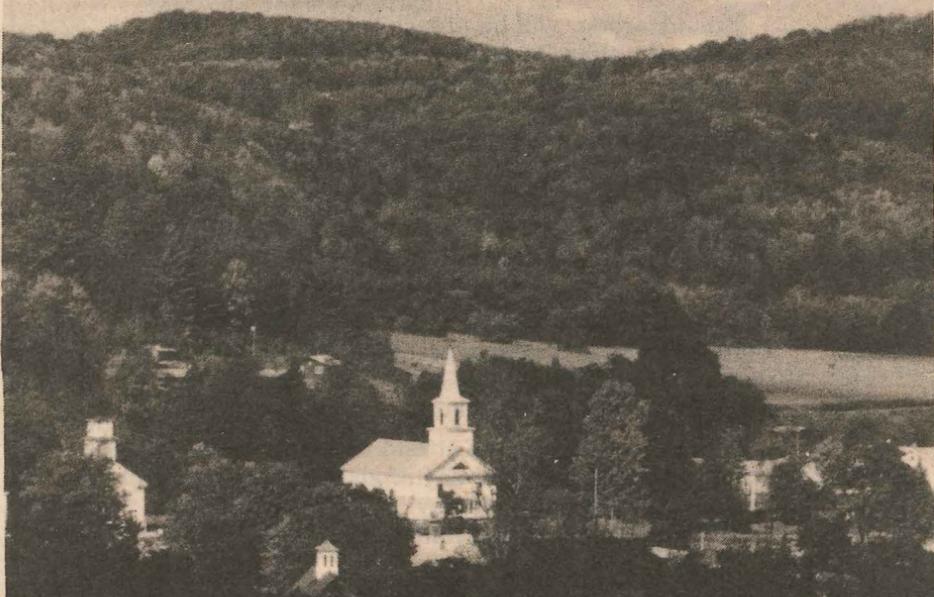




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Bank manager risks bullet to aid Clear Creek dean during holdup

It was only a toy pistol the cashier faced at the window of First Commercial Bank, Pineville, last week. She didn't know that. Neither did Nadene Meredith, the bank manager, who walked into the bank lobby only to see the robber brandishing the pistol at her.

Thinking only of the man with a heart condition sitting in her office, Mrs. Meredith turned her back and walked slowly away, risking a bullet in her back. Returning to her office she calmed the customer, Louis McCall, academic dean

of Clear Creek Baptist School, and coolly waited for the robber to leave.

Mrs. Meredith instructed the tellers to call their families and assure them they were all right. Only then did she call the police and notify her home bank officials in Middlesboro.

McCall offered to complete his business another day, for Mrs. Meredith was now noticeably feeling the pressure. "We should applaud this cool lady who under stress reacted with great heroism," said McCall.

By the way, the robber strolled out of the bank and casually crossed the parking lot and four-lane highway. After crossing the railing he sat down under the bridge and was busy counting his loot when the police found him.

Hunger relief giving surpasses \$6 million

Southern Baptists in the first half of 1985 contributed more than \$6 million to their denomination's hunger relief ministries, about \$1 million short of the total given during all of 1984.

Through June 30, a total of \$5,519,454 had been given to the Foreign Mission Board's overseas hunger relief fund, and \$484,813 had been contributed to the domestic hunger fund administered by the Home Mission Board, according to figures released by the two Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

In 1984 the SBC's worldwide hunger relief ministries received a record \$7.16 million. The figures do not reflect monies given for hunger ministry that were utilized in local churches, associations and state conventions. (BP)

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BSSB acknowledges error in lesson material

Several statements in the July 7 lesson of "Adult Bible Study" are the result of errors made in the editing process and are not the fault of the writer, according to an official of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The lesson, "Accepting Good and Bad," is the first of five sessions based on the book of Job. The statements in "Adult Bible Study," one of eight quarterly adult periodicals in the Life and Work Series, say the Satan referred to in the first two chapters of Job is not the devil of the New Testament.

These errors do not appear in the other seven quarterly adult Life and Work periodicals, according to Max Caldwell, manager of the youth-adult group in the board's Sunday School Department. "These statements do not reflect the position of the Sunday School Board. We simply failed to catch the errors in this periodical. We deeply regret these oversights," said Caldwell.

He emphasized the writer of the lesson material, John I. Durham, profes-

sor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., did not write the statements that are errors.

These statements were inserted by a temporary editor called in to work because of a staff vacancy, said Caldwell. However, he said, "We have an evaluation system in which edited manuscripts are read by several persons, including an outside doctrinal reader. The errors should have been noted and removed." One phrase that was added in the editing process states that the Satan in Job was "God's servant, not his enemy" and goes on to say, "There is in the Old Testament no concept of an empire opposed to God."

In contrast, lesson material in "Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons" by Herschel Hobbs, pastor-emeritus of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, states: "Furthermore, note that Satan came also . . . He tries to destroy everything good in the universe. Satan appeared in true character in our scripture." (BP)

State BSU president does creative ministry

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

You might see her with a guitar, a camera, a slide projector or a softball glove, but if you see Angela Perkins this summer chances are you'll see her doing ministry.

Miss Perkins, a senior music major at the University of Louisville, is in her second year as a member of Son Burst, the creative ministries team of the state Baptist Student Union. She and her four colleagues criss cross the state ministering in churches in a variety of ways.

"We use all different types of media," said Miss Perkins, who last spring was elected state Baptist Student Union president. The team uses drama, puppets, multimedia, music and interpretive movement in leading worship services.

Son Burst's ministry is not limited to weekend appearances at state churches. After completing a two-week training period, Son Burst members assist with youth camps at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek.

"As soon as campers leave (after a week at camp), we pack up and leave to sometimes visit as many as four churches per weekend," shared Miss Perkins.

During the week Son Burst members lead classes and help with recreational activities for the campers. Miss Perkins teaches the youth how to use multimedia in worship services.

In the multimedia presentations, pictures on slide projectors are coordinated with music to communicate a message. While in Miss Perkins' class,

the youth put together their own multimedia presentation.

She believes multimedia is an effective ministry tool. "You're ministering to both their sight and hearing. It puts the two together."

Why has she spent two summers on the Son Burst team? "You can use your talent in a ministry people are hungry for," answered Miss Perkins.

She recalled last year during a commitment service at Cedarmore a camper approached her and said, "I just want Jesus in my heart." She said incidents such as that "makes it all worth while."

As state BSU president for the upcoming school year, Miss Perkins sees her role as liaison between students and campus ministers and the state BSU office.

"I hope to promote a family type of relationship," she said. "In the past we've had a good fellowship. I want to continue that."

Miss Perkins, a native of Lawrenceburg, began her involvement in BSU shortly after she arrived on the U of L campus.

She said the BSU offered many things she was interested in such as music, drama, puppets, multimedia and intramurals. Yet she said BSU also helped fulfill another type of need in her life.

"You know you always have a Christian family to come home to," she reflected. "On a bad day it's like coming home to the family."

She views her experience with BSU as being useful all of her life. "You really get to know how to work with different people and how to be a leader. BSU gives you an opportunity to be a leader."

Following her graduation, Miss Perkins plans to attend Southern Seminary



Miss Perkins

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Peace and revivals go hand in hand

With a peace committee in place and simultaneous revivals planned for the spring of 1986, Southern Baptists may be ready to move out of the doldrums which have paralyzed evangelistic efforts this past year.

In the newsletters we receive from Kentucky Baptist churches, most pastors have expressed hope and guarded optimism about the peace committee. They hope the committee can help Southern Baptists arrive at some level of understanding and cooperation. They are guarded in their optimism because they know the feelings run deep and stubborn refusal by all parties to give anything in the past makes the prospect of change only a glimmer.

Therefore it seems certain the tone set by the meetings of the peace committee will determine just how much spiritual power we can bring to the simultaneous revival effort next spring. All of us know the spirit of God does not have freedom to work in an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust. Thus our theme, "Good News America, God Loves You," could be a hypocritical mockery if the love we preach about is not seen in our actions toward each other.

Recent Southern Baptist history proves the value of simultaneous revival effort. When Baptists get together in prayer and witnessing, God moves to save lost people and strengthen churches. Our task, then, between now and next spring, is to pray for the peace committee, pray for our churches, pray for each other, pray for ourselves and be instruments of reconciliation at every opportunity. If there is a massive movement across the convention to achieve peace, the simultaneous revivals could be the beginning of a great spiritual awakening in America.

Surely every Baptist church in Kentucky will not only participate in the Good News revivals, but will also pray without ceasing for the peace committee. We can do no less in these perilous times if we are to be God's people on mission for Christ.

The Pendergraph Conference

A marvelous growth opportunity is available for Kentucky pastors and staff people at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly July 29-31, and August 1-3. These are the dates for the two Pendergraph Conferences planned for this year.

Guy Futral, consultant in the Minister/Church Relations Department of the KBC, has put together a challenging program of worship, Bible study, practical workshops and fellowship. The natural beauty of the setting would be worth the trip and money, to say nothing of the growth opportunity of study with an excellent faculty.

The first conference is Monday through Wednesday, the second Thursday through Saturday. The sessions end at noon on the third day, so that all participants would be able to return for worship in their own church.

Brian Harbour will be preacher for the first conference, Franklin Paschall for the second. Wayne Ward will be Bible teacher for the entire week, previewing the 1986 January Bible study book of Hebrews. Bill Marshall, Bill Rogers and Chip Miller from the KBC staff will be on the program, as will Lloyd Mims of Southern Seminary, Mike Oliver of Daviess-McLean Association and Vern Powers of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The program will discuss very practical matters with an emphasis on the small church particularly. Emphasis will be given to planning worship services, dealing with difficult people, looking at retirement plans and studying how churches grow.

You may not be able to attend the entire conference, but drive in for the day or an evening session. Funds have been provided by Mrs. Pendergraph to make costs as low as possible for those who attend.

The new accommodations are magnificent, and a few days on Kentucky Lake with the good food provided by George Gray and his staff is enough to make any minister a better servant. If you have not already registered, do so before time runs out. The conference is a sure winner and to miss it would be a mistake.

One more time

I learned in the pastorate that if you wanted to get someone to attend services in your church, you had to keep calling, keep visiting, keep praying. Then eventually they might come along and join you in worship and service. It often took 15 or more visits, and even then some of those visited were persistent no shows.

I suspect the same is true of free offers from Western Recorder, you have to do it more than once. So here goes again. We are offering the Western Recorder free to every family in those churches not now receiving the paper.

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If you take us up on this offer, we will even let you use the back page for your church newsletter at least two times during the trial period to see if that would be good for your church.

This is about the third visit I have made on this subject, and perhaps it will be the last. In any event, you must get us your mailing list immediately if we are to serve you properly. If you have any questions, call us at (502) 245-4101.

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baptist news in brief

Gregory adds BWA to leadership tasks

She describes herself as "very plain vanilla" in a brown paper wrapper, who is also a "communicator on a grassroots level." But when Christian Gregory begins to speak, plain papers fall away and you're left with a shining treasure of a woman.

And what a communicator she is. "I'm convinced one's total Christian commitment has to be carried out through many different directions. I can't just tell you what I believe, I've got to show you what I believe," Gregory said recently after addressing the pre-congress leadership conference of the Baptist World Alliance Woman's Department.

The past national president of Woman's Missionary Union, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, was selected as the first vice president for the BWA the first week in July.

A refreshing "plainness" does prevail, when, discussing her impressive list of accomplishments, this animated Virginian seems almost amused at herself. Gregory said she simply has been willing to be led by God where he's wanted her to go.

"This peace committee thing has disturbed me a great deal. The people in the denomination, who are serious, are hanging a tremendous load of responsibility on this committee," she said.

Current labels such as moderate, liberal, conservative and fundamentalist are a real problem, according to Gregory. "I don't like to be tagged, and I was tagged. Nobody's ever asked me what I believe about the Bible. You get tagged by assumptions," she said, this time with eyes flashing.

Gregory would like to see two major things come out of this committee. "First, it is my hope we will shut out the world and learn to talk to each other in common Christian courtesy," she said. She also hopes to see the committee become a sounding board. (BP)

Life in a 'glass house' stresses pastor's family

Nearly all ministers' families face extra stress because of life in a glass home and unrealistic expectations. Although the extra stress may be inevitable because of the role of the minister, church members can contribute to the lessening of stress in the lives of ministers' families, according to Bill Rogers.

Rogers, director of the Minister-Church Support Division of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and his wife Martha led a conference dealing with the quality of family life during the Bible Preaching-Administration Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Some of the problems facing many ministers' families include inadequate financing, time pressure, the stigma of failure and the desire of a congregation to have a specialist when most pastors are generalists.

Many of the problems of ministers, and consequently their families, are self-induced, both Martha and Bill Rogers agree. The problem, they say, is that ministers don't know their strengths and weaknesses, or they hide or disguise them.

Ministers live under the burden of needing to be the ideal, or perfect fam-

ily, they said. "It is a load we bring to the ministry because we consider ourselves to be super Christians, knowing we are not, but believing the myth."

Rogers, who was a pastor for 24 years, said church members can help ministers and their families by accepting the minister's family as a normal, average, everyday family. Real and perceived expectations for ministers contribute to the strain, he said. "For instance, some churches have a 'god syndrome' which places God at one level, the pastor at one level and the members one step below the pastor."

He also recommends having some good friends inside and outside the church, but not allowing friendships to become cliquish. "Pastors can teach church members to help them and their families," he said. "But the pastor has to tell the church people when he needs help. Church members are not good guessers." (BP)

Annuity head calls IRS ruling 'discriminatory'

The Internal Revenue Service confirmed it is continuing discrimination against ministers and in favor of the military by announcing a ruling which will prohibit some clergy from deducting mortgage interest and property taxes while allowing members in the armed forces to continue taking these deductions, said one denominational leader.

Ministers who own and occupied a home or had a contract to purchase a home for which they were receiving a minister's housing allowance before Jan. 3, 1983 will be allowed to continue deducting their mortgage interest and property taxes until Jan. 1, 1987. However, the IRS said ministers who do not fulfill these requirements will not be allowed these deductions. The new ruling (revenue ruling 85-96) modifies the effective date of revenue ruling 83-3.

Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan said the ruling is "discriminatory because it allows members of the armed forces with tax free housing allowances to deduct their mortgage interest and property taxes, while disallowing these deductions for ministers." He noted IRS officials disregarded the legal advice of the IRS chief counsel to make no distinctions between the minister and members of the armed forces on this issue. (BP)

Tennessean will lead Baptist Men fellowship

M. B. Howard, a 62-year-old retired postal employe from Covington, Tenn., has been named the first executive director of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men.

He will work without salary as a Missions Service Corp volunteer. The Brotherhood Commission will provide him with office space, secretarial assistance and travel expenses.

The Fellowship of Baptist Men, a part of the Brotherhood Commission, encourages Baptist men to organize on the basis of vocation, interest and/or skills and to meet to share ways of using their skills in witnessing their Christian faith.

Howard is a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Covington where he is director of the senior adult Sunday school. He is in his eighth year as associational director of Baptist Men for

the Big Hatchie Baptist Association and is in his third year as president of Tennessee Baptist Men. (BP)

Dwain Marrow buried in Albuquerque

Dwain Marrow, 50, director of the education division of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico since January 1981, died July 3.

Marrow had been a patient at the University of Arizona's Health Science Center, Tucson, since the middle of March. He had gone to the Arizona hospital to be evaluated as a possible candidate for a heart transplant. He received the transplant May 1. Although Marrow progressed well immediately after the transplant, complications developed which his body wasn't able to handle.

The 1959 graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He was ordained to the ministry in 1953.

A former pastor and minister of music and education of churches in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, Marrow came to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico from First Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N. M., where he had served as minister of music and education. Before that he was minister of music and education at Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. (BP)

NBC spotlights Baptist work in Haiti

Southern Baptists' efforts to help the people of Haiti work miracles will be spotlighted on national television when NBC airs "Living In Hope" at 1 p.m., EDT, Sunday, Aug. 4.

Edwin Newman will host the hour-long special produced by NBC in association with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. As Newman describes it, in Haiti, once the richest island in the Caribbean and now the poorest, "to survive is not an accomplishment . . . to survive is a miracle."

Keith Parks, president of the SRC's Foreign Mission Board, is interviewed on the program, as are a number of Southern Baptist career and volunteer missionaries. Parks detailed for Newman the Christian motivation that leads Baptists to help and "in the process of sharing food, or teaching them to read, we share who we are."

Air times may vary in different locations. Check your local television station guide for time in your area. (BP)

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God's scattered church

I am always somewhat saddened in the summertime because it is 'goodbye' time. These student families, who have become so dear to us, are moving away to their respective places of service one by one.

A verse in Acts captured my attention recently, "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles" (Acts 8:1, KJV). What persecution did to the early church, graduation does to our students at Clear Creek. They are truly the scattered alumni of Clear Creek or the 'scattered church.'

Many of our students come from different areas of Kentucky to study at Clear Creek and most of them go to pastorates in Kentucky after they graduate. This is in keeping with our commitment to serve primarily as a Kentucky Baptist institution. This year graduates have scattered as far east as Pikeville, as far west as Bowling Green and as far north as Louisville.

However, for many years the ministry at Clear Creek has reached beyond the borders of this state. Our alumni serve in 46 different states and several foreign countries. Therefore, many of our new students (recommended often by our alumni) come from various states. When they graduate, they often go to states other than Kentucky to minister. This year graduating student families moved from Clear Creek directly to church fields in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. One student couple went directly to Korea to help in English language work there!

It is thrilling to realize that Kentucky Baptists fulfill the great commission through supporting Clear Creek Baptist School. We are sending missionaries literally to the ends of the earth to preach the gospel of Christ.

In the same passage in Acts it says, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). It makes me proud to be a part of scattering God's church, for the scattered church goes everywhere preaching the word!

Doctor, carpenter hammer out missions operation

Two Elizabethtown men use unique skills for God during month stay in Gaza

by Robin Luthanen, State Correspondent

A retired contractor who "grew up in the construction business" and an obstetrician-gynecologist who finds foreign trips "interesting from a medical standpoint" became roommates recently more than 6000 miles from home.

It may sound like an "odd couple," but Bob Duggins, 61, and Dr. Terrell Mays, 48, are longtime friends. Moreover, the two Elizabethtown men acted as volunteer missionaries during the month of May in Gaza, a small Israeli-occupied region in the Middle East.

In the Old Testament Gaza was the site of the Philistine temple which a blinded, imprisoned Samson destroyed at sacrifice of his own life. Now it is the site of a hospital and nursing home compound where Southern Baptists witness to Arabs from surrounding areas.

Gaza City, three miles from the Mediterranean coast and 50 miles southwest of Jerusalem, was under Egyptian control before it was seized by the Israeli army in 1967. In 1980 the United Nations' Population Division estimated the population at 438,000.

And Duggins describes the Moslem-dominated area as tense. "The city is patrolled by the army. You cannot be out after dark. I'm here to tell you that Satan is alive and well in Gaza."

Battling Satan by witnessing for Christ in foreign countries is not new to either man. Duggins is a veteran of 11 other foreign mission trips while Mays has served on three other foreign trips. Both Kentucky natives, each man's interest in missions does not stem from exotic backgrounds but from sincere desires to serve the Lord.

Duggins, a Hart County native, grew up in Upton. Involved in construction work since youth, his 40 years' experience prepared him for the building, carpentry, plumbing and painting he has completed while in Gaza, as well as the other mission trips he has participated in since 1975, when he first volunteered for foreign missions work.

Mays, a native of Corbin, has practiced medicine for 15 years. His first mission work in 1962 in Ghana, West Africa was during his college years through a program sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. He also has worked twice in Honduras, once as a driver and once in construction.

Both men say volunteer lay missionaries help bolster the morale of career missionaries on the field. "It's trying for them there," Duggins says.

"One thing about going on mission trips is to undergird our missionaries on the field," he adds. "They know that by giving of yourself and time that you are supportive of them."

"I think it is an encouragement to the career missionaries that are involved in medical work," Mays continues.

"Sometimes there are new medical

techniques they can learn from us. Also local people who are involved in medical work see we are concerned enough to take time from our practices to work side by side. It shows there is a strong basis of missionary support in the U. S."

And, since witnessing to Moslems can be difficult, there is considerable reason to undergird Southern Baptists in Gaza.

"The Moslem faith recognizes Jesus only as another good prophet and Mohammad as the last prophet that God sent," Mays explains. "This denies the deity of Jesus and also ranks Mohammad on an equal basis with Jesus. Also, Moslems follow the teachings of the Koran, a collection of the sayings of Mohammad, and do not recognize the Bible as the inspired word of God."

Social pressure to remain Moslem is great, since Christians are thought to be infidels. Moslems wishing to convert may be in danger of their lives. In 1984 Southern Baptists recorded five professions of faith. So far this year there has been one.

"We witness to them through word and deed," Mays explains. He and Duggins worked with about 20 other Southern Baptists, including other lay volunteers, journeymen and career missionaries.

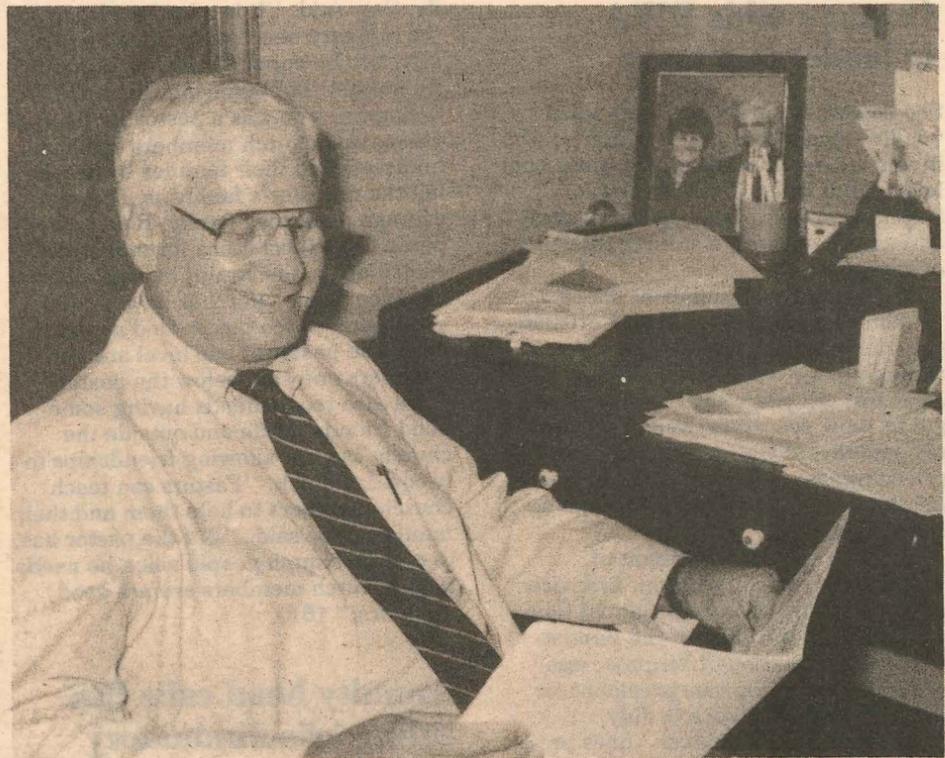
"They feel they are doing the best that they can for the spiritual part of the people there, but Christianity has just barely scratched the surface," Duggins adds.

In addition to Southern Baptists, there are also Greek Orthodox and Anglican missionaries, Mays says the three groups work together.

But because the Anglican church owns much of the hospital compound from which Southern Baptists work, including Ahli Arab Hospital, it is important for Southern Baptists to obtain a right-of-way to the Baptist-owned School of Allied Sciences, where Southern Baptists teach English and nursing the Arab students. Without this right-of-way, Mays explains, Southern Baptists could be denied access to their own property. One prayer request from Gaza is that ownership of the land in question could be untangled so that property could be purchased for the right-of-way.

Also, Southern Baptists hope to build a church in which to meet. Presently Southern Baptists use an Anglican chapel to conduct services but hope to raise money for a separate church building, Mays adds.

Oddly enough, neither man had planned to be in Gaza last year. Mays says he began corresponding with the Foreign Mission Board in January, hoping to serve a month in India. When asked if he would serve in Gaza instead, he agreed. Early in March Mays, a deacon at Severns Valley Baptist



Terrell Mays, M.D., reviews a patient's files in his Elizabethtown office.

Church, Elizabethtown, asked fellow deacon Duggins if he would be interested in the mission trip. Each man shouldered expenses of about \$1800 to serve the Lord for a month.

And although witnessing to the Moslem-dominated populace is difficult, the men found their presence was effective. As Duggins worked to make much needed repairs to the Southern Baptist lending library, nursing school and mission residences, Mays performed surgery and delivered lectures to nursing students.

Mays describes two particularly meaningful instances of witnessing which occurred through his work in Gaza. Once the chief of surgery from the government-operated Sheva Hospital brought his sister to Mays because she needed surgery. And a surgeon from Sheva Hospital took two weeks vacation during May so she could work with Mays in surgery. "I think it is meaningful to the people to see that we are going to share the knowledge that we have," he adds.

Each man also gained a personal glimpse of Gaza which they share with others.

For Mays it was special to see Jacob's well in Samaria as well as Hezekiah's tunnel. "It brings the scriptures alive and makes it more meaningful," he says.

Duggins, who admits he was "apprehensive" upon entering Gaza, remembers the plaque he saw for career missionary Mavis Pate, who was killed in 1972 when a blast of gunfire was fired at the car in which she was riding.

"It was quiet while we were there," he says, adding his family had been concerned since he would be in Gaza.

Although concerned, Duggins' wife of 43 years, Mary, and two grown children, Robert 39, and Ann D. Aaron, 41, were supportive. "My wife deserves more of the credit than I do," he says.

And Mays' wife of 25 years, Gail, and their three children, Kelly, 21, Andy, 19, and Tim, 18, also were supportive of the trip. "Gail is always supporting me in these trips," he says. "She is a part of it because she has to stay home and take care of everything."

Because of the difficulty in making overseas telephone calls, neither man was able to stay in weekly contact with home. Mays says he was able to contact

Gail twice while Duggins says he contacted Mary once, very early in the morning.

Both men plan to serve as volunteer missionaries again. However, Mays suggests that someone contemplating similar work should have certain characteristics to have an uplifting experience.

"I would tell him that he would have to be prepared for a different lifestyle altogether," he says. "He has to be flexible in his habits and customs. He has to be prepared to go without a lot of the conveniences that we have every day. There were not TVs or newspapers. Telephones were rare."

"Water was heated by solar heat and sometimes was not as hot as we would like for it to be. The food is different," he says, adding it was important also to boil drinking water. "Unless someone was flexible enough to adjust to these things, he would have a very unpleasant experience."

Although Duggins says the maintenance work he completed in Gaza was not as "satisfying" as helping build new church buildings (as he has in past mission trips), he recognizes the importance of repair work.

And one of the missionaries he worked with, Dr. Lynne Abney, describes Duggins as a "gift of God" in a letter she sent to Severns Valley Baptist Church's Girls in Action group.

In the May 19 letter she says, "I am keeping Bob busy fixing everything that broke in about the past five years. He works so fast that I keep running out of 'lists.' Since I am responsible to keep 'everything' in running order physically, he has been a real gift of God to me personally. I can leave on furlough knowing things are 'done'."

Supporting mission work through time, money and talents is key to witnessing of all types. Mays says foreign mission trips are important, but not more important than other types of work. "God calls all of us to different missions tasks. All is important for God's work. I witness for Christ through the vehicle of medicine."

"My talent is construction work," Duggins continues, "and that is where I feel that I can best serve. It is through his (God's) goodness and grace to me that I have been allowed to contribute to the work of the past."

"My hope is," Duggins says quietly, "that you find a blessing I have found in doing something special for the Lord."

Kenya

Pastor, associational leader find needs, beauty in African country

by Pauline Stegall, State Correspondent

"We welcome you to our church, to our home, to our country." The rhythmic chant in Swahili, accompanied by clapping and stomping, is as fresh in Harold Greenfield's ears as it was in April when he heard it at Kosanini Baptist Church, Mombasa, Kenya.

The warm, friendly attitude of the people impressed Greenfield, director of missions, Caldwell-Lyon Association, and Keith Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Loyall, when they arrived for a revival meeting.

Greenfield, preaching through an interpreter, was astonished the first night when about half the congregation came forward in response to the invitation.

After the service, he met with those responding and discovered that most of them had previously been saved. However, he was their first white preacher and they did not want him to be disappointed. So in the following services he turned the invitation over to the national pastor who spoke without an interpreter.

There was no electricity, so revival services started at 4 p.m. The tin-roofed building, made of coral blocks, had air vents instead of windows.

People walked as far as 10 or 15 miles to services.

On Sunday, the closing service, which lasted from 9 a.m. until 1:15 p.m., was followed by "dinner on the grounds." Greenfield was given two bowls. One was for washing his hands and the other was to hold a large portion of food similar to cornbread. Then the main dish, oomgalie, a stew of chicken, potatoes, tomatoes and onions was dipped over the bread. It was eaten with the hands, then another bowl of soap and water was brought for washing.

"You are immediately confronted with the physical needs of the people," Greenfield stated, "but the greater need is the spiritual need."

"But the nationals aren't as aware of the physical need as the visitors. Greenfield visited one pastor who lived



Harold Greenfield passes out chewing gum to children following the Sunday revival service at Kosanini Baptist Church.

with his wife and eight children in a complex of three grass huts, including a kitchen, bedroom and living room. He was able to grow enough food for the family, including pineapple, corn, peas and beans. He also had a cow, goats and chickens, and his cash came from selling charcoal.

Many of the people have only one change of clothes and some go without shoes. Most have no way of preserving food, but these things do not prevent tremendous reception to the gospel.

"In Mombasa you see a variety of dress, especially among the Indians and the Moslems. The Black Moslems wear black robes, headdresses, veils and wrap-arounds for the men. There are a lot of Moslem mosques and Hindu temples.

"My contacts in Mombasa were the Kentucky missionaries, Jim and Jenny Musen," Greenfield said.

"It is a beautiful country," he reminisced. "Mt. Kilimanjaro can be seen on days when there is no cloud cover. The drought to the north and the west had been broken so we felt we were

seeing answer to our prayers for rain."

Going into Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, the Kentuckians had traveled the only blacktop road, a two-lane 300-mile stretch running through bush country. Only four or five service stations serve the area.

Returning to mountainous Nairobi, they drove on a dirt road through bush country where great herds of animals roved.

"These animals were not in a preserve, but in their natural habitat in all their beauty. I was amazed. Sometimes our vehicle would have to stop to let the animals cross the road."

Greenfield saw herds of zebra, giraffe, elephants (one herd of more than 100), deer antelope, toby, wildebeest, ostrich, gazelle, impala, wart hogs, hyena, hippopotamus and the most ferocious of all, the cape buffalo.

"The animals are thriving, for there has been no hunting permitted in Kenya since 1977," he explained.

Before going to Mombasa, Greenfield and Rogers, along with Allen West, coordinator for the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership in Kentucky, had been speakers at the Kenya Baptist Convention, held at Brackenhurst Conference Center. West spoke on stewardship; Rogers on evangelism. Greenfield preached at each session.

The convention, a yearly meeting, had a record attendance of more than 400 this year.

Some of the evening sessions lasted as late as 12:30. Special music was presented by different tribes. Each would sing in its own dialect. The emotional singing was accompanied by drums, clapping, shakers and whistles.

The convention is an entity. The missionaries and the convention work together, but neither tells the other what to do. Baptist work in Kenya is growing at an accelerated speed.

The three Kentuckians were sent to serve as catalysts to generate interest in the Kentucky associations to send more missionaries.

And the people in Kenya are waiting.



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homes for children

Vapor trails

The writer of Proverbs said he could not understand "the way of an eagle in the sky" (Prov. 30:19). Today as I watch giant airplanes cruise across the sky, I must say that I do not understand the way of an airplane in the sky.

With the coming of the jet airplane came what we know as vapor trails. When the atmosphere is right, the fumes from the jet engines condense and form beautiful white ribbons in the wake of the plane. Often the plane is so high that one would hardly see it. But the vapor trails catch the eye and if one follows the trails, the plane may be seen as a tiny speck in the sky.

I often look at vapor trails and think about the plane, the many people aboard, where they are from and where they are going. Vapor trails can convey several important truths to us.

First, they convey purpose. When you see vapor trails in the sky, you can rest assured that the plane is headed for a particular destination. Each one of us must have a purpose in life if worthwhile things are to be accomplished.

Second, they represent power expended. Have you thought about that the tremendous number of pounds of thrust necessary to lift that plane and move it through the air?

Third, they indicate mission. The pilot of that plane is serving people as he follows a plan to get them where they want to be.

Fourth, the people in that plane, from several miles up, have a wide perspective. They see the mountain peaks, but not the little hills.

Fifth, at the destination there will be the joy of reunion with friends and family.

Here at Baptist Homes for Children we are not flying so high, but we are ministering to children with real purpose.

The energy expended to help dependent, neglected children is all we have. Our mission is to help children put the pieces of life together and properly relate them to Christ. Our destination is to unite them with Christ, and if possible, to bring them together with their natural family. When you see vapor trails, think of our ministry to children and pray for us.

Caldwell-Lyon Association engaged in variety of missionary endeavors

by Pauline Stegall, State Correspondent

"I think the real story here is the mission force of the local association," Harold Greenfield insisted.

The Caldwell-Lyon Association has generated outstanding zeal among the member churches. The group began a partnership with the Energy Basin Association in Wyoming in 1979. It sent four teams of 25 people each to five Wyoming locations and established Bible schools and camps and helped put a pastor on the field.

For two years it partially supported a pastor in Soda Springs, Ida.

It presently has a partnership with the Capital City Association in Ohio.

Teams have been sent to the Southwest Chapel Mission and to Alum Creek Church for two years.

Last year a team of nine lay people were sent to Guatemala to build a church. Other churches in Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico have been assisted.

Greenfield was sent to Central America three years ago where he visited with 15 missionary families and preached in several churches. The association shared the cost of this year's Kenya trip with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Future plans are to send a lay team and work crew to Kenya next year and a revival team in 1987.



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oneida journal

A lump too big to swallow

"Dear Mr. Moore: I probably make more mistakes than anyone you or I have ever met. I don't understand why I let such enter so childishly into my life which started out to be perfect when I was an infant and has turned out to be a mother's reproach.

"My closest friend has wound up in prison. It takes such to humble a proud fool like me. I thought I'm playing cool. Nothing is going to happen. Who needs an education? After leaving Oneida, my mother said there is no need to try to send you to school. I went but they kept sending me home. It hurt because I can remember when I was the one who made the teachers proud. Now they don't want this hard-headed smart aleck punk around.

"They told me you can go to the detention center. But all that go there are people who have been in trouble with the law.

"I'm a reject. I've got a little education. I've not got enough good in me to even be at home. But my mother cares. But I've never brought her anything but a heartache. I want to make her proud. Staying home just isn't enough. I want to make her proud. I want to be a somebody, not always a nobody like now. I've got so much potential but I'm letting it slip away from me.

"I'm so ashamed of myself. I have no pride left. All I ever have is a lump in my throat that I can't even swallow and a longing so deep for something to happen. I just can't explain the way I feel.

"I just want to cry. In every crowd of supposed big shots and cool heads who

are really just punks with pot and liquor. Sir, I know. Even though I am young, I have been there.

"I'm glad I've realized early and not in later years when my heart would be too hard to change. I really do realize that my writing you is sort of like the old boy on the hill crying wolf, people kept running to his side, but in the end no one came. But his final cry was just like mine. It was true and genuine.

"All I am asking, sir, is please don't let this big bad wolf eat me. I'm scared. I'm humble.

"I've been wrong so long that it seems that is the only way I know. I fell and have been crawling ever since. My knees are hurting. I've got to get back on my feet.

"I just want to show you, sir, how far I can really walk. Not crawl. It is one thing to sin, but to roll and play in it is another. I know this sounds strange coming from a fool like me.

"Please help me if I am deserving enough for a room at your school. Even though in my heart I know I am not. I just hope you read this letter and don't throw it away. Of course, I could understand if you did. But I'm willing to show you, my mother, Mom Banks (an Oneida housemother) the young man in me, not the boy.

"My folks are still having problems financially. Can I work for my room? I just know I can do it. I can make you proud, sir. I can even make you a good hall monitor. I just need your hand. I'm not all wishy-washy. I would love, sir, to get to prove to you and make my mother shout for glory.

"I know you care because you are that type of man. Even though I've run away from home and everything else I've done wrong, I don't know how but my mother and father still love me and want to see me. I just hope you may think the same way. I don't know why I let you down, sir, and I don't know why I let myself down.

"It is 12 midnight. Pray for my friend in prison. Pray for Mom, too. She is very sick." "Hank" (name changed)

When we had him, we had to expel him. We later let him return though he really did not wish to be here. At least he did not want to be here enough to abide by certain standards we insist upon. So we expelled him again.

But we did care, and do care. Even though we have nearly 500 boys and girls on campus every day, we still remember and pray for the many like Hank, who are away from us.

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 28, 1985
Life and Work Series

God, answer me!

Job 29:1-6 Job, the bewildered servant of God, recalled the days when he was in his prime. Then he was enjoying intimate fellowship with God and the sweet companionship of his 10 children. At the same time his material prosperity was at its peak. In his anguish over his losses, and especially the loss of his children, Job thought that God had deserted him, so he was yearning for a renewal of the awareness of God's presence, protection and preservation. As he remembered his earlier life, when he was the recipient of so many blessings from God, he was overwhelmed with joy because of the marvelous fashion in which God had blessed him.

Job 30:20-23 Having been subjected to so many indignities at the hands of others, Job directed the attention of those to whom he was speaking to his present misery which was almost unbearable. As Job continued to appeal to God concerning the miserable circumstances under which he found himself, he was grieved deeply because God did not promptly grant his expressed desire. Until Job was brought to the point of helplessness, it appeared he was on the verge of being destroyed by his great afflictions.

Job 31:35-37 Repeatedly Job avowed his innocence. So certain was he that he was innocent of any unjust dealings that he called for a curse to fall upon

him in the event that he should be proved guilty. Job's review of his past revealed a standard of moral conduct which was unsurpassed in the Old Testament. Following his recitation of his virtues and commendable qualities, in a spirit which was unjustifiably belligerent, Job challenged God to give him a hearing.

Instead of vindicating him as Job had hoped he would do, God revealed his own greatness as creator.

International Series

God's inclusive love

Jonah 4:1-3 Jonah's desire was to see the people of Nineveh punished. It was his hope that at the end of 40 days God's arm would be extended and the people of that city destroyed. More zealous for God's judgment to fall than for God's grace and mercy to be extended to the Ninevites, Jonah preached to them out of a sense of duty rather than out of a heart of love. When things did not go as he had planned and hoped—his listeners repented instead—Jonah expressed excessive anger.

Believing he was discredited as a true prophet because God exercised clemency with the penitent Ninevites, the peevish and self-pitying Jonah asked God to take his life. Because God had been gracious and merciful with those for whom Jonah had such a bitter and terrible dislike, the prophet did not want to continue his ministry.

Jonah 4:4-11 God proceeded to convince Jonah that he did not have any right to be upset and angry. Jonah went out of Nineveh, erected a booth and sat therein, waiting to see what was going to take place. Overnight and in a miraculous manner God caused a gourd vine to grow in order that it might shelter Jonah from the extreme heat of the sun. The next day God prepared a worm which killed the vine and the plant withered. Following that God sent a hot and sultry wind which, added to the burning rays of the sun, made Jonah exceedingly uncomfortable. When this vine was killed, Jonah was embittered because he was deprived of some personal comfort. God chided Jonah for having more interest in and compassion for the vine on which he had not expended any energy than he did for the Ninevites who were living in sin and without any knowledge of God. He wanted to impress upon Jonah that the teeming multitudes of heathen were more important and of much greater value than a mere plant.



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on mission together

Anything good out of Nazareth?

It was 28 years ago this Aug. 11 that Alice and I, one day married, boarded an Italian ship in New York to spend a year teaching at the Nazareth Baptist School in Israel—a journey which ultimately would give a "foreign" shape to our call to ministry.

When H. Leo Eddleman, then president of Georgetown College, initiated this student program with his former missionary colleague, Robert Lindsey of Israel, neither they nor we "foresaw" that seven years later I would be part of a Foreign Mission Board staff team which would design and initiate the Journeyman program. Though it will not appear in the history books, Georgetown College, through Eddleman's vision, can claim to be part of the seed bed; Kentucky, part of the soil of today's successful Journeyman program.

Ten days ago, "Nazareth" visited us. Fuad Haddad, headmaster of the pri-

mary section of the Nazareth Baptist School spent several days in our home. Since 1957 the Haddads and the Marshalls have kept our friendship alive and were together frequently during the 1969-76 years of our Middle East service.

We're older now, Fuad and I, reflecting on each occasion those younger years with the students in Nazareth—the hikes, the Bible studies, the "first" Arab high school basketball team in Israel, the preaching in the villages of Galilee.

Established in 1950, Nazareth Baptist School produces almost 100 percent of Israel's Arab Baptist leadership. The strategic importance of the school cannot be overestimated. Fuad himself is a deacon in the Nazareth Baptist Church, has been chairman of the United Christian Council of Israel, and is currently chairman of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel. He is also the chairman of the struggling and needed endowment program for the

school.

Like most mission schools, survival is tenuous. Israel's constant economic turmoil adversely impacts the school. The average teacher salary at the school is less than \$500 per month (gasoline this past week in Israel was over \$4 per gallon!)

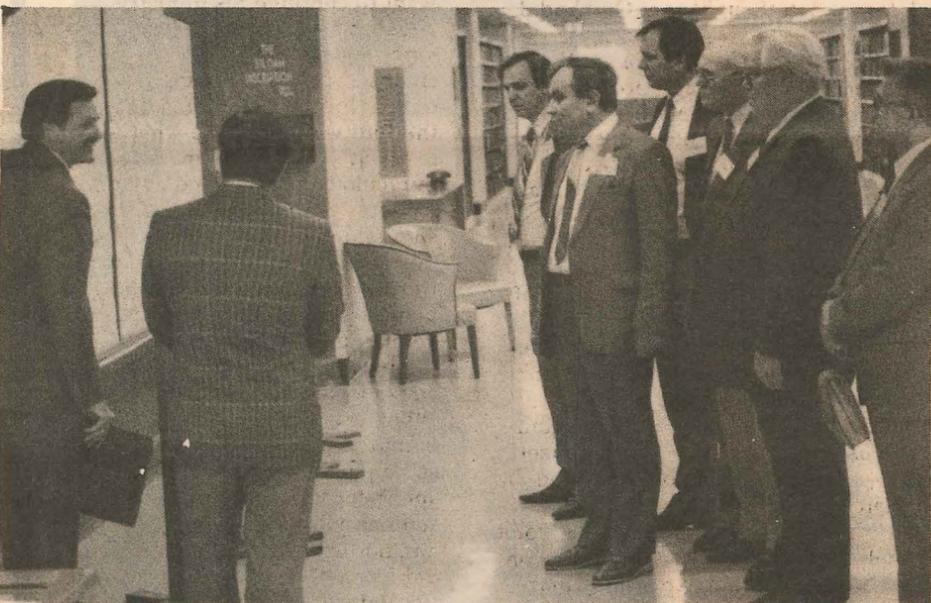
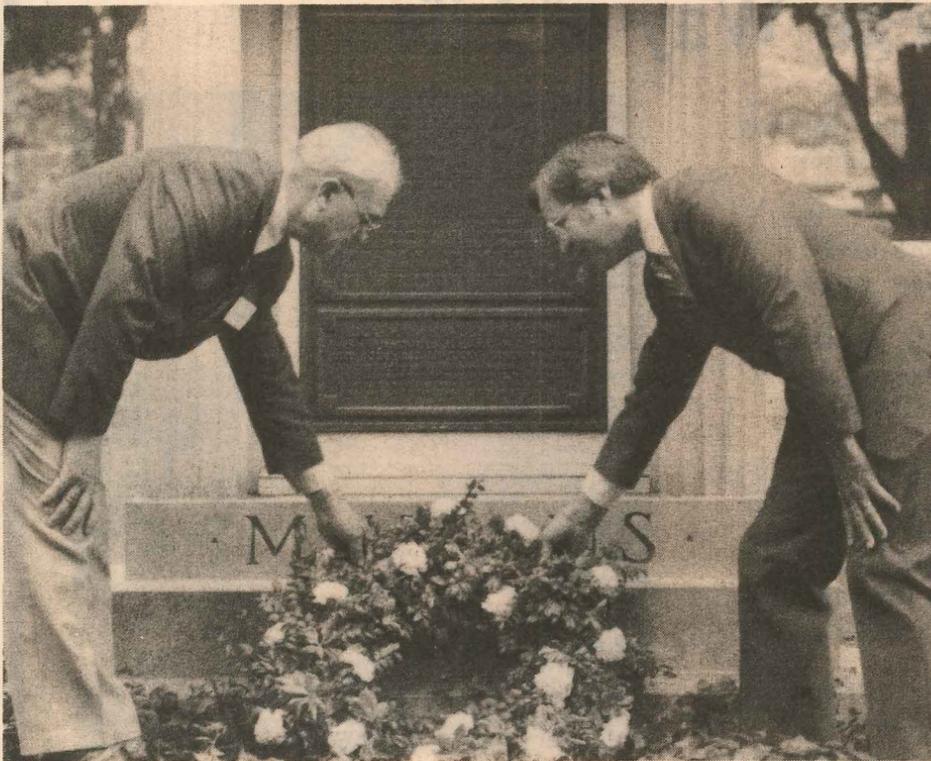
Cooperative Program funds provide \$90,000, or about 20 percent of their budget this year, down from last year's slightly higher allocation.

Though struggling economically, the school manages to educate and share the gospel with nearly 700 students.

This past school year, during the annual student revival, 72 students accepted Christ as savior.

After Fuad and I embraced and said "goodbye" at Standiford Field, I watched him disappear down the corridor. He was going back to do what God had called him to do in Israel, and I walked back to the car ever more determined to help him and others like him do it!

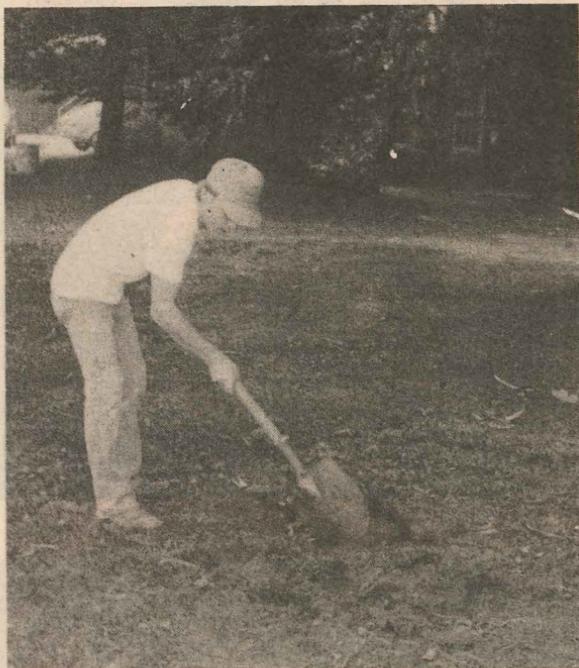
Russian Baptists visit Southern Seminary



A group of ministers from the Soviet Union spent a week on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary en route to the Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles. [Clockwise] Vasily Logvinenko, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Baptists, and Badgett Dillard, executive vice president of the seminary, lay a wreath on the grave of former seminary president E. Y. Mullins. The Soviet Baptists were familiar with Mullins because of his pioneering work with the Baptist World Alliance. Louisville mayor Harvey Sloane talks with members of the delegation. Logvinenko receives a pin and certificate from Sloane proclaiming him and his colleagues honorary citizens of the city. Wesley M. [Pat] Patillo, vice president for development at the seminary, leads a tour of the seminary's archeological museums. The Russians were fascinated with "Sheri," the seminary mummy, and other displays of the Old Testament world.

Workships

A Cumberland College Way of Life



At Cumberland College, the best way to help is to help folks help themselves.

Frankly, we firmly believe in the traditional American work ethic.

That's why our "workship" program is so important.

What's a workship? Well, it's the same as a scholarship, except it isn't free. It has to be earned through hard work.

U.S. News & World Report's survey in 1983 identified Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District as one of the nation's financially poorest districts, with a per capita income of \$4,470. Those folks are talking about us.

So you see, our students --90 percent of them, in fact--need financial aid if they are to earn their college degrees.

Most of our students come to Cumberland College from a 17-county area in the heart of the rugged mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Many students come with little money, but Cumberland tries never to turn its back on them.

We do not offer them a "handout". Frankly, they don't want it, wouldn't take it, and don't believe in it.

The most important question we ask is, "Are you willing to work, at any job necessary, in order to earn your college degree?"

Usually, the answer is a determined "Yes!"

So, in the tradition that makes America great, they work: digging and hauling dirt, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning windows, washing dishes, carrying out the garbage, doing any job necessary in order to earn their way.

No job is too menial or too back-breaking.

Presently, over 600 students work an average of 13 hours a week at minimum wage just to help pay for their college expenses. That's 7,800 hours of hard work each week!

Many more want to work. There is usually a waiting list of 150-200 willing students who would work if we only had the money to pay them.

On any day, visit our beautiful campus (kept that way, in part, by student workers) and see our students as they work: sweeping and mopping floors, washing dishes, typing and filing, cleaning windows, digging and hauling, carrying out the garbage... the list could go on.

At Cumberland College, hard work is more than a "buzz" word.

At Cumberland College, hard work is a way of life.

