



## James Dunn quits board of controversial group

by Dan Martin

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has declined renomination to a second term on the board of directors of People for the American Way.

Dunn's membership on the 28-member PAW board has drawn considerable controversy in the past year, including a resolution adopted by the Alabama State Baptist Convention asking that funding for the BJCPA be withdrawn because of Dunn's participation in the organization.

People for the American Way is described by friends as a "national educational group" for First Amendment rights and by enemies as an organization of "pornographic smut peddlers, homosexual activists and baby-killing abortionists."

Despite Dunn's action declining to serve a second term, the action does not appear to have quieted his critics. One, former Alabama Congressman Albert Lee Smith of Birmingham, suggested the only way to quiet the criticism would be for Dunn to resign as BJCPA head.

Dunn told Baptist Press Jan. 11, 1984, "I declined renomination to the board of that organization (PAW). On that date, I told the nominating committee that since I rotated off the board Dec. 31, 1983, I would not serve a second (three-year) term."

"It is important to emphasize that I made this decision in part because of time and energy spent dealing with a very few Southern Baptists who have been engaged in a smear and harassment campaign. Leaving the leadership . . . (of PAW) does not reflect any retreat from working with groups with different degrees of disagreement," he said.

The head of the Washington-based BJCPA noted such attacks "may be instructive to all of our agencies if we recognize the challenge to the precious right of free association, if we identify the tactics of those with a personal and political agenda attempting to use Southern Baptists and if we determine to know the facts and not be misled by distortion and untruth."

## Just plain Bill

# New state Baptist leader finds job plays 'all the strings on my banjo'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

It was a scant 365 days ago that William W. Marshall arrived at the state Baptist Building in Middletown to take up duties as understudy to then executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen.

Eighty-nine days later, Marshall filled that leadership role himself.

Last week, at our request, he paused to look backward on this first year on the Middletown staff.

Realizing he's had only nine months to hold the reigns of leadership (he became executive secretary-treasurer May 1), Marshall declared he was increasingly excited and challenged by his work.

God's call, he allows, was "only a glimpse" a year ago. But he believes it's "taking shape and form" now. He suggests there is "much to do and be excited about."

Asked about his greatest surprises as he has become familiar with state work, Marshall, a former Foreign Mission Board official, cites two major ones:

- First, he wasn't prepared for the "wide and continuing" reception Kentucky Baptists have given Alice (his wife) and himself.

Although they are native Kentuckians (he is from Frankfort, she is from Owensboro), he had surmised their absence of two decades from the state might "retard" their acceptance.

Now when people ask Marshall if the honeymoon with the job is over, his immediate reply is "not on our part—we're still eating wedding cake!"

- Second, Marshall has been surprised by the "significant" influence of the office he holds.

Kentucky Baptists have invested "considerable" faith and trust in the position. He was more prepared to be "just plain Bill" than many people are "comfortable" with.

He's still "working on this one" and hopes to blend the high regard for the office with his personal need to be "one of the boys."

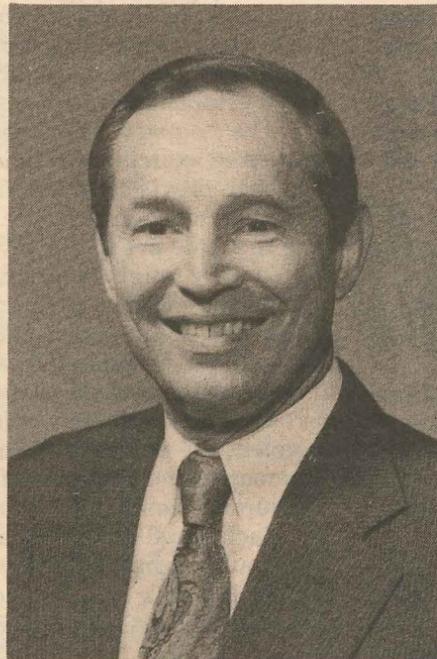
We asked him what he had experienced in this year that he felt "really good" about. He pointed to the "apparent willingness" of many Kentucky Baptist leaders to stretch, "even to the point of sacrifice," for worthwhile goals.

Marshall says there is a definite spiritual hunger in the hearts of many—"not all, by any means"—that is "essential" to any significant period of renewal.

While he acknowledges that people tell him the fellowship among Kentucky Baptists is at a peak, he also thinks the fellowship will be under attack by "a subtle, camouflaged Satan." He feels a special need to help "guard" that good fellowship.

It is probably too early to identify weaknesses of such a large body as Kentucky Baptists, Marshall continues. He's still "assimilating" criteria which would make an evaluation possible.

But if he were to identify one weak-



William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, says his first year in Middletown "almost did me in." He's going to try to "buy back" some of the personal time he relinquished, while setting for himself and Kentucky Baptists some goals that offer no "quick fix" but which are challenging and, he believes, attainable.

ness at this early point it would be that of "underestimating" the potential.

Marshall declares he doesn't believe Kentucky Baptists as a whole think "we're capable of achieving" the unusual or spectacular.

"I was birthed in and appreciate a 'manger of conservatism,'" Marshall explains. Yet, he feels that may also breed a "we can't possibly do that" mentality.

"Raising the 'hope' level and increasing the 'we can do it' realization among Kentucky Baptists would speak, in some measure, to that perceived weakness," he observes.

We asked the executive secretary-treasurer what he has found to be exciting and challenging about his job.

He finds it "plays all the strings on my banjo," and then some, he intones. He feels he is a part of the grass roots, listening to "hopes and hurts" simultaneously, participating in administration that touches "the whole world."

Marshall says while the job is very demanding it is also "extremely meaningful" to him. "I wish every minister could feel as good about his work as I am feeling about mine at the moment," he surmises.

Assessing his first year on the Middletown staff from a personal standpoint, Marshall thinks he has a relatively good grasp of the expectations of the job. He has begun to identify his weakest areas and is "attempting to address that."

He admits it has been difficult to relinquish as much of his personal time away from family, fun, physical work and exercise as he has because the job

has demanded it.

"It is important for me to 'buy back' as much of that as I can and still maintain the appropriate job commitment," he declares.

Coming from a largely administrative position at the Foreign Mission Board he has had to adjust to being out among the grass roots constituency. It has "blessed me"; he enjoys it "even more than I realized I would."

He thinks he can concentrate more time and effort out with the people now that staff reorganization in Middletown is being achieved. "I tried to handle both this first year," he reflects, "and it almost did me in."

Finally, we inquired of his dreams for Kentucky Baptists during his time of leadership. He indicates that his dreams are rooted in the dreams of those "before me" and in those of many Kentucky Baptists who have been willing "to share their's with me."

If there is anything radical about the dreams, Marshall predicts, it will likely be the "intensity" with which he hopes to pursue them.

There are scores of "little" dreams and "fragments" of dreams either to be formed more fully or to be "assimilated" into larger dreams.

Dreaming is the "essential first step," he continues, but planning for action is the "indispensable next step." Thus, he has begun to put some of his dreams into workable objectives.

He cites the following as among those uppermost in his thinking, and says dozens of appropriate goals with dated action plans will be developed for them:

1. To increase the awareness of and involvement by Kentucky Baptists in the total world mission of God.
2. To increase significantly the financial resources for Kentucky Baptists to support the total missions program.
3. To heighten, among Kentucky Baptist churches, an awareness of the need for and involvement in local ministries of human need.
4. To enlarge the emotional and economic base of support for Christian (Baptist) education in Kentucky.
5. To increase, at a more rapid pace, the development of Baptist missions and churches in Kentucky.

Marshall says the development of these and other objectives into a "Kentucky strategy" will be a major assignment of the next 12 months.

There is no "quick fix" for any "worthwhile" objectives, he suggests.

"Faith in what we propose to accomplish under the leadership of God and perseverance through the inevitable hard times ahead are essential ingredients to any long range strengthening of Kentucky Baptists' role in Bold Mission Thrust," Marshall confirms.

Summing it up, he concludes, "I believe God called me here and I am finding each day the 'why' of the call. So far, the water is fairly smooth, but there is bound to be 'white water' ahead."

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## A stand for free exercise of religion

It's finally happened. An occasion has come for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to endorse a proposal guaranteeing free exercise of speech and religion in public schools.

The Baptist Joint Committee has been loud and clear in opposition to "the establishment of religion" through state prescribed or sponsored Bible reading and prayer in public schools and other government sponsored and government financed religious exercises. This is most appropriate since separation of church and state was one of the founding purposes of the Joint Committee. However, the committee and those agreeing with its stands on "establishment of religion" have taken it on the chin for opposing officially arranged prayer in public schools. The committee has been accused of joining Madelyn O'Hair in efforts to remove God from our schools.

The most criticized Western Recorder editorials have been those defending the Supreme Court decision on Bible reading and prayer in public schools and on the posting of the 10 Commandments in Kentucky public school classrooms. A strong belief on the part of many sincere Baptists in the value of prayer and Bible reading has blinded them to the danger of government involvement in religion.

While I am even more convinced now than when the criticized editorials were written that the state must be neutral in religious matters if true religious freedom is maintained in the United States, I do believe some court decisions have gone too far and especially the interpretations of some of these decisions. The consequence is the abridgement of the freedom of speech and freedom of religion provided for in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

At least two Western Recorder editorials in recent years have challenged court decisions and their interpretations which seemed not to provide for neutrality in religious matters on the part of the state but actual suppression of religious expression. One was the university policy not allowing the use of buildings of the University of Missouri for the meetings of student religious organizations. (The court ultimately ruled in favor of the students.)

Another was a court decision banning high school students from the use of school property before or after school hours for meeting of student religious groups such as the Good News Club. While it is understandable schools should not promote or sponsor such activities, student religious organizations should have equal access with every other student organization to school space for meetings.

The proposal now being endorsed by James Dunn and the Baptist Joint Committee is one of the "equal access" bills now pending in the United States Congress. It is S. 815 sponsored by Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield, a Baptist. The same proposal in the house is H.R. 4172 sponsored by Washington Congressman Don Bonker, a Protestant.

The proposal would allow non school-sponsored student religious groups equal access with other non-school-sponsored organizations under

certain conditions. The conditions would be necessary in order to meet the non-establishment clause in the First Amendment.

These conditions would include total student initiation and control of the meetings and the exclusion of elementary school children who are not considered mature enough to initiate group activities without the supervision of adults. (Adult supervision would constitute sponsorship and establishment.)

The "equal access" concept would insure both the free exercise of religion and the freedom of speech provision of the First Amendment. As long as school officials or other representatives of the state are not involved, there is no reason voluntary religious exercises should not be allowed before or after school on school property and the free speech rights of students should not be limited by school officials simply because the content of that speech is religious.

Though completely student initiated and controlled, the presence of an adult as a resource person or the presence of a monitor required by insurance companies would be permissible.

Such equal access legislation is much needed. It would permit voluntary group religious exercises in public schools and it would greatly help school officials who understandably are confused

as to what religious activities are permitted and what are not permitted by law in public schools.

The Hatfield/Bonker "equal access" legislation deserves Baptist support. Let your elected officials in Washington hear your voice for free speech and free exercise of religion in public schools.

Write Senators Wendell Ford and Walter Huddleston, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 and ask their support of S. 815.

Write—(your congressman), House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and ask his support of H.R. 4172.

And don't be misled by unfair critics of the Baptist Joint Committee. It is not against voluntary Bible reading and prayer in public schools which is the only kind that matters. It is for religious liberty through separation of church and state. The endorsement of Senator Hatfield's "equal access" proposal by the Baptist Joint Committee indicates the committee is as concerned for "free exercise" of religion as it is against "establishment" of religion.

H.R. 4172 is now before the House Education and Labor Committees which is chaired by Kentucky Congressman Carl Perkins. A letter or telephone call to him asking for his support of H.R. 4172 would be helpful.

## Help!! ambassador to Pope is not quite final

The moves necessary to elevate the personal representative of the United States President to the Pope to full ambassadorial work were made so quickly, so craftily and so undemocratically that it appeared nothing could be done to head it off. President Reagan and others involved in this brazen breach of the American principle of separation of church and state have all played their parts well and apparently assume it is an accomplished fact.

As it has turned out, not quite so. The final approval is not yet an accomplished fact and, while it will be difficult to stop it at this juncture, there's a chance and we must try. The slim chance we still have is due to night and day frantic efforts on the part of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the National Council of Churches, the organization of evangelicals along with individuals from Southern Baptists, United Methodists, Presbyterians and other denominations.

Here is the present status. The appointment has been made but the appropriation of the nearly one million dollars which has been requested for this office has not been finally approved. It is now being considered by a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

Ordinarily such an appropriation would be automatic but because of some unusual efforts the chairman of the subcommittee has agreed to hold a hearing on this appropriation request on Feb. 6. This date is too early and the first critical need is to get the hearing postponed to give time for more public reaction. It would also be helpful

if the hearing be made public and the report from the subcommittee be carefully considered by the full Appropriations Committee.

Unfortunately, no Kentucky congressman serves on this subcommittee. However, Kentucky congressmen William H. Natcher, D., and Harold Rogers, R., are on the Appropriations Committee. Both can be addressed at House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. They should hear from thousands of Kentuckians by mail, mailgram or by phone (202-224-3121).

The other opportunity still open is a call to a White House number which of course will not reach the President but which will be tabulated and, if in substantial numbers, will be relayed to him. This White House number is 202-456-7639.

Enough calls to this number could be decisive. Apparently the President feels he will pick up more votes than he will lose by making this appointment. He needs to know he might well be miscalculating.

Please don't take this lightly. Make a call to the White House number and address letters to these subcommittee members the very day you read this. It is now or never so far as stopping the appointment is concerned. But win or lose, protests should continue.

Don't be misled. This is not an ambassadorial appointment to a political state. It is an appointment to the Roman Catholic Holy See. The Holy See is the ruling power of the Roman Catholic Church. The ruling power is the Pope and the Curia.

No such recognition has ever been extended to any other religious ruler. It will be the severest blow to the American separation of church and state principle in our generation.

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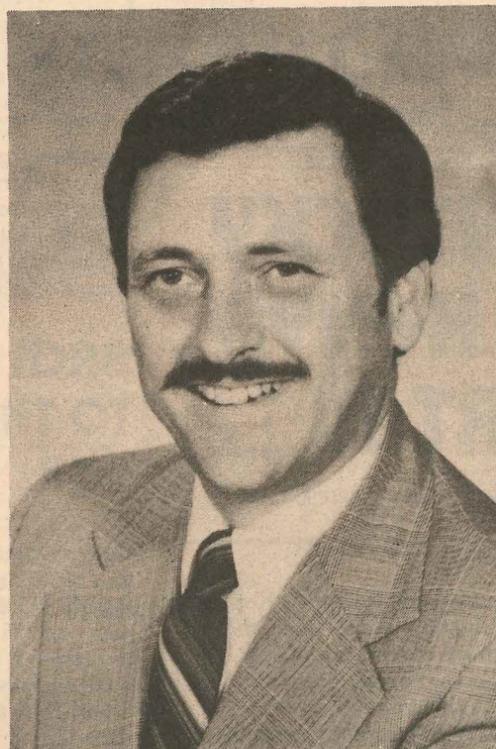
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# Java means more than talk in Kenya

## KENTUCKY TO KENYA, PART III

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

When it comes to commerce in Kenya, a single commodity stands head and shoulders above everything else.

With 85 percent of the population living outside the cities, the series reader has already correctly presumed this east African nation depends heavily upon agriculture for its economic existence. More than a third of Kenya's economy is tied to agriculture, including farming, forestry, hunting and fishing. That's three times as much dependency on the products of the land as on manufacturing. More on that later.

And the cash crop that provides Kenya's single most important source of income?

Coffee.

Surprised?

Second only to the production and sale of coffee to Kenya's economy is tourism. It has been variously estimated that tourism contributes between \$80 and \$100 million annually to Kenya's income.

Tourist activities presently provide jobs for 40,000 Kenyans. The number of tourists visiting the country each year is approaching a half million persons. They come to visit Kenya's fabulous beaches along the Indian Ocean.

But more than that, they come to view and photograph the wildlife on government sponsored safaris. Tour promoters offer attractive package plans which extol the delights of a trip to Kenya on African excursions.

## BACK TO THE SOIL

Kenya maintains trade principally with four other nations of the world—Great Britain, the Netherlands, West Germany and the United States. Much of the coffee it exports goes to those nations and their principalities.

But Kenyan coffee is not alone in dependency upon the earth. Tea, pyrethrum (a natural insecticide), sisal (used in making rope), maize (corn), coconuts, cashew nuts, cotton, fresh fruits, vegetables and other exports contribute a large income.

Meanwhile, subsistence farmers—who own and work small or medium sized farms for what they will provide—grow maize, millet, rice, sweet potatoes, cassava, bananas, English potatoes and pineapples. Maize is probably the single most widely grown crop in Kenya for local consumption. It is the main ingredient in "posho," an African dish.

Before Kenya's independence two decades ago, most modern farming and production for the market was the domain of European and Asian farmers. After independence, many European farmers left Kenya. The government has since consolidated fragmented African holdings and opened better land to native farmers. On land made available for African resettlement,

there has been a shift from permanent crops like coffee, tea and sisal to temporary crops like cereals and sugar cane.

The government is also trying to improve the quality of African owned livestock. Formerly limited almost entirely to Europeans, dairying is now becoming important to Africans. Exports include meat, meat products, hides and skins.

Up to a tenth of Kenya's rural people are nomads who raise livestock and who move from place to place. They are constantly searching for grazing land and water for their animals. They rely on their animals for food, and they judge another person's wealth by the number of animals he owns.

## A SHIFT TO THE CITIES

Writing in *Africa A to Z*, Robert S. Kane claims:

"Nairobi is, for better or for worse, the hopes and fears, the fun and folly of East Africa. It is all of the conflict and contradiction of an emerging continent rolled into a single good-looker of a town—elevated and green and cool and most assuredly contemporary."

And, increasingly, it has more and more jobs to offer those coming in from the rural farms, too.

Despite its seeming unimportance, manufacturing is growing, and is leading the way in Kenya's economy after agriculture and tourism.

The nation's principal manufactured products include cement, chemicals, household utensils, light machinery, paper, paper products and textiles. Food processing is a major industrial activity.

Mombasa, on the coast, is the principal port for exports and imports.

Other cities served by the railroad line from the coast to Lake Victoria also appear to be industry and commerce oriented.

## OTHER FACTORS TOUCH LIFE

Daily life among Kenyans is affected by a variety of additional circumstances and customs, some of which border on economy but many which do not. Some of the more interesting are these:

- The basic unit of currency is the shilling, divided into 100 cents. A shilling has an official value of 14 American cents.

- Most rural Kenyans live in small houses with thatched roofs, walls made of mud or bundles of branches and dirt floors. Percentagewise, a very small number of urban people live in similar dwellings. In the cities these kinds of houses are crowded together in slums. Many modern houses made of stone and cement are also found in the cities. They range from simple, inexpensive units for working class people to expensive, large houses and apartment buildings for the wealthy.

- The Kenyan government recognizes the equality of men and women, and it encourages women to become educated and achieve high paying jobs. But the vast majority are too busy with child care and farm work to advance to high positions. Kenyans place a great deal of value on large families. Many Kenyan families have six or more children.

- The largest single grant in the Kenyan annual budget goes to education. While Kenyan children are not required to attend school by law, large numbers of parents value education as a key to a better life. It is estimated at least 80 percent of the children now receive at least an elementary education.

- The University of Nairobi, with about 5000 students enrolled, is Kenya's largest institution of higher learning. There are about 10 colleges, some specializing in a single subject such as teacher training or agriculture.

- Kenya has nearly 30,000 miles of roads but less than 10 percent are paved. About 1200 miles of rail lines link major cities and towns.

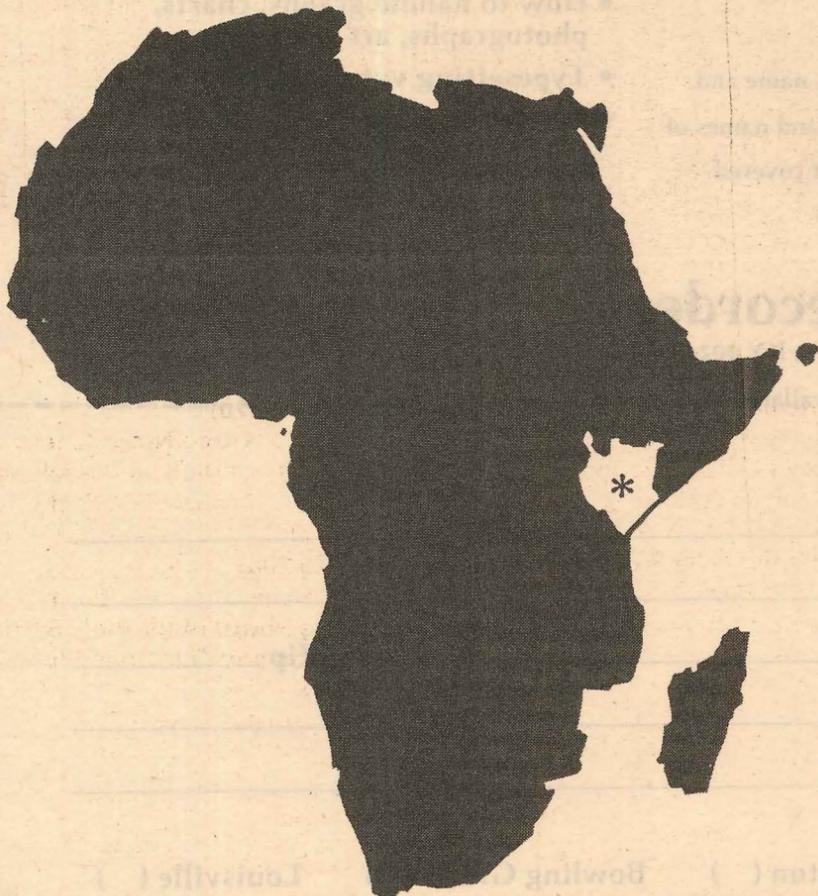
- The Voice of Kenya, a government owned network, broadcasts radio and TV programs in local languages, Swahili and English. About 1.5 million radios and 50,000 TV sets are in use in Kenya. Three daily newspapers are published, two in English and one in Swahili.

- Most Kenyan boys and men wear cotton shirts and shorts or trousers. Some in the city wear Western style business suits. Most girls and women wear cotton dresses or skirts and blouses. Some rural Kenyans, especially nomads, wrap a one piece cloth around their bodies.

- Dancing is a favorite form of recreation throughout Kenya. Motion pictures are also popular. City people attend movie theaters and mobile motion picture units take films to rural areas on regular schedules.

- Finally, soccer ranks as Kenya's most popular sport. Children and adults play the game, and soccer matches between organized teams draw large crowds. Track and field is another favorite sport.

There's another aspect of Kenyan life that has always been important, growing from earlier days when tribal loyalty was so prevalent. That's the matter of religious practice. But in the modern era, things have changed radically among Kenyans, as we will see next week.



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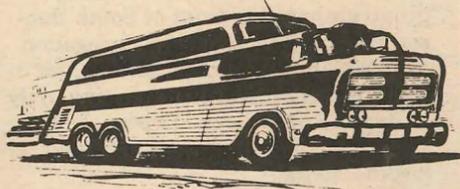
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Leonard Sanderson ..... "The Biblical Basis of Baptism"  
Lincoln Bingham ..... "The Preaching That Makes Disciples"

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**Theme: "Teaching Them to Observe" (Matt. 28:20)**

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Roy Lee Honeycutt ..... "The Priority of Biblical Preaching"  
James Draper ..... "Living the Christ Life"

**TUESDAY, 6:30 P.M.**

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## Media director Snowden consults and promotes

by Darrell Monroe, Staff Writer

"I see myself as one going traveling," said Mark Snowden, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's first full time media director. "I'll be a consultant and promoter of media opportunities."

Snowden, 27, and his wife, the former Mary Leigh Gilkison, returned to their native state in November for him to fill a newly created position on the KBC staff. His job, he said, is to help pull together the growing number of communication resources available to Kentucky Baptist churches, ministers and laypeople today.

William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, invited the Winchester native back home last summer, Snowden said. He had met Marshall while working as a media producer/director at the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

"Marshall has a deep interest in missions. He urged me to come help get (Kentucky Baptists) started growing in media and help influence people here," he added.

"My job here involves projecting and promoting media. The Southern Baptist Convention has a catchy phrase: 'Cooperative Telecommunications.' That encompasses the recent work with ACTS (American Christian Television System), BTN (Baptist Telecommunications Network) and VTS (Video Tape Service)," he continued.

"I'll promote the uses of these in the state," he said. Prior to Snowden joining the KBC crew, Stewardship Department director Jesse Stricker did what was done with the job.



At this time, VTS is the most well known service we offer, Snowden noted. "We presently have 83 titled in our library."

The tape service enables churches and Baptist groups to view various tapes without purchasing them. VTS, a cooperative venture of state Baptist conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies, provides educational, informational and inspirational programs to the local church and association.

According to a promotional release, the programs VTS offers will enable Baptists to more effectively reach and teach people. VTS purposes to enhance growth, train leadership, develop disciples and offer material for areas like Sunday school, Church Training, church administration, pastoral care, evangelism and family enrichment as well as others. Video tapes are secured through the KBC's Media Department.

Snowden added that the KBC has recently lowered the purchase prices of VTS tapes. A one-half inch VHS player/recorder and television set are needed by those using the tapes.

"We get tapes from the VTS office in Ft. Worth, Tex.," Snowden continued. "We get various types—Masterlife, training guides, Foreign Mission Board movies. The tapes are mainly educational. They're available from all SBC agencies meeting the approved system."

"We buy tapes from them and keep them for loaning here all the time. Another tape is based at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. All the tapes are available for loan to churches free."

Snowden continued, "VTS was

recently reclassified with tapes referenced by subject like a library's books are."

He added if churches building their own libraries like they may also purchase cotes of the videotapes. Prices, recently reduced, are \$8.50 for 30-minute tapes; \$10 for 60-minute; and \$11.50 for 120-minute tapes.

Cataloged by subject, titles range from Brotherhood and evangelism to foreign and home missions and youth. Some titles include "The Plan and Purpose of a Baptist Brotherhood," "Revival Preparation for the Local Church" and "Missions Today USA."

"The biggest orders I've had have been for 'Journey Home: Lottie Moon of China.' We've sold 20 copies," Snowden said.

A running list of KBC titles may be obtained from Snowden's office: Media Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243). Media Department secretary Nancy Whiddon handles the loaning and purchasing orders, he added.

While VTS is a proven medium already available to churches, with the coming of spring, Baptists can incorporate ACTS and BTN in their ministries, Snowden noted.



ACTS assists local churches in carrying out Bold Mis-

sion Thrust objectives by offering quality religious and family oriented programming to communities, a brochure stated. A satellite transponder begins operating in May from an uplink station at the Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Programs will feature family nurture, evangelism, worship, Bible study, movie entertainment, musical specials, magazine format programs, children's and talk shows to generate wholesome, quality television offerings that are informative and entertaining.

To get ACTS programming on local cable TV, associations need to form ACTS cable affiliate boards, Snowden said. Nine regional representatives have been enlisted to help promote ACTS and BTN in the state during the coming year, he added.

"ACTS boards are needed," Snowden allowed, "to secure programming for a person's cable television area." To become a member of an ACTS board,

an association must hold an ACTS awareness meeting allowing full participation from the community. To be an ACTS affiliate member, a church must subscribe 10 cents per member per month to help defray the satellite costs.

"Cooperative effort is necessary to form the ACTS boards who will purchase necessary TVRO equipment, secure a cable channel and enter into contract with the ACTS Satellite Network Inc. before ACTS can reach a person's community," Snowden stressed.



Similar to ACTS is the Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN), Snowden continued. BTN

will provide information, training tips and inspirational programs to be integrated into ongoing church activities.

BTN begins satellite broadcasting in June, operating from an uplink station in Nashville owned and operated by the Sunday School Board for use by SBC churches.

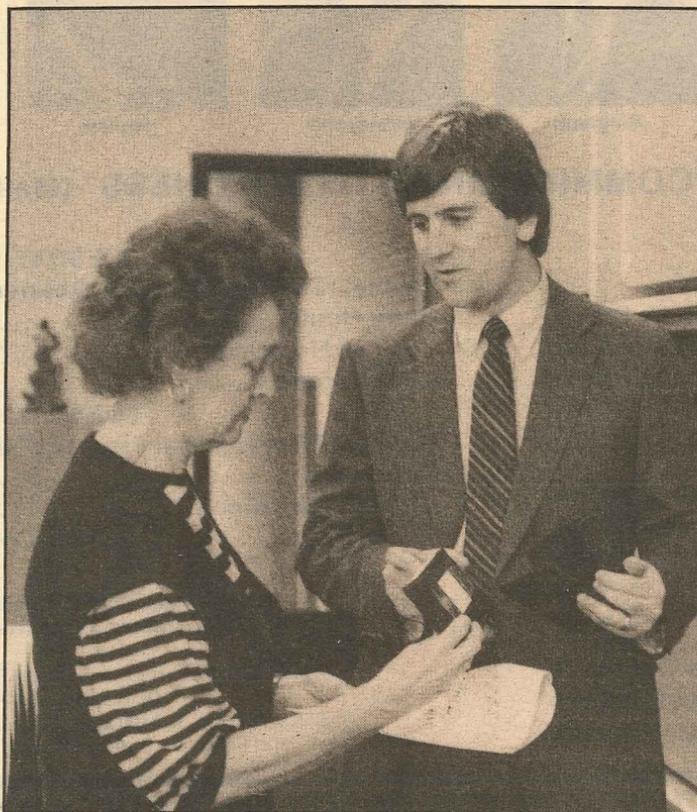
BTN programming is aired primarily toward helping church members be more effective in areas of responsibility (Sunday school, Church Training, music, family ministry). Snowden pointed out from BTN promotional articles that programs offered vary but will include date related material, weekly series, monthly series and individual programs.

"Programs can be used as they're televised," he noted, "or taped for later use."

Cost to receive BTN varies. Snowden calculated costs based on 1983 Broadman sales prices to be \$5000. This would include one 13-foot dish, BTN signal unscrambler, 19-inch TV set and one half-inch VHS recorder. Churches should add eight cents per resident member per month to figure additional costs.

With VTS, ACTS and BTN coming into Baptist life, Snowden said his job will be educating churches of the opportunities open to them. "People need information to make intelligent decisions for which is best for their church," he said. "It's going to be educational, inspirational and entertaining," he remarked.

"That's what media is about. It's Bold Mission Thrust. It's using media to reach and teach people."



KBC media director Mark Snowden [r] files one of the 83 VTS videotapes his office has in its library for Kentucky Baptists to use. Media Department secretary Nancy Whiddon, who handles loaning and purchase orders received, assists Snowden here.

At Evergreen, Frankfort

## Memories recalled at centennial fete

by Kim Whitehead, Staff Writer

When members of Evergreen Baptist Church in Frankfort gathered Jan. 7 and 8 to commemorate 100 years as a congregation, memories came calling, some pleasant, some almost too hard to bear.

Older members recounted tales passed on to them by their parents, tales about 23 people who wished to begin their own church body in 1884.

On the cold first Saturday of January, the older folks told, the small group gathered in front of South Benson Baptist Church, the congregation from which they had withdrawn, for their first organizational meeting, only to find the doors locked because of strong opposition from their former fellow members.

Not giving up, they met in a charter member's home. One year later the name Evergreen was given the church by the first pastor, B. F. Hungerford, who loved the cedar trees so abundant along the road leading to the site of the congregation's first building.

South Benson, the oldest folks still recall, closed its doors in 1911. Today, the building stands as a black barn on a small hill a mile away from the Evergreen Baptist building.

Memories of a different kind remained uppermost in the minds of younger members, however. They recalled how a devastating twister on Apr. 3, 1974 tore through the thriving Evergreen community that had grown up around the church, destroying everything in its path, including both the parsonage and the church's sanctuary, completed only four years earlier.

William Yancey Sanders, pastor of Evergreen from 1961 to 1979, stood at his kitchen window that dark spring afternoon and spotted the tornado coming.

"I got my wife, my son, two of the neighbor's children and their dog and drove away from the church, watching it all the way," he recalled. "After it had passed, we started back and stopped on a hill overlooking the church property. I couldn't believe it was gone. The church was gone and my home was gone."

Numerous homes were destroyed in the area which had for years been bustling with suburban growth. But, Evergreen members didn't wait long to rebuild their fellowship and their building. They began to meet in the basement of nearby Bridgeport Elementary School and immediately began construction on a new sanctuary.

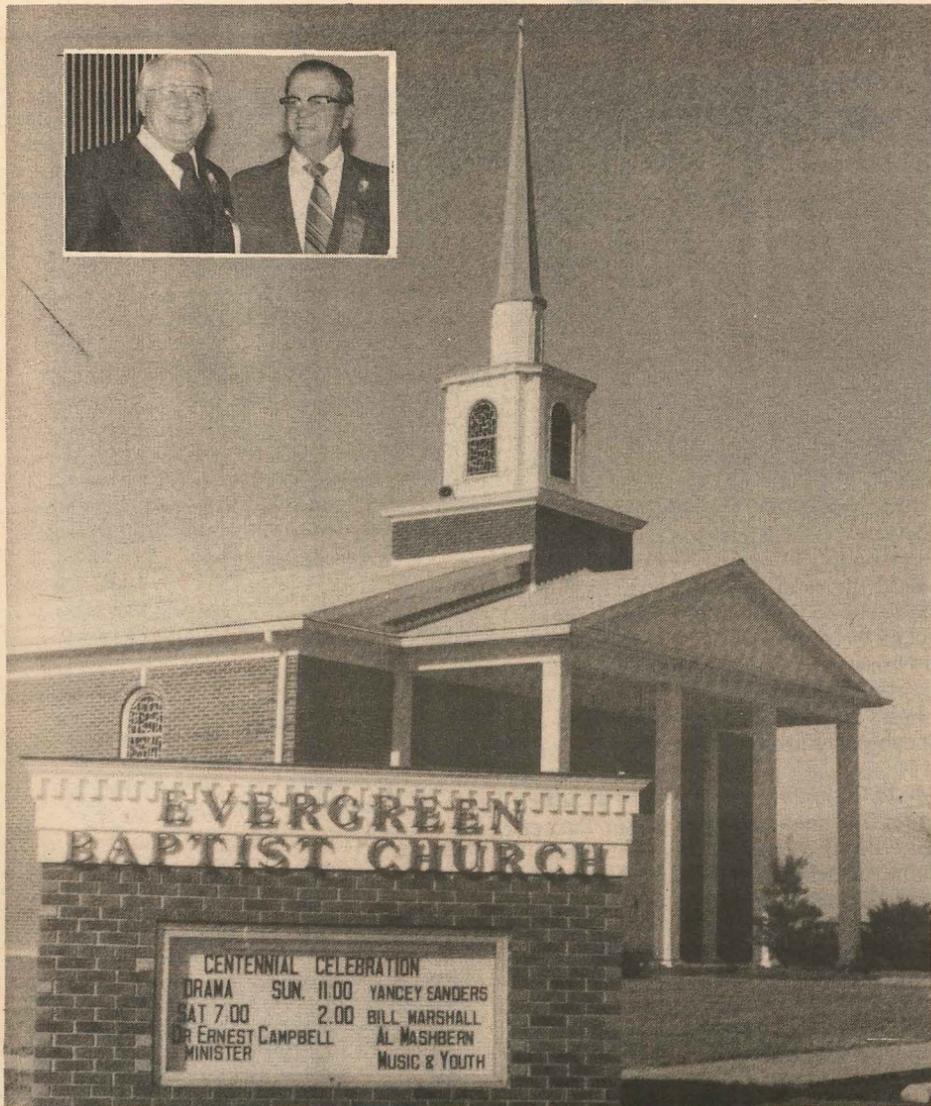
Roxi Duvall, a lifetime resident of the Evergreen area, and her husband lost 10 buildings on their farm. She remembered how the Evergreen congregation pulled together.

"We all faced complete desolation but everybody grew closer together and we just worked harder," she said. "So many church members helped us."

Fifty-one Sundays after the twister struck the congregation gathered in the basement of the previous sanctuary, now being refurbished as the educational building, to celebrate Easter Sunday. In 1976 the new complex was completed.

Times didn't immediately get better, however, according to Evergreen's current pastor, Ernest R. Campbell.

Sanders, Campbell said, had turned



Today, Evergreen Baptist Church meets in the sanctuary [top] built to replace the one destroyed by a tornado in 1974 [bottom]. When the congregation celebrated its centennial, current pastor Ernest Campbell [inset, top left] welcomed former pastor William Yancey Sanders, 1961-79, back.

the "rural farm-oriented church toward suburban ministry," but left Evergreen to "allow a younger man to build on the strong foundation he had established" and accepted a pastorate in Alabama. A transition period followed as church programs sought growth again and some rapid staff turnovers occurred.

"Now, though, we are seeing tremendous progress," remarked Campbell, who has been pastor since July. "We are set in a growth position."

Campbell led the church in looking back Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8, when members participated in a drama depicting Evergreen's 100 years of existence, sat to hear speakers Sanders and William W. Marshall, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, and gathered for an old-fashioned covered dish dinner.

Campbell himself took time to point back to important figures in the church's history. He recalled how the church employed part time pastors

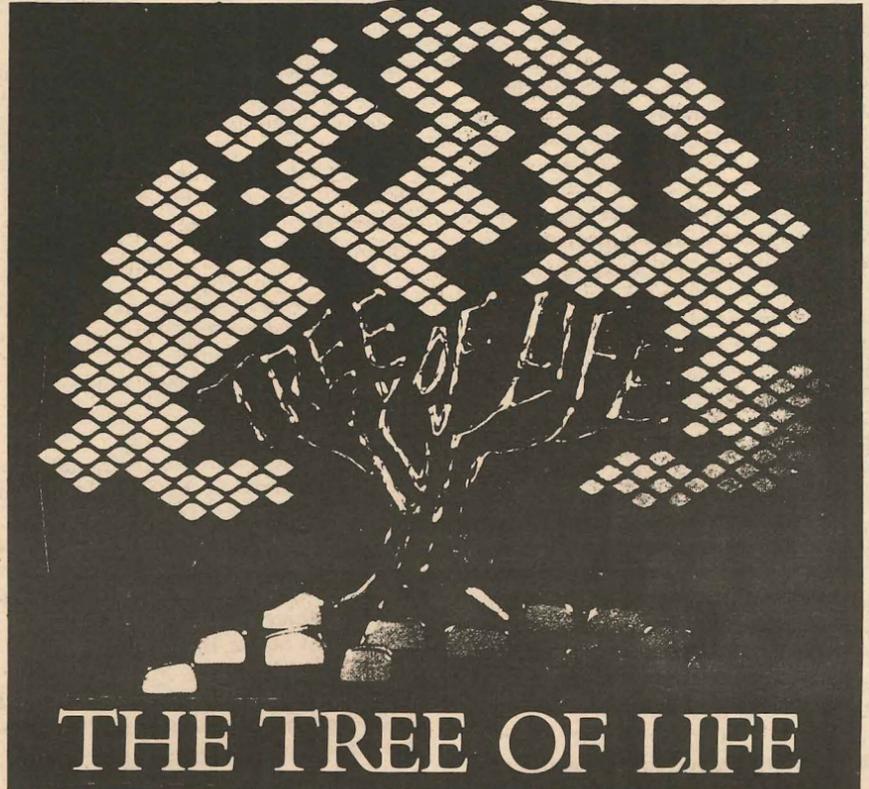
from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary until 1961 and mentioned, among them, Peyton Thurman, noted pastor and seminary professor; Charles Madrey, later Foreign Mission Board president; Fred Brown and C. C. Warren, one-time presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Charles Hadley Stevens and J. Winston Pearce, noted authors.

As the church kicked off a year long celebration of its centennial, Marshall challenged members to "implement a strategy" in light of "what God specifically wants Evergreen to do . . . in the next few years."

However, remembering what has gone before "can provide the strength for meeting the future," said Sanders as he addressed his former congregation.

Still, few if any people other than Evergreen members could understand him fully when he said, "This church has walked through some troubled waters and . . . now is coming out on the other side."

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## personnel

**Eugene Wayne Loy**, who formerly pastored Bethel Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, but who earlier served in Ohio County Association, has returned to Ohio County as pastor of Adaburg Baptist Church.

**Gene Willet** has accepted the call of New Paradise Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association, to become its pastor.

**Adrian Smith** has become minister of music at South Hampton Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association. Taylor Lee Bristow is pastor.

**Glenn Byrd** became pastor of Hillview Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Jan. 8. He is a 1983 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is pursuing the ThM degree there.

**John G. Backus** was called to Independence Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, effective Jan. 22. He had previously served Ewing Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

**Don Piper** was called to the pastorate of



The new first family of Bowling Green Eastwood Church includes James W. Haskell Jr., his wife Linda, and children Trey and Cari. They will be moving from Texas Feb. 15.

## Texan invited to fill Eastwood's pulpit

**James (Jim) W. Haskell Jr.** of Ft. Worth, Tex. has accepted the call of Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, effective Feb. 15.

A South Carolinian by birth, Haskell is a graduate of Georgia Tech, Atlanta, and holds MDiv and DMin degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Formerly on the staff of Ft. Worth's Travis Avenue Baptist Church, for the last three years Haskell has pastored Matthew Road Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Tex. Matthew Road was a pilot congregation in 1981 and 1982 for a Southern Baptist program called Church Growth Thrust.

Haskell and his wife Linda, a native Mississippian, are parents of two preschoolers, Trey and Cari.

Eastwood Church celebrated its 30th anniversary last November. William H. Rogers, Kentucky Baptist Convention staffer in Middletown and first pastor of the church, has been interim pastor at Eastwood.

**Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church**, Muhlenberg Association.

**Glen E. Cox** accepted the pastorate of Cold Spring Baptist Church, Salem Association, the first of the year.

**Frank Clagcomb** was called to serve Riverside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, as pastor earlier this month.

**Jack Lowndes**, reported in the Jan. 16 issue of Western Recorder as pastor of Bull Street Baptist Church, Sylvania, Ga., is serving that church in Savannah, Ga.

**Debbie Cabe Carpenter**, who most recently has been on the Southern Seminary development staff, became account executive with Jolly Communications, Louisville, working on the Treyton Oaks Towers account. Treyton Oaks is a retirement community sponsored by Walnut Street Baptist Church.

A native Georgian, Mrs. Carpenter is a graduate of the University of Georgia and was a Senate advisor in the Georgia state legislature.

**Tondra Daughtery** accepted the pastorate of Zion Brick Missionary Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

**James Paul Cogdill** became pastor of Franklin Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Jan. 23. He is a first year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau.

A native of Marion, Ill., Cogdill has served pastorates at Burfordville, Mo., and Miller City and Anna, Ill. He and his wife, Debra, a registered nurse, reside in Jeffersonville, Ind.

**Mary Edna Sanders Hodge** earned the biblical studies diploma from the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension independent study institute. The diploma will be presented May 6 at Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville.

A retired elementary school teacher, Mrs. Hodge also received the educational ministries diploma from the institute Feb. 27, 1983. Each diploma requires completion of 16 courses.

**Ben McNees** resigned as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Long Run Association, Jan. 8. He and his wife Annette moved to Charlotte, N. C. where McNees accepted a similar post at Mulberry Baptist Church. He has been enrolled in the MCM degree program at Southern Seminary for three years.

**Ken Cummins** became pastor of Elk Lick Baptist Church, Logan County Association, Dec. 25. Cummins, 24, is a graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. His previous pastorates include Hampton Baptist Church, Livingston County, and Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Crittenden County.

Cummins is married to the former Tammy Girten of Morganfield. They are the parents of 18-month-old Zack.

**Dan Lovell** resigned from the pastorate of Valley Station Baptist Church, Louisville, to enter a secular career.

**Glen Noe** was installed as pastor of Smithsboro Baptist Church, Sassafras, Three Forks Association, Jan. 15.



Logsdon



Withers

**Mark Logsdon** (see photo) assumed responsibilities as minister of music and outreach Jan. 1 at First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Association. A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he has been minister of music at Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, Cecilia, Ky., two years.

**Bob C. Jones** is pastor of the Lawrenceburg church.

**Donald O. Withers** (see photo) of Lexington has been called to pastor Turner Ridge Baptist Church, near Falmouth, Union Association. He began his duties there Jan. 29. A graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Withers has pastored churches in Florida and Kentucky. He is married to the former Mary Weddle, a licensed practical nurse, of Nancy, Ky.

**Max Hetzel** resigned as child care worker with the Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, Ill., to become the pastor of Nortonville (Ky.) Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, effective Jan. 23.

A graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., and Southern Seminary, Hetzel formerly pastored in Kentucky. He and his wife Carol are parents of one child, Ashley.

**Curtis Monday** was called to the pastorate of Central Grove Baptist Church, Freedom Association, moving in late December. He has come from New York but earlier was a pastor in eastern Kentucky. Monday and his wife are parents of six children, two of whom are still at home.

**Thomas N. Townsend** was called to pastor New Hope Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. He is bivocational, married and has one daughter.

Townsend was ordained to the ministry Dec. 4 by Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Providence.

**Jack Self** left a West Virginia pastorate to accept First Baptist Church, Burkesville, Freedom Association, at the end of 1983. He and his wife are parents of a 12-year-old son.

**James Jones** was inadvertently reported as called to pastor Glasgow Baptist Church, Liberty Association, in the Jan. 17 issue of Western Recorder. He was, in fact, called to pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow. Western Recorder apologizes for the error in information.

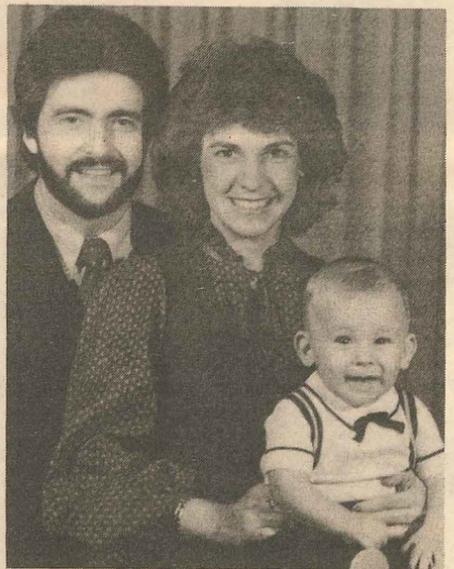
Jones became pastor of Calvary Church the first Sunday in November, coming from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Louisville. Married to the former Mary Berryman, Jones, 46, is the father of one son, Joel.

Jones is a native of Barren County and a graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Aaron Douglas Burr** resigned as minister of music, youth and assistant to the pastor at Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro, to accept a call as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Camilla, Ga.

**Leonard P. Harmon** resigned as director of missions in Crittenden Baptist Association Dec. 31, 1983. He had served since March 5, 1979. Harmon will reside at 207 Southern Dr., Williamstown.

In October a program honoring the Harmons was held at Williamstown Baptist Church. Several gifts were presented to the couple, including a book of letters of appreciation.



Dan R. Francis and his wife Neva and son Nicholas David will be going to Winchester in early March. Francis has been called to pastor Central Baptist Church there.

## Winchester Central calls Dan Francis

Franklin, Oh. native **Dan R. Francis** has been called to pastor Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Ky. He expects to be on the field in early March.

Francis is a candidate for the PhD degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been at the Louisville school eight years, having already received the ThM and MDiv degrees.

He has been director of continuing education at Southern for three years and pastor of Hill Grove Baptist Church, Salem Association, almost five years.

Francis, 31, is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights. He is married to the former Neva Jeanne Little of Ludlow, Ky. and they have a 10-month-old son, Nicholas David.

Francis served staff positions as associate and youth minister earlier at two Newport churches, First Baptist and Trinity Baptist, in Northern Kentucky Association.



Rob Carr [l], Kentucky Brotherhood Department associate director, meets with SBC Brotherhood Commission president James H. Smith [c], Memphis, Tenn., and Home Mission Board vice president Robert T. Banks, Atlanta. The occasion was an Atlanta meeting on cooperative mission action plans involving state Brotherhood personnel and representatives of the HMB, Brotherhood Commission and SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

**missions**

Mark Payton, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, was sent on a preaching mission to Port-a-Prince, Haiti, Jan. 23-31. Payton traveled with Joe Mobley, Crusader for Christ, preaching and sharing Christ in personal soul winning among the Haitian people.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon D. Grober, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field. Their address is Caixa Postal 7261, 01000 Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil.

Born in Vicksburg, Miss., he also lived in Russellville, Ark. She is the former Marjorie Steele of Ballard County, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ahn, local missionary pastor at First Korean Baptist Church, Radcliff, and wife became naturalized citizens in January. Ahn has served in Kentucky since 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Dobbins, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, have arrived in the states for furlough. They are living at 103 Reservoir Heights, Russellville, KY 42276. He is a native of Durant, Okla. The former Wanda Carpenter, she was born in Logan County, Ky., but also lived in Bowling Green while growing up.

She will be remembered by many as a former youth consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and earlier as a staffer with the state Woman's Missionary Union. The Dobbinses were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Turner, missionaries to Zambia, have arrived in the states. They live at 2953 Mt. McKinley Way, Lexington, KY 40502. They are natives of Harlan. She is the former Fran Howard. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1976.

**deaths**

E. R. Prather, veteran pastor of Baptist churches in the Somerset area, died Jan. 11 at age 75. Though retired, he had preached regularly through November of last year.

Earlier pastorates included Heidelberg, Kingston, in Madison County and Freedom in Garrard County. Most of his ministry was in Pulaski Association. He served Ferguson Church, 1942-49, and Duke Memorial Church, 1949-74, when he retired. He was on the Kentucky Baptist executive board and Clear Creek Baptist School board.

W. B. Casey and Roy Alexander conducted memorial services at Duke Memorial Baptist Church Jan. 13. He is survived by a son, brother and sister.



Bethlehem Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, burned the note last Nov. 20 on its building completed in 1976. At right are pastor Gary M. Ervin and his wife Marcella. They are shown with deacons and trustees on this historic occasion in the life of the church. Bethlehem was organized in 1892 and had a membership of 544 with total receipts of \$56,845 at the close of the KBC's fiscal year in 1982. It baptized 34 persons that year.

**ordinations**

Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, ordained three men as deacons Dec. 4. They include Ronnie Pence, Barry Roberts and Ron Coomer.

Lawrence Phipps is pastor.

Clifford E. Smith was ordained to the deaconate by Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owen County Association, Dec. 11. The charge to the deacon was given by Perry Spaulding and the charge to the church by pastor Thomas E. Dail. William McGibney officiated.

Meta Baptist Church, Pike Association, ordained four deacons Nov. 20. They include Ronald Charles and Donnie Thompson, Meta, and Travis Thompson and Tony Webb, Brushy Creek Mission.

Ron Barnett is pastor.

Park Avenue Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, ordained Ron Johnston and Randy Badger to the deaconate Dec. 11.

Steven E. Hill is pastor.

Ron Lindsey has been ordained a dea-

con by Smallhouse Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. Phillip Rowan is pastor.

Charles Stewart was ordained a deacon at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Glenn Armstrong is pastor.

Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, welcomed nine men to its deacon body the first of the year. They include Jim Clark, John Colliver, Dan Echter-nach, Mike Gregory, Gary Halfacre, Kyle Hubbard, Ed Reese, Dave Toler and Mike Zaborsky.

Halfacre and Reese are newly ordained. The others were previously ordained.

James B. Lewis is pastor.

Leonard Martin was ordained to the ministry Jan. 15 by Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville, at the request of Second Highland Park Baptist Church, which Martin pastors.

LaVerne Butler, Ninth & O pastor, was moderator and interrogator for the service. Howard Downing was clerk, Roy Miller preached the ordination sermon, Lowell Cantrall offered the ordination prayer and Robert Estes presented a Bible to the candidate.

**associations**

**Warren missionary Dorris on the field**

Frank W. Dorris moved to Bowling Green in mid January to succeed Francis R. Tallant as executive director of Warren Baptist Association. Tallant has retired after more than 10 years.

Dorris, 52, is a native of Nebo, Ky., and moved to the Warren position from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Morgantown. He has pastored in California and Colorado and served these other Kentucky churches: First Baptist, Bryantsville; First Baptist, Hazard; and Auburn Baptist.

He married the former Joyce Joyner



Frank and Joyce Dorris

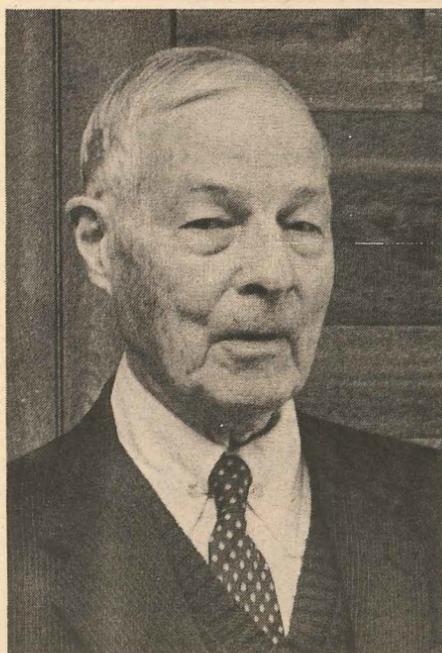
in 1951 and they have two children, William Christopher, 31, and Pamela Dorris Bates, 28.

Dorris is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

Mrs. Dorris will serve with her husband as secretary for Warren Baptist Association.



Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Muhlenberg Association, provides this home at 501 E. Depot St., Greenville, for furloughing missionaries. It is currently unoccupied. Additional information is available at [502] 338-6160, or write: Missionary Residence Committee, Second Baptist Church, 217 W. Depot St., Greenville, KY 42345. The church has no pastor presently.



## Cumberland honors former congressman Eugene Siler Sr.

Cumberland College recently honored former U. S. Congressman Eugene Siler Sr. in founders' day ceremonies held on the college's campus in Williamsburg.

In honoring Siler, college president Jim Taylor said, "The life of the college and that of Siler have been interwoven and interrelated and intertwined and have much in common; they have both served the Lord, seeking after truth and sharing it with others."

Siler attended Cumberland in elementary school, high school and junior college. He then attended Columbia University Law School and University of Kentucky. He was for 10 years a United States congressman, then was a judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He was also the 1951 Republican nominee for governor of Kentucky.

Siler has been an active member of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, serving as a trustee, deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years. Siler has also served two terms as Kentucky Baptist Convention president.

In summing up the activities of his life, Siler stated: "I was a judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals during 1948-49 and later served the fifth district as congressman for five terms (1955-66). But my greatest joy has been in serving my church as a deacon and in whatever other capacities I can."

C. R. Daley, editor of Western Recorder, praises Siler as "... one of the truly outstanding Kentucky Baptists of my generation."

Taylor stated, "Mr. Siler's life is linked and interwoven with Cumberland College; he is a graduate and a former trustee, and he is the son of a trustee and father of a trustee of the college. Siler is married to a graduate of Cumberland College and two of their children are Cumberland College graduates. His father-in-law was Gorman Jones, a Cumberland College professor and three of his brothers-in-law—T. J. Roberts, J. T. Vallandigham and Wallace Boyd—were affiliated with the college. Siler is the uncle of Gorman Roberts, a former trustee of the college and the great uncle of Blaine Early, who teaches in the Biology Department."

Taylor concluded, "Cumberland College has been able to serve the students of Appalachia since 1889 because

of God's blessings upon it and because of the contributions of Eugene Siler Sr., his family and the many other men and women who like him have invested their lives in Cumberland College and the cause of Christian higher education."

## Campbellsville athlete will tour with AIA

Campbellsville College's Tigers second baseman Christopher Hail, Somerset, will represent the United States this summer overseas as a member of Athletes In Action (AIA), a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Teams of Christian college all-stars are sent out each summer by AIA to tour a variety of countries around the world. The purpose is to teach and train the athlete to use this ready-made platform of sports in creative ministries throughout the globe, according to Danny Davis, Tiger baseball coach.

Hail, the son of Raymond and Drussilla Hail, Somerset, is a senior at Campbellsville.

Coach Davis said of Hail, "Chris is the type of athlete and person you would want your child to copy himself after and grow up to be like. He will be a top-notch representative for our college, our state and our country."

As second baseman, Hail played a vital role in the Tigers' 32-13 season in 1983, said Davis.

Each AIA team member has to provide his share of tour costs, which will be approximately \$3500 per person. Financial donations to help sponsor Hail will be accepted. Contributions are tax deductible and should be made payable to Athletes In Action and sent to Christopher Hail, Box 128, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

In 1984 AIA International Tours plans to send out three teams in baseball and this marks the fourth summer for AIA to sponsor overseas baseball teams. Since 1980, 10 AIA teams have competed in 21 countries.

## Mid-America names December graduates

Carolyn G. Bays and Anthony Lee Rose are among the 24 December graduates of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Bays, a recipient of the master of arts in religious education degree, is on the church staff at Central North Church in Memphis.

Rose, associate pastor of youth/activities at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, was awarded the MDiv degree.

## Furman offers high schoolers summer course

Furman University, Greenville, S. C., will offer high school students who are academically gifted in science and mathematics an opportunity to earn college credit, polish their communications skills and receive individualized computer instruction in a new six-week, pre-college program this summer.

The program, called Furman PRIME, is designed for high school students who will be seniors in the fall. They will be selected on the basis of grades, test scores and teacher recommendations, and will be enrolled in regular Furman courses in biology, chemistry, mathe-



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# campbellsville college today

## Cast your bread on the water

We will call him John. He was a fine athlete and had real potential for leadership, but he didn't really show great development until his senior year. His faith in Jesus seemed really to begin to make a definite impact about then. How letting God have his way can make such a difference!

Her name could have been Jane. She was always one of the prettiest and nicest of those sweet young women with whom God keeps on blessing men. Campbellsville College always seems to have the special blessing of so many of them.

It seemed right for them to make life plans together. A book could be written about them. The story I write catches only a glimpse or two.

His note came to my office the other day. What memories of developing youth within the program of a Christian college it brought back to me—not only for him, but for both of them and so many others like them. Those were special years of preparation.

Now she is making a Christian home

atics, computer science, physics or geology.

The students will also have a special communications skills course with emphasis on writing and speaking about science, and an opportunity for computer instruction in Furman's computer science laboratory.

The cost for the six-week program, which includes room and board, activities and tuition, is \$1000. For more information and/or an application, write Charles Brock, Office of Admissions, Furman University, Greenville, SC 29613. The deadline for applications is May 1.

## College searches for women's basketball coach

Belmont College, Nashville, has a staff opening for a women's basketball coach.

The position includes coaching duties, recruiting and some teaching in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Studies.

Requirements for the position include previous coaching experience (college level preferred), at least a master's degree and agreement with the ideals and standards of a Christian college. The ability to coach women's tennis is also desirable.

Belmont, a Tennessee Baptist institute, is a four-year comprehensive liberal arts college with more than 2000 students.

Deadline for applications is Feb. 5, 1984. Persons interested in applying for the position should submit a letter of application with resume to Mike Awalt, Search Committee Chairman, Belmont College, Nashville, TN 37203.

and being a beautiful role model for those who learn from her in church and community. Now successful in his business position and a leader in his church, he is another grain of that "salt of the earth."

He said in part, "Enclosed is a donation for the school along with a matching grant from my company . . . Dr. Davenport, the Lord has put on our hearts the need to support Campbellsville College both with our money and our prayers. The need for Christian education is greater now than ever before. Please accept the gift and our love. Your brother in Christ."

How good it is to have a part in such a program as this! God's word says, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." My special thanks to all of you who stand with us in your prayers and your financial support. Your help makes this possible. You, too, are casting your "bread upon the water." It is an investment for eternity.

I look forward to hearing from you.

## Mercer law library gets million dollars

Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, Macon, Ga., has been awarded a grant of one million dollars—to be distributed over a three-year period—from the Callaway Foundation, Inc.

The award is primarily for the Furman Smith Library to purchase historical and current business law materials and to fund personnel costs of cataloging and processing such materials.

## "We're going with Jimmy, how about you?"

**Minette Drumwright**, widow of Huber Drumwright & SBC Foreign Mission Board; **James Coggin**, retired Pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church; **Dr. Bill Tolar**, Dean, Southwestern Baptist Seminary; **Dr. William Bell**, Professor, Dallas Baptist College; **Joe Hester**, Associate Pastor, Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama; **Monroe Broadway**, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Redding, California; **Rick Markham**, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Perry, Oklahoma; **Dr. Lacoste Munn**, Professor, Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

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The apostle Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17).

Second Baptist Church, Greenville, is trying to practice the apostle's admonition by launching a 24-hour prayer program titled "The Upper Room Ministry."

The inspiration for it came last April when Don Miller, a former Southern Baptist pastor, now with Bible Based Ministries, went to Second Baptist to hold a prayer conference at the invitation of pastor Jack Geurin. During the week Miller discussed with the whole group the concept of a prayer ministry.

He invited all seriously interested persons to meet with him. Approximately 30 members of Second Baptist attended. At this meeting Miller impressed upon those present that God would lead someone to direct the ministry.

Larry Wardrip and Wallace Stone were two of the 30 interested in the prayer ministry. Wardrip was approached about leading it but he did not feel the Lord was impressing him to head it up. Stone spent time praying about being the director at his "favorite praying place," located behind his home. He felt the Lord leading him to be at the helm and he had a calm assurance he would be approached for the task.

Stone, 59, is retired from the railroad. He became a Christian in 1960, under the influence of Jimmy Allen, president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, then pastor of Crockrell Hill Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Stone and his wife have been members of Second Baptist since moving to Greenville in 1981. Since his conversion Stone has been an active member of his churches, but he admits he has had "little experience in organized prayer ministry." Of his role as director of "The Upper Room Ministry," Stone states, "I've been called to be a deacon, I've been a Sunday school teacher, but I feel more of a calling to prayer ministry."

In June 1983 the actual prayer ministry began with 26 "prayer warriors" involved under Stone's leadership. Second Baptist had supplies printed. It designated the chapel as the ministry's room.

Stone posted a time schedule in the main foyer and placed "My Prayer Offering" cards in the pew racks of the auditorium. Stone also made a "Prayer Burden Box" to receive the "Prayer Burden" cards submitted by persons in need of prayer. These cards are also made available in the auditorium as well as in other locations.

In the prayer room there is a desk where the prayer warrior spends his

*'Everyone can do this'*

## Prayer warriors intercede 'round the clock, every day at Greenville Second church

by Russ Stephens, State Correspondent

prayer time. On the desk there is a box designated "Pray For Cards" which holds the people's requests for one month unless otherwise designated. The prayer warrior takes one card at a time and prays for that request; then he places it in another box marked "Prayed For Cards." Another box has the words "Praise The Lord" written on it. This box holds the cards that people have reported their prayers as answered to a prayer warrior. Cards that have been removed from the "Pray For Box" are placed in a permanent file for future reference or reinstatement in the active box.

On the wall, in front of the desk, there is a map reminding the prayer warriors of the needs of Southern Baptist missionaries around the world. To the right of the desk facing the prayer warrior is a bulletin board with inspirational poems, hymns, short quotes and Bible verses related to prayer. In a desk drawer the prayer warrior finds the church pictorial directory, a current list of the churches and their pastors in Muhlenberg County Baptist Association, the Open Windows devotional guide with a list of the day's missionaries having birthdays and the past Wednesday evening's prayer list.

Second Baptist people have turned in over 300 prayer requests thus far. When asked what was the most often requested supplication Stone noted that those for healing and personal needs seemed to outnumber all others. He also stated that only a few requests for another person's salvation have been turned in but he was quick to point out that at least one of the individuals being prayed for has since become a Christian.

Even though "The Upper Room Ministry" does not have everything it wants or needs, the leader and prayer warriors do have goals:

1) Enough people to have a continuous 24-hour prayer ministry. Stone stated that Christians from other churches are welcome to participate, as well as all Second Baptist members.

2) Have a prayer warrior in the prayer room during all Second Baptist worship services.

3) Have a telephone in the prayer room for call-in prayer requests.

4) Eventually have a separate chapel with a separate entrance. Presently the entrance to the prayer room opens up the whole building. Also, the present chapel doubles as a Sunday school class due to a lack of space. This goal, when realized, will allow a 24-hour place for the general public to pray.

At present, Second Baptist does not have a pastor. Stone, who is also serving on the pastor selection committee, says the prayer ministry is being utilized in seeking God's will for a new undershepherd.

The other three staff ministers are all involved in the ministry. Mike Brill, minister of education, lends support by writing in the church paper encouraging more of the church's number to become involved. Mike Brady, minister of youth, who has been called since the prayer ministry was instituted, has taken a time of prayer. George Thompson, minister of music, has strong feelings for "The Upper Room Ministry." Thompson, who has been at Second Baptist 5 1/2 years says, "It is a ministry that is lasting—seeing answers to prayers keeps it alive."

Along with the staff members and Stone, four other deacons are involved in the prayer ministry. There are three "prayer captains" that assist Stone in decisions and plans.

Jean Aldridge, one of the prayer warriors, says she is "not talented in many ways—everyone can do this." She also says it makes her "feel good about herself."

Kay Hibbs, one of the prayer captains, believes the ministry has been beneficial to the church. She says the church "is more united as a result of the prayer ministry."

Stone points out that the going has been slower than he would have liked but stresses the importance of having a good foundation. Being a pioneer program for this area, Second Baptist has

not had the experiences of others to pattern after or learn from. From their prayer ministry Stone and Second Baptist have learned; and he passes on these suggestions to those who may want to pursue such a ministry:

1) Be convinced your church needs such a ministry.

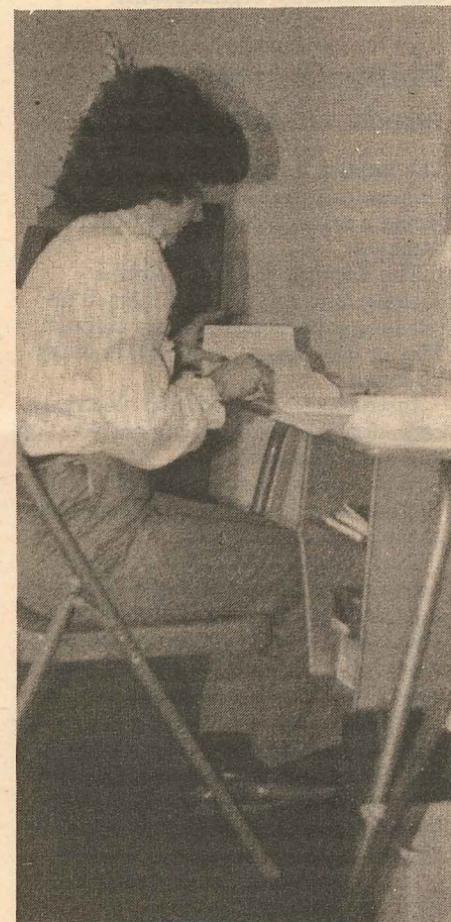
2) Simply put, "get started."

3) Select a layman to oversee the ministry who has a flexible time schedule.

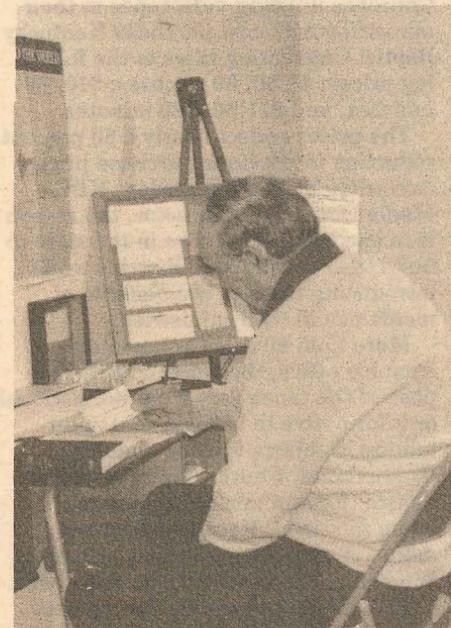
4) If possible, let the prayer ministry have a room to itself.

5) Stress to the prayer warriors the importance of confidentiality in handling the prayer burdens.

In speaking of "The Upper Room Ministry" several of the prayer warriors would agree with this statement of Stone's: "Our life in our church has really been different." That is the testimony of countless numbers of Christians who meet with God, through prayer, on a systematic basis.



Jean Aldridge, prayer warrior, begins her time of devotion with the day's reading from Open Windows.



Wallace Stone meditates on a prayer request turned in by a member of the congregation of Second Baptist, Greenville.

My Prayer Offering

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\*MY COMMITMENT:

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# baptist news in brief

## Suit filed protesting Florida city ordinance

Citing a growing national trend of government intrusion into religious affairs, Americans United for Separation of Church and State has filed a federal court challenge to a Clearwater, Fla., city ordinance controlling fund raising by churches and other nonprofit groups.

The ordinance, passed by the city council in October, requires voluminous record keeping and reporting by both local and national organizations which ask for donations in Clearwater.

"We are concerned that if this type of ordinance gains currency across the country it would have a crushing effect on all national fund raising efforts," said Lee Boothby, Americans United legal counsel. "If every little town and municipality did this it would create an intolerable burden on churches and other charitable organizations."

## Philippine center needs volunteers now

The Baptist Vocational Center for Indo-Chinese refugees in the Philippines is facing a critical shortage of technical teachers.

The Foreign Mission Board is seeking four volunteer couples to fill teaching jobs from February through May or until permanent workers may be found.

Instructors are needed in electricity, carpentry, air conditioning and heating and auto mechanics.

Wives of the instructors will teach English as a second language and use of the American kitchen.

Each month about 2500 refugees arrive at the Bataan Refugee Processing Center in Morong. Baptists train about 4800 refugees a year to prepare them for entry level jobs in the country where they resettle, usually the U. S.

Through the refugee ministry, Southern Baptists have started six churches for five Indo-Chinese nationalities. During the first 10 months of 1983 more than 600 refugees were baptized in the churches.

## Tapes for purchase, loan through KBC

Churches utilizing videotapes in their ministries may now purchase Kentucky Baptist Convention titles at the following prices: \$8.50, 30 minutes; \$10, 60 minutes; and \$11.50, 120 minutes.

The prices reflect nearly a 50 percent reduction in previous purchase prices. According to Mark Snowden, KBC Media Department director, the reason is to encourage churches in the state to build their own media libraries while introducing them to the benefits of media use in their ministries.

More than 80 titles are available from his office, Snowden added. Purpose of the tapes vary from promotional or informative to training and entertaining. Subjects include annuity, Brotherhood, Church Training, evangelism, foreign missions, foundation, home missions, Kentucky Baptists, media, stewardship, Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Union and youth.

The videotapes are for use on one-half inch VHS video player/recorders. As part of the Video Tape Service system developed by SBC agencies and boards in conjunction with state Baptist conventions, the tapes are also avail-

able on a free loan basis, Snowden added.

When ordering tapes for loan, churches should state dates the tape will be used and returned for scheduling later use of the tapes.

For more information on the use of videotapes in churches and subject titles, contact Media Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

## Library, worship events planned at Cedarmore

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, will be the site of a Kentucky Baptist Convention worship improvement workshop, Feb. 10-11. It begins at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 10 and ends with lunch Feb. 11.

For more information, write Church Administration/Church Music, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243 or phone (502) 245-4101.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Library Retreat will be held Mar. 16-17 at Cedarmore. The conference will begin with dinner Mar. 16 and dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Mar. 17.

For more information write Church Library, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243 or call (502) 245-4101.

Lodging information for both conferences may be obtained by contacting Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Bagdad, KY 40003.

## N. C. couple loses bid to teach kids at home

A Pentecostalist North Carolina couple lost a final legal bid to educate their children at home when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to review a lower federal court decision upholding the state's compulsory school attendance law.

Peter and Carol Duro moved to Tyrrell County, N. C., in 1981 but refused to enrol their five school age children in either public or private schools on grounds they did not want them exposed to secular humanism or "unisexual" habits. Because of their belief in faith healing they also objected to the schools' practice of providing medical care for injured or sick children.

Within a month of moving to North Carolina, warrants were issued charging the Duros with violating the compulsory attendance law but technical reasons were thrown out of court.

Supported by the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union the Duros then filed suit in federal district court against the district attorney who had issued the warrants, charging him with infringing on their free exercise of religion. U. S. District Judge F. T. Dupree Jr. ruled a year and a half later for the parents.

However, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Richmond, Va., overruled Judge Dupree, holding North Carolina "has demonstrated an interest in compulsory education which is of sufficient magnitude to override the religious interest" claimed by the Duros.

## Missionary force gain is highest in five years

Southern Baptists last year recorded the largest percentage gain of foreign missionaries since 1978 and the second largest since 1969, a possible indication that Bold Mission Thrust, Southern Baptists' effort to share the gospel with all people by the year 2000, is taking hold.

A 4.01 percent net gain over 1982 resulted in part from a drop in missionary resignations and an increase in journeymen appointment for two-year terms. The gain came despite a 40 percent increase in missionary retirements. This trend is expected to continue for several years as large numbers of missionaries appointed in the years after World War II reach retirement.

Appointments for career missionaries numbered 190, the third highest ever recorded. Career resignations at a 2.61 percentage rate were the lowest since 1966. Auxiliary personnel, including journeymen, increased 18.37 percent over 1982, about a fourth of the net gain.

The net gain of 129 missionaries and auxiliary personnel brought the total number of missionaries in service at the end of last year to 3346.

## Baptists give \$6 million to relieve hunger in '83

Southern Baptists continued their record setting pace in gifts to worldwide hunger relief last year, surpassing the previous year's total for the sixth consecutive time.

More than \$5,996,000 was given in 1983 to hunger funds administered by the Foreign and Home Mission boards.

The Foreign Mission Board reported receipts of \$5,406,036 for world hunger, while the Home Mission Board received \$590,675 for domestic hunger. Additionally, the FMB received \$687,714 for general relief ministries.

The figures do not reflect monies given for hunger that were utilized in local churches, associations and conventions.

## Missouri association supports Mid-Continent

The Charleston Baptist Association in southeast Missouri has elected trustees to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield. The board acted in its January meeting following a visit to the Associational Pastor's Conference by the school's president, Raymond Lawrence.

The Charleston Association raises the number of Southern Baptist associations in Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri that own and operate the school to 15.

## Former SBC presidents oppose Vatican ties

Twelve former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention have joined current SBC president James T. Draper Jr. and his three immediate predecessors in objecting to President Reagan's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Their action means every living former SBC president and the incumbent have protested Reagan's action, a total of 16 signers.

The original letter of protest was sent to the White House Jan. 6 and was signed by Draper and immediate past presidents Bailey E. Smith, 1981-82, Adrian P. Rogers, 1980, and Jimmy R. Allen, 1978-79.

The four signers told President Reagan his appointment of an ambassador to the Holy See "would be a clear violation of the principle of church-state separation, a dangerous precedent in church-state relations and an occasion for practical problems in the missionary work of all denominations."

On Jan. 10 the Vatican announced establishment of full diplomatic relations with the U. S., an announcement confirmed several hours later by the State Department and White House.

When asked to add their names to the letter of protest, the 12 former presidents agreed, some adding pungent comments of their own.

Herschel H. Hobbs, 1962-63, declared: "It is definitely a violation of the First Amendment. No matter how you slice it, the Vatican is still a church . . . if they send an ambassador to the Vatican, they ought to send one to Nashville. This claim that the Vatican is a state . . . I used to plough a farm as big as that state."

Carl Bates, 1971-72, echoed concerns of numerous U. S.-based missionary sending organizations, including the SBC Foreign Mission Board, when he said: "I consider this to be a serious blow to evangelical mission work throughout the world."

And Louie D. Newton, 1947-48, the oldest living former president, cited protests he sent President Franklin D. Roosevelt for seeking to upgrade Myron Taylor's status as personal representative to that of full ambassador and fellow Baptist Harry S. Truman for naming Mark W. Clark ambassador. Both Roosevelt and Truman backed down after fierce public outcries.

Also signing the letter were K. Owen White, 1964; James L. Sullivan, 1977; Jaroy Weber, 1975-76; Owen Cooper, 1973-74; W. A. Criswell, 1969-70; H. Franklin Paschall, 1967-68; W. Wayne Dehoney, 1966-67; Ramsey Pollard, 1960-61; and J. D. Grey, 1952-53.

## Senate panel okays funds for Vatican; House holds

A Senate appropriations panel has informally approved a State Department request to reprogram funds to pay for a full diplomatic mission to the Vatican but its House of Representatives counterpart has held up action pending an early February hearing.

Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, has given the State Department his approval of a request to reprogram fiscal 1984 funds for the Vatican mission according to a subcommittee spokesman.

Laxalt's approval, the spokesman said, noted the objection of Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-SC, ranking minority member of the panel and an outspoken opponent of the Reagan administration's decision to end a 116-year-old U. S. policy against full diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

Reprogramming requests from federal agencies—such as the one from the State Department for the Vatican mission funding—no longer require formal approval of the congressional appropriations committees with jurisdiction over their funding. However, House and Senate subcommittee spokesmen agree the State Department is unlikely to go against the informal disapproval of appropriations panels on either side of Capitol Hill.

The House Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, chaired by Rep. Neal Smith, D-Iowa, has scheduled a Feb. 6 hearing to consider the reprogramming request. The State Department has asked for a shift in its fiscal 1984 budget to provide \$833,000 and a staff of nine for the Vatican embassy. The current State Department budget includes \$481,000 for the four-person staff of presidential representative William A. Wilson to the Vatican.



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## on mission together



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 5, 1984

Life and Work Series

### Following Jesus

**Mark 8:31-33** While Christ was sharing his thoughts with his disciples in the region of Caesarea-Philippi, he asked them the question, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter replied, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God."

Immediately following Peter's confession and the Master's acknowledgement of it, our Lord began to tell the purpose of his coming into the world by referring to his approaching death.

Upon receiving the news of his approaching suffering, rejection and crucifixion, the disciples were filled with dismay. Peter began to rebuke Christ for cherishing such ideas and uttering such words.

Peter had permitted Satan to blind him to the necessity of the cross, so Christ rebuked him for allowing himself to become the mouthpiece of Satan. This incident is a splendid illustration that if Satan cannot accomplish his purpose in one way he will attempt another way, sometimes using excellent men to accomplish his purpose.

**Mark 8:34-38** Christ gave his life on the cross that we might be saved from sin and become his obedient disciples. Christ gave his disciples specific instruction concerning the real meaning of true discipleship. He expects his followers to share both the privileges and the responsibilities which accompany

### Among 'passages' of life

When Steve pulled out of the driveway a few Sundays ago headed for Dothan the rented Jartran truck with his 65 Dodge Dart attached to a tow bar, a big lump came in my throat.

He and I had spent all day Saturday loading the truck—the old couch and chair Alice and I had inherited, my grandmother's round oak table, an antique bed, a few things he had proudly bought at a local auction and a whole bunch of "stuff" from the attic, garage and his room.

Though we had been preparing for it a long time, the stark emptiness of his room walloped us with the fact that he was (is) really gone. In a sense, we had succeeded—he had been prepared to make it on his own, the appropriate goal for parents. That day, though, I

was unable to cheer our success.

Late that night he called, teasing that the Dart had come loose and crashed (don't know from whom he got that). Safe in Birmingham, he would head on to Dothan next morning. He's settled in an apartment now, working for Alabama Power Co.

Two weeks later, guests of Wayne and Carolyn Moore (Georgetown College), we enjoyed a kind of "final fellowship" with Norman and Martha Lytle who leave Feb. 6 to return to Israel where they have been foreign missionaries for nearly 20 years.

As they return, they do so for the first time without any of their three children. There is not little pain associated with that. They, and others like them, are not super heroes; the empty rooms of their children must somehow

pierce more deeply. Dothan is a lot closer—emotionally and geographically—than Tel Aviv.

Hearing Martha and Norm talk about leaving them reminded me of the telephone call in 1970 I received when we were living on Cyprus. Dwight and Erma Baker's oldest son, Bron, had been killed in an auto accident. . . . and I had to contact several missionaries in Israel who would go to the Bakers and bear that awful news face to face. Missouri must have seemed an eternity away!

Sometime later, when I am tempted to grieve over this normal "passage" in life, I'll try to remember what foreign missionaries must feel and stop feeling sorry for myself. . . . even if I am jealous of all those people whose children live in the same town or state!

fellowship with him. The requirements are threefold:

1. Self-denial. "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself." This means we are required to renounce self-reliance, to forego selfish indulgence and to place Christ in control of our lives.
2. Self-renunciation. "Take up his cross." To take up one's cross does not mean to bear some of life's disagreeable experiences. "Cross" here means something to be taken up voluntarily and not merely endured. It literally means to die to self.
3. Self-abnegation. "And follow me." Self-abnegation means accepting Christ as one's leader for life and doing his will. "Deny" and "take up" are commands to do something immediately whereas "follow" involves a way of life to be continued. One has everything to gain by continuing to follow Christ to the very end of life on earth.

International Series

### I am the Lord

**Isaiah 43:1-7** This lesson opens with a reminder of the relationship between God and Israel. The only explanation of the existence of the nation of Israel is that God created it or caused it to be. In verse one God declared he had "formed thee." Consequently, they were very precious in the sight of God.

Through the years God had done so many wonderful things for the nation. To God the people of that nation were special. He had led them, fed them, defended them and given them numerous evidences of his presence, protection, power and provision. God had entered into a solemn covenant with them.

Isaiah informed them their fear was really groundless. That information was strengthening to those whose faith had grown weak and whose minds were obsessed with the thought of being released from captivity. Surely they must have been encouraged by the reminder from God that in the event they should be called upon to pass through the waters and fires of affliction he would be with them.

Isn't it helpful and encouraging to know you are not the only person called upon to pass through floods and fires of affliction, that God is with you while you are in the midst of them, that you will pass through or be delivered from them and that you will journey beyond them?

## baptist forum

Getting Christians involved

As a concerned Christian and a member of a Southern Baptist church, I read several articles in the Dec. 14 issue of Western Recorder with interest and concern. A front page article quoted Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. as questioning the relevance, sense of mission and dedication to evangelism of today's church. The aimless drifting, which is so common today, will never be turned around until we take serious our need to obey God in living and sharing the gospel, and in taking up the challenge to be agents of change in this society.

One prevalent area of apathy for Baptists was brought out in a letter to the Baptist Forum of that same issue. Our tendency to sit idly by while millions of young human beings, made in the image of God, are killed through abortion, exemplifies an attitude of indifference which we are warned against repeatedly in God's word. Prov. 24:11-12 says, "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not," God knows, and he will judge.

The question to be put to the many millions of Southern Baptist church members is this: What does it take to get a Christian involved?

Douglas E. Sturgeon, Shepherdsville

Daley appreciated; constitution violated

May I express my appreciation to C. R. Daley for being an excellent editor. May his coming retirement years be enjoyable and rewarding.

I noted with interest the statement from the Kentucky Baptist public affairs committee: "religious liberty through the separation of church and state (is) guaranteed by the First Amendment." This is incorrect. The U. S. Constitution says nothing about separation of church and state. The First Amendment says two things:

1. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.
- 2) nor prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

These two guarantees are being violated today: the first, in permitting the nontheistic religious philosophy of evolution taught in tax-supported schools, and denying income tax exemptions of

gifts to Bob Jones University because it has wrong religious beliefs; the second, in denying Pamela Hamilton with non-contagious cancer to depend on faith healing and forcing her to undergo chemotherapy, and the state padlocking a Baptist church and school in Louisville, Neb., and putting some church members in jail. Free exercise means the government will not be hostile to religion and will encourage its practice but with no preference. This is not separation of church and state.

Homer Wm. Smith, Louisville

Christians and public education

Why is the current debate on public education in America so important to Christians? It is important because it will affect our children and grandchildren. It is important because it will affect the course of our nation for years to come and because it will have a bearing on our ability to remain a free people.

Many problems exist in public education, but the two major problems at the very heart of the dilemma will have to be resolved before much lasting value will be accomplished.

One of the major problems in many public schools is the lack of effective discipline. Without discipline little learning takes place, and when learning does not take place schools cannot justify their own existence.

Another major problem in public education is the immoral secular humanistic philosophy that dominates practically everything that happens in the public schools.

The secular humanistic philosophy which is the religion of public education is immoral because it is atheistic. It is also immoral because it declares there is no absolute right or absolute wrong. It makes everything relative.

In Ezek. 22:30 God said, "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." The debate on public education has given us the needed opportunity to make up the hedge and stand in the gap in our own land on a very critical issue. Christians, let's take a strong and fearless stand.

William R. Hagen, Taylorsville



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## homes for children

### Invitation to share

I have just received a letter which started out as follows: "I would like to invite you to come to our church and tell us about the great work Baptist Homes for Children does." The pastor writing that letter was looking ahead and planning for his people. He wants them to know about their Baptist work with children. He suggested several possible dates when they would like to have me in their church.

What a joy it is to have invitations to come and share about this wonderful ministry! I love to do that and always accept such invitations if at all possible. Last year there were more requests for the staff to speak about our work than we could accept. Last fall I filled some engagements that were made almost 12 months before.

There is nothing like getting out among Baptists and speaking in churches and associations. In this way we get to know each other and share information about our work and the needs. I would like to suggest that pastors and churches contact us well in advance about dates to come and tell the people about our work. The more Baptists know about Baptist Homes for Children the more intelligently they can pray for us and the more generously they will give to support us.

I am not the only person in our agency who is ready to come to churches and associations and tell about this vital ministry. There are several of us here at the central office and at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale who are ready and willing to come to churches. Just give us the invitation and we will share.

As I have spoken in numerous churches, I find the keenest interest in the work of Baptist Homes for Children. Others in our agency tell me they find the same interest. This is a great encouragement to us and lets us know others will show this kind of interest if they have a chance to hear more about the work.

After all, who would not be concerned about dependent, neglected children? We are working with children who need support, care, love, guidance and encouragement. There is a real joy in seeing them respond to our care and especially as we see spiritual growth in their lives.

Invite us and we will share. We want to go and tell everywhere what God is doing through this ministry.



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## oneida journal

### Used clothing needed

Picture a little girl, age 5, sobbing her heart out. That was the scene more than 75 years ago in a rural area of central Kentucky. The little girl was an unwilling donor of her favorite red sweater to a school in the Kentucky mountains. Her mother was one who gathered used clothing articles for the children of Oneida.

Having seen her sweater disappear into the Oneida "box," the little girl had an early interest in the place where her sweater went. She has willingly and generously continued that interest and support into her ninth decade of life.

The used clothing store has been a tradition at Oneida for most of the school's history. It has been called by varying names. For at least 35 years, it has been known as the Jot 'em Down Store. Older friends will remember that famous emporium from the days of the storied Lum 'n Abner radio program.

In recent years because of a lack of space our used clothing store has been little more than a storage area. With priority being given other areas as the school has grown so rapidly, this aspect of Oneida's program has sadly languished. In fact, we have not written of it in nearly six years. In July we simply had to take the remaining space and use it for other purposes.

That action forced us to decide whether to discontinue the used clothing ministry altogether or reorganize and begin afresh.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the used clothing store reopened in another of our campus buildings recently named "Friendship House." More than two months of hard work by two to four people went into the renovation of a five-room area to house a beautiful new store. They worked as unpaid volun-



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teers.

A special trip was made to Dalton, Ga. for carpet at one-fourth normal retail price. Nearly 4000 feet of shelves have been built and painted. For the first time in our history, all the available clothing has been "sized" and price tags put on each item making it infinitely easier to find and sell.

Those articles that are needed and can be used by our boys and girls will be given to those in need at no cost. We have organized a system to more efficiently meet student needs in this way.

Of course, our greatest single need is for preteen and teenage clothing for boys and girls, grades six-12.

Our faculty and staff averaged less than \$4500 apiece last year in cash salary. They have taken cuts up to \$28,000 yearly to come here to serve. Each staff and family members will be allotted a used clothing allowance per year. They can purchase anything over that at a minimal cost.

As in all the years before, we can use clothing of all sizes, men and women's clothing, suits, baby clothes and shoes in good condition—as long as it is in usable condition. Toys and children's books can be utilized. Bedspreads, quilts, pillows, pillowcases and sheets are also welcome and needed items.

Those items not needed by our students and staff will be sold for a minimal fee and the income will go into our general fund for student aid. So, directly or indirectly, our students will benefit from all usable materials donated to us. With the larger and more attractive space and the reorganization we hope to have a volume that will generate a significant amount of student aid.

Craft items made by Oneida students and staff will also be on sale; any materials usable for making crafts are also welcome. For example, used silk-flower arrangements can be sent us and we will rework them for sale.

As has been true through all of our history, any victim of fire or flood in our area will be helped, free of charge out of available stock.

UPS or parcel post is the way to ship to us. No trucks deliver into Oneida. We will be grateful for all those who, as before, bring the clothing and other articles directly to us. It is impossible because of the time and expense involved, with a staff already overworked, for us to come and pick up articles.

Come and visit. See our students. Witness what the Lord is doing in this place. If you get here around mealtime we won't let you leave hungry. Also, a cup of coffee will await you at Friendship House. Hours will be Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



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## clear creek comment

### 'No appointment is necessary'

In today's fast pace of living, people are forced to make appointments and schedule their activities well in advance in order to accomplish and facilitate their work. People must make an appointment to see the doctor, a child's teacher, the pastor of a church or the president of an institution. It is a rare occasion when we see the words "You do not need an appointment." Yet, with God it is always true 'No Appointment Is Necessary'.

God has a different outlook on people than we do. We think about programs; God thinks about people. Our big concern is our job. We think about material things. God thinks about revealing his Spirit in our lives, so we can have peace, joy, patience and the other fruits of the Spirit. We think about power; he thinks about purity. We think about a career; he thinks about character. God's thinking is different from ours because he is far more concerned with what we are than just the things we do.

God loves us in spite of our human frailties. He yearns to have fellowship with his children. No appointment is necessary with our Lord. God never slumbers nor sleeps. If we find ourselves in trouble, if we want something or if we just want to praise the Lord, he is there and ready to listen. As we enter into his presence, we are not screened by a secretary. We go directly to the Lord in prayer without a time limit.

At the end of our appointment with Christ, he has listened and has a response to our plea. He does not put his children on hold at the end of an appointment nor does he send a deposition, but he gives an immediate response in three ways—yes, no or wait.

At Clear Creek Baptist School no appointment is necessary either. Our friends are always welcome to call us or to come see us. The welcome mat is always out and the coffee is always on and ready. God's dear ones and our faithful supporters are important to us at Clear Creek. Your prayerful support and encouragement will continue to make a great school even greater, and we thank you for your faithfulness.

Remember, with God or at Clear Creek, no appointment is ever necessary!

# Southern Baptist schools essential to Bold Mission Thrust

by Arthur L. Walker Jr.

Leaving Southern Baptist colleges and schools out of Bold Mission Thrust would be like leaving baking powder out of a cake recipe.

As baking powder gives form to cakes and breads, Southern Baptist colleges and schools provide the background necessary to carry out Southern Baptists' plan to educate the world about Christ by the year 2000.

Last year 21,664 students were preparing for careers in church related vocations. Of those, 3454 were preparing to be home and foreign mission volunteers.

As graduates many of these will have integral roles in Bold Mission Thrust as they travel to places where the word of God is not valued or not known at all. Those who choose to remain in the United States to serve churches and pastors and ministers of youth, education or music will play an equally important role in reaching others for Christ.

But what about the approximately 163,000 students who were studying for other vocations in Southern Baptist colleges and schools last year?

Southern Baptist educational institutions believe it is also important to train Christian doctors, lawyers, business professionals, educators, journalists,

ST. MATTHEW 28  
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: unto the end of the world. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK  
CHAPTER I  
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: who was anointed with the Holy Ghost, and with water: and he came preaching the gospel, saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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nurses and leaders in other professions.

Just as our denomination needs trained leaders in church vocations, it needs laypersons who have been taught the Christian perspective found at most Southern Baptist educational institutions.

It is in producing tomorrow's Christian leaders that Southern Baptist colleges and schools play a vital role in carrying out God's work. This is the reason more and more people are becoming increasingly aware of the value of Baptist schools.

D. L. Lowrie, a Texas pastor and past president of the Baptist General Con-

vention of Texas, chided Texas Baptists at their annual convention for not being more supportive of their institutions.

He told them that while their convention "could survive without its institutions . . . survival is not the question. The question is, 'Can we do what God wants us to do without Christian institutions, and can the institutions fit into the design of God without us?'"

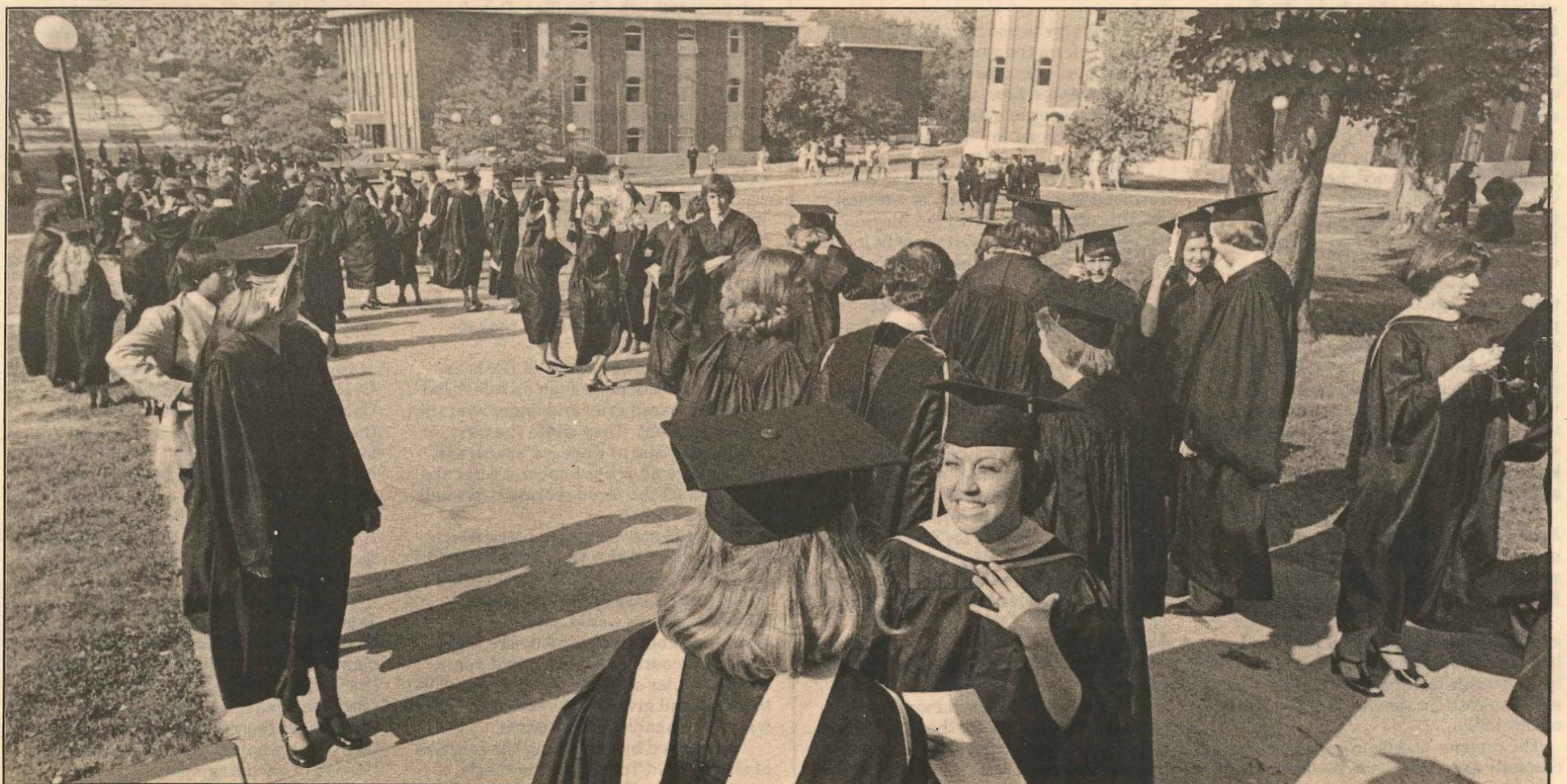
This is equally true for the Southern Baptist Convention which supports six seminaries and jointly sponsors the American Baptist Theological Seminary and the 17 state conventions which support 63 Southern Baptist colleges and schools.

Southern Baptists need quality educational institutions and these schools need Southern Baptists' financial and prayer support.

The message is clear. Southern Baptist colleges and schools are committed to Christian witness. Southern Baptists need to be committed to these institutions.

Together, Bold Mission Thrust can become a reality.

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## TV actor witnesses to other actors by being 'professional'

by Craig Bird

Greg Webb has a simple prayer.

"I want to know God's will for my life aside from any personal success or failure I may be experiencing at the time," the young actor said. "I am aware of God's care—not in the sense God gets me movie or television jobs but in the sense of well being I feel from his love."

Webb, 24, has been in Hollywood less than three years but has had a major role in a critically acclaimed movie ("Lords of Discipline") and the second lead in the recent NBC program "Boone."

He had been hopeful the series would be given another season to build an audience but NBC canceled it even though some lower rated shows were renewed. "Boone" was the only new show in the fall television season pitched toward the same family market mined by "The Waltons" and "Little House on the Prairie."

Webb feels strongly the family-oriented messages "Boone" delivered to the living rooms of America were good for both the viewers and television.

Webb grew up in a Southern Baptist home in Murfreesboro, Tenn., south of Nashville, where "being a Christian was taken seriously."

"My 'Christ following' has been fairly uneventful," he explained. "I became a Christian in my own home at the age of nine after talking with my father about it. I was active in First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro while growing up and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in both high school and college."

He had been active in high school drama productions but during his first three-and-a-half years at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, a future in the theater seemed as remote as the dreams of a professional sports career he had given up.

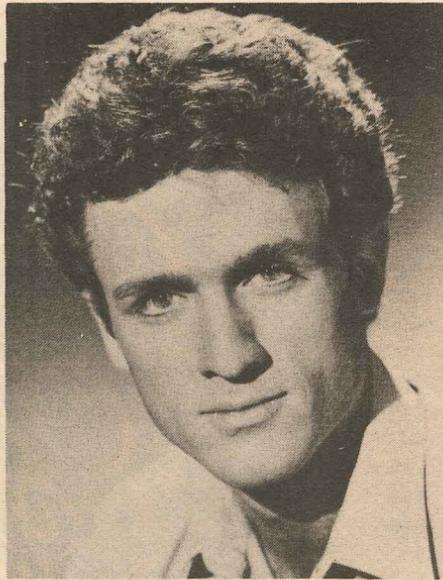
But the Christmas of his senior year, as he thought about the future and sought God's guidance, he began feeling leadership into acting. He auditioned for—and won major roles in—both of Vanderbilt's major spring productions.

When he told his parents he would take his college education (double major in business administration and sociology) and head to Hollywood, "they were definitely underwhelmed." He arrived in California in July 1981, took a tour of Universal Studios ("just like any tourist"), signed up for acting classes and, when his savings ran out, got a job keeping books for a newspaper which allowed him flexible hours.

He also joined First Baptist Church, Beverly Hills, where he presently is a member of the missions committee which works with the church's Thai, Korean and Spanish congregations.

After nine months he had had roles in a couple of small industrial films and been in a minor play and tossed aside his timetable to succeed. Then he was asked to read for the movie "The Lords of Discipline."

The director had been casting unsuccessfully for months but Webb was the



Actor Greg Webb

character he had been seeking. Webb signed up to play Braselton, "one of the meanies" in the film which studies social and moral questions at a boys' military school.

The movie was warmly received by critics and Webb expected to be offered several projects. Four months later "after the other actors who had major roles in the movie had already started working again," Webb was still looking.

He resumed acting classes and was preparing to go to New York and try his talents on Broadway when he was contacted about reading for the lead in "Boone." He didn't get the lead but was picked for Boone's companion, Roan.

The final week of shooting "Boone" Webb was reading three feature scripts, even while hoping NBC would pick up the show for another 13 weeks (in fact had the series been renewed a song written by Webb would have been included in the second show).

After two-and-a-half years the 24-year-old already has good reviews from a movie and a television series on his resume and enough confidence to face the ebbs and flows of an actor's life. Two things, his faith and his roots in Tennessee, help him keep it all in perspective.

"I don't try to use my roles as a platform to reform the world," he said. "When I act I become that character. I've been asked how, as a Christian, I can play scenes in a bar in "Boone" or a sinister character in "The Lords of Discipline."

"But that is not Greg Webb in a bar or involved in a secret society at a military school—that is the part I am playing. A lot of people in the entertainment industry are not 'holy' and they aren't open to listening to talk about Christianity. But they are more willing to listen after you have established yourself as a professional."

"I don't try to witness directly through the characters I play—I try to witness through the platform my success in acting provides."

That success has made him a personality in his home town, but home towns know how to keep favorite sons humble, too. When Webb went into a Murfreesboro bank while home for Thanksgiving a woman in the next line asked loudly if he were Roan from the television show.

Webb acknowledged he was. "I can't stand that show," the woman yelled back.

Such instances help Webb hold to his goal.

"When I wake up each morning I want to put God first for that day," he said. "Then I will trust good fruit to flow out of a good tree."

## 'It is well'

### Woman's death on KAL 007 becomes Christian witness

by Erich Bridges

It was the most painful event of their lives. But Robert and Mary Beal think some good has come out of the shooting down of Korean Air Lines flight 007.

The Beals' 28-year-old daughter, Rebecca Scruton, died on the jetliner destroyed by Soviet missiles. In the months since the tragedy the couple has comforted other victims' family members, encouraged President Reagan and spoken of their trust in God to hundreds of people.

A Southern Baptist couple from Del Rio, Tex., the Beals live in Seoul, South Korea, where he works as a civilian with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. They're members of Seoul International Baptist Church, led by Southern Baptist missionary J. G. Green.

Rebecca was coming to Seoul on KAL 007 to visit her parents. A vibrant, attractive mother of two children—Todd, six, and Alicia, two—she had lost her young husband, Dale Scruton, to cancer in December 1982. She sang "It Is Well With My Soul" in her husband's hospital room minutes after his death and faced the lonely months afterward at her home in Connecticut with faith. But she wanted to spend some time with her mother.

Rebecca bought a ticket for an Aug. 27 KAL flight to Seoul from New York, left the children with her parents-in-law in Massachusetts and went to the airport. But she had forgotten her passport. She was rescheduled for an Aug. 30 flight—KAL 007.

When the Beals heard something had happened, they rushed to the airport in Seoul for the long hours of waiting, then grieving with other families. Despite their own pain, perhaps because of it, the couple began to comfort others.

"As we were thrown together with people who were without hope, it seemed like the dramatic awareness and the reality of the hope we have just became so visible that we had to share it," Mrs. Beal said.

"There was a beautiful Korean girl who was a Christian. We introduced ourselves to each other. Nina was her name. She was the wife of a crew member (on KAL 007) and they had only been married five months. We were able to encourage each other and pray together there."

Less than a week later the Beals listened to President Reagan on television as he expressed grief and anger over the airline incident. They wrote the next day, telling him of Rebecca's faith and her courage after her husband's agonizing death as she faced rearing two small children alone.

"There is now an empty place which can never be filled," they wrote. "But, retaliation of a kind which would bring about further loss of life and pain to other loved ones would not bring our Becky back nor would she desire that. We are encouraged to learn that you have a similar attitude. We pray for you that God will give you the strength and wisdom to handle this situation. . . ."

They closed by describing the reaction of six-year-old Todd to his mother's

death: he silently drew a picture of a little boy crying and said, "This is how I feel."

President Reagan replied personally, saying words "cannot describe how touched I am by your letter." He thanked the Beals for their prayers and added he knew "from what you tell me that your grandchildren shall grow up and make lasting contributions to this nation—in their parents, in their grandparents, they find an example to follow."

The President later quoted the Beals' letter in an address covered by national news media.

The couple shared their experience with their church in Seoul as the congregation named a new chapel (designed by Beal) in Rebecca's memory. Mrs. Beal spoke to some 600 women as the International Christian Women's Conference met in the city.

When they returned to the United States, the Beals found additional comfort in several places:

—A friend of Rebecca's at her church, Calvary Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., related after forgetting her passport and missing her first flight, Rebecca came home discouraged. But she found a scripture passage which so impressed her she wrote it down for a friend. It was Lam. 3:52-57, which reads in part: "Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause. . . . Waters flowed over mine head; then I said, I am cut off. I called upon thy name, O Lord, out of the low dungeon. . . . thou saidst, Fear not."

—Rebecca told another friend just before leaving that she planned to "share the Lord" with the person sitting beside her on the flight. She also said she might have forgotten her passport the first time, "but I know I have my passport to go to heaven."

—On Christmas eve Mrs. Beal was going through a box of Rebecca's things and found a letter, addressed to her, which had never been mailed. In it Rebecca spoke of the Lord's purpose being carried out in her husband's life and death and that "everything is the way the Lord wants it."

"The impact at the time was one of the Lord saying, 'I'm still in control. No matter what the circumstances are,'" Mrs. Beal said.

During the New Year's holidays the Beals visited their grandchildren in Colorado, where they will be reared by their late father's sister and brother-in-law. They are adjusting "very nicely," Mrs. Beal said, though family members try not to remind them of the parents they won't see again. Friends at Calvary Baptist in Connecticut have established the Scruton Children's Fund to help with their support.

As they prepared to return to Korea in January the Beals offered no easy answers for the catastrophe which claimed their daughter's life. Their pain is achingly real. But they stressed the Lord has been honored and glorified throughout their family's personal tragedy. "The whole story," Mrs. Beal said, "is one of encouragement."