



Three conditions can effect change in SBC life, veep Henry Huff says

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Newly-elected Southern Baptist Convention officer Henry B. Huff of Louisville sees three conditions upon which a climate for change in the direction the SBC is presently headed now rests.

Things are not going to change, Huff said last week, unless (1) God's will is preeminent, (2) the newly named SBC peace committee accomplishes a great deal, (3) the moderates have more votes in Atlanta (site of next year's SBC meeting).

The 60-year-old Huff, a lawyer and prominent Baptist layman, was elected second vice president of the SBC in annual session at Dallas, Tex. in June.

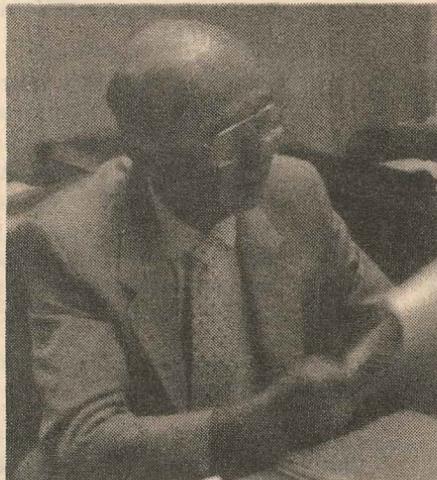
Commenting on the peace committee, Huff said he believes it could accomplish much "if it leads us in another direction." He added that he does not think either position in the denominational controversy "can be compromised."

He warned that unless both factions agree to move in a new direction, the peace committee "can't be successful." With local autonomy, "diversity is indispensable," Huff allowed. "I'm for that."

Huff went on to say he believed people really "don't want peace unless they can win." Thus, he is dubious about whether the denominational conflicts may be resolved in the near future. He said he would "not be at all surprised" to see 60,000 persons attend the convention's 141st meeting June 10-12, 1986 in Atlanta.

Specifically asked about the prospect of working with Charles Stanley of Atlanta, reelected in Dallas to a second term as SBC president, Huff said he had sent Stanley a letter of congratulations. In it, he registered his concern over the parliamentary procedure of the Dallas meeting, about which questions have been raised from "a number of quarters."

Huff, parliamentarian for the annual meetings of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for many years, observed that "many" of the decisions in Dallas were



HEAVY DECISIONS—In his law office in downtown Louisville, new SBC VP Henry Huff said some of the parliamentary's calls in Dallas were "wrong." Huff, KBC parliamentarian for many years, hopes to see the situation altered at the SBC meeting in Atlanta.

"wrong." He labeled them as "just plain heavy," and said he would take "a great deal of interest" in the parliamentary procedures to be used at the next convention.

While he said he was "not a theologian," Huff claimed that he does "know parliamentary law" and "can get into that." He offered his opinion that "you can be courteous" to people. When they (a reference to SBC messengers) ask for a point of order, they "deserve to be recognized," Huff declared.

There has been sharp criticism in the media of Stanley and his parliamentarian in Dallas for failure to do this on several occasions.

Concerning the working relationship with Stanley in making strategic appointments, Huff noted that the SBC constitution and bylaws calls for the president to work "in consultation with" the vice presidents. While Stanley openly failed to work with the second vice president, a moderate, last year, Huff said "if he (Stanley) doesn't, the vice presidents will go public" this year. He referred to himself and first vice president W. Winfred Moore of Amarillo, Tex. who challenged Stanley for the presidency in Dallas.

Huff added that he hoped if he or Moore had something to say publicly about controversial matters, they could both agree and would speak up on the

issues. Both men are considered moderates.

Huff also said he is receiving copies of local letters "every day" from "many sources across the country" which are being mailed to Stanley that are "greatly disturbed" over the parliamentary actions in Dallas. He assumed Moore is also receiving similar copies of letters from Southern Baptists to Stanley.

On another subject, Huff questioned the procedure used in Dallas to gain or deny persons access to the platform.

He said at no previous meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention had he seen a sheriff in uniform carrying a pistol blocking the short staircase leading from the floor of the convention hall to the speakers' platform. Huff observed that representatives of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, were "at the bottom and at the top" of the five-or-six-step staircase to "approve" or "disapprove" gained admittance.

Access has previously been a prerogative of the Executive Committee "at all the conventions I've been to," Huff said. He said he had never seen the presiding officer's church "be in such absolute authority as was the case in Dallas."

Commenting on the way Moore was elected first vice president by the convention, Huff called it a "marvelous providential gesture," and said he didn't think "that part of the script was programmed."

Will there be any joys in this year for the second vice president? Huff said he had already begun to receive a number of invitations to speak in local churches, and he looked forward to accepting many.

Asked why there appears to be so little lay involvement in convention life, Huff laid much of the blame at the feet of pastors. The pastor "doesn't take him (the layman) and introduce him" at meetings. If the layman isn't on the program, the pastor believes he "may be seen but not heard."

When asked to name other laypeople in Kentucky who might be as well known among Baptists across the state as Huff, he could think of only one man and one woman whose names might be as readily recognized statewide.

Huff is a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention (1975-76) and former moderator of Long Run Baptist Association (1980-81). Active in Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church, he will become chairman of the deacons there for the third time Sept. 1. For many years he has taught a senior men's Bible class there which includes many prominent Baptist theologians from neighboring Southern Seminary.

Married to the former Mary Anderson of Lenoir City, N. C., Huff is a native Louisvillian and a graduate of Wake Forest College and the University of Louisville. He has been a trustee of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., is currently chairman of trustees at Campbellsville (Ky.) College and is chairman of the administrative committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board. He has been on that board several times.

Huff is the only layman to be president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in the last 32 years.

A statement from Billy Graham

Word has reached me that there was some confusion and consternation over a telegram that was sent to the president of the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas.

It has been my custom for many years to either write the president of the convention ahead of time or congratulate him afterward on his election.

I had stated publicly that I did not intend to get involved in the Southern Baptist controversies of 1985.

I therefore called my associate, T. W. Wilson, and asked him if he would call Dr. Stanley and tell him that I was praying that God would come in mighty power upon the convention and bring about a new sense of love and unity in the convention. Because it is the custom of the convention to give the president a two-year term, I added: "Tell him that if I were there, which I won't be, I would vote for him." I had no idea who would be running against him.

Apparently, Dr. Wilson could not reach Dr. Stanley by phone and decided (on his own) to put it in a mailgram. It was supposed to be a private message of encouragement to Dr. Stanley over the telephone. I never intended to make a public statement. I realize that some people will interpret this as speaking out of both sides of my mouth.

In any event, if I had been there, and if I were a messenger, I would have voted for Dr. Stanley on the ground that the convention by custom has given a president a second term.

Secondly, I had been told that if he were not elected, it might split the convention. It is my prayer that we will stay more united than ever before. I believe this could come about if we had a spiritual revival and focused our interest on evangelism and missions.

Thirdly, I have admired the fact that Dr. Stanley has not answered his critics in kind during his year in office. He is also the pastor of one of the most successful churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. He has become nationally known through his effective television ministry. I think he helps the image of Southern Baptists throughout the nation.

In any event, I shall continue to pray for the unity of the convention. I have great admiration for Dr. Moore.

I deeply regret the confusion this has caused in some quarters. It has taught me a lesson to keep my priority on preaching the gospel and winning souls to Christ. I love the Southern Baptist Convention and have deeply appreciated the prayerful support they have given me during my ministry.

No paper next week

In keeping with a previously announced policy, there will be no issue of Western Recorder published July 9. The next one will be dated July 16. Western Recorder normally does not publish the second week of July or the fourth week of December each year.

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SBC messengers give \$77,428 to hunger relief

Messengers to the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas gave \$77,428 to their denomination's hunger relief program in a special offering taken on the second evening of the three-day meeting. The hunger relief offering had been proposed in the convention's opening session by messenger Cecil P. Stopen of Welcome, N. C.

"It was so clear from the Bible that the problem of hunger is something we Christians ought to be doing something about," he said. "Also, I was weary of all the conflict in the denomination and I wanted to see something positive happen at the convention." (BP)

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Anniversary review

It is customary for pastors, on the anniversary date of their pastorate, to make an inventory or review of the year past. Since most of my adult life prior to July, 1984 was spent as a pastor, it seems natural to me to make a review of my ministry this past year as editor of our state paper.

The year has been a stormy time in Southern Baptist life and the state paper has been in the thick of the fray. It was just one year ago that the first issue under my editorship was delivered to our subscribers. During that year we have seen the fight among our people escalate and the editor has been lambasted from all sides.

At least one seminary professor, and perhaps there are many more, is on record with the evaluation that the editor is in league with the so-called fundamentalists. At least one prominent pastor in Kentucky, and perhaps there are many more, is on record with the evaluation that the editor is a tool of the so-called liberals.

The truth is that the editor has tried to be apart from both camps in an effort to serve all the Baptists of Kentucky in a fair and impartial manner.

The editor has had a word of rebuke for the inerrantist methods during the past year and he has had a word of rebuke for the moderates for intemperate attacks on perceived enemies in the inerrantist camp.

The editor has been accused of cowardice because he will not be partisan in favor of one particular group. He has been reminded that these critical days demand we take a stand or else tell our grandchildren we were out to lunch when the great battle for the Kingdom was fought among Baptists.

The editor would prefer to tell his grandchildren that he made every effort to present truth in a straightforward, unbiased manner when others around him were crying for propaganda and slanted views.

I will also tell my grandchildren I made some mistakes in this first year, some of which were out of ignorance, others out of lack of experience in the quicksand that is the editor's office.

For example, I was accused of being biased against Charles Stanley because of a headline we composed for a Baptist Press story. The BP story said Stanley was willing to serve a second term as president of the SBC. Our headline said, "Stanley announces plans to seek helm for second term." (3/5/85) It was a stupid error, but there are those who still believe it was a deliberate effort to stick Stanley with the politics of "seeking" office.

I have been accused of being out of touch with Baptist life because I wrote an editorial in which I

said, "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 people to Christ." (3/26/85)

During the past year two Viewpoint articles on women's ordination were printed, one for, one against. We were accused of being for women's ordination by some readers and we were accused of being opposed to women's ordination by other readers. It seems that just because we printed information from persons on the subject of ordination we were cast in the role of supporters or detractors, when in fact we took no position on the subject.

On and on it goes, and such is the life of a state paper editor.

The conclusion I have reached is that to be accused by both sides is a compliment and reinforces the rightness of my decision to stay in the middle. It is not easy and I know that at times I have leaned too far to one side or the other. But the middle is where I tried to stay.

My basic conviction remains: a state paper editor is servant and minister to all the people and has an obligation to reprove, rebuke, exhort and praise those in all the Baptist camps, without respect to their position in our current controversy.

That has been my goal this past year and nothing has happened to make me want to change my mind. I only hope a year's experience will help me avoid some of the mistakes in headline selection, news placement and story selection I have made during the first year.

In spite of the lambasting we have received, it has been a good year and the people of Kentucky have been marvelous in accepting me. I thank you and pledge my best effort in making Western Recorder a paper which will help you know the best there is to know, and present the truth without embellishment, prejudice or bias.

Free offer once again

This is a reminder that our free offer of Western Recorder during the months of September and October is still open. All we ask is that you send us a mailing list of your church families and at some time during September or October take a church vote to either continue receiving Western Recorder at \$5.00 per family per year, or drop your families from our mailing list. We must have your mailing list no later than Aug. 5 in order to load the address computer by Sept. 1.

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baptist forum

Opposition to lottery

Resolution:

Whereas, the issue of public education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky has attracted widespread public attention in recent months; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is likely to be called upon to enact legislation specially for the purpose of improving the quality of education in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, among the ideas presently under public review for enhancing revenues for expenditure on public education is the idea of a state lottery; and,

Whereas, the idea of any form of lottery is repugnant to the moral standards of the members of Poplar Spring Baptist Church;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that, in regular business session assembled, the members of Poplar Spring Baptist Church do hereby declare their opposition and the opposition of Poplar Spring Baptist Church to any legislation authorizing or creating the establishment of a state lottery for any purpose whatsoever.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the permanent book of Poplar Spring Baptist Church and that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to each of the Honorable Martha Layne Collins, governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to the Honorable Joe Lane Travis, state senator for the ninth senatorial district, and to the Honorable Bobby H. Richardson, state representative for the 23rd legislative district.

This the 5th day of June, 1985.

Larry Williams, Moderator
Poplar Spring Baptist Church,
Glasgow

Editor's note. This is an example of what churches can do in what promises to be a real struggle.

A time for grief

The recent convention in Dallas demonstrated a deeper polarization among Southern Baptists than many of us have ever observed. It is a time for grief. It is a time for sackcloth and ashes, for in "40 days" Nineveh could be destroyed.

The conservatives blame the liberals. The liberals blame the conservatives. Who's fault is this snafu? How can we correct it?

I don't know who's fault it is, but I know any person speaking unkindly toward any other person or about any other person is not speaking the way the Bible tells us to speak.

I cannot believe I have lived to see Southern Baptist Convention leadership, both elected and employed, on nationwide television saying all manner of unkind things about each other. I cannot believe God is pleased with our airing our family problems in the media. There has to be and there is a better way.

If our leadership is serious about its love for Christ and our convention, surely this year will be a year of working behind the scenes to achieve healing and reconciliation. The national media is certainly not the place for that.

There is a better way! Let's find it and get on with it. We are Christ's.

Leamon Blalock, Symsonia

I believe in miracles

The crisis in our denomination may be a crisis in belief. Does God really work

miracles? Does he heal the sick? Does he cause the blind to see, the lame to walk, the weeping to rejoice, and the poor to inherit the earth?

The doubting Thomases may be stronger than we suspect, but I believe God does reverse the natural order of things, to demonstrate first his love, then his power and finally, in Christ Jesus, his redemptive will.

I once had this question put to me in startling fashion in the hinterland of Australia. The Church of England chapel at Padthaway where we had gathered for a service prior to the blessing of the shearing of the lambs is roughly 200 miles from any population center. It is located in south Australia, in a rolling green belt. The time was August and winter; but the alfalfa was knee high and the tall graceful eucalyptus and acacia trees danced in the wind and from time to time sent forth clouds of exotic birds, particularly cockatoos and other members of the parrot family, while the emu—larger than the ostrich—made its graceful but slow-motion move across the hill, and an occasional kangaroo made its presence known. It was a beautiful Sunday, but the congregation in the little church included fewer than 30 persons, most of whom were women and senior citizens. There were far more people at the local pub, but a religious spirit did seem to be stirring, and the young priest announced a plan for visitation evangelism.

He was in full clerical garb and introduced himself as the new parish minister, saying he had two unusual gifts: the gift of tongues and the gift of healing, but that since these are so subject to being misunderstood, there would be a healing service in the rectory and not in the church proper. He then conducted a liturgical service which concluded with a powerful sermon against Satan worship.

After the service, when I was introduced to him as a Baptist minister, his first question caught me off guard. I have been embarrassed ever since. "Do Southern Baptists believe in faith healing?" he asked me.

My answer at that time was a weak, "Why, certainly." What I once said with some timidity and hesitancy, I can now affirm with conviction and joy.

In the first place, I used to pray for the wrong thing; a selfish prayer, centered only on the aches, fears and frustrations of those who suffer physical pain. My prayer is now not a supplication for my relief, but a petition that I may use my dilemma as a testament of faith and witness.

A nonbeliever may say, "You've only simplified your question," while the truth is that what I am now asking is vastly and profoundly more complicated, opening up new possibilities for God's healing peace.

God's response is a moving, sometimes mystifying miracle, which I do not fully understand, but I have made that leap into authentic life in the certain knowledge that because God is with me, I may be sick, yet well, dying, yet living; weak, yet strong; foolish, yet wise; troubled, yet at peace; blind, yet seeing; stumbling, yet not falling; with diminishing powers, yet with undiminished hope.

Let me also testify that those burdens which God does not lift, he gives me the strength to bear; and that every man is my brother and every woman my sister, and every human being my responsibility.

So I believe in miracles, and am experiencing them in my own spiritual pilgrimage.

Ben C. Fisher, Buie Creek, W. Va.

God heard our prayers

Current conflicts among Southern Baptists caused many regrettable things to be done before and during the recent convention in Dallas. But the good things outweighed the bad. More people than ever before got concerned and attended the convention. More people than ever before prayed for God's intervention in Southern Baptist affairs.

Does God hear Baptist prayers? Was God so confused by our conflict that he did not know what to do? Does God refuse to hear partisan prayers? Is the Holy Spirit simply grieved by what all of us are doing without responding to our needs?

I think God heard our prayers, but his answer did not come in the package we wanted. So we did not recognize his miraculous handiwork when it happened. Let us see what God did and give him the glory!

One group was praying for the reelection of Charles Stanley as president of the convention. The other group was praying for the election of Winfred Moore. A major permanent division of God's people was at hand.

Charles Stanley was reelected president. I did not vote for him. But I believe it was God's will that he should be reelected and I will continue to pray for him and give him my support as president of my convention. There is no alternative. I cannot believe that what happened was beyond God's control.

But while Winfred Moore was surrounded by news reporters interviewing him about his defeat, Ray Allen from Blacksburg, Va. responded to God's urging by doing a stupid, unparliamentary thing. He nominated Winfred Moore for first vice president of the convention. President Charles Stanley was ready to rule him out of order because Brother Allen had not gotten Winfred Moore's permission to nominate him. President Stanley would have been absolutely correct in that ruling. I think he surprised himself; he certainly surprised 40,000 messengers to the convention and he surprised Winfred Moore by asking Moore, "Will you accept the nomination as first vice president?" Winfred Moore's reaction was, "The president cannot ask me that, that is improper procedure." Out loud he said to president Stanley, "Are you asking me to do that?"

It was the most dramatic moment in the 50 Southern Baptist conventions I have attended. The two opposing presidential candidates burst into laughter with their arms around each other and the convention overwhelmingly elected Winfred Moore as first vice president.

God had heard the prayers of all his people. As he had chosen Charles Stanley to be president, he chose Winfred Moore to be first vice president. Fifty-five percent of the messengers went away with their man as president of the SBC for another year. And 45 percent of the messengers went away believing that God had chosen Winfred Moore to be Stanley's successor as president in 1986.

In any case, God had bound all of his people together in cooperative witness to a lost world. Then he added to the two strong pastors a wise and experienced Baptist layman, Henry Huff, as the second vice president.

In all its history Southern Baptists have never had a more representative team of strong leaders around whom to unite than right now.

No, God did not answer my prayers the way I wanted. But he answered our prayers the way he wanted. I praise the name of the God who acts—even in our

time and in response to the prayers of sinners like me.

Duke K. McCall, Louisville

Time to call a moratorium on labels

We have embarked on a course of peace in the Southern Baptist Convention. Permit me to add a vital ingredient to the "recipe" for peace.

It is time for the editors of Baptist papers of the respective states to call a moratorium on hurtful and unfair labels designed to demean and defame some of our leaders. Please, editors, begin your own editorial peace initiative by referring to people as "pastor," "layman" or "laywoman" or as "Baptist leader," or by some other innocuous term. The state papers have ignited denominational fires of discord, suspicion and distrust with inflammatory labels. Let's be done with this! A-men?

Bill Hall, Danville

Editor's note. Bill Hall is right in calling upon editors to cool down. He is wrong in accusing editors of attempts to "demean and defame" anyone. He is also wrong in accusing state papers of igniting "denominational fires of discord, suspicion and distrust." Such intemperate accusations as these are what has helped separate us.

I request your prayers

In behalf of the 22 members of the peace committee recently elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, I request your prayers throughout the coming year as we seek to fulfill our assignment. If we seek to please God with our spirit and approach we can be assured of our usefulness.

The first meeting of our committee will probably be scheduled sometime in early August, certainly before the SBC Executive Committee meeting in mid September.

It is especially important that all of us who are in leadership roles in Southern Baptist life honor the convention's action upon approving the formation of the peace committee, urging "all Southern Baptists to exercise restraint and refrain from divisive action and comments."

I respectfully request that you encourage those who look to you for leadership to do the same. It is important to our committee that we be able to work without the distraction and hindrances of highly profiled and greatly publicized conflicts within our denominational family.

May God help us to be and to continue to be a fellowship with whom he can be pleased.

Charles G. Fuller, Roanoke, Va.

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personnel

David Gardner of Hopkinsville completed duties as interim pastor of Cerulean Baptist Church, Little River Association, July 1 and is available for supply and interim work.

He also recently accepted a position as the Indiana and Kentucky representative for L. L. Sams Co., a church furniture firm based in Waco, Tex.

Jim Casson will join the staff of First Baptist Church, Newport, Northern Kentucky Association, July 7 as minister of music.

John Helton accepted the call to pastor Buck Creek Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He goes to Buck Creek from McKinney Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Paul Miller resigned as pastor of Jeff Missionary Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

John Gibbons was called as pastor of Blackmount Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Hubert Jordan resigned as pastor of Greenmount Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, due to health reasons.

Mark Doom was called as minister of youth and music at First Baptist Church, Benton, Mercer Association. He goes there from a similar position at Bellview Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Larry Buchanan accepted the call as minister of music and youth at Concord Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association. He goes there from the staff of West End Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Craig A. Loscalzo was called as pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, Frankfort, Franklin Association.

Paul Robinson resigned as minister of education at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, to accept a position as associate minister-education at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association.

Roger McCurry resigned as minister of recreation at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Association, to accept a similar position at First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.

Bill Steele was called as interim pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

James Meade resigned as pastor of Burnside Baptist Church, Pulaski Association and will be moving to Virginia.

Noel Dodson was honored by McKee Baptist Church, Irvine Association, May 5 for 25 years in the ministry. He and his wife were presented plaques.

James Watkins has accepted the pastorate of Elk Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective July 7. He goes to the congregation from a Memphis, Tenn. pastorate.

John Tracy has been interim pastor of Elk Creek the past 10 months.

David Jon Fields has been called as minister of education and youth at Ft.



Hannah Holtzclaw of Pineville and David Kinman of Crittenden represented Kentucky as Acteen and Royal Ambassador pages to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. The page program, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union, provides services in the press room, registration area, information booth, convention office and platform area. Kinman, who has been president of Kentucky Pioneers, was recently featured in the August 1985 issue of Pioneer Probe, a Royal Ambassador magazine published by the Brotherhood Commission.

Mitchell Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Fields goes to Ft. Mitchell from a similar position at Southside Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala. He is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Jack Doom retired as pastor of Hickory Baptist Church, Graves County Association. The congregation honored him and his wife with a reception June 30.

Rollin S. Burhans was elected pastor emeritus of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Rich Curtis began duties June 1 as youth minister at Kenton Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

congregations

Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Tates Creek Association, broke ground recently for a 3000 square foot educational building. The congregation raised \$110,984 in a Together We Build program. Paul Frick is pastor. Bill Tillet is chairman of the building steering committee.

members with 82 enrolled in Sunday school. William Steele is pastor.

Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, has its college and career choir, The Power Company, engaged in a 12-day tour of the British Isles.

The group left June 25 and is performing in several churches. The choir was also to participate in the Coventry Choir Festival in Coventry, England. The choir is under the direction of Jack M. Jones.

Church pastor Eugene I. Enlow is scheduled to preach several times during the tour.

Cecilia Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, will celebrate homecoming July 14. Norris Smith, pastor of the church from 1961-69, will be featured speaker.

revivals

New Enterprise Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, had a youth-led revival in May. The revival team was from Cumberland College with John Combs as speaker.

There were six professions of faith, two additions by letter and nine rededications.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. F. Alvin Lindholm, Baptist representatives to Yemen, are in the states on furlough (Box 232, Milton, NY 12547). He is a native of San Luis Obispo, Cal. and she is the former Edna Hughes of Cadiz. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Atkinson, missionaries to Colombia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Apartado Aereo 80287, Bogota, D. E., Colombia). A native of Kentucky, he was born in Madisonville and also lived in Paducah and Earlington. The former Elizabeth Sweet, she was born in London, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Anna P. Markham, librarian at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, is working this summer in Kingston, Jamaica for the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology (Box 121-14-West Avenue, Constance Springs, Kingston 8 Jamaica, W.I.). She will be returning to the states in September.

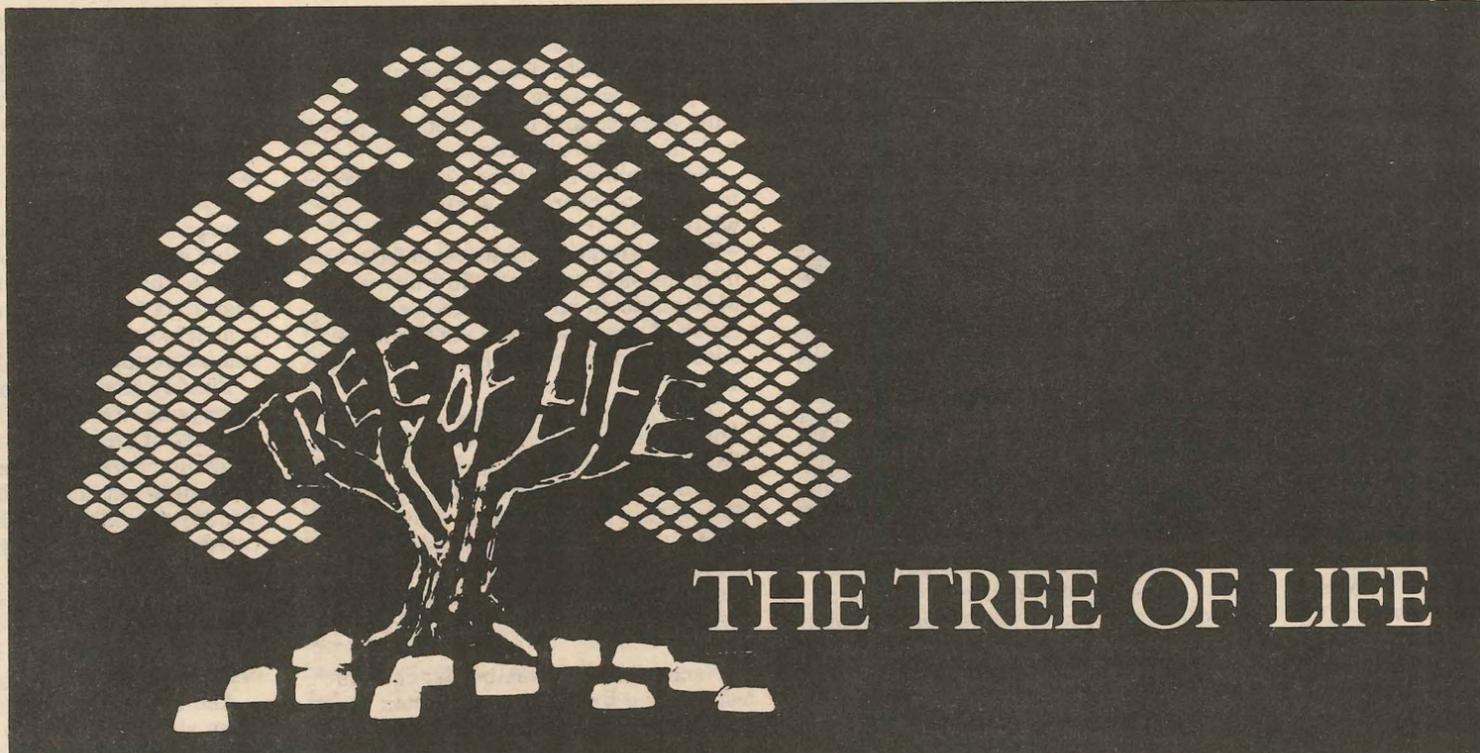
New Hope Baptist Church, Caneyville, Grayson Association, celebrated 100 years of existence June 23. The church was constituted with 14 members and joined Goshen Association in 1885.

In 1972 the church affiliated with Grayson Association. The church has 88



Four Kentuckians were among 67 persons who participated in the 1985 Home Mission Board board of directors tour. Missions in the new western frontier was the focus of this year's tour, which covered parts of Nevada and California. [l-r] Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Romans of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. R. Wayne Hodge of Princeton.

"...In the midst of the Garden
He planted the Tree of Life..."



At Cumberland College we have tried always to show our commitment by requiring three hours in Old Testament and three hours in New Testament and chapel attendance of each student.

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Volunteer in action

Missions comes alive for Burlington woman

by Suzanne Darland, State Correspondent

Elizabeth Kirtley didn't have much experience with the inside of a prison. Especially a prison on the south side of the Mexican border.

But when the northern Kentucky woman was faced with ministering to men incarcerated in an Agua Prieta, Mexico jail, she did the loving thing.

She bought a man a shower curtain to replace the mildewed blanket he had hanging in front of the shower in his cell.

Mrs. Kirtley, a member of Burlington (Ky.) Baptist Church, spent almost two months this winter as a volunteer missionary in Tucson and Douglas Ariz.

And being a missionary meant doing a little of everything.

"I was just a 'center helper,'" Mrs. Kirtley noted, "but I was at everything that went on."

That meant she did everything from making lime drink for a Big A Bible Club meeting on a Yaqui Indian reservation to trucking a food into Mexico because for the first time in anyone's memory the border access road was closed due to severe winter weather.

"I didn't have any special talents," Mrs. Kirtley maintained. "Whatever needed to be done I pitched in and tried to do."

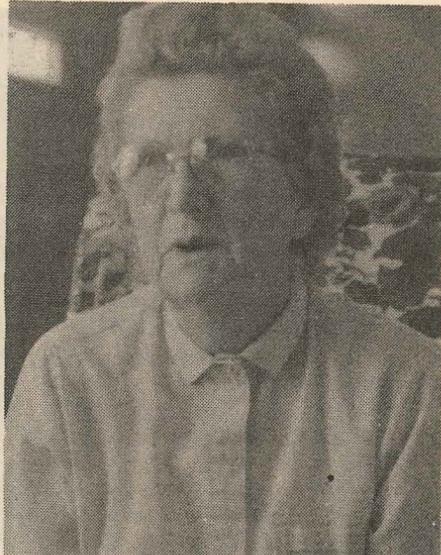
This was the first time the retired Kentucky Department of Highways account clerk had volunteered for mission service. And her experience makes her wonder why it took her so long to enlist.

"It was so rewarding," she explained. "The people were so loving, so appreciative of everything."

She wrote the Home Mission Board last fall indicating her interest in volunteer missions after a series of events "all started coming together."

Because she's "always worked in the WMU," Mrs. Kirtley says, she's been cognizant of requests for volunteers to supplement the work of career missionaries.

But it wasn't until her impending retirement three years ago that the possibility of volunteering hit home. State



Volunteer missionary Elizabeth Kirtley says spending almost two months in a mission center near the Mexican border opened her eyes to needs.

Baptist Women director Anna Mary Birdwell suggested she do some mission work, knowing that Mrs. Kirtley, a widow, was due to retire soon.

"She said, 'We could use you in Tucson,'" recalled Mrs. Kirtley.

"What could I do in Tucson?" she asked.

Mrs. Kirtley said the thought of trudging through the snow and ice of another Kentucky winter finally compelled her to find out what she could do for God in Tucson.

There was no response to her HMB letter until a call Christmas eve from Ross Hanna, Christian social ministries director for southeast Arizona.

"Make your plane reservation," he told her. "I'll meet you at the airport."

She arrived two weeks later.

Mrs. Kirtley first worked at the Pascua Center on an Indian reservation in Tucson where Hanna, a Shelbyville native, had his office. She got there on a Thursday evening and began working in the nursery the next morning, watching Indian children while their mothers attended sewing and crafts classes.

Saturday was food distribution day

and on Sunday worship services were held at the center.

"When Sheila (Hanna's wife) played the piano, we sang English and they sang Spanish and it sounded real pretty," mused Mrs. Kirtley.

"That's the first time I'd ever been in a service where we weren't all white."

That afternoon Hanna received a call from mission volunteers in Naco, a Mexican town just over the border. Because of unprecedented snow and ice, border roads were closed and food was needed.

They packed beans, jello, hominy and dried fruit, the center's food closet. The next morning, six bags of warm clothing, meat and three dressed, frozen deer were added to the haul.

Mrs. Kirtley remembers watching as a Mexican family walked over to the pickup truck and used a hacksaw to take a deer hindquarter home with them.

Naco is one of three border centers established by the Home Mission Board and sponsored by corresponding Arizona Baptist churches.

And it was in one of those centers that Mrs. Kirtley served the remainder of her missions stint.

While there were 25 volunteers at the Pascua Center doing clerical duties, rewiring the building and setting up a computer system, there were only two at Douglas.

Don and Diane Leadbeater, volunteer missionaries for one year, directed the Douglas center. Mrs. Kirtley was needed desperately.

"And the Lord intended I go there, because I had such a good experience," she noted.

At the Douglas center, sponsored by Sunnyside Baptist Church, she helped with the Bible study and crafts groups for children of the mostly Catholic, mostly Spanish-speaking town residents.

One morning a week, Leadbeater took a bus to nearby Agua Prieta and brought back women and their children for Bible study and crafts classes. When border officials allowed them, Mrs. Kirtley and the Leadbeaters took clothing across the border into Mexico.

"We had trouble with the Mexican border officers," explained Mrs. Kirtley. "They say they take care of their own people and we're causing trouble."

Saturdays found her with Leadbeater, a retired police officer, ministering in the jail at Agua Prieta. Several have accepted Christ because of the weekly Bible studies. They took clothing and food to the men there, too, as well as materials for crafts—wooden produce crates to be made into picture frames, miniature furniture and shelving units.

Sunday afternoons, after services at Sunnyside, it was back to Mexico for services at an open-air church. While 40 adults worship, 85 or so youngsters are taught outside on the grass. One Sunday 40 children and 18 adults indicated a desire to accept Christ, Mrs. Kirtley said.

Mrs. Kirtley's filing skills came into use when she filed and coded vacation Bible school and Big A Bible club materials to be used again.

And her sewing skills were needed when she found out the women who came from Mexico needed blankets. From a mill outlet she and Mrs. Leadbeater obtained wool pieces to sew together into generous-sized blankets. They didn't have enough money to buy ready-made ones.

As a volunteer, Mrs. Kirtley paid for her transportation and her share of living expenses in a house furnished by Sunnyside Church. The \$400 friends and church members gave her went for needs she saw.

Now she said she has a better idea of where mission monies are going and how critical is the need for more money as well as more career and volunteer missionaries. The Leadbeaters left this month, leaving the center in the hands of two college students. They plan to return in the fall.

And she wants to talk with the Home Mission Board "about a place in a warm climate again this year."

She thinks others can make similar commitments.

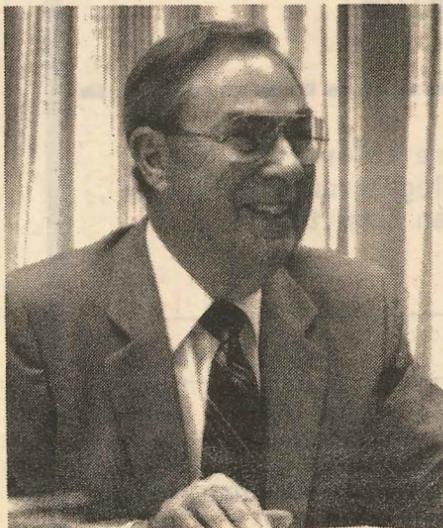
"I feel like I should take what I've got and make do with it," she said.

Louisvillian reminisces about 35 years on seminary board

by Bob Allen

When Joseph Stopher watched seminarians receive their diplomas at recent commencement exercises, he reminisced.

Stopher, a 35-year member of the board of trustees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, remembers walking the streets on cold February nights, wracked with indecision, doubt and fear, as his own graduation from University of Louisville's School of Law approached. In the midst of his searchings—he remembers the date, February 14, 1938—his dean suggested he interview with a Mr. Boehl for a position with a downtown law firm. Forty-seven years later, the team of "seven or eight" lawyers has



Stopher

grown to number 50, occupying two floors of an office highrise at One Riverfront Plaza. Stopher, now senior partner of Boehl, Stopher, Graves and Deindorfer, oversees the operation from behind a cherry desk with a 23rd floor view of the Ohio River at his back.

"Would you tell me God was not in that?" Stopher quizzes.

"I made up my mind as a practicing lawyer that I owed an obligation to God himself to use my talent not only to earn a livelihood, but to make the world a better place to live," Stopher says. An opportunity surfaced in 1950 when Ellis Fuller, then president of Southern Seminary, and V. V. Cooke, then an active trustee, asked Stopher to serve on the board.

Stopher continued to sit on the board every year since, before stepping down

as the board's chairman when his term expired this spring.

Stopher's service on the board spanned the administrations of three presidents. He describes Fuller as an organizer and a promoter, under whom the seminary experienced rapid expansion in terms of faculty size, building space and the addition of a School of Religious Education (now the School of Christian Education).

Duke K. McCall, Fuller's successor, 30-year president and now the seminary's first chancellor, was "a properly strong administrative head" in an era when the presidency shifted from a "first among equals" faculty member to a corporate model, Stopher recalls.

Roy L. Honeycutt, the school's eighth and current president, Stopher says, has proven to be what Albert McClellan

(long time leader in Southern Baptist life and employe of the SBC Executive Committee) called "the best-kept secret in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Stopher, who was on the search committee which recommended Honeycutt to the whole board, says Honeycutt "had played the number two role so well (Honeycutt was provost, the seminary's chief academic officer, prior to his inauguration), we didn't recognize immediately he had all the qualities to be an excellent president."

After being selected, Honeycutt began to "blossom like a rose and become a truly competent president in every respect," Stopher asserts, including the important area of fundraising.

He has seen the faculty multiply from a very small group to number nearly 100. People always want to compare today's professors to those of yesterday, Stopher says. "I frankly think they are just as qualified and some maybe more." However, being in a larger group, they don't have the visibility of the old masters, he admits.

Stopher reckons Southern Seminary as "one of the great institutions of any religious group in the world." He believes the seminary's long history and "desire to foster learning of a high scholarship" has caused the school to have "probably the strongest impact on Southern Baptist life of any of the six seminaries."

Stopher denies contentions that seminary teachers and administrators are out of touch with mainstream Southern Baptists. "I do not think the three presidents under whom I've served were men outside the mainstream of Baptist life," he says. "Theological education is necessarily on the cutting edge of studying, learning all that can be learned about the scripture and the relationship of people to God in the Christian faith."

Fuller, McCall and now Honeycutt "have maintained a very good balance between a high quality of scholarship and strong Baptist faith to serve the needs of the Southern Baptist denomination."

Stopher says the great accomplishment of the board of trustees during his tenure has been well-managed growth "in a debt-free pattern." When Stopher joined the board, he followed a heritage of "extraordinary genius" of Edwin Gheens, V. V. Cooke, George Norton and "many, many others."

Stopher marvels at the foresight of trustees in the 1920s, who selected a potato patch on Lexington Road as the site to which to move the seminary from its downtown location at 5th and Broadway. Given the prosperity that came to eastern Louisville in the years that followed, "their choice couldn't have been better," Stopher says. "I think they were intelligent. I think they were God-

led as well."

Stopher says "we were expected to live by" the standard established by those trustees and "we have lived by it to this day."

"We have never charged tuition," Stopher reminds. "We have depended on Southern Baptists for a portion of our support, but we have not rested on that. We have been aggressive at getting support from other channels." Endowment has grown from about \$6-7 million in the 1950s to approximately \$20 million today, he says.

A good trustee, Stopher says, "needs to be thoroughly Christian, whether a layman or a minister." He "must know or understand Southern Baptists, because we belong to Southern Baptists" and "must have dedication and be willing to work at the job, and not accept it primarily as an honor." Finally, "It goes without saying, he's got to have ability—something to contribute."

Against those criteria, the present board stacks up "very well," Stopher says. Ben Murphy, the board's new chairman, a "dedicated layman from Dallas," is "all you could ask for in a trustee."

Stopher doubts that the current controversy focusing on the seminaries will cause any long term harm. "Under Honeycutt, you have very sound, dedicated leadership," he indicates. "I think the seminary has as bright a

future as its past."

Now age 71, Stopher has given much of his life to involvement in a local church. He was active in Sunday school and Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU) as a youth and married Marie Estes, daughter of the prominent pastor of Louisville's West Broadway Baptist Church, E. F. Estes.

He is a member of Broadway Baptist Church, where he has been a deacon and taught a men's Sunday school class for many years.

But he has derived his greatest joy from his work with the seminary. "I wouldn't take anything for it. It's invaluable."

"For one thing, I've come in contact with some of the finest men and women I could have met." Secondly, "there's something challenging about being connected with an institution of higher learning." Stopher says he has watched students year after year grow and develop through seminary and then after graduation move into all forms of leadership.

Especially at graduation time, when seminarians march up to receive their diplomas, "I find my mind wandering," Stopher says. As one by one the graduates ascend to the platform, Stopher asks, "What are the possibilities?"

"That is worth any price I could have expected to pay."

Giving a helping hand to a church in need

In the spirit of pioneer America, laymen in Northern Kentucky Association helped a small congregation replace its leaky roof.

by Suzanne Darland, State Correspondent

A group of Northern Kentucky Association laymen really raised the roof recently.

The roof of Visalia Baptist Church, that is.

Twenty-two men, ranging in age from their teens to 60-plus, spent May 18 putting new shingles on the roof of the 40-year-old sanctuary in rural Kenton County.

Only six were members of Visalia. The rest volunteered their time to help the small church with a \$4000 problem it wasn't able to pay for.

And though the work was demanding, no one seemed to mind too much.

"I got two blisters," quipped Paul Harris, a member of First Baptist Church, Bellevue. "But we had a lot of fun. We enjoyed doing it."

Harris, 67, is a carpenter by trade so roofing is not a new task to him.

"This brought people together who probably wouldn't have met in other circumstances," maintained Visalia pastor Greg Fightmaster.

"It was hard work, but we really enjoyed ourselves."

The idea of asking members of other churches to help roof Visalia was born of desperation.

The sanctuary roof had been leaking for about three years "and kept getting progressively worse," added Fightmaster. Drywall on the ceiling was beginning to sag and water had leaked on the piano a time or two.

"We still have buckets up in the attic to catch the water before it got to the drywall," Fightmaster said.

Bids to reshingle the church roof, however, were "up to \$4000. We couldn't afford it," he added. The church averages about 20 in Sunday school.

Fightmaster then called interim associational director George Munro for help.

And help was found. With the idea of building a work committee, associational Brotherhood director Glenn Whaley said he "got on the horn" to the association's 62 churches.

"This is the beginning of possibly an ongoing thing in the association," declared Whaley, who only a month before had been named Brotherhood director. He had held the position in previous years, however.

"Churches can help churches through the Brotherhood."

Though not all of the seven churches represented by the men had active Brotherhood groups, all had a strong sense of ministry to others, several said. And that's why they came.

After a week of deluging rains, the Saturday morning was clear. The men began arriving about 8 a.m. to the smell of fresh coffee and donuts. By about 9:30 a.m. they were hauling the 120 bundles of shingles onto the roof.

At noon they stopped for a spread, compliments of the women of Visalia Church.

The tables groaned with 20 pounds of



Visalia Baptist Church youth Brad Rump brings down a leftover bundle of shingles after a group of men from nearby churches put a new roof on recently. To the right is pastor Greg Fightmaster and at far right is associational Brotherhood director Glenn Whaley.

turkey, eight fried chickens, green beans, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, five cakes, a rhubarb cobbler, banana pudding and crocks and crocks of iced tea.

And while there were a few sprinkles here and there to keep the workers cool, the rain held off.

"It seemed like every time we went outside to see how they were doing, it started to rain," said Fightmaster's wife Betty. "So we stayed inside."

By 4:30 p.m. the last of the shingles had been hammered in place and the men were having a last drink of iced tea and piece of cake.

Grant's Lick Church had the most representatives there: John Roseberry, Danny Hornsby, Brian Brickler, Harold Hornsby and Ronald Brickler. Kenton-Boo Church had four: Charles Holmes, Bill Embree, Vernon Creech and Whaley. Others were Bob Crosby, Harris and Larry Mason from First

Baptist Church, Bellevue; Harold Ishmael, Kenton Church; John Clog, Pleasant Ridge Church; and Bob Tuttle, Fairlane Church.

Members of Visalia who put the new roof on were Jerry Von Gries, Dan Trapp, Ken Shaw, Brad Rump, Cud Hanks and Fightmaster.

Fightmaster, a bivocational pastor at the church for four years, said the small church doesn't have the "able-bodied" men for projects such as these. So help from the association saved Visalia Church about \$3000, he added.

As the men were getting into their cars and pickup trucks to leave, chimes were peeling from atop the church.

They weren't scheduled to ring until their regular 6 p.m. time, noted Fightmaster.

But a proud Visalia member had tripped the switch inside to proclaim the special work that had been done that day.



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Going home

The title of Thomas Wolfe's book, *You Can't Go Home Again*, certainly is a true statement. Of course one can go back to the home place. From a physical and geographical standpoint one can go back home again. But when one goes back, it never is the same, because things continue to change.

Whether months or years have passed, one returns to the place with the memory of what it was like. This causes one to want to find things just as they were. But they are not, and that is why "You can't go home again."

Nevertheless, it is good to carry those memories and go home again physically and geographically. Though many things and faces will have changed, our marvelous ability to remember will be at work. Though things will not be the same, still it is good to get back in touch with one's roots and contemplate the "rock from which you were hewn."

My wife and I recently attended the reunion of our 1940 high school graduating class. It was a warm and enriching experience to see many of our high school friends, some of our teachers and our principal. But it wasn't the same. We had all changed, grown 45 years older, walked through joys and experienced sorrow.

On Sunday, June 23, Glen Dale Children's Home had their annual homecoming. It also was the 70th anniversary of the opening of the home. We gathered under the lovely trees in that beautiful grove in front of Gardiner Hall and enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Many came back and remembered what it was like when. But everyone recognized the difference because of changes. "You can't go home again." Nevertheless, many came back to the Glen Dale Home. Delia Howard Bigger with her brother and cousin were the first children received into the Glen Dale Home on June 23, 1915. Delia now lives at Harrodsburg, but came home at Glen Dale.

Hattie Singer with her husband came from Stamping Ground. Hattie entered the home two weeks after it opened. Tom Taylor came back from San Diego, Cal. He came to live at Glen Dale in 1924. Bill Logsdon of Louisville also came to the homecoming. He lived at the home 55 years ago. Many others came home, who had lived there more recently. "You can't go home again," but it is nice to come home to Glen Dale.

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Campbellsville coach receives USBF position

Campbellsville College baseball coach Danny Davis has been appointed to the position of Kentucky state chairman by the United States Baseball Federation (USBF).

The USBF is the national governing body for amateur baseball in America and represents the sport on the United States Olympic Committee.

Davis will represent USBF in sanctioned and approved functions within Kentucky. He will be responsible for supporting the goals of the organization within the guidelines set forth by the USBF office and will take part in activities which will provide exposure for amateur baseball.

Davis has been coaching baseball at the college level for 15 years. He has coached at Campbellsville since 1978.

Davis has been a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) baseball rating committee and the NAIA district 32 executive committee since 1982.

He's been a district 32 baseball chairman for four years and was named NAIA district 32 "coach of the year" after completing his 1981-82 season. He's had articles published in *Athletic Journal*, *Coach and Athlete* and *Kahper Journal*. Davis is a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association, the USBF and the NAIA Baseball Coaches Association.

He is an associate professor of health, physical education and athletics at Campbellsville College. He has his doctor of arts from Middle Tennessee State University and his master's degree from Western Kentucky University. His BS degree is from Union University.

Mary Donley gets Georgetown position

Mary Mulford Donley has been named dean of women at Georgetown College after having served in that office on an

interim basis since January.

The dean of women is responsible for female students with emphasis on social advising, dormitories and discipline. She also is the advisor to several organizations including Panhellenic, the Greek Council and the college cheerleaders.

Mrs. Donley is a Baptist, is married and has two children. She has been an active and involved member of the college family for four years. Her undergraduate education was at Anderson (Ind.) College.

Cumberland sets late summer registration

Registration for the second summer term at Cumberland College will be held Monday, July 8 from 1-3 p.m. Classes will begin Tuesday, July 9. All students have until Friday, July 12 to enter a class. The second summer term will end Thursday, Aug. 8.

On Monday, July 8 from 9-11:45 a.m. advising will be given to all students.

Commencement will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.

Georgetown names new graduate studies dean

James E. Pack began duties as dean of graduate studies at Georgetown College June 15.

Pack, who has most recently served as superintendent of schools at West Portsmouth, Oh., comes to Georgetown College with a long career of public school experience.

His career as a public school educator spans 22 years beginning as a social studies teacher at Charlestown, Ind., and continuing his career as an elementary school principal and high school principal.

In addition to three appointments as superintendent of schools, including Frankfort City Schools (1972-77), he served as associate professor of education at Morehead State University and as the director of resource allocation for Kentucky.

Pack earned his BA degree at Morehead State University in 1963 and an MA degree from Georgetown College in 1967.

He satisfied requirements for the sixth year program at Eastern Kentucky University in 1970 and was granted a PhD degree by Miami University, Oxford, Oh., in 1976.

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Pack succeeds Ray Alexander, director of graduate studies at Georgetown College since 1981, who will continue to teach in the graduate program at the school.

Pack is married to the former Phyllis Ann Cooper of Charlestown, Ind. They have two children, Laurie, age 17, and George, 15.

Carolyn Hale promoted at Georgetown College

Carolyn Hale, director of student activities at Georgetown College since 1979, has been promoted with a change of title to dean of student life.

Her responsibilities include student activities, programing, orientation of new students, calendar planning, CLEP testing and special group activities.

Miss Hale also serves as an advisor to the Student Government Association and the student publication.

She is a member at Georgetown's Faith Baptist Church. She holds both the AB and MA degrees from Georgetown College.

New librarian joins Georgetown staff

William Terry Martin of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., joined the staff of Georgetown College as head librarian July 1.

Martin, who was on the staff at Southeastern for six years, also served earlier for the same period of time on the library staff of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Georgetown's new head librarian is an alumnus of Samford University where he was granted the bachelor's degree in 1969. He holds a master of library science degree granted by the University of Alabama in 1973. In 1977 Martin earned the master's degree in religion from his alma mater, Samford. He is married and the father of one child.

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Golden Gate trustees OK budget, elect officers

During their spring meeting, trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary adopted several significant resolutions, approved an increased operating budget and elected new board officers.

Trustees passed a resolution requesting the Southern Baptist Convention to allocate Cooperative Program funding based on total full time equivalent students at all three of Golden Gate's locations in Mill Valley, southern California, and Portland, Ore. This action recognizes the unique mission and vast area served by the seminary which includes many smaller or mission churches whose pastors are still attending school.

In addition, trustees adopted a policy whereby entering students agree to pay back the cost of their tuition paid by the Cooperative Program if they do not pursue a ministry vocation for a period of at least five years following graduation.

The trustees also approved a housing policy which will enable new students to easily obtain on-campus housing during their first year while adjusting to the academic program. Students will then be housed both on campus and in various locations near their ministry field, in coordination with the seminary's supervised ministry program.

In other action, the board approved the appointment of Elsie M. McCall as dean of students. She is an assistant professor of religious education. Additionally, a budget of \$4,976,442 was approved for fiscal year 1985-86. Golden Gate's development program is expected to contribute over \$500,000 to the funding of this budget.

Elected were Dick Quick, chairman of the board for Picadilly Cafeterias, Inc., Baton Rouge, La., chairman; Barbara Floyd, an interior designer from Dallas, vice chairman, and Cecil Pearson, executive director emeritus of the California Baptist Foundation, Fresno, secretary.

SBC is largest donor to American Bible Society

The annual report of the American Bible Society reveals the Southern Baptist Convention is the largest single denomination contributor to the society's work.

Last year the SBC contributed \$309,610 to the ABS. The Methodist Church was second in contributions with \$110,681.

Last year, through the United Bible Societies, more than 500 million Bibles, New Testaments and scripture portions and selections in 562 languages were distributed to people in 180 countries at prices they could afford to pay or without charge where circumstances indicated.

Survivors in Bangladesh to get about 200 wells

Responding to government requests for aid, Southern Baptist missionaries will see that about 200 tube wells are sunk into the soft soil of the Bangladesh coastline, where fresh water supplies were destroyed in a cyclone May 26.

Missionaries expect also to supply materials for bamboo homes with corrugated tin roofs, at a cost of about \$500 per structure, and to import duck-

lings from Bangkok, Thailand. To get the farm-homestead culture of the area back on its feet, the government requested two million ducklings. Southern Baptist relief efforts are expected to total about \$100,000.

Early in June, missionary R. T. Buckley, coordinator of relief for the Bangladesh Baptist Mission, brought the machinery for 50 wells to the mission station at Feni, about 15 miles from the northwestern edge of the devastated area. Working out of Feni, teams of about five men will put down the wells under Buckley's direction during the next several months.

Because fresh water in the coastal area is found relatively high—about 20 feet underground—each team will be able to sink two to three wells a day. Total cost to set up each well is \$100 to \$200. Much of the new machinery will be cast by students at the Christian Industrial Center in Faridpur, a vocational school run by the Baptist mission. Fifty well heads were already on hand when the storm hit. (BP)

Food shortages slow feeding in Ethiopia

Food shortages are hampering Southern Baptist famine relief efforts in Ethiopia. But missionaries and volunteers remain optimistic and are seeking additional volunteers to aid in the hunger relief project.

While rains closed roads to a feeding station in remote Rabel, the center's population soared as people in destitute Welo province to the north heard about the feeding station and walked miles to camp around it. Twice recently, the center ran out of food.

At the same time, the government has delayed giving approval to Southern Baptist plans to open four new feeding stations in nearby Merhabete province until the mission can work out a way to provide an adequate food supply.

Difficulty in moving food from the coast to more central warehouses is at the heart of both problems, said Davis

Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's director for eastern and southern Africa.

While missionaries continue to negotiate with the various relief agencies about supplying food for new stations in Merhabete, they have promises from the British Royal Air Force to continue air drops to Rabel for another two months, he said. When food ran short recently, the RAF was able to fly grain from the port in Djiboutin to warehouses in Addis, where it was repackaged so they could drop it at Rabel. The center was never without food for more than a day. (BP)

Kentucky campuses meet summer missions goal

Twenty-one Kentucky campuses have met or surpassed summer missions goals with a total of \$50,030.80 having been recorded as of June 21.

Additional contributions to the statewide program from churches, individuals and special offerings push the total over the \$53,000 mark.

Campuses having met their respective goals include Berea, Campbellsville, Cumberland, Eastern Kentucky, Georgetown, Bellarmine, Centre, Elizabethtown, Jefferson Downtown, Jefferson Southwest, Maysville, Spalding, Sullivan, Louisville Medical/Dental schools, Watterson, Murray, Northern Kentucky, Paducah, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Western Kentucky.

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clear creek comment

America the pioneer

A few days ago at the height of the hostage crisis in Beirut a news commentator raised the question, "Why don't the terrorists kidnap an Israeli airliner?" His rhetorical question allowed him to make the point that the rest of the world has a view of America as being rich, fat, lazy and indulgent. Is many think we are lacking the determination and dedication to establish policies and take actions, regardless of the cost, which insure a good direction and good results for our country.

The rest of the world does not view Israel and Russia in this way. These two very unlike countries are perceived as being similar, in that they have set clear policies which they feel are in their country's best interest. They will pursue them with singular dedication and determination regardless of the cost. Therefore, radical zealots and terrorists will not achieve their goals by taking Russians or Israelis hostage.

This view of America bothers me as I look toward Independence Day. There was a day when people looked upon America as disciplined and dedicated, hardworking and revolutionary in outlook. Now the world thinks we are weak and hesitant, selfish and indulgent, more interested in preserving our states than blazing a trail of righteousness. Americans, stand up and say it isn't so! Prove to the world that we live by faith, hope and hard work. Show the pioneering spirit which conquered wildernesses and built a great country.

Stand up proudly for our country, our principles and our people. Stand up positively, forgetting the negative problems presented daily by the media. Think of the silent majority, daily working for the betterment of our world, decent, moral and wanting the best for everyone—"justice and mercy for all!"

And stand up for the full exercise of religious faith in public places and the classroom as well as in the heart and home. Stand up even for the free expression of all religions, not just ours. The gospel must be freely preached everywhere and everyone has the right to believe or disbelieve in America.

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Delightful days

We are having the best summer school session we have ever had. For the first time in 13 years I've even had time to sit through entire softball games in the evening, four of them in fact!

We have 163 girls and boys, 55 of them here for the first time. It is so exciting to begin work with new students. And it is wonderful to work with those we have had before and to see them grow and learn month by month.

In summer school we have an even better teacher-student ratio than in the regular school year. We have 28 adults teaching in the classroom for a 1-6 ratio. Our principal, guidance counselor, librarian, dean, dorm parents, cooks, maintenance staff, farm managers and office force all are providing the needed backup.

And YOU. Yes, YOU. Without your prayers and your financial support, and that of many others like you, we can do nothing. God accomplishes his purposes in this world through his people.

Only one student left the first week, a new girl who was very homesick. That must be a new record. Another record was our principal reporting to me that no one had been sent to his office the first week for a paddling. We are old-fashioned where discipline is concerned and we do paddle in judicious doses when needed.

We are once again having an hour of

supervised study in the dining room each evening with four staff there to help students with their lessons. We have not been able to do this for many years because we did not have enough room in the dining area. Now with our much enlarged dining facility everyone is studying under watchful eyes. The area is air conditioned and the students are really liking the change. We are simply delighted how smoothly it is going. We already see a difference in the grades of many. Young people for the most part want to do the right thing. But so many just do not have that self-discipline to do it. Ours is a program that helps to develop these skills.

Wonderful things are also happening outside the classrooms. A group of 12 men and women came to do a week of volunteer service from First Baptist, Orlando, Fla. During the week they painted all the theater-type wooden seats in our gym as well as the railings and stairwells. We are preparing to move our art department to another building where we will have nearly triple the amount of space. They did much of the groundwork for that move including repairing plaster and painting and laying some new tile. Also they painted our Bible room and sixth grade classroom. Two of the women worked in our craft shop all week.

Bill Cole of Ballardsville Baptist worked a week on all the drawers and study desks in our girls' dorm doing needed repairs. That furniture is one of the best buys Oneida ever had. It has been in continuous use for 25 years. With Mr. Cole's skills and hard work, we expect to get it at least another five years' use before it will be replaced.

Mr. Cole has averaged working with us a week a month without salary for the past five years. He and others make the difference between a vital, growing ministry or, perhaps, being closed. For people to give money is vital, but to give of their very lives is divine.

Dean of boys Bud Underwood, who regularly works an 18-hour day here, has reworked the chests in the boys' dorms as well as working on many of the beds, tightening bolts, etc. The mother of one of our students has made strong new covers for many of the mattresses which will help preserve them for many more years of usefulness. Some of our women staff have washed and rehemmed the drapes in the dorms.

These are busy, delightful days in God's service with souls being won weekly.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 7, 1985

International Series

The Lord's constant love

Hosea, a native of Samaria, was the only important literary prophet Israel ever produced. The people had drifted into ease, extravagance and oppression. The courts were corrupt. Regard for the sanctity of marriage and the home had been lost. Licentious rites led the worshipers to such excesses that all thought of purity of life and of spirituality had vanished from their minds.

Hosea 1:1-9 At this juncture Hosea met a young woman named Gomer, fell in love with her and they were united in marriage. In due time Gomer presented the poet-preacher their son, to whom Hosea gave a name symbolic of the evil times, "Jezreel."

Product of and participant in the gay social life of her day, Gomer did not share the noble purposes of her patriotic and religious husband. Having a secret desire to be immoral, Gomer soon became entangled in the web of immorality and became an adulteress.

Tempestuous years slipped by and Gomer gave birth to a girl. Later she gave birth to a son. Hosea was not the father of either of these children. One day Hosea came home and discovered that Gomer had left with a licentious paramour and had become his slave-concubine. His dream of a happy and godly home was shattered and his heart was broken. However, after earnest prayer, Hosea received a wonderful

vision of the love of God for his people, who had been as unfaithful to God as Gomer had been to her husband. **Hosea 3:1-5** In his tragic experience with Gomer, Hosea saw a portrayal of God's betrayal by the Israelites. Strange to say, Hosea did not abandon Gomer to her degradation and debauchery. In the course of time Gomer was offered for sale in the open slave market. Hosea bought her at the auction, paid for her, forgave her, took her back home, tenderly sought to restore her to chastity and tried to regain her love. From the black tragedy of his home life Hosea discovered the secret of God's love for unfaithful and sinful Israel.

Life and Work Series

Accepting good and bad

Job 2:1-3 Job was a man of sincerity, uprightness, integrity, piety and consistency. He was faithful to the trust that reposed in him. Job was not sinless and never pretended to be, but he feared God, did what was right and turned away from evil. God blessed Job with a large and happy family and great riches. Job's life pleased God so well that he said of him, "There is none like him in the earth."

Job 2:4-6 Satan challenged God's statement about Job's character and conduct. Charging that Job served God out of self-interest, Satan contended that if Job's possessions were removed he would curse God, whereupon God gave the adversary permission to test Job in any manner except the taking of his life.

Job 2:7-9 All of Job's property was swept away in one day. Then all 10 of his children were killed in a terrible storm. To this great calamity Job responded: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job was then smitten with boils from his head to his feet. The "greatest man in the east" sat "among the ashes," scraping the sores on his poor body. Perhaps the hardest blow Job suffered was when his wife urged him to give up his faith in God and to commit suicide. **Job 2:10** Job was baffled as to why he had to suffer as he did, but he realized his afflictions were due to the permissive will of God. Job maintained his confidence in God, realized his blessings outnumbered his adversities, and remained submissive, loyal and true to God, of whom he said: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."



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on mission together

Lest we forget

Kentucky Baptists are engaged in the most comprehensive program of outreach in our history. Preparation for the 1986 Good News America revivals will include the largest one-time expenditure of Cooperative Program funds ever allocated by our state for evangelism—\$287,000.

We are also involved in a three-year overseas partnership with the Baptist Convention of Kenya. Kentucky Baptists have allocated \$450,000 for this project, a portion of which is to provide one-half of the travel expenses for every associational director of missions in our state. This is the first time any state convention has attempted to involve each director of missions in an overseas project. Davis Saunders, FMB director of mission work in eastern and southern Africa, recently indicated to

Bob Jones that the "Kentucky" model is the most effective of which he is aware. The placement of James and Wilma Whaley in Kenya and Allen West in Kentucky as project coordinators has already demonstrated its strategic value.

By the May meeting of the executive board, Benton Williams and the staff of the Missions and Church Services Division had completed for presentation a Kentucky outreach strategy titled "Mission Kentucky: 1985-1990."

This ambitious and exciting effort reflects the best thinking of your Kentucky Baptists staff, combined with the input of more than 600 leaders throughout this state.

Most significantly, "Mission Kentucky" combines and unifies our church program ministries into a single, coordinated effort. It is Kentucky Baptists' first planned effort to evangelize and disciple the lost in our state, and to start 400 new churches and preaching points.

Finally, numerous associations and individual churches continue their involvement in the Kentucky-Ohio church partnership. In an Ohio population of 11 million (three times our population), the Home Mission Board estimates that 7.5 million are without Christ.

Executive director Tal Bonham has just written to me:

"Our executive board voted recently to express in writing our gratitude for all that has been done in the interest of the Kentucky-Ohio partnership.

"New church starts in Ohio continue to occupy a place of priority. Since January 1981 we have seen 140 new starts—one new church start for every 11 days! But there are still 14,000 lost persons in Ohio for every Southern Baptist congregation."

In a day when "gloomy" news could predominate, and our greatest temptation may be to despair, we would all do well to remember that Kentucky Baptists have some other important things on our mind as well.

Three recent SWBTS graduates have unique experiences in getting degrees

Marilee Shockey, Frances Vaughan and Beverly Brooks are not an average trio of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary graduates.

In fact, there's nothing at all "average" about any of these three spring graduates.

Mrs. Shockey began working for her degree 30 years ago; Mrs. Vaughan, the 61-year-old wife of professor Curtis Vaughan, is the oldest person ever to receive a master's degree from Southwestern Seminary; Mrs. Brooks, Southwestern's first international student coordinator, is also married to a seminary professor, James Brooks.

Mrs. Shockey started on her religious education degree in 1954, at the same time her husband, Floyd, began work on his divinity degree. She soon had to set her studies aside and teach elementary school to meet the family's financial needs.

After her husband completed his degree, they served 23 years as home missionaries. He is now pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex. and she is associate professor of religious education at Hispanic

Baptist Theological Seminary.

Her father, Paul J. Seibenmann, founded the Hispanic seminary, which is now a branch of Southwestern.

After she was called to Hispanic Seminary as a professor, she said, her first goal was to finish her degree at Southwestern. So she moved to Ft. Worth every summer until she finished the work required on the main campus.

Though most students take about four years to complete a master's degree at Southwestern, Shockey said her 30-year process "was God's timing."

"By my coming back many years later, I've been able to be up-to-date in my teaching now."

Mrs. Vaughan said she came to Ft. Worth and "got three degrees—a bachelor's, a master's and a Mrs." After taking some classes at Southwestern, she realized the need to complete her bachelor's degree and enrolled at Dallas Baptist University. Then she came back to Southwestern and met her husband, a professor of New Testament.

For 24 years she was an executive

secretary for a Tulsa, Okla. medical office. She began ministering to single adults in her church and later felt God's call for seminary training. "I quit my job, pulled up stakes and came to Ft. Worth," she said.

"When I finished my last exam the other day and came home, it hit me that I had completed what I set out to do," she said. "I feel very emotional about the fact that God has brought me through." Many friends "thought it was just a passing fancy."

Though the average age of Southwestern students has risen to about 30, Mrs. Vaughan, at 61, says that others her age can do what she has done.

"Older adults, if they feel so inclined, can go back to school and can learn and can have many fruitful years ahead of them. With God's help, if it is what he wants you to do, you can do it."

Mrs. Brooks came with her husband, a professor of New Testament, to Southwestern in 1976.

Because of an interest in church history and worship, Mrs. Brooks decided that she would take some courses in those areas, but her husband encouraged her to become involved in a degree program.

She launched into the master of divinity program, taking eight to 15 hours

a semester.

Though she was learning a lot, she said, one of the real benefits of being in classes was getting to know some of the students.

"I stood out" in the classroom, she said, not just because she was a little older, but in some classes, "I was the only woman, young or old."

Mrs. Brooks said she began noticing the international students who were her classmates. She became particularly aware of their difficulties, especially their problems with communication.

With the help of professor John Kiewiet, Mrs. Brooks took her concern for foreign students to the administration, and in 1983 she became the first part time international student coordinator. Kiewiet was faculty adviser to international students.

Mrs. Brooks' duties generally were to help foreign students become more at home in the American environment. Sometimes, however, "just listening" was a big part of her job.

"My being (in classes) made me aware of the situation" of foreign students, she said.

Being on campus also "made me feel a part of the life of the seminary" through chapel, professors and students, she said.

Korean boy influenced by seminarian father

Korean student One Will Hong traveled a path of devoted service to God and family which his son, June, hopes to follow.

And when 15-year-old June accepted his father's posthumous degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., he walked along that path.

"If it is God's will, I want to be like my father," the younger Hong said.

The elder Hong died at age 49 on Mar. 31 from injuries received in an automobile accident. He had almost finished class work toward the master of divinity degree.

Hong, who had been a teacher in Korea, was "a very fine student," said Jesse Northcutt, distinguished professor of preaching emeritus. "I found him to be a very committed Christian and a very good preacher."

Hong started the Korean congregation of First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Tex. in December 1983. His wife, two children and one other person were the initial members.

"From there he just worked and prayed and encouraged people and grew the church," said Howard Holloway, chairman of the First Baptist missions committee.

By the time of his death less than 15 months later, the church averaged more than 55 in attendance. Hong had baptized nearly 50 people, said Bobby Martin, minister of education at First Baptist.

Martin called Hong "a man with vision for his work." The entire church staff had set goals for the next five years in conjunction with Mission Texas, a statewide effort to start and strengthen churches. "In five years he

wanted to have 300-350 Koreans in Bible study and worship," Martin said.

"My father has done a really big job," his son said. "He taught me a lot in doing his church."

After the accident, Hong gained strength for a few days, Martin said, primarily "because of his personal strength and lung capacity."

When his heart and lungs began to fail, the faithful bedside vigil of the entire family kept him alive for several days, Martin said.

Finally Mrs. Hong realized he could not survive and committed him over to God, Martin said.

"Daddy, you go on up to heaven. I'll meet you there," Mrs. Hong told him.

She released him from his earthly responsibilities and ended the struggle, Martin said. "She is a lady of great faith and courage."

Dealing with the incident "reminded me how great the Lord is and the need for strong Christian families," Martin said.

Hong's dedication to his God and family earned recognition from many who had never met him.

At Southwestern Seminary commencements, it is a tradition for family and friends of each graduate to stand quietly in honor of that person rather than applaud as he receives the degree.

When dean William B. Tolar announced the granting of the posthumous degree at spring graduation, June, dressed in appropriate academic regalia, walked to the platform to accept the degree from president Russell H. Dilday.

The entire congregation spontaneously stood as a son stepped into his father's large footprints.

Houston pastor Bisagno says TV should stress true gospel

Southern Baptists should use television to present the true picture of Christian unity and the true nature of the gospel, said John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston.

Bisagno, who spoke to the National Conference on Broadcast Ministries, said Baptist witness in the world is suffering because of both conflicts in the denomination and the caricature of Christianity presented by television evangelists. "The secular world is fast losing respect for what we have to say," he warned the 350 conference participants, who met for three days of training in television techniques for use in local churches.

Seven Southern Baptist agencies jointly sponsored the conference; the Radio and Television Commission, the Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, and Southwestern, Southern, New Orleans and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries.

In addition to 40 workshops, the conference offered updates on Southern Baptists' two telecommunications ministries—ACTS and BTN—and Good News America, the denomination-wide plan for simultaneous revivals in 1986. Representatives of the participating seminaries also reported on the status of communication education in their agencies.

Bisagno said the controversy in the denomination has brought public scrutiny of Southern Baptists unlike anything in the past 20 years.

"Do you realize how critical is the unity of a group of believers?" he asked conferees. Comparing the dispute over control of the denomination to a church split, Bisagno said it takes a church 20 years to regain its witness in the community after such a fight.

Baptists are united on the need to preach the gospel, however, and they should use television to make a "unified presentation of the one thing that is unchanged," Bisagno said.

But they must also protect the image of Christianity from distortions of the gospel, he added. "The primary image presented by the TV ministries has gone almost exclusively to a caricature of Christianity." Bisagno said those ministries are dominated by a "health and wealth" theology, which promises health and prosperity as a reward for faith.

"I fear for the day when the man on the street wakes up to realize that what has been taught on television religion is not true," Bisagno said. "Someone somewhere must present the true picture of what it is to follow the Galilean."

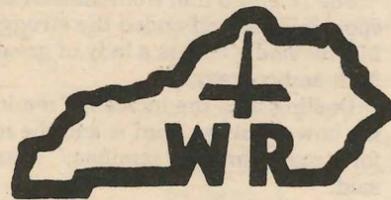
Bisagno, whose church has been using television as a ministry for 13 years, told the media workers that they had the opportunity to "shape the thinking of those who are looking at us" and help restore a true image of the gospel in the marketplace.

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