



## Calendar, programs change in 1984

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

As another year dawns, Baptists stand on the threshold of some daring opportunities. Not every objective will be reached in the 366 days of this leap year but quantum jumps could move the denomination toward ultimate realization of the big goal: giving every man and woman, boy and girl, the chance—at least once before 2000—to hear of Jesus Christ.

For example, the three mission offerings collected nationally and statewide this year will—if reached—pump nearly another \$100 million into bold missions projects and emphases. These offerings' goals for 1984 are: Annie Armstrong (home missions), \$29 million nationally; Lottie Moon (foreign missions), \$66 million nationally; and Eliza Broadus (state missions), \$480,000 in Kentucky.

Calendarwise, several changes across the Southern Baptist Convention will affect people and their churches in 1984. Three new designated Sundays, for instance, have been added to the denominational calendar this year bringing to 22 the number of sabbaths set aside for special emphases.

The three new ones include Start-a-Church Commitment Day (Mar. 25), Annuity Board Sunday (June 25) and Day of Prayer for World Peace (Aug. 5). In addition to these 22 special days, there are 16 multiday (mostly week long) observances on the 1984 SBC calendar.

There are some other interesting calendar changes taking effect this year, also.

Southwide assemblies at Ridgecrest, N. C. and Glorieta, N. M. will rotate on six-day conference schedules without the usual day's break between outgoing and incoming conference groups as in years past. Thus, the first week of the season opens at both assemblies Saturday, June 2 and ends Friday, June 8. But the second group arrives Friday, June 8 and departs Thursday, June 14. The next group comes in that day, leaving Wednesday, June 20 and so on. The arrangement will permit the addition of one more church music leadership con-

ference (now total of two) and one more Sunday school leadership conference (now four) before the summer season ends Aug. 25.

Although you may have read it right, the date for Easter in the 1984 Kentucky Baptist Convention diary is incorrect. Easter Sunday is designated Apr. 1 but is actually Apr. 22.

Three unusual events appear on the 1984 SBC calendar. They include the National Baptist Student Union Retreat, Mar. 15-18 at Louisville's Galt House; the National Acteens Conference, July 18-21 in Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Missions '85, Dec. 27-31 in Nashville.

Finally, Southern Baptists with perfect attendance goals in mind will show up at Sunday school 14 times in July, August and September this year. It doesn't happen too often, but once in awhile a quarter winds up with 14 instead of the usual 13 Sundays. This means 1984 will see 53 Sundays instead of 52.

All of this is no problem to the average church-goer. But thinking it could be of some concern to the average editor of Sunday school lesson courses, we called Ross West of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. West is design editor in the adult curriculum section of the board's Sunday School Department.

Said West: "We can't lengthen the size of a quarterly so we look at other options. One is to trim the amount of copy slightly while another is to use some available space normally designated for promotion of denominational programs." West emphasized that most editors "make every effort to avoid cutting down on lesson helps" by utilizing the promotional space for the 14th lesson.

This plan works well for Sunday School Adults which he edits. Bible Lesson Digest, also edited by West, is a different matter, for it arrives in 13 weekly four-page leaflets. For the third quarter of 1984, West explains, it will have 14 weekly instalments.

While most of the above mentioned items are SBC-related, 1984 will have far reaching consequences among Kentucky Baptists, too.

At least three agency executives are expected to be elected by various boards this year. They include successors to Ben M. Elrod, who resigned the presidency of Georgetown College last June 30; C. R. Daley, who will retire as Western Recorder editor June 30, 1984; and Mrs. Kathryn Akridge, who retires as executive director of the state WMU Sept. 30, 1984.

In other personnel matters, three vacancies created by reconfiguration of the executive board staff, plus a new post slated to begin Sept. 1, 1984, set opportunities for additional changes. The present vacancies include a director of the newly combined Missions and Church Services Division and directors of two departments, Church Training and Special Ministries and Minister-Church Relations. In the fall, the newly created Facility Services Department will be in existence, requiring yet another department head.

Meanwhile, Kentucky Baptists' road maps will begin to cover the globe this year. While the Kentucky-Ohio partnership begun in 1981 continues another 21 months, the Kentucky-Kenya linkup will be in formative stages. This

program to send volunteers from the Bluegrass State to the eastern African republic will be launched in 1985 and continue through 1987.

Speaking of 1987, that's the year Kentucky Baptists will celebrate 150 years of existence. Already plans are under way to signify the occasion in an appropriate way.

Another matter of significant import will come before Kentucky Baptists in the 1984 annual convention, meeting in Louisville Nov. 13-15. That's the proposal heard at the last convention that a new annuity plan be adopted to provide greatly increased benefits to retirees from church staffs across the state. It must be voted upon by messengers this year.

Still another new SBC program which will be pushed heavily by the state convention is Planned Growth in Giving, now in developmental stages. Its objective is to fuel the Bold Mission Thrust emphasis with significantly larger funds from various sources.

Finally, 1984 will see the completion of two new structures at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora. A conference center and a hotel type facility are currently under construction.

In addition to all of the above, 1984 will bring some specific goals, objectives and emphases among the departments of the state convention's executive board, too. We asked the directors for a brief highlight of one thing they will project in 1984.

• A career missions workshop Mar. 3-4 at Middletown, sponsored by the Student Department, will draw young people "seriously thinking of going into missions" as a career. The department will also send a missions team to South America in the summer, a first time event for Kentucky.

• In addition to its involvement in the Ohio and Kenya partnerships, the Direct Missions Department will see completion of a building to house the First Korean Baptist Church, Radcliff.

• A major focus of the Church Music Department will be "Reaching Youth Through Music." Activities include regional festivals in which youth choirs are invited to have a prominent part, state youth choir festival at Campbellsville Apr. 28, youth music assembly at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly July 16-20 and the all-state youth choir singing at the state BSU convention Sept. 28-29 at Madisonville.

• Woman's Missionary Union is beginning a four year enlistment program this month with a projected outcome of doubling current enrolment levels. A goal of 100,000 members is set for 1988. The goal for 1984 is 63,290, a 10% increase. Every member will be urged to enlist "at least one new member." New units for various life styles in existing WMUs will be organized, and new organizations for all age levels will begin in new WMUs. Targets include language groups and dually aligned black Baptist churches.

• A disaster relief program will be launched by the Brotherhood Department in 1984. There will be three area units and men who volunteer for training will be called to service in an emergency or disaster. They will be known as Kentucky Minute Men, and will respond to calls sent out by a network of radio operators. Bob Simpkins, south-

ern region Brotherhood director, will be coordinator.

• The newly formed Media Department will use the year to promote cooperative communications available through media-oriented Southern Baptist agencies. These include ACTS, BTN and VTS. The department will motivate directors of missions, ministers in broadcasting and churches to be involved in telecommunications awareness groups. The combination of communications promotion and audiovisual production for KBC departments should boost Bold Mission Thrust.

• The Annuity Department will promote the "upgrading of our program" for all staff in churches. The department will also attempt to enrol new churches and staff in the program.

• Staff completion will be a major thrust of the newly formed Minister-Church Support Division. A. B. Colvin, who has pioneered in the area of assisting ministers and churches in placement, will help in this area until a full time minister-church relations consultant is on board.

• "Good News America," a name given nationwide simultaneous Baptist-sponsored revivals Apr. 6-27, 1986, will receive a great deal of emphasis by the KBC Evangelism Department in 1984. Kentucky Baptist associations will be asked to vote by Apr. 1, 1984 to participate in the emphasis. Western Kentucky revivals are slated Apr. 6-13; central Kentucky Apr. 13-20 and eastern Kentucky Apr. 20-27. The revivals' theme will be "Good News America: God Loves You."

• The Stewardship-Promotion Department will select a task force in 1984 to help Kentucky Baptists implement the Planned Growth in Giving campaign (mentioned above) for the years 1985-2000. This group will offer guidance, set goals, train leadership, prepare materials and schedule and conduct meetings across the state. The 15-year growth plan will attempt to raise the giving level of each Baptist, each family unit, each church and the state convention with a percentage increase.

• Dual emphases to be carried out by the state Sunday School Department this year will focus on growth and enlargement. At 20 church growth conferences between February-April, Ron Lewis, a nationally known growth consultant, will lead local pastors, church staff and church members. Twelve eight-day Sunday school enrolment-enlargement campaigns are planned in a like number of associations, using guest directors from among Kentucky Sunday school special workers.

• With the purpose of acquainting Baptist people with the latest in estate planning techniques, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation will conduct estate planning seminars across the state during 1984. The seminars will be led by professionals such as lawyers, bankers, insurance underwriters and investment counselors.

These are just some of the opportunities which will exist among Kentucky Baptists in 1984. But they indicate it will be a year in which many choices are available, and the denominational program will accelerate tremendously. If it brings Baptists closer to their objective of sharing the good news with every unreached person in 1984, it will not have been in vain.

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# daley observations

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## Let 1984 be the year of reconciliation

What should the year 1984 be for Southern Baptists? Our sagging baptism records in recent years suggest 1984 should be the year of evangelism. Our worldliness and compromising life styles call for 1984 to be the year of repentance and return to God's standards. The excess of the world's birth rate over the spiritual rebirth rate cries out for Southern Baptists to make 1984 the year of worldwide gospel witness.

It is to our credit that we have seen these needs and all of them are included in Bold Mission Thrust to which we are giving lip service. It is to our discredit that preoccupation with doctrinal controversy is preventing our giving united and enthusiastic life service as well as lip service to Bold Mission Thrust objectives.

Our crying need today is to put an end to the spirit of accusation and factionalism and make 1984 the year of reconciliation. Without this there is no hope of realizing the noble goals of Bold Mission Thrust.

If we have any doubt about the paralyzing and immoral effects of factionalism among God's people, a look at the church in Corinth as Paul pictured it in 1st Corinthians will remove that doubt. From New Testament accounts the Corinthian church seemed to have more problems than any other congregation Paul addressed. He agonized over these worldly believers and in trying to help them where would he start but with their divisions into factions.

Paul identified at least four factions in the Corinthian congregations and called for the dissolution of all of them including one with special allegiance to Paul himself. The apostle pled with these factions to rise above their differences some of which were surely doctrinal and be united in Christ in whom there are no divisions.

No doubt Paul would give the same advice to Southern Baptists today. Be done with factionalism resulting from rallying around labels such as conservative, ultraconservative, inerrant, lib-

eral, fundamental, moderate or loyal. Recognize and maintain the unity which Christ has brought about. Be reconciled to one another since all have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

Southern Baptists have the best opportunity for reconciliation in 1984 which they have had since 1979. Convention president Draper has worked hard for two years to bring about healing and acceptance of one another.

The politicizing of this office in 1979 ushered in the era of controversy. The path to reconciliation for Southern Baptists would begin then with the depoliticizing of this office. One sure way would be for the 1984 convention messengers in Kansas City to reject any nominee identified with any faction. It would then be easier to reduce irresponsible criticism and to replace suspicion with mutual trust.

Let our New Year's prayer be for 1984 as the year of reconciliation for Southern Baptists.

## It's time to get tough with drunken drivers

The recommendations from the presidential commission on drunken driving could lead to one of the finest achievements of the Reagan administration. Hopefully the President will endorse the recommendations and work for their enactment.

The major recommendations of the commission are:

- A national minimum legal drinking age of 21 with a cut off of federal highway funds to states failing to enforce the statute.
- A mandatory 90-day suspension of a driver's license on the first conviction of drunken driving plus either 100 hours of community service or a minimum of 48 hours in jail.
- A presumptive breath test standard of .08 alcohol concentration for driving under the influence and .10 for being legally drunk.
- A law making people who sell or serve alcohol to drunks responsible for the consequences, even if the server is an individual in a private home.
- The elimination of plea bargaining in drunken driving cases.

These are strong measures to meet the menace of drunken driving but that's what's needed. Drunken driving takes at least 25,000 lives a year in the United States and alcohol-related accidents represent the leading cause of death of Americans between the ages of 16 and 24. No other killer could get by with such a record.

The recommendation drawing most opposition initially was the national 21 year minimum legal age for drinking. Many of these opponents favor the 21 year minimum age but want the states and not the federal government to enact the legislation. Nineteen states including Kentucky now have the 21 years as the minimum age for legal drinking.

While states ordinarily should police themselves in this and other matters, the record reveals states are more lax than the federal government. If there is a place for a national speed limit of 55 miles per hour, why is there not a

place for a national minimum legal drinking age? It's a proven fact the national 55 mile per hour maximum speed limit is saving thousands of lives. A national 21 year minimum legal drinking age would likely save even more lives.

Fortunately Kentucky has a 21 year minimum legal age but it is not strictly enforced and in every other respect to drinking we are too lenient. First, we need much stronger laws against drunken driving. Such legislation was proposed two years ago but was blocked by one obstinate legislator who was allowed to get by with such a travesty by fellow lawmakers. The General Assembly will deal with this issue again next year and hopefully will exercise moral responsibility and courage.

The other crying need is stronger enforcement by judicial officers. It's shameful how many drunken drivers have their charges reduced to disorderly conduct or some other charge calling for almost no punishment. On any given day or night there are hundreds of drunken drivers on Kentucky highways and streets who have already been apprehended at least once for their crime but have been turned loose by judges to become again potential murderers of innocent drivers.

Nationally there's a rising tide against this murderous menace of drunken driving but Kentucky and especially Jefferson County and Louisville are not going with the tide but against it.

It's ironic that on the same day the recommendations of the presidential commission on drunken driving were reported, the extension to 4 a.m. of drinking hours in Jefferson County drink outlets was reported. Four people who serve as Jefferson County fiscal court commissioners decided this for all the thousands of citizens of Jefferson County thanks to state legislation several years ago allowing such an undemocratic procedure.

It's even more ironic that the deciding vote for the 4 a.m. extension was cast by a Baptist who is listed as a board member of his church. Before

his election recently the fiscal court was deadlocked on the extension of the legal liquor sales issue. This commissioner joined the county judge and another commissioner in approving the 4 a.m. extension. Since voters have been denied the right to decide on such issues, they should surely remember in the next election how these public officials voted on this issue.

Two of the commissioners used the lame excuse that since the city already allows the 4 a.m. closing hours for bars, fairness demands that county drinking places should also be allowed to stay open until 4 a.m. This makes no sense for responsible officials. What would fairness demand if the city decided to make murder legal?

This extension of the closing hour for drink outlets means only one thing as Kentucky Temperance League executive director Delbert Butts says. More hours of legal sales means more alcohol consumed. More alcohol consumed means more drunken drivers on roads and more innocent lives taken.

If state and local governing bodies all over the United States are no more responsible in this critical issue than they are in Louisville and Jefferson County, national legislation and enforcement should take over.

### Be alert!

Moral minded Kentuckians should be alert to questionable legislative proposals faced by the 1984 Kentucky General Assembly. One likely proposal is a state lottery which has been suggested and rejected before but will have more appeal this year because of the revenue shortfall.

Another is a call for a national constitutional convention supposedly to add an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget. Many of us favor a balanced federal budget but there's no guarantee a constitutional convention would not tamper with the 1st Amendment and other guarantees of the Bill of Rights. We don't need to take that chance.

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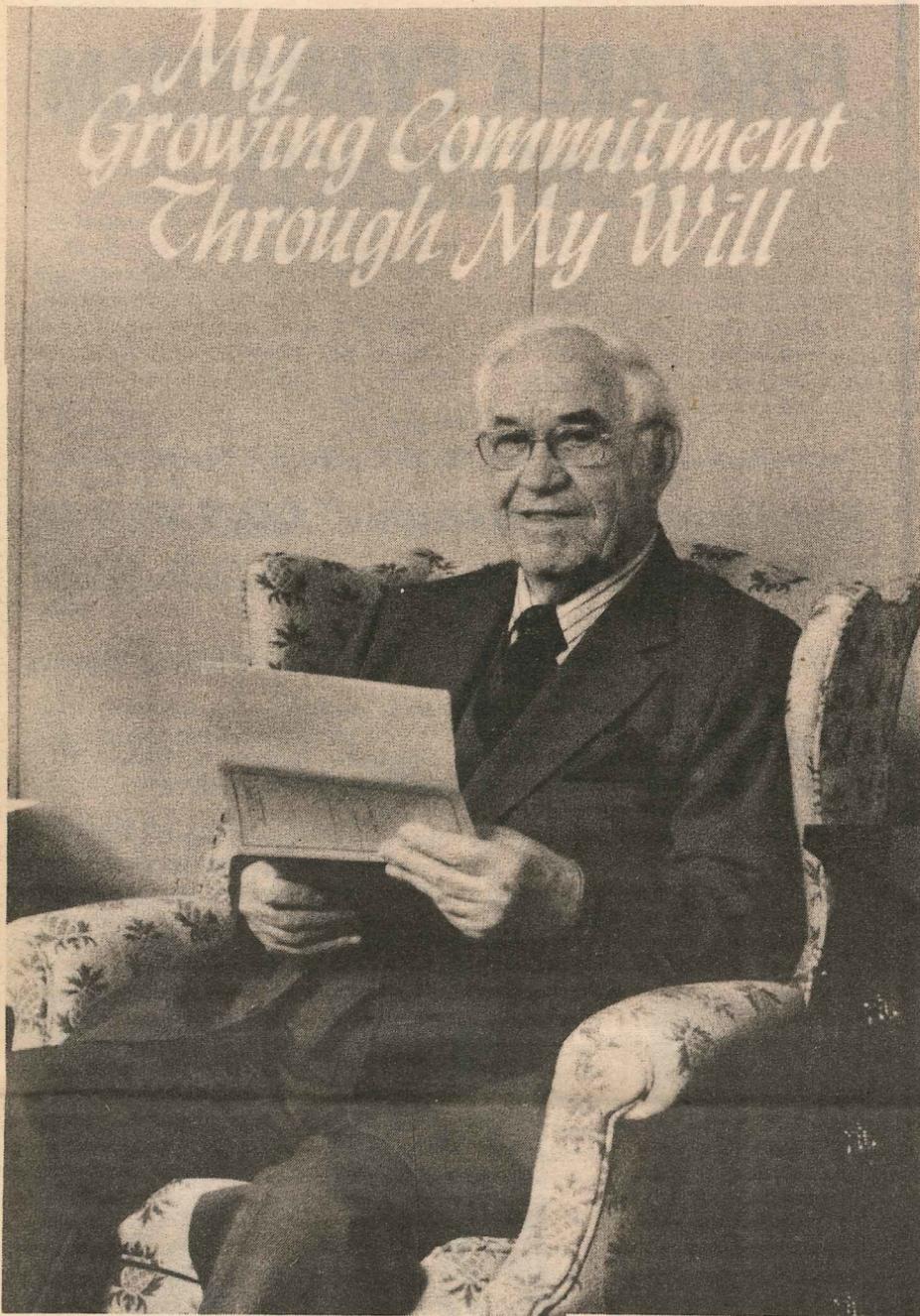
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## God's will may be found in legal paper

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A. M. Vollmer, the first executive-secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, often said: "I can tell better what a man had in his heart by reading his will than I can by reading his obituary." Another of his often repeated statements was this: "I can tell more about the character of a man by reading his will than by reading the inscription on his tombstone." This was Vollmer's way of expressing his deep conviction that a Christian will is the surest way to give permanence to a man's life and influence. It is also a sure way to coordinate a man's will with the will of God.

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"A will is a perpetual participation in things you love . . . and the state assumes responsibility for its implementation.

"A will is your absentee ballot . . . a vote for things eternal.

"A will is your legal resurrection . . . you being dead, yet speaks."

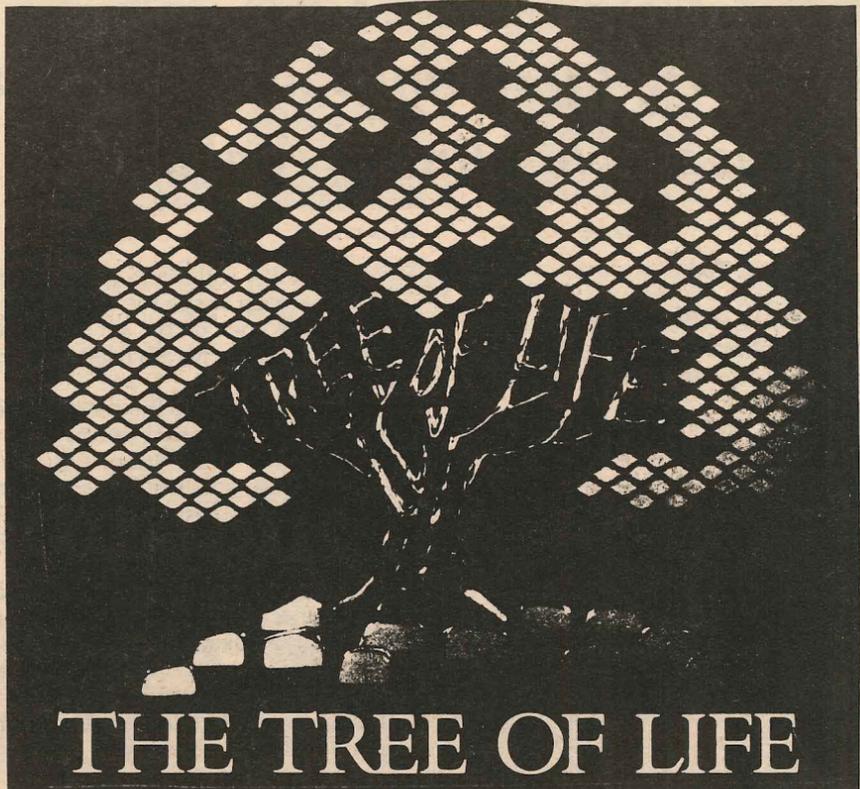
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# Men of principle

## *Southern Baptist businessmen prove courage by holding to convictions*

by Roberta S. Todd

Shades of Jimmy Stewart in black and white late shows—if he can't run the business according to his principles, he'll walk.

Harold A. Kelly and S. Truett Cathy know the part well because they live it. They're two Southern Baptists who have more than proven they have the courage of their convictions.

For Kelly, 53, following his beliefs meant quitting the presidency of BI-LO Inc., a large regional grocery chain, when its executive committee voted to begin selling beer and wine.

Kelly left behind almost 15 years of grocery experience, friendships, "a low six-figure income," and his position at the helm of the South Carolina-based company he'd help guide to annual sales of more than \$600 million.

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"It wasn't right in my own feeling to sell wine and beer," says Kelly. "I feel like the Lord blessed me, and between me and the Lord it was wrong."

Kelly left BI-LO, a wholly owned subsidiary of a Dutch company since 1971, in February 1981. He has not found a new job.

He admits living only off the income from his municipal bonds isn't easy with two children in college. "It does drain your income."

"I'm sure the Lord has a place for me. Either I'm too stupid to find it or the Lord doesn't have it for me yet," he said confidently and good-naturedly from his Greenville home.

His decision to quit was "just natural," and one he does not regret except that it stirred some negative publicity which left a bad taste in the mouths of some colleagues.

Also, being regarded as a martyr bothers Kelly. "I just don't feel I deserve any kind of praise or anything. I just feel too humble to the Lord to take any praise."

What Cathy, the president of Chick-Fil-A Inc., doesn't take is any argument about opening any of his 259 fast food outlets on Sunday.

"There are more important things to do on Sunday," says Cathy, 62, who founded the company whose coast-to-coast franchises specialize in boneless breast of chicken sandwiches. They are located exclusively in shopping malls.

"It's a very important day to me. People enjoy having Sunday off whether they go to church or not."

Chick-Fil-A will locate in a mall only if developers agree the restaurant does not have to open on the sabbath, Cathy says from his corporate headquarters in Atlanta.

"We don't debate the issue. If they want us we're going to be closed on Sunday."

He says his position may have cost him some outlets, perhaps a dozen, but "I think some malls respect us for this position."

As long as developers know not one Chick-Fil-A will be open anywhere on Sunday, they usually agree not to require the outlet they're leasing to be open. Cathy says in some malls, including the world's largest in California with 350 stores, Chick-Fil-A's is the only door not open on the seventh day.

"I think we just need that day," says Cathy. "The family should set aside a day to be together, worship if they will."

He notes many merchants would prefer to be closed on Sunday but feel pressured to open if the competition is.

Cathy says his outlets try to make up the difference by doing more business in six days than other fast food outlets do in seven.

"We, I think, could proclaim we do more business than other food stores per square foot in the majority of cases."

He says sales volume this year should be about \$125 million. And, he added, while admitting he eats out on Sunday, "People don't like to eat at the same place six days a week."

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Living his convictions has meant not bowing to outside pressures or "the norm" for each of these two executives. For Cathy, it's pretty much business as usual. For Kelly, used to putting in 60 or more hours a week at his BI-LO office, it's finding, for the first time, ways to keep himself busy.

"My job was really my life," says Kelly. But still resolutely upbeat about the path he's chosen, the former company president says he spends a lot of time reading about the corporate world and getting together with friends to discuss business. Kelly is also more involved at his church now and has taught himself how to do all those chores around the house he never used to have time for.

"I don't sit around and twiddle my thumbs. I keep occupied."

# 1984 AREA EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

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January 17	First Baptist	Princeton
January 23	First Baptist	Owensboro
January 24	First Baptist	Bowling Green
January 30	Campbellsville Baptist	Campbellsville
January 31	Florence Baptist	Florence
February 13	First Baptist	Pineville
February 14	First Baptist	Somerset
February 20	First Baptist	Allen
February 21	First Baptist	Morehead

JAY BROWN, Director, Department of Evangelism, KBC

## Southern Seminary awards 210 degrees at 152nd commencement

North Carolina pastor William Henry Crouch challenged graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary "to let God work in you and through you as his ministers" at the seminary's 152nd commencement Dec. 16.

"It is an awesome thing to be entrusted with the gospel," said Crouch, Southern alumnus and pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Crouch specifically urged graduates to pledge themselves to deepening their personal devotional lives and to guard against family problems. He warned against the "temptation . . . to build up egomania" and said quarreling and jealousy among pastors "reflect our faith."

After Crouch's address, 210 students received degrees from the deans of Southern's schools of theology, religious education and church music.

There were 101 students receiving the MDiv degree; 30 the MRE; nine the MDiv/RE; and 33 the MCM.

One DEd degree was awarded, two MTh, 20 DMin, three DMAs, and 13 PhD's, the institution's highest degree conferred.

Roy L. Honeycutt, eighth president of the 125-year-old Southern Baptist institution, told graduates their degrees are "tangible and visible tokens which speak to the quality of commitment you have brought to this institution."

### Kentucky students receive degrees

Among the 210 students receiving degrees during Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's 152nd commencement Dec. 16 were the following Kentuckians:

Master of Divinity in Religious Education: Bruce Brinkman, Covington; Timothy Maynard, Ashland; and Larry Orange, Morgantown.

Master of Religious Education: Norman Coe, Highview; Bruce Couch, Corbin; Frederick Howard, Owensboro; Christy Pepper, Bardstown; and Thomas Rogers, Ashland.

Master of Church Music: Glenn Chaudoin, Louisville; Mark Logsdon, Radcliff; Jan MacKrell, Louisville; Benny McNeas, Burgin; James Patton, Muldraugh; Steven Samson, Russellville; Karen Speck, Elizabethtown; and

Lois Summers, Lexington.

Doctor of Ministry: William Shoulta, Paducah.

Master of Divinity: Michael Berryman, Covington; Floyd Blake Jr., Cumberland; Mark Boes, Berea; Richard Carlton, Georgetown; Bruce Cochran, Louisville; Gary Eaton, Louisville; John Hash, Corbin; Steve Hogg, Whitesburg; Gary Hughes, Cadiz; Doris Middleton, Owensboro; Rebecca Noel, Ashland;

James Nogalski, Louisville; Richard Norris, Radcliff; Lois Owen, Hardinsburg; Daniel Parker, Owenton; Stanley Patterson, Louisville; David Roland, Covington; Donald Waltermire Jr., Winchester; Ronald White, Lexington; and Katherine Williams, Louisville.

(Photos of Thomas Rogers, Rebecca Noel, Richard Norris, Ronald White and William Shoulta were not available from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for publishing.)

Six students from Kentucky were awarded degrees from Boyce Bible School during the school's 19th commencement Dec. 16 on Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's campus.

Ted Sisk, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, and a Southern alumnus, delivered the address.

Kentucky recipients included: Diploma in Christian Ministry: John Bates, Thomas Conway and Jackie Davis, Louisville; Robert Gray III, Elizabethtown; and William Summers, Mt. Washington.

Diploma in Educational Ministry: Anita Coe, Leitchfield.



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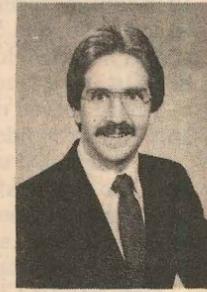
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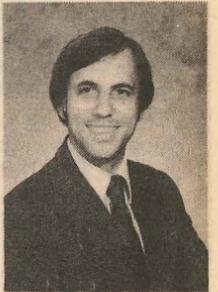
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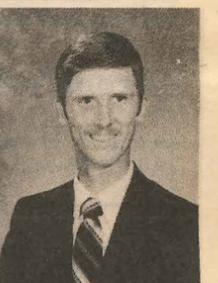
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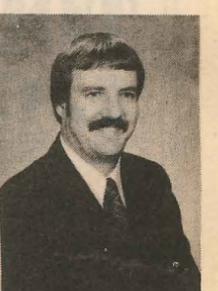
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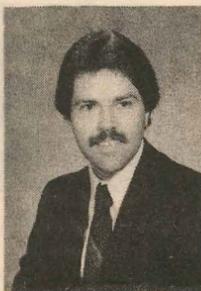
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# mountains to the mississippi

## Crestwood Church forms Dec. 4 at Covington

Crestwood Hills Baptist Church constituted Dec. 4 in a meeting at Holiday Inn, Covington. The 57 charter members consisted of former members of Crescent Springs Baptist Church and several other congregations in Northern Kentucky Association.

The group had no official sponsor or mother church but requested help from the Northern Kentucky Baptist Association executive board Nov. 29 in organizing a church. The group expressed its intention to be a Southern Baptist church cooperating in mission endeavors with Northern Kentucky Association, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The executive board did not vote to participate officially in the constituting service but 24 representatives from 17 churches in the association were present and comprised the constituting council. John Kruschwitz, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, was moderator for the service. Michael Smith led the music and Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley delivered the message.

Following its organization the new church called Jerel Treas as pastor, chose Esther Perry as clerk and named Randall Profitt, Clayton Perry, Dan Frazier, Millard Martin and Jim Morrison as temporary deacons.

## personnel

George S. Munro has announced he will end his 28-year tenure as pastor of First

Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, in January.

Munro is generally credited for spearheading the effort to merge the North Bend and Campbell County associations into the present Northern Kentucky Association. He is a trustee of Cumberland College and teaches English and psychology in the Columbus, Oh., branch of Boyce Bible School.

He was a pastor in New Zealand before he came to the United States in 1948. Munro trained at a Baptist theological college in New Zealand, and received his bachelor's degree in English and history at Georgetown College.

Munro served churches in West Point and Waddy in addition to Ft. Thomas.

He is married to the former Eva Loebrich and has a son, Roger Munro, a graduate of Georgetown and Baylor Medical School, and a urological surgeon in Montana.

First Baptist Church honored Munro with a dinner and recognition service Dec. 29 at the church. Lee Hopkins, administrator of the Baptist Convalescent Center, was the speaker.

Tommy Townsend, recently called as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, was ordained by Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, Dec. 4.

Joe Smith of Valley View Baptist Church, Long Run Association, has announced his availability for the ministry of music evangelism. His talents include congregational leading, choir directing, special music and Christian concerts. He can be contacted at 956 Burton Ave., Louisville 40208.

Wayne Hayes has resigned as pastor of

Berean Chapel, Severns Valley Association, to fill the same capacity at Cave City Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Home Creek Mission and mother church Mouthcard Baptist, Pike Association, recently called Berry Tackett as mission pastor.

Scott Yates and Cathy Howle (of the Kentucky Baptist WMU staff) have been elected as deacons at Lyndon Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Stephen Fitts has assumed duties as pastor of Brooks Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Billy Milburn has accepted the pastorate of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. A second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, he and his wife Helen have two children, Jerrell, 13, and Lisa, 9.

Mike Raley has accepted duties as minister of instrumental music at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He comes from Mill Creek Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Ken Barbee has resigned from the pastorate of Barren Run Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, to accept a church in Alabama.

Kentucky students Cecilia Gray, Michael Crowell and Michael Hail were among 305 to graduate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Dec. 16.

Miss Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Farmer, Crofton, received the MA in religious education.

Crowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Crowell, Radcliff, received the MDiv degree.

Hail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Hail Sr., Bronston, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Denton Bullock, Somerset, received the MDiv degree.

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## ordinations

James R. Walters Jr. was ordained a deacon at Third Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Nov. 6.

Northside Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, has elected Mike Wheatley and Dean Ray as deacons. The two will be ordained in a special service Jan. 8.

Hellier Baptist Church, Pike Association, held a service Nov. 20 to ordain pastor James F. Baxter to the ministry and Stewart Baldrige, Kurt Lockenwitz and Don Pauley as deacons.

## revivals

Steubenville Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, reported eight professions of faith as the result of fall revival services.

## missions

The Foreign Mission Board has named Clarence and Carolyn Jackson as missionaries to Trinidad where he will work as a general evangelist and she in church and home. Jordan received his MRE from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has also been associate pastor and minister of education at Vine Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Clayton and Charolette McDonald, missionaries to Argentina, have completed language study and arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Bolanos 141, 1407 Buenos Aires, Argentina). Both natives of Kentucky, he is from Hodgenville and she is from Barbourville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

William and Joyce Burkhalter were named missionaries to Bangladesh by the Foreign Mission Board on Dec. 13. He has been pastor at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Grayson Association, and currently is pastor of Clayvillage Baptist Church, Shelby Association, while she is a teacher at South Louisville Christian School.

After an eight week orientation in Rockville, Va., the Burkhalters will travel to the field where he will be a general evangelist and she a church and home worker.

They have two children, Julie Ann and James Brian.

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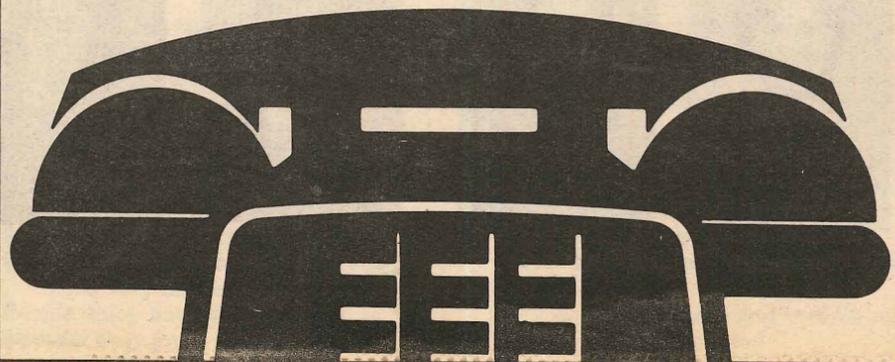
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## A bad experience in Georgia

Last week another member of our church and I went to Roswell, Ga. to pick up a baptistry that had been ordered from Glasstech Plastics Inc. During the time the correct papers were being filled out and payment was being made the owner of the business began cursing and swearing about our not having a Georgia tax number. I informed him we did have a Kentucky number and did not want any argument but would pay the Georgia sales tax. He continued to curse and finally I told him we were Christians and did not appreciate his attitude or his way of talking. He quickly informed me he was an atheist and contributed to the support of that group.

The man's name I am referring to is Mr. Hughes of Glasstech Plastics Inc., Roswell, Ga. It is my feeling that Christians should not support this business or any like it. I hope you will read this letter and pass it on to churches of all denominations in your area.

John D. Aldridge, Lancaster

## Thanks friends for prayer support

We would like to thank our friends around the state of Kentucky for their prayer support in a time of crisis and for the many messages of love and encouragement. Because of God's leadership and power as a result of that prayerful concern, we have had victory and all of those who prayed for us are a part of that victory.

On Apr. 12 Norma Jean was diagnosed as having terminal cancer. By God's power and the skill of a dedicated surgeon she is now cancer free, on the basis of medical tests.

We just wanted to say "thank you" to caring friends who helped us come to the end of 1983 with joy and real hope in our hearts. We also want to give tribute to a great church, Versailles Baptist Church, which related to us as the true family of God in our crisis.

Henry and Norma Jean Johns  
Versailles

## 'God is using Draper'

I do not know him but am convinced God is using Jimmy Draper in a special way to carry out his plan for heirs and joint heirs of promise and God's guidelines are forever fixed in heaven. They are complete, final and preserved and are called "the scripture of truth" (Dan. 10:21) and "The powerful word of God" (Heb. 4:12).

The guidelines for our schools, churches and associations should be based on God's word and any practice not measuring up needs to be discon-

tinued and eliminated. You see, God doesn't care what you and I think but what his word says and how we react to it. Politics has no place here.

Someday all shall appear before either the judgment seat of Christ or the great white throne of judgment, to give account for the deeds done in the body. So let's support our president with prayer and supplication that God might bless him and us for a job well done and that our reason for being here is to reach souls for Christ.

Ernest W. Music, Ashland

## Use all the Bible, not portions

The Dec. 4 issue of Western Recorder contains a letter from Jennifer Collins in which she takes issue with Scott Casebier's previous letter concerning 1 Tim. 3:11-14. She says that Mr. Casebier and others who use this passage to prove that women should not serve as pastors are guilty of ignoring the words: "But I suffer not a woman to teach." And here Miss Collins stops right in the middle of a sentence!

I find it rather ironic she did the very same thing she accused Mr. Casebier of doing—she left out part of the verse. In its totality the verse says: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." The point is that women are not forbidden to teach; they are only forbidden to teach men.

This is brought out in Titus 2:3-5 which says, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

So, far from the Bible forbidding women to teach; it commands them to teach. They are to teach other women and they are to teach children as Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him. But they are not to teach or usurp authority over the man which effectively rules them out as pastors and this is precisely what 1 Tim. 2:11-14 tells us.

But, in closing, let me make one point crystal clear; Jennifer Collins is 100 percent correct in taking the stand that women are indispensable in the work of the church. The most loyal and faithful members of any Baptist church

I know of are women and without them I doubt that most churches could even stay in business for the Lord.

But the women have their allotted work to do as do the men, and neither

is inferior or superior to the other. So let us be willing to abide by the teaching of God's infallible word as to what these respective roles consist.

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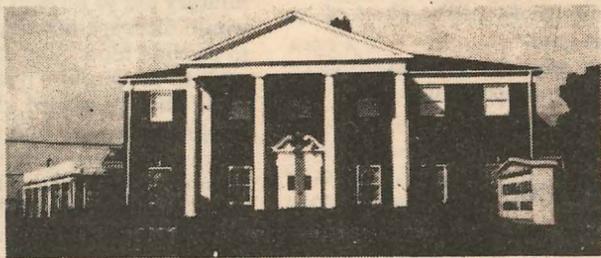
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# baptist news in brief

## Cooperative Program gets \$8 million in November

Record giving to the national Cooperative Program continued in November—but the rate was still below budget requirements.

Total gifts from the 34 state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention to the SBC's unified giving program was \$8,019,435 during November. It was the first time November gifts had exceeded the \$8 million mark and reflected an 8.59 percent (\$634,297) increase from November 1982 gifts.

However, the 1983-84 budget calls for average monthly contributions of more than \$9.5 million in order to underwrite the basic operating budget of \$114.5 million for the convention's worldwide mission and education programs. It will take average monthly gifts in excess of \$10.4 million to reach the combined basic and challenge budget of \$125 million.

On that basis, the national Cooperative Program is more than \$2.4 million behind the basic budget and approximately \$4.2 million below the basic/challenge budget.

The gap should close as the year progresses, however. In the past five years, October and November have been the lowest two months for receipts in the year. Also, 22 of the 34 state conventions recently increased their contribution rates to the national program and that additional income will not show up until early 1984.

## Virginia Intermont head greeted with controversy

James E. Martin Jr., president of Virginia Intermont College since Sept. 1, became locked in controversy with some students and faculty members Dec. 3 when he ordered two charcoal sketches of nudes temporarily removed from a campus art exhibit.

Martin told the Virginia Religious Herald on Dec. 12 he had the pieces removed because they "could have been offensive" to persons who were to pass through the gallery on their way to dedication of a renovated theater in the fine arts building.

"I made a value judgment," he said. "It was not censorship; it was a matter of taste. There were going to be people there for a purpose other than viewing art—we were having a service of dedication."

Following Martin's action, other students withdrew their art from the exhibit, thus closing the display.

A reported 21 faculty members then signed a statement criticizing Martin for "censorship." Acknowledging Martin's "good intentions," the faculty members nevertheless said "in the fields of sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, creative writing and communications, only one standard can be used as grounds for censorship: that standard is quality."

In a three-hour meeting with the dissenting faculty Dec. 9, Martin refused to meet demands that he "promise" not to do it again. "I appreciate art; I am no expert but I am president of this college," he said. "If an action or activity of the college is offensive, I am ultimately responsible to the college, the community and the church with whom we have affiliation."

"If the situation should arise again, I would want to sit down with all the parties concerned and explain my position and hear theirs. But I will not abrogate or negate my responsibility to be totally

responsible for the institution."

All of Martin's trouble is not artistic. He made clear to the board of trustees before his employment as president he was opposed to alcoholic beverages. Soon after arrival he outlawed the serving of alcohol at any college sponsored function whether on or off campus.

That policy brought him into sharp conflict with some students. Curtailing (though not eliminating) visitation between sexes in dormitories also met with student uproar.

Virginia Intermont is a coeducational senior college with approximately 600 students. It has a programmatic relationship with the Baptist General Association of Virginia and in 1984 will receive \$237,022 in Cooperative Program support.

## 'Concerned Baptists' form new association

Ninety-five persons from 10 churches met at Lynchburg's Old Forest Road Baptist Church and formed the Concerned Baptist Association of Virginia.

Fifty-seven of the 95 were members of Old Forest Road and 29 others members of Jerico Missionary Chapel, a black mission of Old Forest Road. Other representatives were from six other Virginia churches.

Arthur B. Ballard, pastor of Old Forest Road, was elected moderator and Don Gillette, pastor of Timber Ridge, Strawberry Association, was elected treasurer. Gillette apparently was not present since his church was not listed as having a representative at the meeting.

Robert Powers, pastor of Level Green, was elected vice moderator and Ron Hunt of Old Forest Road was named clerk.

A constitution was adopted and resolutions adopted opposing abortion, pornography and ordination of women deacons and ministers. Resolutions passed favoring prayer in public schools, support of the 1983 SBC resolution on nuclear disarmament and negative designation of funds to selected parts of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

Ballard told the group Old Forest Road "has spent \$15,000 in our effort in the conservative move in the state of Virginia, \$1800 of this was for the speakers (Paige Patterson of Dallas and Robert Witty of Jacksonville, Fla.) for the last meeting."

The new group plans to publish its own newspaper, the Concerned Baptist Messenger, and seek representation on the Virginia Baptist General Board. They say they will maintain current ties with district associations where they exist and have dual affiliation with the new statewide association.

## FMB opposes Vatican rep, reports December meeting

Southern Baptists' Foreign Mission Board Dec. 13 urged President Reagan not to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican.

A resolution approved by the board opposes "such a dangerous precedent that intertwines American self-interest and the higher priorities of the kingdom of God."

It calls on Reagan and the U. S. Congress to reappraise the reported decision to upgrade diplomatic relationships with the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church.

Establishing full diplomatic relations with the Vatican could blur or compromise Baptist missionary witness in Roman Catholic countries, the resolution said, and potentially cause animosity or feelings of betrayal in areas "that may be non-Catholic in orientation."

Board members took the action after news reports said President Reagan plans to name William A. Wilson as U. S. ambassador to the Vatican. Earlier, Congress repealed a 115-year-old ban against funding for a Vatican diplomatic mission.

The resolution said appointment of an ambassador would be a flagrant violation of the principle of separation of church and state, a "cherished concept based on biblical precept and refined in the fires of religious persecution." Baptists and other Christians, it noted, have historically opposed anything that would threaten or jeopardize this principle.

Other actions at the December board meeting included beginning work in Nepal as the 102nd country or territory where Southern Baptists have missionaries, transferring a veteran Nigerian missionary couple to start work early next year in Sierra Leone on Africa's western coast, and establishing fraternal relations with the New Zealand Baptist Union.

Sidney and Alwilda Reber, former missionaries to Singapore-Malaysia, will spend two years in an auxiliary service assignment as the board's first representatives working with a New Zealand Baptist church to help start a new congregation. Reber retires Jan. 31 as the board's vice president for management services.

Bill Wakefield, director for work in South and Southeast Asia, noted that a strong Baptist Union exists in New Zealand and said the board is grateful for the "opportunity to link hands" with fellow Baptists. The board action will facilitate sending personnel for project involvement and partnership missions, but New Zealand will not be considered a mission field.

Bert and Ruth Dyson, Nigerian missionaries who spearheaded evangelistic literacy efforts in that country, will be transferred to Sierra Leone effective Feb. 1. This country will be counted next year as the board's 103rd area of work.

The board also named 20 new missionaries at a service in Culpeper, Va., and approved reappointment of two couples. These bring the year's career and associate additions to 207, plus 25 reappointees. Total additions to the missionary force this year are 359, compared to a record 406 in 1982. Including the latest appointments and resignations, Southern Baptists have 3364 foreign missionaries.

Board members also appropriated \$2 million from current funds to meet urgent capital needs overseas that went unmet when the 1982 Lottie Moon offering fell almost \$4 million short of its \$58 million goal.

Hunger and relief funds released in October and November totaled \$859,814.

## Chapel exceeds Lottie Moon missions giving goal

A young congregation with only four members who hold full time jobs exceeded its Lottie Moon offering goal of \$104.44 by 15 percent.

Gifts given by the 28 members of First Southern Baptist Chapel of Grandview Beckley, W. Va., totaled \$120, about the same as one-third of

the mission's monthly budget.

The chapel, about 65 miles from Charleston, W. Va., is in a county beset by unemployment. The original goal was \$60, but pastor Lawrence Stewart challenged members to try to give \$3.73 each, the cost, per second, of supporting Southern Baptists' world mission programs.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, members staged a missions march down the aisle at the beginning of the service. When the gifts were counted, they far exceeded that goal.

"We're a very missions-minded church because we are a mission ourselves," Stewart said. "We have received support from the Home Mission Board, the Annie Armstrong offering and churches in our sister state of North Carolina."

## Southern Baptists react to Meese hunger views

Presidential counselor Edwin Meese III's Dec. 8 statement the government has no "authoritative figures" demonstrating there are hungry children in America has drawn sharp reactions from Southern Baptist leaders active in hunger relief programs.

Paul R. Adkins, director of Christian social activities for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, labeled as "downright silly" Meese's comment that "people go to soup kitchens because the food is free and . . . that's easier than paying for it."

The fact the soup kitchens exist, Adkins said, points to the extent of the hunger problem. Meese, Adkins added, "would have been better off waiting for the presidential commission's report (on hunger in the U. S.) rather than spouting off about something he did not have the facts in hand to substantiate."

W. David Lockard, director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, commented: "At the season of good tidings and great joy, here is more 'bad news' from the administration. The poor and hungry have not heard much good news from the Reagan administration and it is extremely bad news when a top presidential aide declares the poor and hungry do not exist."

Lockard, who has special responsibilities in hunger alleviation and education, said the soup kitchens are "not an experience anyone would choose to go through if they did not really need the food."

## Lockard urges support for human needs bill

A Southern Baptist hunger specialist is urging support for a newly introduced House bill which would place a one-year moratorium on increases in U. S. military aid to foreign governments and would increase development programs to provide food, jobs and health assistance to the world's needy.

W. David Lockard, director of world hunger education and action programs for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said the Human Needs and World Security Bill (H.R. 4440) is a good bill which deserves the strong support of Southern Baptists.

"The bill introduced by a bipartisan group of United States Representatives will establish priorities and moral values which seek to reverse the unparalleled worldwide arms buildup which robs the hungry and needy and works against justice and stability in the world," he said.



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# on mission together

## St. Francis and my 'botches'

1983 is past. Some of it, I did pretty well . . . some of it I "botched." I've tried, as the years have etched their inevitable consequences, to forget the "botches," especially when remembering is destructive. But some of those "botches" have been good teachers, if one is ever the better for having "botched."

1984 is here now and I must be on with it like everybody else. No time to look back for long. As we walk together into the pages of a new calendar, I share with you my hope for "me" in trying to make it a better year. It's an old prayer, but its implications are fresh and I pray it for you, too . . .

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console  
to be understood, as to understand  
to be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving, that we receive  
and it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned.  
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yard, that I have not done in it?" God looked to the Jews for the fruits of righteousness and justice to correspond with their privileges. What a pity that the Jewish people, under the care and blessings of God, produced noxious fruit instead of bearing good fruit! Unfruitfulness is bad enough, but pernicious fruitfulness is still worse.

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**Mark 2:18-22** The disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees engaged in fasting. Whether the two groups did so for the same reason we do not know, but we are told both observed this custom. The Pharisees were the most patriotic, powerful and popular party of the Jews. They were noted for their orthodox creed and their punctilious observance of the Jewish ritual.

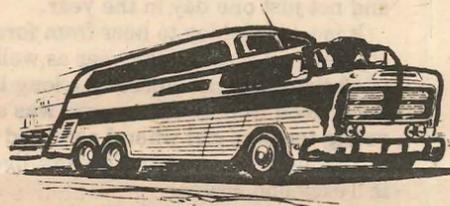
The disciples of Christ did not join these two groups in observing these fasts and that disturbed those who participated in them. In their perplexity as to why they did not join them in fasting, and knowing that fasting was certainly a religious performance stamped by the approval of many of the best men of the past and the present, they approached Christ and asked, "Why do the disciples of John and the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?" Their question was proof that they misunderstood both Christ and his mission. They were sadly mistaken in thinking he was just a reformer, who had come to mend the religion of the Jews. Christ promptly informed them he had not come to reform people, but to transform them; he had not come merely to improve people, but to remake them.

**Mark 3:1-6** One sabbath Christ entered a synagogue and there found a man with a withered hand. Our Lord's first command to the man, "Stand forth," was a call to separate himself from the rest of the crowd and place his trust in the great physician rather than in any of his associates. Our Lord's second utterance, "Stretch forth thine hand," was a command to attempt the humanly impossible. Instead of pleading his inability to do so, the man tried to obey Christ. As he put forth the effort Christ gave him the power to extend his withered hand. As a result of his faith in Christ and obedience to him, the man received a perfect cure. Out of gratitude to Christ for healing him, the man resolved to use his hand in the service of the master.

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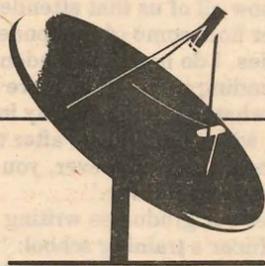
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## homes for children

**I'm glad of that!**  
(Part II)

Although sadness surrounded the background, gladness has enveloped the present, and I'M GLAD OF THAT! About 35 years ago a 13-year-old lad in Owensboro was experiencing stormy times. Although he had good parents, they were having difficulties too heavy for them. This resulted in a storm that threatened to sweep this lad into a life of trouble.

The mother went through a time of being in and out of the state mental hospital and the father was in and out of a veteran's hospital. Poor health reduced the father to jobs inadequate to support the family. These problems rendered the parents incapable of providing adequate guidance and firm discipline for their son. Thus, they were inconsistent in support of him in church and school attendance and sports activities.

Filled with pain and frustration, the lad began to run with a gang of aimless boys for about a year. He became street-wise, and in his effort to strike out against others was skating on thin ice, headed for serious trouble.

But there was one spark of hope, one ray of light that finally turned him around and kept shining through—a Baptist woman who followed him through scouting and chose him as someone special.

Let me tell you who these people are. The lad was Buckley Carlin, and the woman was Mrs. C. A. Robinson. When she found Buckley in trouble, she brought him to the attention of Terry Coleman, a Sunday school teacher, and her pastor, Robert E. Humphreys, First Baptist Church, Owensboro.

As a result of the care and concern of these adults, Buckley was baptized into the church and directed to Glen Dale Children's Home where he was shown a better way. After four years there, Buckley went to Georgetown College. A men's Sunday school class from First Baptist Church gave Buckley financial support through four years of college. After college, he earned a masters degree in social work in Ohio and served there 18 years in a Methodist children's home.

Three years ago Buckley Carlin came home to Glen Dale Children's Home where, with his family, he serves as the director. Buckley says, "Mrs. Robinson believed in me and never gave up on me. Then Glen Dale redirected my life by breaking my cycle of failure."

Aren't we all glad of that?



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## oneida journal

**Christmas every day**

The holiday season is a time for sending and receiving greetings from many friends. Like everyone except the Internal Revenue Service, our heaviest volume of mail is during this season of the year.

But nearly every day at Oneida reminds us of Christmas, regardless of the month. Friends write and send gifts daily and they make possible our work because they remember to care daily and not just one day in the year.

It is a special joy to hear from former students all through the year as well as at Christmas time. Recently a long letter arrived from a woman who was a young teenage girl when I accepted her at Oneida 20 years ago. She now lives in Texas and writes:

"I graduated in 1966. I've been too far away to attend any of the homecomings. It is wonderful, however, that my father has been able to keep me up to date with the progress Oneida has made.

"My son is 13 and in the eighth grade and has decided that school and teachers are the pits. Each time we get in these discussions, I relate to him the many wonderful memories I have of Oneida. My three years spent there were the happiest of my entire life.

"I recall the unhappiness of leaving like it was last week. It really saddens me I haven't been able to keep in touch with ones who made such a lasting impression on me. It's great you're still there.

"At times I've dreamed of moving to those beautiful mountains and having my son experience what a closeness you can feel not only with your classmates but with your teachers. I'll always have the fondest memories of mine, especially my Bible teacher, Harold Holderman. As he wrote in my annual 'the only girl I ever had to use a board on.' I had cheated in Bible. Wasn't that terrible? But we were really close after that. I loved him dearly.

"I know all of us that attended OBI will ever hold some of the fondest memories. I do hope the students who are attending now will be more perceptive or whatever and will stay in better contact with their friends after they leave them. But, whatever, you do remember them forever."

One of our graduates writing from an army officer's training school: "I've been adjusting to life in the military. I've joined the watchcare program of one of the local Baptist churches and am enjoying their fellowship. It's nice to have a place to meet other people my age who are Christians. I hope the Lord is continually blessing the ministry of Oneida."

We have had a lot of pretty girls to

come to Oneida over the years. One of the prettiest recently wrote: "I attended Oneida my junior year. Though I was only able to stay a month, it made a lasting impression on me."

Another of our graduates writing from a college in Tennessee: "I try to put in at least two hours a day practicing classical guitar and a lot of time into studying chemistry. It's so difficult to study things (protons, neutrons, electrons) that I can't see. I'm serving as chairman of the cultural affairs committee. We're in charge of planning classical concerts, art shows and things of that sort. Also I'm submitting a few articles to the school newspaper . . . I remember Oneida in my prayers."

Seven years ago we had a Chinese student who asked permission to sing one morning in chapel. We were somewhat startled as we did not know he could sing. A math teacher, who was also both a mechanical engineer and an ordained minister, with us 10 years was leaving. Shuk wished to sing a song of farewell out of respect to his teacher. Though he sang in Chinese and we understood not a word, the melody was so haunting, his voice so tremendous, his emotion so great, a large portion of our students and staff were in tears when he finished. It was a memorable moment and we had him to sing often afterwards, but in English. He has since completed a masters degree at a large university, but has stayed in touch with us and has come to visit from time to time. Recently he wrote: "Thank you for the hospitality while I was at Oneida several weeks ago. I really enjoy the visit. I shall most probably make another visit to alma mater and hopefully I will be capable of singing in front of the audience at the chapel again. Say hello to . . ."

Yes, it is good to hear from friends at Christmas and every day.



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## clear creek comment

**'Land of Beginning Again'**

The Lord stated in Rev. 21:5, "Behold I make all things new." This verse reminds us God wants to revive and renew his people.

Louisa Fletcher expressed belonging of the human heart like this:

*I wish there were some wonderful place called the land of beginning again where all our mistakes and all our heart aches and all our poor, selfish grief could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door, and never put on again.*

Just as our body longs for rest, at times, so our spirits long for that new beginning which our Lord so graciously provides. Each new year gives us a new chance, a blank page, a fresh start in life. The truth is our Lord does invite us to the 'Land of Beginning Again' in 1984. Our blessed Lord offers each of his children a new opportunity to live, to love, to rejoice and to serve him.

Since God is giving me this new opportunity to serve him in 1984, I have made some resolutions. In 1984:

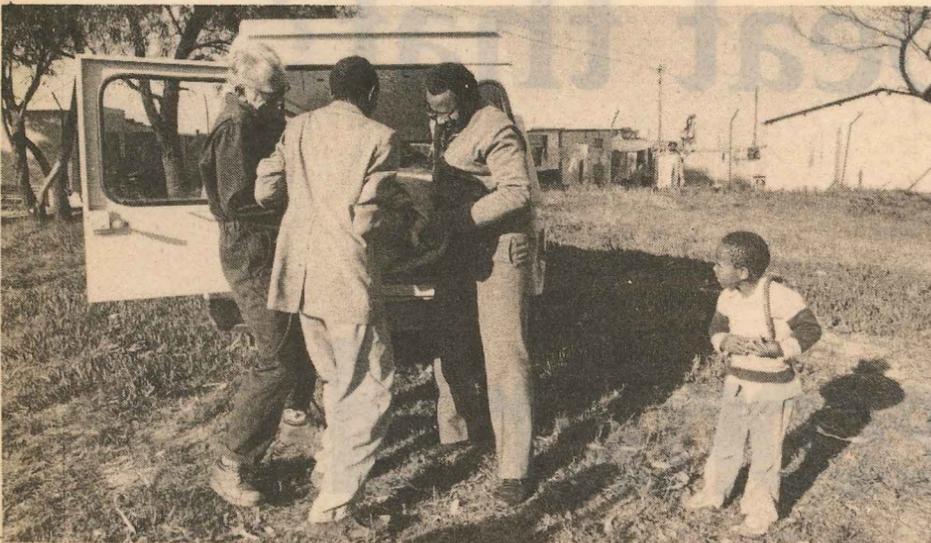
- I resolve to be vitally involved in the Lord's work. He created us to serve him, and I want to do that in every way I can.
- I resolve to support my local church with my time, talents and tithe. As imperfect as they are, God still works through groups of believers, gathered together to worship and serve him.
- I resolve to support Clear Creek Baptist School because it is a vital agency of Kentucky Baptists training ministers for service in Baptist churches.
- I resolve to remember Clear Creek in my will. January is Make Your Will Month. God's money needlessly goes to the government or to places you would not choose when you do not have a will. Everyone should resolve to plan where his or her estate should go and how it should be divided upon the eventuality of his death. Remember great Christian ministry in your will. Remember the ministry of Clear Creek Baptist School when you prepare your will in 1984.
- I resolve to pray in 1984. I will pray for all of God's people, for my pastor, for my church and for the dear students at Clear Creek whom God is preparing to minister to his churches.
- Thank you, Lord, for 'the Land of Beginning Again' in 1984.



Evelyn Hampton clowns around with a young man who has "borrowed" her puppet's wig after services at Rocklands Baptist Church in the "colored" [mixed race] township of Mitchells' Plain, South Africa. Evelyn has encouraged Christian education in the association's churches by advocating holiday [vacation] Bible school, the all-age family Bible hour [Sunday school], literature and training for teachers.



In a country where relationships between different ethnic groups are often fragile, Southern Baptist missionary Charles Hampton has managed to win the affection of Baptists from all ethnic groups. Here, he greets a youngster after services at Rocklands Baptist Church in the "colored" township of Mitchells' Plain, South Africa.



Southern Baptist missionary Charles Hampton [l] unloads part of a large tent with the help of South African pastor Michael Dwaba [r] and another man. The men are setting up the tent for open meetings at Langa Baptist Church in the South African black township of Langa. Non-white South African Baptists were surprised when Hampton was willing to put on his work clothes and get his hands dirty working with them.

## 'A white face but a black heart'

### Charles Hamptons bring Good Hope to South Africa's Cape Province

by Robert O'Brien

Several years ago Charles Hampton might have taken offense if someone had told him he had "a white face but a black heart."

But not now. That's a compliment when a black man says it to a white man—as one did to the 62-year-old Hampton—in Cape Province, South Africa.

But rebuffs have come to Charles and Evelyn Hampton, and how they've responded to them has shaped their ministry as Southern Baptist missionaries on the South African Cape of Good Hope.

Some rebuffs have been the every day kind; others more difficult as the Hamptons have gone about a remarkably successful effort to bridge the gulf between white, "colored (mixed race)," Indians and blacks in Cape Province.

The Hamptons won't soon forget the time they drove through a black South African township after losing their way enroute to a colored township.

A crowd of black people, going through a period of rebellious attitudes against whites, picked up rocks and began to yell: "Out, Whitey, Out, Whitey. What're you doing here, Whitey?" Instead of stepping on the gas, Hampton stepped out of the car.

"My what a lovely looking group of people," he said in his best Arkansas accent. "Your community is so clean; your flowers are so pretty."

His attitude and his accent worked wonders. Someone hollered. "He's an American. He's an American." They dropped the rocks and asked, "What are you doing in our township? What are you doing in South Africa?"

"I'm a Southern Baptist foreign missionary," Hampton replied, and a woman began to shout, "He's a preach. He's a preach." She took out a little New Testament, beat it on her hand and said, "Preach to us. Preach to us."

Hampton read some scripture. By that time he had an audience of about 100 people, so he did what came naturally. He preached.

Diverse blacks, Indians, coloreds and whites call the Hamptons a "pivot point" between the races, a "hand in the glove of South Africa," a "bridge" over which love and relationships flow, a "common ground" on which the racial groups can relate in Baptist efforts to reach the Cape for Jesus Christ.

Leaders in the Baptist Union of South Africa in dissolving have made progress in racial barriers in their churches and outreach in South Africa. But representatives of all groups admit the apartheid environment creates a gulf between them—a gulf they have eased by relating to the Hamptons.

"We need neutral people to stabilize us," said Desmond Hoffmeister, a young colored pastor in the modern colored township of Mitchells' Plain.

"South Africa sits on the potential for either a major revolution or a major spiritual revival. The Lord must come and work in all of our hearts so we can have revival rather than revolution. We need people like Hampton and Evelyn to help us."

Michael Dwaba, black pastor in the black township of Langa, echoed Hoffmeister. "To many Christians, the biblical Great Commission to win people to Christ is the 'great omission.' They just sit in their church and don't reach anyone. If we can win more people, we can have revival, not revolution," said Dwaba.

"When the Hamptons came here, no one wanted to accept them," Hoffmeister recalled. "Four years later, just before they left on furlough, the response to them was overwhelming. Our people just couldn't believe a white man would love us or would put on his work clothes and get his hands dirty helping us build a church without an ulterior motive. Hampton has wiped out those suspicions."

When the two Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary graduates came in 1977 to do church development and religious education, the association had 43 churches. Now it has 110 churches and outreach points, including 67 new ones made up of 52 colored groups, eight white, six black and one Indian.

Syd Hudson-Reed, white executive coordinator of the Western Province Baptist Association, sees the Hamptons as "active catalysts in getting the work going." Hudson-Reed said the Hamptons found a solid base on which to build when they arrived, but they brought historical perspective, experience, maturity, expertise and understanding of what would work in religious education and church growth.

Currently, Southern Baptists have 20 missionary personnel under appointment for work in various South African locations and would like more. But some missionaries privately have expressed concern that world opinion about South Africa may blind some potential missionary candidates to the great needs and opportunities for ministry there.

Although racially divided living areas and other problems make integrated worship difficult, it is legal and the number of mixed Baptist congregations is growing.

The Baptist Union of South Africa has joined a number of other denominations in officially protesting the Group Areas Act which designates living areas by race, but it continues to do what it can to reach people for Christ now.

Baptists on the Cape of Good Hope see their work here as a model for what can happen in race relations throughout South Africa.

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