



Up to 58% hike in non-profit mail rate would hurt churches

by Larry Chesser

The Reagan administration again has called for large cuts in the postal subsidy which provides reduced rates for a wide range of non-profit mailers, including churches and state Baptist newspapers.

In submitting a \$926 billion budget proposal to Congress for fiscal 1985 the administration duplicated its 1984 request for \$400 million for the preferred rate mail subsidy. That amount is less than half the \$870 million Congress appropriated for fiscal 1984 and just about half the amount the Postal Service estimates necessary to preserve current rates through fiscal 1985.

Postal Service examples show non-profit rates under the Reagan budget proposal would jump 25-58 percent.

At issue is the "revenue foregone" subsidy which reimburses the Postal Service for the difference between what it charges non-profit and other preferred rate mailers and the regular mail rates. Non-profit groups benefiting from the reduced mail rates include religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic, agricultural, labor, veterans and fraternal organizations.

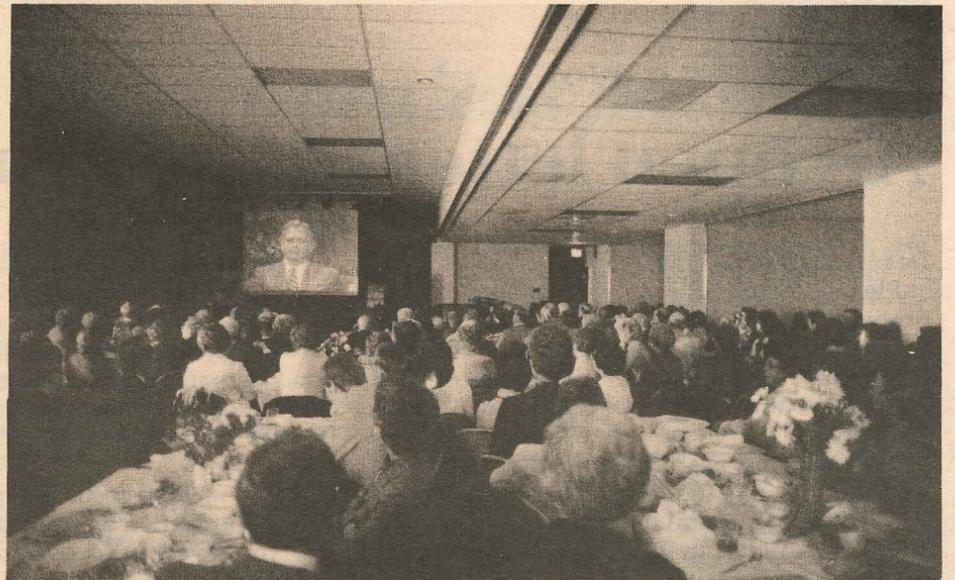
Although it is too early to tell what Congress will do with the administration's 1985 request, lawmakers have

rejected large cuts in the revenue foregone subsidy the past two years. The Postal Service board of governors earlier recommended \$731 for the fiscal 1985 subsidy, the amount necessary for a one step increase in preferred mail rates. That proposal would put the rates at step 15 of a 16-year phasing process Congress began in 1970.

Non-profit mail users have criticized previous proposals for large increases in preferred mail rates, charging the rate hikes would significantly cripple their ability to communicate and raise funds at the same time the administration was urging private, non-profit groups to pick up the slack created by federal budget cuts in social services.

In addition to the \$400 million recommended for the revenue foregone subsidy, the 1985 budget calls for a \$52 million "reconciliation payment" to make up a 1982 deficit in preferred mail costs plus an additional \$240 million for liabilities incurred under the former Post Office Department prior to 1970.

The administration also has proposed "the Postal Service operate in the future within the amount appropriated by Congress each year, not receiving the additional amounts, such as reconciliation payments, to supplement the initial appropriation."



TV or not TV may soon be the question

More than 200 persons gathered in Lexington earlier this month for a look at a prototype conference which could soon be commonplace among Southern Baptists.

Baptist meeting across the miles is truly a full-blown media event

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

More than 200 Kentuckians listened intently as a speaker told them that when they pray, everything else "falls into place."

The speaker, William Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, was addressing his Kentucky audience "in person," although he was 400 miles away.

At the same time, he spoke to audiences in nine other states.

Tanner was one of several persons interviewed at a first Southern Baptist closed circuit teleconference Saturday, Feb. 4 at 10 Holiday Inn locations across the nation. The purpose was to use new methods of promoting the Home Missions Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong offering for home missions.

Well over 200 persons attended a noon luncheon at Lexington's Holiday Inn North, one of the 10 teleconference sites. The room was equipped with three color TV screens, one of them magnified many times larger than that on a traditional set.

Lunch was followed by a live 40-minute presentation from Birmingham, Ala., then a 20-minute on-site program in each of the 10 localities. A final 30 minutes of live TV from Birmingham was next. A prayer period concluded the program in each of the 10 cities.

Other sites included Birmingham, Phoenix, Atlanta, Detroit, Kansas City, Greensboro, N. C., Memphis, Dallas-Ft. Worth and Richmond, Va.

The TV format consisted of interviews with Tanner and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, plus several home missionaries. All of this was interspersed with test questions on home missions and videotaped presentations on the week of prayer. Jay Durham, director of the Home Mission Board's Media Department, was moderator for the live presentation from Birmingham.

In answer to a question about the home mission offering, whose theme is "New Visions, New Frontiers" this year, Tanner reported that 43 percent of the Home Mission Board's budget is derived from the offering.

"We get more from that than from the Cooperative Program," he allowed. He said if he had to choose a single source of income to operate the Home Mission Board, he would choose the week of prayer offering. That's when he suggested that when you pray everything else "falls into place."

Harold Polk, director of missions for Elkhorn Baptist Association, coordinated the events in Lexington. Others participating on the program there included Mrs. Kathryn Akridge, executive director of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, and William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, both of Middletown.

An interesting feature of the teleconference was a called-in question about home missions from each of the 10 locations. Kentucky's question dealt with nonsupport of a race track ministry by the Home Mission Board.

Tanner replied that insufficient funds prevented the agency from doing "everything we'd like."

The Home Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union plan to get all of the mileage they can from the teleconference. A sheet was handed to participants suggesting nine ways they could utilize videotape copies of the teleconference. An order blank, also supplied, would allow participants to purchase copies of the videotape for \$15 (1/2" VHS) or \$25 (3/4" videocassette).

Suggestions for using the videotape included showing part or all of it during midweek prayer services leading up to the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Mar. 4-11. It could also be used for showing to the church's mission organizations, in deacons' meetings, in opening Sunday school department assemblies, in worship services and in connection with TV ministries, among other places.

Moderator Jay Durham began the TV portion of the day's activities suggesting, "This is a new way to attend a conference, isn't it?"

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C. R. Daley

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An open letter to Governor Collins

Dear Governor Collins:

Please! Please! Please! Do not support the proposal for a Kentucky lottery. To do so would go against everything you have stood for to this point and would disappoint thousands of your supporters and especially your fellow Kentucky Baptists.

Kentucky has enough moral blight already with gambling in the form of parimutuel betting and bingo for charitable purposes. Please don't lend your support to this idea which actually has not been the financial bonanza it promised to be in any state where it has been instituted.

If the General Assembly members are determined to support a constitutional amendment allowing a lottery and the citizens of Kentucky ultimately approve it, the responsibility will rest upon them. If you go along, it will be forever

associated with your administration.

Be careful with your hard earned image. You have already reversed one position in your pre-election platform (no increase in taxes). Most of your supporters understand this in light of the expected revenue shortfall and the critical need for improvement of public education in Kentucky.

You were recorded more than once before your election as against the idea of a lottery. If you reverse this position, what will happen to your credibility?

Don't be misled by supporters of a Kentucky lottery. It is very questionable whether a majority of Kentuckians favor a state lottery as its supporters claim. It is understandable that you would hear first from those pushing this proposal. You have made much of the knowledge of

Kentuckians you have gained from your visits to almost every community in the commonwealth. Do you really believe in the hosting of honest Kentuckians who believe in working for their living want the state to promote this scheme of getting rich without providing a service or a product?

Even should a majority of those expressing themselves favor a lottery, your knowledge of history teaches you that on moral issues the majority has often been wrong. Stands on such issues should be based on what's right or wrong, not on majority or minority opinion.

Be assured many of us will be praying for you in this and other vital matters you face as governor.

C. R. Daley, Editor
Western Recorder

In search of a nominee for convention president

Since Southern Baptist Convention president James Draper has served two years and therefore is ineligible for another term, everyone is wondering who will be the new convention president selected in Kansas City in June. As usual names of several prospects are being circulated and their qualifications are being discussed.

What are the requirements for a Southern Baptist Convention president? Actually there are no requirements listed in the constitution and bylaws of the convention. Article IX of the constitution requires that "all missionaries appointed by the Convention's boards must, previous to their appointment, furnish evidence of piety, zeal for the Master's Kingdom, conviction of truth as held by Baptists, and talents for missionary service."

Not so for the convention president. The president's duties are clearly outlined but the constitution is silent on requirements. It is assumed the nominee is a member of a Baptist church cooperating with the convention but it is not said. It is assumed that he or she is a duly elected messenger to the convention but that is not said.

There are requirements for a convention president but they exist in the minds of convention messengers and not in the convention constitution. The most obvious requirements for a Southern Baptist Convention presidential candidate are visibility and a good image. To be elected a nominee must be known and well thought of by a majority of the messengers.

What makes for a good image for a presidential nominee? Several characteristics contribute to such an image. The two which first come to mind are oratory power and baptism records. Without these any nominee is merely an "also ran."

In thinking of these requirements an intriguing question comes to mind. Which of the New Testament preachers could have been elected Southern Baptist Convention president?

Paul would be completely out of the running.

He apparently didn't even keep a record of his baptisms. He spent 18 months in Corinth preaching the gospel and starting a church but baptized less than a dozen and couldn't even remember exactly who they were. His claim that "Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel" would not get many Amens or votes in a Baptist convention.

As for his popularity as a pulpiter, Paul obviously rejected catchy sermon titles, alliterative outlines and "cleverness of speech" in order "that the cross of Christ should not be made void." Such a dull preacher would never make it on the state evangelism conference circuit nor the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference to say nothing of the convention presidency.

How about Peter for a convention president? His credentials would also be questionable. As far as is known he never went to a Bible school to say nothing of a seminary. So far as is known he never even got a degree from a correspondence school where a fee and most any kind of a written paper or project report would have made him Dr. Cephas.

What about John the Baptist? A pretty fair

Baptist preacher he was but his wardrobe was one poor man's wrap-around of camel's hair without a pastel colored suit to his name. Besides, a fellow whose philosophy is "he must increase but I must decrease" is not much of a vote getter in Baptist conventions these days.

Even Phillip the evangelist would be a questionable presidential candidate. He obviously was an effective preacher making news in a revival in Samaria but before anyone thought of him for denominational office he had left Samaria for unknown parts without leaving a forwarding address.

Now the Old Testament is a little different story and may contain a clue for Southern Baptists. Israel didn't have presidents but they selected kings. In the case of their first two kings a judge anointed them before they were formally acclaimed by the people.

It worked out the way the judge planned it but unfortunately one of the two kings turned out to be a dud (a flat failure according to Webster).

And so maybe we had better look beyond the Bible for Southern Baptist Convention presidential prospects and methods of selecting them.

How to oppose a state lottery

S.B. 116, the proposal to amend the Kentucky constitution to allow for a state sponsored lottery, has passed the Senate and now is in the House of Representatives.

The bill has been assigned to the State Government committee of the House and likely will be considered by this committee in its next scheduled meeting on Feb. 14. If reported favorably it could be rushed through the House this week but ordinarily would require more time.

Opponents of a state lottery in Kentucky have opportunity to be heard if they act immediately. Here are three suggestions:

1. Contact your representative and express

opposition to S.B. 116. A toll free number, 1-800-372-2985, can be called for leaving a message for your representative.

2. Contact the governor's office. The number is 1-502-372-2611. Gov. Collins reports she has received much support and little opposition to the lottery plan.

3. Contact the chairman of the State Government committee, Rep. Mark D. O'Brien, to express opposition to S.B. 116 and to request a delay in consideration and a public hearing on S.B. 116. Again the number to call is 1-800-372-2985.

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viewpoint

State operated lotteries

by John Dunaway
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corbin

Lotteries have become popular in many states as a means of raising money for some worthy cause. This worthy cause is usually education. This is true in Kentucky. The realization that education in our state is hurting has brought a program of reform which requires additional funds. Several legislators are proposing a state lottery as a means of financing our educational improvements. Even the governor, apparently backing down on a previously public commitment, would be open to a lottery as a basis of finance for education.

Proponents of lottery say it is impossible to provide 40 percent or more of the lottery income into state funds. Others see this as a means of securing monies from people so that it affects no individual or groups. A lottery is then seen as the panacea for all the ills of the educational problems of our state.

The questions we face are: Does a lottery provide the hoped-for cure for education? Is it a painless way of financing our educational needs? Would this form of legalized gambling help eliminate illegal gambling in the state?

Based on studies done by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and other study I have done, I should like to respond to the problem of a state lottery for education or any other state needs.

Does a lottery really provide for the financing of a state's educational needs? A lottery is a game of chance—the hope of getting something for nothing in which a person buys a ticket in hope of winning a prize.

A state lottery is a legalized form of gambling which has as its purpose pro-

viding funds for a state program. The general assumption is that if \$100,000,000 was raised in a lottery the major percentage would go toward that cause. However, it does not work out this way. As of June 1983, only eight of the eighteen states which make use of lotteries received as much as 40 percent of the total betting pool. Some received as little as 25 percent (Newsweek, June 11, 1983, p. 68). Between 60 and 75 percent of the income is paid out in operating expenses and prizes. A sales tax in contrast has an expense level of one or two percent of the gross income (Newsweek, June 11, 1983, p. 68). A part of that expense results from the department set up to oversee and regulate a lottery which ends up as interest declines having to do a public relations job to justify their existence. So what happens is a department of government promotes a form of gambling.

The truth is most lotteries generate between one and four percent of the state income in those states where they are legal (Robert Blakey, State Conducted Lotteries; History, Problems and Promises, "The Journal of Social Issues," Vol. 35, No. 3, 1979, p. 63-64). Only Maryland (three percent) and New Jersey (2.1 percent) derived as much as two percent of their state budget from lotteries in 1982. Studies clearly show that legislative expectations are never realized. A lottery is actually a way for weak-willed politicians to avoid facing a hard political decision of taxation. Even with a lottery this decision would still have to be faced.

A second question to be faced: Is this really a painless way of increasing state revenue for a worthy cause? The answer is a candid no! On the surface

this does seem to affect no one group, but the deep truth is that those of a fixed income or poverty level end up being preyed upon for the desire to get something for nothing. The appeal is to a dream of people desperately hoping to get that big win.

A study by a sociology professor at the University of Connecticut, Mark Abrahamson, reveals that the daily numbers game, a form of lottery, "primarily attracts the poor, long term unemployed and less educated participants." (Dallas Times Herald, Dec. 1, 1977.)

The most informative study on this has been done in New Castle County, Delaware, in 1979. The study found no lottery outlets in the upper income neighborhoods where 17,630 persons lived. There was one lottery outlet for every 17,774 persons in upper-middle income neighborhoods. There was one lottery outlet for every 5,032 persons in the lower-middle income neighborhoods. There was one lottery outlet for every 1981 persons in the poorest neighborhoods. (The Impact of State Sponsored Gambling on a Community, a six-month study conducted in New Castle County, Delaware, by the Delaware Council on Compulsive Gambling.)

This is not a painless way of extracting additional revenue for the states, but rather a repressive way to hold out a string of hope and then cut it off in a depressing loss.

Does a lottery eliminate illegal gambling when the funds are used for a good cause? Once again the answer is no! This is an argument made by proponents of a lottery. People are going to gamble so let us make it legal and use the profits for good causes. In Washington, D. C., the illegal numbers game (a form of lottery) had a large increase while competing with the newly established legal lottery (Washington Post, Apr. 26, 1983, pages A1

and A8). A legalized lottery will not deter gambling so this is not a worthwhile argument.

The real question as I see it is this: Do we want to use a lottery which is a form of gambling as a value system for the instruction of the minds of the youth of our day?

If we fund our education gains on a form of gambling then we are placing a stamp of approval on all forms of gambling as a proper value system for our country.

This is a moral issue, as one writer says, when a state decides to derive income from an activity which is a highly regressive form of taxation which affects poor people more extensively than affluent people. It is a moral issue should Kentucky decide not only to tolerate gambling, but also to get into the business of promoting it through the media in its attempt to market the product when the interest has grown low in one form of lottery.

I, for one, am not willing to say to the children of this generation that a lottery is the value system from which you gain your education. I know from experience that gambling is contagious and I would not want to stamp my approval on something which could addict the person creating havoc for his life.

I, for one, would not want my state to provide a means of regressive taxation, an illusionary hope to those on a fixed income or on a poverty income and have them chance themselves into greater despair.

I, for one, hope the legislature and the governor realize from other experience that a lottery does not provide a financial panacea for the ills of education.

This is an issue we now face. The current proposal, if passed, would put the lottery idea on the ballot in the next election. I hope it will never get there. If it does, I hope it is defeated.

baptist forum

Concerned about social benefits

I share your concern of the possible convening of a constitutional convention (Jan. 17), especially due to the possibility of such a convention being used to weaken the First Amendment. There seems to be grave misunderstandings and serious challenges to the separation of church and state. This principle must remain firmly intact and any threat to it must be opposed. My concern, however, runs deeper than this.

I agree a balanced federal budget might be ideal; however, I am afraid the methods used to achieve it would be disastrous. At a time when public sentiment and governmental policy seem to favor increased military spending and no increased taxes to support that spending, moves toward a balanced budget can be achieved only through reduced social benefits. Already cuts by the current administration are hurting millions of Americans and damaging what were once effective social programs. A required balanced budget could be used dangerously by a reckless administration to force further cuts in social spending.

Christians must oppose such cuts and insist the government adequately care for all its citizens, especially the poor, in spite of the costs. Biblical accounts to care for the poor are numerous, giving us theological and ethical grounds for church and government intervention on

behalf of the poor. If the budget is to be balanced it must not be done at the cost of the poor.

Many Americans do want a balanced budget. Rather than force it upon Congress, however, I would like to see Congress set it as a priority and work towards it in a rational and just way. I would rather see our congressmen respond to the concerns of their constituency than to the demands of an unsympathetic administration.

Bruce Day, Louisville

No buses, no vans, no presence

Jan. 26, 1984 I attended a statewide "Rally For Life" held on the steps of the state capitol in Frankfort. Many leaders of the state legislature were there to speak in support of the sanctity of human life. At least a dozen church leaders and pastors of various denominations pledged their continued active support of the idea that God is the author, creator and designer of all human life, both born and unborn.

One group was noticeably absent—Southern Baptists. There were no Baptist pastors speaking in support of the Right To Life ideal. There were no denominational leaders present to speak against the moral wrong of abortion on demand. Perhaps there were a few Baptist pastors present, although I know of only one other. No Baptist buses, no Baptist vans, no Baptist

presence.

Why are Southern Baptists in this state so silent, so absent from leadership in this most basic Christian moral-ethical issue? Making a periodic statement at convention time (no resolution on abortion was allowed to come out of committee in Pittsburgh) will not stop

the evil of abortion and its subsequent encroachment on the lives of handicapped infants and passive euthanasia for the elderly.

If I am wrong, I wish to be corrected. But my question still stands: Why are we so silent?

William Moore, Owenton



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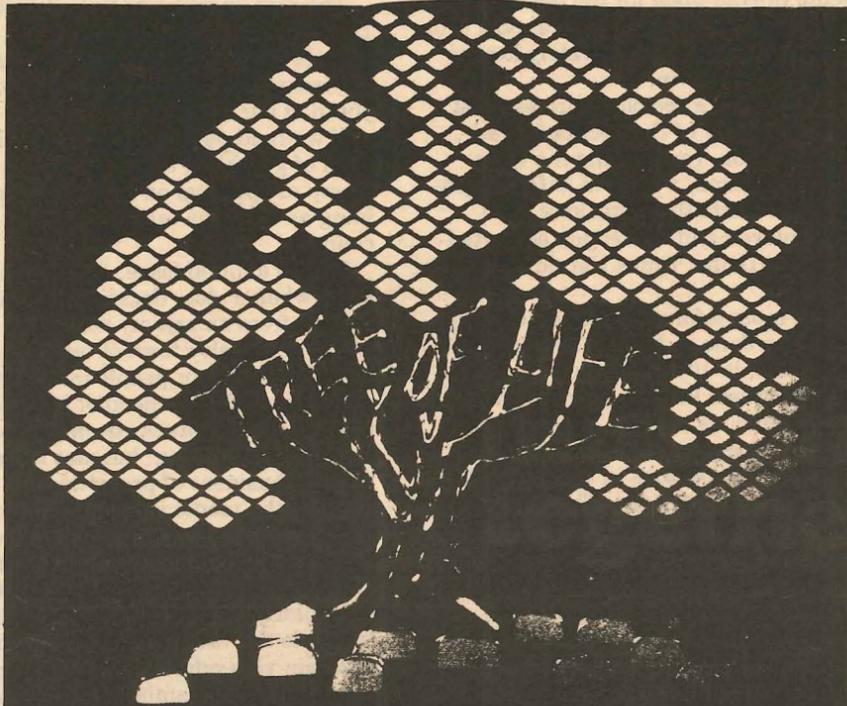
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Missions as a mission

Recently our chapel speaker was Richard Poe, missionary to Chile and our missionary-in-residence. As he challenged us to consider the mission field, both in a far country and right where we are, I reflected on how we should evaluate the mission and role of a Baptist college—of Campbellsville College.

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Continuing Witness Training takes hold

Kentucky ministers discuss its effect

by Kim Whitehead, Staff Writer

When Ron Barnette, pastor of Meta Baptist Church in the rural eastern mountains of Kentucky, found in his growing coal mining community of 1000 people without any church involvement, he saw no way to effectively begin to reach them all.

Then he attended a Continuing Witness Training seminar at Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville where, he recalled, "I found the answer to my prayers."

Two years later, Barnette reports, Meta Baptist members who have completed the CWT program "feel freer and bolder about witnessing" and many who actively evangelized in previous years "have been inspired and have started again."

The church baptized 94 new members last year, ranking it seventh statewide in total number of baptisms, and 50 members now visit in homes weekly.

Continuing Witness Training, developed by the Personal Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, is now utilized by churches across Kentucky, many of them with stories of vitalized outreach programs like that of Meta Baptist.

CWT seminars have now been held in Lexington, Louisville and Paducah, each involving 150 people. Seventy-five pastors and one of their church members emerge from the four-day intensive study as "certified witnesses" only to return home and begin as "equippers" to train two other people each in 13-week cycles of Bible study and actual witnessing. These trainees,

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or "apprentices," take their own students and train them upon completion of the program, thus beginning the multiplication process essential to the success of CWT.

Equippers and their apprentices spend approximately two hours a week in studying a specific part of the witnessing process and an hour or more in making home visits where the CWT plan is carried out.

Bob Bailey, minister of education at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, reports 27 church members who have become certified witnesses since early 1982. "Equippers conducting model presentations in homes each week is the most important part of CWT," he said. "Watching each week's study modified in homes makes the difference."

Jay Brown, director of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said, "CWT is widely acclaimed across the Southern Baptist Convention as the most successful of our witnessing programs because of this on the job training."

James Heard, pastor of Lexington's Gardenside Baptist Church, agreed as he discussed the 25 of his members who are now certified. He added that as they have learned to effectively share their faith, all have experienced tremendous growth themselves.

"The Bible teaching material in CWT is fantastic," he remarked. "If people want to grow spiritually, this is for them."

Heard related tale after tale of Gardenside members who have seen radical growth after participating in CWT. Barnette told the story of one new Meta Baptist member who went to the first session of a cycle, his face white and his hands trembling. He has become "bold" about his witnessing, going "alone every week to visit in the community."

Certified witnesses are joined in the CWT effort by "encouragers." They meet with new believers reached through the program and guide them through a "Survival Kit," an introduction to discipleship. "Prayer partners," who pray regularly for equippers and apprentices as well as for those they witness to, are also involved.

"The encourager makes this program most successful in the conservation of evangelism," stated Brown.

Of prayer partners, Bailey said, "They play a key role. I talk with mine every week, discussing specific people and their needs."

"To know someone is supporting you in prayer as you go out to visit helps a lot," added Barnette.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention has been utilizing CWT since 1981 and reports of pastors who have started the program in their churches prove it can be molded to fit the abilities of individual congregations.

"CWT is not for everybody," said James Heard, "and it takes a good bit of time from those who do use it."

He gave some suggestions on using the program, drawing from his experience.

"Timing is vitally important in introducing CWT," he commented. "It is a wise investment of time but has to have a place of priority in a church and it takes a while to get it off the ground."

He mentioned Gardenside's practice of having a banquet to introduce each cycle of CWT. Prospective students are invited to the event where equippers discuss the commitment involved and spouses are informed of the amount of time required in being an apprentice so they will be aware of the kind of support they will need to give.

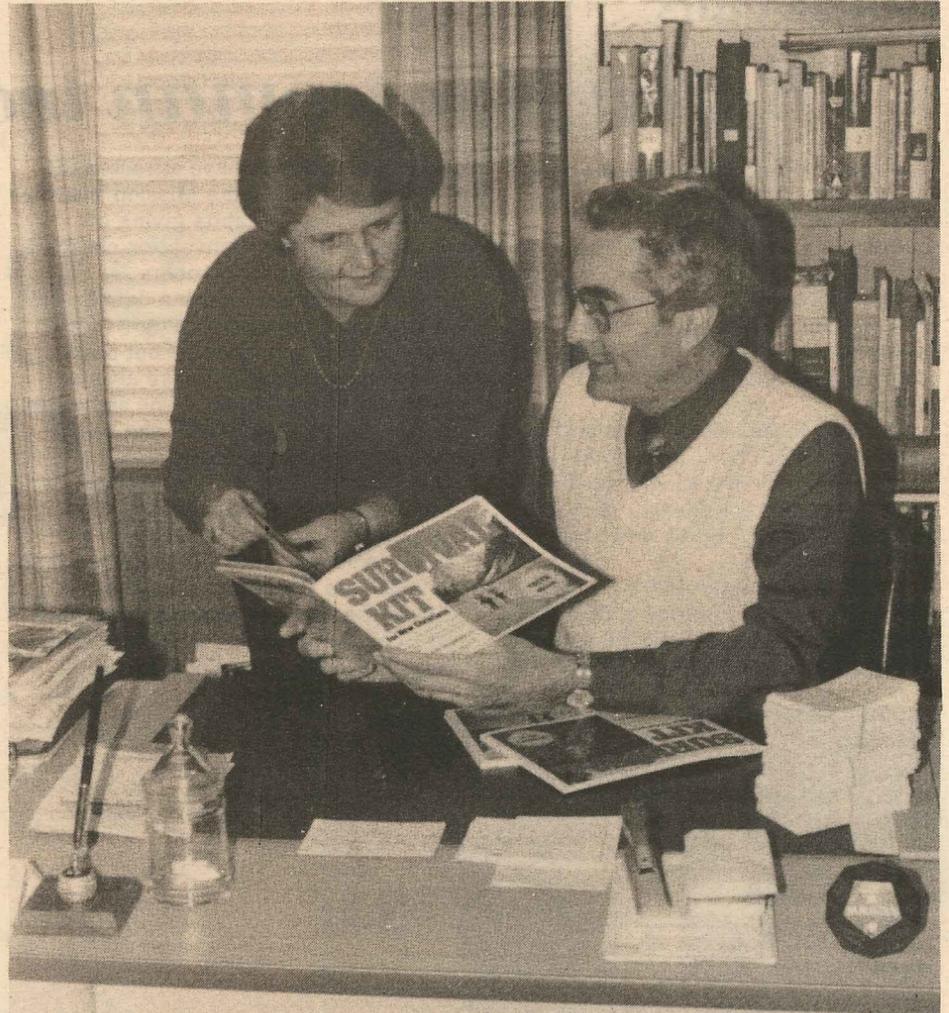
Heard said having a live prospect file is a necessity for the success of any witnessing endeavor like CWT.

"Our source of prospects had dried up and we had to begin immediately to build it back up again," he said.

CWT's place in the ongoing work of churches has been established and many pastors continue to make bigger plans for its use.

"In the future, we hope to have all our teachers become certified witnesses," said Heard, "and I think we can do it in two years."

Ron Barnette is planning to implement other programs in his church to



Pastor James Heard of Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, and secretary Donna Williams work on arranging a live prospect file and examine a "Survival Kit," both necessary ingredients for the success of the Continuing Witness Training program.

complement the effect of CWT.

"We are going to conduct a 'Growing an Evangelistic Church' series, followed by our spring revival," he commented. "We'll then start another cycle of CWT."

Bob Bailey looked ahead, remarking that Walnut Street could possibly have 81 certified witnesses at the end of its spring cycle in May if all 27 now certified take two into training.

"We would like to increase that number by 100, giving us 180 involved," he said.

Bailey said, "My fondest dream is that the spirit of our church will be affected and that evangelism will be the pulse of the church, not just another program."

Still, the greatest advantage of participating in CWT, these and other ministers say, is gaining the ability to effectively share one's faith in Christ.

"Our church members need this study, this encounter, to help them be able to do what they know God wants them to," stated James Heard. "I think we are equipping the saints."

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According to Jay Brown, two state CWT seminars have been set for this year. Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, will conduct one Mar. 12-15 and Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, will host one Sept. 3-6. More information may be obtained by writing the KBC Evangelism Department, Box 43401, Middletown 40243, or calling (502) 245-4101, ext. 335.

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Mary Frances Owens, a homemaker and experienced Sunday School curriculum writer, is the author of **Salt from the Psalter**. She resides in Louisville, Kentucky.



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House calls

Booneville woman teaches lesson door-to-door

by Beth Wyatt, Staff Correspondent

Lil Rice Rawlings was born in Manchester, Ky. in 1911 and was converted at Manchester Baptist Church, Booneville Association, at age 16 under the pastorate of the late F. R. Walters, a modern day missionary-oriented pastor.

Her love for missions was manifested quite early in her Christian life and has been a demonstration of the great commission in her endeavor to reach out to her family, church and community.

Manchester Baptist is not a big church in numbers but has a big heart for missions. A large percentage of the offerings goes for mission support and

their mission gifts have attracted the attention of the Home Mission Board as the leader in per capita giving of Kentucky Baptist Convention churches with more than 25 members.

At an early age Lil felt a definite call to missions, even struggling with the foreign mission challenge but that never materialized. "I have always wanted to go to Africa," she sighs. Beginning in the cradle roll, she has taught in every department in Sunday school in her 56 years of teaching, revealing to each group that missions is her delight.

She was married to William Rawlings in 1929 and the young couple moved out to the Burning Springs community of Clay County. Soon after she united with Macedonia Baptist Church her

mission zeal was put to the test.

The May 28, 1964 edition of Western Recorder tells how her efforts and those of other mission-minded persons fought the antimissionary move-ment. The article quotes her as vehemently organizing a WMU and promoting mission gifts to the Cooperative Program.

The church and the Lord's work have been her mainstay in life. She has seen many miracles and disappointments not a few.

She glorifies the Lord for the present Macedonia Baptist Church. She recalls how a "high wind" made possible the lumber to build the structure when no money was available.

Her mission work is reflected in the realization of the Lord's leadership to share her faith. She recalls a definite leading to go out and share with a young farmer in the neighborhood. The year was 1950 and a light rain began to fall as she approached the farm and noticed the farmer working in a newly plowed field. Both parties recall how she walked back and forth with him as he sowed seeds in the ground and she told him about the love of God.

A few weeks later the young farmer, Earl Clark, was saved. Countless people have benefited from his ministry as pastor and professor at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

Clark recalls, "Mrs. Rawlings had been an inspiration to me some 15 years prior to her visit when she had brought children back to the isolated area where we lived for picnics. We did not have a church in our community and the genuine love and concern Mrs. Rawlings showed made a strong and lasting impression on me."

Jim Clark, Crab Orchard, is another from the community whom she witnessed to and after his conversion was called to preach.

Lil is not one to look back on past laurels but is constantly looking forward. We must take one more look back to note her move in 1963 from

Burning Springs and the Macedonia Baptist Church back to Manchester.

"We told the Lord we needed to sell our house and began to wait," she reminisces. "The wait was not long and one week later a buyer came along and we moved to town to retire." However, retirement never came about. They united with her beloved Manchester Baptist Church and soon doors opened and the mission zeal flamed anew.

For the past 21 years she has been Baptist Women's President. Those who know her best describe her as a force behind the scenes, pushing for missions and challenging all to set goals and meet them. It is not unusual to see Lil out witnessing to people about Jesus and his love.

William Rawlings died in 1972 and Lil's health began to deteriorate. After several major operations she began to think that the time was coming to slow down. However, while recovering from major surgery in 1982 she vowed she would reach out for the Lord's work as long as she was able and able she was. Six weeks after her last operation she was walking up a hill behind her house going to teach the Sunday school lesson to two shut-in families.

The outreach ministry for shut-ins had been impressed on her so much that during the last year 36 persons have been enrolled in the outreach program. Many of these she teaches on a one to one basis.

"Lil is a spiritually mature person and a strong help for her church and pastor," states Roger Williams, pastor of Manchester Baptist Church. "Her adult class has the largest enrolment in our Sunday school and on a recent Sunday Mrs. Rawlings' class reported 52 in attendance of the 168 present that day," he concluded.

Would it not be more profitable if more Christians would get the Manchester Baptist Church's resident missionary's vision and work with joy until Jesus comes?



Mrs. Lil Rawlings prepares to teach the Sunday school lesson to shut-ins in her city. The resident missionary of Booneville Baptist Association teaches the Sunday school lesson at least five times each Saturday and is reported to be "a lady with a special glow when she is talking about the Bible."

ACTS programming to begin

State reps gear up

Kentucky Baptists are gearing up to make ACTS (American Christian Television System) available to churches and associations across the state.

Mike Wright of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, Tex., recently led a training session in Middletown (Jan. 25, 1984) for ACTS/BTN regional representatives and their assistants in Kentucky.

The reps, at least one from each of the nine regions of the state, will be available to inform associations and churches about how they may become a part of the ACTS network.

To begin May 1, ACTS programming will be 75 percent family entertainment not necessarily religious in nature but with Christian philosophy and 25 percent religious.

Formats will include direct preaching, Bible teaching, Christian growth, children's programs, family programs, talk shows, music and variety shows, drama, sports and educational pro-

grams.

An "uplink" station in Ft. Worth will send ACTS programs to the nation via Spacenet I satellite. Homes may receive ACTS programming in three ways: via an ACTS church cable affiliate, an ACTS full power television station or an ACTS low power television station.

In most instances, the organization of ACTS boards will be under the direction of the directors of associational missions. Following an awareness meeting, churches will be given up to 90 days to show evidence they are interested in becoming part of the ACTS board.

Four minutes of each hour will be available for local TV spots and 23 hours each week for programs sponsored by churches who are ACTS board members or who are approved by the local board.

ACTS boards which choose to use a local cable system for ACTS transmission will require that supporting churches supply necessary receiving



State ACTS representatives recently met for training under the direction of Mike Wright of the Radio and Television Commission. Front row, l-r are Mark Snowden, media director, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Wright; Bob Adams, Louisville, Central region; Harold Polk, Lexington, North Central region; Ben Owen, Covington, associate, Northern region; and Bob Kersey, Paducah, Southwestern region. Back row, l-r, are Ben Baird, London, Southeastern region; Bill Dick, Bowling Green, Southern region; Ken Sims, Somerset, Central region; Mike Oliver, Owensboro, Western region; David Aker, Somerset, Central region; Joe Boone, Newport, Northern region; Greg Earwood, Murray, associate, Southwestern region; Bill Messer, Ashland, Northeastern region; and Steve Hopkins, Prestonsburg, associate, Northeastern region.

equipment and each pay 10 cents per member per month to help pay for satellite rental time. (For instance, a 500-member church would pay \$50 monthly.)

ACTS regional representatives will be available to conduct awareness con-

ferences in churches and associations. They will show a videotape sample of projected ACTS programs, tell of the benefits and capabilities of ACTS, inform of ministry through television and show what can be done in local programming and spot production.

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Bluegrass State sends six natives, two more to Kenya where 117 Southern Baptists serve

KENTUCKY TO KENYA SPECIAL REPORT

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Six Kentucky born and bred Southern Baptist missionaries and two others from outside the United States who claim Kentucky as their home are currently serving on Kenyan soil.

Kenya is the east African nation which Baptists of the Bluegrass State have adopted as their counterpart for specific mission assistance during the calendar years 1985-87.

The eight Kentuckians now serving there offer a combined tenure of 109 years of foreign missions experience, or an average of more than 13 years per missionary. While this is not a record for eight people to hold, it does testify to the long term commitment these individuals possess.

All but one of the 109 years has been devoted to missions work in Kenya, also.

Two of the eight Kentuckians were appointed a quarter of a century ago, two more 16 years ago, one 14 years ago, two more six years ago and the other only 14 months ago.

There are presently 117 Southern Baptist missionary personnel serving in Kenya. Of this number, 98 are career missionaries, including 46 couples and six single people. Seven more are missionary associates, including three couples and one single. (Missionary associates are between 35 and 60 years of age and are employed for a renewable four-year term to do a particular job for which they are equipped by education and experience.) Finally, 12 missionary journeymen (young people), all single, serve in Kenya.

This group of 117 Southern Baptists working in Kenya have among them 128 children. Many of the children are also living in Kenya, although some are back home living in the states or attending school here.

While it is impractical to introduce all 117 Southern Baptists under Foreign Mission Board appointment to Kenya to our readers in an in-depth manner, we are pleased to include the backgrounds of those from the Bluegrass State. This will help Kentuckians identify with the partnership plans between

their state and the east African nation in an even more personal way.

• **Elizabeth Young Evans** is the earliest Kentuckian appointed among the present group serving, in December 1958.

Born Mar. 4, 1923 in Balkan, Ky., she will be 61 in a few weeks. She grew up at Insull, Ky., received the AA degree from Cumberland College, Williamsburg; BS from Western Kentucky State College (now Western Kentucky University), Bowling Green; and BA from Mercer University, Macon, Ga. In addition, she studied at the University of Louisville (Ky.) and had lab training at the Georgia Department of Public Health, Atlanta.

She married Charles E. Evans, an Atlanta native. Their children include Susan Brockway, 29, Douglasville, Ga.; Kathleen Evans, 26, Anchorage, Alaska; and Charles, 20, Marietta, Ga., a college student.

Mrs. Evans' premissionary experience includes serving in the WAVES (women's branch of the U. S. Navy) as a chaplain's assistant and in medical work. Later she did lab work at the Georgia Health Department, Macon, and at hospitals in Thomson, Ga. and Louisville. She also taught school in New Albany, Ind.

Following language study at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Elizabeth Evans worked in the lab of Mbeya (Tanzania) Baptist Hospital, 1960-61. Since that time she has been a church and home worker in three Kenyan cities: Kitale, 1961-73; Meru, 1973-74; and Nairobi, 1974-present.

Charles Evans is a general evangelist in Kenya.

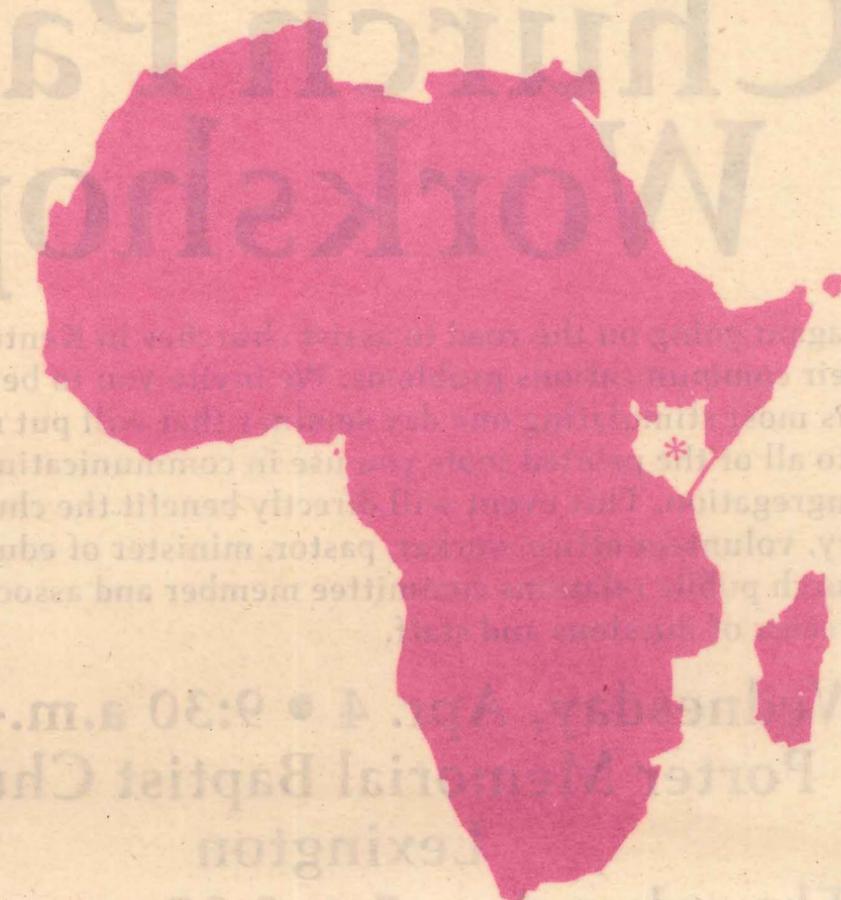
Their address is Box 44316, Nairobi, Kenya. They anticipate a two month furlough beginning July 28, 1985.

• **Phyllis Hope Clark** probably holds the longest tenure of any Kentucky missionary serving in Kenya. Although she was not appointed until March 1959 — three months after Mrs. Evans — Mrs. Evans' first year of service was in neighboring Tanzania while all of Mrs. Clark's time has been in Kenya.

Phyllis Clark, 63, holds another distinction. She is one of two "Kentuckians" who weren't born in Kentucky — or even in the states! She claims Kentucky, having spent that portion of her life in the U. S. here, but she was born Aug. 20, 1920 at Cheltenham, England.

She attended Campbellsville and Georgetown colleges and Carver School of Missions and Social Work (now part of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), all in Kentucky.

She was married to Eric H. Clark, who died in 1968. They had one daughter, Valerie Rogers, 37, now living in Frankfort, Ky.



Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board the Clarks operated a transport business in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

Following language study at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Mrs. Clark became a church and home worker, serving at Kisumu, Kenya from 1960-68. Since that time she has been a women's worker in Kisumu and all of western Kenya.

Phyllis Clark may be written at Box 697, Kisumu, Kenya. She is set to begin a 7½ month furlough June 3, 1985.

• **James D. and Jenny Rossetter Musen** are one of only two married couples from the Bluegrass State presently serving in Kenya. They were appointed in April 1968.

James, 45, was born Aug. 31, 1938 in Boyd County and lived in Ashland, Ky. and several Ohio towns while growing up.

He attended the University of Louisville, received a certificate from Draughton's Drafting College of that city and the BA and MA degrees from Western Kentucky State College (Now WKU), Bowling Green. He later attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Before his appointment to the mission field Musen was a sheet metal

draftsman at Buckner, Ky. and a high school teacher at Owensboro and Glasgow. Following language study at Limuru, Kenya he became a secondary teacher of math and physics at the Baptist high school at Mombasa, Kenya. Presently he is a church development adviser there.

Mrs. Musen will turn 44 in a few weeks, on Mar. 11. She was born at Bowling Green and lived in Smiths Grove and Center, Ky. while growing up.

She also received the BA degree from Western Kentucky State College and was a high school teacher in Hiseville, Ky. before FMB appointment. Following language study at Limuru she became a church, home and woman's worker at Mombasa.

The Musens are parents of Steven Lee, 21, a student at Western Kentucky University; Donald Earl, 19, Mombasa; and Holly Sue, 13, Mombasa.

The Musens' address is Box 82947, Mombasa, Kenya. They begin a five month furlough Aug. 1, 1985.

• **Janet Davis Dillard** will be turning 45 in a few weeks (Mar. 7). She was born at Owensboro.

She holds three degrees: BME, Murray (Ky.) State College (now University); MRE, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and MS,



Mrs. Evans



Mrs. Clark



Musen



Mrs. Musen



Mrs. Dillard



Cook



Mrs. Cook



Mrs. Serda

Indiana University, Bloomington.

She was a missionary journeyman for the Foreign Mission Board in Minna, Nigeria where she taught at Niger Baptist College before her appointment as a missionary in June 1969.

Married to Jim C. Dillard of Tyrone, Ark., she is the mother of Davis Claude, 12, and Brandon James, 8, both of Nyeri.

Following language study at Limuru, Kenya, 1970-71, Mrs. Dillard became a church and home worker at Nyeri, Kenya. She also teaches at Nyeri Baptist High School.

Dillard is also a secondary school teacher at Nyeri.

Their address is Box 895, Nyeri, Kenya. They are scheduled for an eight month furlough starting Aug. 1, 1985.

• **Ronald S. and Barbara Powell Cook** were appointed in May 1978 and are the remaining Kentucky couple serving in Kenya. Ron, whose birthday Mar. 22 will mark 43 years, was actually born at Aba, Zaire and lived there and in Rethy, Zaire. His parents were missionaries for an interdenominational missions organization. On furlough, they lived in New Jersey.

He received a diploma from Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.; BS from John Brown University, Silcam Springs, Ark.; and BA from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Tex. He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Before becoming a missionary, Cook was supervisor and product coordinator for printing firms in Lexington, Ky. He later worked in publications in Kijabe and Nairobi, Kenya, for an international interdenominational missions organization. He is now a publications worker in Nairobi at the Baptist Publications House.

Mrs. Cook, the former Barbara Powell, is a native of Owsley County, Ky., and lived in Beattyville while growing up. She is 40 and her birthdate is June 28, 1943.

She has a diploma from Moody Bible Institute like her husband and also attended John Brown University. She received the BS degree from Sam Houston State University and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before appointment by the Foreign Mission Board Barbara Cook was a missionary to Kenya for the Africa Inland Mission, 1967-77. She is now a church and home worker in Nairobi.

Their children include Stephen Ryan, 14, and Richard Perry, 10, both in Nairobi.

The family expects to come home on furlough for a year starting June 7, 1987. They may be contacted at Box 47735, Nairobi, Kenya.

• **Snow White Serda**, 51, is the only missionary associate born on Kentucky soil now serving in Kenya. Her appointment took place Dec. 7, 1982.

A native of Edmonson County, she grew up in Louisville and calls it home. Her birthdate is Dec. 5, 1933.

She attended Mobile (Ala.) College and later worked as a collector for a department store and control supervisor for a bank in Mobile.

She married Francis W. Serda of Mobile. They are parents of Deborah Serda, 26, Huntsville, Ala., and Rhonda Serda, 24, Jakin, Ga.

Mrs. Serda is a church and home worker in Kenya while her husband is a printer there.

Their address is Box 30370, Nairobi, Kenya. They begin a one year furlough May 10, 1987.

These are your missionary personnel serving in Kenya—117 in all, eight of them from Kentucky. Pray for them, not only on their birthdays, but continually, that the Holy Spirit might work a great work through them this day and always.

The roster of our missionaries in Kenya also includes some from several other states

Adams, John T., physician, 12-23-30, Texas; **Adams, Martha**, nurse, 10-11-32, Texas (The Adamses are on leave of absence to Ft. Worth, Tex. effective Feb. 1.)

Bass, R. Dwight, secondary teacher, 1-27-50, Tennessee; **Bass, Joyce**, church and home worker, 4-28-53, Tennessee

Benson, Robert D., secondary teacher, 7-27-57, Texas (journeyman)

Berkley, Clyde J., secondary teacher, 10-14-38, Texas; **Berkley, Ann**, church and home worker, 3-25-39, Texas

Bliss, Donald L., secondary teacher, 8-1-38, Kansas; **Bliss, Judith**, church and home worker, 9-24-40, Oklahoma (The Blisses will be on furlough May 20-Oct. 27 this year.)

Bodenhamer, Ronald D., agricultural evangelist, 3-26-41, Missouri; **Bodenhamer, Judy**, church and home worker, 9-12-44, Missouri (The Bodenhamers are presently on furlough in Florida, scheduled to return to Kenya Mar. 3.)

Bostick, Ronnie K., general evangelist, 9-25-39, Texas; **Bostick, Sallie**, church and home worker, 12-16-44, Texas (The Bosticks began a leave of absence to Wynnewood, Okla., Oct. 1, 1982.)

Bosworth, Kathleen L., student worker, 11-25-58, Missouri (journeyman)

Bradley, Daniel M., general evangelist, 12-3-49, Mississippi; **Bradley, Sharon**, church and home worker, 2-22-49, Mississippi

Branyon, Jill B., secondary teacher, 12-28-53, South Carolina

Brent, Roy W., business manager, 8-29-42, New Mexico; **Brent, Diane**, correspondence class coordinator, 11-13-47, New Mexico

Bryan, Jovon, secondary teacher, 5-13-47, Texas; **Cagle, Mrs. Mildred**, secretary, 9-27-22, Arkansas (associate)

Camp, Carroll H., general evangelist, 1-3-47, South Carolina; **Camp, Cheryl**, church and home worker, 10-3-47, South Carolina

Carter, David A., secondary teacher, 8-30-58, New Mexico (journeyman)

Carter, Joan, women's worker, 8-1-28, Georgia

Conley, Jack G., theology teacher, 5-14-18, Texas; **Conley, Sally**, church and home worker, 12-9-28, Texas; **Corbitt, J. Nathan**, music promoter, 10-30-50, North Carolina; **Corbitt, Vickie**, church and home worker, 9-14-50, North Carolina

Coursey, Clayton, general evangelist, 9-17-35, Texas; **Coursey, Patricia**, church and home worker, 6-28-37, Texas

Cowart, J. Mixon, secondary teacher, 7-15-49; Florida; **Cowart, Susan**, church and home worker, 11-15-50, Missouri

Cummins, Alonzo A. Jr., general evangelist, 11-6-30, Texas; **Cummins, Peggy**, church and home worker, 1-17-36, Texas

Cummins, Harold T., general evangelist, 11-11-32, Arkansas; **Cummins, Betty**, church and home worker, 1-20-30, Missouri

Curp, William D., conference and camp director, 1-12-43, Missouri; **Curp, Beverly**, church and home worker, 9-15-43, Missouri

Dillard, Jim C., secondary teacher, 11-27-42, Arkansas (married to Janet Dillard of Kentucky)

Dillman, John H., general evangelist, 12-11-41, Indiana; **Dillman, Kathleen**, church and home worker, 5-27-43, Indiana (The Dillmans began a leave of absence Aug. 24, 1982 and are in San Francisco, Cal.)

Dison, Dale W., general evangelist, 3-11-37, Alabama; **Dison, Patsy**, church and home worker, 1-31-44, Alabama

Doverspike, M. Kathryn, student worker, 4-25-60, Georgia (journeyman)

Dunscumb, Denise R., nurse, 5-6-50, New Jersey; **Easley, Dale H.**, secondary teacher, 2-4-60, North Carolina (journeyman)

Ertelt, Milton E., radio-TV programer, 3-20-40, Texas; **Ertelt, Charlotte**, church and home worker, 2-27-44, Texas (The Ertelts are on furlough to Tyler, Tex., and are expected to return to Kenya Mar. 1.)

Evans, Charles E., general evangelist, 1-16-24, Georgia (married to Elizabeth Evans of Kentucky); **Ferguson, Thomas E.**, youth worker, 5-7-61, Ohio (journeyman)

Green, James E., general evangelist, 8-2-29, Oklahoma; **Green, Ruth Ann**, church and home worker, 1-21-33, Oklahoma (The Greens, both associates, are presently on furlough to Shawnee, Okla., expected to return to Kenya Feb. 25.)

Hall, Carl R., social worker, 5-16-37, Arkansas; **Hall, Geraldine**, church and home worker, 2-28-41, Arkansas; **Harper, Mrs. Juanita**, secretary, 8-24-20, Texas (on furlough to Sugar Land, Tex., and to return to Kenya Feb. 23)

Harrell, Ralph W., publications worker, 8-8-29, North Carolina; **Harrell, Rosalind**, church and home worker, 5-23-29, North Carolina

Heltzel, Jamie E., elementary teacher, 3-11-62, Delaware (journeyman)

Hess, D. Benjamin, general evangelist, 5-31-49, Missouri; **Hess, Linda**, church and home worker, 6-29-49, Missouri

Hooper, Dale G., radio-TV programer, 7-18-29, North Carolina; **Hooper, Beulah**, church and home worker, 11-8-29, Virginia

Horton, J. Edwin, general evangelist, 9-19-36, Oklahoma; **Horton, Mary**, church and home worker, 8-31-40, Oklahoma (The Hortons began a leave of absence July 20, 1983 to Shawnee, Okla.)

Jenkins, Orville B., linguist, 7-21-48, Arkansas; **Jenkins, Edith**, church and home worker, 1-24-48, Arkansas; **Jones, Thomas A.**, mission treasurer, 12-4-34, Georgia; **Jones, Nancy**, church and home worker, 9-10-35, Georgia

Kirkpatrick, Vance C., theology teacher, 7-22-41, Louisiana; **Kirkpatrick, Cherry**, church and home worker, 5-30-42, Louisiana

Kotila, Mary L., secondary teacher, 9-4-59, Ohio (journeyman)

Moore, Thomas C. Jr., student worker, 2-16-59, Virginia (journeyman)

Pearce, W. Boyd, general evangelist, 7-12-30, Texas; **Pearce, Sydney**, church and home worker, 9-26-34, Texas

Richardson, James M., school administrator, 10-30-45, Virginia; **Richardson, Marcia**, church and home worker, 3-14-46, Missouri

Ridenour, Terry L., secondary teacher, 4-24-49, Oklahoma; **Ridenour, Kathy**, church and home worker, 5-21-49, Tennessee

Roberts, Will J., stewardship promoter, 1-25-35, Oklahoma; **Roberts, Marie**, church and home worker, 11-5-35, Oklahoma

Ross, P. Vaughn, public health worker, 6-11-41, Idaho; **Ross, Johene**, church and home worker, 9-19-46, Texas

Scales, Louie T., general evangelist, 3-12-39, Texas; **Scales, Barbara**, church and home worker, 3-3-39, Texas; **Schellenberg, Daniel**, general evangelist, 12-25-45, Texas; **Schellenberg, Catherine**, church and home worker, 7-21-47, Texas (The Schellenbergs are scheduled to begin an eight month furlough May 1.)

Scott, James L., secondary teacher, 12-23-58, Texas (journeyman)

Serda, Francis W., printer, 12-13-30, Alabama (associate; married to Snow Serda of Kentucky)

Stealey, Katherine L., youth worker, 10-22-61, Alaska (journeyman)

Stewart, R. Jay, publications worker, 2-11-33, Virginia; **Stewart, Laura Lee**, publications worker, 1-15-30, Virginia (The Stewarts are to begin a seven month furlough May 4.)

Stickel, David L., youth worker, 9-25-58, North Carolina (journeyman)

Stickney, Allen N., student worker, 4-22-37, Texas; **Stickney, Alice**, church and home worker, 11-12-39, Texas

Taylor, John H., vocational training worker, 5-13-27, Oklahoma; **Taylor, Marie**, church and home worker, 7-22-32, Oklahoma (both are missionary associates, and are on furlough until May 11 at Jenks, Okla.)

Tope, Charles A., general evangelist, 8-30-26, Missouri; **Tope, Laverne**, church and home worker, 12-26-28, Missouri

Turner, Sammy G., extension teacher, 11-9-37, Arkansas; **Turner, Bonnie**, church and home worker, 11-25-41, Pennsylvania

Van Devender, Douglas, general evangelist, 10-15-48, Texas; **Van Devender, Betty**, church and home worker, 5-6-52, Tennessee (The Van Devenders have been on medical leave in Abilene, Tex. since Dec. 17, 1983.)

Wallace, David R., student worker, 8-15-45, Missouri; **Wallace, Ann**, church and home worker, 11-16-46, Texas; **Wise, Darrell L.**, general evangelist, 12-11-50, Virginia; **Wise, Cheryl**, church and home worker, 7-22-57, Virginia

Yates, John H., secondary teacher, 8-18-49, North Carolina; **Yates, Bertie**, church and home worker, 8-14-50, North Carolina

mountains to the mississippi

deaths

Mrs. Mable White, long time member of Boone's Creek Baptist Church, Lexington, Boone's Creek Association, died Dec. 10, 1983 at the age of 96. She had been honored May 18, 1980 upon 67 years of service as church pianist. Baptized at 25 years of age, she was honorary chairman of the church's bi-centennial committee at the time of her death. The church will reach 200 years in 1985.

Charles Woodrow [Woody] Orms, deacon chairman at Louisville's Morningside Baptist Church, died Jan. 23. Burial was in Louisville Memorial Gardens Jan. 26.

Conducting the service was pastor Harold G. Sanders, a former Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, and Bill Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville.

Orms and his late wife Betty Sue were charter members of Morningside Church. He was a member of the executive board of Long Run Baptist Association, a Mason, on the Shively police force three years and was employed by Goodrich Rubber Co. 25 years.

He is survived by two children, Ralph Orms and Donna Sue Hafenbriedel, both of Louisville, a sister, Audra Bogard, Seymour, Ind., and several grandchildren.

Eva Cammack Poe, of Owenton, Ky., died Dec. 22, 1983 at Methodist Hospital, Louisville.

A faithful member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Jonesville, where she taught Sunday school the last 49 years, she was preceded in death by her husband Thomas, a deacon at Macedonia, in 1975.

Services were held Dec. 27 at Macedonia Baptist Church with Bob Kiper officiating. Burial followed in Owenton Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Bonita Fisk, Louisville; a son, Bernard Poe, Owenton; and three grandchildren.

Richard Fox, 44, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Fox, died Dec. 19, 1983 in Indianapolis, Ind. where he was a pastor.

A native Kentuckian and a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Fox had been a pastor in Kentucky and Indiana. In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife Janet and two sons.

Paul J. VanNatta, 59, a member of South Louisville Christian Church, died Jan. 26. He was married to the former Ruth Boes, secretary to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The funeral was conducted at his church Jan. 30 with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Norma Joe Barresi; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Peggy Schafer, Quakertown, Pa.; a stepson, Douglas Lucas; his mother, Mrs. Mildred VanNatta; six sisters, two brothers and two grandchildren.

John William Black died Feb. 1 in Corbin. Funeral services were conducted Feb. 3 at Corbin's First Baptist Church where he was a deacon, Sunday school director, chairman of trustees, executive director of a 64-unit apartment building for the elderly and choir director.

Black had been a member of the board of trustees of Clear Creek Baptist

School, Pineville, and on the nominating committee and executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

His wife, a son and daughter survive.

congregations

Graefenburg Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, is placing special emphasis during the month of February on the Grady Nutt scholarship fund it established earlier. Their intention is to build upon their initial investment, expanding the ability to assist young people preparing for the future.

Highlighting the month's activities was the Feb. 5 service with guests Mrs. Eleanor Nutt, widow of the late entertainer, and an associate, Darrell Adams. Adams appeared last September on a "Hee Haw" tribute to Grady Nutt. Nutt died in a plane crash in November 1982.

Other activities during the month have included a Sunday night discussion panel composed of local educational specialists, who conducted a conversation about higher education, its importance and its costs. Sunday morning segments are featuring church members for whom God has provided assistance through such programs.

ordinations

Stephen Bottorff was ordained to the deacon ministry Jan. 29 by Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

The ordination message was delivered by the candidate's father, Edgar Bottorff, with a charge given by pastor Richard L. Hutchens. A Bible was presented to the candidate by deacon chairman Glenn Boswell.

Other deacons rotating back onto the deacon body this year at Southside include Robert Hall, Arvin Loyall, Bill Myers, Cecil Probus and Dennis Sprowles.

James Goff was licensed to preach the gospel Jan. 8 by Slaughters Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

First Baptist Church, Owensboro, has three newly ordained deacons with interesting identifications. Kent Fruge, married to Kathryn Nelson, is son-in-law of pastor and Mrs. David A. Nelson. Grey Hurt is son of Billy Hurt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Frankfort. Reyburn Ford is the brother of U. S. Sen. Wendell H. Ford.

Trent Barton and Kenneth Pressley were ordained deacons Jan. 15 by Richland Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

Four men were ordained deacons Jan. 15 by First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon: Alfred Cummins, Kenneth Cummins, Kevin Fletcher, and John Hale.

According to pastor Charles Hedrick, this is the first time in 17 years the church has ordained deacons.

The church was averaging 135 in Sunday school just 30 months ago, and is now reaching an average of 196. Income reached its greatest heights in 1983 and the church is looking toward its 100th anniversary in 1987.

Hollis Brockman was ordained to the deaconate Jan. 8 by Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville.

Howard F. Beauman is pastor at Lowell Avenue.

Lexington Immanuel calendars year of 75th anniversary events

Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, has unveiled a program of year-long events which will signify the church's diamond jubilee.

The church was organized in January 1909 and held its first worship services Feb. 1 of that year. The congregation met for the first year and a half in rented quarters at Lexington's South Upper Street, between High and Maxwell streets.

In late 1910 they purchased the corner lot on High Street at Maxwell, where they met for 52 years. They occupied the first unit of their present location at 3100 Tates Creek Rd. July 1, 1962.

An initial service for the diamond jubilee was held Feb. 5. Pastor Ted Sisk presented a brief historical resume and a folder outlining the year's special events. The largest one will be staged Aug. 26 centered around homecoming, picnic lunch under a giant tent and an afternoon of "reminiscing and praising God." Former pastors will be invited on that occasion.

Other highlights of the year include attendance day in the Sunday school Mar. 4, a revival with Billy Cox preaching Mar. 18-21, Bible conference with Robert McMillan teaching 1 Corinthians Mar. 23-25, hosting the state WMU convention Mar. 29-31, visitation program led by Immanuel deacons Apr. 1-15, creative marriage offerings May 4-5, Joash Chest offering, open house and reception June 24, singles' conference Sept. 14-15 and Christmas for Christ offering Dec. 9.

In addition, there will be numerous musical presentations scattered throughout the year, often drawing in outside groups such as a joint organ-trumpet recital by Schuyler Robinson and Vincent Di Martino Mar. 12, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary choir Apr. 8, University of Kentucky choristers and Immanuel choir Apr. 15, University of Kentucky brass choir Apr. 23, pianist Ron Baud June 24, oratorio choir Oct. 14, organist Mary Anna Stepp Nov. 11 and Christmas concert Dec. 16.

Benton couple's wedding night began with God: essay winner

Emily Redmon, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, Blood River Association, has been selected one of 12 winners in a Home Life essay competition. The event was sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department, Nashville.

Southern Baptists throughout the U. S. were asked to submit essays on the subject "What Family Worship and Bible Study in the Home Means to Me and My Family." Of more than 200 manuscripts submitted, 12 were selected for inclusion in the magazine. One essay will be published monthly starting in June.

Winning writers will receive in-

scribed copies of the Holman Family Bible.

In her winning essay, to appear in the August 1984 issue of Home Life, Mrs. Redmon says, "Our family worship regimen began on our wedding night. We had discussed in detail many things about our life together. Why hadn't we discussed in detail the establishment of a special time for Bible study in our home? Could this be a reason so many homes are falling apart?"

She continues, "On our wedding night I put my hand under (her husband) Bob's and asked if we could pray the Lord's Prayer together. We did and that began our life together—God, Bob and I. We've enjoyed having God in our marriage because there have been times we've needed him."

After 40 years, she recalls, "We have not been spared painful moments, but God has been with us as we have continued to read his word together and pray side by side."

Home Life is a Christian family magazine with a monthly circulation of 753,000.

associations

Seminary Days have been scheduled by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in several Kentucky associations. The program was initiated in 1973 to provide opportunities for students without a regular preaching assignment to preach in a designated church within a participating Baptist association on particular Sundays.

Travel expenses to and from the target areas and an honorarium are provided by Southern Seminary's Alumni Association, according to Tim McCoy, director of the program.

The schedule announced thus far: Feb. 19, Christian County Association; Feb. 26, Russell Creek Association; Mar. 4, Little Bethel Association



Keys and debt free

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Blevins [l], pastor and wife of Laurel River Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, accept keys to a 1984 Plymouth Reliant station wagon from Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Elza, members of the church. In the background is a newly constructed gymnasium valued at \$95,000 which was recently completed and dedicated debt free.



McSwain



Miss Smothers

personnel

Stephen B. McSwain (see photo) accepted the invitation of First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Nelson Association, to become senior pastor. In doing so, he resigned at East Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, where he had served three and a half years.

Married to the former Marsha Mann, he is the father of one son, Jonathan, 2. Mrs. McSwain is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and the University of Louisville. McSwain holds the BA degree from Eastern and the MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is presently enrolled at the latter institution in the DMin program.

First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, organized in 1837 and now has 778 members.

Beverly Paquita Smothers (see photo), who formerly directed Marrowbone Baptist Community Center, Hellier, Ky., has been elected director of Christian social ministries for Holston Baptist Association in Tennessee.

She is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; Arizona State University, Tempe; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Edgar E. Hatfield, a Louisville native, was called to that city's Beechwood Baptist Church as assistant to the pastor for pastoral counseling. He retired as pastor emeritus from Parkview Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., in 1983.

Hatfield was educated at Georgetown (Ky.) College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, the University of Tulsa and Phillips University. He has served pastorates in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

Joseph R. Estes is pastor at Beechwood.

Lewis Jennings has been called to pastor Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Russell County Association. The 190-member congregation was constituted in 1885.

Stanley Cole accepted the call of Kento-Boo Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, as pastor. He was formerly pastor of Outreach Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C. Cole and his wife Gail are parents of four children. Kento-Boo, organized in 1950, has a membership of 431.

Donald Scott resigned after seven years from the pastorate of Finley (Tenn.) Baptist Church to accept Waddy (Ky.) Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, Jan. 1.

A native Tennessean, Scott is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and is presently enrolled in the MDiv program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Married to the former Bonnie Hunter, he is the father of three children:

Brent, 11; Pamela, 9; and Melanie, 5.

The Scotts were welcomed into the congregation at a January churchwide potluck supper at which time members gave the Scotts a pantry shower.

Joe Pat Winchester was named pastor of Squiresville Baptist Church, Owen County Association, effective Dec. 25. He had most recently served Hebron Baptist Church, Eddyville.

Winchester is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He and his wife Hilda operated their own printing business in Murray until 1976. They sold the business as part of his call to the ministry. He was ordained to minister by Salem Baptist Church, Lynn Grove, Sept. 24, 1978.

The Winchester family are parents of three children: Randall Pat, 26, married and living in Murray; Joseph Mark, 22, a student at Belmont College, Nashville; and Pamela Jo, 19, married and living in Lyon County.

Winchester has had two opportunities to take part in mission work outside the United States. In 1977 he worked in a Bible school in Trinidad and in 1982 was part of a mission crusade in Jamaica.

The Squiresville Church, organized in 1900, has a membership of 201.

C. K. Coffman, student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, is interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Jellico, Tenn.

Russell V. Smith was called to Louisville's Beechwood Baptist Church as associate minister of education-children and adult.

Born in Lexington, Smith was educated at Western Kentucky University (BS), Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (MRE), Louisville.

His wife Michelle, from Owensboro, is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. They are expecting their first child in a few weeks.

Joseph R. Estes is pastor at Beechwood.

Emma Heilman retired from 25 years of service as secretary at DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, Sulphur Fork Association. Members observed the occasion with a reception in her honor.

William Day is pastor of the 1293-member congregation.

Max Hetzel is the new pastor of Nortonville Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. The Hetzels are parents of one son.

Constituted in 1904, the church presently consists of 216 members.

William [Butch] Stovall accepted the call of Westport Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association as minister of youth and music.

A native of Eddyville, Stovall is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He and his wife Cindy are parents of a daughter, Katie.

R. W. Lucas is pastor of Westport Baptist Church.

Raymond Jones has been called as minister of education and youth by Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, effective Jan. 16. He formerly was minister of education at Olivet Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan.

Ralph E. Thomas pastors the Chevy Chase congregation of 450 members. They constituted in 1947.

Ray Davis began a new pastorate Jan. 15 at Second Baptist Church, Mortons Gap, Little Bethel Association. He and his wife are parents of two children.

Their church organized in 1949 and now has 302 members.

J. Patrick Hash was called to the pastorate of Jeffersonville Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Hash has been pastor of Blanket Creek Baptist Church, Union

Association. He and his wife Lynn are parents of two children, Matthew and Andrew.

Jan Jefferies has become minister to children at Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

A graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College, Miss Jefferies is attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Thomas R. Kinman is pastor of the 1174-member Crestwood congregation. They were organized in 1873.

Floyd D. Price, a native of Covington, has been called to pastor Buck Grove Baptist Church, Brandenburg, Salem Association.

He is a graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Married to the former Reba Jackson, he is the father of two sons, Jimmy and Mark.

Buck Grove, organized in 1857, has a membership of 664.

Michael Stewart is the new pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

The 54-member congregation constituted in 1844.

David Lawrence Beeler, who formerly pastored Willow Baptist Church, Union Association, resigned to accept Buffalo Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, Jan. 29.

He and his wife Kay are Tennesseans by birth and are parents of a son, Daniel, 18 months. Beeler received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, last December.

Buffalo Church was organized in 1878 and now has 602 members.

Jerry Pittman is pastoring Covington Ridge Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association. He is a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and comes from Augusta, Ga.

Pittman and his wife Carolyn are parents of Jerry, 16, and Jenny, 14.

The church he serves has 170 members and was begun in 1845, the same year in which the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Pittman's home town of Augusta.

revivals

First Baptist Church, Jamestown, Russell County Association, held a winter revival Jan. 15-18 with guest speaker Roland A. Smith of Nashville.

C. E. Hansford is pastor.

Ohio River moving associational office to Livingston Co.

The executive board of Ohio River Baptist Association has voted to relocate the associational office in Salem (Livingston County), leaving Marion (Crittenden County).

For several years the office has maintained space in the educational wing of Marion Baptist Church.

New property was purchased on highway 60. The new facility will provide separate office space for both director of missions and a secretary and will allow for a resource center.

Target date for relocation and occupancy is Mar. 17.

John E. East is director of missions.



Their planning has overseas consequences

This five-member task force of Kentucky Baptist Convention staffers is coordinating the state's partnership plan with Kenyan Baptists. Included are [l-r] Marshall Phillips, manager, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly; Mrs. Anna Mary Byrdwell, Baptist Women's director, Woman's Missionary Union; Bob Jones, director, Direct Missions Department; William L. Kaufman, director, Brotherhood Department; and Jay Brown, director, Evangelism Department. They, along with W. Mark Snowden, director, KBC Media Department, and James H. Cox, associate editor, Western Recorder, will go to Kenya May 12 to lay groundwork for state Baptists' involvement there in the calendar years 1985-87.

baptist news in brief

Vatican action delayed, public comments invited

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has delayed action on the nomination of William Wilson as ambassador to the Vatican for at least a month, allowing opponents more time to make their case.

After hearing testimony from various religious and civil liberties groups opposed to formal diplomatic relations between the U. S. and the Holy See, committee members Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) and Jesse Helms (R-N. C.) said the issue has not been fully debated, and Helms promised to put a temporary hold on Wilson's nomination.

Robert Maddox, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, immediately hailed the senators' statements. "This delay will give us the chance to fully inform the public and members of Congress of the implications of appointing an ambassador to the Vatican. When the State Department announced on Jan. 10 that the United States would establish diplomatic relations with the Holy See, many people assumed it was an accomplished fact. But now there is still time for people to speak. We still have a chance to stop the nomination of Mr. Wilson, or even to cut off government funds that would be used to establish the ambassadorship." He urged all Americans to contact their senators and representatives.

Maddox said Americans United opposes sending an American ambassador to the Roman Catholic Church on the grounds that it gives preferential treatment to one religion and entangles government with religion, a violation of the U. S. Constitution.

A Senate appropriations panel will take a second look at its earlier informal approval of a State Department request to reprogram funds for establishment of full diplomatic ties with the Vatican.

Reconsideration of the Vatican funding question is expected to occur at a Mar. 28 hearing of the subcommittee, according to a panel spokesman.

NBC special offers rare look at China

A rare look at the people of China and their newfound openness to western culture is captured in the NBC-TV special "China: Other Voices," Feb. 26.

The one-hour documentary, produced by NBC in cooperation with

the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, recounts the recent Chinese tour by the Centurymen, a 100 voice male chorus sponsored by the RTVC.

The Centurymen spent 13 days in China late last year, performing with the leading music organizations of that country. The chorus made Chinese history Nov. 5, becoming the first group from outside the People's Republic of China to perform in the Radio Peking Music Hall. The concert was later broadcast by the Chinese in other communist countries.

The Centurymen also were honored at a banquet in the Great Hall of the People, usually reserved for entertaining heads of state. Located in the capital of Peking, the Great Hall is the meeting place for the Congress of the People of the Republic of China. The documentary records these events as well as the Centurymen's personal exchanges with the Chinese people on the streets of Peking, Shanghai and Hangzhou. In Hangzhou the group worshiped at the Drumtown Church, an active Protestant evangelical congregation of the Three Self Movement, the officially registered and allowed movement of Christian churches in China.

NBC is offering the network special to its affiliate stations at 1 p.m. (EST) Feb. 26. Dates and times of local broadcast of the program may vary.

Two fill editorial posts at WMU, Birmingham

Frances Carter and Deena Newman have joined the staff of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, as editor and publications coordination specialist, respectively.

Mrs. Carter became editor of Acteens/Girls In Action products full time last month. She had held the same position on a part time basis since last October.

Mrs. Newman was named to the new position of publications coordination specialist to assist the publications section director.

Mrs. Carter came to WMU from Samford University in Birmingham where she had taught early childhood/elementary education and home economics since 1956. Her husband is dean of the school of education at Samford.

Mrs. Newman graduated from Florida State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and did doctoral work at Southern. The Florida native worked as an editorial intern for WMU during the summer of 1980. Her husband is a pastor.



Members of the Australian delegation converse with Larry Brown of Boone's Creek Association while visiting the Kentucky Baptist Convention Jan. 27. [l-r] Stan Nicherson, president, Queensland Baptist Theological College; Albert Hollowell, pastor, Vveivestone Baptist Church, Tasmania; David Morely, secretary of the National Board of Evangelists, Australian Baptist Union; and Brown, director of evangelism for Boone's Creek, who organized the group's stay in his area.

Australian ministers spend week in Kentucky

Twenty Australian ministers who spent Jan. 15-29 teaching January Bible Studies in churches in Boone's Creek and Greenup associations found "great encouragement to go back and work harder," said David Morely, secretary of the National Board of Evangelists for the Australian Baptist Union and leader of the delegation.

The two week stay was coordinated by associational staff members and the Home Mission Board. It was the next to last leg of the group's five-week tour of the United States which included visits to San Francisco, Atlanta, Cincinnati and Columbia, S. C. Each of the men paid his own way, depending only on love offerings from churches for outside support. Several were accompanied by their wives.

While in Kentucky the group did

Vietnam veterans set state capitol parade

The organization, Vietnam Veterans of America, is sponsoring a parade in Frankfort Feb. 26 in support of House Bill 100 now being considered by the Kentucky General Assembly. House Bill 100 is a bill proposing a cash bonus to the residents of Kentucky who served active duty in the military during the Vietnam conflict.

The parade will begin at 1 o'clock on the avenue leading to the state capitol.

some preaching and also visited the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Middletown and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

The visit to the United States was initiated by the Home Mission Board in conjunction with the Australian Baptist Union. It is comprised of approximately 60,000 members or two percent of the country's population of 15 million.

James Edwards fills new vice president's slot

James W. Edwards, vice president and dean of Dallas Baptist College, has been named vice president for financial affairs of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Edwards, 46, will provide financial and business leadership for the RTVC, including supervision of accounting, purchasing, personnel and legal operations. He will be responsible for developing and overseeing the preparation of the RTVC budget (\$10.8 million for the 1983-84 fiscal year). It is a newly created position.

Edwards is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, is a certified public accountant, has a master's degree in accounting and financial management from Indiana University and has a PhD from Michigan State University where he studied financial management, accounting, public policy and finance, economics, statistics and mathematics.

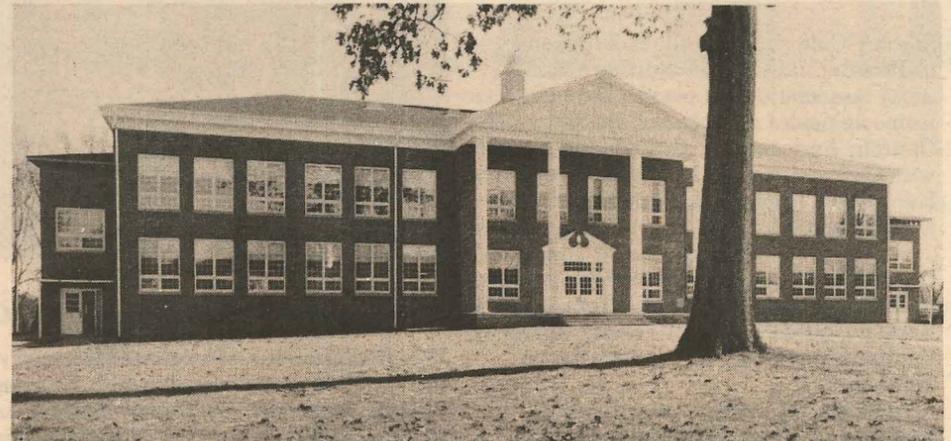
He is a member of a First Baptist Church, Plano, and a former member of Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, where he was a deacon.

Before



Innovation and renovation are key concepts at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. The two photos shown are of the same building, the old Williamsburg City School Building, before and after extensive renovation by Cumberland College. When the final move into the new classroom building is completed, substantially more instructional and office space will be provided for the following departments:

After



business, education, sociology, psychology, art, drama, health and development. According to Cumberland president Jim Taylor the renovation is not only part of the college's beautification plan but will also make Cumberland more efficient and productive as it continues providing a quality Christian education for Kentucky's mountain students.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 19, 1984

International Series

Come to the feast

Isaiah 55:1-3 Before the sinful people plunged into the depths of despair, God, through Isaiah, called to them saying, "Ho!" By that cry God meant for them to "stop, look and listen." What he was about to say merited their careful attention and thoughtful consideration.

For those who do not know God but who have an awareness of their need of salvation, and who have a sincere desire to be saved, here is a clear invitation to come to the true spring and slake their spiritual thirst. Verse one reveals the comprehensiveness of the invitation; it is addressed to "every one." The provision of salvation is free, "without money and without price." Its abundance is indicated by the word "waters"; its joy is implied by the word "wine"; its nourishment is included in the word "milk" and it is available to all who have a thirst for it.

God here makes it clear salvation is free and cannot be purchased. Man is here invited to come and drink the water of life. How grateful we should be salvation is provided for and offered to us "without money and without price"! Through his prophet God assured those who would hearken unto him he would make an everlasting covenant with them and they would then enjoy the "sure mercies of David." Here David is the type

Eastern Kentucky: A new tomorrow [part 1]

The 600 plus miles I put on the car week before last were easier miles than many of my predecessors who did not know the "luxury" of I-75, I-64 and greatly improved U. S. Highways 80 and 23. Even so there are enough remote areas in eastern Kentucky, they are still discovering them.

My three-day jaunt began by leading chapel at Clear Creek, followed by a luncheon and dialog with faculty, administration and a number of pastors from Bell County. Any visitor who is not made to feel at home at Clear Creek probably has his shoes on the wrong feet. The warmth and response in chapel can lift even the poorest preacher to the highest heights. Building on solid foundations of the past, new president Leon Simpson is leading the

school into a new era. Most Kentuckians are likely not aware that one of every seven Kentucky Baptist pastors is a graduate of Clear Creek (they may also have additional degrees from one of our six SBC seminaries).

I met an energetic student who had left a promising career of research with a degree in chemistry and years of experience to follow the Lord's leadership as a pastor. About to graduate he anticipates continuing his education at one of our six seminaries.

There was another, generously endowed with spirit and enthusiasm, who had considered presenting me a calf to be taken to Oneida Baptist Institute.

Another was a man who had resigned as sheriff to pastor a tiny, struggling church up at the end of a dirt road where I would later travel with the mountain missionary.

Not so many years ago Clear Creek was independent of Cooperative Pro-

gram support, most of its funding coming from private donations and special offerings taken in the local churches. Now, all Kentucky Baptist churches contribute to this fine school through the Cooperative Program. Kentucky Baptists can be pleased to have an investment in an institution that contributes so significantly to the expansion of the kingdom of God.

As I left Clear Creek enroute to Hazard, I was thankful for a plan of church giving that makes it possible for each member of a Kentucky Baptist Convention church to help each individual student who attends Clear Creek. Too many people knock (usually because they don't know enough about it) the "Co-op." Yet, I still marvel at that which enables us to have ministries which impact the total world; an impact we simply could not have as individuals or as individual churches acting independently.

of Christ, the one in whom all the blessings that people need are to be found. **Isaiah 55:6-11** God urges sinners to repent of their sins with a firm determination never to return to them and to receive Christ as their personal savior and enthrone him as the Lord of their lives while they have the opportunity and the inclination to do so. The continuous rejection of God's gracious invitation frequently results in the hardening of the heart to such an extent that one does not have the inclination nor desire. If man will forsake his sinful ways and turn unto the Lord the latter will have mercy upon him and abundantly pardon him. Regardless of how grievously man has sinned against God forgiveness is promised on the condition of his genuine repentance toward God and faith in Christ. In God's wonderful offer is included the blotting out of every transgression, the removing of every iniquity and the washing away of every blot and stain from the soul.

God does not want anybody to live without Christ or to die without him. If any who have heard the gospel of Christ pass into eternity without salvation it will be due to the fact that they have refused to receive what Christ has so graciously provided and so freely offered. It is urgent that all who have not accepted God's gracious offer of mercy, pardon, salvation, love and blessing do so without delay and then become messengers of the good news of salvation to all.

Life and Work Series

Giving your all

Mark 10:13-15 Along the way loving parents, one after another, kept bringing their small children into the presence of Christ with the hope their little ones might receive a special blessing from him. Christ took the time to take little ones in his arms, to smile in their faces and to bless them. Apparently the disciples resented such an intrusion on their master's time and attention. They reasoned the master was too busy to be bothered by parents and their infants, so they rebuked the parents for bringing their children to Christ. Christ promptly and strictly forbade the disciples to interfere with the bringing of the children to him. He reprimanded them by saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:23-25 Upon leaving the house in which he had blessed the children Christ was met by a young man who occupied a high position, had a clean record and great possessions, and yet was dissatisfied with what he was. He did not have eternal life, but was interested in learning how he might obtain it. His question, "Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" revealed he thought it could be obtained through his own efforts, but the law of inheritance is never operative on the ground of doing. The young man refused eternal life on the terms which Christ stated. Christ was grieved as he saw him going away trusting in possessions rather than in the Lord, so he let his disciples know it is utterly impossible for anybody to be saved and enter heaven trusting in his

riches. A man who trusts in riches for salvation does not have any more of a chance to enter the kingdom than a camel has to go through the eye of a needle. Neither is possible. **Mark 10:32-34** As Christ and the disciples drew nearer to Jerusalem and the time was approaching for a showdown with the Jewish authorities, the 12 were amazed that he dared enter the city and were exceedingly fearful they might lose their lives. Sensing their emotions Christ warned them what to expect upon their entrance into the city. He reminded them he would be betrayed, subjected to torture at the hands of his enemies and be crucified, and then reassured them of his resurrection from the dead. Still, they did not really understand all he sought to convey to them.

christian education

Oates festival scheduled, registration still available

The Wayne E. Oates Festival Event sponsored by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on Apr. 2-4 has already drawn 225 out of town registrants, according to professor of ministry Walter C. Jackson III who is coordinating the festival. The event will feature plenary and workshop sessions led by recognized specialists in pastoral care ministry.

Theme for the festival will be "Spiritual Dimensions of Pastoral Care: The Agenda for Tomorrow." The event has been chosen by Southern Seminary as a way of honoring Wayne and Pauline Oates.

The festival will be held at Executive West Motor Hotel near the Kentucky Fairgrounds and Standiford Field. Most of the festival sessions and conferences will be held at the hotel with some scheduled for the seminary campus on Tuesday, Apr. 3. Transportation will be provided to and from the festival motel.

Housing is available at Executive West Motor Hotel at \$40 for single and \$45 for double.

A registration fee for the full conference including a banquet honoring Wayne and Pauline Oates is \$50 a

person. Arrangements can be made for a daily registration fee of \$15 per person with the banquet being extra. The banquet is open to the public. Those not registered for the festival will pay \$16 for the banquet.

Walter Jackson, coordinator for the festival, fears some Kentuckians who plan to attend might delay preregistration until too late. Those interested in additional information should contact the Office of Supervised Ministry Studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280. Telephone for out-of-state is 800-626-5525 and in Kentucky 502-897-4118.

Campbellsville College hosts Ohio artist exhibit

Connie Belle Perfect of Johnstown, Oh. will exhibit her artwork at the fine arts center of Campbellsville College Feb. 13-Mar. 2.

Mrs. Perfect received an undergraduate degree in 1976 from Columbus College of Art and Design and a graduate degree from Ohio University in Athens in 1978.

Her works have appeared in the Ohio State Fair and in competitive exhibits. Some of her pieces are in the president's home at Ohio University.

Gallery hours at the college's fine arts center are Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. For more information contact Linda Cundiff, (502) 465-8158, ext. 268.



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homes for children

Christian involvement

A beautiful thing happened for some of our youth at Glen Dale. Skip Snyder, coordinator of Christian education at Glen Dale shares the experience.

"The day started out quite regularly, but one phone call made a tremendous difference. George Siler, minister of youth at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, called to invite a couple of cottages of our youth to join their youth in a Christmas celebration on Sunday evening, Dec. 11.

"Sixteen of our young people attended Severns Valley that Sunday evening. The hour was filled with positive, healthy interaction between our young people and the youth at Severns Valley. The time together included fellowship, games, a skit, refreshments and a period of thinking about Christmas as a celebration of the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

"After the 'Christmas celebration' our young people attended the evening worship service at Severns Valley. You have to remember this church is much larger than most of our young people are accustomed to, but the warmth topped any barriers that may have existed.

"The worship service was filled with joyful music, congregational singing and a practical message from pastor Howard Cobble.

"We were received so warmly it made our visit a positive one. This was no surprise because George Siler has a sincere desire to involve our young people in the youth ministry of Severns Valley Baptist Church. Also the youth at Glen Dale and the youth in any given church or community are more alike than different.

"The responses on the way back to Glen Dale were no surprise. 'When can we go back to this church?' 'Man, that was all right!' 'They care about me.' 'I liked the preacher.' 'The preacher was right to the point.' Thank you, Severns Valley for the 'Christmas celebration'."

Our children at Glen Dale normally attend worship and Bible study at Gilead Baptist Church near the campus. However on special occasions they attend elsewhere. More recently, the Glen Dale Homeland Singers sang at the Sunday evening service of Severns Valley Baptist and received a standing ovation. We are grateful so many churches and individual Christians care enough to support this ministry to children.



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oneida journal

On the frontline

With nearly 500 students and slightly over 100 staff we believe Oneida has about the ideal number for a truly quality program.

It is the growing word-of-mouth reputation of our quality program that brings so many to our campus. Hearing of what is happening from someone who knows firsthand is the most convincing type of information. Though we are 40 miles from the nearest bus station or airport, we currently have students from more than 20 states and 34 nations have been represented in our student body in the past 12 years.

Talk about missions! Oneida is state missions. Oneida is home missions. Oneida is foreign missions.

The number of Oneida's students and staff has increased approximately five fold in the past 12 years. Not merely doubled or tripled or quadrupled, but a five fold increase. We did not seek such a size or such a rate of growth.

Ours has been a response to a genuine need, a felt need, not an artificially created one. We have no recruiters, no field offices. We have not gone out to find students. They have found us. It takes about every ounce of energy, every moment of time to deal with the ever increasing number of boys and girls seeking admission and to minister to the hundreds taken in. Ours is a day and night, year round ministry.

During the past year we have had to consciously come to grips with our growing numbers. We have decided to add no more beds. This decision will, of necessity, limit our student enrolment near the 500 mark.

Schools can be too big. Most schools today in the U. S. are many times larger than they should be. Over a certain number, the bigger the school, the less opportunity for the individual girl or boy. In most Ameri-

can schools today, the sense of community has been lost. There is a notable lack of effective discipline. A proper learning atmosphere has been lost in large measure. This fact is spotlighted by the nearly 300,000 "dropouts" yearly and steadily declining scores on college entrance tests for over 20 years.

Also schools can be too small. A school must have a sufficient number of students and teachers to make possible a comprehensive range of courses and number of classes to provide flexibility in scheduling and a solid educational preparation. Also, the level of enrolment must be sufficiently large to make possible a truly competitive athletic program, strong music and drama programs and a broad range of extra-curricular programs making possible an "involved" student body. The goal should be participation of every child in more than the classroom routine.

The whole program must be so structured as to make every boy and girl feel each is a somebody.

Unfortunately, most of American education at the elementary and secondary level is so structured today as to make the average student feel like he or she is a "nobody." Sheer numbers force most young people to be spectators, not participants. The great majority of American teenagers are simply bored to death at school and after school. Unable to do more than attend class, they make their own excitement. They are turning increasingly to 'pot,' hard drugs, alcohol and promiscuous sex. The "dropout" rate steadily increases. Teenage alcoholism and drug "burnout" is epidemic. Thousands are committing suicide.

Big foundations and corporations give most of their educational money to colleges. But students who have finished high school and had the motivation and ability to get into college are already 90 percent successful. A much greater percentage of our national treasure needs to be devoted to the elementary and high school level. It is this age group in such great trouble today. It is at this level that hundreds of thousands are being lost through the cracks annually. Kids who don't finish high school aren't going to college. First things first.

Oneida is on the frontline of the battle. We are on the cutting edge of the educational and social problems of our nation. Each life salvaged, each soul won to the Lord, each is important, each is precious. But there are millions who need our help. We can only minister to a few hundred at a time. But we are a lighthouse, a beacon of what can be, should be.



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clear creek comment

God's team

I have been studying in 1 Corinthians of late and one phrase from 1 Cor. 12 has been deeply impressed on my heart. Paul emphasizes we are "many members . . . one body." This beautiful picture of church as Christ's body presents both the diversity and the unity of the family of God. To describe this verse in more modern terms, every Christian is a part of God's team.

1 Cor. 3:9 states "we are laborers together with God," and this greatly encourages my soul. God is the captain of my team and I simply try to serve as a small part of the great team he has assembled to bear witness throughout the earth to our Lord and savior. Three important truths should be noted:

1. We all serve the same captain.
2. Each Christian serves him in different ways.
3. We all work together, not against each other.

We have a wonderful team assembled for God's work at Clear Creek. Every administrator, each faculty member and every staff member is a born again Christian who is a member of a local Baptist church. Students who come to Clear Creek must be committed Christians and must surrender to God's call for full time Christian service. Their families must be willing to leave comfortable surroundings, friends, relatives and loved ones in order to prepare for the ministry at Clear Creek.

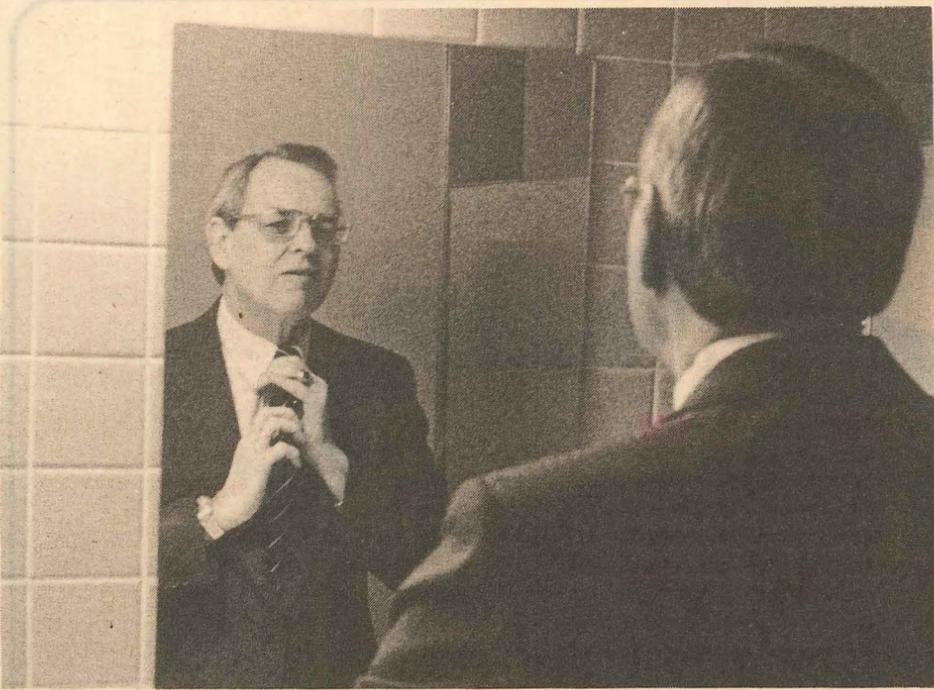
However, each student family is different and unique. Today I talked with a student who formerly managed a large restaurant. I also spent some time with a student more than 50 years old who was formerly a highly successful business owner. A student who previously worked as a licensed electrician is presently working on the bell system of our school. God called each of these in a unique and special way and each has given his life to full time Christian service.

You are also a part of God's team at Clear Creek. Though you are unable to be with us physically all of the time, you are important to the success of God's team at Clear Creek as you pray for us and support the work of the Lord here. Please continue to pray for us and come and visit "God's team" at Clear Creek when you can.

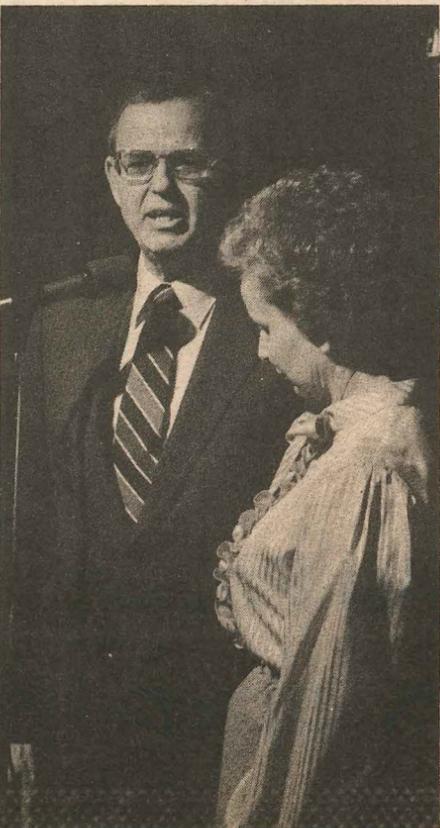
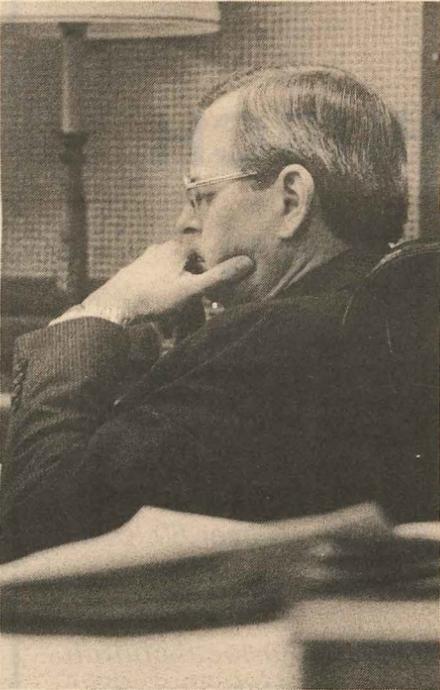
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Lloyd Elder prepares for his installation as president by adjusting his tie [top photo] and reviewing notes for his speech [center photo]. Later, he shared the spotlight with his wife Sue at a luncheon after the installation service.



Elder takes over

The mantle is passed

by David Haywood

The medallion, the scroll and the Holy Bible, the symbols of the office of the president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, were given to Lloyd Elder Jan. 31 as he was installed as the seventh president.

Like the mantle given patriarchs in Bible times, these symbols point to the task at hand—leadership.

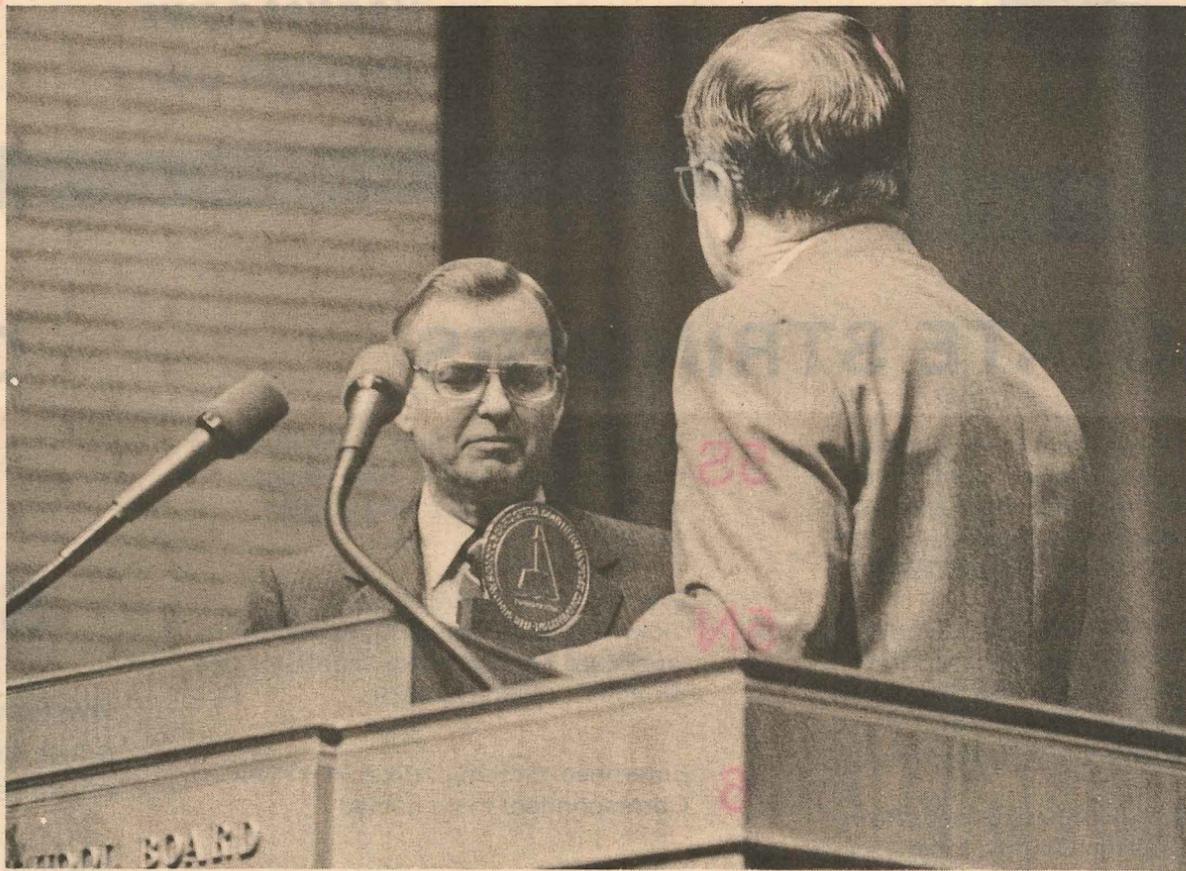
"This work is now my work!" said Elder. "That is my sense of personal calling and commitment.

"We have the opportunity in these

closing years of the 20th century to give new life to the founding dreams and the magnificent heritage of our forebearers; to be shaken to our bones by spiritual awakening and dynamic doctrinal confession; to reclaim the pattern of servant leadership practiced by our Lord; to work together as God's people in such a way that Bold Mission Thrust leaps off the pages of our documents and is written down in history in the lifeblood of a people called Baptist."

"This work of God is my work," said Elder.

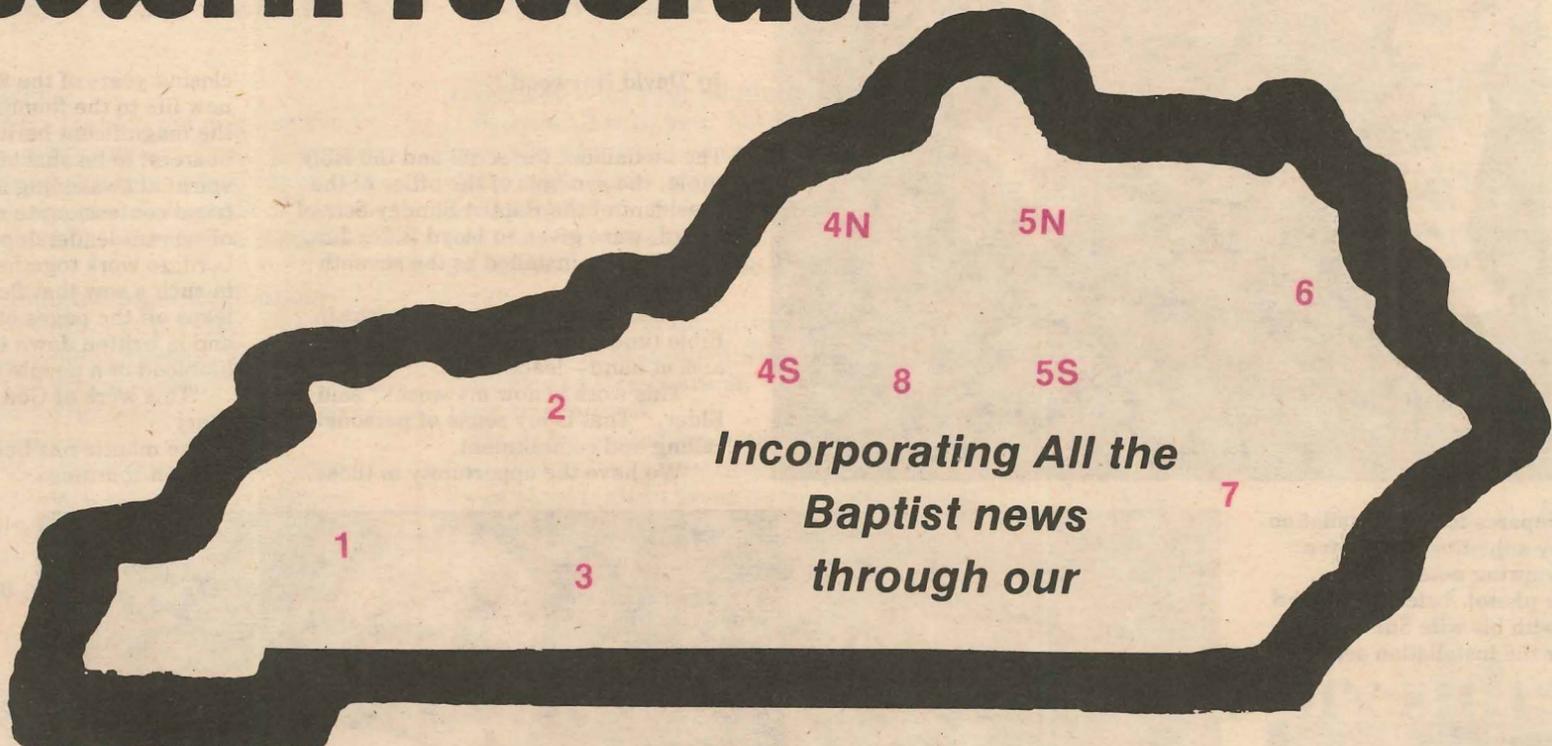
The mantle has been passed. The mission continues.



After giving Lloyd Elder a scroll, a Bible and a medallion, the symbols of his new office as president of the Sunday School Board [top photo], former president Grady Cothen also gives Elder a hug of congratulations.



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