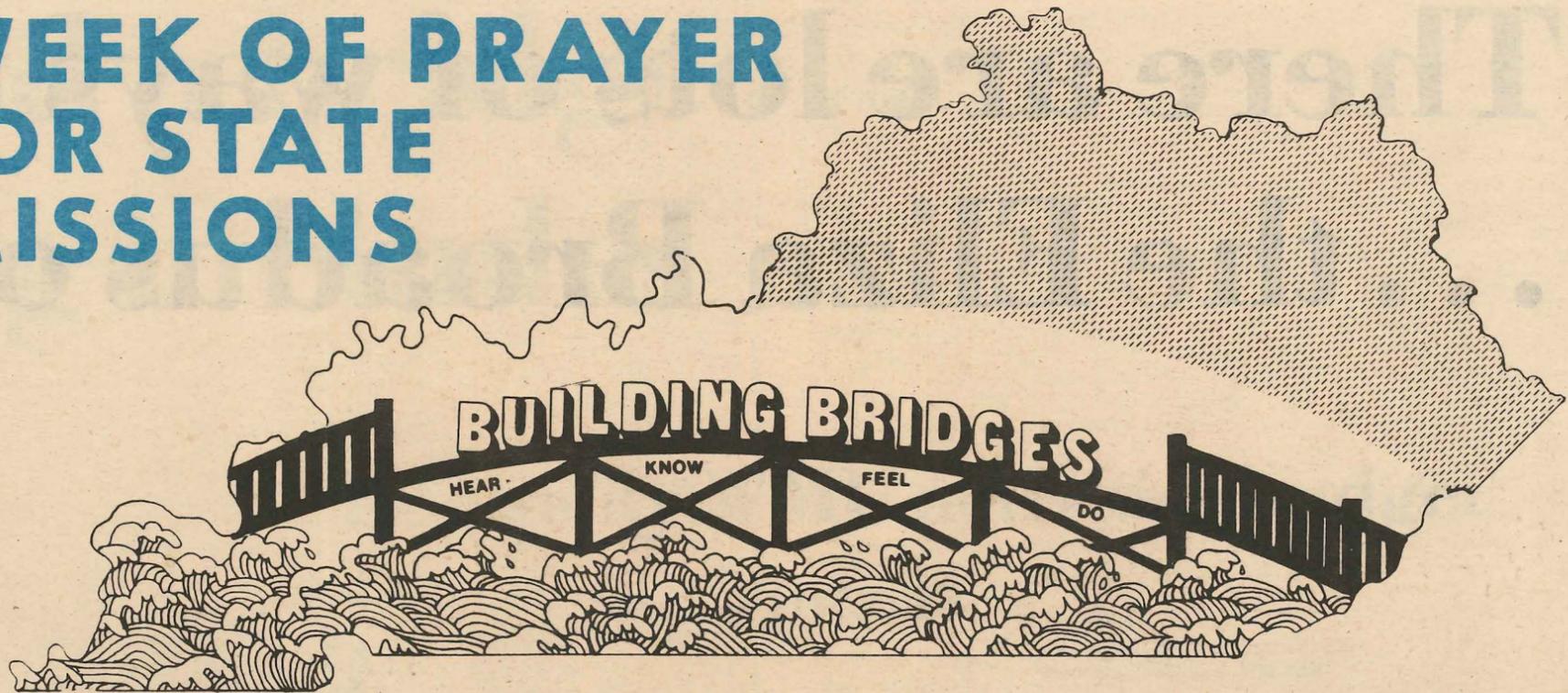
I thought a moment and was taken aback. I asked for a delayed response and here it is, Svetlanya. Please tell Anya Earmakova this. The great moment of the present for me is that I am a member of a people of peace who believe deeply the world can be changed. It can be changed and turned right-side up, not up-side down.

Only a small portion can be changed at a time and, together, across national boundaries, we will advance and retreat to effect change until it actually happens. When we become wounded it may be necessary to retreat until our inward wounds heal. Healing comes through the Holy Spirit who is at work in our lives. In this work, much psychic and spirit energy is needed. It is a work of peace and the peace of work. It is a work of peace to suffer from the condition of *weltschmirsch*, for we are imitators of the Son of Peace who took the sins of the whole world upon his very person. He was the one filled with *weltschmirsch*, and so am I. The man upon a weeping cross turns out to be a man and woman like you and me. To recognize such a condition in the eyes of another is indicative of the presence of Christ in one's own heart. And so, it turns out to be paradoxical: in the midst of world grief and agony of heart, there is a profound celebration of joy.

### NEEDS . . .

Here are some needs I heard articulated by the Russian Baptists: 1) A new church building for Moscow Baptist Church which houses the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. The church has 5000 plus members, four pastors and 29 preachers; 2) Baptists have churches in 27 language groups and desire international travelers to bring Bibles, as gifts, in languages printed in those languages; 3) Soviet Baptists desire Bibles not be smuggled into their country. They have a legal way to bring Bibles into the Soviet Union; 4) The church in Keiv would like to have a tape recorder; 5) Choral music is requested in the church at Keiv; 6) The Baptist church in Tblisi, which accommodates four language groups, hopes to raise the roof of the church so they may have a two-story church house.

# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS



**1983 ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING GOAL: \$495,000.**

**SEPTEMBER 11-18**

## WMU seeks \$495,000 for building bridges

Woman's Missionary Union is asking Kentucky Baptists to become bridge builders this year.

"Building Bridges" is the theme for the 1983 Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions. "We as individuals bridge the gap for so many people who for some reason or another have been forgotten . . . there has to be somebody between them and God to present them to Jesus Christ," explains Kathryn Akridge, executive director, Kentucky WMU. "We are like a bridge over troubled water that helps them to find love and understanding . . . the bridge between life now and life eternal."

The goal for the 1983 offering is \$495,000, an ambitious increase of \$80,000 over last year's goal. The goal reflects an effort to raise the amount collected by 10 percent each year adopted as part of Southern Baptists' and Kentucky Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust campaign. For the most part, Mrs.

Akridge says, Kentucky Baptists have been able to do it.

### Eliza who?

The state mission offering began in 1913 under the leadership of Kentucky WMU pioneer Eliza Somerville Broadus. The offering was named for Miss Broadus in 1976 to honor her faithful service to Kentucky WMU and the denomination for more than 50 years.

As recently as 1970, Mrs. Akridge recalls, the goal for the offering was \$120,000. In 1980 the WMU sought \$295,000 for state missions. The 1981 goal was \$365,000 and last year's was \$415,000. This year's goal was computed, she explained, by adding 20 percent to the amount received in the 1981 offering, which was collected through most of 1982.

As Kentucky Baptists have made their commitment to missions giving increasingly clear, Mrs. Akridge has become convinced that the sky is the limit. Her dream is that the Eliza Broadus offering eventually will exceed \$1 million a year, with the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering collecting \$2 million and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering \$3 million yearly in Kentucky. "I think it will happen," she opines. "I retire next year, so I won't be here when it does, but I think I'll be around to see it in my lifetime."

### What the money does

The Eliza Broadus Offering has grown in scope over the years, continuing to undergird the various departments of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in people centered ministries. The offering originally funded "certain needs that women saw" not met by KBC programs. As the departments grew, Mrs. Akridge relates, the state convention began to assume responsibility for more and more of the ministries originally dealt with only by the WMU through the state mission offering.

This phenomenon has had two influences on the work of the Eliza Broadus Offering: It has allowed WMU to constantly explore new areas of ministry

not yet entered by Kentucky Baptists and also to supplement tight KBC department budgets to allow them to do more extensive work in their assigned areas of ministry. The 1983 Eliza Broadus Offering goal includes \$332,000 for KBC work and \$107,625 for WMU.

### New this year

New budget items this year include a \$2400 allotment for race track ministry. The money will provide for an intern race track chaplain. Last year the WMU gave \$47,500 as a one time allocation from Eliza Broadus undesignated funds for ministry to race track workers.

A \$3600 allocation is included in the 1983 budget for black youth ministry. This also provides a seminary student intern to work with young people in black Baptist churches in northern Kentucky.

Black-white area meetings for Southern Baptist and National Baptist women are budgeted \$400. The meetings are scheduled the first three Saturdays of November at Prestonsburg, Elizabethtown and Hopkinsville.

Matching fund scholarships for students of Baptist colleges received \$15,000 in last year's Eliza Broadus Offering. Requests for the grants far outstripped available funds, Mrs. Akridge reports, and the allocation was doubled in the 1983 budget.

### Plus . . .

This year's Eliza Broadus budget also includes many of the programs carried on year after year, funded either solely or in part by the Eliza Broadus Offering.

Salaries and benefits of state missionaries are subsidized, as well as student summer missionaries.

Church building grants and capital improvements total 35 percent of the KBC portion of the Eliza Broadus budget.

Interracial work includes \$8400 for fellowship center workers in western Louisville and \$23,000 for language missions.

Student work depends heavily on the

offering. A total of \$37,900 is budgeted for Bibles for internationals, debriefing of summer missionaries, career missions workshop, international conferences, mountain pastors' travel, volunteer college student workers conference, student missions education, Outreach '83, Love in Action, community college retreat and preschool retreat.

Bold mission outreach is budgeted \$10,000.

The WMU's portion of the budget includes a gift fund for Kentucky born foreign missionaries, Western Recorder subscriptions and gifts and a retreat for MK's.

Scholarships go to college Baptist Young Women presidents and to international and deaf students attending WMU conferences at Ridgecrest.

Undesignated funds in the budget total \$55,375. Undesignated funds cushion the rest of the budget in case the goal is not met, Mrs. Akridge says, and also come in handy for needs that crop up in day to day ministry.

### Week of prayer, Sept. 11-18

What does Kentucky WMU ask of Kentucky Baptists during the state missions week of prayer? "Pray," Mrs. Akridge says.

"That's the reason for it (week of prayer), to inform Kentucky Baptists enough about state missions that they want to pray that the needs about which they've become concerned will be met."

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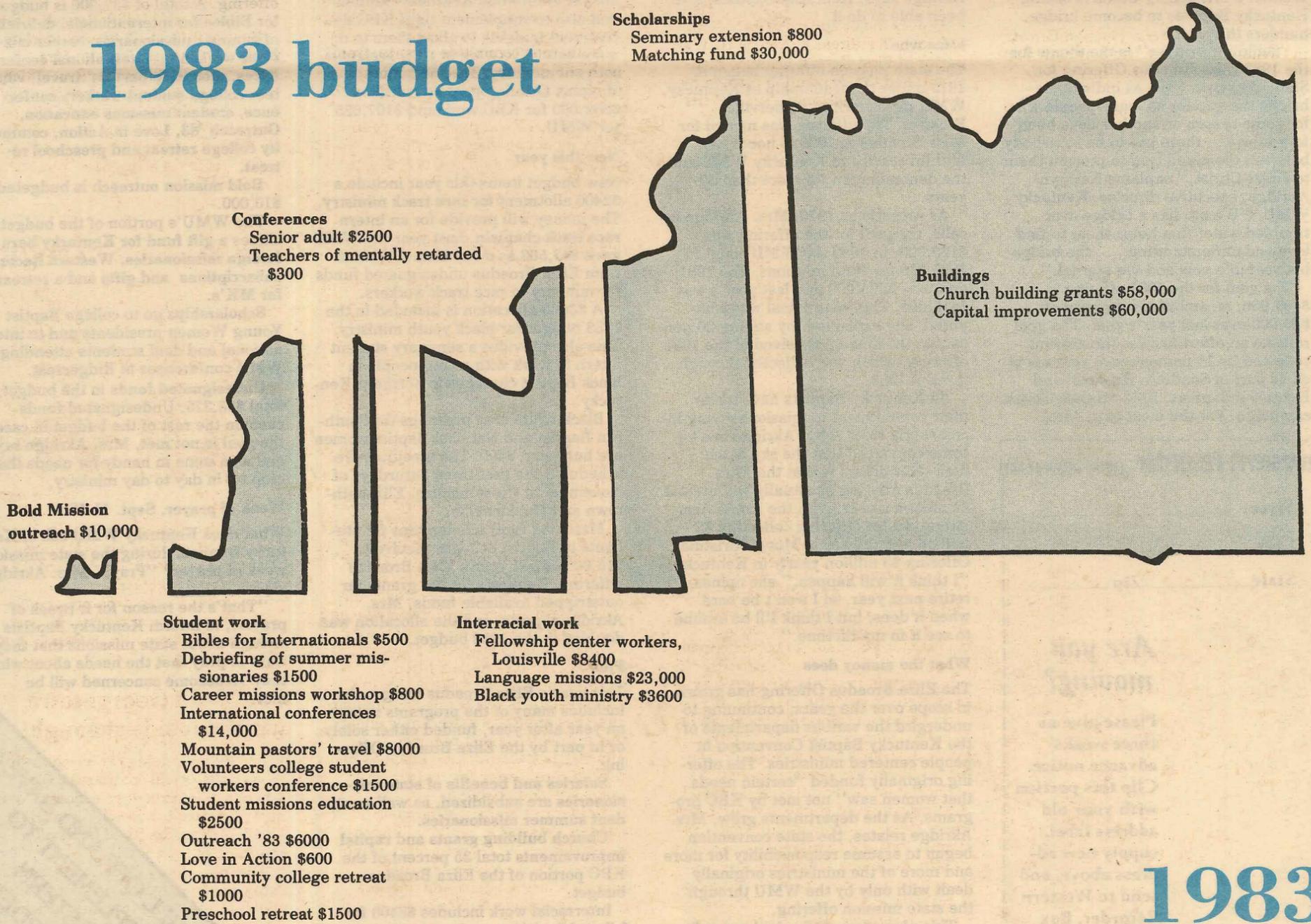
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# There are lots of ways to build ... the Eliza Broadus offer

## Kentucky Baptist Convention

Total: \$332,000

### 1983 budget

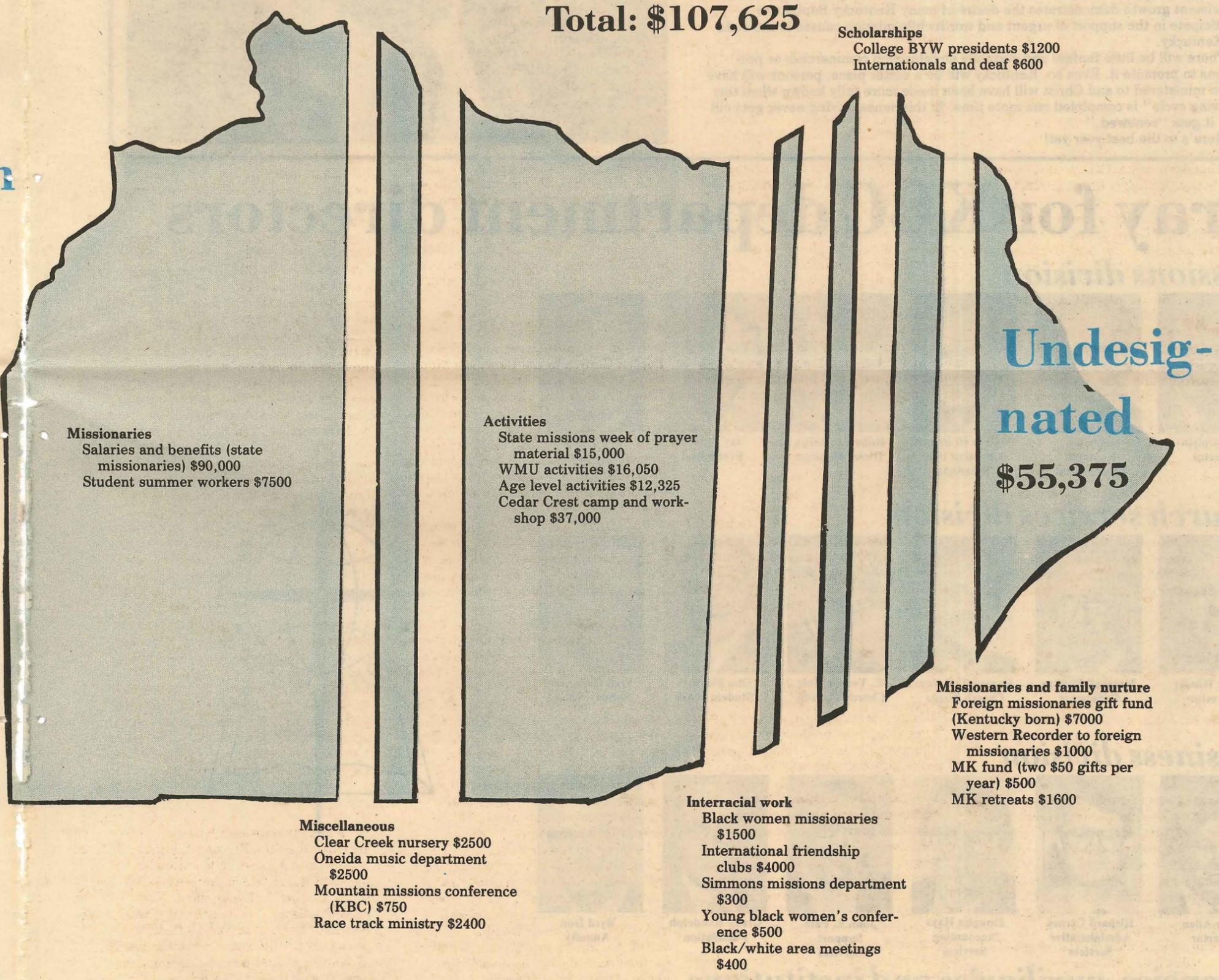


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# build a bridge . . . Offering includes

## Kentucky WMU activities budget

Total: \$107,625



**Eliza Broadus Offering goal: \$495,000**

# A gift with integrity

by William W. Marshall, KBC Executive Secretary-Treasurer

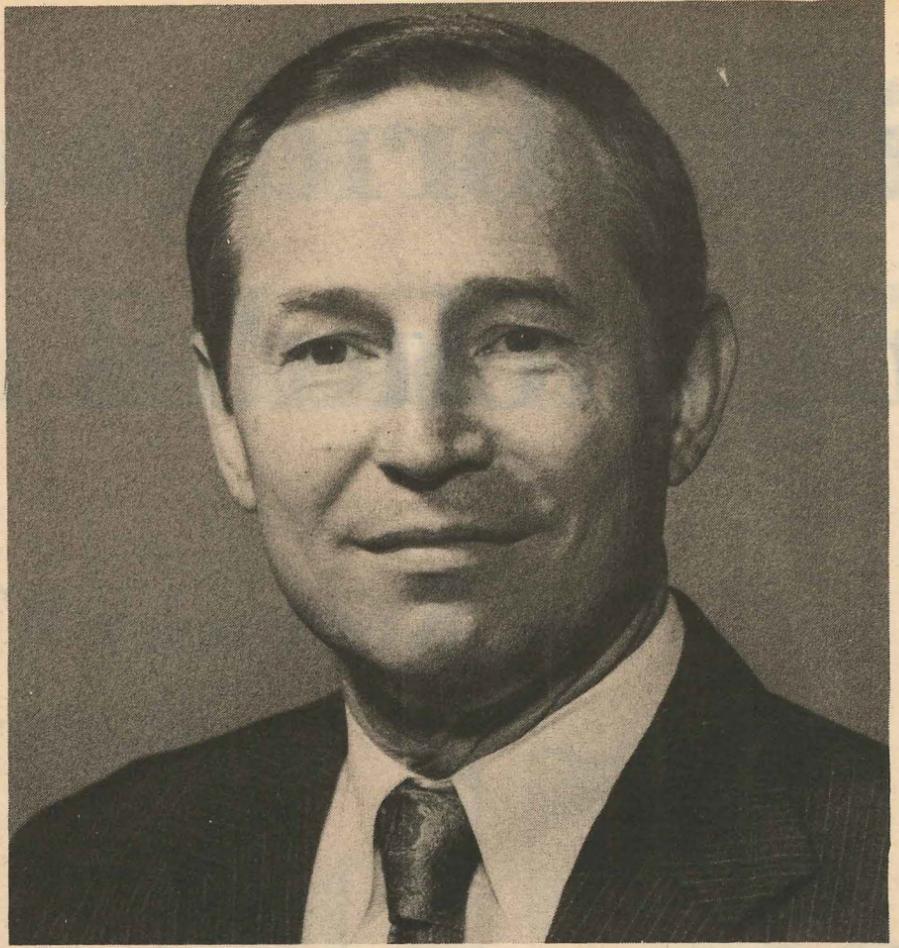
Most Christians are usually a soft touch for anyone who has a genuine need. Whether it's the blind man selling pencils on the corner, the Salvation Army at Christmas time or a tear-evoking TV appeal to feed hungry children of the world, the Christian—and not a few nonchristians—try to help make things a little easier by sharing.

No one knows the amount of money given annually for charitable and religious causes but it probably is in the billions of dollars. Some hucksters take deliberate and dishonest advantage of that. Others are well meaning but fail to live up to their promises. There are still others who are well meaning, but they use a very high percentage of the funds to pay for the media which produces the funds so that little of it gets to the true purpose of the appeal. Kentucky Baptists have had experiences in all of these areas and will probably continue to do so because we tend to be open to appeals for help. That openness should never change though our cautions must be increased in such a day.

Kentucky Baptists will soon have their annual opportunity to contribute to the Eliza Broadus State Mission Offering. The integrity of this offering is above reproach. Miss Broadus' life was so exemplary that an offering has been named as tribute to the selfless service she rendered. Matching the spirit of Miss Broadus, Kentucky's present WMU leadership exercises discretion, care and compassion in the distribution of the funds that we as Kentucky Baptists will give on this special occasion. The offering does not have the historicity or the promotional appeal of the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings, but its consistent growth demonstrates the desire of many Kentucky Baptists to participate in the support of urgent and worthwhile mission causes in the state of Kentucky.

There will be little fanfare and certainly no television commercials or programs to promote it. Even so, Kentucky will be a better place, persons will have been ministered to and Christ will have been made more fully known when this "giving cycle" is completed one more time. In this sense, giving never gets old . . . it gets "renewed."

Here's to the best year yet!



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