



Lack of trust is the issue, Winfred Moore allows

by Michael Duduit

Though he would like to see "some type of breakthrough" which will allow the Southern Baptist Convention to

meet in Dallas this June "with some type of harmony," Winfred Moore believes only "an act of God" will make that possible.

Moore, pastor of First Baptist

Church, Amarillo, Tex. and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Apr. 2 speaking as part of denominational heritage week on campus. During an interview he expressed concern about the current denominational crisis in the SBC and hopes for reuniting the convention.

The Texas pastor is concerned that Southern Baptists are being diverted from their primary calling of missions and evangelism.

"Frankly, I'm really sick that it has gotten to this place," Moore says. "We're spending more time with this controversy than with the Great Commission. It bothers me greatly, but it didn't bother me soon enough."

Moore believes trust, not belief about the Bible, is at the heart of the current unrest within the denomination.

"What bothers me is that we've reached the place where there is no trust and I honestly believe the thing our people out there are wanting more than anything is to be able to trust the motives of the pastors and the other people who are leading this convention."

Since his name has been mentioned as a possible nominee for convention president in Dallas some have accused him of being a liberal as well—much to Moore's astonishment.

"I've been called just a little to the right of the Ayatollah. I'm so conservative I thought Barry Goldwater was a liberal. But all of a sudden I've become not just a moderate but a liberal."

Moore insists he has made no commitments about being nominated as an alternative to current convention president Charles Stanley in Dallas.

"Nobody has asked me. I have made no decisions. I haven't really been called on yet," the Texas pastor indicates.

How would he seek to heal the current controversy should he be elected president in Dallas?

"As president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas I have simply asked for help and advice from the whole state of Texas and have received that cooperation," Moore explains.

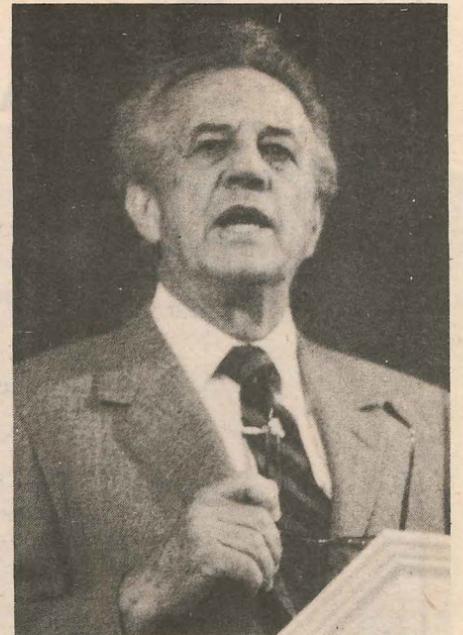
Commenting on a statement by former SBC president Jimmy Draper (p. 1, Apr. 2 Western Recorder) that, in the event Stanley is not reelected his church (First Baptist, Euless, Tex.) and others might escrow Cooperative Program funds, Moore expresses skepticism.

"I don't believe Jimmy will do that and I don't believe many others will, but I can't speak for them. I can speak for mine, which has been one of the top giving churches through the Cooperative Program for many, many years. I can tell you if Stanley or anyone else is elected president of the convention, my church will keep on giving just like it's been giving, because we're giving to the Lord and his work."

Moore also does not believe that there will be a wholesale withdrawal of churches from the convention, no matter who is elected president.

"I don't think there is much possibility that many, if any, can be taken out of the convention. I doubt that many pastors would try to do that. I don't think they could; at least I hope that's right. I know I could not take mine out if I tried," he explained.

The Amarillo pastor expresses hope



Moore at chapel

that the convention will find a way to reconciliation and trust.

"I love my denomination. I am greatly in debt to it. It grieves me, not that we disagree—and we've always disagreed—but that we've reached the place in our disagreement that there is such bitterness."

Going to Dallas? You must be registered

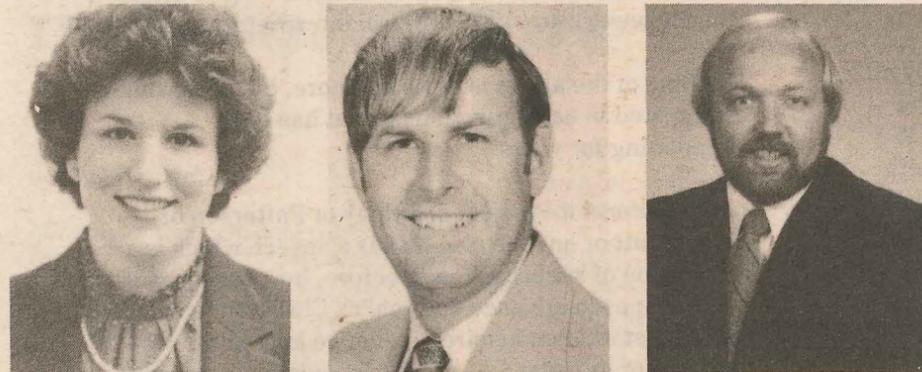
Messenger cards for those attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas June 11-13 are now available in the office of the Kentucky Baptist executive secretary-treasurer, William W. Marshall. Churches may request the number of cards needed by phone (502-245-4101) or by letter, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

The SBC constitution provides the following guidelines for electing messengers.

ARTICLE III. Membership: The convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches cooperating with the convention as follows:

1. One messenger from each such church which is in friendly cooperation with this convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention's work.
2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10).
4. Each messenger shall be a member of the church by which he is appointed.

Those messengers attending the convention must each take his certified card, signed by the church clerk or moderator to the registration secretary's desk at the convention in order to receive his Book of Reports and his ballots, and to be officially registered. It is suggested that messengers' names not be placed on the cards until near the time of the convention in the event that person cannot attend and another is selected.



Mrs. Green

Clontz

Richardson

Three named to staff of executive board for student, training, social ministries

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

A campus minister and two Baptist Building staff members were approved for employment by the administrative committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board Mar. 28.

Twila Gay Green, interim campus minister at the University of Kentucky since June, will assume those duties on a permanent basis. Mrs. Green, a native of Moultrie, Ga., has an associate's degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Ga. She earned the BM degree from the University of Georgia, Athens, and received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, last year.

While a seminary student, Mrs. Green, 28, was minister of youth at DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange. She was director of Son-Celebration, Kentucky's Baptist Student Union music team, 1983-84.

Her other experience includes being minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Moultrie, from 1980-81.

Active in her college BSU, Mrs. Green was the University of Georgia's Outstanding BSU "Student of the Year" for 1979-80.

Her husband, Jeffrey, a native of

Sneedville, Tenn., has been accepted to attend medical school at the University of Kentucky.

James G. Clontz, an EdD candidate at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will be associate director in the Church Training/Special Ministries Department.

Clontz, 40, is a native of Asheville, N. C. and a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. He received the MRE degree at Southern Seminary and the GSRE degree from Southwestern Seminary.

The title of his thesis submitted for the GSRE degree is "The Future of the Southern Baptist Church Training Program as Perceived by the State Directors of Church Training."

Clontz has been evening supervisor in the serials division of the Roberts Library while pursuing his doctoral work at Southwestern Seminary.

He has been Church Training director in his local church and was associational Church Training director in Screven (Tex.) Association.

Prior to entering seminary, Clontz was employed for 10 years in several managerial positions on the staff of the Charleston (S. C.) News & Courier and Charleston Evening Post.

Clontz is married to the former Margaret Ann Johnson of Louisville. They have one child, Jamie.

Charles Edward Richardson, a missionary associate for the Home Mission Board in the Virgin Islands, will be an intern in Christian social ministries for the Direct Missions Department.

Richardson, 31, was hired as part of a three-year arrangement with the Home Mission Board. He will provide guidance to churches and associations interested in social ministries.

Richardson will work 20 hours per week in the position and will also pursue doctoral studies at Southern Seminary.

Richardson received the BA and MA degrees from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

He was director of housing and an English instructor at Bellarmine College, Louisville, from 1981-83. He held similar positions at Spalding College, Louisville, from 1978-81.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, are parents of a two-year-old son, Graham Edward.

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An editor's agony

Agony and pain over the continuing strife in our beloved Southern Baptist Convention is shared by all of us at Western Recorder, but most especially the editor who has final responsibility for the paper. We are right in the middle, constantly besieged by both sides in the controversy to tell their story in a way that is acceptable to them, when what we most want to do is find a way to keep the peace.

That same agony and pain is shared by many Kentucky Baptists who have become weary of the constant bickering going on among us. They are disillusioned by leaders who have so much potential for good, yet who squander their gifts in warfare with brothers and sisters in Christ. We who serve on the staff of this paper understand that weariness because we too are tired of reporting the squabble.

Lynn Clayton, editor of the Louisiana Baptist Message, has spoken for all of us when he said, "We struggle daily over what we should report and what we should leave unpublished. We fear adding to the controversy by reporting too much, but we also fear as much controlling the news."

The truth is that our state papers have often given a forum for fighters when perhaps we would have served our Lord and Baptists people best by ignoring some of the pronouncements made in the past. I make this judgment with fear and trembling because I have not been in the crucible for very long, while some editors have given years of their life to this work. I mean no disrespect of them, nor criticism of them. This is merely my impression as a newcomer.

I believe that as Christian journalists we could have wisely ignored some of the stuff that has dominated our papers. I know that was tried in the beginning of the controversy with little success, but it seems a wise course for us to diligently follow. In our role as Christian communicators we have an obligation to inform, inspire, challenge our people for greater service to Christ. News, per se, is a secondary consideration, in contrast to a secular newspaper which exists for news alone. Our mission is to help equip the saints for the work of ministry. By constantly stirring the pot of controversy, I wonder how we can fulfill that demanding role. Yet state papers do have a news function, so the constant question we face is this: What is news?

- Is it news that Pressler and Dilday are at each other again?

- Is it news that a half dozen pastors have gotten together to plan ways to influence the SBC?

- Is it news that Roy Honeycutt and Paige Patterson do not see eye-to-eye on biblical interpretation?

None of the above is news anymore, because what is suggested in each question is what has been happening for years.

Therefore, if Pressler or Dilday or Patterson or Honeycutt or anyone else makes a speech which is a repetition of speeches made before, how can a report of that speech advance our goal as Christian journalists who must inform, inspire, challenge and equip Baptist people for ministry? That is the question we ask with every story we see. Editor Lynn Clayton has once again spoken for all of us and given our answer:

— We are committed to inform Baptists about what is going on in the convention's life, good or bad. We enjoy being identified with good news, but the information good or bad must be shared.

— We are doing everything we can within the framework of telling the truth to keep that truth from being inflammatory. We strive to edit out emotion-filled modifiers—except in quotes.

— We do not print all the information about the controversy that comes to us. This is done because what we receive is mostly a rehash of what we have received before.

— Finally, we will report the fact of meetings, but not the content of all the speeches. We will try to ferret out what is new and present it in honest fashion. If there is nothing new we will ignore the event and the speeches.

This then is the road map for our journey through this troubled time. I thought you should know how we are thinking and what we are trying to do. We will make mistakes in the future just as we have done in the past. We will print stories some of you think should not have been printed. We will miss a word here and there which should have fallen under the editor's red pencil.

But whenever we make a mistake it is a mistake of ignorance, not of maliciousness nor partisanship. We strive to be fair and accurate. We want to be good journalists who produce a paper worthy of our Baptist heritage and name.

More than this, we strive to be good stewards of the ministry of reconciliation Christ has given us. It is a tough job, but we believe there is grace for the task, and we ask you to pray with us as we move ahead.

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Moving a single soul

Chapel services at Clear Creek are the highlight of each week for faculty, staff and students alike. Many of God's choice servants come our way to share their spiritual pilgrimages with us. Often in chapel heaven comes down and glory fills our souls!

Recently John T. Wallace of Lexington preached for us. As he shared spiritual lessons the Lord has taught him in more than 30 years as pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, one statement gripped my soul: "You can't fight a battle and build a city at the same time." How true this is!

Many people spend their lives fighting battles—battles for God, for their particular point of view or personal battles attempting to achieve victory or superiority over another. These dear saints of God develop (or already have) a "battle" mentality. They are looking for people to be wrong, they are suspicious of everybody and assume that everything in life has a deep, dark, devious and sinister purpose behind it.

We at Clear Creek Baptist School are not in the "battling" business. We are "building a city" for God and we do not choose to waste God's time to engage in petty charges or name calling.

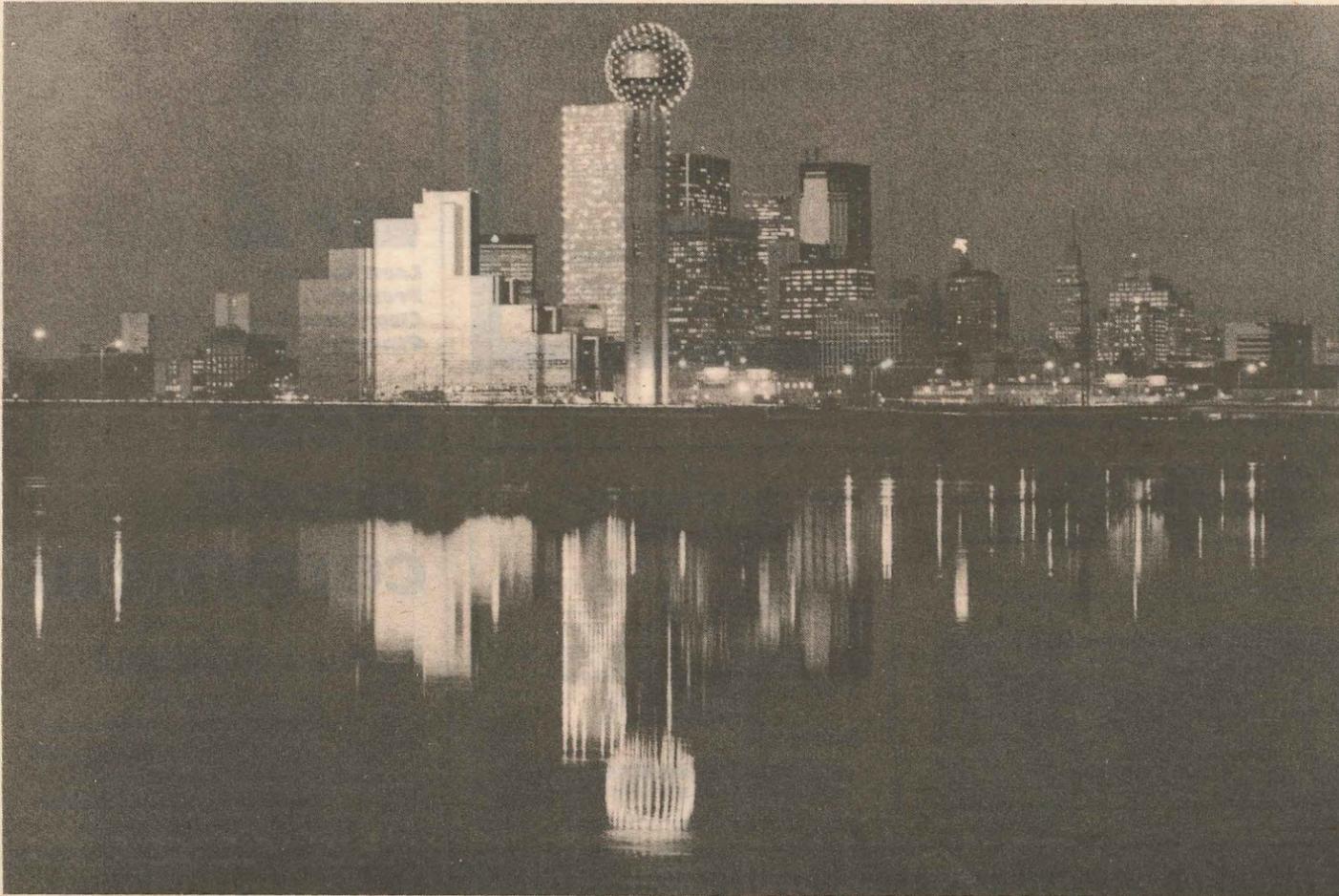
Recently I was challenged by James 5:19-20, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

We are in the business of witnessing for Christ and converting people to him at Clear Creek. We don't wish to make a name for ourselves—we just want to serve the Lord and be approved by him.

Our graduates don't seek to pastor the largest churches, drive the fanciest cars, receive the greatest benefits or be recognized and praised by the most people. But we do want to reach the most sinners and bless the most saints and we want to see God's churches go and grow for the Lord.

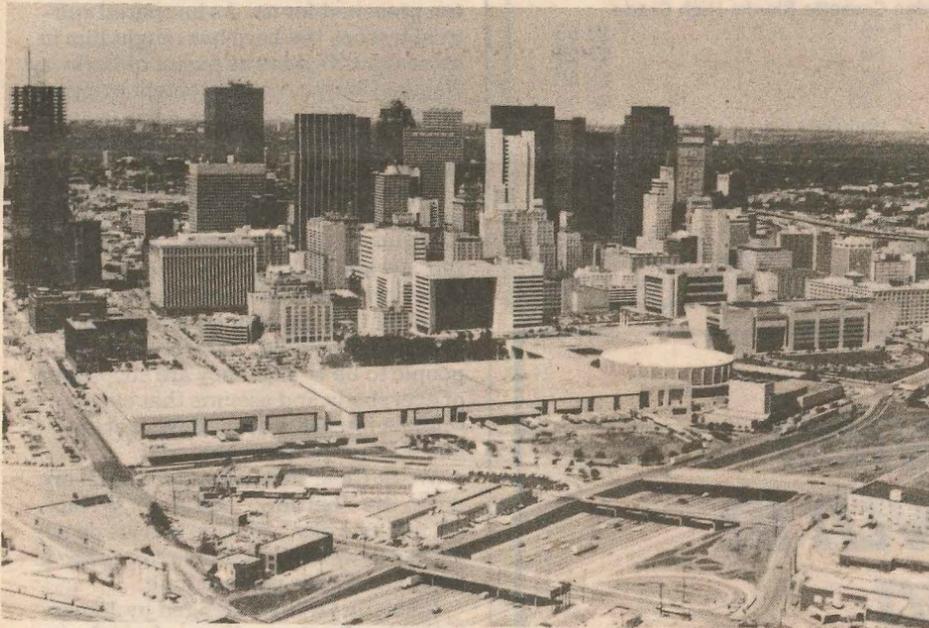
A hundred noble wishes fill my heart:
I long to help each soul in need of aid:
In all good works my zeal would have a part,
Before no weight of toil it stands afraid.

But noble wishes are not noble deeds,
And he does least who seeks to do the whole:
Who works the best, his simplest duties heeds;
Who moves the world, first moves a single soul.

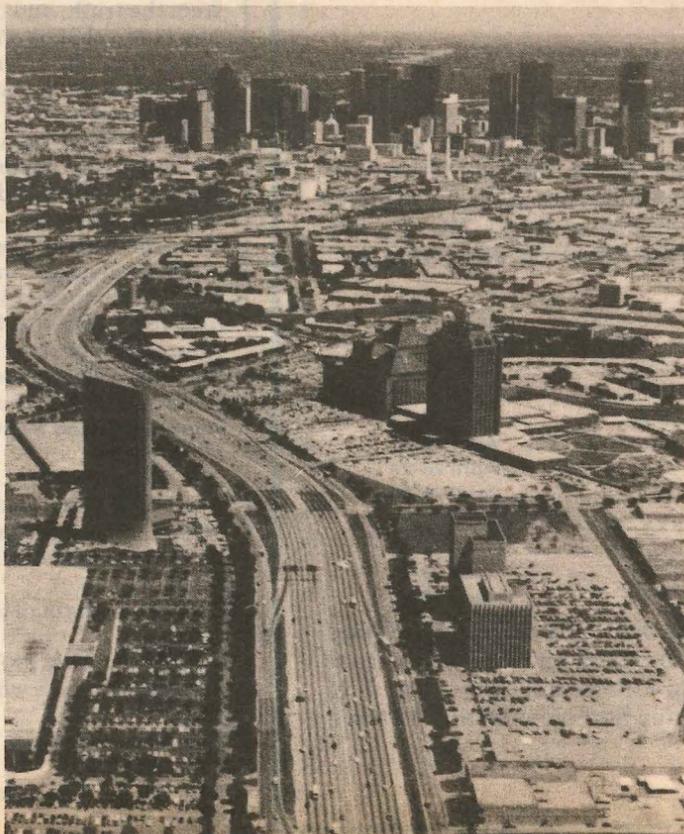


Dateline: Dallas

The night skyline of Dallas [1], centered on the sphere atop Reunion Tower, reflects in the waters of the Trinity River. Dallas will host the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13, 1985. The Dallas Convention Center [below right] will be the center of attraction for tens of thousands of Southern Baptists during the 128th session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Since the latest expansion [completed in January 1984] the center has more than 700,000 square feet of space, including a 300,000 square foot main exhibit hall and a 1000 seat cafeteria. With the Dallas skyline as a backdrop and massive freeway systems sweeping the front [center left], the Dallas Convention Center should provide easy access to the thousands of Southern Baptist messengers and their families.



Downtown Dallas, right rear, is but part of a population and development area which includes Dallas and Ft. Worth and 30 miles of suburbs in between. Unique structures rise from the Texas plains throughout the Metroplex, as the area is called.



The Dallas Cowboys, often referred to as "America's Team," don't play their home games in Dallas. Texas Stadium is located in Arlington, also the home town of Six Flags Over Texas, the American League's Texas Rangers and numerous other tourist oriented attractions. People

from Houston make jokes about folks who build a domed stadium but fail to complete the roof. Cowboy fans answer—though perhaps incorrectly—the design has a celestial basis—so God can watch his favorite team play.

Dallas '85

Southern Baptist Convention Dallas Convention Center June 11-13, 1985

Theme: "Pray ye therefore . . ." (Matthew 9:38)

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 1985

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Choir, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- 9:00 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, music secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas
- 9:05 Prayer—Dan Pleitz, attorney, Waco, Tex.
- 9:10 Registration Report and Constitution of Convention—Lee Porter, registration secretary, Nashville
- 9:15 Committee on Order of Business
- 9:20 Welcome
- 9:25 Response—Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ga.
- 9:30 Prayer Time
- 9:40 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions and Tellers
- 9:45 Executive Committee Report (Part I)—Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 10:40 Presentation of Gavels
- 11:45 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:15 Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, Dallas
- 11:20 Music—Choir, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
- 11:25 President's Address, Charles F. Stanley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
- 12:00 Benediction—Wes Cantrel, corporate executive, Atlanta
Singing As We Go, "Blessed Be the Name"

TUESDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 11, 1985

- 1:00 Evangelistic Singers
- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—1985 Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and orchestra
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—John Glover
- 2:35 Prayer—Charles Nelson, pastor, Cuba Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.
- 2:40 Election of Officers (First)
- 2:50 Messenger Information Survey—Martin B. Bradley, registration secretary, Nashville
- 3:00 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 3:10 Prayer Time
- 3:20 Congregational Singing—John Glover
- 3:25 Executive Committee Report (Part 2)—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
- 4:10 Annuity Board Report
- 4:25 Business
Election of Officers (Second)
Committee on Boards
Miscellaneous Business
- 5:00 Benediction—Darrell Royal, management consultant, Dallas
Singing As We Go, "Glory to His Name"

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1985

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Chorus and Wind Ensemble, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, associate professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 7:05 Prayer—James Deloach, associate pastor, Second Baptist Church, Houston
- 7:10 Theme Interpretation—Thomas D. Elliff, pastor, Applewood Baptist Church, Wheatridge, Colo.

CONVENTION OFFICERS

- Charles F. Stanley, president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- Zig Ziglar, first vice president; layman, Dallas, Tex.
- Don Wideman, second vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, North Kansas City, Mo.
- Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary; manager, Research Services Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- Lee Porter, registration secretary; design editor, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- Harold C. Bennett, treasurer; executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville
- Wilmer C. Fields, press representative; assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville
- William J. Reynolds, music director; associate professor of music, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

- 7:25 Election of Officers (Third)
- 7:45 Sunday School Board Report—Lloyd Elder, president, Nashville
- 8:15 Congregation Singing—William J. Reynolds
- 8:20 Foreign Mission Board Report—R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, Va.
- 9:00 Benediction—Perry Goolsby, educator, Wichita Falls, Tex.
Singing As We Go, "He Is Lord"

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1985

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Choir, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 9:00 Congregational Singing—Robert Blocker, dean, School of Music, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.
- 9:05 Prayer—Anne P. Rosser, copastor, Bainbridge-South Hampton Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
- 9:10 Election of Officers (Fourth)
- 9:25 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report—Roy L. Honeycutt, president, Louisville
- 9:35 Stewardship Commission Report
- 9:45 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 9:55 Christian Life Commission Report
- 10:05 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 10:15 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report
- 10:25 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 10:35 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
- 10:45 Prayer Time
- 10:55 Report of the Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group
- 11:05 Business
Election of Officers (Fifth)
Committee on Committees
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
Miscellaneous Business
- 11:55 Congregational Singing
- 12:00 Music—Choir, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
Scripture and Prayer—Grady B. Wilson, evangelist, Charlotte, N. C.
Convention Sermon—Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 12:30 Benediction—Dalia (Mrs. Michael) Gonzales, missionary to Spain, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Singing As We Go, "To God Be the Glory"

NO AFTERNOON SESSION

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 1985

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—Singing Men of Texas
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 7:05 Prayer—Clayton Spriggs, associate pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Ft. Myers, Fla.
- 7:10 Business
- 7:40 Introduction of Local Arrangements Committee
- 7:45 Presentation of Past Presidents
- 7:50 Presentation of Newly Elected SBC Officers
- 7:55 Bold Mission Thrust—Harold C. Bennett, Nashville
- 8:05 Planned Growth In Giving—Cecil A. Ray, national director of Planned Growth In Giving, Raleigh, N. C.
- 8:15 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds
- 8:20 Home Mission Board Report—William J. Tanner, president, Atlanta, Ga.
- 9:00 Benediction—H. Fred Williams, president, Gulf Shore Bible College, Ft. Myers, Fla.
Singing As We Go, "Spirit of the Living God"

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 1985

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Baylor University Choir and Orchestra
- 9:00 Congregational Singing—Fes Robertson, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 9:05 Prayer—Mark Wolfe, student, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 9:10 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 9:20 Education Commission Report
- 9:30 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 9:40 Radio and Television Commission Report
- 9:50 American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission Report
- 10:00 Baptist World Alliance Report
- 10:10 Prayer Time
- 10:20 Brotherhood Commission Report
- 10:30 Business
Resolutions Committee (Final Report)
- 12:30 Benediction—Leon Harris, advertising executive, Lubbock, Tex.
Singing As We Go, "His Name Is Wonderful"

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13, 1985

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—Mini concert, John McKay, music evangelist, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 2:25 Congregational Singing—John McKay
- 2:30 Prayer—Mark Fuller, paving contractor, Amarillo, Tex.
- 2:35 Introduction of Fraternal Representatives
- 2:40 American Bible Society Report
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A colony of ants

Late yesterday afternoon I went walking on the tip of the hills on our school farm. The view is especially beautiful from there.

Equally beautiful is the fellowship of kindred minds and hearts. Walking with me were two of my former students, now valued staff members. Jeff Minor was valedictorian of our 1978 class and Buddy Underwood received the highest honor Oneida gives when he graduated in 1963. Both are dedicating their lives here as are so many others.

From that distance students and staff looked little larger than dots as they moved about our campus. The tractor and large disk moving across the athletic field looked like toys.

The athletic field has been bulldozed to take out some humps and ridges, plowed and disked preparatory to sowing a new stand of grass. In the process our track is being enlarged to regulation size and a softball field is being added to the previously existing baseball field. There is also a regulation size soccer field. To the east of the field is our campground with water and electric outlets and a dump station.

Boys are working at the edge of the field clearing away the materials from an old barn we recently tore down. A fence row is being cleared between our athletic field and 10 more acres of bottom land purchased some months ago. Five other boys are busy improving a drainage ditch, using muscle power and hand shovels.

In the meantime some of our girls and several boys are hard at work under

Mrs. Atto's direction in the craft shop. Come and see the beautiful things they make.

Spring plowing and planting is going on; principal Hawkins is spading his hillside garden. It is too steep to plow. Others of our staff are also preparing gardens. After such a difficult winter it is a delight to be out in the warm sun.

Some of our men are busy this morning bricking the porch of the 4500 ft. addition to our dining room. The porch extends half the length of the building. When totally complete, the whole project is going to be far more beautiful and helpful than we first envisioned. Three electricians have come from Hamilton, Oh. to do more volunteer work on the wiring for that area.

On any day after school and on Saturdays, buildings are being cleaned, the campus raked and groomed, dishes washed and the next meal being cooked.

It reminds one of a colony of ants. Active. Busy. Organized. Purposeful. Things being done.

Each morning we pause for worship in the chapel. Each evening there is a devotional service at bedtime in the church.

Our computer teacher/bookkeeper just burst through my doorway. Tim Erwin is also a 1978 graduate who came back and is working. OBI excites him. With his wife and two small children, and two full time jobs here at the school, he is constantly busy, a total bundle of energy as he was in a previous two year stint of volunteer service.

He and one of our boys and several men have been working on a 275 ft. chain link fence this Saturday morning between an area of faculty housing and two good neighbors. Everyone got together to get the fence done.

Our juniors are having their annual daylong car wash to help raise money to host the annual dinner for our seniors who will graduate May 26. Next week many of the juniors and staff will volunteer to be auctioned to the highest bidder. The proceeds of the "slave" sale will also go to help pay for the dinner. In the meantime, the new "slaves" must do whatever their "master" directs for a day so long as it is not illegal or immoral or contrary to school policy.

The "slaves" may be made to wear crazy outfits, wash their owner's clothes, polish shoes or bark like dogs on command.

A very humorous sight several years ago was one of our tallest boys with a collar around his neck being tugged all over the campus by one of the smallest campus children. What fun!



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 14, 1985

International Series

Acknowledged as Lord

When the news reached the apostles that the body of Christ had disappeared from the sepulcher, they assembled in the upper rooms and locked the doors. While they were discussing the strange events, Christ suddenly entered the room and stood in their midst.

John 20:26-28, 31 On the next Lord's day Thomas was present with the other apostles, having missed the previous meeting. Christ appeared unto them and reminded Thomas of his statement that he would not believe without positive proof, so Christ offered to permit him to inspect his wounds. When Thomas did so he was convinced and gave the great confession, "My Lord and my God." Christ commended Thomas for his adoring faith and then commended even more highly those who believe on him whom they have not seen.

John wrote the gospel for the specific purpose of revealing the deity of Christ. He sought to prove who Christ was in order that all who read his record might come to put their trust in him for time and eternity. John assured all who would believe on Christ that they would obtain the forgiveness of sins, peace of mind, joy of heart and riches untold. **John 21:15-22** After he had sinned grievously in denying the Lord, Peter shed tears over his sin and made full confession of it, whereupon he received forgiveness and was taken back into full fellowship with Christ, but he was in

need of restoration to service also.

Following the breakfast Christ had prepared for the disciples, he turned his attention to Peter, who had disproved his claim of love and loyalty and put to him the question, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" Christ repeated his question, using the stronger word for "love." The third time Christ asked the question he used Peter's word for "love." Crying out with anguish Peter said, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee."

Peter was commissioned to "feed" the lambs and the sheep which belonged to the Lord. He was to care for them as a physician attends his patients, as a sentinel guards the sleeping soldiers, as a leader guides his followers and as a parent provides for his or her children. Christ is eager for us to love him and to express that love for him in service.

When Peter asked Christ for information about John's future, he was informed that the information he was seeking was none of his concern. Christ stressed that Peter was under obligation to follow the Lord faithfully, instead of neglecting his responsibilities and meddling in the affairs of another. Each of us is responsible for maintaining the proper relationship with God and an obedience to his expressed will.

Life and Work Series

A future for failures

John 18:25-27 When Christ was arrested by the soldiers his disciples forsook him and fled, but Peter and John soon turned in their flight and followed him.

It was a cool night so those in the courtyard ignited a fire and proceeded to warm themselves. Peter stealthily walked to where the fire was burning. Around this fire were the servants of the household and the soldiers. When asked if he were not a follower of Christ, Peter denied it and any knowledge of Christ. Each time Peter was identified as a follower of Christ, he denied it.

When he realized he had made a terrible mistake, Peter was sorry for his sin, wept bitter tears of repentance and was wonderfully transformed into an humble and compassionate man, zealous for Christ's glory and courageous in the hour of death. **John 21:15-19** (Comments on these verses appear in the other series of lessons on this page. Kindly refer to them.)



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on mission together

Laughter: A healing gift

Our high school sophomore, Shawn, is involved with a youth team from First Baptist, Shelbyville, already training for their summer mission project in Long Island, N. Y.

Learning how "to clown" as part of her ministry, she will help children laugh.

Laughter can be a therapeutic gift. After a series of demanding days of meetings with difficult agenda, Marshall Phillips, director of Kentucky Baptist Convention Camps and Assemblies Department, gave me a tape of some of the funniest songs I think I've heard, including "Eric the Awful."

I left the building late that day stressed and fatigued. But by the time I had driven home, the tape had me in stitches. The stress was gone and a radically changed dad walked into his home.

A few days ago, our black lab, Strock, began resisting the garage where he has

slept since we moved here. So we let him stay out.

The first night, no problem. The second night, however, at about 2 a.m. he started barking. Soon all the dogs in the neighborhood were harmonizing. Lying there, thinking each bark would be his last, I finally got up to put a stop to it. (Have you ever tried to catch a fast, black dog at night in a one-acre yard, half asleep?) He finally stopped but neither Alice nor I slept that night. Through bloodshot eyes the next morning, over coffee, we contemplated calling our son in Alabama to tell him to come and get "his" dog—now!

Well, we decided no more "outdoor sleep" for Strock. But when night came, he wouldn't come. He knew. So I tried the "stick trick." I threw it, he fetched it and when he brought it, I grabbed him instead of the stick. Into the garage went the 65-pounder, almost pulling himself out of his collar.

Next night—he fetched the stick but wouldn't bring it to me. Alice quick-

thawed a hot dog. He came to me immediately. Into the garage he went, begrudgingly.

Next night, the hot dog wouldn't work.

My next trick was to bring our little white (inside) dog outside and begin making over him—"nice doggie, Kelluv, good boy." Strock couldn't handle that so up he comes to nudge Kelluv away. I lunged for Strock and missed.

He has since spent his nights out and we're about to grow accustomed.

Every morning, Strock comes to the door to accept his food, water and all the rubbing we will give him. Come night, he changes personality and won't get closer than 20 feet.

We looked recently in our garage where winter had blown leaves, trash and dog hair all over the concrete floor, along with other things dogs will do if not attended.

I guess it's no wonder he won't sleep there anymore. There are some places even a dog won't sleep.

Kenya's dry Yatta district

Missionary spreads gospel in tribal culture

by Robert O'Brien

Missionary Dan Schellenberg finds it easy for "grain talk," "water talk" and even "cow dung talk" to become "God talk" among rural Kamba people in Kenya's dry Yatta District.

The Kamba have an almost Hebraic sense of the spiritual implications of wind, rain, soil, crops, trees, animals and other things of nature. That's a positive influence, Schellenberg said, but it can also be a problem. The Kamba often interpret spiritual implications in the shadowy context of traditional African culture dominated by things of Satan rather than in the light of the God of the Bible.

That's affected the way Schellenberg, a Southern Baptist missionary reared among the Kamba by missionary parents, works to introduce his "self-reliant homestead" system. If they accept its simple technology, the system can insulate Kamba families from famine and drought.

As his system begins to catch on, Schellenberg has introduced technology new to the Kamba, such as water catchment pits, brick-and-cement storage silos, biogas digesters and other non-traditional things.

It's a slow process among a people who cling to the old ways.

Louisa Nyanzwii stood by her house. In the background an innocent-looking striped gourd hung from a nail. Schell-

Schellenberg sits with Kamba tribesmen in the home of Baptist pastor-farmer William Ngozi [second from left] discussing the spiritual aspect of the "self-reliant homestead" approach. He also does evangelism and discipleship training.

enberg recognized it as a witchcraft charm to protect the grain in her new silo.

"Is that a charm, Louisa?" he asked. "No," the Christian woman replied with a nervous laugh. "It's just a decoration from the field."

"May I cut it down?"

"No!"

"May Jesus cut it down?"

"Not now he can't."

Louisa, like many of her people, isn't interested in quick changes. Subsurface influences of her culture color even her Christianity—perhaps especially her Christianity, because spiritual things are woven into her whole pattern of life. Africans tie the social, physical and spiritual together and each affects the other, Schellenberg explained.

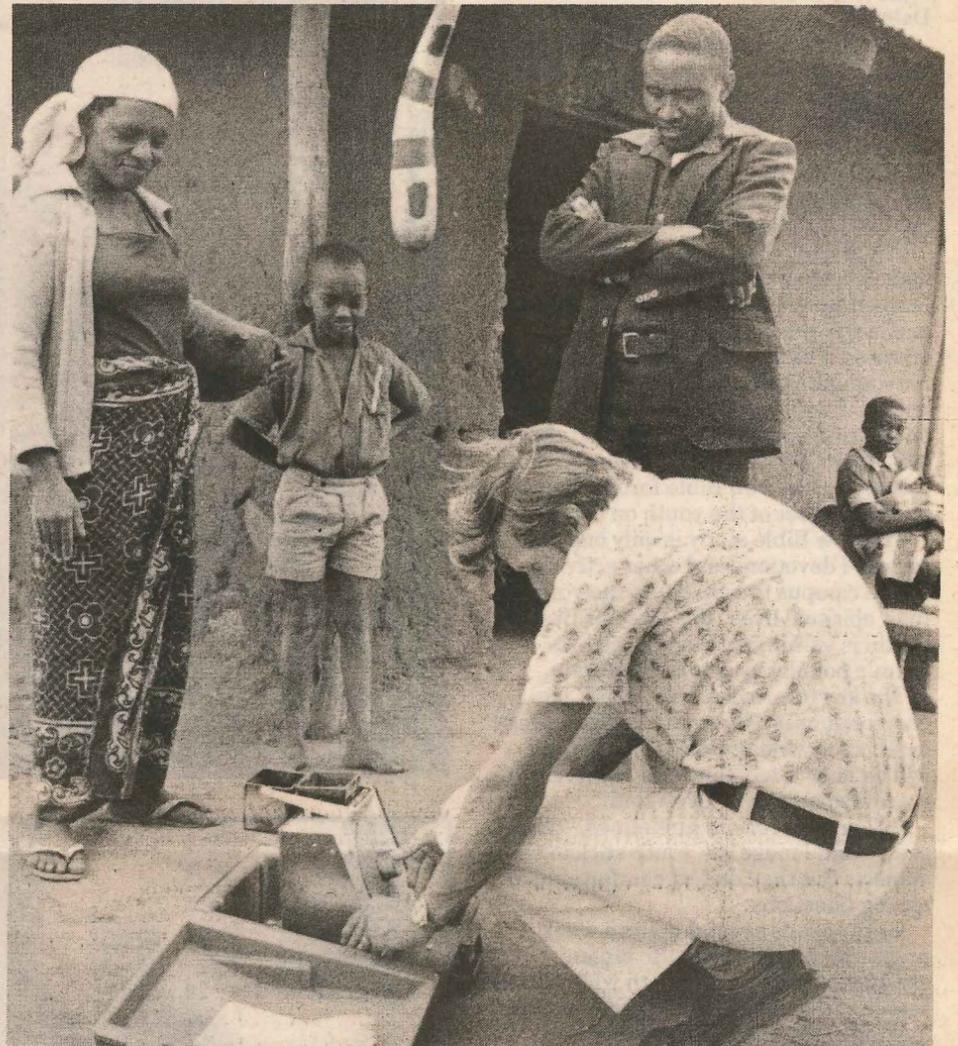
"Have others lost food in their silos?" he continued. "No," Louisa admitted sheepishly.

"Don't be afraid," Schellenberg counseled. "God will protect your food supply. He gave it to you. You don't need protection from anyone else." She wavered, then refused. But the next time Schellenberg came the witchcraft talisman was gone.

It's not always that easy, but a growing number of the Kamba—who knew Schellenberg was born among them, speaks their language and sits freely in their village parliaments—will ask him to place their new grain-storage wealth in God's care.

"Rain, earth, healthy children and food are gifts of God," he prayed at the home of the non-Christian Mukanda family. "Charms and talismans don't bring a blessing from God. God gave his son, Jesus Christ, to do that. God sent his son to shed his blood because he loves us, even when we don't deserve it."

He prayed the Mukandas would let



Don Schellenberg kneels to check the quality of grain in a silo he taught a Kenyan family to build.

Jesus come into their lives, save them from their sins and protect them. "I banish the power of Satan from this place and put this family under the blood of Jesus Christ in his name," he continued. "When famine comes, we will praise you, Lord, that this family has so much food in storage and that it's under your protection."

Thus the transfer of allegiance from one spiritual force to a greater one begins in the lives of the people with

whom Schellenberg works.

Even their cook fire is spiritual. When Kamba women cook, they must see the fire burn for deep, underlying cultural reasons. Emily Ngozi, a pastor's wife, became truly liberated when she allowed an efficient mud cookstove—with the fire hidden inside—to replace her open fire.

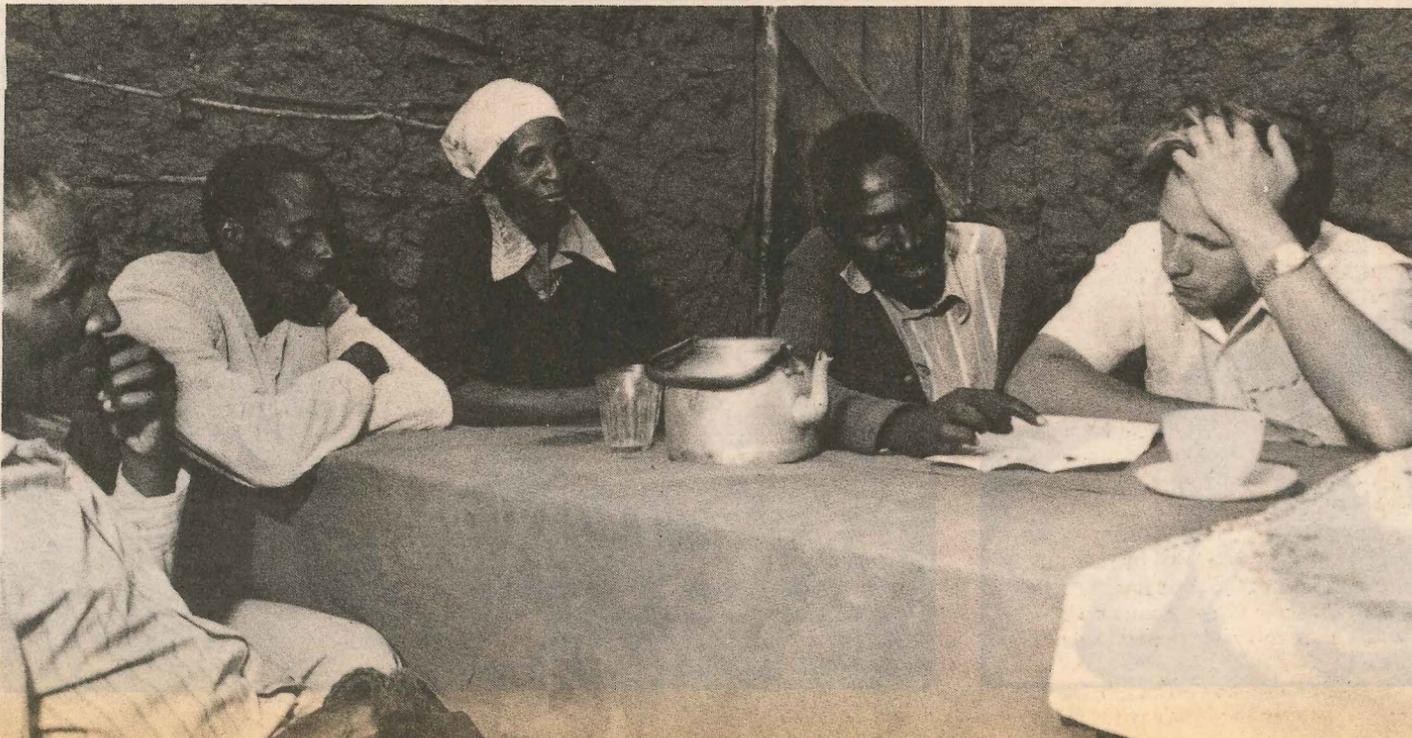
"How Jesus can change them is radically dependent on how they view spiritual things," Schellenberg said. "How you can change their children's health, as we did with the Ngozi family, is radically dependent on their spiritual view of children."

Thus talk of wind, rain, grain—and even the readily available cow dung to fuel their new biogas digesters—naturally leads into "God talk" based on their own experiences and teachings from the Bible.

For example, would the Kamba submit to using cow dung as a fuel for lights and cooking? It, too, is a gift of God, Schellenberg told them, quoting the Old Testament verse Ezek. 4:15. The context was a siege of Jerusalem. The Jewish people had disobeyed God and destroyed the land. They had no food, no fuel, nothing. They were desolate.

"See, I will let you have cow's dung instead of human dung on which you may prepare (bake) your bread," declared the Lord.

"It was a blessing they had cows alive to give dung and that God showed them how to use it," Schellenberg told the Kamba, who listened intently. They understand nature, parched earth and desolation. (BP)



Bible study is BASIC on Glen Dale campus

Youth on our picturesque Glen Dale campus are learning how God's word speaks to the problems of everyday life in a way that is BASIC. BASIC (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) is the new weekly Bible study led by Bob Gray, co-ordinator of Christian education at Glen Dale.

The study is voluntary and has rapidly become a popular forum for plain talk of what the scriptures say to teenagers. Gray said the BASIC approach was started "because of a desire of mine to see a regular Bible study where youth can use the word of God to work out and deal with problems they face everyday."

The BASIC discussions are open to high school age youth. Attendance has jumped from 11 at the first meeting to 25 and is still growing. Gray also announced a Bible study has been started for younger youth. Called ICU for "Intensive Care Unit," the sessions center on a caring approach and what it takes to become a Christian. With 15 enrolled in this group, the two Bible forums have attracted most of the youth on campus.

The new Bible study is only one of a series of devotions and other activities on the campus to help equip the youth in their spiritual lives. But director Buckley Carlin is enthusiastic about the program's popularity across Glen Dale.

The key to success with BASIC has been openness. The youth decide a week in advance what their discussion topic will be and "I feel that's what has made it grow so quickly," Gray said.

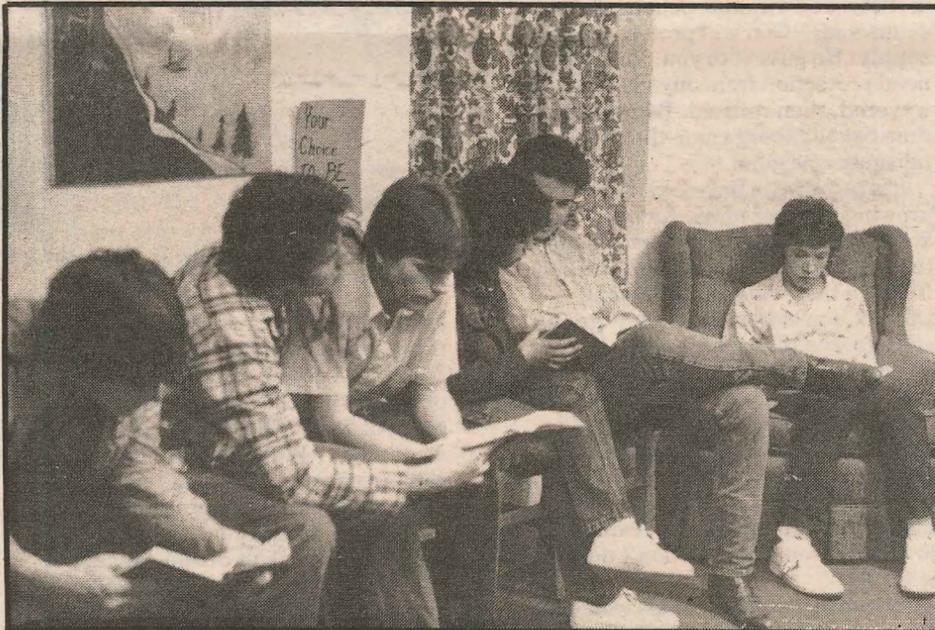
"There are certain guidelines," Gray said, "and I make the youth stick to the subject. But they do feel comfortable in asking questions."

Gray spends several hours a week preparing for the study "to create enough interest so the youth will want to search the scriptures. You can have fun looking at the Bible and seeing the answers. This is a positive approach," Gray said.

The youth are really beginning to open up to one another. "Our whole ministry here is based on the scriptures. We are to care for our brothers and sisters, and our children. This is a genuine ministry," Gray explained.

BASIC is helping our youth respect each other's ideas and to treat each other in a loving way. "We praise God we can reach our youth this way," he said.

The Bible truly has become the talk of the campus.



Bob Gray, above, opens a BASIC Bible study with prayer. Scriptures are searched [left] while answers are pointed out [left bottom] and then openly discussed [bottom right].

