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## Final 1984 statistics in, lackluster year for SBC

Although gains outnumbered losses for Southern Baptists in the final statistical report for 1984, it appears the denomination generally marched in place following four years of significant increases.

Gains were recorded by Southern Baptists in the number of churches, total membership, Sunday school enrolment, church music enrolment, Brotherhood enrolment, mission expenditures and total receipts. Losses were in baptisms, Church Training enrolment and Woman's Missionary Union enrolment. These figures are based on uniform church letters received by the research services department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Projections related to Southern Baptist programs were released in December based on the first 26,000 letters received from churches.

In the five program areas and in the number of churches, losses and gains varied less than one percentage point from the previous year. Baptisms, however, suffering the second consecutive loss, were down by more than 22,000, or 5.7 percent, from last year.

Church membership for the denomination reached a new total of 14,349,657 with a gain of 164,203, which is the smallest increase since 1978. Mission expenditures and total receipts increased respectively by 7.3 and 8.8 percent.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, expressed regret about the decrease in baptisms, but said he remains optimistic because of the contact he has had with Southern Baptist churches.

"I have discovered a renewed interest in Christ and in the preaching of the gospel in churches where I have visited," Bennett said. "I believe the launch of Good News America, the denomination's plan for simultaneous revivals in 1986, will give Southern Baptists a new all-time high in baptisms. Good News America will again center our attention on reaching individual persons for Jesus Christ and church membership."

Several of the increases in the programs included in the 10 key reporting areas were the smallest in several years, which could affect the desires of the denomination for dramatic

increases in sharing the gospel around the world.

The number of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention increased in 1984 to a new total of 36,740. This increase of 0.6 percent, or 209, is the smallest numerical gain since 1979. The church membership increase of 164,203, or 1.2 percent, is the same percentage gain as was predicted.

In Sunday school, the denomination's largest program, the ongoing enrolment was up by 0.5 percent, or 41,894, to reach another record total enrolment at 7,857,337. The actual total was 0.1 percent higher than the projected gain.

This year's baptism total of 372,028 has fallen from 411,554 baptisms in 1982. The most baptisms ever recorded in the nation's largest protestant denomination was 445,725 in 1972. The drop in baptisms also is reflected in the number of churches reporting a baptism in 1984, when the total dropped by 0.7 percent to 29,850. This means approximately one-sixth of all churches in the denomination did not have at least one baptism.

Church training enrolment was down by 0.7 percent, or 14,483, in 1984, making the new total 1,972,907. This loss, which comes on the heels of four consecutive gains, is 0.1 percent more than the projected decrease.

The enrolment in WMU activities in 1984 lost 0.5 percent, or 5724, making the new total 1,169,630. This was 0.2 percent less than the projected loss.

The church music program increase, the 19th consecutive gain, was the smallest numerical gain since 1977. The 0.6 percent, or 10,621, increase brings the church music enrolment to 1,667,385. The gain is 0.4 percent less than the predicted gain.

Brotherhood enrolment in 1984 increased by 0.5 percent, or 3034, to a new total of 568,383. This is 0.4 percent less than the projected total.

Mission expenditures in 1984 increased by 7.3 percent over the previous year to \$568,059,173. This total is one half of a percentage point more than was projected.

Total receipts for the denomination last year rose by 8.8 percent to a total of \$3,665,735,085. The actual gain was about one percent higher than predicted. (BP)

## Overseas Baptists note climb in statistical categories last year

Overseas Baptists baptized 156,326 people in 1984, a seven percent gain over 1983 figures. The total represents about one baptism for every 11 members, compared with a U. S. ratio of one for every 39 Southern Baptists.

Nearly a third of the baptisms, some 49,200, were reported in Brazil, along with approximately 18,500 in Nigeria, 12,600 in the Philippines, 8700 in Tanzania (one for every five members), 8700 in South Korea (one per six members) and 6700 in Mexico (one per seven members).

Overseas church membership rose to 1,910,483, almost a 12 percent gain. Almost half the 200,000 mem-

ber gain came from Nigeria, where Baptists updated their membership figures to correct previous membership totals. Nigerian Baptists now number almost half a million, second only to Brazil among the 105 countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

The number of churches increased to 14,791, up almost nine percent over 1983, and self-supporting congregations increased dramatically to 12,076, up more than 23 percent. Mission points increased by 784 to 17,779.

For the second year, one of the brightest spots in the overseas report was in seminary enrolment. More than 8900 were studying in overseas seminaries, a gain of 22.4 percent over 1983. An 18 percent gain had been reported in 1983. Another 7800 were enrolled in extension theological training. (BP)

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### Summary of 1984 Southern Baptist Convention statistics

	1984	1983	Gain or Loss	Percent Gain or Loss
Churches	36,740	36,531	209	0.6
Baptisms	372,028	394,606	-22,578	-5.7
Total Membership	14,349,657	14,185,454	164,203	1.2
Sunday School	7,857,337	7,815,443	41,894	0.5
Ongoing Enrolment				
Church Training	1,972,907	1,987,390	-14,483	-0.7
Enrolment				
Ongoing Music	1,667,385	1,656,764	10,621	0.6
Ministry Enrolment				
WMU Ongoing	1,169,630	1,175,354	-5,724	-0.5
Enrolment				
Brotherhood	568,383	565,349	3,034	0.5
Ongoing Enrolment				
Total Mission	568,059,173	529,283,289	38,775,884	7.3
Expenditures				
Total Receipts	\$3,665,735,085	\$3,370,450,615	\$295,284,470	8.8

# sanford's perspectives

## Booze commercials

Famous athletes and entertainment stars may not be selling beer and wine on television for very long. The days of high cost booze commercials may be numbered. It was only 15 years ago cigarette advertising was forced off the airwaves and it looks as if beer and wine commercials may face the same fate.

A strong move to ban beer and wine commercials from radio and television is being made by a coalition of such organizations as the 5.5 million member National Parent Teachers Association, the United Methodist Church and the National Council on Alcoholism.

The coalition has called on the Federal Trade Commission to look into the industry's advertising practices. To date, more than 600,000 signatures have been gathered on a petition demanding Congress either ban advertising on the airwaves or allow equal time for counter claims reflecting the dangers of alcohol.

An increasing spark of interest has been generated in official circles in Washington. The Senate will hold hearings in February to examine whether drinking is treated glamorously on TV. The Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is about to propose new regulations on the appearance of athletes in wine and beer commercials. Even the White House has warned industry leaders to stop appealing to underage drinkers.

In an effort to stay the onslaught of the anti drinking forces, advertisers and network officials have counter-attacked. Standards for wine and beer commercials have been tightened, the networks are running more and more public service announcements about the dangers of drunk driving and excessive alcohol consumption on prime time programs is being reduced. The Wine Institute, representing 490 California growers, bars the use of athletes in wine ads. NBC rejected a wine commercial that featured a Michael Jackson look alike because of its appeal to youth.

The industry will fight hard to retain the \$750 million advertising budget. Tom Landry, Dallas Cowboys coach, is opposed to beer ads but concedes the almost impossible task of having beer commercials eliminated. Beer advertising "carries much of pro football," he said. Nearly 20 percent of television sports advertising income and four percent of all TV ad revenue comes from beer and wine commercials.

The ban on cigarette advertising was upheld by the Supreme Court in 1971. But commercial speech has been drawn more and more under the first amendment umbrella since then, thus it is doubtful if the courts would uphold a ban on beer and wine commercials. In 1975 the Supreme Court struck down a Virginia ban on abortion advertising, an indication of how commercial speech has come under first amendment protection, yet there is hope.

In any event the battle goes on and you can be part of it. Delbert Butts, executive director for the Temper-

ance League of Kentucky, said about 35,000 signatures from Kentucky have been mailed and he has others to send along. If you want more information about how you and your church can join this fight to ban beer and wine commercials from the airwaves, contact Butts at 4810 Sherburn Ln., Louisville, KY 40207. His phone number is (502) 893-8275. The influence from you and your church just may make the difference in what appears to be an uphill fight.

## SBC program

The program for the June 11-13 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention has been released. The first election of officers time slot is 2:40 p.m. Tuesday, the opening day of the convention. Other times for election of officers have been set for 4:25 p.m. Tuesday, 7:25 p.m. Tuesday, 9:10 a.m. Wednesday and 11:05 a.m. Wednesday.

Election of the president could be completed before the end of the afternoon session on opening day. In all probability that election will be finished by the end of the first day. If it is true that many persons come only for this event, then the program arrangement has surely made it convenient for them. They can cast their vote, go home and experience practically nothing of what the convention is all about.

The only item of business which precedes the first election of officers is an initial report of the Executive Committee. Reports from institutions, agencies and commissions are scheduled far down the line and those who only come to vote will not even hear from the persons who are responsible for expenditure of Cooperative Program funds.

Perhaps it is just a rumor that many people only come to vote in the presidential election. However, it seems to me a better arrangement of program time would see that the important business of our institutions and agencies would be put on the agenda before we get caught up in the frenzy of an election. At least that makes it more difficult for people to come along just for the vote, if they do, then go home without sharing in the work and program reports of our mission enterprise.

## Shoptalk to begin

Response to my suggestion for a shoptalk column in our paper has been good. We will try to start this feature in the very near future. I have already enlisted several people to write on a variety of subjects but I need to know someone in your section of the state who has learned a way to solve church problems, or who has found a method of getting something done efficiently, or who has demonstrated ability in some special area of church concern. Send me that person's name and I will try to recruit him or her for a shoptalk column. The column is to help find the persons best qualified to do the task for us.



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# baptist news in brief

## Hanna named CSM missionary of the year

Ross H. Hanna, pastor/director of Friendship, Pascua and Manzo Baptist Centers in Tucson, Ariz., received the 1984 Clovis A. Brantley Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to the field of Christian social ministries during the annual meeting of state directors of CSM in San Diego.

Hanna, a missionary of the Home Mission Board since 1957, has a long history of CSM work, stemming from his call "to work with the little and forgotten people," said A. B. Colvin, associate to the executive for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, who presented the award. Colvin noted Hanna pioneered CSM work with blacks, among the poor in a small Kentucky community, and in a Kentucky mountain community where he started eight churches.

Hanna began the first CSM program in Arizona when he went to inner-city Tucson. During the past 15 years Hanna has expanded Baptist ministries to three centers which serve more than 1000 people a week. During 1984, Colvin also noted, Hanna reported 200 professions of faith as a result of center ministries.

Last year Hanna also began outreach to Mexicans living near the Arizona-Mexico border. Now about 500 people a week frequent three centers he established on the Arizona side of the border.

A native of Shelbyville, Ky., Hanna, 56, was pastor of churches in Kentucky before he was appointed a home missionary. He is a graduate of Morehead (Ky.) State College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

## Former SBC president Jaroy Weber dies at 64

Jaroy Weber, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a pastor for more than 40 years, died Feb. 6. He was 64. Weber, who surrendered to the ministry at the age of 12, was pastor of Little Cypress Baptist Church, Orange, Tex.; North Orange Baptist Church in Orange, Tex.; First Baptist Church, West Monroe, La.; First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex.; Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., and First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex.

Before he was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1974, Weber was president of the SBC Pastors' Conference.

He earned the bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana College and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He also received the doctor of divinity degree from Louisiana College.

Memorial services were at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas, where Weber's son, Bill, is pastor. (BP)

## Trustees ok guidelines; elect department heads

Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board adopted editorial guidelines concerning ordination of women, affirmed the actions of president Lloyd Elder in dealing with critical concerns about board products and employees and elected two veteran employees to department management posts.

Don Early, 49, was elected manager

of the newly created financial and technical services department, effective Mar. 1. A 26-year employe of the board, Early has been manager of the investment office since 1979.

Joe Denney, 46, was named to manage the telecommunications department formed Oct. 1, 1984. Denney, a 23-year employe, has led telecommunications work since its inception at the board in 1982.

After one hour of debate, the proposed editorial guidelines on ordination of women were adopted by a vote of 43-20. Overall, the guidelines specify giving "clear support to basic Christian and Baptist beliefs" while dealing "factually and fairly with differing points of view among Southern Baptists." The guidelines emphasize "ordination of deacons and ministers is a matter completely under the authority of the local congregation" and the board will "continue to affirm and encourage the biblical and historic contribution of women to the cause of Christ."

Acknowledging differences of opinion exist among Southern Baptists concerning ordination of women, the guidelines state that in church literature and Convention Press products, "the issue will be dealt with factually and fairly with neither point of view being ignored or disparaged."

In other issues, trustees authorized the creation of a special ministries department to include black church relations, special education and language publishing. Revisions of program statements for the board's 17 programs were adopted along with changes in the

formulas for support for state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Support to the state conventions will be increased gradually over the five-year period 1985-90 as part of the board's commitment to Bold Mission Thrust, with earliest increases going to work in newer convention states. (BP)

## Ray says convention future depends on leaders

The future of their denomination is at stake when Southern Baptists elect leaders of the 14.3 million member body, according to Cecil Ray. Ray, director of Southern Baptists' national Planned Growth In Giving Campaign, wrote in the most recent issue of Baptist History and Heritage, "Periods of growth and harmony in the denomination have come when the purposes of leaders and people have been united toward a common goal."

Yet, Ray warns, "A fickle electorate . . . can destroy its adopted goals. More than once, a Baptist convention has climaxed a long study by prayerfully adopting a worthy program or goal, only then to destroy the effort by electing a convention president uncommitted to it."

Ray identifies three "critical issues" facing Southern Baptists and their leadership: the qualification issue, the purpose issue, and the diversity issue.

Ray believes persons are qualified by identification. "Persons aligned with a movement or crusade tend to judge a leader's qualifications by how he or she

relates to that movement. One who is devoted to that particular cause, loyal to the others in the movement, and skillful in promoting it is considered qualified; other qualifications count for little."

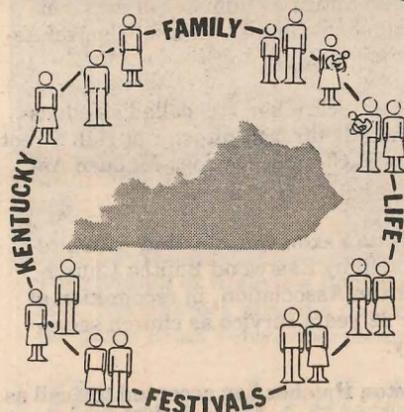
Concerning the purpose issue, Ray asks, "Do messengers from the churches come together to chart Baptists' course in Christian missions or to state positions on doctrinal, moral, social and political issues? Is a Baptist convention's agenda primarily that of a people with a God-given Good News story for a lost world or that of a people with a mandate for social and religious reform?"

Diversity is a third area of concern. Ray notes Southern Baptists were once a rural people in the south, mostly of Anglo-Saxon extraction. Today, however, Southern Baptists are city and rural, located in the north, east, south and west. They are "highly and poorly educated, rich and poor, professional and blue-collar, and a rainbow of white, red, black, brown and yellow," he points out.

"Almost all these Baptists agree on the central doctrines of the Christian faith while maintaining differences on such matters as the method of divine inspiration, how God created the world, and how God will bring time to an end," he writes. But, some Baptists like this new diversity while others find it "distasteful, even frightening." (BP)

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# Kentucky Family Life Festival



## DATES AND LOCATIONS:

MARCH 5, 1985	MARCH 18, 1985	MARCH 28, 1985	APRIL 2, 1985
WINCHESTER	OWENSBORO	MURRAY	MADISONVILLE
Central Baptist Lexington at Maple	Lewis Lane Baptist 2600 Lewis Lane	First Baptist 203 South Third St.	Liberty Baptist Highway 85

## SCHEDULE:

Both morning and evening sessions will be offered at each location. Morning sessions begin at 9:00 and conclude at 12:30. Evening sessions begin at 7:00 and conclude at 9:20. Participants will be able to attend a total of four conferences during these two sessions.

## CONFERENCES:

Conference topics include: *Care of Aging Parents, Divorce, Family Life Stages, Handling Stress, Marriage Enrichment, Parenting for Single Parents, Planning for Retirement, Senior Adults: Problem or Potential?, and Single Adult Concerns.* This is only a sampling of the 25 conferences that will be offered at these Family Life Festivals.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, Kentucky for more information. The phone number is: (502) 245-4101.

## The family is God's idea. The church is God's idea.

Seeing specific ways the church can help the family is what Family Life Festivals are all about. The conference topics relate to a variety of needs in family living—whether it is a senior adult family, a single family, or a family with children at home.

## What we don't know can help us.

Yes, what we have not learned yet can help us be more effective Christians in family living. This is the aim of and prayer for each of the 26 conferences being offered in the nine Family Life Festivals this spring across Kentucky.

Participation in the conferences will give church members and leaders the chance to experience various areas of interest. Then decisions can be made on which areas of interest will be most beneficial to them and their churches.

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# mountains to the mississippi



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## homes for children

### Success, failure, courage

The young man was getting started in business. Fortunately a capable and helpful banker in a small Kentucky town befriended and believed in the young man. From time to time a business loan was needed, so the young man often showed up at the bank and waited to see his banker friend. A plaque with a three line message on the banker's desk made an indelible impression on the young businessman. The three line message was:

"Success is never final;  
Failure never fatal;  
Courage is what counts."

That young man was Ken Hall, now president and chief executive officer of Hall Contracting Corporation, Louisville. He is an active member and deacon at Crescent Hill Baptist Church and a very valuable member of the board of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Recently Ken and I were on our way to a meeting and he related the above story, telling how the brief message on the banker's desk had impressed him. The banker is now dead, but the message still bears fruit and what the banker did to help a young businessman is still appreciated.

"Success is never final." How true! Whether a business, church or individual, success is sweet but there is no guarantee it will last. Paul said he had not reached the goal before him, but he kept pressing on. He knew the successes he experienced were not final. When one decides success has been attained and begins to rest on the past, success will slip away.

On the other hand, failure is never fatal. Who hasn't failed? We have all fallen on our faces. But one can get up, brush off the dirt and begin again. Jesus Christ is in the business of taking failures and giving a new beginning so one can reach for success.

Courage is what counts—yes, courage is vitally important. However, as a Christian I want to add faith to courage. Faith in Jesus Christ and courage to follow him really counts.

As we work with children and youth who have had so many failures in their lives, it is a joy to show them failure is not fatal. We are sharing with them a faith in God that gives courage. But we also teach them success is only stepping stones along the way and is never final until we stand in the presence of our Lord.

### personnel

**Gary Grieser** (see photo) began duties as staff music evangelist, Crescent Springs Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Grieser has recorded four gospel albums. In his ministry as staff music evangelist, Grieser is available for concerts or other evangelistic programs.

**Paul J. Godsey** (see photo) completed 19 years as pastor of Burlington Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Feb. 3.

Godsey went to the Burlington pulpit from First Baptist Church, Loyall, Upper Cumberland Association. He was pastor of Dover Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, while a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Mark Hall** resigned as pastor of King Bee Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**W. B. Casey** has been called as interim pastor of Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

**Harold Eugene Moore** retired as pastor of Licking Valley Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, after 20 years of service.

Moore, a bivocational minister, taught in the public schools during his ministry at Licking Valley. He continues to teach courses at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights. He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and St. Xavier College, Chicago.

**E. K. Judy** will be honored on his 80th birthday with a reception hosted by Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind., where Judy is interim pastor.

The reception will be Sunday, Feb. 24 from 2-4 p.m. A book of remembrances is being compiled by the church staff of Calvary to present to Judy. Those wishing to send notes of remembrances and appreciation may send them to the Calvary Baptist Church, 808 S. E. Third Street, Evansville, IN 47713. Guests are asked not to bring gifts.

**John Weaver** is the new pastor of Danleyton Missionary Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

**Lawrence Rice** was called as associate pastor of Chadwick's Creek Church, Greenup Association.

**John Ross** has become staff associate at First Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association.

**Emory Riley** accepted the call as pastor of Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

He comes to the church from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Russell, Greenup Association.

**David Walters** accepted the pastorate of Brownsville Baptist Church, Edmonson Association.

He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Cannonsburg, Edmonson Association.

**D. M. Aldridge**, Rockcastle Association director of missions, was called as interim pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

**Johnny Mathews** is the new pastor of Gilead Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

**John Yarborough** was called as pastor



Grieser



Godsey

of Short Creek Mission, Three Forks Association.

**Greg Hooper** (see photo) has accepted the call as associate minister for education and youth at Eastwood Baptist Church, Warren Association.

Hooper is a native of Orlando, Fla. and a recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

**Monty Cummings** (see photo) was recognized by Bellevue Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, for 25 years of perfect worship service attendance.

Cummings attended 3942 consecutive services without an absence.

**Jack Carey** was called as pastor of Ferndale Mission, Bell Association.

**Raymond Flynn** is the new interim pastor of Irvine Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

**Keith Page** is the new pastor of Glenville Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

**Craig Roos**, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, began duties as minister of music at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Central Association.

**Robert Schreiber** was called as education and outreach director at Hall Street Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

**Loretta Faxon** was honored with a reception by Eastwood Baptist Church, Warren Association, in recognition of her 22 years service as church secretary.

**Heston Hatcher** has accepted the call as interim pastor of Slate Hill Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Bradley Goforth** is the interim pastor of Swiss Colony Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Ray Snowden** began duties as interim pastor of Greenbrier Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

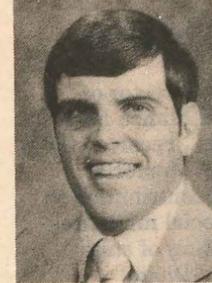
**Sam Hogan** has been called as interim pastor of Kiddville Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

**Bill Goodan** celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church, Whitley City. The congregation gave Goodan and his wife Ann a new car in appreciation for their services.

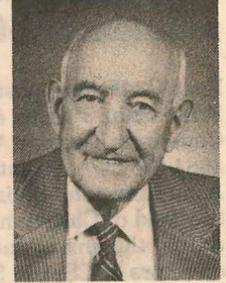
**Forrest Harrison** resigned as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

**David Gonnella** resigned as pastor of Mays Lick Baptist Church, Bracken Association, to accept a pastorate in South Carolina.

**Norman Baker** was called to pastor Jasper Bend Baptist Church, McCreary



Hooper



Cummings

County Association.

**Wayne Rice** was recognized by First Baptist Church, Walton, Northern Kentucky Association, for 39 years' perfect attendance in Sunday school.

**A. J. Parrish** has been called as pastor of Allendale Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

**William G. Crawford** began duties as assistant to the pastor and minister to senior adults at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Oh.

Crawford was minister of education at several Kentucky churches before entering semi retirement in 1976. The most recent Kentucky church he served was First Baptist, Franklin, Simpson Association.

Crawford is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Ft. Worth.

**Grant L. Minton** accepted the call to pastor New Friendship Baptist Church, Logan Association.

Minton is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He goes to New Friendship from the pastorate of Evergreen Baptist Church, Florence, S. C.

**Earl Cathey** was called to pastor First Baptist Church, Worthington, Greenup Association.

**Joe Stanley** resigned as pastor of Denton Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

**Paul Schmidt** resigned as pastor of Elizabeth Jarrel Baptist Church to accept the call as associate pastor of Wurtland Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

**Bob Covington** began duties as interim pastor of Moscow Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Covington is a retired missionary, having served in the Bahama Islands, Spain and the Netherlands.

**Clay Scott** has been called as pastor of Gradyville Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

**Randy C. Smith** accepted the call as pastor of Sparksville Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

**T. A. Thacker** retired as pastor of Hurricane Baptist Church, Little River Association, effective Jan. 1.

Thacker has pastored several churches in Tennessee and Kentucky. He has twice served on the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and earned the MDiv. and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Thacker began his retirement ministry Jan. 6 as interim pastor of Cherry Corner Baptist Church, Blood River

Association. He and his wife, Caroline, are living on Kentucky Lake near Murray.

Bill Ray was honored by Severns Valley Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, for 15 years' service as assistant pastor Sunday, Feb. 3.

J. Howard Cobble is pastor of Severns Valley Church.

Dale Adkins has accepted the pastorate of Bethany Baptist Church, Crittenden Association.

William G. Humphrey celebrated his 20th anniversary as pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church, South District Association. The church hosted a reception Jan. 27 in honor of Humphrey and his wife Betty.

Turah Crull was recognized by West Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association, for 20 years of service as church treasurer.

A reception was given in her honor and the church presented her a plaque and gift.

Larry Orange is pastor of West Broadway.

## missions

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, missionaries to Spain, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Ruperto Chapi 4, Esc 2, 4-D, Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain).

He was born in Louisville and grew up in Okolona. The former June Hall, she was born in Pikeville and grew up in Stanford. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Beighle, missionaries to Bophuthatswana, have arrived in the states for furlough (c/o Edward Beighle, Rte. 2, Williamstown, KY 41097).

They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Pendleton County and she is the former Ann Puckett of Pike County and Elkhorn City. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Grunday James Jr., missionaries to Chile, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Casilla 50-D, Temuco, Chile).

They are natives of Kentucky. He was born in Louisville and also lived in Lexington while growing up. The former Jean Bell, she was born in Louisville and lived in Shepherdsville and Owensboro. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Smith, missionaries to Austria, have arrived in the states for furlough (Missionary Learning Center, Box 129, Rockville, VA 23146).

A native of Virginia, he was born in Martinsville and grew up in the area of Tidgeway and Martinsville. She is the former Rebecca Nichols, daughter of missionaries to Paraguay. She was born in Louisville and grew up in Asuncion and Encarnacion, Paraguay. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eldon Sturgeon, missionaries to Mexico, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Vizcainas #16 Altos, 06080 Mexico D. F., Mexico).

He was born in Milton and also lived in North Carolina while growing up. She is the former Jo Ann Ferguson of Sonora. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

Nadine Lovan, missionary to Ghana, reports a change of address (Box 400, Accra, Ghana). Born in Calhoun, she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

## congregations

Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Christian County Association, held a commissioning service Jan. 20 for Mr. and Mrs. Rick Mitchell, who were recently appointed as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board.

Roy W. Field Jr. is pastor of Henderson Memorial.

Malvin Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, recently gave \$2000 of the church's savings to hunger relief efforts in Ethiopia through the Foreign Missions Board.

First Baptist Church, Ludlow, Northern Kentucky Association, dedicated new Baptist Hymnals (1975 edition) Dec. 26.

The hymnals were provided through the estate of James L. Eckler, who was the church's Sunday school director at the time of his death.

Arnold Moon is pastor.

## ordinations

Buddy Hester, Bill Dawson and Andy Floyd were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association.

Albert J. Gisler is pastor.

Lewis Hickey and Robert Crosby were ordained as deacons Dec. 30 by First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Northern Kentucky Association.

Allen F. Harrod is pastor.



James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

# fourth estate

## Ribbon of asphalt

It's been two years since Western Recorder hosted newly arrived Kentucky Baptist Convention executive William W. Marshall one day. The setting was Claudia Sanders Dinner House, or as we call it, 'The Colonel's Lady.'

As I remember it, C. R. Daley put the question to our guest about where he intended to establish residence.

Unhesitatingly, Marshall replied, "We've bought an older home in Shelbyville." He grinned, "If anybody asks 'why Shelbyville?' I can honestly say 'I'm the only Baptist Building employe living on Shelbyville Road!'"

I tucked that away for whatever writers do with such trivia. I had a feeling that sooner or later I would work on something on the prominent role Shelbyville Rd. (and its larger extension—U. S. route 60)—has played in Kentucky Baptist life. I suspect this east-west thoroughfare may have been a dirt path at one time over which new settlers pushed across the mountains. They stopped, picked up their lives again in new places—and established Baptist churches.

My Kentucky road map tells me U. S. 60 may be the longest highway crossing the commonwealth, 495 miles between Ballard and Boyd counties. Its circuitous route more closely follows the Ohio River than any other road in the state. It begins in the east at the juncture of the Big Sandy and Ohio rivers. It ends in the west where the mouth of the Ohio flows into the Mississippi.

I haven't determined how many Kentucky Baptist churches are located on this two-lane ribbon of asphalt. But it is probably a safe assumption that—across the decades—there have been as many baptismal services, weddings, ordinations and funerals performed for Kentucky Baptists along U. S. 60 as any road in the state.

Several Baptist association offices are on U. S. 60 (Green Valley, Ohio River, others); it runs in front of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville; and U. S. 60 (Shelbyville Rd.) passes in front of the state Baptist Building in Middletown. Baptists, and their worship centers, also dot the countryside along 60 at Catlettsburg, Ashland, Grayson, Morehead, Owingsville, Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Lexington, Frankfort, Shelbyville, Hardinsburg, Hawesville, Owensboro, Henderson, Morganfield, Marion, Smithland, Paducah and Wickliffe.

High speed cars, rolling behemoths and the bulk of our people may be moving on a different track nowadays. But a drive down U. S. 60 will offer literal glimpses of the little brown church in the vale, and may suggest just how far we've come.



The children of Highview Baptist Church is one of the groups giving pastor and Mrs. Bill Hancock presents on their 15th anniversary at the church. Presenting the gift is Brian Terry. Also pictured is Highview member Lena Short.

## Hancock celebrates 15 years as pastor of Louisville church

William L. (Bill) Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church, was honored Sunday, Feb. 3 by his congregation for 15 years of service as pastor.

Several long time friends, family members and fellow pastors were present to offer words of tribute to Hancock. Others who could not be present sent recorded messages of congratulations.

In appreciation for his ministry the church gave Hancock and his wife a trip to Bangladesh where the church has supported a mission construction project. The Hancocks will participate in the dedication of the building Highview helped finance.

While enroute to and from Bangladesh the Hancocks will have stopovers in Brussels, New Delhi, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Honolulu.

Various age divisions within the church's Sunday school also presented Hancock gifts.

Since Hancock went to Highview

the church's membership has increased from 852 to 4344. Sunday school attendance has climbed from an average attendance of 460 to 1475.

During Hancock's ministry baptisms have totaled 1553. The church building's square footage has been enlarged from 26,000 to 96,000 square feet, and the church's annual budget has increased from \$80,000 to \$2.2 million.

One pastor who sent a recorded greeting to Hancock viewed Hancock's record at Highview as a "challenge" to other pastors.

"Your leadership has been a significant factor in Louisville and the state of Kentucky," said Joseph Carrico, pastor of Post Oak Baptist Church, Russellville.

In response to the gifts and words of tribute Hancock offered praise to his congregation. "I have found the church of my dreams," he said. "a warm, winsome, working church."

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A Newsletter for Southern Baptist Women in Ministry

## Baptist Peacemaker



An awakening voice for loyal Southern Baptists / January 1985

# THE CALL: Dallas '85

## Louisville Baptist newspapers serve unique needs

by Denise George, State Correspondent

In the last five years, Louisville has witnessed the birth of three Baptist newspapers, Baptist Peacemaker, Folio, and The Call.

Each was begun by a group of concerned Christians, mainly Kentucky pastors and church members, who responded to unique needs. Each exists on a shoestring budget. Each has been considered controversial by some. And, each is directed primarily to Southern Baptist readers.

All three editors live in Louisville. Two of the papers have offices in Louisville churches. One works out of Covington.

Three Baptist publications started in Louisville within the last five years might cause one to wonder why Louisville?

**Baptist Peacemaker.** "There was a peacemaking convocation held in Louisville a year before Peacemaker began," explains coordinating editor Timothy George. "It generated interest in peacemaking in local churches here. Also, the foremost expert on peacemaking for Southern Baptists, Glen Stassen, lives in Louisville."

In May 1980 an ad hoc committee affiliated with a peacemaker group at Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, declared their intention to "try to follow our Lord's teaching and example of reconciliation . . . in the call to seek peace for our world." Thus, with the support of Robert Broome, a member of the group, C. Carman Sharp, then pastor of Deer Park, and E. Glenn Hinson, Southern Seminary professor, the Baptist Peacemaker began.

"As one who was not directly involved in the beginnings of Baptist Peacemaker," offers George, "I am amazed at the audacious faith of that little group. After all, they had had no experience in publishing such a paper, they had no financial support for the venture, no institution or agency to back them up. . . . They plodded on,

convinced that the word of the Lord had to go forth."

Described as a "peace journal for Southern Baptists," Baptist Peacemaker had no subscriptions, no endowments and no advertisements. Volunteers make up the staff. Contributors receive no honoraria. The paper is sent at no charge to anyone who desires to receive it. Baptist Peacemaker survives issue by issue on the gifts of its readers and friends. Most of the gifts trickle in \$10 or \$25 at a time.

Like Folio and The Call, Baptist Peacemaker has not escaped controversy.

George asserts: "Christian peacemaking is a concern which cuts across ideological, theological and political boundaries. In this spirit, we have recently published articles by a fundamentalist evangelist and a right-to-life activist as well as by a liberal politician and a religious pacifist. Needless to say, we have been duly criticized from all sides! On occasion equally 'steaming' letters from opposite perspectives have arrived in the same day's mail."

Even with its ample criticism, the Baptist Peacemaker has become an international journal offering a Baptist peace witness throughout the world. Its circulation has exceeded 25,000, and the staff hopes to move from four issues to six issues per year.

**Folio.** In 1982, at the Southern Baptist Convention WMU luncheon, Sarah Frances Andres called for the formation of a network of women to give support to Southern Baptist women in ministry and to heighten their visibility within the convention.

Reba Cobb and Betty McGary Pearce, both members of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, took the challenge seriously. With donations received from several women in Louisville, they printed the first issue of Folio.

"We knew that women were in isolated areas without community, support

and encouragement," explains coeditor Reba Cobb. "We wanted to help meet some needs there."

Housed at Crescent Hill with a volunteer staff of four, Folio is printed four times per year. Subscriptions are mailed to 1100 people in the United States and five foreign countries. Another 1900 copies are distributed to churches and campuses.

Folio is supported solely by subscriptions and contributions. More than \$8000 has been collected over the last two years. These are mostly small contributions from churches, church libraries, individuals and institutions such as Harvard Divinity School and Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Even though women in ministry has been a touchy subject among Southern Baptists in recent years, Folio has been well received.

Mrs. Cobb offers: "Our mail is tremendous, most in favor of what we are doing. We have only received one negative letter. People have affirmed us and our positive approach."

Louisville seemed a natural home for Folio.

"Louisville is the center—the hub—for Baptist life because Southern Seminary is here," Mrs. Cobb states. "We have received affirmation and moral support from individuals connected with the seminary."

What are future plans for Folio? The editors plan to keep publishing. "We'd like to go from four to six issues per year. We feel that what we are doing is critically important and we'd like for it to survive."

**The Call.** The editors of The Call hope for a much different future for their paper. "Please help stop this paper!" plead Louisville editor Larry Dipboye and managing editor Greg Hancock. "This publication should not be necessary. We don't intend to stay in the publishing business."

The Call began under the leadership of Hancock, pastor of Latonia Baptist

Church, Covington. In a unanimous vote the church committed to issue a publication "in support of the historic and traditional values of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Hancock sought support from others, including Dipboye, pastor of Buechel Park Baptist Church, Louisville, and C. R. Daley, retired editor of Western Recorder.

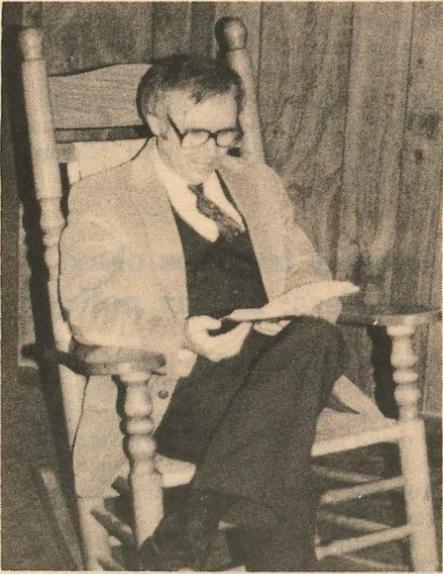
A committee of six Kentucky pastors formed the organization and editorial board, Friends of SBC Cooperative Missions. Through the paper, they aspire to "focus on the issues surrounding the present Southern Baptist controversy," and to "promote the work of the Southern Baptist Convention and inform Southern Baptists and other interested persons about the work of the SBC and its agencies, its history of beliefs and functions, and enlighten said persons regarding issues which threaten its historic positions."

Louisville and Southern Seminary have not been immune to heated Baptist controversy in the past. Even though Southern Seminary is not officially connected with The Call or the other two papers, concerned individuals connected with the oldest Southern Baptist institution, have given hearty support to all three publications.

In spite of controversy, Dipboye maintains a positive response from readers. "Our response level is 40 to one in favor of the paper. We have received more than 500 contributions of money."

The Call, which depends solely on contributions, now claims a circulation of 42,000. So far, two issues have been published. The editorial staff plans to distribute two more issues before the Southern Baptist Convention meets on June 11.

Baptist Peacemaker, Folio, The Call. Each responds to a keenly felt need in Southern Baptist life today. And, each of these fledgling journalistic endeavors has taken root in Louisville and has begun to bud.



by Glenn Mollette, State Correspondent

During almost any time of the year a person driving along route 23 in east Kentucky can view some breathtaking scenery. The beautiful picturesque mountains loom over the highway with a stature of awesomeness and a silent statement of permanence.

While driving along this route one may notice many traits of the land. The big mountains, the Big Sandy River and the coal mines, which brought the "big boom" to this area only a few years ago. But while enjoying the wonders of your ride along Rte. 23, don't overlook one of the highlights of the journey.

Going south on 23 look quickly to your left about four miles outside of Prestonsburg. There right beside the new four lane highway is Allen Baptist Church. The building is new. The location is excellent and the church is alive and well.

At the end of the red brick wing of the church's educational building, located on the right side of the building is a comfortable pastor's study. Inside is one of east Kentucky's big pastors, Earl Waugh.

Oh, he's only about 5'7" tall and I understand he periodically visits the nearby diet center. So, in stature one might not compare him to Goliath but rather to David who slew the giant.

Since August 1965 Waugh has been slaying giants in the mountains. When he and his wife Mary Jo and their three-year-old son came from Greyhawk in Jackson County, Allen Baptist Church was very small. Attendance and offerings were meager. But during his 19½ years as pastor the church has grown to be a stable Southern Baptist church with congregations exceeding 200 and a Sunday school averaging 130-180. Many years ago the church became self-supporting and still maintains a strong weekly budget.

Meager financial income and attendance problems are only two of a number of obstacles Allen Baptist has overcome during Waugh's ministry. The church has overcome one major problem typical to the region—flooding.

Water was always sure to flood the homes and even the church when it was located in a section of town referred to as "old Allen." In 1977 more than a little water got in the town.

"Our sanctuary had six feet of water and our educational building had seven feet. It was a distressing situation," reflected Waugh. "However, I remember there was a positive spirit among our people. My wife Betty Jo said 'I believe God is going to make something beautiful out of this.'

"One year later in 1978 we pur-

# Slaying giants . . .

## and overcoming other obstacles

*This east Kentucky pastor, with the commitment of his church members behind him, has taken a small church in the mountains through 20 years of struggles. Earl Waugh's [l] enduring ministry is an inspiration and encouragement to Kentucky Baptists.*

chased property on Rte. 23 and before the year was finished we had relocated in our new facility."

Relocating can be a severe test for any pastor and people but as Waugh remembers it, it wasn't too difficult. "When you see your old church building destroyed by seven feet of water it has a way of making everyone cooperate in moving to higher ground."

Waugh recalls the move as being good for the church. "When we moved from 'Old Allen' to 'New Allen' it was like a new beginning for us."

Beyond his success record of overseeing the church as it has grown, relocating and building a completely new physical plant, Waugh has led the church to maintain a mission Sunday school on Daniel's Creek in Floyd County. The mission meets in the county's only one room schoolhouse. From Monday through Friday grades one through six meet in the one room school. But on Sunday morning the small schoolhouse holds 40-80 children from Allen Church for Sunday school.

Leo Watts is a deacon at Allen and oversees the weekly Sunday school at Daniel's Creek. One of his duties is to arrive there at 8:00 every Sunday morning to build a fire in the big coal stove in the middle of the room. "I always go up on Saturday evenings to get the wood and coal ready for Sunday morning," he explained.

Watts has been a member of Allen Baptist Church 28 years. Besides directing Daniel's Creek mission he has served close to Waugh as a deacon.

"Earl Waugh is an outstanding pastor to work with. I grow to love him more and more. He is one of the most respected men in the community. He is so understanding and willing to help in any situation. He is faithful to his work and loves his people," Watts declared.

Norma Davis has been a member at Allen for 14 years. She remarked, "Earl Waugh has seen me through some tough times. He has always been available. I've seen him in some difficult situations and he has never conducted himself in a way unbecoming to a Christian. I'm always proud to introduce him as my pastor."

Arnold Turner has been the Floyd County attorney for seven years. Two years ago he was saved at Allen Church. He observed, "Earl Waugh is a good preacher. His preaching always

helps me as his sermons are relevant to the daily problems of life." Another characteristic Turner noted is "Waugh's ability to avoid putting his energy into petty conflicts and controversies. He has the ability to make what seems to be a major crisis seem small." Turner believes these two traits have contributed to Waugh's longevity with the church.

How does a pastor stay with a church 20 years enduring the routine struggles of being a mission, surviving floods, overcoming relocating pains and building problems? Waugh made five simple observations.

"They allow me to make mistakes and to be myself. This is a wonderful credit to my people," said Waugh.

"Acceptable preaching is important," he continued. "I'm not saying I am a good preacher. I don't think you have to preach great sermons every Sunday. But you have to do fairly good or at least acceptable preaching. I am a contemporary expository preacher. I simply apply the scriptures to daily life."

Waugh also accepts the people for "what they are and not what I would like for them to be. A pastor must realize his folks are human beings."

"I love the people. I enjoy being with these people. I would choose being in Allen over any place in the world," he exclaimed.

"Ministering to people in times of

need is important. I'm accessible. I try to be like a hammer, there when I'm needed," concluded Waugh.

Robert C. Jones, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Department, noted, "It is a tribute to any pastor and church who can work together for 20 years. It speaks well of the church and the man."

Jones further observed, "Earl Waugh is a warm, compassionate, sincere person. He is not overly dynamic in his preaching. But, this proves you don't have to be loud or flamboyant to have a good and enduring ministry."

Among his many gifts as a pastor Waugh is a good preacher. Jones recalled a lady from the Allen congregation stating some time ago that she learned more Bible from Earl Waugh than any other preacher she had heard.

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are other men like Waugh. Pastors who have been at churches 15-20 years and even more, who are hardly known outside their associations. These men, though seldom recognized beyond their local churches, perform the daily tasks of pastoring, loving their people, meeting the needs of their community, faithfully proclaiming the gospel and reaching out to a lost and dying world. It is men like these, like Earl Waugh, who have "stuck to the stuff." They are mightily used of the Lord and have made Southern Baptists the strong denomination we are.



The Daniel's Creek elementary school [l] is one of a few one-room schoolhouses still in operation in Kentucky. On Sundays it houses a weekly Sunday school class sponsored by Allen Baptist Church, Earl Waugh, pastor. The church recently moved into its new building [below] after years of fighting the flooding that is typical in the east Kentucky region.



# baptist news in brief

## SBC features prayer time, more business

Prayer times at each session and expanded business time are features of the program for the 1985 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13 at the Dallas Convention Center.

The program, released by Morris Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Tex. and chairman of the committee on order of business, has the theme of "Pray ye therefore . . ." "The scriptural theme is a call to prayer and to missions which has the potential to grip the heart of every person attending the convention with an overwhelming burden for the unsaved," Chapman said.

One of the highlights of the three-day annual meeting, according to Chapman is "small group prayer sessions which have been inserted into almost every session." The 15-minute prayer times, he said, were added at the request of SBC president Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

Another feature, he said, is more time for business. "Messengers (to previous conventions) had expressed a desire to have a relatively unlimited amount of time for discussion of any issue," Chapman said. "The commitment of the committee has been to provide that kind of time."

One way in which the business time has been expanded has been to start the sessions a half hour earlier, Chapman said. Another has been the elimination of a theme interpretation at every session. Instead, there will be one theme interpretation, delivered at the Tuesday evening meeting.

"Each evening Bill Reynolds (convention music director) will begin singing choruses as we are dismissed as a reminder that even when we are having business our ultimate intent is just to praise the Lord," Chapman said. (BP)

## SEBTS gifts increase by 117 percent in 1984

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., reported an increase of nearly one million dollars in gifts during 1984, according to W. Robert Spinks, assistant to the president for financial development.

According to figures just released, gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention seminary rose to \$1,809,050 for 1984 from \$883,649 in 1983, a whopping 117 percent. The number of donors increased by 68 percent.

Spinks attributes the major jump to "hard work by the staff, development

council and alumni, as well as an unparalleled generosity of many people. One of the major contributors was the Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts of Concord, N. C.," he said. "We had a \$500,000 challenge grant from Cannon, and we've been working diligently to meet that goal."

All reported gifts are in addition to the seminary's allotment from the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program which is expected to total \$3.8 million for the 1984-85 year, 70 percent of the school's budget. (BP)

## 23 church planters commissioned by HMB

Twenty-three church planter apprentices were commissioned by the Home Mission Board Jan. 27 in a special service at Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church in Riverside, Cal. The missionaries will begin churches in California, Hawaii and Nevada during the next two years.

The commissioning service, only the second such service specifically for church planters, was held in California to coincide with the state's emphasis on church starting. Of the 23 missionaries commissioned, California will receive 17.

The church planters, their home states and places of service are: Phillip and Terri Bradley, Mississippi/Kentucky, Canyon Country, Cal.; Douglas and Linda Brown, California/Oklahoma, Chula Vista, Cal.; Glenn Galloway, Arizona, Antelope, Ariz.; Robert and Rebecca George, both of California, Cambria, Cal.; Frank (Thomas) and Teresa Hall, Ohio/California, Santa Maria, Cal.; Mark and Candi Holmes, both of Arkansas, San Diego; Timothy and Jenifer Stinnette, Virginia/Florida, Scripps Ran, Cal.; Randy and Susan Wilson, both of Mississippi, Chatsworth, Cal.; and Robert and Ace Wilson, both of Kentucky, Los Angeles, Cal.

Also commissioned were Don and Deanna Frank, both of Missouri, to work in Eleele, Hawaii; Daniel and Karen Tomita, Hawaii/Louisiana, Kalama Valley, Hawaii; and Darrell and Beverly Regensberg, New Mexico/Texas, Winnemucca, Nev. (BP)

## Seminary v.p. sees hopeful signs for SBC

Though a struggle for control of Southern Baptist boards and agencies projects a question mark over the denomination's future, there are "harbingers of hope" on the horizon, according to biblical scholar Harold S. Songer.

Songer, vice president for academic affairs and professor of New Testament

interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, made his remarks to a group of associational directors of missions attending a continuing theological education conference at the seminary. He told the group that gains toward establishing a moderate view of biblical interpretation among Southern Baptists at the grassroots level will not "be erased by the sticking of trustees in agencies." Songer's "harbingers" were:

The rise of multiple translations of the Bible now in use by lay people—who a generation ago relied solely on the King James Version—signals "a frank recognition there may be more than one meaning assigned to a scripture passage," Songer said. That trend implies "a move toward diversity, and not rigidity," he continued. Yet, he observed, there is no debate among the Baptists the Bible is authoritative or "that we stop reading the Bible and begin reading the Baptist Faith and Message."

"Another element of hope is a stable exegetical pattern in the Broadman Bible Commentary," Songer asserts. He believes it is a unifying factor Southern Baptists have never before had. Written by the top Baptist scholars of its time, the chief weakness of the commentary is "it is not sufficiently used," Songer said.

The religion departments in Baptist colleges are exposing 160,000 students a year in all walks of life to "an approach to the Bible which is productive and sane." Students attending Baptist colleges must take religion classes, and those students, the majority of which will be laypeople, are "a bulwark against a hyper-conservative takeover," he said.

Songer believes the single most encouraging "harbinger" is Southern Baptists' continuing devotion to the Bible. "Baptists see themselves as the

people of the book, and they see the book as different from other books," Songer said. While some disagree on how the Bible is to be interpreted, all agree "in the bulwark assumption that God speaks through his word," Songer said. (BP)

## Annuity trustees okays transfers; hit tax policy

Annuity Board trustees approved an amendment allowing participants in Southern Baptist retirement programs to make monthly investment transfers and adopted a resolution opposing a proposal which would eliminate tax-free housing for ministers.

Effective July 1, participants in the Church Annuity Plan may transfer their retirement accumulations each month between all investment funds. Persons employed by Southern Baptist agencies will become eligible for the transfer option after their agency adopts the amendment.

In further action, the trustees adopted a resolution urging President Reagan and members of the Congress to reject the United States Treasury proposal that eliminates tax-free housing for ministers.

Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan said the Treasury proposal, if enacted, would increase taxes for ministers living in church owned parsonages not located on the church premises, and would eliminate cash housing allowances for those ministers renting or purchasing their own homes. However, ministers living in a rectory on the church premises would not be affected by the proposal.

Morgan told the trustees if the proposal becomes law, "it will be discriminatory against two classes of clergy and will have a devastating fi-

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nancial impact on Southern Baptist ministers.

"Ministers already are paid less than people with similar educational backgrounds. The compensation of Southern Baptist ministers is typically less than that of other denominations," he said.

Morgan noted a person does not enter the ministry for the money but, he said, "A minister has a family, too. The pastor's family members have the same needs as everybody else."

The trustees elected Willis L. Meadows, president of The Hunter Company, Inc., Shreveport, La., as chairman. Milton L. Wood, pastor of Gorham Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich., was elected vice chairman.

The board also honored Bernelle Harrison who will retire Mar. 1 after 45 years of service. Harrison was director of actuarial services until she was made assistant to the president in 1982.

Financial highlights for 1984 include: total assets reached \$1.4 billion; total premium income was \$107.5 million; investment income totaled \$109 million; and retirement benefits paid totaled \$36.2 million to a record 14,011 annuitants. (BP)

### Israeli Christian congregation harassed

A congregation of Jewish believers in Christ in Rehovot, Israel, has been barred from worshiping in its rented building by a city government injunction. The group, Grace and Truth Assembly, says it also has been harassed by extremist Orthodox Jews.

The city of Rehovot contends the congregation, which operates a small publishing house, is in an area zoned strictly as residential. Pastor Baruch Moaz says the building formerly housed a kindergarten and reports International Business Machines competed with the assembly to rent the facility. Synagogues and rabbinical

schools also operate in the vicinity, he adds.

A city spokesman claims the congregation's presence in the neighborhood has caused a disturbance. Extremist Orthodox Jews have protested against the congregation since it moved to the new location last November, he adds.

"This is not a unique incident," said Ray Hicks, administrator for Southern Baptist representatives in Israel. Harassment of Jewish believers also has been reported in Ashkelon, Jerusalem, Tiberias, Nahariya, Netanya and Tel Aviv.

Rehovot is a city of about 50,000 people 12 miles south of Tel Aviv. Southern Baptist representatives David and Marsha Smith periodically have worshiped with the congregation, one of two believing communities in Rehovot.

Grace and Truth Assembly began meeting in Rehovot in late 1977 and registered with the Israeli government in 1978. It is comprised of about 25 adults, most of whom are Israeli citizens.

Moaz said members of the group, including himself, have suffered physical abuse, vandalism and threats "to life and limb."

The latest of a series of incidents occurred Feb. 3 when a wheel fell off Moaz's car while he was driving slowly. The pastor said an inspection revealed some of the bolts had been removed and others loosened. (BP)

### Evangelism broadcast helps El Paso get ACTS

When ACTS carried part of the recent Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference on 33 cable TV systems in Texas, it did more than make the gospel available to 2.6 million people on one night. It also helped Baptists in El Paso begin offering the gospel to cable TV customers in their city on a regular basis.

Working with the evangelism division of the Baptist General Convention

of Texas, ACTS arranged to broadcast the evening session of the evangelism conference Jan. 14. The two and a half hour program was sent live by satellite to 10 ACTS cable TV channels in the state. In 23 Texas cities where ACTS is not yet on, the network negotiated time on public access channels or other open channels so the program could be seen.

One of those cities was El Paso, where director of missions Lewis Lee had been negotiating for an ACTS channel with Group W Cable. Response from viewers of the special program was so strong that when a permanent channel suddenly opened up that same week, the cable system manager immediately gave it to ACTS.

Lee said he was confident ACTS would have gotten a channel eventually, but he didn't expect the good news to come so soon. Other cities where the evangelism conference was shown also reported the special broadcast has helped convince cable operators of ACTS popularity. (BP)

### Gore, Hollis discuss bioethics on ABC

Two Southern Baptists speaking on national television have called for increasing dialogue between scientists and religious leaders about biomedical breakthroughs which expand the ability to create and prolong life by artificial means.

Senator Albert Gore Jr. (D-Tenn.) and Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of special moral concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, were among symposium members moderated by ABC News commentator George Will on "Dimensions."

Panel members discussed the moral, economic and legal implications surrounding such biomedical breakthroughs as artificial heart transplants, use of baboon hearts in humans, new experiments in genetic engineering and reproductive technologies.

"One of the ironies of our century is that the hard sciences have been developing much more rapidly than human ability to accelerate the development of new bioethical structures to guide us in making these difficult decisions," Gore explained.

Hollis, editor of the book, *A Matter of Life And Death*, said biomedical issues of this nature are too important to leave to any one group such as Congress or scientists. "Biomedical decisions of this magnitude must be interdisciplinary decisions based on facts and on moral values," he said.

"It is very important for there to be increasing dialogue between the scientific community and the religious communities to look at what is already a revolution and which is going to be a much greater problem in the future," he said. (BP)



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# clear creek comment

## Living with and without fear

Some weeks ago, in preparing for our annual Bible study in Psalms, I came across these words in an obscure Psalm, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. . . . In God I have put my trust; I will not fear" (Ps. 56:3-4). I asked myself, "What is the psalmist saying? What is God saying to me through him?" The answer came after some thought, "When I have to live with fear, I will conquer it; my goal is to live a life without fear."

Fear is sometimes natural, at times even beneficial, yet so often the most destructive element in our lives. It is interesting to discover how various people define fear—"Pain arising from the anticipation of evil" (Aristotle); "The tax that conscience pays to guilt" (Anon.); "The darkness where negatives are developed" (Anon.); "The one permanent emotion of the inferior man" (Mencken); "That which gives intelligence even to fools" (French proverb).

Fear is often the most debilitating, hindering, paralyzing enemy for the Christian. Fear can be distressing, disturbing and demoralizing. Moses indicated that fear is also contagious when he said, "What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart" (Deut. 20:8).

I am convinced God does not want his children to lead lives of fear. "Fear not" is repeated nearly 80 times in the word of God and we should heed this admonition. Second Tim. 1:2 states, "God has not given us a spirit of fear."

I am also convinced we can conquer fear in our lives. Many of us feel at times like the man riding the tiger—we don't know how we got in this fix, we can't steer and we can't get off! But with God, all things are possible and faith can drive fear out of our lives. When I am afraid, I can trust God; and I can trust in God and not be afraid.

I am convinced that the key to conquering fear is a deliberate determination to replace fear with positive virtues in our lives. God is love, not fear, and if we learn to love God, live in his love, and love one another, God's perfect love will cast out fear in our lives (1 John 5:18). If a Christian must live with fear, faith and trust in God should be strong. However, God's will for our lives is to live in love and there is no fear in love.

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## oneida journal

### Battling the elements

Oneida is one of the few schools in Kentucky not to have missed an hour of classroom work the past month. Hundreds of schools have missed several weeks because of the severe winter. In fact, it has been many years since Oneida has missed a scheduled day of school.

This is one of the advantages of being primarily a boarding school. Most of our students and all the teaching-coaching staff are right here. We do have about 50 commuting students, and they get here on their own. They know we are having class. So our students do not waste days or weeks because of weather.

Of course, there are many difficulties in severe weather. For example, a siege of the "flu" kept us very busy. One cannot send sick children home in a boarding school. "Home" is scores, hundreds, even thousands of miles away.

Our campus doctor saw 117 of our students and a few of our staff in one recent five-day period. He did not set foot out of the clinic that entire time. He sleeps there and his meals were carried to him. Dr. Schroeder has devoted his entire life to caring for young people, serving as the doctor of a large university for over 30 years. He thought he was "retiring" when he came to help us! He is a wonderfully kind and capable man. His manner and smile are reassuring.

Our dorm parents are constantly on-the-run even when things are just the usual. All who have experienced having one or more teenagers to care for can imagine what it is like to have nearly

500! There is NEVER a dull moment. On any given day there are always a few sick, but imagine having 117 down in one span of time. Medicines had to be distributed to each every so many hours. Temperatures had to be checked periodically. Meals had to be carried to them three times daily. Then the dirty containers must be carried back to the kitchen for washing. A lot of juice and water is carried. Of course, some of our students help with much of this.

A daily concern year-round is the maintenance of our water supply. We process and purify every ounce that is used here. That is a continuous process. We use approximately 50,000 gallons daily. There are many things that must be done in the purification process. The first lab tests of the day are made about 6 a.m. and the last ones at midnight. In severe weather occasionally some pipes freeze despite our best efforts to prevent that.

One recent morning a main pipe burst. The noon meal had to be eaten off paper plates. Some of our men worked frantically and had the water flowing again by the time students and staff ended the class day.

Maintaining heat is sometimes a problem and, occasionally, there is a power failure which calls for certain emergency procedures. For example, gasoline powered pumps are used to maintain our water pressure when the electricity is off. Emergency lights automatically come on in stairwells, hallways and other strategic locations.

No matter how many degrees below zero, how deep the snow, how slick the ice, our cattle and hogs must be fed morning and evening. Schoolboys and our two farm managers attend to this. What our students don't eat is put into the great "slop" cans which are transported to the farm twice daily. If the water is over the low-water bridge, the "slop" must be handcarried over our swinging bridge. There it is recycled to the hogs and later we eat the hogs.

Every few weeks year round, some cattle and hogs are butchered and government inspected to provide meat for our tables. Boys have been taking care of these farm chores for nearly 86 years. Sometimes trying at the time, such experiences provide some of the most vivid and warm memories to be shared by old alumni when they return to visit.

Slippery sidewalks must be salted or shoveled, ice chipped and scraped, and our campus roads cleared with a blade on the front of a tractor. The work supervisor handles the tractor and boy power does the rest.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 24, 1985

International Series

### Through death to life

**John 12:20-22** Certain Greeks appeared out of the mists of obscurity, stood briefly in the light of the gospel state and then disappeared. These Greeks approached Philip in the hope he would introduce them to the savior and said, "Sir, we would see Jesus." By these words they were immortalized.

**John 12:23-27** Christ proclaimed that those who live for self-gratification lose their lives, whereas those who receive Christ as savior, enthrone him as Lord and devote their energies to the doing of the will of God in the service of their fellow men will be honored with indescribable blessings in this life and unspeakable glory in the next one.

**John 12:28-31** Looking into the gathering storm and observing what was involved therein, Christ said, "Father." His awareness of the father's presence was Christ's most cherished possession. "Father" was Christ's answer to all the doubts, threatenings and fears which were ahead of him. His supreme desire was expressed in the earnest prayer, "Father, glorify thy name."

**John 12:32** Christ's promise, "I will draw all men unto me," had reference to his death. His being lifted up from the earth has specific reference to his death by crucifixion on the cross, rather than to the preaching of his glorious

gospel. His sacrificial death on the cross is the magnet which draws multitudes from various nations to him in repentance and faith.

**John 12:33** Pretending they were shocked at what Christ said about his approaching death, the people asked him to explain what he meant. Knowing they were not seeking truth, Christ again referred to himself as the light of the world. He then reminded them that ere long this light would be withdrawn. Since his public ministry was about to terminate in his death, Christ challenged his listeners to believe on him while they had the opportunity to do so.

Life and Work Series

### Power over death

**John 11:25-27** Christ gave Martha one of the outstanding revelations concerning himself in the declaration, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Linked with Christ through genuine faith, believers shall live eternally.

As a believer in Christ Lazarus had died physically, but he continued to live spiritually. Putting Martha's faith to the test by asking her, in substance, "Do you believe that your brother is spiritually alive even though his physical body is in the tomb?" Christ received her answer that in spite of her great grief her faith was firmly fixed.

**John 11:38-44** Christ took the bereaved sisters of Lazarus and some friends of the family and proceeded to the tomb. On arrival Christ instructed the friends to remove the stone from the entrance to the tomb. Martha reminded him that Lazarus had been dead for four days.

When the men removed the stone, there lay the body of Lazarus. Christ lifted his voice in thanksgiving to God, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me." Then in a loud voice Christ said, "Lazarus, come forth."

Christ elevated his voice because he wanted all present to hear his call to Lazarus in order that they might note it was simultaneous with his response in coming forth. Christ's restoration of Lazarus to life clearly demonstrated he was and is the Lord of life and also the one who has power over death and the grave. When Lazarus came forth from the tomb, he was still bound in the garments of the grave, so Christ commanded them to "loose him, and let him go," and they obeyed.



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## on mission together

### Come, warm your bones

A dozen or more consecutive days of cold and snow has at least one good thing about it—it sharpens one's anticipation of spring! Still to come among the winter experiences in the life of Kentucky Baptists is the warming fire provided by the annual Evangelism Conference.

This year, hosted jointly by Immanuel Baptist Church and Elkhorn Association, participants are promised inspiration and encouragement as well as solid, stirring, biblical preaching.

Director of the KBC Evangelism Department Jay Brown has assembled a choice blend of speakers and musical experiences.

If one is looking for fuel to add to the

flames of our present SBC controversy, he will not find it at this conference.

He will find a biblical emphasis on the importance and urgency of evangelism. A preview of the sermon titles makes it clear that a serious effort has been made to appeal to all of us who make up the multicolored coat Kentucky Baptists wear.

With the declining number of baptisms throughout our Southern Baptist Convention, including Kentucky, it is only right that our attention be turned in this direction. While Good News America, if God-blessed, will surely result in increased baptisms in 1986, it is possible that its greatest contribution may be to sensitize church leadership to the importance and urgency of evangelism in the local church and, more personally, as a Christian lifestyle.

Meeting recently in Canada at their annual get-together, state evangelism directors and Home Mission Board personnel speculated as to why the decline

in baptisms in recent years. Among the "whys" were: (1) a decreasing number of youth and children in the American population; (2) lack of concern for the unsaved; (3) Baptist Press reporting of the controversy as well as the controversy itself.

Presnell Wood, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, wrote, following the release of the "whys," that: "increases have a way of causing people to take credit, but decreases often bring out finger-pointing in seeking a scapegoat. But never is the finger pointed that the thumb does not point back to the finger pointer. Let the Southern Baptist who has won all he could have won to Christ point the first finger."

As hundreds of us gather at Immanuel in Lexington next week we anticipate more than good preaching, of which there will be an ample supply. We also anticipate a "warming" from the Holy Spirit.

Come, warm your bones!

Celebrating 70th birthday

## Bardstown missionary 'evacuates' from Lebanon to retire after 35 years

by Irma Duke

Mabel Summers, almost 70, has worked in Beirut for more than 35 years without evacuating. But at times she had a notion to.

Once a shell hit the playground outside the Bardstown native's apartment. She ran to the furnace room and said to herself, "I'm getting out of here. I don't know what this country's coming to." More than eight years of shelling has gone on since then and only her retirement as a Southern Baptist missionary is getting her out of the country.

"I've gotten scared a few times from rockets," the white-haired single woman explains. "That's the only thing I'm scared of." In 1976 a rocket came in the left side of her bedroom causing minor damage.

"Ever since we've been out here, there's been war, assassinations. There have been rashes of these car bombs," says the spirited little woman. More than 100,000 people have been killed in the strife among Muslim factions and between them and Christians.

Much of the fighting has been at night, but she says she hasn't had much trouble sleeping. "My cousin gave me some earplugs," she explains.

One time when she was working as treasurer for the missionaries she went through battle lines to make sure some employes got their checks. When this particular fighting broke out, everyone in the area scattered. She was in the middle of the fighting before she realized she had the only car on the airport road—she was in the firing line.

"When I heard what she'd done, I almost passed out," says Jim Ragland, a missionary coworker who sort of looks out for Miss Summers.

She satisfied her nervous energy with needlepoint during the war when she couldn't get out to do other things. A group of women got together every Tuesday afternoon in someone's yard to work on it. "Sometimes we had to move for the rockets," she adds matter-of-factly.

She definitely downplays any suggestion of sacrifice on her part but points to the Lebanese people. "We haven't borne anything compared to



Mabel Summers [r] finds it difficult to think about leaving Beirut, her home for more than 35 years. The Bardstown native retires as a Southern Baptist missionary in March. Her closest friends in Beirut have been her upstairs neighbors and fellow workers at Beirut Baptist School, Jim and Leola Ragland [above].

what a lot of nationals have."

She's lived in Lebanon during all these years of fighting but says she would be scared to go to Russia. She's afraid she might be put in jail.

She believes prayer has sustained her. "It's been woven in everything I do—the big things and the little things. You need a parking place downtown—you pray ahead and you find one.

"The Lord's kept these buildings and us and our school," she explains. She lives on the Beirut Baptist School compound and has been treasurer for the school for years, helped out with chapel programs and done other things as needed. She also worked for the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary just outside Beirut and for Christian literature ministries.

She's been instrumental in Baptist women's and children's work. She used to pack a station wagon with a projector, an organ, some handicrafts and some young people and go throughout Lebanon holding weeklong Bible schools for children. Many of those same young people went to college because of her financial help.

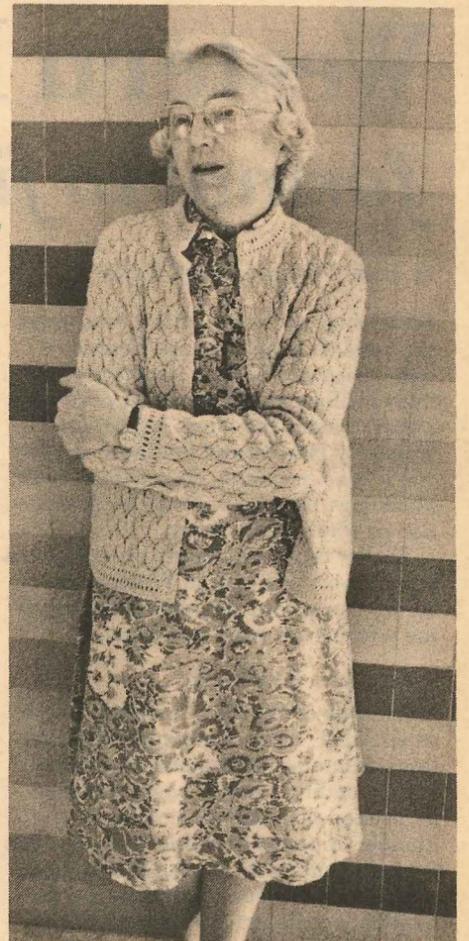
"We used to go north, south and east but now what can we do?" She still does more traveling than most of the Southern Baptist missionaries.

"She's our carrier pigeon," says Ragland, principal of Beirut Baptist School. "She's old, she's a woman and she drives a little car so she goes anywhere she wants to." Kidnappings have been a problem in Beirut, particularly for males traveling alone.

Once she was confronted by a guard from one of the factions who immediately recognized her. "I know you," he said. "You use to come up to Ain Dara and show films."

"She's dear to all Baptist women's hearts," says Lebanese Baptist convention president Ghassan Khalaf. He said she tries to help and contacts others to do so when she can't.

"She's been a regular pitcher on the team as well as pinch-hitter and because of that, we've won a lot of games," says Ragland, who has worked with Miss Summers for the last 30



years.

Miss Summers is so thoroughly Lebanese now that her retirement is a bittersweet experience. "As long as you have good health, you can't just sit, muzboot (right)?" she asked, not realizing she had mixed Arabic into the conversation.

Some of her family still live in Kentucky. Her brother Thomas lives in Elizabethtown and her sister Pauline lives in Lexington. Her family still has a farm outside Bardstown.

She really hasn't made up her mind what she wants to do when she retires in March other than remain in Lebanon for a few more months. But she definitely doesn't want any recognition; once she failed to appear for her own birthday party. She just wants to thank the Lord for letting her be in Lebanon and then slip out.

[Irma Duke is information coordinator/assistant director, news and information services, Foreign Mission Board.]



Mabel Summers sets up and runs many of the films for Beirut Baptist School. In years past, she's gone all over Lebanon showing films and leading weekly Bible studies for children.



The children at Beirut Baptist School and music are two favorites for Mabel Summers and she combines them during chapel times at the school. She will soon leave the school for retirement but she will never get far away from her music.

# Western Recorder

## format to final form

by Janis Whipple, Staff Writer

Each week, 50 weeks of the year, more than 50,000 people across Kentucky pull a copy of Western Recorder from their mailbox and, hopefully, peruse its pages to learn the latest happenings in Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist work. Most probably do not think twice about how that issue got to its destination or where it all began.

But for those who might wonder what kind of work goes on so Western Recorder can go out, hopefully the following will answer your questions.

### Where does it all begin?

Each issue of Western Recorder begins as a format, a sheet of paper with that issue's date at the top and a numeral corresponding to each page. Because all printed material must contain a number of pages divisible by four, most formats begin with 12 pages, and occasionally are revised to eight or 16, depending on the amount of material received for that issue.

Each numeral on the format contains a short explanation of the proposed contents of that page. Each person involved in the publication process has a sheaf of formats to refer to in planning for upcoming issues.

As time for an issue approaches, a final decision on the number of pages is made and the editor, associate editor, advertising manager, two student interns and typesetter all begin to work towards a particular issue.

Work on a particular week's paper usually begins about two weeks in advance with the heaviest amount of work done in the full week preceding the issue date.

### What goes in and where does it come from?

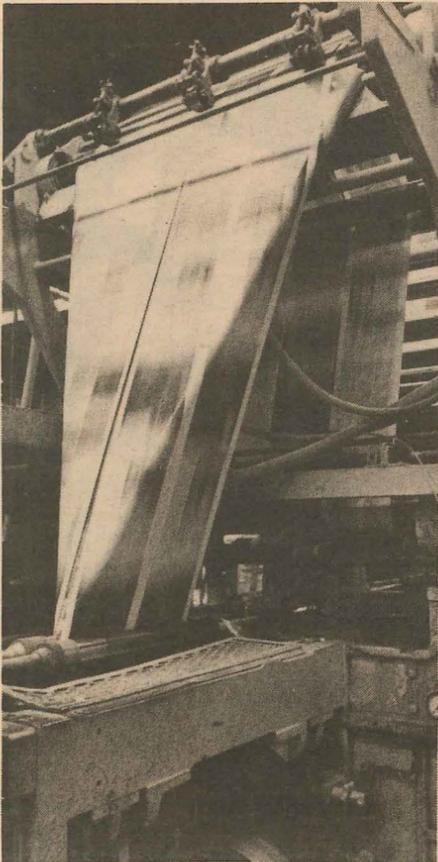
Western Recorder subscribers should be familiar with certain standing features of the paper—weekly columns, Baptist Forum, Baptist News in Brief, Christian Education, Mountains to the Mississippi and Sanford's Perspective. Each of these features comes from a different source and usually occupies the same spot in each issue.

Weekly columns are written by Kentucky Baptist agencies or institutions. Baptist Homes for Children, Oneida Baptist Institute and Clear Creek Baptist School each pay for and fill a column in every issue.

Additional contributions to each issue include two Sunday school lessons, written by H. C. Chiles, professor at Clear Creek Baptist School; On Mission Together, written by William W. Marshall, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer; and Fourth Estate, a biweekly column by associate editor James H. Cox.

Baptist News in Brief, also a weekly feature in Western Recorder, is a series of short news articles about Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist events. The primary source for Baptist News in Brief is Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention news bureau. Baptist Press releases are received from Nashville almost daily in Western Recorder's office.

The editor and associate editor select those articles which will run in Western Recorder and send them to the interns'



Landmark Community Newspapers, Shelbyville, runs its press Monday evenings, printing each week's Western Recorder.

office for editing.

Other sources for Baptist News in Brief include Religious News Services, International Religious News, and the information offices at Southern Baptist Convention boards and agencies.

Baptist Forum is Western Recorder's letters to the editor. These letters go through the editor's office and then on to the interns for headlines and any editing needed to conform to the paper's style. The editor is also responsible for Sanford's Perspective, the weekly editorial page.

Christian Education is news from all Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist educational institutions. Regular contributors to this feature are Cumberland College, Campbellsville College, Georgetown College and the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries. Any other news releases received which are related to education are assigned to this page.

Mountains to the Mississippi is Kentucky Baptist news about people and places across the state. Sources for this are as varied as the number of churches in Kentucky.

Western Recorder welcomes information on personnel changes, ordinations, congregational happenings, mission endeavors, etc. but all information must be received in writing.

It is easy to get information into Mountains to the Mississippi by merely sending a written announcement of it to Western Recorder's office. It does not need to be written in any particular form as long as all necessary information is included.

In addition to such mailed-in items, sources for Mountains to the Mississippi include church bulletins, associational newsletters and news clippings.

The remainder of space in each issue of Western Recorder is given to advertising and feature stories. Paid ads come from many sources. Ads may be as small as one inch and as large as an entire page.

Feature stories stem from a variety of sources. Sometimes Baptist Press releases feature stories about Southern Baptists from around the country. Feature articles are provided by the communication offices of the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Union. These features are selected for use according to the amount of space available in an issue.

The most widely used sources of feature articles are Western Recorder's stringers. The state is divided into 16 regions, each with an assigned stringer to locate and write about interesting people, churches and events in Kentucky Baptist life. These stringers regularly submit feature articles which are then laid out and edited for printing.

Other feature contributors for Western Recorder are the associate editor and the two interns, seminary students with a vocational interest in Southern Baptist communication.

All this information does a good job of accounting for the total space in each issue of Western Recorder. The remaining space, the front page, is usually filled with the most important news of the week in Southern Baptist and/or Kentucky Baptist life. These articles are selected by the editor and associate editor, often from Baptist Press releases, or written by a Western Recorder employe reporting an event.

### How does it all come together?

Now there's a pile of columns, features, news items and ads—how does it move from the pile to the page?

All written material must conform to Western Recorder style. A printed guideline is used to edit all copy true to style in such particulars as abbreviations, headlines, hyphenated words, capitalization and punctuation. All copy which requires it is given a headline which must be written and counted to fit its assigned space on the page. After editing copy, the interns must write headlines and draw up the page on a layout sheet, making sure all copy and headlines fit the allowed space and sizing and drawing in any photographs or artwork to accompany the copy.

Each page, as it is drawn up, is given to the typesetter who then sets all copy and headlines and pastes up the page

according to the layout to prepare it for printing.

In addition to the copy, all ads for a particular issue are drawn in and placed on a layout sheet.

Throughout the editing and layout process, copy continues to come in, is edited and sent to typesetting. Most copy is received and set by the Friday afternoon preceding the Tuesday issue date each week.

After the pages are pasted up and ready for printing they must each be proofread twice. Corrections are marked and then made by the typesetter. Any revision needed in copy, changes needed in layout or space needed to be filled is done at this time.

On Monday morning each week, all typesetting work not previously done is finished, all corrections are made and checked and all photos checked for size. A copy of each page is made for use in making Western Recorder tapes for the blind.

After a last check to make sure all pages are complete, Western Recorder is ready to be picked up by Landmark Community Newspapers of Shelbyville early Monday afternoon.

Landmark takes the paper, the mailing labels and the church and associational pages to be printed and sets up its press for a Monday evening run.

Once the paper is printed and labeled it is sent off to churches, associations and individual subscribers.

### What else keeps the paper going?

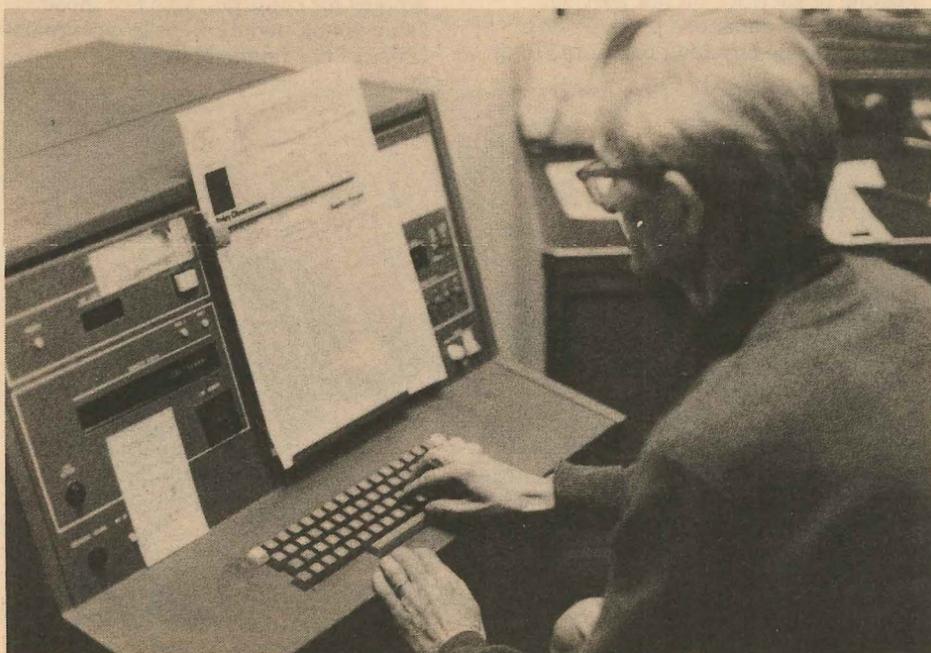
The advertising/circulation manager keeps track of all ads used in Western Recorder. He also handles Western Recorder's financial accounts.

The subscription clerk is responsible for keeping accurate, up-to-date address lists of all subscribers. She also keeps files on all individual, church, complimentary and exchange accounts. She keeps the books on cash receipts, cash disbursements and general ledgers. A part time clerk helps with accounts receivable and the advertising billing.

The editorial secretary also serves as office receptionist, secretary to the editor and is in charge of mail and bank deposits.

The secretary to the associate editor also functions as subscription bookkeeper.

All of Western Recorder's personnel, both full and part time, work together to keep the weekly deadline schedule running as smoothly as possible. Their efforts keep your Western Recorder coming to the mailbox 50 weeks a year.



George Strickland, Western Recorder's typesetter, sets edited copy at the composer for an issue.