



## An 'aloha' convention: WMU salutes them coming, going this year

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Aloha" perhaps describes Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union's 1985 annual meeting better than any other word.

The Hawaiian term means both "hello" and "goodby."

During their three-day convention Apr. 25-27 at Bowling Green, state Baptist women will say "hello" to their new executive director and "goodby" to their outgoing president.

At a reception opening night in the fellowship hall of host First Baptist Church, Mrs. Dee Gilliland, who joined the Middletown WMU staff last September as executive director, and Mrs. Doris Mullendore of Bowling Green, completing her fourth and final term as state president, will share the limelight as honorees.

"Go Forward" is the theme of the five-session agenda, beginning at 7 p.m. Central Time Thursday and concluding with a Saturday session at 9:15 a.m.

Principal speakers include four persons Friday morning—C. Benton Williams, director, Missions and Church Services Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown; Elaine and Mike Greer, Middletown, missionaries to Israel (on leave of absence); and Mrs. Carmela Bartels, missionary to Benin—and Mrs. Helen Begaye, home missionary in Arlington, Tex., Friday night.

In addition, Dee Gilliland will offer a monolog Saturday morning, a drama—"What's Left of a Life"—is set Thursday evening, a Kentucky-Kenya partnership report comes Friday afternoon, a business session is slated that morning and an interview with Kentucky Acteens advisory panelists that night.

Music for the WMU annual meeting will be provided by the sanctuary, junior and senior high choirs of First

Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Mrs. Emily Taylor of Fairfield, Oh. will be soloist and theme interpretations will be directed by Bobbie Sorrill, associate executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala. Margaret Perkins, WMU associate in black church relations, Birmingham, will conduct a prayer time for the convention on opening night.

An Acteens dinner is scheduled at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Apr. 26 at Calvary Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Cost is \$4.50 and is payable in advance to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, with reservations made through the WMU office in Middletown.

Baptist Young Women's annual dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. the same day at the host church. Mail \$5 to the state WMU office for each reservation.



Mrs. Gilliland



Mrs. Mullendore



Williams



Mrs. Greer



Greer



Mrs. Bartels



Mrs. Begaye



Mrs. Taylor



Miss Sorrill



Miss Perkins

## Crusade in Rio: 540 volunteers, 4000 baptisms

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Wayne Dehoney, who recently retired as pastor of Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church, reported to Western Recorder last week on a team of 540 volunteers comprising the largest simultaneous evangelistic effort in the history of Southern Baptist mission work overseas.

The week-long crusade in greater Rio de Janeiro, sponsored by the Brazilian Baptist Association of Rio and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, involved "more Southern Baptist volunteers working in a single evangelistic effort at one time than ever before" on a mission field, said Dehoney, coordinator and organizer of the crusade.

The team included 80 preachers, who led simultaneous evangelistic services in 80 churches in the greater Rio area, 40 medical and dental personnel working in 25 clinics in the slums of Rio, musicians and lay persons organized into teams for street witnessing and leading training sessions in Brazilian Baptist churches.

Dehoney said 40,000 persons attended a kick-off rally Sunday, Mar. 10 in a soccer stadium. Net results were more than 2000 decisions including more than 1000 first time conversions.

Greetings were read from former U. S. President Jimmy Carter and a pledge for prayer support for the crusade from Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins. Similar expressions came from the governors of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Neilson Fanini, past president of the Baptist Convention of Brazil and pastor of First Baptist Church, Nteriori, addressed the crowd.

From there, 120 buses brought the crowds to crusade services that night (Sunday) and throughout the week in the churches. Sixty-two churches and several missions were in simultaneous revivals, all with American preachers.

Preliminary reports at a victory breakfast Friday morning, Mar. 15 indicated over 1400 first time professions of faith recorded in the churches and at least twice that number of other decisions, according to Dehoney. In one church the American support team all came forward in the service to rededicate themselves.

The largest single group of Americans in the crusade included 33 persons from First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. The group included a 12-member choral ensemble called "One Voice" which performed at the rally, in churches and at a ferry where a half-million persons cross water daily.

Evangelistic services were conducted each evening for four hours, with 10 minutes' preaching, then witnessing with bilingual tracts and music. Over 2000 conversions were reported in these meetings at the ferry during the week.

Fanini, who had spoken at the Sunday afternoon rally, estimated that final results of conversions would be "in the

neighborhood" of 4000. Churches, he noted, were organizing for immediate follow-up.

The medical team of about 40 doctors, nurses and dentists worked in clinics in the slums. They reported numerous conversions as well as ministering to hundreds of persons who had never seen a doctor or dentist in their lives.

It was the "greatest experience of my life," said Robert McKechnie, a physician and member of Walnut Street Church, Louisville. He said he "wept more" in this one week than he had in "all my life put together"—tears of "compassion, joy and fulfillment."

A dentist reported pulling 263 teeth in one day. He commented on how "appreciative" and "responsive" every person was to the gospel and to the Americans' "show of care and concern."

Don Zuberer of Kentucky allowed that he "could not go on a crusade like this and not be changed." Zuberer, pastor of Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, preached at Jardim Church. His music leader for the week was Ron Harrington of Louisville's Ninth and O Church.

Walnut Street member Mrs. Jan Roy didn't "want to leave and come home." She particularly found the children "open" to the gospel, and called the Brazilians the "most loving people" in the world.

Mrs. Eugene Alwes, a member of Louisville's Clifton Baptist Church, confirmed that the trip was the "greatest thing that ever happened in my life," too. She said the volunteers would be "better Christians" and "better church members" because of this experience.

"We helped them, but they did us more good," Mrs. Alwes concluded.

Said Tom Evitts, who preached at Camp Grande and is pastor of First Church, Clarksville, Ind.: "From the first service the little church was packed. Through the windows, out the doors and into the streets I never saw such a hunger for the gospel."

One church of 43 members reported 65 professions of faith.

Many teams raised money to complete building programs, buy property, start new missions and purchase supplies for the Sunday school.

The crusade was initiated by an invitation from Fanini for Dehoney to organize the group and bring them down. The Brazilian convention formally extended the invitation and the Foreign Mission Board gave full assistance in materials and missions support on the field.

Brazilian Baptists, according to Dehoney, have already requested that he and the Foreign Mission Board repeat the crusade again next year in both Rio and in Sao Paulo.

Some material in this story was contributed by Bob Allen.

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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## The basic problem

Moderates are confident of, and pin their hopes upon, a reversal of the current trend in Southern Baptist life when the convention convenes in Dallas in June. They hope for the defeat of Charles Stanley as president of the SBC. The office of president is seen as the key to the turn around the moderates want. If someone other than Stanley can be elected then the moderates believe the pattern of appointments to boards and committees will be changed and much of what they fear will be eliminated.

On the other hand, the conservatives are convinced Stanley will be elected and the pattern of the past six years continued so the declared 10-year timetable for control of the convention will not be slowed down. Stanley's announcement that he will be available for reelection is cause for rejoicing among those who are his strong supporters. They are confident of his reelection and the continuation of the present policies, which they believe will ultimately solve the convention's problems.

I do not think the election or defeat of Stanley will make any basic difference in our corporate life. The presidential election is the showpiece, the symbol of our problem. True, the president has appointive powers which can shape the institutions, but six years of such appointments have not radically changed the nature of those institutions. On the other hand, another six years of the same thing could very well mean the institutions as we know them now will be no more.

There is something deeper than any of this that we have not yet addressed. Our basic problem is our lack of respect for each other and our narrow-minded exclusiveness. We seem to believe that any person who dares think differently is suspect and to be suppressed or excluded from fellowship. The situation in Baptist life now is that a person who has his own idea of how God brought into being the scripture is a heretic. If you are not a plenary verbalist you can't be trusted to function in a leadership role as a Baptist. If you do not accept the documentary hypothesis you are anathema and should be cast out. This is not only unchristian, it is unBaptistic as well.

Since the very beginning of Baptist life there has been a difference of opinion about how scripture came into being. There has not been very much

serious disagreement about the atonement, salvation by grace, priesthood of the believer, soul liberty, nor any doctrine having to do with salvation or the necessity of missions. We argue about the theories, not the essence of the faith. It might be well at this point to remind all of us that the plenary verbal and the other more critical theories of inspiration are just that, theories propounded by man.

Until we solve the basic problem of lack of respect and trust in our Baptist life it does not matter a great deal who we elect as president of the convention. Of course some of the persons who could serve are more sensitive and diplomatic than others and their presidency might be less traumatic than if others had been elected. The fact remains, the trouble will be there to hound us and cripple us, no matter who is elected president.

Many folks are praying right now for some kind of spiritual awakening to sweep us and make us brothers. I hope it happens, and I know God could make it happen. But my experience of Baptist life tells me we have a long way to go before we see light. There must be repentance at the highest levels of our leadership. There must be forgiveness at the highest levels of our leadership. There must be surrender of will at the highest levels of our leadership. It cannot be a one way street. Repentance and forgiveness are required of all who would dare give voice as leaders in our Southern Baptist life.

Repentance and forgiveness. They are the basic elements which bring sinners into the kingdom of God. They are also the basic elements necessary to bring together the Southern Baptist segment of the family of God. Without them the warfare will go on until too much blood is shed.

God may decide to abandon Southern Baptists and turn to others to do his work in these days of great opportunity. Not only do we face the danger of God turning to others, we face the very real danger of our own people abandoning the churches because they are sick of the constant bickering that has taken place among our leaders. In every church I visit I hear people say they are tired of the squabbling and why don't we get on with the business of winning lost people to Christ? Their approach may be simplistic but they know when they have had enough. They will next take their frustrations right out the church door, then where will we be?

It is time for repentance and forgiveness. Without this, there just may not be any future worth talking about . . . or fighting over.

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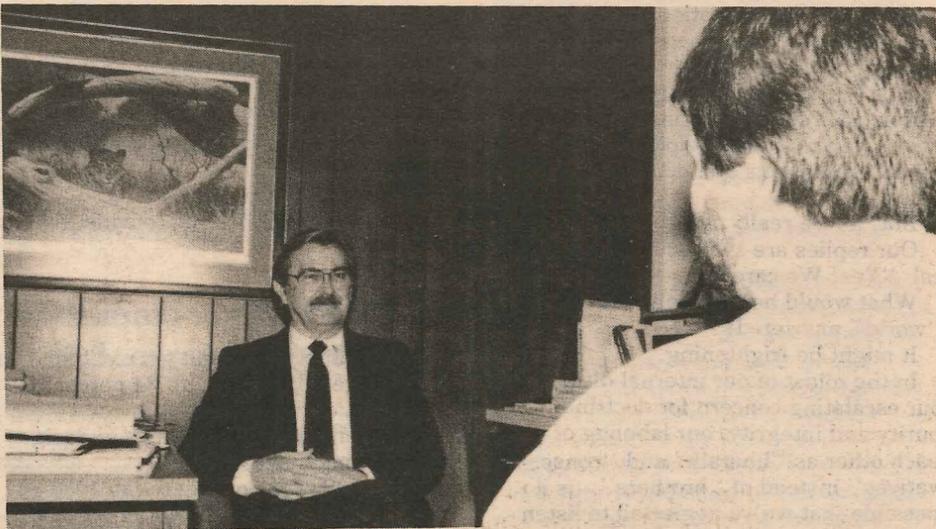
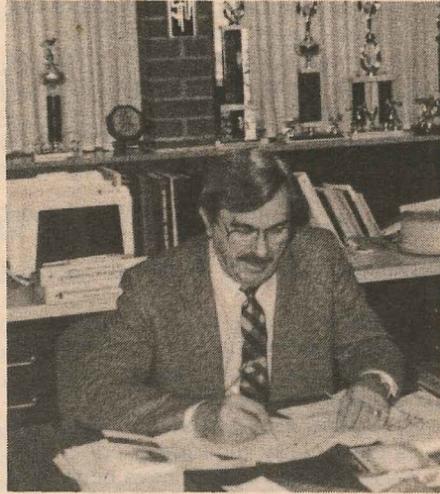
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Administrative tasks [1] and counseling [below] occupy much of chaplain Harley Dixon's time. He has a variety of roles in his job as chaplain at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, where he has worked 22 years.



by Vonnie Shelton, State Correspondent

A hospital chaplain is not always a man who spends his time visiting patients in their rooms. At Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, chaplains Harley Dixon and Reita Moody fill many roles as they minister to the spiritual and emotional needs of patients, 1000 employees and residents of the community.

"If you help the people that are working with the patients, you more effectively help the patient," Dixon explains. This philosophy has extended their work into such activities as a day care center, sharing groups, television programming and personal counseling.

In all phases of his work Dixon sees God's purpose for him as "helping people to understand that God loves them and cares for them and that he is with them always through every situation and circumstance of life."

A native of North Carolina, Dixon served in the Navy during World War II and was called into the ministry while he was working for a car dealer. He majored in psychology at Furman University and came to Western Baptist Hospital 22 years ago, after graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Moody joined Dixon in the chaplaincy 10 years ago. She is the wife of George T. Moody, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Murray.

When their children began leaving home several years ago, she taught school for eight years and later got a degree in guidance and counseling. One summer when her husband did additional work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, she accompanied him and took a unit in clinical pastoral education. Since then she has gone back and taken another unit.

Mrs. Moody believes her work helps Christ carry out his mission as described in Luke 4:18. "I think in counseling that's what you help people do, to set them free from what they're captive to, to heal their bruises and their

broken hearts." She adds, "I think that's the Lord's will that they become healed, that they not stay like they are."

The counseling ministry is the heart of this department's work. Dixon has more time for this service, now that Mrs. Moody does most of the visiting with patients on the floor. Both of them keep full counseling schedules with hospital employees, former patients and other referrals from doctors and pastors.

As counselors, they see themselves as catalysts, helping their counsees bring things into focus in order to help themselves. This is the most rewarding aspect of their work. Mrs. Moody exclaims, "The most exciting thing in my life is to be present with somebody when they are able to really change."

When someone is not able to change, it is frustrating, as Dixon describes it, "to see people go on hurting . . . being dragged down by their problems in life." He does not become discouraged however. "I think that's a gift God has given me," he asserts, "that I can feel and hurt and even cry with someone, but when I leave that person I do not take their problems along with me."

Mrs. Moody has also learned she cannot help someone when she's away from them except by praying for them. "I've learned not to take one patient . . . or counselee to another. I can let that be and go and deal with somebody entirely different."

Both Dixon and Mrs. Moody believe that most women are more comfortable talking to another woman than to a man. She counsels regularly with a group of ministers' wives who meet to share with each other.

She is also helping in reestablishing a program for cancer patients and their families who find strength by meeting together in group sessions. Mrs. Moody is excited about her work with patients, families and staff members in the new oncology unit which opened in February.

Much of her work is with cancer pa-

## Hospital chaplaincy: a multi-faceted ministry

tients and she states she has felt drawn to them through the years. "It's like you journey with them . . . sometimes right up to death. And sometimes you're there the day they're considered well." She describes it as a privilege to be included in their lives.

Since Mrs. Moody has come to share in the ministry, Dixon's work has expanded into many areas. He manages the Department of Social Services and is chairman of the committee which designs management training programs for department heads. He also is manager for the day care center which he helped begin so employees could feel comfortable with their children well cared for at the hospital. He explained this gives them "more freedom to better serve the patients. So indirectly I help a lot of people."

One ministry which benefits staff members, patients and visitors is a weekly worship service in the chapel. It is open to anyone who wants to attend and patients can view it in their rooms on one of the hospital's closed circuit television channels.

The television service, which includes educational activities, religious programs and entertainment for the patients, is housed and operated in the chaplaincy department. It is coordinated by the chaplaincy secretary, Mrs. Linda Turner. Dixon and Mrs. Moody emphasize that she is as much a part of the Christian ministry there as they are.

Mrs. Turner finds all phases of her job rewarding because she is helping people. "There's something special about it," she states, "like it says in the Bible, it's better to give than to receive, and I think in helping them that I'm giving to them."

She has attended a program which Dixon teaches on pastoral care ministry. This training has equipped her to handle any emergency if a chaplain or social worker is not available. Five volunteers are presently enrolled in this training program.

Dixon feels all the hospital staff members are called to ministry.

"Hopefully, everyone wants to witness

to their faith, and we have some beautiful Christian people here who do excellent jobs ministering to the spiritual needs of the people." His department has helped nurses and other employees feel free to pray and talk with patients when they sense a need.

This may be one reason he is not called back to the hospital as often as he was a few years ago. Dixon is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If he is not serving as a guest preacher, he spends a few hours on Sundays visiting with patients.

When Dixon is away from his job he relaxes by working with his hands. He has completely remodeled the house in which he and his wife Rebecca brought up their family of five.

Mrs. Moody finds her life at home in Murray gives her relaxation through its change of pace. On Sundays she teaches a married couples' Sunday school class in her home church.

Mrs. Moody felt called to minister to people when she was in high school. She explained, "I didn't know how the Lord was going to do it." She married after graduating from the University of Kentucky and ministered for the next several years as a church staff member's wife, mother of four children and worker in her church.

As she reflects about her past experiences, Mrs. Moody feels that "everything fits together. Everything I've ever done I've used in my work."

Dixon was chaplain at Louisville-Jefferson County Children's Home while he was a seminary student. His close relationship with his pastor in South Carolina, Dodson Nelson, may have influenced his decision to become a chaplain. He had observed how a strong counseling program in that church met the needs of its members.

Dixon has never experienced doubts about whether he is in the right place. "I don't know why I've been so lucky and so fortunate," he pondered, "but I've been content being here for 22 years. I am convinced this is where the Lord wants me."

Chaplain Reita Moody visits with Mrs. Wynona O'Brien during her recent hospital stay at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah. She joined Harley Dixon in the hospital's chaplaincy 10 years ago and works with him in personal counseling, visitation, share groups and other activities.



# baptist forum



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## homes for children

### Let me talk

He came to live at Glen Dale Children's Home from a stressful, difficult background. His father had abused him. Later, while living with relatives, one of them also abused him.

Because of these circumstances he was placed in a group home. However, he had become rather transitory, and hoping for a better place, he ran. Then he was placed in a temporary shelter before finally coming to Glen Dale.

Although this youth was very bright, he had severe authority problems, was hostile and often got into fights with his peers. The Glen Dale staff struggled to help him. They were patient, firm in setting limits and consistent in showing love. After a while they began to detect a softening of his attitude, but they also saw many reversals, calling for more patience.

He became interested in gymnastics. Then he also got involved in other sports and applied himself to 4-H projects. With these positive experiences he began to trust others and became trustworthy. He even learned how to forgive those who had abused and hurt him.

This young man lived at Glen Dale only one year, but a number of significant things happened that year. Most importantly he found the Lord and made a profession of faith. He learned he had worth and could accomplish worthwhile things. He also was graduated from high school and joined the army.

After leaving campus he made Mrs. Sue Carlin, the director's wife, his contact person with the Glen Dale Home where he had experienced love, caring and acceptance. The other day a phone call came to Mrs. Carlin from overseas. The caller was this young man now stationed abroad with the army. He said, "I only have three minutes, don't you talk, let me talk." For three minutes he expressed love and appreciation. Knowing that Sue Carlin prayed for him at 10 p.m. daily, he told her what time that was for him and expressed how much those prayers meant. He is now getting special vocational training in the army and is living off base with a fine couple.

I am glad Glen Dale Home could help him find the Lord and put the broken pieces together.

### Emphasizes what God is doing

For the last several months my heart has been burdened. Every time I open an issue of Western Recorder there is some article or articles about the current controversy in the convention. It would appear from these articles that there is nothing else happening among the churches. I have been to the point of saying that if that is all there is to report just cancel the paper.

You have asked for suggestions on improving the paper. The time has come when we need, all across the convention, to emphasize what God is doing among his people rather than what man is doing. While some are debating the "inerrancy of scripture" or seeking to control a particular board, agency or institution others are out doing God's work and never receive any recognition and you don't hear about them. An illustration of what is taking place and the point I am making is related in the following paragraphs.

On a recent Sunday (Mar. 10, 1985) a 74-year-old man came forward and made a public profession of faith. There are probably many people involved in his spiritual journey. My contact with him began about one year ago. It came about this way. Last June (1984) two of our ladies passed out announcements about our vacation Bible school. As a result two young girls came and participated in VBS. We made follow up visits in the homes and the man who made the public profession is the great-grandfather of one of the girls. The other girl comes occasionally and we are trying to reach her parents with the gospel. There are also seven or eight others attending our services because two ladies passed out an announcement about vacation Bible school.

This is not a unique isolated event. This story or similar ones could be told all across this great land. While some are debating and shouting, others are quietly going about telling the story of Jesus. They will not get their names published in papers or be on the program of any convention. However,

one day they will step to the head of the line. While others are still trying to settle arguments that have been with us until he comes again, some are being faithful to the task of reaching people with the gospel. May their tribe increase!!

Donald R. Cole, Henderson

### Entrusted with great visions

"Who cares?"

What an appropriate theme for our 1985 home missions emphasis. In a nation where crime, alcoholism, poverty, suicide, etc., are on the increase, it's a particularly sobering query.

We Southern Baptists have been entrusted with the greatest vision for missions of any denomination in the world. We hold high the message and mandates of our risen Lord to go into all the world. We profess to support Bold Mission Thrust by pointing to our Cooperative Program receipts, Sunday school enrolments and number of baptisms.

But, do we really care?

Our replies are swift and unequivocal: "Yes! We care!!"

What would be the reply if the "world" answered?

It might be frightening.

In the midst of our internal discord, our escalating concern for doctrinal purity and integrity, our labeling of each other as "liberals" and "conservatives" instead of "brothers"—is it possible that we've neglected to listen to the world (and to the master)?

The current controversies are primarily over the views and interpretation of the holy scriptures. The surface issues are resulting in a polarization and fragmentation of our convention that will ultimately cause a split unless some drastic changes are made. What can we do?

The following are some actions that can begin the healing process in the SBC:

1. Begin a fervent time of prayer and fasting specifically for our convention.

It's difficult to be at odds with a fellow brother-in-Christ when we're on our faces before the righteous judge.

2. Listen to the world. Jesus himself demonstrated the importance of this when he asked his apostles, "Whom do men say that I, the son of man, am?" What do they think about us as Christians (and Southern Baptists) when they read about our internal turmoil? Even more, what do they think about our savior?

3. Listen to the master. He gave us guidance in our relationships by commanding us to "love one another as he has loved us" (John 13:34). There can be unity in diversity within the priesthood of believers if we heed this love principle.

The real issue in our convention's strife is not doctrinal. It's pride: "Only by pride comes contention" (Prov. 13:10). May God help each of us extend the right hand of fellowship to each other (Gal. 2:9). Only then will our world know we have something they need.

How much do we care??

Tom Smith, Bentonville, Ark.

### Statistical fun

Southern Baptists do not get excited about percentages. However, 10.34 percent is one to get excited about.

Last year Southern Baptists undesignated giving amounted to \$2,774,920,865 according to the 1983-84 church letter results. Total Cooperative Program gifts from all churches amounted to \$287,127,031. When you put these two figures in your calculator, you discover that Southern Baptist churches contributed an average of 10.34 percent of all the undesignated monies they received to the Cooperative Program for state and Southern Baptist Convention ministries.

Cooperative Program percentage giving is on the rise in our churches. Let us give thanks to God and to our church members for this increase.

James L. Powell, Nashville, Tenn.

## Trial by fire

by Sherry Hall, State Correspondent

Suppose you and the family woke up prepared for the one Sunday morning, bright and early the church in the usual manner and piled into the family car to drive to church. But when you arrived you found a fire-gutted shell where once there stood a lovely rural church building.

Or suppose you were a young pastor and his family. During the week you attend Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, and on the weekends, you and the family point your Chevy westward and drive 150 miles to pastor a small rural congregation in south central Kentucky. But one bleak December weekend, you drove the miles with broken hearts, knowing your beautiful church lay in ruins and your congregation awaited your leadership and words of consolation.

Many Kentucky congregations have faced circumstances such as these in past years and come through stronger than ever. But this fact is of little comfort when disaster hits home and congregations are faced with weeks and months of decisions and seemingly endless business meetings and planning sessions.

Such is the situation facing the pastor and people of Antioch Baptist Church, Liberty Brick building. Dec. 6, 1984, their lovely brick building was destroyed by fire, a total loss. The previous suppositions became reality for pastor Keith Murphy and the congregation of Antioch.

Murphy and his wife Judy and their eight-month-old son Chad, who are formerly of Hart County, are determined to make the best of the situation. "It's difficult to minister to hurting people when you're 150 miles away. We have to do all our business and planning on weekends," says Murphy. He also notes that the congregation pulled themselves together almost immediately and began to seek God's will.

The church did have some insurance and has received \$1000 from the Eliza Broadus state missions offering. However, Murphy and the congregation fear the money will run out before the rebuilding is complete. As one member of the church stated, "It's going to take more than what we have just to replace the building the same as it was."

The church facility will be rebuilt on the same site. In the meantime the church is meeting in a duplex located a

few miles from the burned building. This has been kindly donated, rent free, by a Presbyterian friend.

Murphy and the Antioch congregation anticipate the day of his graduation from Clear Creek in May. "Then we will be near our work and will be able to minister full time.

"No one can truly relate feelings experienced by individual members of a congregation when fire claims their place of worship."

Antioch was established in 1877 and their present building was dedicated in 1958. The people are warm, friendly and dedicated to the future of their church. The feeling of God's presence is strong in their worship service and during business session one can sense great determination of mind and spirit. "We must look toward the future, and not at the past," Murphy states. "We have to take into consideration new thoughts and ideas as we rebuild, in order to bring lost people into our fellowship."

Reminiscent of the first Antioch where the people of the way were first called Christians, are the people of this modern day Antioch. The spirit is the same "one accord" spirit which turned the world around for Christ.

Should any individual or church wish to aid the congregation of Antioch in rebuilding through financial donation or physical labor, please contact Keith Murphy, Rt. 4, Edmonton, KY 42129.

# christian education

## Cumberland introduces four new faculty members

Four new faculty members have joined the faculty of Cumberland College: Charles Carpenter, football offensive line coach; George Coffman, assistant professor of biology; Norma Patrick, instructor of education; and Richard Rowe, assistant professor of biology.

Carpenter will serve as an offensive line coach and will be in charge of Cumberland's strength program. He earned his BS degree from Murray State University where, as the starting center on the football team, he earned all Ohio Valley Conference honors during his junior and senior year.

Following two years of active duty with the U. S. Marines in Vietnam, Carpenter had a brief professional football career, playing with the Memphis Showboats in the former WFL and the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL. Prior to coming to Cumberland, he was head football coach at Amelia (OH.) High School.

Coffman earned his BS degree in biology at Bob Jones University, his MS in microbiology at Clemson University, and his PhD in microbiology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He served as a post-doctoral fellow in biochemistry at the University of South Alabama and as a research associate in chemistry at the University of Maryland.

His research interests include DNA-drug interaction and the stimulation of DNA recombination. He has published several articles dealing with these and other topics.

Mrs. Patrick earned her BS and MS degrees in elementary education at the State University College of Cortland, N. Y. She also attended graduate school at Syracuse University.

She taught elementary school in the Skaneateles (N. Y.) School District and also taught in the Osceola County School District, Kissimmee, Fla.

Rowe earned a AB degree in biology at Ripon College, the MS in biological sciences at Bowling Green State University and a PhD in zoology at Michigan State University. He has several papers and publications to his credit in the area of ornithology.

Rowe is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Ornithologist's Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society.

## Southwestern Seminary to offer evangelism PhD

A new doctor of philosophy program at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will equip evangelism instructors for colleges and seminaries and train persons for an increasing number of evangelism-related positions. The new PhD program, approved by the seminary's board of trustees at their fall meeting, will teach students a practical theology of evangelism, said James F. Eaves, professor of evangelism.

In addition to those who would teach in Southern Baptist seminaries, state convention-related schools and seminaries on mission fields, others might also profit by earning the evangelism PhD, said professor of evangelism Roy Fish. And while the PhD is generally a teaching degree, the pastor who desires a strong evangelistic ministry for his church could benefit from advanced study, he said.

"It will give students an opportunity

to do intensive study in specific areas related to the history, theology and practice of evangelism," said Fish.

The program will take three years to complete and will be offered in three PhD seminars: "History of Spiritual Awakenings (18th Century to Present)," "Effective Church Growth Evangelism in the Contemporary World," and "Evangelism in the Early Church (to c. A.D. 430)." Each department in Southwestern's school of theology now offers a doctorate.

## Campbellsville senior presents art exhibition

Jo Ann Kessler, daughter of Hazel Squires Kessler, Greensburg, is exhibiting some of her art work at Campbellsville College through Apr. 12.

This exhibit fulfills a partial requirement for graduation. Miss Kessler is a senior at the college and will graduate in May with a bachelor of science degree in art. Her exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography and sculpture.

Miss Kessler has competed in several juried art competitions at the college including: fifth annual exhibit, 1984, in which she received third place; fourth annual exhibit, 1983, and third annual exhibit, 1982. She has been a member of Alpha Rho Tau (art club) for the past four years and is currently serving as president of the club.

A 1981 graduate of Green County High School, Miss Kessler is a member of Summershade United Methodist Church, Greensburg.

## Northern Kentucky BSU students go on mission

The Baptist Student Union, Northern Kentucky University, undertook an unusual project during spring break 1985. While many college students traveled south to Florida, 10-15 college student volunteers traveled to Michigan to do mission work.

The Northern Kentucky students, along with campus minister Rick Howerton and his wife Julie, spent Mar. 11-14 in Monroe, Mich. doing work for Monroe Missionary Baptist Church. Howerton's father, Jerry, is pastor of the church.

While in Monroe the students did survey work, painting, visitation, teaching, youth activities and clerical work.

## Denominational heritage emphasized at Southern

The mission and ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention will be the focus of three special services during Denominational Heritage Week, Apr. 2-4 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex. and current president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak on Tuesday, Apr. 2 on "The Denomination From the Perspective of a Pastor and Congregation." Norman Cavender, vice president in charge of sales for C&C Farms of Claxton, Ga., will discuss

"The Denomination From the Perspective of a Christian Layman" on Wednesday, Apr. 3.

"The Denomination From the Perspective of Mission Commitment" will be the topic of Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, who will speak Thursday, Apr. 4. All sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and be held in the seminary's Alumni Chapel.

Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt believes this special emphasis week will make a contribution to current discussions surrounding the cooperative mission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

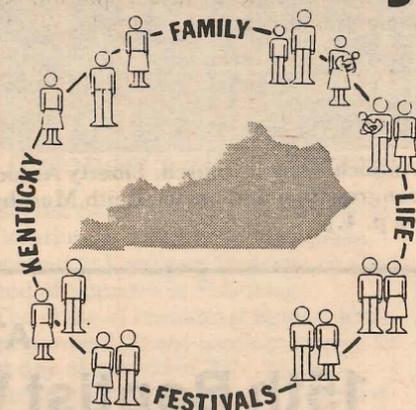
"Each of those who will be speaking during Denominational Heritage Week does so out of a rich tradition of service and leadership within our churches and offers a unique perspective from which to interpret the challenges that face us and the promising future we have as Southern Baptists," Honeycutt explains.

## Southwestern records second highest enrolment

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary recorded its second highest cumulative enrolment ever during 1984-85.

Some 5086 students enrolled during the summer and fall 1984 and spring 1985 terms at the seminary's main campus in Ft. Worth, Tex. and off-campus centers in Houston and San Antonio, Tex. and Shawnee, Okla. This year's figure is down 34 from the record enrolment during 1983-84.

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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.

### DATES AND LOCATIONS:

April 15, **Flemingsburg**: First Baptist Church, 145 W. Water Street  
 April 16, **Munfordville**: Munfordville Baptist Church, Fifth St. & Highway 88  
 April 22, **Bowling Green**: Eastwood Baptist Church, Eastwood & Meadowlawn  
 April 23, **Beaver Dam**: Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 343 South Main Street  
 May 2, **Salem**: Salem Baptist Church, Highway 60

### SCHEDULE:

Both morning and evening sessions will be offered at Bowling Green, Beaver Dam, and Salem. **Evening sessions only are offered at Flemingsburg and Munfordville.** 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 two conferences during each session.

### 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 26 conferences that will be offered at these Family Life Festivals.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please complete the form below and send to the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243-0433. For more information, call (502) 245-4101.

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NOTE: A one-week advance registration for the Family Life Festival you plan to attend will entitle you to receive a free copy of *Communicating Christian Values in the Home.*

# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

**Jim Rennell** (see photo), minister of education at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, was named chaplain of the year for 1984 by the national Reserve Officers Association. Rennell is a chaplain major in the Army Reserve.



Rennell



Miss Settle

**Paula Jean Settle** (see photo), a native of Owensboro, was recently elected to the North Carolina WMU executive board. She is minister of education at Calvary Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.

Before graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, she was a summer worker for Kentucky WMU.

**Barry Hagan** accepted the call as pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

**Gary Talley** has been called as pastor of Little Bethel Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

**Thomas Stokes** has been called as pastor at First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Three Forks Association. He had been pastor at Calhoun Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

**Donn Wisdom** has resigned as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, to accept a similar position at Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Wisdom is a graduate of Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

**Billy Thomas** began duties as minister to youth at Lyndon Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Thomas is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Dwight A. Jackson** resigned as pastor of Woodland Baptist Church, Ohio Valley Association.

**Ortie E. Bradshaw** of Erlanger, now in his ninth year of retirement, will complete his sixth interim pastorate Apr. 1 at First Baptist Church, Ross, Oh.

**Mike Lee**, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been called as interim minister of youth at Florence Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

**Jimmy Dishman** was called as pastor of Cooper Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

**Rondal Bell** accepted the call as pastor of Spann Hill Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

**Joseph Boone** began duties as pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

**Dan Hatfield** began duties as pastor of Hiseville Baptist Church, Liberty As-

sociation.

Hatfield is a graduate of Mars Hill (N. C.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Glenn Edwards** observed his 10th anniversary as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

**Martha Woody** resigned as minister of education at Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, to become minister of education at Crieve-wood Baptist Church, Nashville.

## missions

**Graham and Jeanne Walker**, missionaries to Singapore, will be on furlough in Louisville Apr. 17-Sept. 7. Their address will be 3700 Nanz Ave., Louisville, KY 40207.

**Ruth and Bill Clark Thomas** have been transferred by the Foreign Mission Board from Thailand to Paris, France, where they will serve an English-speaking congregation. Their new address is Apt. 20, Ave. D. Buzenval, 92500 Rueil-Malmaison, France.

He was born in Hopkinsville and grew up in Cadiz. The former Ruth Douglas, she was born in Calloway County and grew up in Lone Oak. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963.

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Howard** were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for one year's missionary service to Liberia (Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia).

They will be working with the theological education extension program under the FMB's auxiliary personnel program. They left the states Feb. 2. Howard is pastor of Richland Baptist Church, Owenton, Owen County Association.

## revivals

**Lyndon Baptist Church**, Louisville, Long Run Association, will have a revival for the deaf Apr. 12-14 with Del Granger speaking.

The church will provide sign to voice interpreting for those hearing people who attend. The services will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Apr. 12, and Saturday, Apr. 13. The Sunday service will be at 10:40 a.m.

Dwight Swimm is minister to the deaf at Lyndon. Hugh Goldsby is pastor.

## ordinations

**Thomas M. Hughes** was ordained to the ministry Feb. 10 by Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham, West Kentucky Association. Hughes has been called to pastor the Rose Chapel Baptist Church in Wickliffe, West Union Association. Ray Provow is pastor of Bethlehem.

**Ted Viniard and Mike Reed** have been licensed to preach by Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham, West Union Association.

## deaths

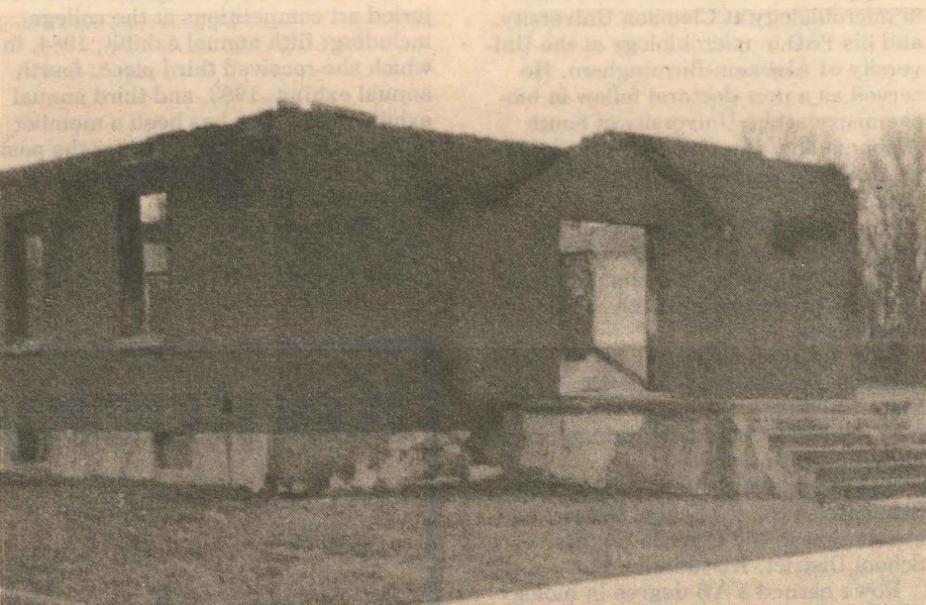
**C. Kenneth McCracken**, who died Dec. 12, was honored with a resolution by the Georgetown College board of trustees, Jan. 25.

## associations

**Sulphur Fork Association** gave \$5000 toward the relief of world hunger through the Foreign Mission Board. The action was taken by the association's executive board.



A mission team from First Baptist Church, Pikeville left Mar. 8 to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The team was to work with over 400 Southern Baptists for eight days in a Greater Rio Crusade. [l-r]: Zetta Justice, Karen and Glenn Mollette, Bennie Combs and Judith Hale. [See article on p.1.]



Antioch Baptist Church, Liberty Association, was gutted by fire Dec. 6, 1984. The congregation and pastor Keith Murphy are looking toward the future. [See article on p. 4.]

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One-on-one

## Greensburg WMU ministers to adult non-readers one at a time

by Kima Jude, State Correspondent

In Greensburg, four adults are learning to read.

A seemingly insignificant number, at least from a broad perspective, their progress nevertheless marks inroads into the state's adult illiteracy problem.

For the only way to reduce the numbers of functionally illiterate adults, a problem more crippling than many realize, is one by one.

Adults who cannot read find obtaining and holding down jobs difficult. They get lost because they can't read road signs. They have trouble grocery shopping because they can't read the labels. In short, coping becomes a problem.

So the WMU of Greensburg Baptist Church is trying to help in the only way it knows, one on one.

Last September the WMU sponsored a workshop to train persons in how to teach others to read.

The WMU became aware of non-readers' plight a few years ago when Kendale Moore, then language and literacy director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, spoke to them about undertaking such a program as a ministry of the church.

They were interested, but didn't pursue it at the time.

When people started coming to them, as Christians, for help, in the way that people in need do, they reconsidered the idea.

They took up the project and were directed to Margaret Kessler in neighboring Campbellsville for help getting it off the ground. Mrs. Kessler and her husband Lynwood spent six months in Tucson, Ariz., two years ago teaching Yaqui Indians to read and write. Since then they taught Ethiopians who moved to Campbellsville English.

What Mrs. Kessler did for the WMU was conduct a workshop training them in how to use the Laubach method, a learning system for reading based on phonetics. The workshop consisted of six three-hour sessions in a single week for certification.

Their study paid off. In just a few months, three of them were teaching four adults to read. Their students ranged from a 19-year-old high school dropout to a 33-year-old family man to a woman in her 70s who never got past second grade.

Those still without students hope to get them. They know there are others who need to learn to read. Teaching them requires two to four hours of biweekly sessions arranged at the location and convenience of the students.

"It's a little hard," Mrs. Kessler said. Indeed a sacrifice.

But volunteers are needed. Besides high school dropouts and graduates who never learned to read at a functional level, there are many internationals new to the country who need to learn the language quickly and easily.

The Laubach method, according to Mrs. Kessler, designed especially for teaching adults to read.

"I can't teach you to read as an adult as I can a first grader," she said. "It would insult you."

One woman who tried to teach another adult to read found it impossi-

ble until several years later they tried again with the Laubach method.

WMU members consider teaching adults to read an appropriate ministry for their church. Indeed, they think it may be ideally suited for small-town mission outreach.

"In a small town there are not many things we can do," said Mrs. George Price, head of the WMU program and pastor's wife. Because instruction is done on a one-to-one basis even the smallest of churches could conceivably become involved.

By teaching people to read, literacy workers fulfill a basic human need, such as food and shelter. But it may extend beyond that.

"As soon as they're at all able we begin to introduce them to reading the Bible," Mrs. Kessler said, "and most people we contact have a great, great need to read the Bible themselves. It's almost like being blind," she said, describing them as "captive."

In fact, WMU members are most emphatic that the literacy work is a good means of spiritual outreach.

"I find myself getting involved in a lot of their problems," said Judy Collings of Greensburg, who teaches two students.

By working on a one-to-one basis, they find they can draw out their students and witness while they teach.

Maybe lead their students to Christ, in fact.

### Baptist hospital reopens in Indonesia after moving

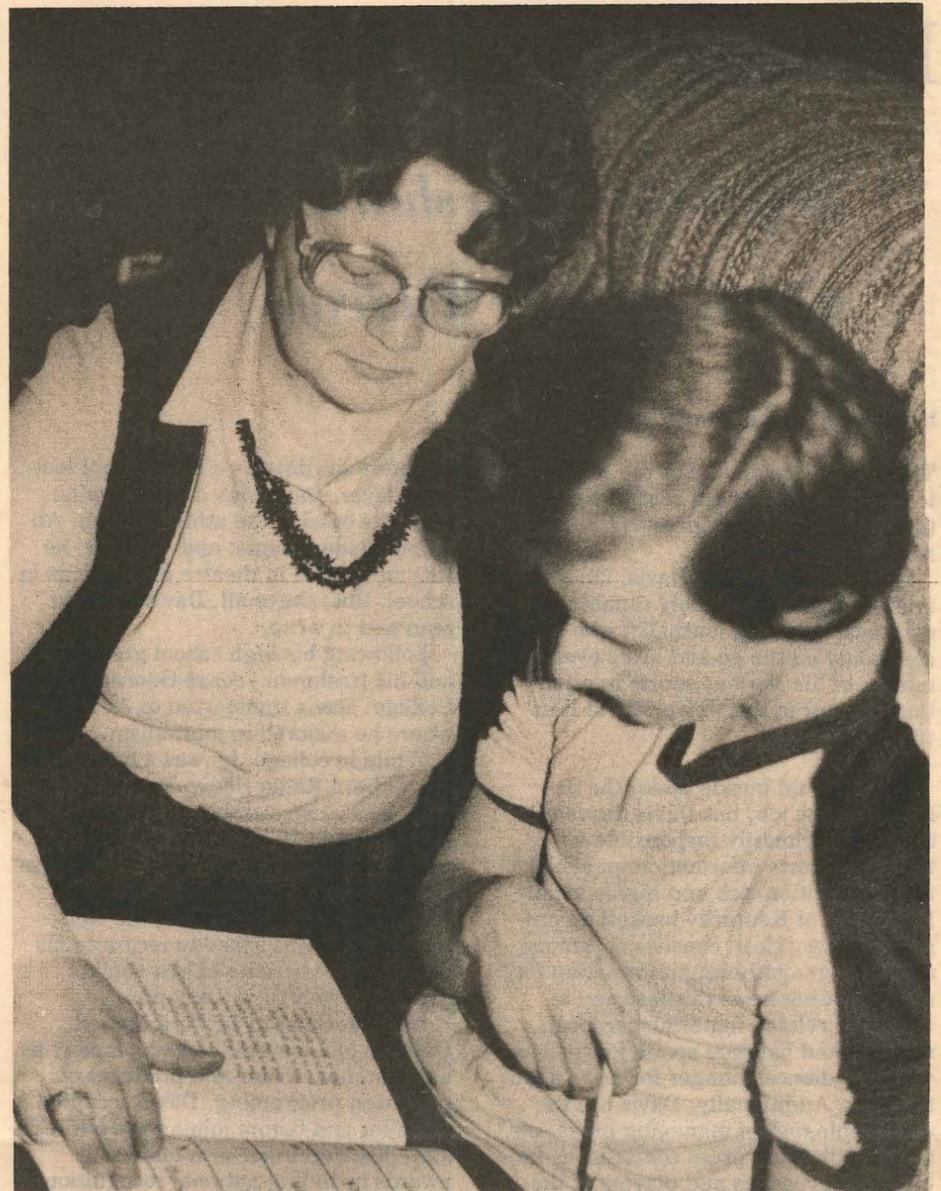
A Baptist hospital forced to move from its location in Bukittinggi, Indonesia, reopened in Lampung Province on the island of Sumatra in February.

The clinic of Immanuel Baptist Hospital received 30 out-patients during its first day of operation Feb. 21. In-patients were expected to be admitted beginning in mid-March.

More than 40 of the staff of 70 who worked at the Bukittinggi location moved to the new 50-bed, \$2 million hospital. Facilities include the clinic, a surgery suite with three operating rooms, wards, administrative offices, housing and storage buildings, a nurses' dormitory and a morgue.

Hospital director Win Applewhite, a Southern Baptist missionary doctor from Georgia, said Immanuel is functioning smoothly. Other Southern Baptist missionaries working at the hospital include physicians Gene Ruble of Virginia and Oliver Gilliland of Louisiana; lab technician Mariam Misner of Missouri and Bobby Jones of Oklahoma, a general evangelist who oversaw construction.

The original Immanuel Baptist Hospital at Bukittinggi opened in 1975 but was officially sold to the Indonesian government six years later because of Muslim opposition in the area. Terms of the agreement called for Baptists to systematically turn over control of the hospital. Now the government runs the Bukittinggi facility entirely. Two Baptist congregations begun in the Bukittinggi area still meet. (BP)

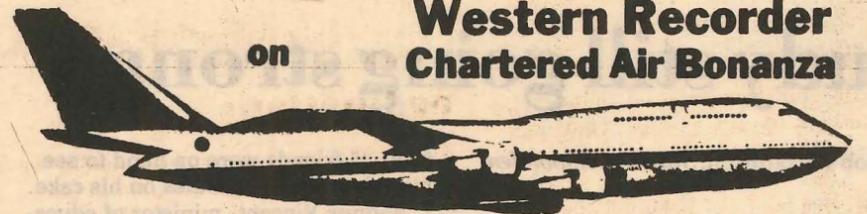


Judy Collings, a member of Greensburg [Ky.] Baptist Church, teaches a 19-year-old to read using the Laubach method.

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# Ministry to the Cats

*Baptist layman shares his faith  
with Kentucky Wildcats*

by Robin Oldham, State Correspondent

The name, face and voice are familiar to many in and around central Kentucky and to media representatives across the country.

They belong to Brad Davis, 28, a multi-talented, extremely capable and enthusiastic young journalist who is constantly on the go and loves every minute of his work as sports information director at the University of Kentucky.

Many would buckle under the demands of the job, but Davis thrives on the work. Primarily responsible for handling sports information/publicity for the tradition-rich and highly visible University of Kentucky basketball program, his workload consists of, among other things, gathering information for and preparing news releases and a variety of related materials for local, regional and national sports journalists whose audiences hunger for news about the Cats. Additionally, Davis has the unenviable task of managing press row and coordinating press conferences for basketball coaches and players at the university.

Son of the legendary Bob Davis, former head basketball coach at Georgetown College and Auburn University, Brad Davis was raised in a home in Georgetown, Ky. where involvement in athletics was supported, but there was never any pressure to participate.

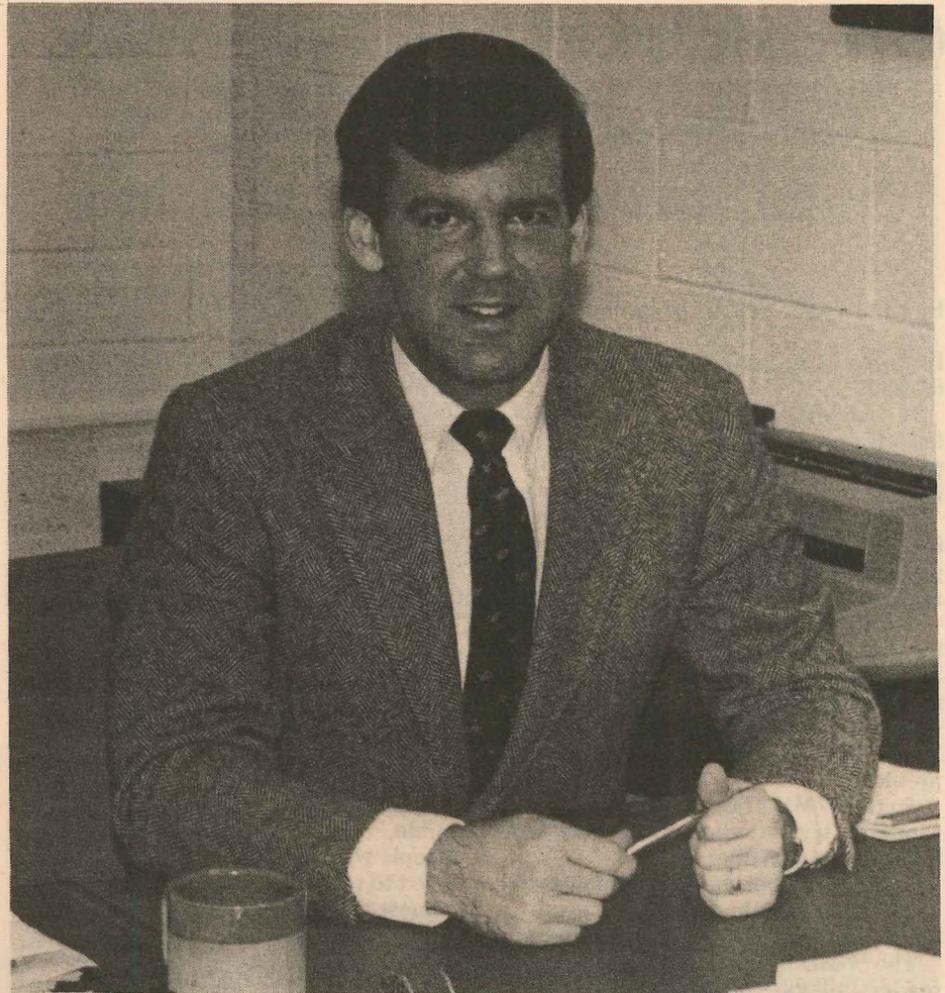
Before his days as a high school football player, Davis was drawn to other interests outside the athletic arena. An accomplished pianist and organist, he was also active in theatre productions in school. But, above all, Davis loved to read and to write.

Following his high school graduation and his freshman year at Georgetown College, Davis transferred to Auburn where he majored in journalism.

While in college, he was a member of the Auburn Radio Network staff. His work was so impressive that upon graduation in 1978 he was offered and accepted the position of weekend sports anchor at WAPI-TV in Birmingham, Ala. In less than two years, the Kentucky native was asked to return to his home state where he held a similar position at WKYT in Lexington.

In 1980, Cawood Ledford invited Davis to join his production company as a researcher, writer and producer of television programming. Davis accepted the offer and before joining the UK staff last December won numerous awards including national recognition for his work on a television documentary.

Besides his considerable successes as a journalist, Davis is a committed Christian and an active member of his home church, Georgetown Baptist, where he is a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He and his wife, the former Ruth True, are parents of two children:



A former TV sports anchor in Birmingham, Ala. and Lexington, Ky., Brad Davis has been assistant sports information director at the University of Kentucky since last December. He is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Georgetown Baptist Church.

Stephen and Andrea Layne.

While the pressures of working with a nationally recognized athletic program are considerable, Davis finds his job enjoyable, exciting and rewarding.

"I am especially impressed with and thankful for the caliber of people I work with," he says. "Many are deeply devoted to their faith and those long road trips provide an excellent opportunity for me to share mine."

"Few may know that our team has devotions before each game and that these exceptional athletes are very serious about their relationship with the Lord," Davis explains.

"I consider myself extremely fortunate to work in this program," he says with a smile. "Not only do I love my work, but I feel a special sense of calling to and definite purpose in my job."

"I have been given the opportunity to witness for Christ many times in my work," he adds.

"I find that many people are facing tremendous pressures and problems and are searching for answers. It is a privilege to listen, to share and to see so many responsive to the answer found in Jesus Christ."

To some, it may be a little surprising that a man on the cutting edge of big-time college athletics shares his faith so freely. To Brad Davis witnessing is a way of life.

## Celebrating 80th birthday:

# Judy still going strong

by Bob C. Hardison, State Correspondent

Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, helped E. Keevil Judy celebrate his 80th birthday Feb. 24. Judy is serving for the third time as interim pastor at that church.

"I'm celebrating the 41st anniversary of my 39th birthday," Judy jokingly quips. At age 80 he is still going strong. His goal is to spend 60 years in active ministry. He has already served 59 of those years. Beaver Baptist Church, Harrison County, ordained him Feb. 7, 1926.

In 1970 Judy announced his retirement from the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Henderson. The announcement turned out to be premature. In the 15 years since, he has served as interim pastor for 25 churches.

In honor of his tireless energy and dedication as well as their love for him, Calvary Baptist Church gave him and Mrs. Judy (Mary Lois) a nice reception.

Over 25 friends were on hand to see him blow out the candles on his cake.

Rodney Vincent, minister of education for the church, presented Judy with a book of remembrances containing letters from churches, friends and acquaintances. A citation was presented to him from the Baptist World Alliance for "Distinguished Service to the Cause of Christ" signed by president Duke McCall. Also, the church gave him a love gift of \$1000 to help the Judys enjoy a good vacation. Doris Yeiser, administrative assistant in the executive office, Kentucky Baptist Convention, represented Bill Marshall and Kentucky Baptists at the reception.

While Judy was pastoring First Baptist, Henderson, for the second time, the Kentucky Baptists elected him as president of the convention for 1962-63. Along with preaching, Judy does the crisis ministry work for Calvary Baptist. He spends more time in the ministry than many non-retired pastors do. He is still going strong.

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# baptist news in brief

## Moon books by mail to 300,000 pastors

Approximately 300,000 ministers across the United States have received "a gift for you from some folks who care"—a packet of three video tapes and two books from the Unification Church.

Many of the pastors also are receiving personal follow-up visits from members of the group, disciples of Sun Myung Moon, known as "Moonies."

A Unification Church spokesman told the Baptist Home Mission Board the budget for the effort, based on mailing lists purchased from other sources, was \$10 million. That figure correlates with an earlier HMB estimate the packets cost \$30-\$35 each.

"This is an organized effort to enlist public support both for their church and for Rev. Moon (currently serving an 18-month prison term for failing to pay \$150,000 in personal income taxes)," said Gary Leazer of the Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department and a leading Southern Baptist authority on the Unification Church. (BP)

## Additional staff needed at Ridgecrest center

Additional summer staff is needed for the month of August at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, according to personnel services coordinator George Boswell.

Persons are needed to work from Aug. 5-24 with the option of staying through Labor Day weekend.

Boswell said staffers would be responsible for day-to-day operations including housekeeping, food services, recreation and maintenance work.

Interested persons can write to Boswell at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

## Second SBC Forum offers expanded program

SBC Forum, the newest pre-convention meeting for messengers to the annual Southern Baptist Convention, will be held Monday, June 10 from 1:30-5 p.m. in the West Hall of Dallas Convention Center. Begun last year in Kansas City the Forum offers in its second year an expanded program and doubled seating capacity. Organizers expect last year's attendance of over 2000 to increase significantly this year.

Featured speakers and their messages include James Flamming, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond—"orthodoxy of Love"; Randall Lolley, president, Southeastern Seminary—"Integrity in Proclaiming the Gospel"; Catherine Allen, associate executive director of Woman's Missionary Union—"The Doctrine of First Things"; Cecil Sherman, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth—"To Trust Again"; and William Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta—"What They Don't Teach You at Baptist Preacher's School." CBS Television news analyst Bill Moyers is also committed to speak if not called away on special assignment. Presiding for the second time is Gene Garrison, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Featured musicians include Christian artists Cynthia Clawson, Ken Medema, Darrell Adams and Bob Bailey, and Foreign Mission Board executive vice president William O'Brien. Bill James, minister of music, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, will direct the after-

noon's music.

Organizers of the meeting are continuing the Monday night fellowship for SBC messengers begun in Kansas City. This year's reception will be held in the Reunion Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 7-10 p.m.

## Is there a doctor in the house who'll go to Africa?

The Foreign Mission Board has issued a plea for two short-term medical volunteers for emergency situations.

In Yemen, the missionary physician is ill and unable to function. He needs immediate relief by general surgeons who are available to go out between now and June when a furloughing physician will return to the field.

Ghana is the other area of emergency need. The missionary physician there had to return to the United States due to illness. Although a new medical missionary is in orientation and will be assigned to Ghana, there is a need for a general surgeon to provide continuing coverage until he has completed his language study.

Joyce A. DeRidder, health care consultant for the board's Medical Services Department, said, "We are convinced that among your readers there are Southern Baptist medical professionals who are unaware of the emergency needs and who might be able and willing to help if only they knew."

Prospective medical volunteers may contact Miss DeRidder at the board. Her address: Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230. Telephone: (804) 353-0151.

## Reagan deciding who gets religious ambassadors?

The Reagan Administration has asked a federal district court to dismiss a lawsuit challenging last year's establishment of U. S.-Vatican diplomatic ties.

At a Mar. 15 hearing administration attorneys asserted that the Constitution's "separation of powers" doctrine makes foreign policy the sole province of the President, exempt from judicial scrutiny. "No court has ever required the breaking of diplomatic ties with another country," said deputy assistant attorney general Carolyn Kuhl. "This is a political question, not a judicial question."

Miss Kuhl claimed the Holy See has "significant attributes of a state" and

therefore the President can choose to exchange ambassadors with it.

Under questioning by district judge John P. Fullam, the administration attorney said the President's foreign policy authority is so broad he "may have the power" to send representatives to the Church of England or the World Baptist Alliance if such actions would advance foreign policy objectives.

Miss Kuhl also claimed that Americans United for Separation of Church and State and other plaintiffs in the case lack "standing" to sue because they can't demonstrate that they have been harmed by the diplomatic exchange. Though the plaintiffs are taxpayers whose money has been spent to pay for a Vatican embassy, she said this is not sufficient grounds to sue because Congress did not directly appropriate the funds.

## Judge rules to dismiss \$5 million FMB suit

A \$5 million damage suit against the Foreign Mission Board has been dismissed "without prejudice" by U. S. District Court Judge D. Dortch Warriner. The plaintiff, Nasser Lotfi of Austin, Tex., a former foreign mission volunteer, requested the dismissal. Warriner dismissed the suit Feb. 28.

Lotfi had sought \$5 million in damages and \$60,000 in disability and medical benefits stemming from an alleged beating in 1982. The suit claimed Turkish immigrants beat Lotfi into unconsciousness Mar. 27, 1982, in Augsburg, West Germany, where he was working to develop a congregation of Baptist believers. The suit said Lotfi suffered permanent disabling injuries to his back and spine.

Dismissal of the suit "without prejudice" means Lotfi can refile the suit, but the dismissal order stipulates he must refile in the U. S. district court for the eastern district of Virginia. This is the court where the suit was filed Mar. 26, 1984. Lotfi was given 10 days to contest this requirement.

Lotfi, identified by the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram as a former officer in the Iranian military and a naturalized U. S. citizen, went to West Germany in January 1982 for a two-year volunteer term. He was assigned to work among Turkish immigrants in cooperation with the German Baptist Union and Southern Baptist career missionaries. (BP)



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# clear creek comment

## Winning God's approval

Someone has spoken of the "trilogy of approval" in life. Each of us wants to be approved by God, by others and by the self within. Most of us live every day of our lives trying to please someone.

I recently reread the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) from the standpoint of approval. When the prodigal left home it was without the father's approval. Later the son admitted he was without God's approval also (v. 21) and even the young man probably did not approve of his compulsive need to sow wild oats. Later, when the prodigal repented, he was approved by God, by his father and by himself.

Everyone wants to be liked and approved. It is hard to please everyone you know all the time, but some of us try! Thomas Fuller spoke of "the excessive desire of pleading, which almost always goes along with the apprehension of not being liked."

This reminds me of one of the unique characteristics of Clear Creek Baptist School. Every faculty member, every staff member and every student is a born-again Christian seeking the approval of God in his life. This reminds me of Paul's words in Gal. 1:10 (Good News Version) "Does this sound as if I am trying to win men's approval? No! I want God's approval! Am I trying to be popular with men? If I were still trying to do so, I would not be a servant of Christ."

I think of a student presently at Clear Creek whose family turned against him when he accepted the call to the ministry. Many of our students and their families are ridiculed for giving their lives to follow God's call and seek his approval. We at Clear Creek have turned from trying to please all men to seeking only the approval of our Lord.

Who seeks to please all men each way  
And not himself offend.  
He may begin his work today,  
But God knows when he'll end.

So many people regularly show appreciation for all Clear Creek is doing for Kentucky Baptists. It is wonderful to belong to a hardy band of disciples who have turned from the world and are trying only to win God's approval. Come visit us at Clear Creek and you will be blessed by this spirit of dedication to God!

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## oneida journal

### Champions all

Three Oneida boys have qualified to represent Booneville Association in the state Bible drill for youth at Cedarmore at the end of March. One of our younger girls has qualified for the children's state Bible drill to be held at Calvary Baptist, Lexington, at the end of April.

Troy Miller is from Bypro in Floyd County. He is one of the most outstanding students we have, both in character as well as intelligence. He came to us at the beginning of his seventh grade year. For the past three years he has led his class academically. Last year he won the Clay County-wide "spelling bee" championship.

Jay Sanderson came to our campus 13 years ago while still an infant. Now a ninth grader, he has matured into a fine young man while his parents, John and Hannah Sanderson have been two of our most dedicated and effective teachers and workers. The Sandersons came to us from foreign mission service in Trinidad. Their mission spirit is still great today and we depend on them very much in many areas. Jay is the youngest of their two sons and like older brother Scott is an excellent student. Like classmate and close friend Troy, Jay runs cross-country and track. He also swims and plays basketball.

John Monday is a smiling seventh grader. He came here this past summer with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Monday. The Mondays were home missionaries in New York for seven years and have served other pastorates as well. John was very bored with school before coming to Oneida, as so many

are, and was doing very poorly. Like many, he has found himself here, is an honor roll student and becoming active in many ways. For example, he decided to learn to play the trumpet and joined the band in October. In the past five months, he has made remarkable progress and is now playing with the advanced group!

Stacy King is a beautiful sixth grader from Prestonsburg. She is a very good student. She will have the role of the youngest Von Trapp daughter in Oneida's May production of "The Sound of Music."

We are so happy these busy young people love God's word and spend hours weekly in the study of it and in drilling for the statewide competition.

They are coached by Mrs. Melvin Hopwood. She and her husband sold their beautiful Paducah home last summer and came out of retirement to serve at OBI full time without salary. Mrs. Hopwood is assisted with the Bible coaching by Mrs. Jackie Monday. Both these devoted Christian women teach all day tutoring in Oneida's "Special Help" department. Their husbands work with equal maintenance spirit long hours daily in our maintenance department, all to the glory of God.

Other of our students had notable achievements recently.

Evans Hinton came to us last year from San Jose, Cal. He is now an eighth grader. Evans recently won our elimination spelling matches to determine the top speller of our 130 middle schoolers. He then competed against the champions of the public elementary schools of our county. For the second year in a row an Oneida boy has won the county championship and will represent this area in the state meet. Good spelling is important and we have put renewed emphasis on it in recent years with encouraging results.

Oneida drama students won the regional drama championship Feb. 20 in competition held at Middlesboro. The award winning production was titled "Impromptu."

Oneida has won the regional championship five of the past seven years. Debbie Sizemore, an alumna of Campbellsville, has been Oneida's drama coach the past three years.

Fred Topshe, Oneida senior from Columbus, Ga., was judged "best actor" of the region. Tanya Weaver of Louisville and Don Sutton of Farmington Hills, Mich., were among the "top 10" performers. Tanya has been at Oneida four years and Don, a junior, is a second year OBI student.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 31, 1985

### International series

#### Nailed to the cross

**John 19:17-18** Christ under the crushing weight of the cross is a scene for meditation rather than exposition. When he stumbled and fell, the soldiers had Simon of Cyrene carry the cross for him. Upon arrival at Golgotha hardened soldiers nailed three prisoners to their respective crosses. Christ's cross was placed between the crosses on which the robbers died.

**John 19:19-22** Pilate wrote the inscription which revealed the reason for Christ's death and placed it over the cross: "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews." The furious Jews asked Pilate to alter the inscription to the effect that it was Christ's claim that he was "the King of the Jews," but he refused, thereby fastening upon the Jews the stigma of crucifying their king.

**John 19:23-24** The soldiers sat down and watched Christ to prevent friends from removing his body from the cross. Insensitive to what they were doing, they corroborated the prophetic scriptures in detail. Ignorant of the contents of the word of God, they fulfilled them to the letter. After dividing all of the garments which Christ wore, except his seamless robe, they proceeded to gamble for it.

**John 17:25-27** The presence of Mary, the mother of Jesus, must have brought great comfort to his heart. It took great love and genuine courage to stand there, unable to relieve his suffering.

**John 17:28-30** Near the end of his six hours on the cross Christ uttered one word, "tetelestai," which is translated "It is finished." This word was probably the greatest ever uttered. It was the cry of a victor. Christ had finished his work of redemption. It is our part to accept the sacrificial work of him whose death was sufficient, substitutionary and sufficient.

### Life and Work Series

#### Unity and mission

**John 17:9-19** Christ had completed the work assigned to him and was soon to leave, and knowing the disciples were going to remain in the world to carry on his work Christ requested God's power for them.

Christ prayed for the preservation of his disciples. Instead of asking for their escape from temptation, suffering and sorrow, Christ prayed for their preservation while passing through these trying experiences. Since Satan would do his best to corrupt their lives and destroy their influence for Christ, he prayed God would keep them from the adversary.

Christ prayed for spiritual oneness among the disciples. The foundation for their unity was laid in their common faith, interests and hopes.

Christ prayed for the sanctification of his disciples. He prayed they might be set apart specifically to represent him effectively. God's truth constituted the means through which they were to be sanctified. Governed by the truth of God's word, they possessed the ability to conform to his will for them.

As the father had sent his son into the world, Christ was sending forth his disciples to represent him and to present his gospel to those who did not know him as savior and Lord. What a high and holy privilege it is to be messengers of Christ.

**John 17:20-21** In his intercessory prayer Christ prayed for all who would receive him as their savior during the centuries to come. The entire company of future believers would need the same spiritual blessings which the 11 needed. He wanted them to have and to enjoy God's protective power.

As we engage in this glorious task of proclaiming the gospel to those who need to hear it, we can rejoice in the assurance of the divine protection and blessing. If we would follow the example of Christ in his prayer life, things would be different in the results of our efforts for him.



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## on mission together

### A seminar for me

I've just returned from what for me was one of the finest spiritual seminars I've had in a number of years. Speakers included Ern Baxter, Huber Drumwright, Leighton Ford, Joel Gregory, Roy Fish, Emmanuel McCall, James Flamming and Billy Graham.

I was the only one present for this particular seminar. Indeed, it was developed especially for me.

A few days ago while on a long journey through eastern Kentucky to another state, I purposefully assembled from my large collection, a number of sermons and Bible studies which I felt would be beneficial to me.

One of the exciting features about

this "seminar" was that I could just "rare back" and soak in the spiritual enrichment. Unlike the days of my pastoral ministry when, for the most part I listened to and read everything through the "sermon preparation" filter, I listened as a man hungry of soul.

I interspersed the seminar with an unlikely mixture of the Mormon Tabernacle choir, Sandi Patti, portions of Handel's Messiah and Amy Grant. I even sang a little bit myself! My new job, for a host of reasons, has placed a different set of demands on me. And in the process of renegotiating my time within the new framework of work, travel and home life, I have slipped away from patterns of the past, which, for me at least, had become comfortable and generative.

But now, after almost two years of the new assignment, my devotional life is largely a hodgepodge of happenstance, hit and miss, and occasional serendipity. And I suspect that many of my spiritual resources and energies are

coming more from the prayers of others—and may those significant "others" never cease to pray for me!

I think I've always envied a friend of mine who with rare exception goes to bed before 9:30, rises by 5:00, rarely if ever misses his morning Bible reading and prayer time and who, though a few years older than I, is physically a dozen years in better shape.

As I pondered my condition, my conclusions are more responsible than consoling:

1. I am responsible—nobody else—for my personal devotional life.
2. It has always been a struggle for me to sustain a disciplined spiritual life.
3. My inner man says I must keep on trying.

I came away from the "seminar" with the strong realization that God has something to give me in a private devotional life that he chooses not to give me in any other context.

"Dear Lord, here I am, trying to start again... and the phone is ringing."

# baptist news in brief

## A major event

by Robin Oldham, *State Correspondent*

The scene at the Washington Hilton Hotel on the evening of Feb. 20, 1985 would have likely impressed even the most experienced person whose life-style includes regular attendance at banquets, receptions and other social gatherings in and around the nation's capital.

Seated among the nation's leadership of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States on that eventful evening was James E. Rennell, a Kentucky Baptist minister, denominational leader and assistant to the pastor for administration and education at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington. On that night, Rennell received the nation's highest award presented to a military chaplain by the Reserve Officers Association, Chaplain of the Year.

Rennell, 48, a native of Detroit, was raised in an American Baptist home and made public his profession of faith in Christ at First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Mich. at age 15.

After attending Alma College in his home state Rennell enlisted in the armed forces in 1958 and was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. as part of the 101st Airborne Division. It was during his three years in Ft. Campbell that Rennell began attending Little West Fork Baptist Church. Increasingly drawn to the Southern Baptist fellow-

ship and to the gospel ministry, Rennell joined Little West Fork Church and was later licensed and ordained there.

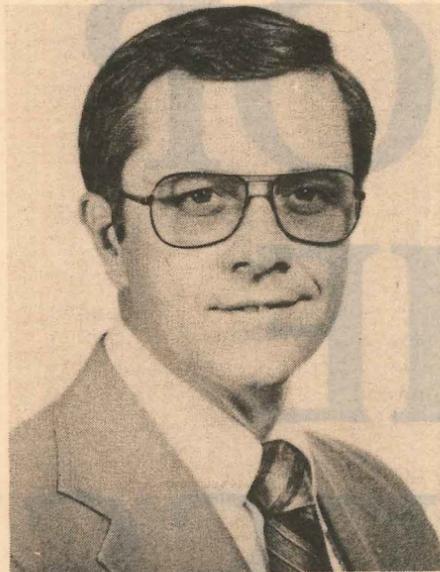
While stationed at Ft. Campbell, Rennell also met his future wife, the former Grace Combs of Hazard, Ky. Today, they are parents of three daughters.

Following three years of active military duty he returned to college and earned degrees from Austin Peay University, Southern Seminary and Vanderbilt.

It was during his days as a seminary student that Rennell was asked to serve as a military chaplain in the Indiana National Guard. Seeing opportunities to minister in a special way he agreed to become a chaplain. Since that time his ministry has expanded greatly. During the past 14 years he has a contributing writer to numerous denominational and military publications and is a much sought-after conference leader.

His military decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal.

A man of deep compassion, commitment and varied interests, he has been a pastor of churches in Kentucky and Indiana. He has also been an associate in the Sunday School Department of the



Rennell

Kentucky Baptist Convention and a director of church development in Minnesota, Wisconsin and for Long Run Association.

Rennell expresses optimism about the spiritual climate and ministry opportunities in today's military. He feels most military personnel are responsive to and appreciative of chaplains in the service. Furthermore, he welcomes what he calls "renewed emphasis on the importance of ethics" in the armed

forces.

Rennell stresses the importance of local churches to allow their pastors the privilege to serve as a military, hospital or institutional chaplain. He is convinced the "positives" of a pastor/chaplain arrangement greatly exceed any possible "negative."

Rennell calls chaplains "seed-sowers" who have unique opportunities to minister to church members as well as to those persons who do not or normally would not attend church.

"The chaplaincy is a very special avenue of ministry," says chaplain of the year Rennell. "It's a joy to serve the Lord in this way."

## Beer, wine advertising: an uphill, lengthy battle

Despite a recent flurry of activity among legislators and lobbyists, a ban on radio and TV advertising of beer and wine apparently is a long way off.

A congressional hearing has been held on the issue and at least one more is scheduled, but supporters of a ban have yet to find a lawmaker who will introduce a bill to curtail the ads which critics say glamorize alcohol consumption and contribute to abuse.

Any attempt to change the nature of beer and wine ads faces still opposition from brewers, broadcasters and advertisers. Broadcasters, who stand to lose \$750 million a year in ad revenue, have called the proposed ban the most serious threat against them in 15 years and have made its defeat their top priority.

Leading the fight for a ban is Project SMART, a coalition of medical and citizen groups and others. Armed with a petition signed by 760,000 supporters, SMART has been lobbying members of Congress in search of sponsors for a bill which would either remove the ads altogether or provide time for counter-advertising on alcohol's health dangers.

Southern Baptists, who at their annual meeting in 1984 passed a resolution asking the ads be banned as "injurious to the health of the nation," also have joined the legislative fight. The Christian Life Commission's Harry Hollis presented written testimony to the Senate subcommittee on alcohol and drug abuse which held the first hearing on the matter Feb. 7. But Hollis warns Baptist supporters of a ban should be ready for a long fight.

"The Christian community has not been sensitized to how difficult it will be to get legislation passed," Hollis said. "Legislators are waiting to see if people are concerned enough to do something about it."

The National Association of Broadcasters, which heads the powerful radio and TV lobbying effort, already considers the ban proposal all but dead, at least for this session of Congress. Supporters, however, say the battle has only begun.

"I expect a very long, drawn-out process," said Tom Tamura, legislative assistant to Rep. Earl Hutto (D-Fla.), who eventually may introduce the ban legislation. So far the only ones showing concern, Tamura said, are the broadcasters, advertisers, brewers and vintners. "We are just at the beginning of drawing out public support."

## Crisis in rural America

by Larry Braidfoot

The farm crisis which has dominated deliberations during the early days of the 99th Congress poses a serious challenge to Southern Baptist life.

Southern Baptists are a denomination with its roots in rural America. We were born in the rural south, and we grew as the towns of the south became cities. Even our name reflects the fact that our numerical strength continues to be focused in the south.

The growth of cities and super churches and media religion has obscured in the minds of many the fact that much of our strength remains in rural areas, particularly in the south. Of the 36,740 Southern Baptist churches, 14,125 are located in open country. Another 16,983 are located in villages or towns with populations of less than 500 to a maximum of 49,999. Only 5632 Southern Baptist churches—15.3 percent—are located in cities with populations exceeding 50,000.

Of 14.3 million Southern Baptists, more than 10.1 million live outside cities with populations in excess of 50,000.

With these statistics in mind, it is clear that what happens in rural America will affect our lives, our homes, our churches and our ministries.

Since 1979, people living in regions where most Southern Baptists live have been growing poorer. In 1979, the poverty rate in the south was 15 percent, with about 11.1 million people living in poverty. By

1983, the rate had climbed to 17.2 percent, about 2.5 percent higher than in the west, the next highest region.

Over that same five-year period, the fastest growth in poverty nationwide occurred in the rural regions of America which lie outside metropolitan areas exceeding 50,000 in population. In those rural areas, the poverty rate grew 4.5 percent, from 13.8 to 18.3 percent. This rate of growth was even greater than the increase in inner city poverty for the same period.

The financial stress plaguing rural America will only worsen with the escalating farm crisis. Some authorities estimate that 15 percent of American farmers will go out of business this year. Last year about two dozen farm banks failed, and federal bank regulators predict that as many as 100 will fail this year. President Reagan's veto of the emergency farm aid bill means that, barring reversal, literally tens of thousands of farmers will be unable to plant their crops this year.

Impacted by factors such as rising energy costs, crop surpluses and general increases in operating expenses, the nation's farmers are in debt in excess of \$200 billion. Much of the pressure has resulted from the rising cost of farm land, a condition brought on in part by federal tax laws which have encouraged high-income professionals to purchase farm land as a tax shelter, without concern for its productivity.

Government policies are desperately needed not only to prevent the

federal government from incurring the great liability connected with the agriculture support programs but also to provide stability to the farming industry. A stable supply of agricultural products, including food, at a price which is more stable than the stock market, is essential for a healthy economy. There is considerable disagreement in Congress over whether the Reagan administration's proposals will address these needs.

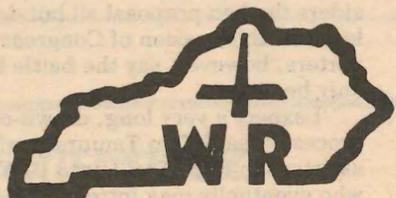
America has long been the world's primary food supplier. The rising poverty in rural America raises questions about our determination and commitment to provide adequately for the hungry of our own land.

One of the supreme ironies of the 20th century is that the one country which has the resources, the people and the technology to care for the needs of a hungry world is struggling with problems of crop surpluses, unstable farm economic conditions and probable decreases in production. In fact, it may well be that rural America, from which much of the strength of our Southern Baptist numbers and resources has come, will now rival the inner cities as an area of critical need.

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