



Louisville students survey NY in quest of mission opportunities

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

The image of large metropolitan cities as wastelands with abandoned buildings and fleeing populations is no longer an accurate picture of urban America, according to Larry McSwain, professor of church and community at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

McSwain led a seminary class to New York this summer to get a firsthand look at "what's happening in the city and what can be done in the city."

"The city is coming back to life in America," declared McSwain. Yet he hastened to add that religious groups, including Southern Baptists, are "standing by watching that happen."

The "renaissance of the city" is evident throughout New York, McSwain observed. He noted some areas of the city which only a few years ago had graffiti as its only decoration now have stylish housing developments.

Part of the class' assignment was to

do survey work to help determine if Southern Baptists should start a new work in an area of Brooklyn. The class visited with real estate agents, clergy and people on the street to gather facts about the neighborhood.

Work such as this is essential in order to become familiar with neighborhoods in the rapidly changing city, McSwain insisted. "If you want to know who has lived in a community talk to the funeral home directors, but if you want to find out who's moved into the community talk to people who run the food stores."

It is these areas of transition that McSwain suggested are the most fertile ones for planting churches. Neighborhoods where the population is older and have traditional religious ties offer little opportunity.

In addition to the survey work, the class visited a variety of church situations. Class members observed "jazz vespers" conducted by St. Peter's Lutheran Church in which a different jazz group is featured each Sunday night. The vespers service is a ministry to the arts community of the city.

The class also attended City Church, a congregation that meets on the sidewalk outside Radio City Music Hall and is praying for the "Third Great Awakening." The church now conducts two services and hopes some day to be large enough to move inside the famous auditorium.

Students gave their testimonies in 16 different churches, many of which were foreign language congregations.

The class also visited several of the ecumenical ministries of which Baptists have become a part. One of the most prominent multid denominational projects in which Baptists participate is the "Bronx's Shepherd." McSwain called it one of the "most successful" housing relocation programs.

"When you're as small as we are (Southern Baptists) in the massive city you've got to work with whomever you can," asserted McSwain, adding that Southern Baptists began work in New York only 29 years ago.

McSwain said he hoped the students could "see the need and get a vision" of God calling them to the city.

Fifty percent of the nine million people living in metropolitan New York are unchurched. Yet McSwain pointed out for Southern Baptists to begin effective ministry in the urban centers there are obstacles to be overcome.

One of the prime problems in doing ministry in the city is funding. It's expensive to do ministry in the city. He noted a recent church building purchased by the New York Metropolitan Baptist Association cost \$1.8 million. He said minimal increases in the annual Cooperative Program budget could not absorb major expansion in the city.

Baptists also must quit debating whether social ministries or evangelism are to be emphasized, McSwain believes. "You've got to do both in the city," he allowed.

Another barrier Southern Baptists face in their ministry here is the reluctance to move from small towns and rural areas to the major cities. "We've got to get out of the country into the city," McSwain stated.

Finally, Baptists must also learn "how to live in the city" in order to minister effectively. Those ministering in the city must become aware of urban lifestyles, he claimed.

Peace brothers

SBC committee organizes, lays ground for harmony

by Dan Martin

The 22-member peace committee charged with resolving the controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention will begin its work by addressing theological issues and differences, according to chairman Charles Fuller.

Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., told Baptist Press 17 of the 22 persons named to the committee attended an organizational meeting in Nashville Aug. 5-6 aimed at letting committee members get acquainted and setting the course for future work.

"When we began we reviewed the assignment given to us by the convention," he said, noting the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC in Dallas created the committee to "seek to determine the sources of the controversies in our convention and make findings and recommendations regarding these controversies."

The committee decided, the chairman said, to begin "where the problems lie and work toward a solution," rather than seeking a solution "and working back to the causes."

"The political and structural differences are important," he said. "We judged that the basic problems are theological and the other problems have sprung from that seed."

He said the committee was unanimous in its decision to begin by dealing with theology. "There may have been different degrees of unanimity, but when we finally came to the point where we said the problem is theological, there was not a single protest about it," he said.

He said each committee member has been asked to come to an October meeting "prepared to present their own interpretation of what these these theological issues are."

The next meeting will also focus on allowing the five absent members an opportunity "to do some of what we have already done . . . to allow them to come up to speed," he said, adding the five "were not present because of unavoidable conflicts in schedule."

SBC president Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., was scheduled to attend but had to cancel "at the last minute" because of a "family emergency."

Others not present were Adrian Rogers, Memphis, Tenn.; Ed Young, Houston, Tex.; Jim Henry, Orlando, Fla.; and Bill Crews, Riverside, Cal.

All, Fuller said, attempted to resolve schedule conflicts but were unable to do so.

The committee met in "executive session" but adopted a policy statement regarding relationship to the media. Fuller said the action which created the committee gave it the privilege to conduct business "in open sessions" but specified it may hold public hearings or may meet in "executive session."

The policy says "following each meeting . . . a statement will be issued to Baptist Press through the committee chairman," and adds the committee will announce "at the conclusion of each meeting its decision on whether the next meeting, or parts thereof, will be open or will require an executive session."

In other action the committee:

- Elected Charles Pickering, presi-

dent of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and a Laurel attorney, vice chairman. Pickering was one of the state convention presidents who presented the motion calling for creation of the committee.

- Named a three-member subcommittee—Pickering, Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., and John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.—to study all correspondence and "determine when and where suggestions and recommendations should be placed on the agenda." Fuller also will serve with the subcommittee.

- Decided to adopt "Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee" as its official name.

Present, in addition to Fuller, Pickering, Sullivan and Vestal, were Harmon Born, Rex, Ga.; Doyle E. Carlton Jr., Wauchula, Fla.; Jodi Chipman, Lancaster, Tex.; Robert Cuttino, Lancaster, S. C.; Christine Gregory, Danville, Va.;

William E. Hull, Shreveport, La.; Herschel Hobbs, Oklahoma City; Albert McClellan, Nashville; William Poe, Charlotte, N. C.; Ray Roberts, Asheville, N. C.; Cecil Sherman, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Jerry Vines, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Winfred Moore, Amarillo, Tex. (BP)

Church rec pioneer Agnes Pylant dies

Agnes Pylant, first secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department, died Aug. 5 in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Pylant, 85, was the author of numerous articles on recreation and led conferences throughout the nation following her retirement in 1962.

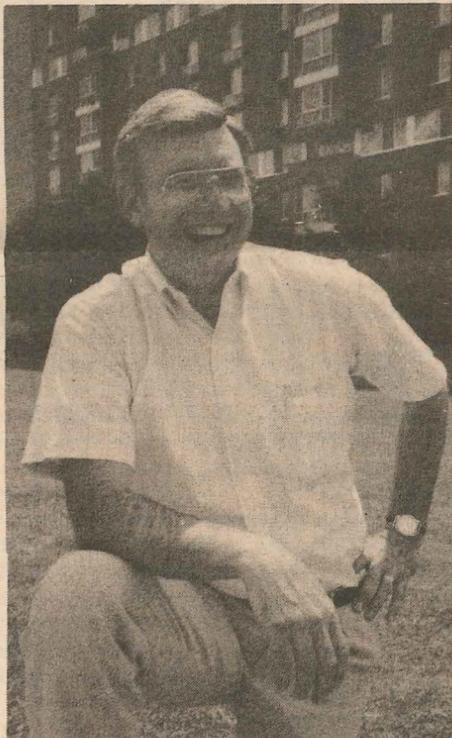
Her alma maters included the WMU Training School, Louisville.

She taught dramatics and recreation at Southwestern Seminary and was head of the department of Christian recreation at Wayland College, Plainview, Tex., before joining the board in 1954.

Services were held Aug. 9 at First Baptist Church, Richmond. (BP)

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Executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall reported Cooperative Program receipts in July were \$1,464,256, the highest July and the third highest month in history! Total Cooperative Program receipts through the 11th month were \$12,868,265, or 6.6 percent ahead of last year. In order to attain the \$14,445,000 operating goal, Cooperative Program receipts in August must be a record \$1,576,735. Contributions must be received by Aug. 31 to be recorded in this year's record.



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Celebration or disappointment

The Cooperative Program is what holds Southern Baptists together as a denomination. It is the lifeline for all we do in missions, Christian education, evangelism and relief for distressed people the world over. It is not our God, but it is vital for our continued life as a cooperating people. Without the Cooperative Program we could never hope to accomplish much for the Lord around the world. Surely we could never do what we are now doing.

For this reason Western Recorder supports the Cooperative Program so much that we have put on page one of this issue of our newspaper the July report of our Cooperative Program giving in Kentucky. We have given such a prominent place to this report because we want to catch your attention and call you to rejoice and take a second look.

We want to catch your attention for rejoicing because we are 6.6 percent ahead in our giving over the same period last year. That is good news worth celebrating by all of us.

We want to catch your attention for a second look because we are behind in our budget needs for the year to date in total dollars received even though our percentage in giving is ahead of last year. In a word, unless we can raise \$1,576,735 in Cooperative Program giving in August, we will have a shortfall for the year. That means we will see some important programs curtailed, some significant plans put on the shelf and

some sacrificial people hurting for lack of support funds.

The amount needed in August is a large amount by any standard of measurement but not beyond our capability. In fact, August of 1984 saw more than \$1.5 million given by our churches through the Cooperative Program, and there are more people on our church rolls now than last year and the spirit of togetherness and commitment across our state is extremely high. Thus we are able.

I believe we will reach our budget goal and have a great victory celebration by the end of the fiscal year, Aug. 31. In order to do that we must be willing to go the second mile in giving during this final month of the fiscal year. We must see that our gifts are received in the business office of the KBC before the end of August to be credited in this year's total.

Take another look at the box on page one and rejoice because of what we have done together this year. Then take a second look and set your mind to join thousands of other Kentucky Baptists who are determined to reach our budget goal before Sept. 1. So many people depend upon our faithfulness and so much is at stake around the world that we must give our best through the Cooperative Program.

Cause for celebration or cause for disappointment? It all depends upon our giving response in August.

Metro clinic coming

The Metro Kentuckiana Enrolment-Training Clinic will be conducted in Long Run Association and southern Indiana churches Sept. 7-15. Approximately 70 churches have agreed to share in this important Sunday school event.

Ken Dean, former minister of education at First Baptist Church, Paducah, will return to Kentucky to lead the clinic. Dean is currently in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Objectives of the Metro Clinic are to set growth goals for local churches, provide training for Sunday school workers on an age level basis, do a people search and take a self examination of the church to discover needs and find solutions which will stimulate growth.

The Metro Clinic has importance for all Kentucky Baptists because the ASSIST teams from Kentucky associations have been invited, at the expense of the KBC and the BSSB, to join as clinicians. This means these people from across Kentucky will gain first-hand information about church growth to carry back to their own associations for use in local churches across the state. The ASSIST team from the Columbus, Oh. area has also been invited to share in the clinic as guests of the sponsors.

The Kentuckiana Metro Clinic is the last of 10 such clinics held in metropolitan areas across the United States. Reports from other efforts indicate the clinics produce large numbers of new prospects, stimulate a sense of newness in those churches which participate



and generally have an effect like an old fashioned revival with professions of faith not uncommon during the people search. The hope in this clinic is that as many as 5000 new prospects for Bible study and church membership will be discovered for follow-up visitation.

The on-site coordinators in the preparation period in advance of the clinic are Jack Palmer, associate in the KBC Sunday School Department, and John Saunders, director of church development for Long Run Association. This is a joint effort on the part of Long Run Association, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Surely all of us will watch with interest as the clinic progresses. We will definitely ask the Lord to breathe on those leaders and participants so that many souls will be reached for Christ and our sister churches strengthened for evangelism and Christian teaching in the days ahead.

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baptist news in brief

Broadman in mainstream of SBC life, board says

A 1985-86 budget of \$159.3 million, a Broadman book publishing statement and a pledge of support for the Southern Baptist Convention peace committee were adopted by trustees of the Sunday School Board meeting at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center Aug. 1-2.

The Broadman book publishing statement was adopted in response to a motion at the February 1985 meeting by Larry Holly, a layman from Beaumont, Tex., calling for the board to review all Broadman books in light of the "Baptist Faith and Message" and to remove any from publication that fail to meet these guidelines.

The statement was adopted with no opposition after a brief discussion. It notes Broadman books are published for a general Christian market and also states: "All books are written by devout, Bible-believing Christians who affirm their confidence in the inspiration and authority of Holy Scripture. The editorial guideline in doctrinal matters is the 'Baptist Faith and Message.' Within this guideline, Broadman publishes books which reflect a wide range of viewpoints and interpretations."

Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder said a representative selection of the 875 Broadman books in print had been reviewed. "We discovered Broadman Press is right in the mainstream of Southern Baptists," he said.

The pledge of support for the 22-member SBC committee authorized by messengers to the 1985 convention in Dallas to seek solutions to the controversy in the denomination was approved unanimously without debate.

The statement affirms the role of the committee, invites the committee to review the work of the board and supports the call to all Southern Baptists to exercise restraint and refrain from divisive comments while the committee works.

"Finally, we will pray for the 22 members of your committee, expecting Christian statesmanship from you and bid you 'Godspeed,' brothers and sisters, on your mission of peace with purpose and principle," the statement concludes.

Trustees approved an increase in 1986 conference center housing rates which averages approximately 2.7 percent. Conference services fees and meal costs will remain the same. Trustees also approved several changes in the board retirement plan and employee benefits. (BP)

Door to open in Laos for future Baptist work?

The government of Laos has invited Southern Baptists to help with long term development but stopped short of saying a missionary could live in the country.

The request came in July to Murphy Terry, Southern Baptist associate area director for south and southeast Asia, who talked in Laos with officials in the offices of planning, health, agriculture and foreign affairs.

There's enough social need in the country that we don't have to apologize" for agreeing to do just development work, Terry said. "In addition, we feel we can encourage the Lao evangelical church."

Terry, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Laos, will propose to

strategists at the Foreign Mission Board a well defined, three- to five-year plan. It will fit into a larger development proposal engineered by UNICEF outlining possibilities for international agencies in the country.

They would not promise Southern Baptists could maintain missionary presence in the country. The government grants such liberty only to those who have been observed for some time, he was told. (BP)

Mega Focus Cities claims new leader

Larry L. Rose, director of the Center for Urban Church Studies in Nashville, Tenn., was elected associate director of the Metropolitan Missions Department for the Home Mission Board effective Aug. 15.

Rose will assist in coordinating the board's Mega Focus City program, an effort to intensify Southern Baptist outreach in cities with populations in excess of one million.

Rose also will work with directors of missions in metropolitan areas and state missions leaders, providing tracts, information, monographs, research and other material to help develop a ministry strategy for reaching one million-plus population centers.

Rose directed the Center for Urban Church Studies since 1980. He also has been director of missions for two Texas Baptist associations and was a pastor of several Texas churches. The Texas native is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. (BP)

Missionaries in Burkina Faso begin Bible ministry

Southern Baptist missionaries have obtained government permission to distribute Bibles to about 25,000 military personnel in the west African nation of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta).

Bible distribution among the military can have real significance in a country where the military is in control, said John Mills, the Foreign Mission Board's director for west Africa. "If the Bible does what we say it does, this is worth doing," he added.

Al Hodges, Southern Baptist missionary from Texas, is in charge of distribution to all Burkinable military personnel, using more than \$56,000 from the Foreign Mission Board.

Mills encouraged the Burkina Faso missionaries to seek permission for the distribution after seeing the success of Baptist ministries to the military in Korea. In 19 years of evangelism to the Korean army, Southern Baptist missionaries have seen 75,000 make professions of faith and 18,000 be baptized.

The Baptist mission will mark each Bible as a gift of the mission and will deliver them individually whenever possible, said Mills. (BP)

Gardner-Webb College president resigns post

Craven E. Williams, president of Gardner-Webb College, Charlotte, N. C. since Aug. 1, 1976, has resigned. He will continue to lead the Baptist school until June 30, 1986.

In submitting his resignation Williams said, "I have been a college administrator and/or a teacher for 20

years. I have been part of a major private university, a women's college, a men's college and a coeducational college. Now, I have been president of a private, church-related college for 10 years. It is a good time for Gardner-Webb College to continue its growth and development under new leadership, and it is a good time for me and my family to pursue other interests and opportunities."

Williams will become president of Dominion Corporation in Raleigh, a corporation involved in land development, new construction, property management and other personal and family ventures. (BP)

Tax support of religious broadcasts draws protest

Baptist Joint Committee executive director James M. Dunn has protested the weekly broadcast into Cuba of the Roman Catholic Mass over U. S.-funded Radio Marti.

In a letter to U. S. Rep. Bill Alexander, D-Ark., Dunn expressed alarm at the practice, revealed recently in an article in The Miami Herald. "Religious radio is no part of the business of government," Dunn said.

While stating the Baptist Joint Committee does not object to news reports about religion or discussion of religious topics on Voice of America broadcasts, he quoted Thomas Jefferson's maxim that "to compel a man to pay taxes for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical."

Reports of the practice over Radio Marti, which began broadcasting into the communist nation May 20, were confirmed by Voice of America spokeswoman Rogene Waite, who said her agency's charter includes a provision for religious programming which "reflect(s) religion in the United States."

Other religious programming over Radio Marti, she said, includes a weekly half-hour "ecumenical" program featuring religion in the news and a "roundtable" discussion with personalities from the world of religion. (BP)

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Life's predictables

Did you hear about the preacher who never wore a watch and never looked at a clock, but who preached precisely 20 minutes every Sunday? His congregation was amazed at his ability to do it, yet he had never confided his secret to anyone.

As luck would have it, the Sunday inevitably arrived when 20 minutes came and went and the preacher kept talking. Thirty minutes, 40 minutes, an hour elapsed—he was still at it. Finally, after an hour and 45 minutes, he quit. Needless to say, the whole church was in shock.

On the way home, the pastor's wife requested an explanation. Reluctantly, he told her his secret. "You see, each Sunday when I get up to preach, I reach in my pocket and slip a Life Saver in my mouth. It dissolves in 20 minutes, and that's how I know when to stop."

"But what happened today, dear?" his mate inquired.

"Today," he replied sheepishly, "I got a button."

My dad used to tell me there were only two certainties in life—"death and taxes." Now with the commonplace use of tax shelters, the sting of at least one of them has been ever so slightly diminished.

Remember the railroad that called itself "The Old Reliable"? I decided years ago that its slogan meant you could depend on the trains being late.

What can you really count on in life? Are you virtually certain the sun will rise in the east tomorrow? (If we have a cloudy day, you may have to accept that on faith.) If winter comes, can spring be far behind? (Yes, too long in coming for many of us.) Will the carpenter ants rear their ugly heads in my garage next May? (I'm 99 and 44/100ths percent sure about that one.)

There's another predictable in my life that is as regular as clockwork. While millions suffer allergies each spring, my sneezing, watery eyes and runny nose begins Aug. 15 and continues through Sept. 30. It's been that way for more than a quarter of a century. When I tried shots for it years ago I developed pneumonia. My doctor ordered me off the shots.

I'm not complaining, mind you. I accept it willingly for I see others with worse ailments, and no light at the end of their tunnels as there is at mine in October.

I believe there are some other certainties beyond death and taxes. As a Christian, I'm "standing on the promises," among which is this one which comforts my soul:

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!*

Can you think of any Christian's certainty with a sweeter guarantee?



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Responsibility

Recently on an impulse I began to skim through the Bible looking for incidents which illustrate responsibility. Example after example jumped from the pages of God's book to challenge me as a Christian.

Jonah admitted his responsibility for putting his fellow travelers' lives in jeopardy (Jonah 1:12). Nathan put the responsibility for Uriah's death squarely on David's shoulders (II Sam. 12:9). Cain disclaimed responsibility for his brother Abel (Gen. 4:9), but the Good Samaritan was notable in that he immediately took responsibility for a stranger and a situation in which he had no seeming accountability (Luke 10:35). Pilate tried to evade responsibility for our Lord's death (Matt. 27:24), but the Jews glibly took responsibility when they said, "His blood be on us and on our children" (v. 25).

I am convinced that we as Christians often sin against the Lord by majoring in excuses, alibis and scapegoats instead of accepting responsibility. The reason why 995 out of every 1000 never become leaders is because we are unwilling to assume responsibility for our lives and our destinies. Ambrose Bierce humorously called responsibility "a detachable burden easily shifted to the shoulders of God, fate, fortune, luck or one's neighbors." Winston Churchill accurately defined responsibility as the "price of greatness."

At Clear Creek we teach our ministers that we are responsible as God's watchmen to witness to our world (Ezek. 33:3) and that we are accountable for how we treat others (Matt. 18:5), and for every word and act (Matt. 12:36). We are trying to occupy until our Lord returns in a way that will bring honor and glory to him. You can depend on Clear Creek graduates to be good disciples, good stewards, good witnesses and good ministers. Pray for those of us who serve at Clear Creek, that we will continue to hold high the torch of the gospel until he comes.

"Hold high the torch / You did not light its glow— / 'Twas given you by other hands, you know. / 'Tis yours to keep it burning bright, / Yours to pass on when you no more need light; / So that in turn they'll hold it high / And say, 'I watched someone else carry it this way.' / And he once said, who hung on Calvary's tree— / 'Ye are the light of the world.' . . . Go! . . . Shine—for me."

baptist news in brief

All 50 states represented at 1985 SBC in Dallas

There was width as well as depth in the number of registered messengers at the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. The official headcount of 45,519 included—for the first time—messengers from each of the 50 United States plus Washington, D. C. and Puerto Rico, according to figures just released by Lee Porter, registration secretary.

A single messenger from Maine and two messengers each from Rhode Island and Puerto Rico made the 1985 meeting the most widespread geographically ever. The only areas entitled to messengers by the SBC constitution not represented were American Samoa and the U. S. Virgin Islands.

As could be expected, Texas had more representation numerically than any other state, with 12,634 messengers which was 27.76 percent of the total. And the "motherland" of the Southern Baptist Convention—the 14 states of the deep south—accounted for more than 90 percent of total registration (41,104). Kentucky had 2036 messengers which was 4.47 percent of the total.

Comparing individual state totals against the overall figures for the past three Dallas conventions show states east of the Mississippi, "had a greater influence in 1985 than they did in 1975 or in 1964," he said.

Porter looked for states which increased or decreased their percentage of the total registration at least one point over their average from the two

previous Dallas conventions in 1975 and 1964.

On that basis Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia made the biggest gains while Mississippi, Oklahoma and Louisiana showed significant declines. Interestingly, Texas also posted a decline, dropping from an average of 28.22 percent of the two earlier Dallas conventions to a 27.76 percentage.

Georgia, the state with the second greatest number of messengers this year (3243), averaged 4.93 percent at the 1965 and 1974 meetings but had 7.12 percent of the total this time—an increase of 2.19 percent. (BP)

Colorado budget woes cost six Baptists' jobs

Reeling from mounting financial woes, the Colorado Baptist General Convention has made drastic, retroactive cuts in its gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program and defunded its campus ministers and the editor of the state paper.

A six-months review of the CBGC budget in early July uncovered a potential shortfall of \$200,000 to \$300,000 by the end of 1985 if drastic measures were not taken, according to James Brannon, CBGC executive board chairman.

The convention reportedly also has spent approximately \$110,000 of designated funds—including some of the 28.5 percent of all undesignated gifts to the state budget set aside to send to the national Cooperative Program—for operating expenses instead of for their designated purpose which must be paid back. In addition to the cuts, the CBGC is seeking to negotiate a \$600,000 loan from the Home Mission Board and a \$100,000-plus increase in the amount of Home Mission Board budget support for the convention in 1986.

At the end of June the convention showed a bank balance of \$11,000, according to a report in the Rocky Mountain Baptist, newsjournal of the CBGC. And unpaid was a \$29,000 monthly contribution to the SBC Cooperative Program, the national unified budget which funds Southern Baptist worldwide mission and education programs.

The 1985 CBGC budget called for \$122,138 in salaries and benefits for four full time campus ministers, \$5000 in salary support for the campus minister at the United States Air Force Academy and \$34,078 for the editor of the state paper and \$104,000 of the \$138,000 budget of the Rocky Mountain Baptist operating budget.

The operating budget for the paper was pared by cutting the publication schedule from weekly to bimonthly. Charles Sharp, executive director of the CBGC, will assume editing duties of the newsjournal. Reducing the number of issues is expected to save the convention \$20,000 in 1985 and \$50,000 in 1986. Subscription rates (\$5 per year) will remain the same.

Salaries will be continued through Oct. 31, 1985 for Don Turner, Rocky Mountain Baptist editor; Rudy Antle, director of Denver Metro campus ministries and Mission Service Corps coordinator; Robert Storrs, campus minister at Colorado State University; John Mark Purdue, campus minister at University of Northern Colorado; Robert Timmons, campus minister at the University of Colorado, and Dwaine Gregory, campus minister at the U. S. Air Force Academy.

The CBGC portion of Gregory's salary reportedly will be picked up by the Home Mission Board but unless Baptist associations around the campuses or individual churches pick up the funding for the other four, Baptist student work on those universities will be curtailed. (BP)

Fundamentalist challenge loses in HMB meeting

After debating the issue of women's ordination for more than an hour, directors of the Home Mission Board asked for appointment of a special committee to develop guidelines concerning ordination for use in the appointment of missionaries.

The committee was requested by the board's personnel committee, which on the previous day voted eight to seven against recommending appointment of an ordained woman to student work at Yale University.

The full board, however, reversed the

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personnel committee's decision, voting 37-34 to accept a minority committee request that Janet Faye Fuller be appointed to the post at Yale and four other campuses in the New Haven, Conn. area.

Miss Fuller, 29-year-old daughter of foreign missionaries Wayne and Frances Fuller of Lebanon, has been doing student work at Yale for the past six years, first as a volunteer and for two years as a HMB US-2 missionary.

Her two years of US-2 service ended in August, and the Baptist Convention of New England had requested her employment be continued in a different category as student work missionary. She was one of 40 missionaries and missionary associates appointed for service in 15 states by the board during its summer meeting but the only one whose appointment prompted extended debate.

The minority report from the personnel committee asking that Miss Fuller be appointed as a missionary was brought by T. L. McSwain, pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.

McSwain said he made the motion because of complaints in previous board meetings from members who felt decisions were made in smaller committees without giving all board members an opportunity for participation in the decisions.

McSwain described Miss Fuller's qualifications for appointment as "absolutely impeccable." He added that ordination was the only possible reason for declining her appointment.

McSwain said Miss Fuller feels a strong call to missions and to student work, but has no desire to be pastor of a church. She was ordained in 1981 by Trinity Baptist Church, New Haven, at the request of Yale, which requires ordination for all chaplains on campus.

McSwain opposed ordination of women for the pastorate, but supported Miss Fuller's unique situation because it would be wrong to deny her appointment and "blackball" her ministry.

Johnny Jackson, pastor of Forest Highlands Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., opposed Miss Fuller's appointment, saying the real issue is not her qualifications or Yale's requirements but going against wishes of the vast majority of Southern Baptists who oppose use of Cooperative Program money to support an ordained woman.

Lawanna McIver of Dallas said she felt the personnel committee was out of order in rejecting Miss Fuller's candidate file when board policy clearly stated that ordination is not a criteria for missionary appointment. (BP)

Long time BSSB staffer resigns in print dispute

W. Howard Bramlette, editor in National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, resigned July 30. Bramlette, 61, whose primary responsibility had been editing "The Student" magazine, was removed as editor and chose to resign, according to Lloyd Elder, president of the board.

"The policy of the Sunday School Board is not to release detailed information about personnel matters," Elder said. "We will treat Howard Bramlette kindly and will not influence his personal or professional positions. We wish him well in any future professional relationships." Bramlette's decision to leave the department was unexpected, Elder said, and was accepted with regret.

Bramlette had been editor of "The Student" since 1975. Previously, he was in student work with the Baptist

General Convention of Texas, 1951-56; a consultant with the BSSB Student Department, 1956-66; director of placement and promotion for the Southern Baptist Education Commission, 1966-75; and a consultant in mission education for the Foreign Mission Board for six months before returning to the Sunday School Board.

Bramlette told Baptist Press:

"I regret leaving the Sunday School Board. It is a great institution whose objectives and goals have long been my own. My commitment to college students and to Christian higher education has been my calling.

"Apparently there has been criticism over the content of a recent issue of 'The Student.'" Editing a magazine for collegians is an exciting challenge, particularly when the magazine seeks to lead students to Christian maturity and to aid them in taking a responsible part in solving the problems of the world.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my editorial responsibilities and will now focus on other aspects of ministry as I did before assuming this post."

The August issue of the magazine has received criticism for an article on "political religion." Earlier this year, the publication was criticized for an article on women's ordination. (BP)

Female Baptist journalist named to cover Congress

Kathryn Ann (Kathy) Palen, director of public relations at Oklahoma Baptist University, will join the Washington bureau of Baptist Press (BP), news service of the Southern Baptist Convention Sept. 15. Her primary assignment will be to cover Congress.

Miss Palen, 29, will also become assistant to the director of information services at the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

The Tulsa, Okla. native, a 1978 journalism graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, has directed the school's public relations program the past two years. Before that, she was assistant public relations director, news and publications editor and adjunct instructor of journalism at the Shawnee, Okla. institution. (BP)

BSSB trustees deal forthrightly with errors

Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board adopted a statement expressing regret and concern about errors in a July 7 Sunday school lesson and urging study of editorial processes and care in selecting writers.

In the lesson which appeared in "Adult Bible Study," a periodical in the Life and Work Series, several statements present incorrect interpretations of Satan in the book of Job.

In his report to the trustees BSSB president Lloyd Elder said the errors in the lesson have generated 155 letters and telephone calls as of July 31.

In response to trustee questions, Elder said the first Baptist Press story dated July 19 noted that errors were mistakes made in the editing process and were not the fault of the writer, John I. Durham, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. The story was based on a study of the most immediate questions raised by Baptists about the lesson, he said.

"The Baptist Press release was accurate regarding those initial concerns," said Elder.

"However, a more complete review

of the entire lesson shows the manuscript by Durham is not unlike what appears in print. However, the Sunday School Board is accountable and responsible for final editing of all manuscripts."

He attributed the mistakes to "human error, human judgment and time factor. These errors were compounded one by the other."

"I do not want us to be fault finders, but to assess our accountabilities and call upon our people to be accountable," said Elder. "We will continue to publish a large volume of high quality Bible study material and call upon our people for continued trust in our literature." (BP)

Rates going up Oct. 1 for church newspapers?

Postal rates for non profit publications including state Baptist papers and church newsletters are likely to rise Oct. 1, though figures remain uncertain.

Before adjourning for its August recess Congress passed a fiscal year 1986 budget calling for \$748 million in federal subsidies for the U. S. Postal Service to provide reduced mailing rates to a wide category of non profit mailers.

That figure falls \$233 million short of what would be needed to keep non profit rates at the current level. According to a spokesman for the Postal Service, the shortfall would translate into about a 30 percent rate increase for such mailers Oct. 2 when the fiscal year begins.

But congressional sources say the shortfall may be considerably less. An aide to Sen. Quentin N. Burdick, D-N. D., told Baptist Press the Senate appropriations committee may restore funds to the subsidy in September, when Congress returns from its traditional summer break. She said the final figure could run as high as \$961 million, only \$20 million less than what the Postal Service spokesman said is needed to retain the subsidy at its current level. (BP)

No serious harm befalls Baptists in Uganda

Baptists in Kampala escaped serious injury, but at least one Southern Baptist missionary home was looted in the July 27 military coup that ousted Ugandan president Milton Obote.

Missionary Jim Rice, in a phone report July 31 from Nairobi, Kenya, said Conservative Baptist missionary Dick Otto reported some Baptists in Kampala had been "roughed up" or had items stolen, but no one was seriously injured or killed. Otto also said the home of missionaries George and Doris Berry of South Carolina had been stripped of most portable items and a mission car had been stolen from their yard.

But Rice's home, where goods for two furloughing families were stored, appeared untouched by looters. The Baptist book store and center containing Baptist offices and the Bible Way Correspondence School had some broken windows, but nothing appeared to be missing," said Otto. (BP)

Chaplaincy leader steps down in 1986

Carl Hart, director of the chaplaincy division of the Home Mission Board for the past nine years, announced plans to take early retirement from the board Feb. 28, 1986.



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homes for children

More on going home

Recently I referred to the title of Thomas Wolfe's book, "You Can't Go Home Again." I want to write some more on going home because I did just that.

Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, is my home church. My earliest memories of Sunday school, Training Union, worship and church socials are all rooted in that church. It was there that I made my profession of faith and was baptized. In that church I answered God's call to preach and was later ordained to the gospel ministry.

Pastor Paul Welch invited me to preach at Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, on Aug. 4, 1985. So I went back home again. I stood in the pulpit where I had preached my first sermon 45 years ago. There was the second pew on the left side where our family sat. I saw the rooms where I had been taught the Bible lessons and where I gave my first Training Union part.

There on her regular pew was Miss Grace Morehead who had influenced my life. Now nearing 90 years of age, Miss Grace was for many years the faithful church secretary. She also served as Training Union director and especially worked with teenagers. Many others in that church encouraged and influenced me in the Lord's work.

So, I really went back home and it was fun. However, it wasn't the same. Many things had changed. That is why in one sense "you can't go home again." But those changes are inevitable and we hope that many of them are for the best. You see, I had changed. The building and rooms had been changed. The leadership and program had changed. So things were different.

When children come to live in Baptist Homes for Children we work with them to establish some goals. Often one goal is to be able to go back home and live with the natural family. However, they are living with us because the home situation is such that they cannot go home. In fact, for them to go back home or to a foster home, some changes must take place. The youth need to change and the homes from which they come need to make some changes. Together we set goals and together we work with the youth and the home situations in the hopes that sufficient changes can be made so these young people can go home again. Pray for these youth and our ministry to them.



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Labor because of love

BAM! BAM! BAM!

That's Mr. Minor hammering away. He's making portable risers for our chapel platform on which 76 choir or band members can be seated for performances. Our 1978 valedictorian, Jeff returned three years ago, after receiving his college degree, to teach and has done a wonderful job with our music program.

Working with him is Mike, a junior from Louisville. Of Catholic background, Mike came to us two years ago. He walked away just five hours after arrival! The Manchester police picked him up early the next morning and took him to pastor Roger Williams, who returned him to us, and the boy asked for another chance. We've never had a problem with him since. He is very active with our choir.

A month ago we rejoiced to see Mike make his profession of faith and request baptism. Several of our girls and eight boys have been baptized in two recent Sunday evening services. The night Mike was baptized Manchester police chief Dennis Rice and pastor Williams came for the service. How we and Mike appreciated that. It was an evening that reminded us why we work and struggle here.

Oneida is such a tremendous mission work—state, home and foreign missions, with young people from every part of Kentucky, 25 states and 18 nations.

Mr. Minor and Mike have also re-

painted the choir room, reworked and carpeted the risers there, painted the notes of "Oneida Fair" and our "fight" song on the walls, reorganized our sheet music storage room, as well as another storage room for band instruments.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spahr of First Baptist Church, Winchester and Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Strong of First Baptist Church, Jackson, have been back for their annual week of volunteer work. Among other things they painted the chapel stage area and the new piano lab room. Six new pianos have been purchased. Five pupils per hour and a teacher assisting can work there each hour of the day. Mrs. Jack Tillman of Robards Baptist, who has taught piano for over 20 years, is coming to assume that duty here. Also Richard Burns, of Monticello Baptist and a recent UK music graduate, is coming to teach full time in our growing music program. His father is a 1947 OBI graduate.

Nine volunteers from Sebring, Fla. First Baptist worked a week also. They were led by alumni and former OBI teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith. This group built a large and much needed lawn mower repair shop for us. Our boys mow many acres weekly. Also they did extensive carpentry and painting in our new home economics area which is being doubled, spacewise. A new tile floor has been laid by our Mike Tyler and several of our school boys.

Staff members Joe Scott, Curtis Monday, Chuck Smith and Bonnie Turner have done a tremendous amount of work this summer as our art department has been moved to another building. Now we have three times the space we had before.

Swim coach and biology teacher, Rick Coffey, after teaching all summer, has done a tremendous job renovating our swimming pool. Supervising and working with five of our boys, he has made important repairs and given the pool two gleaming coats of white paint.

Girls deans Mary Scott and Marty Hatfield, along with five of our girls, have done an equally fine job of painting in the girls dorm including the large TV room, stairwells and other rooms. A volunteer group from Louisville's West Broadway Baptist Church, led by pastor Larry Orange, worked one recent Saturday on this project.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris have also been here an entire week painting. This young couple donate monthly. Mr. Harris is a middle school teacher at Hawesville.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR AUG. 18, 1985

Life and Work Series

The Spirit gives life

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6 Paul must have been shocked and deeply grieved when Titus informed him there were those within that church who questioned and denied his apostleship. Prodded by this attack upon his ministry and led by the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote 2 Corinthians with the hope that this epistle would establish his apostleship beyond the possibility of a successful contradiction. Paul was grieved even more deeply by those elements which threatened the full fruitfulness of the gospel seed which he had sown in Corinth.

This lesson teaches three things:
2 Corinthians 2:14-17 After mentioning some of his severe trials, Paul's spirit burst forth in joyous praise to God for his wonderful blessings upon his people. From the time Christ had conquered Paul on the Damascus road, Paul had given himself unstintingly to the doing of his Lord's will.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3 What greater commendation of his ministry or greater evidence of the divine authority could Paul have had than the fact that through his preaching and influence men and women had come to Christ and received salvation.

Paul reminded his critics of the absurdity of requiring him to prove the validity of his apostleship. Inasmuch as many of them were Christians because he lived, labored and witnessed for Christ among them, they certainly did

not need epistles of commendation of him.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 Paul emphatically declared that in his asserting the Holy Spirit's seal of approval upon his ministry he was not boasting of any self-sufficiency, but rather of the sufficiency of God. Paul readily acknowledged the insufficiency of all human beings and then frankly stated those five memorable and comprehensive words, "our sufficiency is of God."

International Series

Judgment, repentance and hope

Joel 1:14-16 Through Moses God had warned his people that, in the event they should fail to obey his laws, they would experience strange and serious calamities. One of these calamities occurred during the ministry of Joel. It was an invasion of the land by innumerable locusts. These pests devoured all the foliage of all the green plants and trees, stripped the bark from the trees and consumed everything that was edible.

In the invasion of the land by these locusts Joel saw the chastening hand of God upon the people of Judah because of their sins. He also saw them as a symbol of a yet future invasion of Judah by the army of the Babylonians. Joel also used this catastrophe as a warning to the citizens of Judah that they would be called upon to experience even greater disasters in the future unless they truly repented of their sins and returned to intimate fellowship with God.

Joel 2:12-13 Upon observing the people drifting farther from him, God, through Joel, invited and urged the people to return to him with fasting, weeping and mourning. God besought the people to change their minds about their sins and change their attitudes toward him. Instead of their tearing their garments, God wanted them to demonstrate a genuine repentance by a complete reversal of their attitudes and actions.

Joel 2:26-29 God assured his people that, if his people who had experienced embarrassment, humiliation and deprivation, would truly repent of their sins, he would forgive them, recompense them with numerous temporal blessings, grant them the delightful experience of true fellowship with him, provide for them the enabling grace to live and witness for him and deliver them from future reproach.



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on mission together

A new step into our future

Weekly I scan scores of church bulletins, associational news letters, Baptist state papers, newsclips, periodicals, etc.

Recently I kept a rough account of "junk mail" received by me in a week. ("Junk mail" for me means "discard without opening.") I "junked" over 100 pieces that week. Another score or more, I scanned and then canned.

This last week, at home, I had another "computer" call. I picked up the phone and this metallic voice says: "Hello, my name is Hal; I'm a computer." I put the phone back in its carriage without the slightest twinge of guilt, and I didn't lose any sleep spec-

ulating that I had somehow missed the deal of a lifetime.

It is obvious that Baptists have become involved in this communication barrage. In fact, we seem to have a lot to say about most everything. Interestingly, most of the Baptist "communicators" are preacher-types, like myself, while most of the listeners are lay persons. I'm not sure how many of us would want to risk learning how much of what we communicate in print falls into the category of "junk mail" or, at best, gets a quick scan before being cast into the oblivion of a waste basket.

Among the criticisms which pastors have of denominational communications is that they are often deluged by "stuff" they didn't ask for and don't feel they need. Contrary to all ill-advised opinion, more is not better in communications. More, very often, may be the undoing of what was once a viable communications vehicle.

Communications among Kentucky

Baptists made an historic turn today, as KBC media director Mark Snowden "premiered" the first video of our "Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition."

Kentucky Baptists now have another significant vehicle for hearing and "seeing up close" how Kentucky Baptists are involved together on mission . . . through a color video cassette.

Each director of missions will have a copy for use by the churches in the association. This 19-minute video cassette can be used easily in opening assemblies or for Sunday evening services. Every four months a new and different "Edition" will be produced and distributed.

"Telling the story" among Kentucky Baptists is urgent. Communicating our story effectively is absolutely essential to the nature of our mission together. "Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition" will take us further on our journey together.

Visits may help North, South Koreans find loved ones

by Erich Bridges

Millions of Koreans, including many Baptists, finally might learn the fate of loved ones they haven't seen for a generation if a new agreement between North and South Korea sets the stage for regular family contacts.

For the first time in 40 years, officials of both Koreas have agreed to allow a small group of family members separated by the division of the country to visit each other. The Red Cross sponsored agreement, reached in principle July 15, may enable 300 South Koreans to visit their families and hometowns in North Korea in September. The same number of North Koreans would be allowed to visit relatives in the south.

An estimated 10 million family members were torn apart by the war that cut Korea in half. Kim Sung Chin is one of them. Kim was a young Christian medical student in Pyongyang (capital of North Korea) when war suddenly came in June 1950. He hid in a mountain cave with three friends until South Korean troops pushed north in the see-saw battle for the Korean peninsula.

Today Kim, a respected Baptist physician in South Korea, directs community health work at Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan. He has not seen or spoken to his parents and three sisters in North Korea for 35 years.

"No communications. Probably my parents have died," Kim said. "I don't know. I just felt at that time that it would be temporary . . . a few days later and we would be back! Or a few weeks or a few months, we would meet again. Not any long separation like this. I never, never thought that. Sad."

Not all separated family members live on opposite sides of the north-south line. Multitudes of South Korean relatives separated when invading communist troops swept south have never relocated each other.

A 1983 Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) television program featuring South Koreans looking for lost loved ones became a national phenomenon. The program turned into a 65-hour telethon spread over eight days, reuniting some 3000 families in the south



Baptist layman Yoon She Hoon [center] was separated from his wife, two sons, sisters and parents. He is now remarried to Pyun Chi Won [r]. He has a college age son, Yoon Soknam [l].

within a month.

Tens of thousands applied to appear on the show. Their names and family data since have been entered in a computer bank jointly sponsored by KBS-TV and the government to match relatives electronically. But Korea's small number of family names—almost half the population of both Koreas is named Kim, Park or Lee—complicates the process.

Thousands of placards still plaster the outer walls of the KBS building in Seoul, covering every scrap of space from ground to 15-foot line. Each tells the story of a family divided. A mother searches for her two sons. Another parent seeks five children, two sisters and a brother. The eyes of a toddler stare out of an old photograph; reared in an orphanage and now middle-aged, he doesn't remember where he was born or even if the name he carries is his own.

Many of the signs are faded by time. Yet when they become unreadable, their owners often return to replace

them.

Fading hopes for those with family members in North Korea have revived once again with the resumption this summer of full-scale Red Cross talks between north and south. The first such negotiations in 12 years, the talks are partly aimed at hammering out a framework for reuniting families split apart by the division of Korea, at least through letters or brief visits.

"There is a 50-50 chance this time" for family visits, predicts Yim Yong Soon, a Korean scholar who teaches in the United States. "The question is, who goes?"

But hopes raised by negotiations, and the July 15 agreement, have been crushed so often that many people refuse to hope at all. "No seeing, no believing," said retired Baptist layman Yoon She Hoon, who left his parents, sisters, wife and two sons in the north in 1950, sure that he would soon return for them. But he does not forget. "I always remember my family. I never forget."



A South Korean searches among the thousands of placards covering the walls of the Korean broadcasting building in Seoul.

Yoon eventually remarried in South Korea and has three daughters and a son. His son, Yoon Soknam, now a college student, often wonders about his two half brothers in the north. "They are my brothers," he explained. "No one can deny this. But what can I say? I have never seen them, ever. They are my brothers. I hope to see them, one day." (BP)

Dehoney Center will offer 'hope, confidence' to leaders

by Michael Duduit

The goal of the newly created Dehoney Center for the Study of the Local Church at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is to "teach people how to love the body of Christ creatively," according to director Ernest White.

White, who also serves as Gaines S. Dobbins professor of church administration, explains that the Dehoney Center will study the local church, seeking to enhance its role and to inform both clergy and laity on ways to improve local church life.

The center was created this year and named in honor of Wayne and Lealice Dehoney of Louisville. A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and past chairman of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary, Dehoney recently retired after 18 years as pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Kentucky's largest congregation. The seminary is continuing to seek funds to help endow the center.

The Dehoney Center will have a three-fold purpose, White says:

research, consultancy and training.

Research will include both drawing together existing resources and developing new information about the local church.

"The seminary and many other agencies have a lot of resources that are isolated from each other," asserts the director. "The center is a way to draw together those resources, both for students and for church leaders."

Several research topics offer promising fields of study, White believes.

"Initially we will do some research on how to develop adequate lay and church staff leaders. Another area will be to research how a church learns to handle its environment in a better way—socially, economically, and so on. A major area of research is the application of technology to the local church," says White.

The seminary professor expects the Dehoney Center to study models of the church presently used in other cultures and explore ways to adapt them to American society. He believes limited vision in this area has caused some churches in difficult situations to "have

nowhere to go. We want to give them some handles in increasing their competence as servants of Christ."

White believes the center can apply that research to real life needs in the churches through serving as a consulting agency.

"I had a church say recently, 'We aren't sure what staff we need.' We can help them look at how they put together an adequate set of staff roles for that church," explains White. He suggests other possible problem solving situations as helping churches develop staff evaluation systems and aiding churches in developing new ministries.

Training for church leaders will be a significant concern of the Dehoney Center.

"We expect to develop a set of seminars for training both lay leaders and church staff leaders to increase their competence and effectiveness," says White.

The first such conference, tentatively titled "Ministry Leadership for the Local Church," will probably be held next spring, the director indicates. The focus will be on training laity to be

effective church leaders and training church staff in ways to involve the church in ministry.

White is committed to taking a "holistic approach" to local church study.

"We will seek to avoid fragmentation . . . to work with a church as a whole body," he asserts.

Through January, White is spending his sabbatical working on the development of the center. That task includes visits to other important research and study centers in the United States and Britain.

The director of the Dehoney Center believes his own experience in the local church gives him insight into many of the challenges faced by church leaders. Prior to joining the seminary faculty in 1980, he was pastor of Wyatt Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo.

"After 33 years as a pastor, I know something of the struggle of church leaders," White declares. "I know some sources of real hope for the church. More than anything else, we want to be a source of hope and confidence for church leaders."

Historic Versions of the Holy Bible Shown at Georgetown's Cooke Library

Six rare Bibles, ranging in age from 400 years to a more recent 262 years, have been on display this summer in the central hall of Georgetown College's Cooke Memorial Library Building, located near the center of the academic commons on campus.

The collection is composed principally of early copies of the popular and most-oft read King James Version, which was first printed in 1611.

The Georgetown College collection includes several of the earliest King James Bibles. One of these was printed in 1613. A second early rare copy is dated 1615. According to the title page it was printed by "E.T." This particular Bible was listed by a 19th century book dealer as "scarce and very valuable."

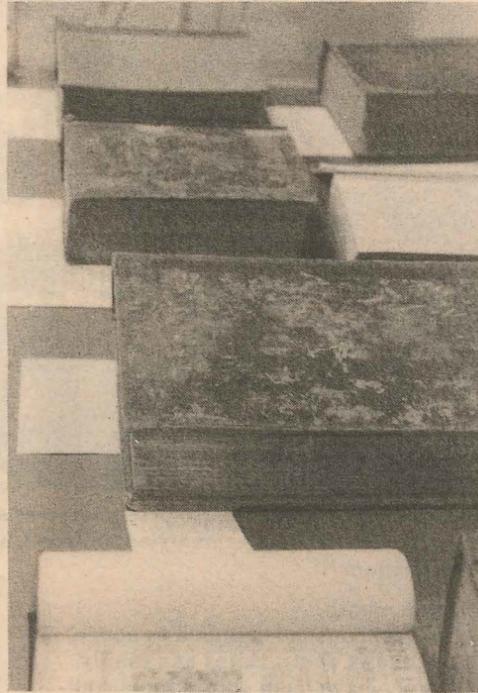
The third King James Bible and among the most interesting was printed circa 1625. The language of Genesis 3:9 in this version uses the word "apron," instead of the word "breeches" used by the Geneva Bible writers. This alteration led to the "Breeches Bible" definition given the version.

The rarest and oldest Bible in Georgetown's collection is four centuries old this year. The Latin version, called *Biblia Sacra*, was printed in 1585.

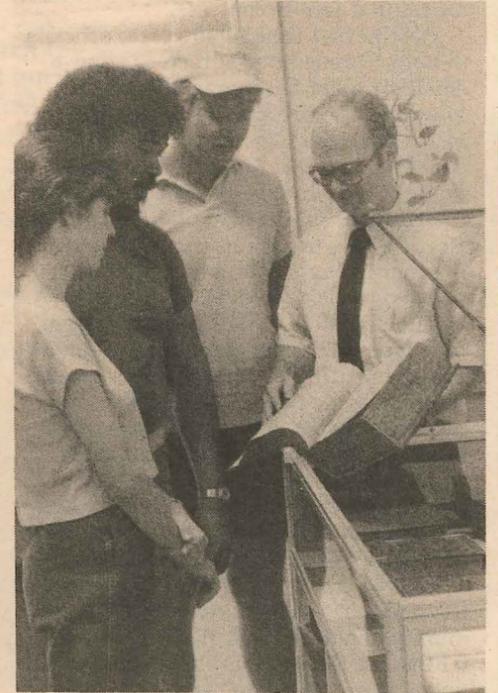
This very old copy of the scriptures was one of a few rare books that escaped the consuming flames of the terrible April 1930 fire on the college campus. The blaze engulfed the library destroying 50,000 or more books, scientific paraphernalia, records, valued furnishings and a handsome 37 year old general purpose academic building.

The College's new librarian, Terry Martin, who serves as a chief guardian of the Cooke Library's growing rare collections, is particularly proud of the Holy Scripture collection. Martin joined the faculty this summer.

He regards the Bibles as "a special highlight of interest for a church-related college." Martin, of course, hopes that many scholars will contribute manuscripts and books to enrich the collection.



Seen here are the rare Bibles on display this summer in Georgetown College's Cooke Memorial Library. The collection has already drawn considerable interest from students, faculty and friends of the College.



Head Librarian Terry Martin is discussing with students some of the details found in *Biblia Sacra* which was printed in 1585. The very rare Latin Version is in excellent condition. Pictured looking on are: (l. to r.) Julia Fister, Ken Downs and Tim Carpenter.

Student Summer Missions Booming Again at Georgetown

During the summer months, some Georgetown College students are serving in ministerial assignments all across America. Some remain in Kentucky, while a few can be found on foreign soil.

A number of the appointees have taken up pens to write of their experiences in the Lord's service. Accounts of the events in their lives have been shared with Steve Cook, Director of Church Relations and Dr. Jack Birdwhistell, campus minister.

Following are comments lifted from Georgetown College summer missionary's letters to the campus.

- Chris Sears of Shepherdsville, serving in summer missions in Delaware, writes, "Things are still going well. We are starting our migrant ministry soon. Last week was our first Sunday service at Rehoboth Beach; we had 12. That was great for up here."

- From Michigan, Lisa Henson of Ripley, WV reports, "Howdy, Doc! I made it to the Michigan Tundra (several hours before my luggage). It's beautiful up here and not nearly as cold as I thought it might be. I'll be spending most of the summer working at Monroe Missionary Baptist Church and some time in a couple of smaller churches."

- From another cool climate, Buffalo, NY, Lorie Biggs of Columbus, OH writes, "Things were rough at first but they are getting better. My partner and I are moving along in my surveying. I saw Don Francisco in concert and got my picture taken with him and the other summer missionaries. We went to the Falls. It is only 20 minutes away!"

- Valerie Fields from Mt. Vernon, who's working in far away Eureka, California, sent this report: "I'm doing fine

and having a great time! This is the first week of V.B.S. and I've survived! I'm in the country country I've ever seen! The church is an old two-room school house and reminds me of the 'Little House on the Prairie.' The churches are tiny, but very open and friendly. They're so appreciative of us that I feel like a saint or something!"

- Jim Dean of Erlanger, one summer missionary, US-2er writes from Brysan City, NC, "I'm working at Nantahak Outdoor Center. It's a whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and hiking center. It's very beautiful. The rafting is known world-wide. Good old Jim is the trailblazer in Southeastern North Carolina resort missions."

- From Trenton, Florida, where he is working as a chaplain's assistant, Tom Bevers of North Vernon, Indiana, reports, "I've travelled over 2,000 miles in a car not to mention my flight. I've seen almost 80 saved and over 40 baptized. I've grown more spiritually in the past four weeks than I ever have before."

- Jeff Coursey from Henderson, our B.S.U. president, writes from Cedarmore, where he's part of the Son-teams, "After one week in the mission field, we have managed to work, play, sleep, work, play, sleep, work, play, sleep, etc. I have been telling my jokes and no one has laughed at them. In fact, my team has banned me from telling jokes the rest of the summer. Thanks for the check. I needed some extra money at this point. However, there is no place to cash it, so it is phoney money!"

Many other Georgetown students are involved in worthwhile activities this summer. Most students are working, so they can afford to come back to school!

Business and Economic Group Coups Honors

The Georgetown College Phi Upsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a business and economics honorary fraternity, won five high awards at the recent National Leadership Conference held in Houston, Texas, according to Dr. Suzanne Peal, college advisor to the group.

Sophomore Chris Sears of Shepherdsville, Kentucky won second place in impromptu speaking in national competition.

Richmond junior Brian Thomas, Chapter president of the honorary at Georgetown, teamed with Jim Walters of Murray State University to win sixth place in business decision making.

Georgetown's outstanding special project, based on Economics Awareness Week, won a second place award.

The project report was prepared by senior Vicki Sue Cooper of Independence, Kentucky. The project emphasized awareness of the free enterprise system in America.

The College's Community Service Project placed tenth in the nation. A report covering this project was prepared by Brian Thomas. His report told of the Chapter's year-long involvement with the Georgetown Readiness Center.

The national office of Phi Beta Lambda honored Georgetown College's Phi Upsilon Chapter by picking it as one of only four chapters to present its Getting Involved with a Business Success Story at the Houston conference.

Georgetown has the only Chapter to have been chosen for three years running to participate in the Getting Involved national project.

C.G. Chorale Schedules Major Fall Plans

The late fall dates for four concert appearances by the Georgetown College Chorale were released this week by Professor Tony Whitfield, director of the fifty voice coed group.

The Chorale will give an evening performance at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, on Sunday, November 10, to open its concert series, according to Whitfield, who begins his fourth year with the Chorale this fall.

During the week following, the group will be heard in two major concerts scheduled during the Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in Lexington.

On Monday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m., the Georgetown ensemble will offer a concert at the Kentucky Baptist Music Association's annual meeting.

The Chorale will give a mini-concert for the Convention on Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. in the auditorium of Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church. The choir will also provide special music during the worship period which follows.

One of the highlights of Georgetown College's music program is the annual Christmas Concert by the Chorale. It is set for Thursday evening, December 12, in the school's John L. Hill Chapel.

The Christmas concert has attracted a full house every year for more than a quarter of a century.

Professor Whitfield also offered an early announcement about Chorale plans to tour Europe during the summer of 1987.

The Chorale enjoyed a successful European tour in June 1984 when it appeared in a concert at a half dozen stops in Bavaria and Austria. The tour was capped by a concert in the Vienna Concert House.

Plans for the 1987 return tour are incomplete at this time, but tentatively include stops in Brussels, Belgium; Paris, Lyon and Nice, France; Milan, Italy; Switzerland; and Cologne, Germany.

The choir will be joined by friends and alumni for the eventful Western European visit and concerts.