



## Honeycutt address prompts challenge

by Dan Martin

Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been challenged to a "public debate" to substantiate charges he made against "Texas leaders of the independent fundamentalist political party" in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a convocation at the Louisville, Ky. seminary Aug. 28, Honeycutt declared "holy war" against the "unholy forces, which, if left unchecked, will destroy essential qualities of both our convention and this seminary."

In the address, Honeycutt spoke of the "independent fundamentalist political party," the "inerrantist political party," "Texas leaders (of the party)" . . . and "a Dallas leader (of the party)" but only once mentioned by name Pressler/Patterson (Paige Patterson of Dallas and Paul Pressler of Houston), in reference to such a political organization.

Honeycutt said the "independent fundamentalists" had a breakfast meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in an effort to "enlist campus subversives." He also charged "one of the Texas leaders" had called a student who frequently drives the (seminary) president's car to see if he could provide "anything . . . which might be of help . . . to the independent fundamentalist party."

Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, told Baptist Press: "Regarding his multifarious accusations, I challenge him to meet me in a public debate on a neutral site in a large auditorium, where anybody who wants to attend can do so, to present the evidence to substantiate his

charges."

The Texan added he believes there ought to be "three or four debates at various places around the nation so everybody can hear what is said," and that a "concluding debate should be held during the Monday afternoon session of the Pastors' Conference" of the 1985 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (June 10) at the Dallas Convention Center.

Patterson also challenged Honeycutt to be prepared to debate the question: "Is the Southern Baptist Convention Drifting Toward Liberalism?"

During the convocation address, Honeycutt said the seminary "has nothing to hide, whether at the classroom lectern or the chapel pulpit."

Patterson responded: "Presnall Wood, editor of the Baptist Standard (newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas) tells us we should tell the truth and trust the people. I believe he is right. If it is true, as Dr. Honeycutt says, that Southern Seminary has nothing to hide, and invites all the world to see the actions and hear the words (of the seminary), then he should do exactly that. I ask that he allow all classroom lectures be taped for the next two years and those tapes be made available to all."

Contacted about Patterson's challenge, Honeycutt said he is "not really open to" such a debate, which he referred to as a "19th century, win-lose debating match." He said, however, he is receptive to "open dialog."

In response to the challenge, Honeycutt noted the request to tape all lectures for two years "is unrealistic." Apart from the logistics, which he said would require 30,000 to 40,000 hours of tape, such a thing would "destroy the learning setting."



Blaylock



Marshall



Mrs. Akridge



Parks

## Students going to Madisonville; annual conclave is Sept. 28-30

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"God's Purpose—My Mission" is theme of the 57th annual Kentucky Baptist student convention Sept. 28-30 at Madisonville's First Baptist Church.

Theme interpretations, testimonies, music, addresses and a series of seminars will all relate to that theme, according to Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Department, Middletown.

The initial session is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday and includes a keynote message by William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer. A series of campus prayer meetings, followed by a pizza fellowship, will conclude the evening.

Saturday's agenda begins at 9 a.m. Principal feature of the morning is a group of seminars to be offered twice in 45-minute periods. Subjects and their leaders include:

- Involvement in Missions, Karen Park
- The Vision of Praying and Giving, Desmond Hargis
- Kentucky-Kenya Partnership and You, Bob Jones
- Literacy and Missions, Mrs. Dixie Mylum
- Music and Missions, Jim McMurtrie
- Community Missions and Disaster Relief, Bill Kaufman
- Student Missions, Tom Eggleston
- Recreation and Missions, Mrs. Donna McMurtrie
- US-2 Missions, Trace McCann
- Journeyman in Missions, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brock
- Missions with the International Student, Dwight Lyons, Stacey and

Mark Pennington

A business session at 1:30 p.m. highlights Saturday afternoon's activities, to be followed by missions dialog and free time.

At 7 p.m. there will be a student missions presentation; recognition of Mrs. Kathryn Akridge, retiring that weekend as KBC Woman's Missionary Union executive director; a message by R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; and the musical "At the Right Time" presented by a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary ensemble. Phillip Landgrave is the ensemble's director.

The weekend's activities conclude Sunday with a 9 a.m. session which includes student missionaries' testimonies and Bible study led by H. Gary Coltharp, the host pastor. Keith Parks will again address the convention as it meets in worship at 10:45 a.m. with First Church, Madisonville.

Bill Ellis, of Eastern Kentucky University, state BSU president, will preside during the weekend.

Music will be under the direction of Alan Chamness, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Henderson.

Several hundred college students from across the state are expected to attend, according to Student Department director Blaylock.

Presently, Baptist campus ministries are conducted at 43 schools of higher learning across the state. There are 12 full time, 23 part time and three volunteer campus ministers serving in the statewide student program sponsored by Kentucky Baptists. Some of these work on more than one campus.

## Children's home wins lawsuit against Internal Revenue Service

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Home has won its civil lawsuit against

the Internal Revenue Service, following a three-day trial in federal district court.

The six-member jury decided the children's home is not a "church," but determined that its "principal activity is exclusively religious," and therefore does not have to file Information Return Form 990 as required by the IRS.

The basic issue of the lawsuit, which has attracted national attention, is whether IRS has the power to decide if a church-related organization is not "exclusively religious" and therefore must report its financial arrangements to IRS.

In 1977, IRS instructed TBCH to file Form 990, after determining the "principal activity" of the children's home was not "exclusively religious."

Following the jury decision, L. Clure Morton, judge of the United States District Court for Middle Tennessee, instructed the IRS to refund penalties and interest of \$29,665.12 to the children's home. He also instructed the IRS to pay court costs.

Morton asked TBCH attorneys to submit an affidavit of their fees. He will rule later on whether the IRS must pay the costs.

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Some 5000 Brazilian Baptists marched through downtown Rio de Janeiro in August to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of First Baptist Church there. William and Anne Bagby, Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Brazil, helped found the church in 1884. The second oldest Baptist church in Brazil, it has been led by only three pastors—Bagby, Brazilian F. F. Soren and his son Joao Soren, the current pastor.

# sanford's perspective

## Mission opportunity

The Kentucky and Ohio church partnership project is an opportunity for missions and ministry within the grasp of every church in our state. A church does not have to be large nor wealthy to share in this Bold Mission Thrust endeavor.

The partnership began in 1981 when the Kentucky Baptist Convention agreed to work with Southern Baptists in Ohio to (1) aid in 10 new church starts in Ohio through partnerships in 1982 and five each year through 1985; (2) link Kentucky associations with seven Ohio associations in ongoing associational relationships in 1982 and in three additional Ohio associations each year through 1985; (3) link Kentucky churches with 50 Ohio churches in 1982 and 25 additional churches each year through 1985 in ongoing partnerships to strengthen churches; and (4) to involve 75 Kentucky churches in partnerships with Ohio churches in 1982 and 35 additional churches each year through 1985.

Robert C. Jones, director of the Direct Missions Department of the KBC, has reported excellent success in these first years of the partnership. Jones said all the original goals have been met to date.

Some examples of what has happened come from the testimony of people who have been directly involved in this great missionary outreach.

Terry Sills, director of missions in Blood River Association, said "Scott's Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association, sent a group to Ohio to help Friendship Baptist Church, Scioto Valley Association in vacation Bible school. They had 204 enrolled and an average attendance of 176, with 25 professions of faith. . . ." Sills also said several churches have sent youth teams including Calvert City, Memorial, Zion's Cause. Many individuals in the churches of Blood River Association have given \$1 per week above their tithe to provide pastor support for John Wood, pastor of Friendship Church. In addition, Blood River Baptists have raised about \$4000 for Hope Chapel, Middleport, Oh.

Ralph McConnell, director of missions in Christian County Association, said, "Locust Grove Baptist Church in Christian County Association averages 45 in Sunday school. The church committed itself to contribute \$1000 to help Delta Baptist Church in northwest Ohio put a new roof on its building. The church made this commitment knowing it would not only take all the money in its treasury but would also require them to borrow money from a bank. . . ."

Robert Simpkins, pastor of South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville, reports that his church helped sponsor a mission in Cincinnati. The mission has grown and now has its own pastor. However, Simpkins said the greatest benefit was for his own church as they gave to others. "Our baptisms at home have been higher than

ever . . . attendance has increased . . . financial receipts have doubled . . .," Simpkins said.

The most recent development in this partnership is an official request from Tal D. Bonham, executive secretary of the Ohio convention, that the partnership be continued past 1985.

Here is an opportunity for all Kentucky Baptists to have a direct hand in the great work of spreading the gospel and strengthening sister churches. It is a venture all of us must support in every way open to us.

## Roving reporters

Elsewhere in this issue (page 5) you will find a feature by associate editor James H. Cox in which he introduces you to our stringers.

The purpose of the stringer program is to put Western Recorder more in touch with Kentucky Baptists. We have tried to spread our stringers all across the state because every region of Kentucky is vital to the work of the Lord's kingdom among us. Western Recorder wants to know what is happening in your area, so we have put a stringer near you to gather news and information about our Baptist brothers and sisters for inspiration to us all.

One of the purposes I have as editor is to see that Western Recorder is first of all a Kentucky paper, reporting news about Kentucky churches and Kentucky people. We believe our stringers can be our best help in achieving this goal.

But you are needed too. Learn who your stringer is and how you can get information about your church into the stringer's hands. That information will then come to Western Recorder and we will share it with our Baptist people across the state. If we do not know what is happening in your church or association we cannot report it. We do not have staff enough to cover the state, so we are dependent upon you and our stringers for help. If Western Recorder is to be more and more a Kentucky paper, it requires more and more help from Kentuckians just like you.

We want you to know the stringers and we want you to put them to work spreading the word about Baptist life in your part of the vineyard. Activities in your church are important to you, so share them with others through this unique program of your state paper. Unusual events, outstanding personalities, victories and defeats in the battle for the Lord are all areas of concern our stringers want to hear about.

Your cooperation with our stringers will enable them to do a better job and they in turn will help Western Recorder do a better job. By working together we can help each other. It seems to me that idea is not only Baptist, but also biblical. So accept this as my personal invitation to you to join us in discovering and reporting the news about Kentucky Baptists.



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# christian education

## Cumberland president defends private schools: 'still affordable'

Private higher education is still within the means of American families, especially those in southeastern Kentucky and northeastern Tennessee, according to Cumberland College president Jim Taylor.

Taylor reacted to a recent poll authorized by the National Institute of Private Colleges and Universities showing most parents believe private higher education is no longer within their financial means.

Taylor said, "Many people may honestly believe they can no longer afford a private education but actually college is affordable.

"I do believe high costs produce low enrolments with the exception of a very few, highly visible, elite and privately endowed colleges and universities, such as the Ivy League universities and other prestigious schools.

"However, there are many smaller private colleges like Cumberland which offer excellent educational opportunities while striving to maintain a cost within the financial means of their students and their parents.

"Combine this with the many financial aid programs available, especially

for those with medium or low income, and private education becomes available to many who mistakenly think they cannot afford it," Taylor emphasized.

Financial aid programs are available and are tailored to meet the individual needs of each student. The total amount of aid a student receives depends upon the student's adjusted gross family income and the total cost of the college he or she attends.

Several aid programs are available, some of which provide grants or "free" money which does not have to be repaid.

The National Direct Student Loan may provide a different amount per year, up to a total amount of \$6000 for undergraduate students. This money must be repaid; however, repayment does not begin until six months after the student graduates or leaves school or drops below half time status. The interest rate is only five percent, far below current market rates. Payments may be as low as \$30 per month.

Guaranteed Student Loans are available from private lenders, such as banks, credit unions or savings and

loan associations. Undergraduates may borrow up to \$2500 a year for a total of \$12,500. Current interest rates range from seven to nine percent. Repayments begin six to 12 months after the student graduates or leaves school. The size of the repayment is determined by the lending agency and the borrower.

Grants are awards of money which do not have to be repaid. The Pell Grant Program is the largest aid program. A student may receive up to \$1900 per year based upon his or her financial need. A student's financial need is determined by a standard formula which is revised and approved yearly by Con-

gress.

In addition to Pell Grants a limited amount of funds are available through Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants. A student may receive up to \$2000 a year in SEOG funds. However, the amount of funds available is limited and varies from college to college.

For students willing to work, College Work Study Funds are available. In the Work Study Program, students are allowed to work at various jobs for up to 20 hours per week at the current federal minimum wage. These funds are earned and do not have to be repaid.

Kentucky residents may also receive a Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Grant of up to \$1400 per year if they attend a private college in Kentucky. These grants cannot be used outside of Kentucky.

In addition to these programs, each individual college may offer financial assistance from the college itself.

## Campbellsville College names four to staff, teaching positions

Campbellsville College announced the addition of four new staff and faculty for the 1984-85 academic year.

Those appointed include:

- William T. Biggs as registrar.

Biggs is a 1973 graduate of Campbellsville and received his MRE degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has served in numerous positions in churches across Kentucky. He was most recently pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, Ind.

- Randall Weaver as student development associate. A native of Columbia, Mo., he received a BS degree from the University of Missouri and an MRE degree from Southern Seminary. He is presently pursuing a MS degree in recreation at Western Kentucky Univer-

sity, Bowling Green. He was interim pastor of Oakland (Ky.) Baptist Church.

- JoNetta Weaver, wife of Randall Weaver, as an education instructor. A former kindergarten teacher in the Edmonson County school system, she received her BS degree from the University of Missouri and MA in education from Western Kentucky University.

- Shirley K. Risen as an accounting instructor. Mrs. Risen received a BS in business administration from Campbellsville College. She also holds a MS in accounting from the University of Kentucky. She earlier taught as a part time instructor at Campbellsville. Most recently, she has been an instructor at Lindsey Wilson Junior College, Columbia, Mo.

## At Southwestern, administrators start the year with faith sharing

The simple salvation story comprised much of the initial week of chapel during the 1984-85 academic year at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Three seminary vice presidents and the deans of the schools of theology, religious education and music shared their Christian testimonies.

John Earl Seelig, vice president for public affairs, recounted that as a Lutheran attending Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. during the 1940s, his "Baptist friends prayed for me for almost four years." During a campus revival Seelig committed his life to Christ.

"He (God) chose me, he commissioned me, he compels me and I praise him for that and much more," Seelig said.

John Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost, said that friends at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., likewise prayed for him for a year prior to several major turning

points in his life.

Newport chose theological studies over a legal career after hearing a law school administrator at Harvard voice concern only for each student's mental capacity, not spiritual or moral values.

Lawrence Klempnauer said he grew up in a Christian family and made a profession of faith at the age of eight, but didn't enter the ministry until after several years in the motel business and in Church Training work.

"God planted people along the way who had a tremendous influence on my life," Klempnauer related.

William B. Tolar, dean of the school of theology, said he was one of several teenage boys challenged by a teacher to read the "world's best seller," something which, the woman said, most college graduates haven't done. Reading the Bible led to Tolar's conversion, as he encountered "a power so personal, so magnificent."



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## campbellsville college today

### Campbellsville College and Baptist associations

This is the season for Baptists to get together in associational meetings. Some people ask, "Why bother? Does anything of any consequence take place there. Could we just as well skip that?"

The other day I met with Greenup Association in its 143rd annual session to represent the cause of Christian education and to share about Campbellsville. I have struck anew with the great heritage that we have because Baptists have been eager to share with each other and to associate beyond the local congregation for the achievement of tasks too large for any single church.

Take colleges and schools, for example. We could speak of hospitals, homes for children, missionaries around the globe. But consider education of a Christian sort that prepares the next generation for service in scores of careers and in thousands of places. How barren our culture would be today if we had been deprived of the strong

influence of Christian education in the earlier years of our country's history.

There is a close link between the association (and its larger counterparts of the state conventions and the SBC that came along in due time) and every Baptist institution including Campbellsville College. "The whole is more than the sum of the parts" is a saying that fits well when we consider the benefits of our collective efforts and of our Co-operative Program.

At Campbellsville, we are grateful for the privilege of standing in the lineage of this rich heritage. Campbellsville College was established in 1906 as the Baptist Academy of Russell Creek (Association), we continue to be God's institution to help pass on that inheritance to those who are our students.

Whether they serve directly as pastors and other church staff members, or indirectly as in the professions, on the farm, in the home, in the business world, we are dedicated to helping them be ready to serve the master "as they are going."

Thanks for your prayers and your gifts that make it possible.



John Seelig [1] and others on front lawn at Southwestern



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# homes for children

## Lengthen and strengthen

It is strange that the greatest missionary sermon preached this side of the apostle Paul was never written down. We know who preached it, a young Baptist shoe cobbler in England named William Carey. We know where it was preached, Northhamptonshire Association. We know the date, May 31, 1792. We know the text, Isa. 54:2-3. We know the sermon title, "Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God." We know its influence, for it launched the modern missionary movement.

In the text, God calls for his people to make ready for a rich outpouring of his blessings. Their spiritual warehouses were too small and must be enlarged. To enlarge their tents to receive God's blessings, they must do two things: lengthen the ropes and strengthen the stakes. This is so important that God's people are urged to spare nothing in getting ready.

With all the crying needs of humanity upon us and the urgency of Bold Mission, the words "lengthen" and "strengthen" are most appropriate. As individual Christians and as churches, we must enlarge our vision, lengthen our reach of love and strengthen our stakes of faith. How appropriate that Woman's Missionary Union in Kentucky has chosen the theme, "Lengthen and Strengthen" for the Eliza Broadus week of prayer for state missions. As this writing comes into your home, we will be in the midst of that significant week.

When one stops to consider all that the Eliza Broadus offering means to mission causes in Kentucky, one is convinced of its importance. Even though Baptist Homes for Children does not receive any of the state mission offering (we have the Thanksgiving offering), I personally am happy to have a part in both praying for and giving to state missions. I urge everyone who reads these words to give to the Eliza Broadus state mission offering through your church.

Just as our work with children is a mission endeavor in the purest sense, so are the various causes supported by the state mission offering. We are all in mission work together, each doing a particular facet, to the glory of God. Lengthen your reach of love and strengthen your stakes of faith with your best possible offering for state missions.

## Lolley: resolution betrays women, biblical revelation

Christian women were affirmed "as ministers" at the convocation opening Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's 34th academic year. W. Randall Lolley, on his 10th anniversary as the Wake Forest, N. C. seminary president, charged a recent Southern Baptist Convention resolution against the ordination of women betrays women and the "total sweep of the biblical revelation." He told his listeners the danger of the non-binding resolution is it perpetuates a doctrine of women's fallen rather than redeemed nature—undermining the whole message of the Bible.

The real agenda behind the resolution was neither ministry nor ordination, Lolley said. "In the resolution, the most debated concept is in the 10th Whereas—that woman was last in creation and 'first in the Edenic fall.' Now that phrase makes plain the real issue for Southern Baptist churches today. It is not location. It is not ordination. It is womanhood!"

He said the phrase, "last in creation; first in the fall," in the resolution "is a word from the law. The Bible has another word. It is a word of grace . . . at the heart of the redemption drama. Women were loosed from the bondage of the law (and of culture) and liberated into the power of the gospel—just like men."

Lolley contended Paul's admonitions for women "to keep silent" and have no authority over men were addressed to specific church situations. He reminded his audience the same Paul who said "let the women keep silent" also commended Phoebe, "a deaconness of the church of Canchreae" for her speaking in ministry to the church in Rome.

Noting Paul takes the matter of circumcision in different ways (see Gal. 5, 6 and Acts 16:3), Lolley said, "Paul knew some things were not 'eternal orders' but timely situations which mattered for the communication of the gospel. He (Paul) sought to give the gospel wings in his time and place." Paul's concern, Lolley continued, "was always credibility, and never gender."

After citing numerous biblical women and texts which offer a positive view of women, Lolley observed the Bible also records women were "last at the cross and first at the tomb,—the most faithful rather than the most untrustworthy."

Lolley noted the witness of Christ's women followers was even resisted after "the Easter truth first dawned on females." When Mary Magdalene and other women reported their encounter to the apostles, their "words seem to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."

Lolley said although "the women had no clout . . . and their gospel went unbelieved . . . they had credibility . . . the living Lord Christ legitimized for all time their ministries."

"So you are a woman?" he asked. "Congratulations! The issue is whether you are a Christian woman. If so, you are already a minister—inevitably, unavoidably . . . and no man's hands either placed on your head or withheld from your head can make one iota difference in your personhood or in your vocation. God in Christ has given you your credentials."

## Controversy erupts over Baptist mailing list

A controversy has erupted over the use of the mailing list of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to send out a letter supporting the reelection of Republican U. S. Senator Jesse Helms. A letter, signed by four prominent Baptists, was mailed to 18,852 persons on the convention mailing list in August

by the reelection committee of Helms, engaged in a bitter political struggle with Democratic nominee Gov. James B. Hunt. The letter urged support of Helms, suggested allowing Helms' supporters to set up voter registration booths at churches and encouraged donations to the Helms reelection effort.

The list was obtained from the state convention and provided to the Helms committee by Coy Privette, executive director of the Christian Action League, an interdenominational temperance organization. The CAL is the only "outside group" allowed to use the mailing list.

James I. Murphy, chairman of the executive committee of the convention's general board, said such use of the mailing list was "ethically a breach of trust between the Christian Action League and the convention. . . . We do not want this thing to happen again and are taking steps to see that it does not happen again."

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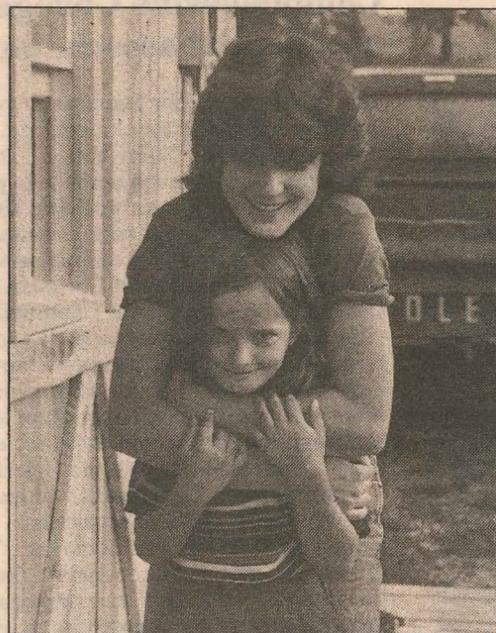
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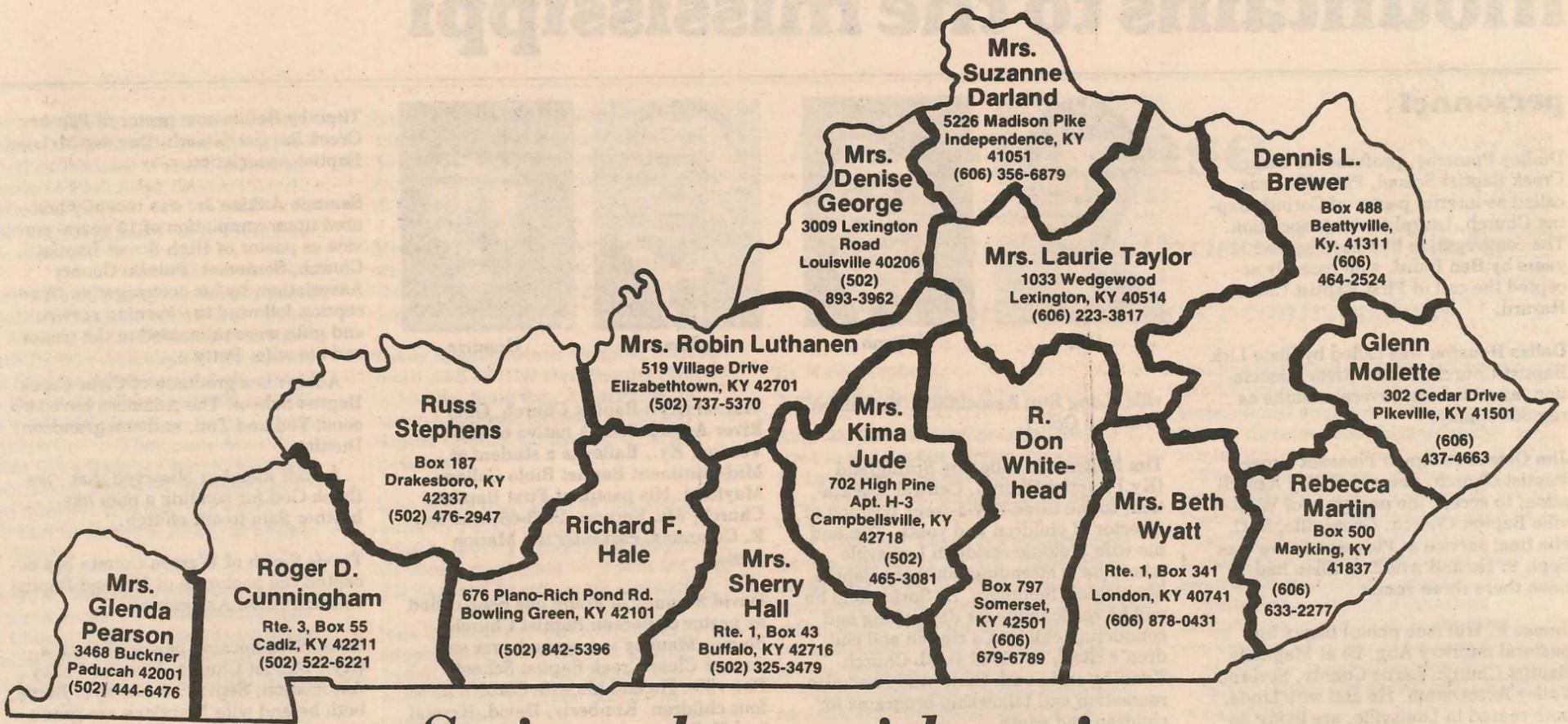
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- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Russellville 10.00
- Richland Baptist Church, Owenton 9.80
- Glencoe Baptist Church, Glencoe 9.74
- Countryside Baptist Church, Morganfield 9.22
- Creston Baptist Church, Liberty 8.80
- Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Williamstown 8.09
- Hurricane Baptist Church, Cadiz 8.09
- Cumberland Baptist Church, Somerset 7.78

The Home Mission Board wants to thank these Kentucky churches who gave the **highest dollar amount** in the state:

- Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington \$10,295
- First Baptist Church, Bowling Green 10,247
- Servens Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown 9,754
- First Baptist Church, Somerset 5,909
- Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville 5,228
- First Baptist Church, Shelbyville 5,198
- Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville 5,066
- First Baptist Church, Danville 4,766
- First Baptist Church, Mayfield 4,618
- First Baptist Church, Madisonville 4,400

**The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Your gifts coming home**



## String along with me!

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

### These reporters are roving all over Kentucky, helping Baptists to learn about themselves.

There are 15 of them. The youngest is 21. The oldest is 44. Eight of them were born in Kentucky, one each in Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

All 15 attended schools of higher learning after completing high school. Ten hold one or more degrees from four-year colleges and universities. (Two are graduates of Georgetown College and two of Western Kentucky University, with the remainder from six other institutions.)

Seven have attended seminary, with five receiving degrees, including three doctorates.

#### Who are they and what do they have in common?

They are all state correspondents (stringers, in journalese) for Western Recorder.

This well developed news reporting network includes 15 gifted men and women, all with tested writing abilities, scattered across the Bluegrass State, strategically situated to help Kentucky Baptists remain informed.

In addition to the rather interesting profile above, here are some other facts about the correspondents.

They include a banker, an insurance agency staffer, a newspaper reporter, six housewives, four pastors and two

local church staff members, all of whom are doing freelance writing on the side.

There are six men, nine women. All are married but two. Of the 13 who are married, none have spouses with the same names. They have 17 children among them, 12 of whom are boys.

While four of the stringers are members of First Baptist churches, the remaining 11 attend Baptist churches with 11 other names.

Aside from pastoral or staff duties, more stringers work with youth on a voluntary basis in their churches than anywhere else (most notably as youth Sunday school teachers and as Acteens leaders).

Aside from professional life, parenting, homemaking and church responsibilities, our stringers profess a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Heading the list for most, as you would expect, are writing and reading. Several correspondents are gardeners, sports enthusiasts, craftsmen, musicians and home economists.

Some of their more interesting di-

versions include ham radio operations, airplane piloting, animal raising and slow pitch softball.

Beyond the statistics, however, these are flesh and blood human beings whose duty it is to stay abreast of newsworthy events and people in their assigned territories—activities and individuals that Western Recorder readers would also find interesting. While the state correspondents receive some reporting assignments directly from the Western Recorder staff, the bulk of what they write is suggested by the stringers themselves.

Most often, from tips by interested individuals in their assigned territories.

Or, from what they read in local church newsletters and associational bulletins. One of the best (and least expensive) investments a church can make in publicity, promotion and public relations is to determine who its Western Recorder representative is and put him on the mailing list for the church mailout. They devour these bulle-

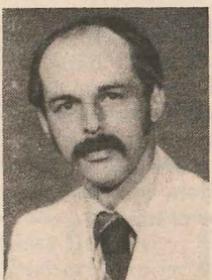
tins religiously in search of the unusual and unique happenings among their Baptist brethren, as well as shorter news items of general interest to people living outside the area.

Western Recorder's state correspondent program began Apr. 1, 1981 and is presently believed to be the only one among the 35 Baptist state news journals developed as widely as it is. Its success has been cited by Baptist editors in other states.

In truth, it has presented dozens of feature length stories which probably never would have been "discovered" without the stringers. In addition, literally hundreds of items for the Mountains to the Mississippi column have surfaced which might have otherwise met the same fate.

Stringers sometimes apply for the places they occupy, or are recommended by someone else. Occasionally they are discovered elsewhere. When a recent ad appeared requesting applicants for the program living in three territories, more than 20 persons made contact with the paper.

Aside from the notoriety of a byline, stringers receive small monetary compensation for their efforts, plus expenses. But some would probably do it without that consideration for in them breathe stories seeking places to be told. For them, Western Recorder provides a most welcome opportunity.



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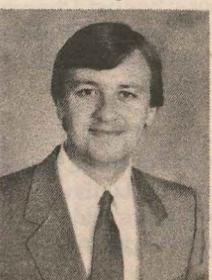
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# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

**Dudley Pomeroy**, professor at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, was called as interim pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. The congregation had been served 11 years by Ben Baird, who recently accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Hazard.

**Dallas Houston** was called by Slate Lick Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, after serving several months as regular supply.

**Jim Osteen** resigned Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, to accept the pastorate of Westville Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C. His final service at Pleasant Grove was Sept. 9. He and wife Lou Ellen had been there three years.

**James E. Hill** (see photo) began his pastoral ministry Aug. 26 at Magnolia Baptist Church, Larue County, Severns Valley Association. He and wife Linda, both reared in Louisville, are living on the field while James attends Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in pursuit of the DMin degree. Their two sons are Jay, 9, and Joshua, 7. Hill was formerly pastor of Gracey West Union Baptist Church, Christian County Association.

**Royce Godfrey** was called to Friendship Baptist Church, Russell County Association, as pastor, having most recently served First Baptist Church, Irvine. A native Georgian, Godfrey is married to the former Norma Niedermaier of Norman, Okla. They have four children.

**C. E. Hansford**, after pastoring First Baptist Church, Jamestown, Russell County Association, about four years, resigned to move to Somerset. He is available for interim work and revivals.

**Timothy Forsythe**, pastor of First Baptist Mission, Dunnville, Russell County Association, resigned to accept a church in Freedom Association.

**Joseph Steven Carney** was called to the pastorate of Meadow Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, effective Aug. 19. Walter C. House had been interim pastor at Meadow Hill the previous four months.

**Randy Pittman** began his ministry as pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, Aug. 5.

**Johnny Johnson** resigned after three years as youth director and assistant to the pastor of Sligo Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to move to Trinity Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. Before his departure, the Sligo church ordained him to the ministry Aug. 26 in a service led by pastor A. W. Walker, Bobby Speegle and A. L. Meacham.

**Robin and Vickie Crouch**, music and educational directors of Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, resigned Aug. 26 for Robin to accept a position as director of campus ministries with West Virginia Baptists.

**Steve Waddle** was called to pastor Sandy Hook Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

**Steve L. Fox** was called, effective Aug. 15, as interim pastor at Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louis-



Hill



Wilson



Jones



Hendrix

ville, Long Run Association. He will be ordained Oct. 7.

**Tim Miller** was called by Springfield (Ky.) Baptist Church, Central Association, to the three-day-a-week position of director of children and youth. Tim and his wife Melonie reside in Louisville where he is attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. At Springfield he will be responsible for developing and conducting children's church and children's choir, will lead youth Church Training and youth Bible study and also recreation and fellowship programs for children and youth.

**Brad Johnson** is pastor at Springfield.

**Wayne Foropoulos** was called to pastor Munfordville Baptist Church, Lynn Association, effective June 17. He previously pastored churches in Tennessee and Mississippi. He and his wife, Beverly, both natives of Memphis, Tenn., have two daughters, Waverly, 8, and Melody, 6. The Munfordville congregation welcomed them at a fellowship meal.

**Eddie Pilgrim** took up pastoral duties Sept. 2 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association. He comes from Mississippi, and is married with two sons.

**Jon Roebuck** tendered his resignation to West Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, after two years as minister to youth, effective Sept. 2. He will pursue studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, hoping to move into full time pastoral ministry.

**Larry F. Orange** is pastor at West Broadway.

**Don Spindleman** became pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, Blood River Baptist Association.

**Mike Winters** accepted the call of Bethabara Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, Aug. 21. He and his wife Terri and son left First Baptist Church, Benton, Blood River Association, where Winters had been minister of youth and education.

**Dan Bruce** resigned at Calvert City (Ky.) Baptist Church as minister of music to accept a similar post in Litchfield, Ill.

**Bud Collins** resigned the pastorate of Emmaus Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Aug. 26, and is available for supply, interim and pastoring.

**Bill Marret** accepted the call of Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, as pastor, effective Sept. 2. He previously served Mexico Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, and was moderator of the association and on the state executive board. His wife's name is Jan.

**Bob Bailey** was called to an interim part time position as youth director at

Marion (Ky.) Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. A native of Mt. Vernon, Ky., Bailey is a student at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield. His pastor at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, 1963-68, was Ray E. Cummins, currently the Marion pastor.

**David Mauney** of Rome has been called as pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Slemp. Mauney is a second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He and his wife Carolyn have four children, Kimberly, David, Krystal and Kelly.

**Lewis Walter** accepted the call of Geneva Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association, as pastor, leaving Liberty Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

**Hurstle Laxton** is new director of missions in Tates Creek Association, moving from Petersburg, Ill.

**Jessie James** resigned the pastorate of Knob Lick Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, July 22.

**Keith Decker** became the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Rockhold, Mt. Zion Association.

**Arlo Sharp** resigned the pastorate of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

**Ray Sutton** is no longer pastor of Patterson Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association.

**Crit Price** became pastor of Merrimac Church, Lynn Camp Association.

**Larry Day** has moved to Wharton, W. Va. after serving the pastorate of Chevrolet Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

**Paul White** left the pastorate of Coxton Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, Aug. 12.

**Robert Copley** resigned Riverview Baptist Church, Greenup Association, as pastor.

**Barry L. Roberts** of Harlan, Ky. has left the pastorate after eight years' service in Kentucky and Texas to enter evangelism. A graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, he may be contacted at Revival Evangelism Ministries, Lakeside Baptist Church, 9150 Garland Rd., Dallas, TX 75218, telephone (214) 324-1425.

**Wes Haley** became minister of music and youth and his wife Juliann became church pianist at Southside Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**Richard Hutchens** is pastor at Southside.

**Timothy Bell** is new pastor of Panther Creek Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Baptist Association.

**Sammie Adkins Jr.** was recently honored upon completion of 10 years' service as pastor of High Street Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski County Association, by his congregation. A reception followed the evening service and gifts were presented to the pastor and his wife, Betty.

Adkins is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School. The Adkinses have two sons, Ted and Tim, and one grandson, Dustin.

A staff member observed that "we thank God for sending a man like brother Sam to our church."

**Travis Smith** of Warren County has accepted the pastorate of Holland Baptist Church, Allen Association.

**Mark Boes** became pastor of Cecilia (Ky.) Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, Sept. 2. A native of Berea, both he and wife Maryjane are graduates of Berea College. He is also an MDiv graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Earlier, Boes was pastor of Zion Baptist Church, North Vernon, Ind.

**Philip Yancy** was called to the pastorate of Corinth Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, effective Sept. 2.

**Mrs. Russell Davidson**, member of Union Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, was honored for 26 years of service as secretary-treasurer of her association's Woman's Missionary Union.

**Carl Hall**, pastor of New Gasper Baptist Church, Warren Association, has resigned.

**Allen R. Wilson** (see photo) is new minister of activities at First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association.

An Alabama native, Wilson is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has served on church staffs at Opelika and Tuscaloosa, Ala., Memphis, Tenn. and at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville. The last four years he was minister of Christian activities at Memphis' First Church.

Wilson's wife Suzanne is a professional aerobic dance instructor. They have three sons, Joshua, Jonathan and Jeremiah.

**J. Robert White** is pastor at the Paducah church.

**Dave Willets** resigned as minister to students and visitation at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, to move to Tulsa, Okla. where he was called to pastor Parkview Baptist Church, effective Aug. 12. He and wife Leesa have one son, Landon.

**J. Dan Cooper** is pastor of the Calvary church.

**Louis H. Humes** was called as pastor of Brooks Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, effective Aug. 12. He formerly pastored First Baptist Church, Welaka, Fla.

A graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., he is a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was a recipient of the presidential preaching scholarship last year.

**Carlton Thompson**, after seven years'

service at First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, Bell County Association, resigned as minister of music and youth to move to Park Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Bill Daniel is pastor at the Middlesboro church.

Bruce Richardson has answered the call to become minister of music at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association. He and his wife Shelley and their three month old son Benjamin will move to Danville the last week of September, beginning their ministry Oct. 1. They come from Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, where Richardson has been minister of music and youth.

Robert G. Baker is pastor at Lexington Avenue.

Robert D. Walters accepted the call as pastor of Poole (Ky.) Missionary Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, coming from Princeton, Ind. He and his wife Colleen moved to the field Aug. 29.

Larry Huntley was called to pastor Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, having formerly been associate pastor of Watson Lane Baptist Church, Henderson, in the same association.

D. T. Fulkerson, previous pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, became pastor of Geneva Baptist Church, same association.

George A. Jones (see photo) is retiring Dec. 31, 1984 as executive director-treasurer of Northern Kentucky Baptist Association after 14 years' service. Jones and his wife Evelyn, who will be foreign mission volunteers in retirement, were to be honored at the association's annual meeting Sept. 11 at Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church.

Jones was at one time pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg; Victory Baptist Church, Shelbyville; and Bardstown Junction (Ky.) Baptist Church.

George Munro, retired pastor of Ft. Thomas Baptist Church, has been designated interim executive director in Northern Kentucky Association. Resumes for the permanent director are being accepted by search committee chairman Calvin Perry, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, 306 W. Main St., Alexandria, KY 41001.

Billy L. Daniel became pastor of First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, Bell County Association, in late August. He and wife Cathy have one daughter, Stephanie.

Robert Farmer assumed duties as minister of activities Aug. 15 at First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association. A native of Winchester and a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he was minister of activities at First Church, Somerset, three years and recreation assistant at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, two years while a seminary student. He is engaged to be married in December.

David A. Nelson is pastor of the Owensboro congregation.

David Briley resigned Aug. 12 as minister of music at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Sam Smith is the new pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association. He had previously served Oak Grove Baptist Church in the same association 15 years.

Mrs. Cindy Barr resigned from the preschool staff of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Randy Hollingsworth resigned from the youth staff of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, to become minister of youth at Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, same association.

John Doyle was called as minister of music by Park City (Ky.) Baptist Church, Liberty Association. Doyle and his family are former members of Coral Hill Baptist Church, same association.

John T. Dunaway was recognized by his congregation, First Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association, upon completion of 15 years' service as pastor, Sept. 2.

Orion Bell III was honored by his congregation, Immanuel Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, upon completion of six years' service as pastor in late August.

Mrs. Lela Hendrix (see photo) became minister to students at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Sept. 1. She was formerly a special projects consultant with the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, and has been an interim youth materials editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

She and husband John, Basil Manly professor of Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, are parents of two children, Melissa, a freshman at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Jud, a high school sophomore.

Wayne Dehoney is pastor at Walnut Street.

Rich McClure, an Oklahoman, accepted the call of Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, as half time minister of education, while continuing studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and wife Marilyn have one son, Bryan, 1. James B. Lewis is pastor at Westport Road.

Leon Larimore stepped into the pulpit of Third Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Sept. 2 to begin his second half century of preaching.

A Hart County native, Larimore preached his first sermon the first Sunday of 1934 at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Uno, Ky. He later pastored churches in Hart, Metcalfe, Edmonson, Green and Monroe counties, often holding several pastorates at once at quarter and half-time churches.

In 1951 he became pastor of Horse Cave Baptist Church. He moved to Third Avenue in 1957 and has remained there 27 years. He has been moderator of both Liberty and Long Run associations and a trustee of Campbellsville College.

Larimore is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He holds an honorary DD degree from Campbellsville College.

# A good case

## Retirement prompts Daviess-McLean leader to reflect on a missionary's contributions

by Russ Stephens,  
State Correspondent

Aug. 26, 1984 several hundred people went to the Baptist center of Daviess-McLean Baptist Association in Owensboro to laud J. V. Case, retiring director of missions.

In 1940 Case began his pastoral ministry at Junction City, Ky. Although all of his work since then has been in the commonwealth it is safe to say he never realized then he would retire as a director of missions. Case has been at his present position 16 years.

Shortly after Case went to Daviess-McLean from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Pikeville, the association employed Dan Hughes as full time director of Camp Schafer. During Case's tenure, there have been many facility improvements, including two winterized dormitories, a dining/assembly room building and a swimming pool. Case says that the "camp has primarily been a ministry to the children and youth." He points out "many have been saved and some have dedicated themselves to church leadership during camps at Schafer."

Another positive direction was the beginning of a Southern Baptist Seminary Extension program in 1975. The program assists ministers and laypersons alike.

One of Case's contributions was in helping start three churches.

A fourth positive direction in which the Baptists of this association have moved is in their Baptist center. This facility provides offices for associational personnel and has become a ministry center. Under Case's guidance, Daviess-McLean Baptists are involved in leading Bible studies for adults, teaching sewing, staffing a Mother's Day Out program, helping those in need with clothes, meals and other items, and ministering to their own pastors and members.

In evaluating leadership abilities Baptists many times look at two line items: people and money. In the last 16 years total church membership in Daviess-McLean Association has increased over 3000 people. Giving by the churches to associational missions has increased significantly, from \$33,910 in 1968 to \$156,086 in 1983. The associa-

tion has increased its paid staff from two (director and secretary) to four associational employees, including Mike Oliver, director of social and family ministries.

The above is surely, at best, only a partial list of positive directions of Daviess-McLean Baptist Association. Case is quick to point out that this positive direction is the result of the association of churches' efforts.

Becoming a director of missions brought changes in Case's life. Here are some of the rewards he earned:

- 1) Being a pastor to the pastors.
- 2) Cultivating fellowship and a spirit of cooperation.
- 3) The new churches started.
- 4) To see associational work "grow in importance" at state and SBC levels.

When a man has dedicated himself to a task for as long as Case he has a pretty good idea how his work benefits others. Case contends that churches and pastors alike benefit from the association in at least three areas:

- 1) Assistance from others with same concerns. A pastor is not "in this work alone. We can do so many more things together than any one pastor can do by himself."

2) "Missions starts at home." Case points out that the association assists churches in ministering in their own area—an often forgotten place.

3) The pastor "sees he has a friend in his director of missions." Case says he has attempted to minister to his pastors like a pastor ministers to his church members.

In reflecting over 16 years, Case affirms that Daviess-McLean Baptist Association has been a "great association" for years and has "supported all directors of missions." He hopes he has made "a contribution."

As J. V. Case and Daviess-McLean Baptist Association part official company, the love relationship between director and association will continue. In fact, one of the advantages of purchasing a home at 1010 Ridgecrest Dr., Bowling Green, was that it was not too far from Owensboro.

Oh yes, as with most Baptist preachers, Case wants all to know that he and his wife, Josephine, "have car . . . will travel" for revivals, pulpits supply, interim work and Bible conferences.



J. V. Case gathered with his family to say goodbye to Daviess-McLean Baptists at a reception in Owensboro Aug. 26. Shown [l-r] are son Gerald, J. V., wife Josephine and son George, J. V. and Josephine will move to Bowling Green in retirement.

## deaths

Retired Baptist minister Coy E. Kidd, Campbellsville, 75, died Aug. 5 in Louisville.

In 36 years of ministry, Kidd pastored churches in Green, Hart, Taylor, Marion, Larue, Metcalf and Jefferson counties.

He is survived by wife Tishia Holt-houser and three children, Florence K. Shields and Blondina K. Wood, Campbellsville, and William Coy Kidd, Anchorage; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7 at Parrot and Ramsey Funeral Home, Campbellsville, with Leon Larimore conducting and burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Funeral services were held for W. K. Wood at Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, Aug. 6. Formerly director of missions for Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, he was 91.

James Crowell, pastor of Slover Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, since 1976, died Aug. 4 in Providence.

## congregations

Germantown Baptist Church, Bracken Association, will dedicate its newly completed multi-purpose educational building Sept. 16 at 2 p.m.

Audubon Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will celebrate its 40th anniversary Sept. 15-16. A reception for former members will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 15. A special service at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 will feature a message by former pastor Al Carpenter and music by Fes Robertson, former minister of music. James Jones, former pastor, will preach in the morning service Sept. 16 with a luncheon following. An informal service of music and sharing will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 16.

Jay S. Casey is pastor of Audubon.

Bellevue Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, will observe its 25th anniversary Sept. 30. Former pastor Wendell Rone will speak in the morning service with a potluck meal following and a review of the church's history to begin at 2 p.m.

Gerard E. Howell is pastor of Bellevue.

Macedonia Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association, will celebrate its second annual homecoming Sept. 23. Former pastor Thomas Marsh will deliver the message in the morning worship service with dinner on the grounds following. Special music will be performed at 1 p.m. and L. M. Hamilton, former pastor, will bring the afternoon message at 2 p.m.

Wayne Henderson is pastor of Macedonia.

Grace Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, observed its 20th anniversary Sept. 9 with special services and dinner on the grounds. Speakers were A. B. Colvin, executive associate in communications for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Joe Tackett, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Walton, which sponsored Grace as a mission two decades ago.

Charles Darland is pastor of Grace.

Whispering Meadows Baptist Church was constituted Aug. 19. First Baptist Church, Morganfield, was the sponsoring church. Timothy Burdon is pastor of the new congregation which has 92 members.

The new church has voted to request membership in the Ohio Valley Baptist Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

## revivals

New Middle Fork Baptist Church, Allen Association, conducted revival services Aug. 5-12 with Ralph Garmon as evangelist. Pastor Gerald Britt reported two professions of faith.

New Palestine Baptist Church, Christian Association, held revival services Aug. 20-26 with Joe Mobley, London, as evangelist and Lou and Lynell Shirk, Hopkinsville, providing the music.

Pastor Harold Lassiter reported 11 professions of faith during the meetings.

Several church from Long Run Association sponsored the fifth annual Starlite Crusade at Iroquois Amphitheatre, Louisville, in August.

Paul Jackson, Little Rock, Ark., was the evangelist and Ron Harrington, minister of music at Ninth and O Baptist Church, directed the music. According to church leaders who planned

the event, 111 conversions, 98 rededications and 58 other decisions occurred during the four-day crusade.

Baptist churches in the Carter County area participated in an area crusade July 22-29, under the leadership of Sam and Danny Woofe, Huntsville, Ala. Eleven professions of faith were reported. Participating churches, all in Greenup Association, were First Baptist, Grayson; First Baptist, Olive Hill; Wilson Creek, Wolfe Creek, Everman Creek, Barretts Creek, Willard Baptist, Crane Creek and Kirk Memorial.

## missions

Michael Barnett, journeyman to Liberia, has arrived on the field to begin his two-year term of service as a teacher and youth worker (address: Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia). He was born in Evansville, Ind. and has lived in Carrier Mills, Ill. and Paducah. He considers Kevil his home town. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1984, he served as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Henderson, Tenn.

Mark Bumgardner, journeyman to Leeward Island, has arrived on the field to begin his two-year term of service as a teacher for missionary kids and music worker (address: c/o Donnie E. Bond, Box 353, St. John's Antigua). He was born in Louisville and considers Kannelopolis, N. C. his home town. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1984, he graduated from Mars Hill (N. C.) College.

Kenneth F. Roberts, journeyman to Kenya, has arrived on the field to begin his two-year term of service as a student worker (address: Box 478j34, Nairobi, Kenya). A native of Monticello, he was a trainee in dealer financial services at Ralston Purina Co., Louisville, before being employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1984.

Sally Boyd, journeyman to Nigeria, has arrived on the field to begin her two-year term of service as a nursing instructor (address: Eku Baptist Hospital, PMB 4040, Sapele, Bendel State, Nigeria). Born in Spokane, Wash., she considers Hopkinsville her home town. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1984, she was a clinical instructor of obstetrics at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Hicks, Baptist representatives to Israel, have a change of address (40 Abbas St., 35, 052 Haifa, Israel). He was born in Highland Park, Mich. and also lived in Cincinnati, Oh. while growing up. The former Beverly Miller, she was born in Georgetown and lived in several states while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Greer, Baptist representatives to Israel, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: 8017 LaGrange Rd., Louisville 40222). A native of Ohio, he was born in Dayton and lived there and in Englewood while growing up. She is the former Elaine Fleming of Greenville, S. C. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Young, missionaries to Japan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 14-15 1-chrome Momochiu, Sowara-ku, Fukuoka 814, Japan). He was born in Cartersville, Ga. and lived

in Orlando, Fla. The former Norma Lucas of Kentucky, she was born in Meade County and grew up in Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

## ordinations

Cindy Egner was ordained to the ministry by her home congregation, First Baptist Church, Clinton, Tenn. She is minister of youth at Antioch Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, where special services were held in her honor Sept. 9.

Chip Pendleton is the pastor of Antioch.

Gary Hampton, Cecil Morrow and Dudley Bryant were ordained as deacons at Burnside Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, Aug. 12.

Richmond Slavey and Jimmy Foster were ordained to the diaconate at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, July 15. Larry Harris delivered the ordination message.

Ross J. Bauscher was ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Franklin Association, Sept. 2.

Ronnie Boyd and L. J. Putty were ordained as deacons at Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Christian Association, Aug. 26.

Tim Turley, pastor of Plainview Baptist Church, Bracken Association, was ordained to the ministry at his home church in Tennessee.

Russell Dale Watkins was ordained as a deacon at Hyattsville Baptist Church, South District Association, Aug. 5. Mike Crain, former pastor, gave the charge to the candidate and pastor Doug Sharon delivered the charge to the church.

Harold Smith was ordained to the ministry June 17 at Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

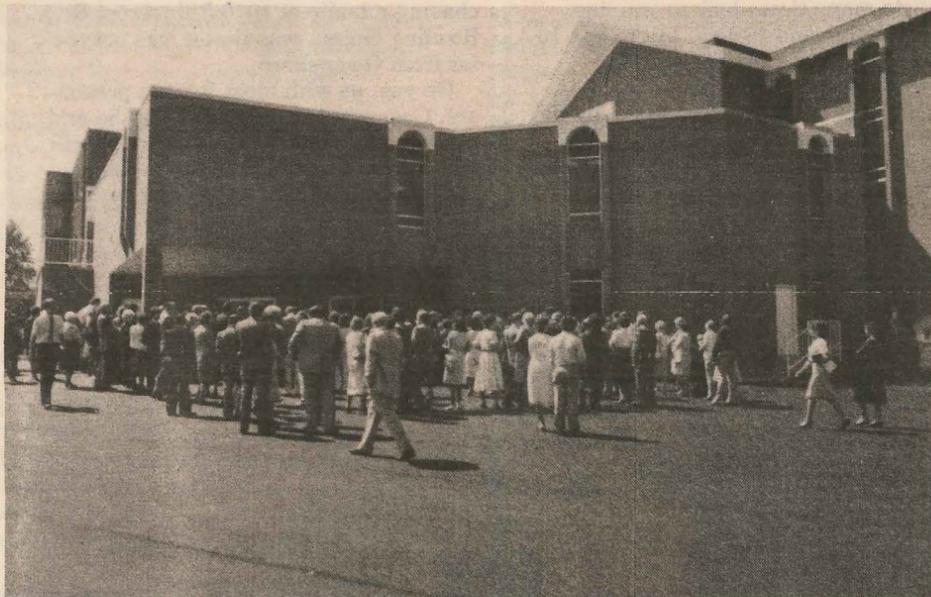
Gregory Nimmo was ordained to the ministry at Ashby Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, July 22. He is pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Williamstown, Crittenden Association.

Wesley Clark preached the ordination sermon.

Ray Keith, Earl Klink and Marilyn Snyder were ordained to the diaconate at Goshier Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association. Ben Matthews was also installed as a deacon for the church.

Gilbert Hammond was ordained to the ministry at Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, July 12. Joseph Brungs, George Higdon and H. T. Vittetow were ordained as deacons at the church Aug. 12.

Tom Riddle and Michael Thompson were ordained as deacons at Ballardsville Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.



*Florence dedicates new addition*

Florence Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, dedicated a new building addition Aug. 26. Western Recorder editor Jack Sanford led the service of dedication. The half-million dollar addition contains office space for staff members, preschool Sunday school areas, a media library center and a conference room. Above, the congregation gathers outside the new addition for the dedication service.

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**'Typical' SBC church is not 'super church'**

The typical 1983 Southern Baptist church had 237 total members, an enrolment of 116 people in Sunday school (average weekly attendance of 65), and six baptisms, according to a recently published report by researchers at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Phillip B. Jones, director of HMB planning and services research, and Julie McKelvie, research assistant/programmer analyst, painted the picture of the typical SBC church from statistics from the denomination's Uniform Church Letter.

Jones used median or the midpoint statistics in computing the typical SBC church.

The median size SBC church has 237 total members, which means "half of the churches have a membership larger than 237 and half a smaller membership," he said. He added his research revealed 70 percent of SBC churches fall below the average total of 388 members, further emphasizing average statistics can be misleading.

Based on data from 35,422 SBC churches reporting on the 1983 Uniform Church Letter, Jones noted the following characteristics of the "typical" SBC church:

- (1) Total members—237; (2) Resident members—171; (3) Baptisms—6; (4) Age of church—62 years; (5) Sunday school enrolment—116; (6) Average weekly Sunday school attendance—65; (7) Church Training enrolment—31.
- (8) WMU enrolment—19; (9) Brotherhood enrolment—4; (10) Total receipts—\$39,515; (11) Tithes and offerings—\$39,445; (12) Undesignated gifts—\$33,005; (13) Designated gifts—\$3864; (14) Total local expenditures—\$31,395; (15) Total mission expenditures—\$5000.

- (16) Cooperative Program—\$2198; (17) Percent of undesignated gifts to the Cooperative Program—7.5 percent; (18) Associational missions gifts—\$720; (19) Percent of undesignated gifts to the association—2.1 percent; and (20) Annie Armstrong Easter offering—\$213.

The typical SBC church had 2.9 baptisms per 100 resident members, and pastoral tenure for the typical church runs between two and three years.

Jones added 9246 churches did not contribute to the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions support and 5318 churches reported no baptisms during 1983.

"We're holding up super churches as models for our convention. However, they are not representative of the typical Southern Baptist church," said Jones, who noted 90 percent of Southern Baptist churches have less than 600 resident members.

"When we program for churches with a staff of six persons and a \$1 million budget, we're not being realistic of what a true SBC church is like," said Jones. "We need to take into consideration the typical church may be limited in its resources, both in terms of people and finances. The typical church may not be capable of implementing all the programs available to Southern Baptist churches."



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**clear creek comment**

**Sound doctrine**

Recently in the President's Chapel at Clear Creek I preached on "Foundations for the Future." I spoke from the second chapter of Titus and stressed the principles which have made this a great school and by which we continue to serve Kentucky Baptists and our Lord.

One of these principles is the continued preaching and teaching of sound doctrine. In Titus 2:1, Paul exhorted the young preacher to "speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

In doctrine we are evangelical at Clear Creek.

I selected some excerpts from my recent address and offer them to you today under the title:

**WHAT CLEAR CREEK STANDS FOR**

At Clear Creek Baptist School we teach sound doctrine rather than suspicious doctrine.

At Clear Creek Baptist School we stand for the word of God, we do not criticize it.

At Clear Creek Baptist School we believe in honoring the Lord Jesus Christ by our lives, not shaming him.

At Clear Creek Baptist School we believe in graduating ministers of character, not charlatans.

At Clear Creek Baptist School we are Southern Baptist, not Independent Baptist, American Baptist or some other kind of Baptist.

At Clear Creek Baptist School we are fundamental in doctrine but not fighting, feuding fundamentalist in our approach.

We believe in sincerity rather than sensationalism.

We believe in being cooperative rather than being selfish.

We believe in going forward not backward.

We believe in being positive rather than negative.

We believe the future is as bright as the promises of God rather than as dark as the world's condition.

We believe in faith not feuding.

We believe in training men called of God, not those who have chosen the ministry as a profession.

We believe in serving the churches, not robbing them.

We believe in working with deacons and church leaders, not fighting them.

We believe in honoring the women who have been called to serve beside us, rather than 'putting them down' or treating them derogatorily.

At Clear Creek Baptist School we train those whom God has called by teaching them the Bible . . . and sound doctrine!

**EVERY CHRISTIAN IS**

A { GOOD OR POOR } STEWARD



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## oneida journal

### Behind prison walls

It has been my sad duty to help send four young men to the state penitentiary in the nine years I have been president of Oneida.

This comes to mind this morning as I read a letter from Joey (not his real name): "I hope you remember me. I was caught in a burglary attempt in one of your boys' dorms. I was sentenced to five years in prison. I got out in February 1979. I blamed you and OBI for sending me there. I now realize I was responsible for sending myself. I no longer blame you or anyone else. I'll be on parole until 1982. Even though I was dismissed from OBI, I will always feel that Oneida is my home. At this time I cannot contribute any money to OBI. However, as soon as I find a full time job, I will send you whatever I can afford every month."

I remember vividly the afternoon I first met Joey. I spent hours talking with him. He was a homeless kid that many had tried to help. His single great fault was that he was a chronic thief. I decided to take a chance. Despite our effort and prayer he was soon up to his old tricks. He even broken into my office. On that occasion I talked to him as kindly as I could and did not punish him. But shortly afterwards I was compelled to expel him when he stole some money from one of our local stores.

He was in several boys' camps as he

had been before he first came to us. Each time he got out he was in trouble again. Finally, after nearly four years of trying to help Joey off and on, I accepted him back into our school for what was to be the last time. He was dirty. He smelled. He had the clothes he was wearing and little else. I spent nearly \$200 of the school's money to clothe him and to buy sheets, blankets, towels, etc. He was now of legal age and I pled with him to steal no more. I told him I would personally give him from my own pocket anything he wanted, within reason, and all he had to do was ask, not steal.

Less than two weeks later he was caught by Dean Smith, while a basketball game was going on and the dorm nearly deserted, stealing stereos and other items. He was passing the stolen goods through a window to an accomplice who had parked a car nearby. The car was heavily loaded.

I arrested them both with a citizen's arrest and saw them into the county jail. His accomplice had earlier caused us much difficulty and had been forgiven many times just like Joey. I decided, though my life was threatened, that sterner measures were needed. Both went to the penitentiary, but are now out on parole.

Some years before two local boys had to go to LaGrange for forging my signature on several thousand dollars worth of school checks they had stolen in a break-in. Tommy wrote me many times from prison. "I've heard the campus is expanding. It's good to hear. I've been here almost a year. I'm taking therapy and it is helping me a lot. I would like to tour the school when I get out if you don't mind. I just wanted to write and let you know I don't have any hard feelings toward you."

Later he wrote: "It was a surprise and very thoughtful of you to write. I appreciate your concern. I read a lot of the articles you sent and I have a whole new outlook on life. I have a girl waiting on me and I plan on getting married when I get out."

Again: "I watched the news Friday night and saw you and the OBI. It sure made me feel proud. Do you know of mine operators that will hire me when I get out on parole? I won't let you down. God bless you."

Tommy has been a coal miner now for five years, is happily married, is the father of several handsome children, a respectable citizen. God be praised.

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 16, 1984

### International Series

### Do 'good' people sin?

**Romans 2:1** The self-righteous Jews considered themselves far superior to the Gentiles so they took great delight in exposing their sins and in condemning them unmercifully. In character and conduct the Jews were not any better than the Gentiles whom they despised and condemned because they committed the same sins. Seemingly, it had not occurred to the Jews that it was a sin for them to do what they disapproved and condemned in the Gentiles. After all, nobody has the right to attempt to usurp the place of the divine judge.

**Romans 2:17-24** Whereas the Gentiles had a God-implanted and instinctive knowledge of right and wrong, the Jews were possessors of a written revelation from God. Instead of being grateful for the high and holy privileges with which they had been endowed, the Jews were extremely proud of themselves and that God had made them the custodians of the divine revelation. The haughty, faultfinding and self-righteous Jews were as sinful as those whom they condemned. They possessed the law, but instead of obeying it, they violated it by stealing, committing adultery and practicing idolatry. Their misconduct in transgressing the law dishonored God.

**Romans 3:9-12, 19-20** From the scriptures Paul proved that Jews and Gentiles were under the condemnation of sin. Every man lacked personal righteousness. Apart from Christ, man in his natural condition stands before God under the blight of divine wrath. No man can ever attain righteousness on the strength of his own merit. If any sinner is to be delivered from condemnation, it is because that righteousness has been provided for and imputed to him. Such righteousness was wrought out by Christ on the cross and becomes the possession of every one who truly believes on him as savior.

Life and Work Series

### Serving and stewardship

**Matthew 25:14** In this parable Christ pictured a man committing his property to his servants prior to his departure to another country. Since both the servants and the talents belonged to him, he was the only one to decide how the distribution should be made. He gave to each servant the amount of his possessions which that servant was able and willing to use wisely and properly. **Matthew 25:19-21, 24-29** When the owner returned, he called upon the servants to report on how they had handled his money. The two faithful servants came with 100 percent profit and with a feeling of satisfaction that they had done their best for the master, who had provided them with the means which enabled them to work.

The third servant returned only that which had been entrusted to him. Instead of coming in humility and self-abasement, confessing his sinful negligence, he made some false excuses and tried to shift the blame from himself upon his master. He acknowledged he was afraid and for that reason had hidden his talent in the earth. By his unfaithfulness he deprived himself of the commendation of his master, who called him, "wicked and slothful servant." In spite of his excuses, the master was very much displeased that the man had not used that which he had entrusted to him, so he took the one talent away from him and gave it to one of the faithful servants. Physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and financially people lose the talents and abilities which they do not use. Our opportunities will be taken away from us if we do not use them. In the end people will be held accountable for what they do.



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## on mission together

### Miracles still happen

Three issues ago, Kentucky Baptists were informed that it would take a "little miracle" to end this fiscal year with Cooperative Program giving sufficient enough to meet our basic 1983-84 operating budget of \$13,500,000.

The likelihood of our reaching it was so remote, based on previous performance patterns, that Barry Allen and I had already reconciled ourselves to be grateful for whatever little might flow on in.

However, in the course of a very few days, what wasn't supposed to happen, did. Not only did Kentucky Baptists provide the funds to meet the operating budget, they overflowed the budget into "advance funds" by almost

\$70,000!

In addition, a remarkable new monthly record was established. In August 1983, a record was set at \$1,375,000. Only one month since then have we even come close to that figure.

However, as we close the books on this fiscal year, August Cooperative Program giving will slightly exceed \$1,500,000, a new record and we hope, a sustained trend.

Miracles still happen. And this one ought to add a note of brightness to our hopes for the future. For sure Kentucky Baptists have yet to stretch to the extent of our potential. This past year suggests we are trying.



# Soviet Baptists fill worship services to capacity

Although they must register their churches with government officials, Soviet Baptists still conduct worship services. [Above] A Moscow Baptist church has an overflow crowd for the morning worship service. [Bottom right] Christians at the Darnista Baptist Church at Kiev offer spontaneous prayers. [Bottom left] Jacob Dukhonenko, superintendent of 1500 Baptist churches in the Ukraine region, takes time one afternoon to prune some trees outside his home near Kiev.



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"For we are laborers together with God," 1 Cor. 3:9

# Meet the Kentucky WMU staff



**Brenda Price**  
Girls in Action  
Mission Friends Consultant

GA Missions 6  
Nov. 10, Elizabethtown  
Mission Friends Leaders Workshops:  
Mar. 2, Williamstown  
Mar. 16, Barbourville  
Mar. 30, Mayfield  
Apr. 13, Paintsville  
Mother-Daughter Overnights:  
Cedar Crest and Jonathan Creek,  
various summer weekends

when?

where?



**Cathy Howle**  
Acteens Consultant  
Camp Director

Acteens Cometogethers:  
Oct. 6, Cumberland College  
Oct. 13, Murray State  
Oct. 27, Georgetown College  
Youth Missions Conference  
Mar. 8-9, Cedarmore  
Acteens Conference:  
Apr. 12-14, Harrodsburg  
Cedar Crest, all summer



**Dee Gilliland**  
Executive Director-Treasurer

Associational Officers Briefings:  
Oct. 26-27, Cedarmore  
Nov. 2-3, Jonathan Creek  
Baptist Women Retreat:  
Oct. 19-20, Cedarmore  
Kentucky Baptist Convention:  
Nov. 13-15, Louisville



**Carol Noffsinger**  
Baptist Young Women Consultant

BYW Retreat:  
Oct. 12-13, Cedarmore  
BYW Retreat:  
Mar. 22-23, Jonathan Creek  
Campus BYW Retreat:  
Mar. 29-30, Louisville



**Anna Mary Byrdwell**  
Baptist Women Consultant

Baptist Women Retreat:  
Oct. 19-20, Cedarmore  
Baptist Women Retreat:  
Mar. 15-16, Jonathan Creek  
Baptist World Alliance,  
Women's Department:  
June 26-July 1, Los Angeles

The executive director and age-level consultants will be at the following:

Kentucky Baptist Convention, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville  
WMU annual meeting, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green  
Associational officers clinics, Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek  
Family missions week, Jonathan Creek  
WMU summer leadership conferences, Cedarmore, Jonathan Creek, Clear Creek

(Information about these and other state events is published in "Kentucky Notes." This publication is mailed to the church WMU director and she distributes copies to age-level leaders.)

All Kentucky WMU staff members are eager to visit local churches and associations—to begin new WMU organizations, to strengthen already existing ones, to inform the entire church about the part WMU plays in local and world missions and to assist in any other way possible.



**Oneita Connell**  
Administrative Assistant



**Ella Mae Young**  
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