



**TO TELL THE TRUTH.** When the Home Mission Board met for its first session following election of 13 new directors by the SBC in Dallas one of the new board members answered to the name of HMB president Bill Tanner [above, right]. With him is Dr. William F. Tanner, professor of geology at Florida State University and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, Tallahassee.

## Bobby Vassar

### In Kenya, his 'greatest joy' came at Mombasa's Baptist high school

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

More than 50 public decisions resulted.

Three-fifths of them were first time decisions.

Bobby Vassar, the 30-year-old single pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, referred to his experience at the



Vassar

Baptist high school at Mombasa last spring as the "greatest satisfaction" of his three-week trip to Kentucky Baptists' partnership nation.

While there were several decisions made publicly in church settings where Vassar spoke along the Indian Ocean coastline, more occurred at the school operated by Southern Baptists in this nation's second largest city than elsewhere. For a former youth director, this

gave Vassar a great deal of pride and joy.

Vassar had such a good experience as a volunteer, he exclaimed, that he has every intention of returning to Kenya in 1987, the final year of the three-year partnership arrangement between Baptists there and here. "I'll go where I'm needed most," he intoned.

Reflecting on his journey, Vassar said he had gained a "broader understanding" of Southern Baptist missionaries—how "normal" they are as people. He adds that he is much more aware of the "tremendous financial need" now in sharing the gospel.

"I know what my money is doing and how with greater sacrifice more could be done," he surmised.

Vassar traveled by himself and found "a new dependence" as a result. He said he "marveled" at how God provided "at every juncture" with the help he needed "to move me through it easily."

He has become a "better communicator" with WMU, Brotherhood and youth mission organizations in his church as a result.

While in Kenya Vassar spoke in four churches and the high school, in a total of 18 services.

He found people there warm and friendly, and never sensed "a need to be fearful." For the first time in his life, he said, he realized what it was like to be a "minority person."

He cited a significant need in the area of church programming in Kenya, such as Sunday school education. He also observed that Baptists in Kenya seemed to have little knowledge of biblical stories, which challenged him in relating incidents in his messages.

Vassar said he never found anything he couldn't eat. He said there was always an interpreter, a national Baptist pastor or a missionary with him coordinating his travel. He was never in doubt where he was to go next and what was expected of him.

He found the Kenyans' music "lively" and in their prayers "you could feel their communication between the individuals and God even though you didn't understand their language."

## Baptist men go to Campbellsville for Brotherhood meet Oct. 3-4

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church will host Baptist Men across Kentucky at the state's annual Brotherhood Convention Oct. 3-4.

The two-day agenda begins at 7 p.m. Thursday. Other sessions are Friday at 9 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 7 p.m., according to William L. Kaufman, state Brotherhood Department director.

Dialog groups meet Friday morning and afternoon on lay revivals, Royal Ambassadors, Baptist Men, disaster relief, the Kenya project and resort missions.

The department's newly acquired disaster relief vehicles will be dedicated in ceremonies Friday afternoon. Trained volunteers will be recognized.

A barbecue chicken dinner will be served by Campbellsville area Baptist men Friday at 5.30 p.m. Reservations, at \$2 per person, should be made in advance by check to Glen Canada, Rte. 4, Box 242, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

Principal program personalities include Tom Raper, Richmond, Ind. businessman, C. L. Bowe, New Mexico rancher, Gene Smith, Campbellsville businessman, Carl Hall, Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya, James Merritt, Laurel, Miss. pastor, Charles Barnes, Louisville banker, plus Kentucky Baptist men leading worship periods and giving testimonies about volunteer service in Kenya.

Musical groups appearing at the convention will represent the Glendale Baptist Children's Home, Glen Dale, Ky., and Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

Ed Garr, minister of music at the host church, will direct the convention's music. James E. Jones is host pastor.

Other Brotherhood Department staff members at the convention include Rob Carr, associate director, and Michael



Kaufman



Carr

Carey Dixon, seminary student intern. Lodging reservations should be made early with the motel of one's choice. Facilities available include.

- Lakeview Motel, Hwy. 68 North, Campbellsville, KY 42718 (\$27 single, \$31.50 double)
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- Lucky Vista Motel, South Columbia Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718 (\$27 single, \$30.45 double)
- Towne Motel, South Columbia Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718 (\$27 single, \$33 double)
- Campbellsville College, c/o Steven White, Box 545, Campbellsville, KY 42718 (\$6 per person double).

## Southern Baptists provide one-third U. S. missionaries

According to a survey of U. S. denominations by David T. Bunch, Home Mission Board Mission Service Corps coordination director, 33.7 percent of all missionaries in the U. S. are Southern Baptist. From a survey of 92 denominations, of whom 64 responded, there were 11,064 missionaries serving within the United States.

The largest number was reported by Southern Baptists (3723), followed in order by Christian Churches and Churches of Christ (1461), the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (967), Church of the Nazarene (600), General Association of Regular Baptists (534), United Church of Christ (514), The American Lutheran Church (350), Assemblies of God (292), Volunteers of America (290) and Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (220).

Roman Catholic figures were estimated at 250 and United Methodist figures at 190. The United Presbyterian Church no longer has a national missionary force, and the Presbyterian Church in the United States has no missionaries but does have a network of 100 hunger enablers.

The count of Southern Baptist missionaries in the U. S. could be expanded if it included the 750 adult volunteers serving 1-2 year terms, the 1500 college youth serving 10-weeks each summer and the 3500 adults serving several weeks as volunteers each year. If the count included missionaries employed exclusively by state conventions and/or associations, the number would be increased between 200 and 500.

The most sobering result of Bunch's study is that so little home mission work is provided by other Christian officials. Only two other denominations have more than 750 home missionaries which is the number of Mission Service Corps volunteers noted earlier.



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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## A quiet time

You have noted that Baptist Forum, the section of Western Recorder which carries opinion and comment from readers, has virtually disappeared. Not by choice of the editor, because I believe Baptist Forum is essential to a good state paper. It is the one place in Baptist life where the most obscure person can be heard equally with the most exalted one among us. Baptist Forum has slowed down due to limited response from our readers.

The nature of convention life at this time may help explain the dry nature of this stream of Baptist expression. We are in a time of hiatus with no heated public debate, no name calling, no open warfare among the brethren. This apparently peaceful period may be only the calm before another storm but it is a time when the hot rhetoric of the past year is not in the news. Thus readers have very little negative thoughts and no strong emotional reactions to express in a public forum.

This silence is penetrating commentary on Baptist life. We get excited about negative stuff, bad news and squabbles, but have little passion for peace and practically nothing to say when the storms are beyond the public horizon. Good news, obviously, is not news worth deep reaction or comment.

Perhaps another reason for the slow down in Baptist Forum is the plea of our SBC peace committee. You recall the committee asked all of us to use restraint in our comments during the early days of the committee's work. Perhaps our silence is in deference to this wise request from the men and women we have chosen as leaders in peacemaking. Our lack of letters then is a good and proper effort to cooperate in one of the most important tasks Southern Baptists have at this moment.

However, we need to know that a request for restraint is not a call for silence nor discontinuance of thought. The call for restraint is not a call for lack of concern or interest in convention life. It is a plea for us to cool our temper but not stop our thinking and sharing. In fact now, in the calm of a truce-like atmosphere, may be the best time for some careful thinking and thoughtful public expression.

Baptist Forum welcomes comment from Kentucky Baptists. Now is the time for you to open your heart and share a good word for the edification of all of us.

## Warning from experience

A few weeks ago I had an experience I do not want again, yet even in the stress of that horrible time I have thanksgiving for God's goodness and a word of warning to my colleagues in ministry.

We ministers are notorious for not taking care of our physical bodies as we should. We keep atrocious hours, have lots of pressure and eat entirely too much. All of this puts great strain on our physical system, and as we grow older the apparatus begins to fall apart.

Such was the case with me. I awoke about midnight with a sense of fullness, a racing pulse and cold sweat. I thought I was having a heart attack so I awakened Margaret who hustled me off to Baptist Hospital.

After an anxious night and several days of tests, including a treadmill, the conclusion was that I had eaten too much at an associational meeting and had indigestion.

The good part of all this is that I had a complete physical, including the gastrointestinal stuff all of us hate, and several other things I would not take time to have done if it were not an emergency.

The warning is this: shape up. Ministers are not immune to the ravages of age and neglect any more than anyone else. The wear and tear catches up, and unless we take better care of ourselves we will find our ministry cut short by our own foolishness.

See your physician now for some simple tests that may save your life. If you do it now you might avoid a midnight trip to the hospital with fear racing through you and your loved ones.

One final word. The tests I had taken proved that I am as sound as an old war horse can be at 60 years. My physician even told me to jog if I had a passion for that sort of thing. I will not do that but it is good to know that God has perhaps given me a warning. I am not immune to decay, but care in lifestyle can postpone that decay for more useful years of service to Christ.

## Another kind of checkup

It is that time of year again. The committee has been elected, or will be, organization is not far away and the work will begin in earnest by Labor Day. By the Thanksgiving holiday all the work will be done and the die cast for another year.

I am referring to the finance or budget committee of the local church. This committee has one of the most critical jobs in a Baptist church because the destiny of so many people rests with them. Wisdom, compassion, generosity and prudence are demanded if this committee is to serve well the family of God.

Some areas of church life demand this committee's most prayerful consideration. One is world missions. In these days of tight money the tendency is to cut back on what is far away and out of sight. Thousands of people are directly dependent upon our gifts so budget money for world missions through the Cooperative Program is a top priority.

Another area of constant need and an area frequently low on the priority list is staff support. The salaries of staff members in Baptist churches are shamefully low as a rule. That ought not to be since these people are totally dependent upon the generosity of the church. We would not want our ministers working in the secular world 40 hours a week in order to support their families when we are more than able. Staff support must be a top priority if we are to have a good household of faith.

Finally, the item most often put on the bottom of the priority list is evangelism. We must put money into program materials and training if we are to win people to Christ as we ought.

Make your church financial checkup now and determine that you will have top priority for missions, staff and evangelism. Nothing else will give us good financial health in the church.

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# Grady L. Randolph: he knew the greats, and near greats

*A golfer and gardener  
tees off for the last time  
next week in his role as  
a denominational  
servant. Grady looks  
back over a career that  
has allowed him to  
participate in his love  
for missions by  
investing other peoples'  
bequests*

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor



GARDENER GRADY. Aside from golfing, he'll do this most.

Grady L. Randolph retires Aug. 31, four days short of his 65th birthday.

For 16-and-a-half years Randolph has been executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation in Middletown.

He claims he's leaving a few days before he's 76 because he wants to retire in a "normal, unflappable" way, without rancor and irritation "because I don't have any."

Randolph said he wants retirement to be "a pleasant experience," and admits part of that is "my responsibility."

Born in Sparta, Tenn. and graduated from Peabody College, Nashville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he felt a call "early on" to some type of mission investment for his life. But his particular dream of foreign missions was never realized, due to a health problem.

Yet, when he was approached about the Middletown position while serving Elkhorn Association as director of missions, he began to realize the potential for missions in what would be the capstone of his professional career.

The Foundation heavily emphasized stewardship and giving for missions, he learned. While he admits there is "nothing else like this (the Foundation) in Baptist life," the first large check he invested for the Foundation—over \$100,000, designated for foreign missions—confirmed for him the "rightness" about his decision to go to Middletown.

Randolph observes that the Foundation has a "broad interest" and touches "every aspect" of denominational work. Through it, he has been able to be connected with "so many phases of Baptist life."

Much of Randolph's early life and career were spent in Nashville. He had the opportunity to "grow up with" denominational workers and has an "abiding appreciation" for them. While he "never dreamed" he would be one of them, he can recite names now of the "greats and near greats" who resided in Nashville in the 30s, 40s and 50s, with whom he was intimately acquainted. It all sounds like a roll call of Southern Baptist leadership:

T. L. Holcomb, Noble Van Ness, Homer L. Grice, J. E. Lambdin, Ina Smith Lambdin, J. N. Barnette, B. B. McKinney, W. Hines Sims, Keith C. Von Hagen, Harold E. Ingraham, R. L. Middleton, W. A. Harrell, Herman F. Burns, A. V. Washburn, Joe W. Burton, Loren R. Williams, Hardie C. Bass, G. Kearnie Keegan, William Hall Preston, Merrill D. Moore and others. It was James L. Sullivan, who later

became executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who preached Randolph's ordination sermon. Randolph's daughter-in-law is Washburn's youngest daughter. Washburn was secretary of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department for two decades.

There were other ties with SBC leadership.

"Many of them were in our church," Randolph recalls, going back to 1947-52 when he served Woodmont Church, Nashville, as associate pastor. (G. Allen West, now Kenya partnership associate for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was the pastor.) Randolph left Woodmont to help a fledgling group of Baptists living in what was then the southern part of the city to organize and establish Glenwood Church. He was pastor from 1952-55.

Randolph's later pastorates included Shawnee Church, 1955-61, and Beechland Church, 1961-63, both in Louisville; and First Church, Harrisburg, Ill., 1963-66.

In 1943 he married the former June E. Hardcastle of Nashville. They are parents of Wayne, 37, a Memphis, Tenn. minister of music; Darlene, 35, of Atlanta; and Karen Woolum, 29, of Jasper, Ind.

What has Randolph enjoyed most about his years in the Baptist Building?

He's tempted to say raising dollars for "worthy purposes." But the "bottom line" has been "helping people achieve their goals" in Christian stewardship, he says. He has "touched their lives" and helped them "realize their dreams for their assets."

He also believes the Kentucky Baptist Foundation has come to a point of "respectability and trust" among Baptists. He is convinced an agency of this type must have "certain professionalism" about it, and thinks it has achieved that.

Randolph has "enjoyed" working with three executive secretaries in the Baptist Building (Harold G. Sanders, Franklin Owen and William W. Marshall), plus his colleagues. He "tried to show cooperation" even though the Foundation's work is "considerably different" from most of the programs of work within the building.

What of the future for Randolph? Specifically, he'll be a field consultant "six or seven days a month" for the SBC Annuity Board, helping raise funds for men who have retired and who "do not have adequate funds." The territory he will travel includes Kentucky, middle Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana.

He's available to preach, as a pulpit supply or interim pastor. Meanwhile, in his own church (Hurstbourne Baptist), he continues as moderator. He has been on the finance, long range planning and building committees there in times past, as well as a substitute Sunday school teacher. He's "even sung in the choir" and may "try it again."

Aside from that, Randolph's heart is in golfing, gardening and "just being a handyman" around the house. He's the carpenter, wallpaperer, electrician and plumber at the Randolph address.

June Randolph, meanwhile, is an elementary school teacher, and will continue in her profession "at least another year or two."

For one who once thought missions had "completely passed" him by, Grady Randolph arrives at the end of an active career which bordered on missions all along. He assures that "discovering and following" God's purpose for a life is rewarding in itself.



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## clear creek comment

### Dealing with temptation

I have been thinking recently about temptation. There is a difference between testing and temptation in the life of a Christian. In Rom. 12:2 Paul uses a word which means "that you may test out and prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." However, James uses another word when he says, "God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" (James 1:13). I am convinced that God tests his children and allows us to be tested. However, he does not tempt us to do evil.

We are to watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation (Mk. 14:38) and the model prayer teaches us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation" (Matt. 6:13). Our Lord was tempted by Satan in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1) and was tempted in all points just as we are (Heb. 4:15). We should then expect that temptation will be a part of our Christian lives.

Henry Mencken once said, "Temptation is an irresistible force at work on a movable object," and we know no one is immune to temptation anywhere at any age. Oscar Wilde humorously stated, "I can resist anything except temptation."

We can be tempted by gross sins and by the things of the world. But temptation can take a more subtle approach and can appear as something attractive and irresistible.

At Clear Creek, we teach our students to resist temptation and stay away from thoughts, attitudes, speech or actions which are wrong in the sight of God. We believe that every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory for the Lord.

Most importantly, we stress reliance on the Lord when tempted. Paul reminded us that "God is faithful and will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will, with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13). As we deal with temptation in our lives, it is wonderful to know that the Lord is dealing with temptation in my life also!

"In the hour of my distress, /When temptations me oppress, /And when I my sins confess, /Sweet Spirit comfort me! /Either with despair or doubt; /Yet before the night be out, /Sweet Spirit comfort me! —Robert Herrick

# baptist forum

## Reader finds 'good' in Dallas

Can anything good come out of the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas? Surprisingly, the answer for me as an individual is "yes." I have been a Southern Baptist since I was 15 years old (previously being Evangelical United Brethren, later United Methodist. I attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was ordained by a Southern Baptist church, and have been serving as a minister in a Southern Baptist institution for three years (Baptist Hospital East). Six years ago when the present controversy began, I quietly assured myself that if worse came to worse I would become United Methodist. However, reflection on this year's SBC in Dallas has led me to think otherwise. I discover my roots have taken hold in Southern Baptist soil.

Because many people in the Southern Baptist church that I belonged to believed and practiced the "priesthood of all believers," I was, at age 16, challenged to explore my personal relationship with God through Christ in a way that was and continues to be life changing.

The Southern Baptists' commitment to missions gave me the opportunity to serve for two summers with a home missionary who believed and practiced the gospel holistically. The Cooperative Program afforded me an excellent education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I found in the faculty of SBTS men and women committed to the word of God who challenged me to think and question in ways that have deepened my commitment to God and the Bible as record of God's participation in our history.

Finally, it is in the context of a Southern Baptist institution that I am afforded the opportunity to minister to others in ways that deepen my faith as well as theirs.

Southern Baptists have given much to me. I believe that much of what I have been given derives from our commitment to the word of God, the priesthood of the believer, the autonomy of the local church and missions in the broadest sense of the word (via the Cooperative Program). I am grateful and, as I discovered amidst reflection on the convention in Dallas, rooted. Thus it is I have chosen to stay Southern Baptist in the best sense of the word that word and to work toward keeping us as a convention "Southern Baptist" in the historical sense! I pray that as good has come out of the controversy for me personally, that God will bring good out of the controversy in our convention as a whole.

Bob W. Cunningham, Louisville

## Postscript on Kenya

It was a great thrill to pick up the July 23 issue of Western Recorder and see the article concerning the Kenyan ministry by Harold Greenfield, Allen West and myself. Apr. 14-May 1, 1985 will always be a major part of the memory bank of my mind. Those were special days indeed for me. Prior to arriving in Nairobi, Kenya, I knew much about foreign missions through emphasis placed on this in all the churches in which I have held membership. Since May, however, my knowledge of foreign missions is now from first hand experience and what a difference. I learned things about missions that one can never learn reading mission stories or watching missions presented by visual aids. Even world missions conferences cannot match the thrill of

being there. When I see a missionary to Kenya on the missionary prayer calendar I can have a real picture of where that person is serving and his or her special needs. This gives me such a greater avenue of prayer for these missionaries we met while in Kenya.

In the paragraph above you would be aware of the thrill that was mine while serving in Kenya. But I want this paragraph to address the thrills that have been mine since I have returned to Kentucky. My heart has overflowed by letters of appreciation received from pastors of some of the churches there. I wanted to take this opportunity to give you some excerpts from some of these letters. George Wangila of the Keimbeni Baptist Church, Mombasa, where I held a revival, wrote: "People in Kiembeni love and need you very much. We are glad that you came to bring us more about our Lord Jesus. Pass my sincere greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ in your church and Kentucky as a whole and tell them that we Christians in Kenya are really happy to receive them warmly." Elijah Wanje served as my interpreter at the meeting of the Kenya Baptist Convention. He writes: "There is a great need for more teachings but I believe we have made the first step. Thank your church for sending you and supporting you to come and help us. I believe with continuous teaching, things will be better in Kenya." Moses Oraya, pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church, Rusinga Island, wrote: "I thank God for your teachings and I told my people about the Kentucky/Kenya partnership. We thank God for your support." Other letters shared the same element of thanks.

These letters indicate to me what I saw with my eyes while in Kenya. The Baptists in Kenya are so appreciative of our efforts there. I encourage you to plan a trip of ministry to a beautiful country named Kenya. You will find beautiful people who are hungry for the gospel of Christ. You will find a people who can never stop thanking you for your ministry to them. I will forever cherish my time there. And, yes, if it is God's will I plan to return in 1987.

Keith Rogers, Loyall

## Pastor returns to state

After retiring from the pastorate of Glencoe Baptist Church, Mrs. Rountree and I went on mission to Hawaii. We spent four years there under the Home Mission Board the last year and I had received Western Recorder every month (by personal subscription).

Please put a notice in Western Recorder that I have returned to Glencoe, available for supply, interim work and revivals.

I was used in Hawaii in beginning two missions, the last one in North Kohala on the "big island." It was a great experience. I pastored 30 years in the state, the last 15 at Glencoe.

Everett M. Rountree, Glencoe

## Successful crusade in Trinidad

I wanted to share with you about the most successful crusade to Trinidad we have ever conducted.

There were 22 people consisting of three laymen, four ladies and 15 preachers on the crusade team.

We left the 18th of July and returned the 30th. We preached in 20 churches as well as on the streets and conducted vacation Bible school in 15 churches with an average daily attendance of 1725. There were 691 recorded conver-

sions and 631 rededications. We preached to about 11,000 people in all the churches.

We thank God for whatever success we had and pray for the new-born souls and those who made commitments to the Lord.

Thanks for letting me share this with you.

Calvin C. Wilkins, Mayfield

## Jimmy Carter for SBC president

Norris Gilliam, a deacon in First Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn., and formerly a deacon in Second-Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, recently wrote me. The following is an excerpt from his letter:

"I believe the real solution to the SBC division is to find someone to nominate as president next year that is beyond and above both sides. We need a national leader who is a layman and has proven ability and knowledge of the world needs. My suggestion is Jimmy Carter, and I believe he would serve if the right people approached him. From all indications he is a concerned, dedicated Christian and would not mind calling a spade a spade to get real action in our agencies. I believe the great middle-road Baptists would vote for him.

"Your comments please!! If you agree with this idea, can you suggest this to some of your influential friends."

I presume to write to you, therefore, to ask your consideration of this suggestion and to request any advice you may wish to give. Responses from other Kentucky Baptists would also be welcome.

Personally, I feel that the suggestion has tremendous merit and that it is not too early to start a movement toward its accomplishment. As one who has previously served both with the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, as well as the Kentucky Baptist Convention, I am greatly concerned about our mission programs.

Thank you for considering this and I will await your response.

Yours in Christian concern,  
Joseph R. Estes, Louisville

## Association wants unity

Whereas the Ohio County Baptist Association has historically given unhindered service to local Baptist churches and unquestioned support of both the Kentucky Baptist and Southern Baptist conventions, and

Whereas in the face of denominational trauma the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention held in Dallas, Tex., encouraged Baptists to carry forth a spirit of peace and unity, and

Whereas a spirit of hope and unparalleled progress yet lies in the future for Southern Baptist.

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Baptist Association in that same spirit of unity and peace send affirmation and encouragement to the elected officers of our Southern Baptist Convention, president Charles Stanley, first vice president Winfred Moore and second vice president Henry Huff as they prayerfully give of their service to Southern Baptists and

Be It Further Resolved in the same spirit of peace and noninflammatory rhetoric that the Ohio County Baptist Association give its appreciation and affirmation to the heads of our 19 Southern Baptist agencies, and

Be It Finally Resolved that this spirit of prayer and peace be expressed to each of the aforementioned individuals by letter from the associational clerk on instruction by and behalf of the Ohio County Baptist Association.

*Editor's note: Several associations have passed resolutions such as the above. The resolution printed is reflective of a growing spirit of concern which can only help us attain peace.*

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# christian education

## Greenville couple starts Georgetown scholarship

Wayne Cisney, a Greenville business man and attorney, and his wife, Frances, have established a scholarship fund at Georgetown (Ky.) College with an eventual goal of \$75,000.

"An initial gift of \$10,000 for the new scholarship made recently will be enlarged through subsequent additions to the fund until it reaches the planned goal," said Don Cawthorne, deferred gift consultant at Georgetown.

"The scholarship addresses two principal interests," noted Cawthorne. "It will be shared with full time students of need at Georgetown College who come from Muhlenberg County or western Kentucky."

Mrs. Cisney has served the school as a trustee several terms and is presently a member of the College Associates. The 1938 alumna of Georgetown College served one term as national chairperson for the school's annual alumni fund.

## Fuller Seminary head will speak in Louisville

David A. Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary will be the keynote speaker for the first National Conference on Biblical Preaching, Mar. 11-14, 1986, at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The preaching conference is being sponsored by the National Center for Christian Preaching at Southern Seminary. It will feature conferences on preaching from the Old and New Testaments, creative biblical preaching, expository preaching, planning your preaching and several other topic areas.

In addition to Hubbard, who will present the 1986 E. Y. Mullins Lectures on Preaching, conference leaders include: J. Alfred Smith, pastor of Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, Cal.; Roger Lovette, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clemson, S. C.; D. L. Lowry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex.; Ken Hemphill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; James Barry, preaching and worship consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Southern Seminary preaching faculty Raymond Bailey, James Cox and Kenneth Chafin.

Registration cost will be \$40 if registered prior to Feb. 14, 1986, and \$50 until the Mar. 7 deadline. Information on registration and housing is available by writing: National Conference on Biblical Preaching, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

## Registration dates set for Cumberland College

Cumberland College, Williamsburg, will hold registration for fall semester classes on Tuesday, Aug. 27 and Wednesday, Aug. 28, according to Cumberland College president Jim Taylor.

College resident halls will open to receive freshmen Friday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. Resident halls will open to receive upperclassmen on Sunday, Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Freshmen will spend Saturday and Monday in advising and orientation. Advising for upperclassmen will be on Monday, Aug. 26 and Tuesday, Aug. 27.

On Tuesday, Aug. 27, registration for freshmen and transfer students will

begin at 1 p.m. in the Gatliff Gymnasium. Seniors will register Wednesday, Aug. 28 beginning at 8 a.m. Registration for other upperclassmen will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Classes will begin on Thursday, Aug. 29. The last day to enter a class will be Wednesday, Sept. 4.

## Evangelism Congress set for SBTS in February

"Proclaiming the Gospel" is the theme of the fourth annual Congress on Evangelism, sponsored by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Feb. 17-19, 1986.

Featured speakers will include Stephen F. Olford, evangelist, author and expositor, and Franklin Graham, director of Samaritan's Purse and son of evangelist Billy Graham.

The program will also feature small group conferences, music and inspirational worship experiences.

"We believe this is going to be a program of tremendous value to the pastor who wants to preach the gospel more effectively and also the layperson who wants to become a stronger witness," explained Lewis A. Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism and conference coordinator. Drummond also indicated that additional program personalities will be announced in the fall.

For more information on the Congress on Evangelism, contact Drummond at Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

## Seminary social work degree granted candidacy

The Council on Social Work Education has granted candidacy status to the master of social work degree program of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, effective retroactively for the 1984-85 academic year.

According to C. Anne Davis, dean of the Carver School of Church Social Work, this decision marks the first time candidacy has been awarded to a program in a non-university setting. Mrs. Davis anticipates the program may be able to achieve full accreditation within a year.

The MSW program was begun in the fall of 1983 at Southern Seminary. The Carver School of Church Social Work, established in March 1984, will graduate its first class in May.

This year, 60 students were enrolled either in the first year certificate of theology studies or in the first year of actual MSW work. Because the program has not yet been through a full three year cycle, no students were enrolled in second year MSW studies. Mrs. Davis expects about 115 students when the full three year cycle is complete.

## Boyce Bible School elects student officers

The Student Fellowship at Boyce Bible School, Louisville, has elected officers for the 1985-86 academic year.

Those elected were: Paul Brewer, president, from Hopkinsville, Ky.; John Stovall, vice president, from Lafayette, Ind.; Barbara Hall, secretary-treasurer, from Louisville; Marion Stice, assistant secretary-treasurer, from Fairdale, Ky.; Johnnie Bourke, program director; Kim Bonta, assistant program director, from Louisville; and Jimmy Leek, news reporter, from Brownsville, Tenn.

## Southern Seminary adds two people to staff

Deena M. Yates and John Hughes have been named assistant directors of prospective student services at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Miss Yates, a native of Marion, Va., is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. and is currently enrolled in the MDiv program at Southern Seminary. She was previously an admissions counselor at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

Hughes, a 1985 graduate of Southern Seminary with the MDiv, is a native of Columbus, Miss. He holds the BA from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. He is pastor of Woodward's Valley Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky., and was associate youth minister of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville. He also has held positions in Hickory Ridge Baptist Church, Florence, Miss. and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss.

## Campbellsville veep gets doctoral degree at Vandy

Robert S. Clark, vice president for academics and professor of social sciences at Campbellsville (Ky.) College, has been awarded the doctor of education degree in higher education administration from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Clark has been vice president for academics at Campbellsville College since 1976. From 1966-76 he was associate professor of social sciences at the college.

A native of Shelbyville, Ky., Clark holds the BA degree from Georgetown (Ky.) College; the MA degree from Middle Tennessee State University, and the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He has done additional graduate study in history and philosophy at Vanderbilt University and Tulane University.

Clark has also been professor of religious studies at Cumberland College of Tennessee, and pastor of Baptist churches in Mt. Juliet, Tenn. and Lebanon, Tenn.

## Former Cumberland dean joins WMU, SBC staff

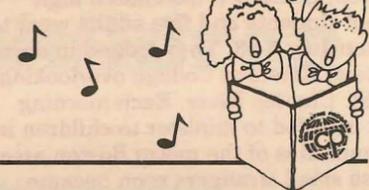
Barbara Elder assumed the position of program specialist Aug. 1 at Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, in Birmingham. She succeeds Evelyn Blount, who recently has moved to South Carolina WMU as executive director.

Miss Elder will preview manuscripts of magazines and other products to

ensure they fall within the guidelines of WMU's base design, a document outlining the responsibilities, tasks and operations of the organization.

A Virginia native and a 1965 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Miss Elder has been Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women director at Maryland/Delaware WMU for the past eight years. Earlier, she was Girls Auxiliary Sunbeam director for Louisiana WMU from 1965-68 and assistant dean of women at Cumberland (Ky.) College from 1969-77. (BP)

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# Miss Biggs and the cabbage patch kids

## From Somerset they went north to do something for somebody else

by Denise Spencer, State Correspondent

The sounds of children playing echoed from the dirt yard. Youngsters laughed and chattered happily in Cambodian. The gentle summer breeze brought with it an aroma of a home-cooked meal. Indoors, more children gathered around their visitors to hear Bible stories.

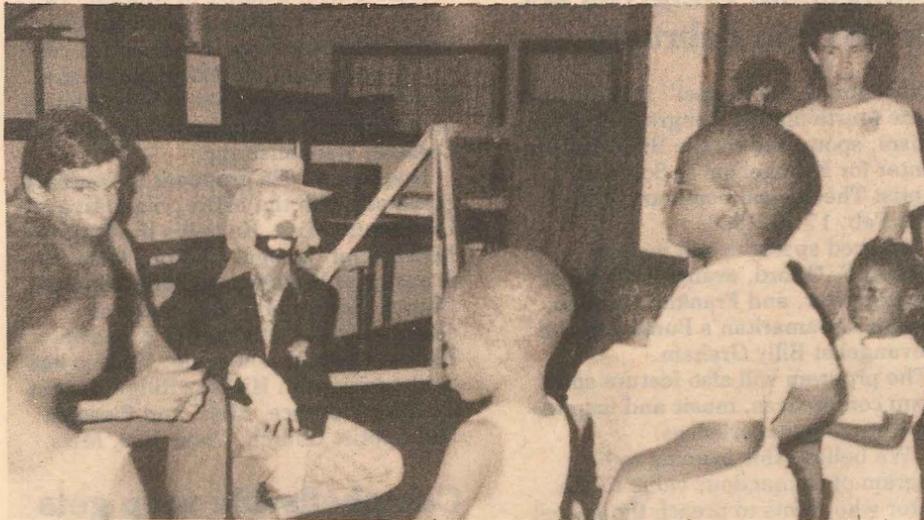
It may sound like a scene from the foreign mission field, but the setting was Boston, Mass. The visitors were young people from First Baptist Church, Somerset. Seventeen high school students and five adults went to Boston July 6-13. They lodged in dormitories at Emerson College overlooking the St. Charles River. Each morning they traveled to minister to children in communities of the metro Boston area. These small strangers soon became friends in an atmosphere of love and sharing.

The mission team was divided into five groups, with group leaders Bryan Ledford, Eric Elliot, Krista Wallace, Laura Biggs and Forrest Winchester. Three groups went to Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Dorchester, Mass., to conduct vacation Bible school. Two groups traveled to Revere, Mass. to lead backyard Bible clubs for the Cambodian Baptist church.

An American black church, Antioch Missionary Baptist, has been part of the Southern Baptist Convention for four years. The Cambodian Baptist Fellowship is not yet a church, but hopes to be soon.

First Baptist applied for mission work through the Home Mission Board, requesting an inner city area. The church received an appointment to the New England Convention. Larry Martin, director of missions, Greater Boston Baptist Association and a Pulaski County native, reviewed the application. Martin contacted Michael Spencer, minister of youth and senior adults at First Baptist, and plans were underway.

Preparation is a vital part of such an



"Scruffy the clown" helps with music at vacation Bible school in Boston.

endeavor. The high school students went on a recruitment retreat in November. Spencer traveled to Boston in May to make arrangements with Walter Stevenson, pastor of Antioch. Also in May, mission team members took a one-day inner city ministry "plunge" in Louisville. Afterwards individual groups worked many hours on their own to plan lessons and activities for the children.

Why take a group from Somerset all the way to Boston? Spencer explained he wanted to go to "a large metropolitan area with diverse cultural situations." The experience did prove to be one of crossing cultural lines. Youth from Somerset and Pulaski County high schools come into contact with very few Asian and black students. Did working with these children change any attitudes? "Yes," answered Ledford, one of the group leaders. "It eased a lot of tensions and changed a lot of stereotypes." When asked if there were any problems between the team and the Antioch children, Ledford replied, "They didn't know how to react to us at first. But after we worked for them and served them they really opened up."

The racial differences were more of a challenge at the Cambodian Fellowship, where many of the children had only a limited understanding of English. Miss Biggs, another group leader, said, "We talked real slow to make sure they understood us." The older ones had a better command of English than their younger friends and often served as interpreters. Even those who could speak English well conversed with each other in Cambodian. "We didn't know what they were saying about us!" Miss Biggs laughed.

The mission team journeyed across economic lines as well as cultural. Both Ledford and Miss Biggs said of the children they worked with, "They were poor." The Cambodian families lived in an apartment building. Miss Biggs described the apartment in which the Bible club was held.

"Everything was very neat. . . . The families slept with two beds pushed together to make one large bed." Curtains made of sheets were used instead of doors to separate rooms. The children's clothing was often mismatched and sometimes out of season. Yet the children and parents were very

accepting of their wealthier visitors. They were eager to open their homes for the backyard Bible clubs and glad to share their food with club leaders. Miss Biggs stated, "The children were real creative" and anxious to learn more about Jesus. "They wanted to give a lot," she added.

The children at Antioch were also described as eager to learn. This was the first vacation Bible school the church had ever had, and the children were thrilled to have special activities for their ages. Except for choir, the church is unable to plan many things specifically for its younger members. Steve Wilson, a team member, said, "Some of them didn't even know who Jesus was." Wilson described the neighborhood as "really rough." He noted the atmosphere was "choked." There was no grass, only concrete. Feet and bicycles were the common modes of transportation, as few people could afford cars.

Thirty children were enrolled in the vacation Bible school, with an average attendance of 20. The backyard Bible clubs enrolled 16 and had an average attendance of 11. In addition, team members helped an evicted woman move from her home and assisted Antioch with building repairs.

Southern Baptist work in the Boston area is new and rapidly growing. Martin stated there is an increasing openness to Baptists among the New England residents.

How did this trip change the mission team? Miss Biggs replied the group found themselves being unselfish and "really wanting to do things to help the kids." Ledford added, "It made everybody realize how much we've got." When the week's events were over and goodbyes were said, children and team members alike cried.

The chance to take Jesus to people of a different color and status, and the opportunity to encounter him in a city of strangers, made this a journey of more than miles.

## Ohio Countians go to Michigan for first mission journey

by Betty Anderson, State Correspondent

There was something new in the program of the Ohio County Baptist Association's annual meeting Aug. 1 at Fordsville (Ky.) Baptist Church. It was a report.

While reports are nothing new for associational meetings, this one was a report of a first ever associational mission project. It was given via slides and comments from the eight people making up the mission team. Three women and five men journeyed to Menominee, Mich. (Upper Peninsula Association), a town of 12,000 on the shore of Lake Michigan, leaving July 12 and returning July 20.

Thomas L. Shelton, Ohio County's director of missions, began planning the trip Oct. 16, 1984. He had been touched by the testimony of Mona Samples who with her husband, Ted, were church planters in that area of Michigan. She had told of their work during the World Mission Conference in the Ohio County association. On Nov. 4 the executive board granted Shelton's

request to put together the Menominee Mission Project.

"The trip was the fulfillment of a dream of mine," Shelton said. "I had seen what a mission trip could do to pull an association together when my father (R. G. Shelton) was director in Green Valley Association."

Through donations by individuals and churches a budget of \$3393 was realized. A large portion was used in renting a van and trailer, and buying gas and food.

The trip focused on backyard Bible clubs in Menominee and nearby Marinette, Wisc., and working on the church building. First Baptist Church, Menominee, originally had been a car dealership and needed some partitions built inside the building as well as repair work to the external walls. The group took some materials with them and bought more there.

In Menominee the group spent their nights inside the church, sleeping on mattresses. They were somewhat surprised the first of the week at the

aloofness of the Michiganders. But by mid-week the tiny congregation had begun to warm up, responding to the results of the backyard Bible clubs and the skits, testimonies and preaching.

Besides Shelton, other ministers on the mission were Luke Watson, pastor of Hartford Second, and Gary Daugherty. There were two laymen, Roy Newcom, a member of Hartford First, and Walter Carter, who has long been a church and associational worker. The women were Madge Leisure, Flora Wilson and Susie Whittaker.

Shelton noted the wide span in age of the participants—from 18 to mid-70. Miss Leisure said, "I left with seven strangers and came back with a new family."

Daugherty commented, "I have learned that being a Southern Baptist means cooperation, the kind of cooperation that made us a better team." He soon realized, however, that "mission work is tough. I had to learn that people are different. While we were disappointed at times in the response, we

have to realize that Jesus just said, 'Go'."

One Menominee member told Carter he was amazed that "you folks came so far to do something for us." The little church had originally gotten Ohio County and the state of Ohio confused.

During the afternoon meeting in Fordsville, a missions committee was elected. Luke Watson is chairman. Other members are Susie Whittaker, Flora Wilson, Roy Newcom and Walton Carter. At the conclusion of the report that night, Shelton asked that this committee be authorized to investigate the possibility of another associational mission trip. The delegates approved. And so next year on July 31 at Hartford First there may be a second special report.

And Shelton will meet some goals for the association: to develop closer ties between churches and between pastors, to involve more people in associational work, and to develop an attitude of evangelism and witness among Ohio County Baptists.

# Construction work builds renewed interest in Mt. Gilboa Brotherhood organization

by Kima Jude, State Correspondent

When the Brotherhood of Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, meets, the men sometimes spend time discussing who in the group is most adept with hammer and nail.

It's been a sort of saving grace for the organization, which was floundering, fast on its way to becoming inactive, according to the church's pastor, Roger Alford.

Now interest in the organization has been revived, along with members' prowess in carpentry. However, it wasn't the joy of hammering nails that stimulated the revival.

It was seeing how the hammering of nails could help stimulate joy in a church revival.

Accordingly, a few weeks after their mission trip to Baltimore, Oh. last May, the Brotherhood of Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church began planning another.

The Brotherhood with support from the entire church had previously sent a mission team to Ohio in cooperation with the Kentucky-Ohio link up.

Alford said the Brotherhood organization requested that a team be allowed to do construction work by day and conduct revival services by night at a church in need of such a gift.

"We got tired of just reading about what someone else was doing and wanted to get in on the excitement ourselves," said Hardin Hosey, a dorm director at Campbellsville College and a minister.

Alford said men in the Brotherhood considered construction appropriate mission work because many were qualified to work in the area. Indeed, with layman Ed Parrott, a contractor, and a visiting friend, Joe Barnett, another contractor, in tow, the group traveled to Baltimore Baptist Church in Ohio to renovate the church's building.

Beginning at 8 a.m., Parrott and others of the mission team worked with men of the local church to transform the cement block building where the church members had been conducting worship services to a building with all the vestiges of a sanctuary.

They installed a new front door. They put down a platform for the choir and pulpit and built a baptistry area. They put in a drop ceiling. They added windows.

This cement block building was renovated to provide all the furnishings of a normal sanctuary.



Members of the Mt. Gilboa mission team doing carpentry work.

In the kitchen they covered bare block walls with sheetrock and installed a serving window.

Alford said the congregation, which averaged about 20-30 in Sunday school, had been meeting in the building for the past year and a half but were in the waiting stages for their construction needs. When the mission team donated the labor, the local church supplied the materials.

In the meantime, Alford, helped by Hosey, spent their time visiting on the church field with the pastor, Glenn Davis, in preparation for the nightly revival services. Alford, Hosey and Barnett took turns preaching. Hosey also presented a nightly children's sermon.

Alford and Darrell Hunt shared song leading responsibilities.

By the week's end the church had renovated its building from a mere meeting place to a sanctuary.

Three people made professions of faith during the revival. And along the way, the Brotherhood of Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church revived its interest in its mission organization through some on the field experience.

"We were so impressed with what God did in and through us that we intend to start making plans for another trip in the very near future," Hosey said.

In fact, another project is already in the works. Alford said another team of laymen will be involved in construction work by day and revival services by night in the near future.

So talk at Brotherhood meetings turns now and then to hammers and nails.

Because with just a little simple carpentry work the Brotherhood has revived its interest and purpose in missions, spreading the gospel and a little more glory for a simple carpenter.



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When attending the annual meetings of the associations, everyone enjoys the meal time. Tables are loaded with delicious food and Kentucky people surely know how to prepare it. There is always a special table loaded with desserts. What a job to choose just one! So I usually wind up with bits and pieces. I get a bit of this and a piece of that, ending up with several small pieces of dessert. My! How delicious it is. And these bits and pieces make me just as full as if I had eaten only one large piece of dessert.

A lot of pieces of "dessert" come to my desk. They are gifts, small and large, and many of them are sent with a special note. I want to share some of these bits and pieces with you.

"I am now on Social Security, \$334 per month. Living is so high I can't give outside of my church. Just had my 91st birthday and my family gave me money, or I couldn't give this \$5. God bless you and all the others there."

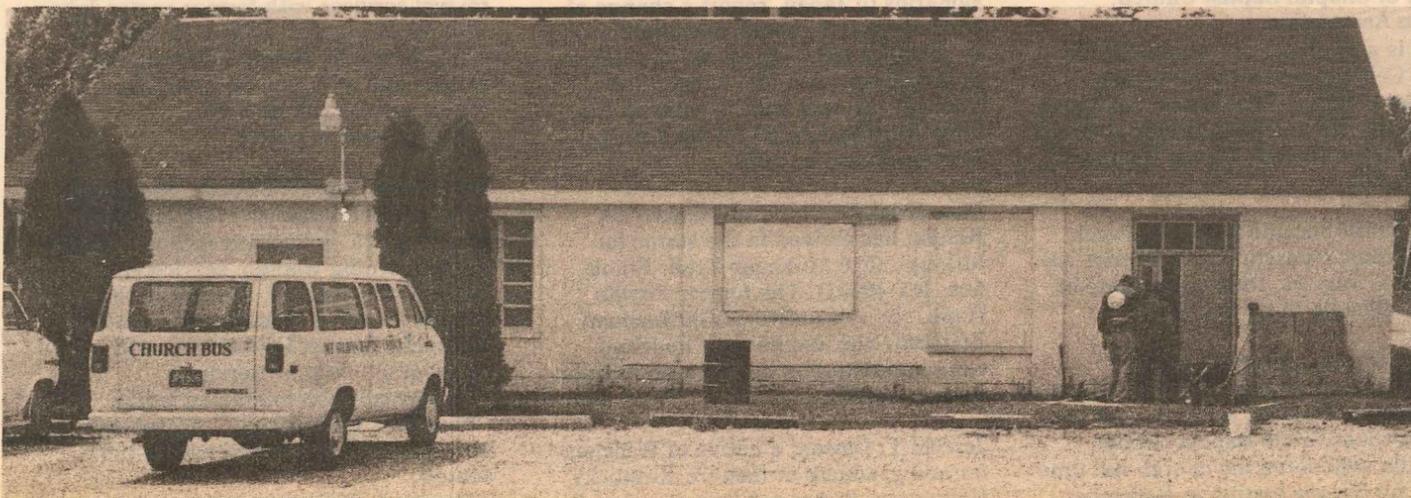
"Would like to help more, but me and my husband live on Social Security. I'm sick a lot and have drug bills and doctor bills and maybe a big surgery and hospital bill to pay. Please accept this small offering." Enclosed, \$10.

"I am a widow. My income is only once a month and doesn't go around my expenses sometimes. But God blesses me and I praise his name for it all. Love, and God bless your work." Enclosed was \$10.

"Sorry we can't help our children more. We are both under the doctor's care. My wife has cancer and her medication doesn't come cheap. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to help what we can." Enclosed was \$10.

"I've been a widow 18 years. I live on a fixed income and spend lots for medicine. I have to take it to live. I would like to give more, but I cannot. I'll pray that people who can will give more." Enclosed was \$5.

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# mountains to the mississippi

## ordinations

**Loretta J. Reynolds** (see photo) was ordained and installed as pastor of Jordan Baptist Church, Whites Run Association, June 16.

Frank Stagg spoke on the meaning of ordination. Scripture was read by Evelyn Stagg. Molly Marshall-Green gave the charge to the candidate. Eddie Broadhead gave the charge to the church.



Miss Reynolds



Mrs. Tugon

**Jeffrey Lynn Perkins** was licensed to the ministry by Bullittsburg Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. He will enter Cumberland College, Williamsburg, this fall.

**Bob Tittle** was ordained to the ministry by Augusta Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

**Rachel Whitler Tugon** (see photo) was ordained to the ministry by Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, Aug. 11. Her father, Paul Whitler, delivered the ordination message.

Molly Marshall-Green delivered the charge to the congregation and Jay Casey, pastor of Audubon, gave the charge to the candidate. Scripture was read by C. R. Daley.

Mrs. Tugon has been minister to children at Audubon the past four years.

**Edgar McGee** was licensed to the ministry Aug. 18 by Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. H. Kenneth Dick is pastor.

**Maurice Bynum, Roger Hicks and Charles Raper** were ordained as deacons July 28 by Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association.

**Jerry Wooten** was ordained as a deacon by Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. Ed Tarleton is interim pastor.

## personnel

**Verlin C. Kruschwitz** became interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington, Nelson Association.

Kruschwitz is a faculty member at Boyce Bible School, Louisville, and a former pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, and Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Association.

**Steve Moscoe** has been called as minister of music at South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He is a senior at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

**Odis Weaver** began duties as pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Weaver had been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Pana, Ill.

**Andy Gambel** accepted the pastorate of Old Flat Lick Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

**James Wright** resigned as pastor of Kettle Island Baptist Church, Bell Association. He will be moving to North Carolina.

**Donald Johnson** was called as pastor of River Ridge Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

**Houston Berry** resigned as pastor of Bethel Mission, Tates Creek Association, and will be moving to Macon, Ga.

**Joe Metts** began duties as minister of education and outreach at Harlan (Ky.) Baptist Church.

A native of Mississippi, Metts is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton. He graduated in May from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He had been minister of education at Buechel Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Roy Carlton is pastor of Harlan Baptist.

**W. J. Morrison** accepted the call as pastor of Viney Fork Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

**Wendell Carmack** resigned as pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

**Kenneth Salmon** resigned as pastor of Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

**Carl Gallion** became pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Bell Association.

**Gary Ellis** resigned as pastor of Chenoa Mission, Bell Association, to become pastor of Fleming Baptist Church, Pine Mountain Association.

**Ray Edwards** began duties Aug. 18 as pastor of Lytleton Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

**David Whaley** accepted the call as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association. He goes there from a similar position at Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association.

**Dale Etheridge** became interim pastor of Muddy River Baptist Church, Logan Association.

**Roy Sears** accepted the call as interim pastor of Second Baptist Church, Russellville, Bethel Association.

**Alan Whitham** began duties May 26 as pastor of Chaplin Baptist Church, Nelson Association.

He is a graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College, and he is attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He had been pastor of Beech Fork Baptist Church, South District Association.

**Clyde Pruitt** became pastor of Beech Fork Baptist Church, South District Association, July 21. He is a graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

**Berry Tackett** is interim pastor of Meadow Creek Baptist Church, Wayne Association. Tackett, a fourth year student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, will serve the church full time following his graduation in December.

**Larry Buchanan** was called as minister of music and youth at Concord Baptist Church, Christian County Association.

**Scott Gaddis** accepted the call as director of activities and music at Trinity Baptist Church, Christian County Association.

**Randall Dill** was called as minister of music at Burlington Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Dill is a graduate of Campbellsville (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. His ministerial experience includes a full time position at Levy Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark. He most recently was interim minister of music at First Baptist Church, Conway, Ark.

**Gearld Ivan Miller Sr.**, formerly of Louisville, became senior/administrative chaplain for Shawnee Correctional Center, Vienna, Ill. He goes to the position from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Metamora, Ill.

He holds the BA degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro. He received the MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He has pastored Kentucky churches in Daviess-McLean and Owen County Associations.

**Mark Kitts** became pastor of Mays Lick Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

## missions

**Mr. and Mrs. David Coleman**, missionaries to Zimbabwe, have arrived in the states on furlough (Rte. 2, Box 524, Dayton, TN 37321).

He was born in Cedar Hill, Tenn. and grew up in Guthrie, Ky. The former Linda Gholdston, she was born in Scottsville, Ky. and grew up in Dayton, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

**Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rucker**, Baptist representatives to Egypt, have completed furlough and have returned to the field (4, Khalil Hassin Khalil St., Building B, Apr. 12, Glym, Alexandria, Egypt).

He was born in Corsicana, Tex. and considers Alexandria, La. his hometown. She is the former Linda Stovall of Eddyville, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Orange**, missionaries to Tanzania, have arrived in the states for furlough (11955 Jordan Rd., Fountain, CO 80817). He was born in Greensville, Ky., and she, the former Cheri Sallee in San Diego, Cal. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977.

**Mr. and Mrs. Keith B. Vaughn**, missionaries to Japan, report a change of address (4-4, 3-chome, Asahi-cho, Fuchu City 183, Japan). He is a native of Covington, Ky. The former Sue Younce, she was born in Dayton, Oh. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981.

**Mrs. Erick H. Clark**, missionary to Kenya, has arrived in the states for furlough (516 Mohegan Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601). The former Phyllis Hope, she is a native of Cheltenham, England. She and her late husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959.

**Jerrold T. Cowan**, a native of Winchester and graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, was appointed

as a church planter apprentice by the Home Mission Board. He will serve in Etters, Pa.

**Edith Killip**, a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, is in Kenya for six or seven months' volunteer service. She will be a secretary in the mission treasurer's office.

Miss Killip retired in April as a secretary in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Mission Department.

Nine members of Red House Baptist Church, Richmond, Tates Creek Association, spent two weeks in Kenya. They are Carl E. Powell, William N. Cox, Richard M. Allen, Donald E. Jaynes, Carolyn Gay Powell, LaDonna Faye Jaynes, David Miles, Barbara Miles and Kevin Jones.

**Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Stephens**, members of First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, in Northern Kentucky Association, spent two weeks in Kenya teaching stewardship in local churches.

## revivals

**Eastview Baptist Church**, Henderson, Green Valley Association, had 13 professions of faith, four additions by letter and approximately 20 rededications during a July 21-28 revival.

David Walker of Seymour, Tenn. was guest evangelist. Donald R. Cole is pastor.

## congregations

**Southern Avenue Baptist Church**, Danville, South District Association, gave its pastor, L. Dan Flannery, a reception July 28. He was also presented a plaque and a money tree. The congregation honored his wife, Helen, Apr. 28.

Flannery has been pastor of Southern Avenue for seven years.

**Woodbine Missionary Baptist Church**, Williamsburg, Mt. Zion Association, celebrated its centennial Aug. 11.

Janus Jones, director of missions for Mt. Zion Association, was the guest speaker.

Roger Fisher is pastor of Woodbine Baptist.

**Southside Baptist Church**, Louisville, Long Run Association, will celebrate its 60th anniversary homecoming Aug. 25. The morning worship service will be followed by dinner on the grounds.

A 2:30 p.m. service will highlight the stages of growth in the church's history through music and drama. Richard L. Hutchens is pastor.

**Ashland Avenue Baptist Church**, Covington, Northern Kentucky Association, will observe homecoming Sept. 15. The observance will conclude a series of revival services with former pastor John Wall as evangelist. Dinner on the grounds will be served following the service and at 2 p.m. an afternoon praise service will be held.

Steve Pettit is pastor.

**Little Flock Baptist Church**, Shepherdsville, will celebrate its 175th anniversary Aug. 25. John Lawrence will speak at the morning worship service at 10:45. Doug Strader, director of the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will speak at a 2:30 p.m. service.

A specially commissioned work, "Fear Not, Little Flock," written and arranged by Shirl Atwell will be presented.

James P. Majors is pastor.

# baptist news in brief

## BSSB places order for five million scriptures

More than five million copies of New Testaments and scripture portions have been ordered from Holman Bible Publishers for churches to use in outreach preparation for the April 1986 Nationwide Simultaneous Revivals.

Johnnie Godwin, director of the Holman division at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, said this represents half of the 10 million New Testaments and scripture portions published by Holman to support the Good News America Simultaneous Revival preparation.

The state Baptist conventions in North Carolina and Georgia have ordered a total of one million just for those two conventions. The previous year the Baptist General Convention of Texas ordered 1.5 million copies of a special New Testament for statewide distribution.

Godwin said the materials services department of the Sunday School Board will accept orders for the Good News America New Testaments through the April-May-June quarter of 1986. Aug. 7 had been suggested earlier as the final date to order in time to distribute in October, but the New Testaments and scripture portions will continue to be shipped at least through next June. Churches and other Baptist groups should be advised that there is approximately a four-week requirement for processing and delivering orders.

The Good News America New Testaments are available in King James, New American Standard and Spanish versions for 32 cents per copy in multiples of 50. This price does not include shipping and handling.

The gospel of John and book of Romans scripture portions also are available in King James, New Ameri-

can Standard and Spanish versions. The price of the scripture portions is \$30 for a carton of 500. There is a five percent discount for any order for New Testaments or scripture portions which is accompanied by payment. (BP)

## Mug-wielding missionary foils Mexican robber

Southern Baptist representative Jurhee Philpot foiled an armed robber who entered her home July 30 in Mexico City. Her weapons of self-defense: hot coffee and a coffee mug.

Mrs. Philpot, a Texas native, was at home with her daughter Jodi when she saw a young man come in the front door. Thinking he was a utility workman, she walked from the kitchen with a mug of coffee she'd just poured and asked the man to identify himself. He pointed a gun at her and announced his intent to rob her.

Before thinking of the danger, Mrs. Philpot threw the hot coffee into the man's face. When he covered his face she began hitting him on the head with her sturdy coffee mug. The robber quickly retreated, colliding with the door frame as he left. Mrs. Philpot chased him down one flight of stairs in the condominium building where she lives. Jodi, 22, gave chase for another half-flight before both women realized the danger of pursuit and returned to their residence.

They later discovered the robber also had entered the home of Southern Baptist representatives David and Lorna Daniell in the same building. The Daniells' housekeeper spotted the man twice but thought he was a friend of the family.

"Just that morning in my devotional I had thanked God for being Lord of our lives, and I told him I wanted him to be Lord in all areas of my life," Mrs. Philpot said. "Then he showed me he was in control. He had me in the kitchen where I could see the man enter, he gave me the 'weapon' to defend myself, and I wasn't afraid at the time."

Mrs. Philpot's husband, James, is chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist representatives in Mexico. The two were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967. (BP)

## Parks tells 63 appointees 'danger may lie ahead'

Danger may lie ahead, 63 new foreign missionaries were warned during an Aug. 11 appointment service at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

But that prospect apparently didn't deter Foreign Missions Week conference attendees who felt led to make commitments. Among 109 decisions were 90 commitments to missions. These included nine pastors and their wives, two medical doctors, eight children of missionaries and 18 returning journeymen. Almost 2000 attended the missions sessions.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, said turmoil in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America causes some people to wonder, "Are the missionaries safe? . . . Why do you let them serve in dangerous places?"

"No, they're not necessarily safe," Parks said. To him, there's a larger question, "Would you have us try to preach the gospel only in the places where there's no risk . . . no danger . . . no suffering?" To avoid ministry in the midst of human crises is to "pretend" to represent Jesus Christ, Parks pointed out.

The Foreign Mission Board also met during the week, devoting most of its time to dialog and reports on its work.

The board did consider a resolution expressing support for the committee seeking ways to restore harmony among factions in the Southern Baptist Convention. But it chose not to act on it after one board member said such action would only heighten visibility of differences and that the board could best offer its support by taking no action now.

Appointees included the first natives of mainland China and Romania sent as foreign missionaries by the FMB. Another appointee is an ophthalmologist who, as a medical volunteer, has worked in 10 countries.

Roland and Angie Cheng, natives of mainland China, were appointed to minister among the 6000 Chinese in San Jose, Costa Rica, while Titus and Fulga Dan, natives of Romania, will be working among several thousand Romanians in Sydney, Australia.

Ophthalmologist Robert Barbe and his wife, Carolyn, of Tarboro, N. C., will work in Sierra Leone, Africa. Since 1971 he has been a volunteer in 10 countries, on mission trips of one week to one month. (BP)

## Aetna insurance chosen to provide coverage

Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company has been chosen to continue as the carrier of Southern Baptist insurance programs, Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan told trustees during the summer board meeting.

The Annuity Board reported a \$55 million increase in earnings of retirement plan funds over the first half of 1984 totalling \$73,142,522. Total assets invested by the board totalled a record \$1,562,021,356. (BP)

## Clear Creek nurse devotes career to aiding mountaineers

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

She was born a New Yorker but has spent most of her life in eastern Kentucky. She is not more than five feet tall but a mountain of a person.

Evelyn Mottram has left an indelible mark on the mountains of Kentucky.

Nursing was always her ambition and after graduating from St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., she joined the Army as a nurse during World War II.

After the war she worked as a nurse for the telephone company in Brooklyn but still had a yearning toward missions. A friend had read about the Frontier Nursing Service in Hyden, Ky. and it seemed to meet her needs to serve people. So in 1947 she moved to Leslie County and began her midwifery course.

In that era virtually all babies discovered the world in their homes and some of those homes were a healthy distance up some creek or hollow. Horseback was the mode of transportation; pay was small; days and nights were long. Many times when the nurse-midwife was sent for she had to spend several days with the family. In many cases she slept in a stranger's home where the entire family was sleeping in one room.

Delivering babies was not the only job of the nurse-midwife. She taught classes to mothers on personal hygiene and methods of better care for them-

selves and their families, gave immunizations to children and twice a year provided worm treatments. She treated various illnesses and patched up many an accident victim.

In 1953 she and a friend began a private midwifery service in Knott County.

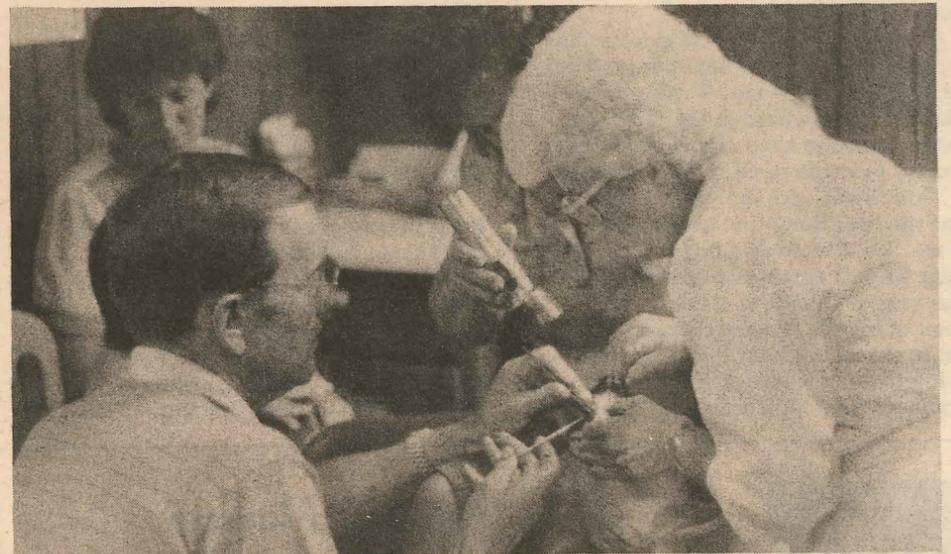
Miss Evelyn had grown up in the Episcopal church and early in life accepted the Lord. She attended night classes at the New York Bible Institute and attended Donald Barnhouse's Monday night Bible study at the Brooklyn Baptist Temple.

It was in Knott County after successive visits from the well known mountain pastor, J. S. Bell, that she united with Hindman's First Baptist Church and was baptized there. In addition to attending services at First Baptist, she worked in a mission Sunday school at Pippa Passes and was a leader in mission organizations.

She recalls those early days in the midwifery service when finances were very slim but hastily admits that the Lord always met each need.

"It was tremendously encouraging to know the Lord was always with us as we traveled the long and sometimes very lonely mountain roads," she smiled.

During this time she enrolled in correspondence courses from Moody Bible Institute and took the Navigators' Bible course.



Evelyn Mottram [r] assists a Clear Creek physician as he checks a child's ear.

"I have always felt the Lord's leadership in my life," she recalls. "When one door closed, another opened." Such as the case when her coworker left Hindman for work in Alaska. She was asked to join Dr. Denzel Barker in his office delivery practice. That was a different but fruitful work that continued for 18 years.

Early in 1954 she was active in the work of the Council of Southern Mountaineers and met D. M. Aldridge, then newly elected president of Clear Creek Baptist School. They worked together on various committees and in 1970 she took her first trip to Israel with the school group. Her love for the Bible school and its ministries grew and in 1977 she left her beloved Knott County and moved to Pineville to open a clinic

for the theological school students and their families.

In less than 10 years that work has been instrumental in meeting the various needs of the campus family and grew to include health classes for the women immunizations for babies and children, and physical education for the preschoolers. She was also instrumental in getting four area doctors to donate their services on two days each month to treat the students.

With her 65th birthday approaching this year she feels the Lord still has much work for her to do. Thus after her retirement from Clear Creek School she is offering her services as a volunteer to the Foreign Mission Board as a nurse and midwife. Hopefully some mountain area needs her!



**Barkley Moore**  
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## oneida journal

### Best thing I ever did

"Hello there! I hear things are really changing there at Oneida. I'm proud of what I've heard. I want you to know Oneida has paid off for me in many ways. I'm working making a good salary, which means I can get my bill paid off there. Some other child can have what I received, a good outlook on life.

"Anything I know now is what I learned at Oneida. I thank all of those who gave me a chance to learn. I really think if it wasn't for the support I received there, I would be nowhere in life. The best thing I ever did was coming to Oneida and learning there's more to life than just parties. Thank you for everything."

The above was from one of our girls who was elected class president in her senior year.

Another much appreciated letter has come from one of our boys who attended here five years ago. Writing from Florida: "I am afraid at this time my sister wishes to keep Jim in school here and try to rough it out. I wish her luck.

"My father says the year at Oneida was the best thing that ever happened to me. He sent away a boy but an adult came back. I agree with him heartily. The year at Oneida was the turning point of my life. I came there as a flunk-out in school not knowing what I was going to do or where or if I was going to graduate from high school. It turned me

around. Oneida gives self discipline and teaches self reliance.

"You are made to think and to pay for your own actions. Mommy and Daddy don't tell you everything to do. They don't bail you out if things blow up in your face. A great change for most people. If you were slow to get to meals, you didn't eat. If you didn't do your laundry, you didn't have clean clothes.

"Most of all Oneida teaches fellowship. How to live with other people, Ghanians, Chinese, Taiwanese, Iranians, Israelis, people from all over the world and the United States.

"Oneida also brings you close to God. They offer, not force God down your throat. People, who at the beginning of the year hated chapel and going to church, got to like it by the end of the year.

"I thank you and all my teachers for putting up with me my year at Oneida."

A mother writes: "It is with a great deal of reluctance that I write this letter. Jan has decided to try the high school here this year. She arrived at the decision after a good deal of prayer because she loves Oneida.

"We are thankful for the year she had there. She has grown spiritually and has matured enormously since she left us last fall. Not having to worry about her schooling while we were in the midst of moving was a luxury. However, the move opened up new opportunities for us. She wants to be with us and participate in our new life.

"We will continue supporting Oneida with our prayers, our praise and our money."

Another of our girls recently left the following on my desk: "I am leaving and will not be returning. This school has given me a chance to really take a good look at myself. It's helped me to grow in many ways. I have only been here for five months. But I've learned a lot in that short time.

"If you hadn't allowed me to come I think I would never have really looked at the troubles in my life. I appreciate everything you, the deans, teachers, my fellow classmates and friends have done for me.

"May God bless you all and I hope more people get to attend Oneida and get a second chance like I have."

Letters and phone calls come every day. School is opening. Hundreds of our students have returned and we have over 200 new ones. Each one is a new challenge, a new opportunity, a precious soul to our Lord, thus to us.



**H. C. Chiles**  
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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR AUG. 25, 1985

Life and Work Series

### The nature of ministry

**2 Corinthians 4:1-12** It is noteworthy that when Paul was subjected to cruel criticism and painful persecution, when his motives were questioned, his reputation besmirched and his character vilified, he went on preaching the gospel of Christ, introducing people to the savior and teaching the saved how to live victoriously. He refused to stop doing constructive work in order to engage in debate or conflict with any of his critics or false accusers. Thoroughly convinced of the importance and magnitude of the task to which he had been assigned, this humble man of God was willing to endure whatever suffering and persecution might be necessary in order to be an effective witness and a useful missionary for Christ.

Although Paul repeatedly felt all kinds of unmerciful pressures, he always knew that God would not forsake him or fail to see him through his trying ordeals. Out of the crucible of experience Paul learned how to accept some things that he could not understand and explain. Wanting to be submissive and obedient to Christ as long as he lived and willing and longing to minister to the people who needed Christ as their savior and sovereign, Paul maintained the confidence and assurance that he would be sustained by the power of God, regardless of what unfavorable and trying circumstances

he might be called upon to face. Constant exposure to the threat of death did not daunt him. He was committed to Christ in such a way that nothing could turn him aside from the duties and opportunities of the glorious Christian ministry.

From Paul we learn that any devoted Christian can expect to be called upon to suffer for Christ. Those who are faithful and true witnesses for the redeeming Christ will rejoice greatly when they enjoy the blessed reunion with those in heaven whom they had the privilege of introducing to Christ while they were here on earth. Inasmuch as our Lord suffered redemptively for us, we should expect to suffer in order to fulfill our mission of making Christ known to others who need his salvation. It is a solemn duty of all who have received the truth to impart it to others. To reflect properly "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," we must be like him in thought, attitude and action.

International Series

### Prepare for God's return

**Malachi 3:1** In this verse we have a promise, a person and a purpose. According to it the Messiah's coming was to be announced by a herald. John the Baptist was simply God's advance agent to tell of the actual coming of the savior by preaching repentance toward God, baptizing those who had truly repented and announcing that the coming of the Lord was near and by giving him his rightful place when he did come. **Malachi 3:2-7** This prediction of the second coming of the Lord is a reminder that God's righteous standard will surpass all others and he will sit in judgment. Malachi made it clear that when Christ appeared he would purge the people of their dross, beginning with the spiritual leaders. After the dross was burned out and the stains of sin had been washed away, they would be able to present their offerings and render their service in a manner which would be acceptable unto God. **Malachi 3:8-12** "Will a man rob God?". Speaking through Malachi God made it clear to the Israelites that if they would repent of their unrighteous practices, return to him and be reconciled to him that he would not permit anything to destroy their crops. He also assured them that if they would obey him he would bless them and all the other nations would call them blessed.



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## on mission together

### One for the journey

While all of us appreciate the affirming value of a sincere "thank you," too many of us are better at receiving a "thank you" than giving one.

Of course, a good many of us "feel" grateful but let pass those many inclinations to express that gratitude in some tangible form. Perhaps we hope that the Lord is collecting our "feelings" in personalized containers to give to those who deserved our "thanks" but didn't get them while here. The problem is that we need those "warm fuzzies" while we're here on the journey!

"One for the journey" arrived in the form of an air letter from Kenya a few weeks ago. Missionaries Clarence and

Natalie Chestnutt took precious time to send a "thank you" to Kentucky Baptists from Kenya.

"Dear Dr. Marshall,

"We want to thank you and the people of Kentucky for the part you had in sending David and Sharon James our way. David is a veterinarian from Russellville. They have just returned to America after spending almost two weeks in the African community. You can be sure your prayers, finances, and their abilities made quite an impact on this area.

"They both came in with their sleeves rolled up—Sharon working right alongside David as they cared for the needs of the cattle in a Christian, loving way that was obvious to all. Obtaining food is a constant struggle with the African. Any knowledge or encouragement they can get in this struggle is very important. While here they ascertained the age of animals (for which we had no records),

gave shots, test for pregnancy, castrated young males, wormed the animals and removed supernumerary teats from the herd that serves the Baptist Centre. In addition to this Clarence and they visited several African herds running tests and giving advice. These services were deeply appreciated by all in the Christian way they were shared. David and Sharon expressed by their services in a much stronger way than we'll ever be able to say in Swahili 'I love you in Jesus' name!'

"Thank you so much and may the Lord bless Kentucky as they continue their partnership with Kenya. It would be great if that fine Christian couple could come our way again.

"Yours in Christ,

Clarence and Natalie Chestnutt"

Our thanks to the Chestnutts for affirming what Kentucky Baptists are doing in the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership.

# FMB hunger dollars make a world of difference

by Mike Creswell

Want to help hungry people all over the world?

Many Southern Baptists are doing just that by sending their hunger-fighting dollars to the Foreign Mission Board—through their local churches.

Because the Foreign Mission Board is a church agency, it operates differently from most secular hunger agencies.

Southern Baptists will like those differences!

**1. All hunger relief funds channeled to the board by Southern Baptists are used to fight hunger overseas.**

None is used in the United States for administration or promotion.

This is downright startling when one considers that some fundraising agencies spend half or more of their income on administration and promotion.

The Foreign Mission Board's approach uses missionaries on the field whose salaries and expenses already are paid by the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Lay volunteers from the United States and national Baptists greatly expand the number of workers involved in the board's relief work.

**2. The fact that our missionaries carry out hunger-related ministries themselves, usually in coordination with national Baptists overseas, is a big plus.**

Most other church groups have separate relief offices; many of them hire non-Christians to handle the on-site work. This might work for them, but most Southern Baptists would object to having non-Christians performing what so many agree should be a Christian ministry.

By contrast, Southern Baptists are the only major denomination in the United States that handles relief as an integral part of regular evangelism and church-planting ministries.

**3. Many Southern Baptist missionaries are highly skilled agriculturists, medical personnel, veterinarians and other specialists well able to carry out relief work.**

Further, they will spend their entire careers in a given area—they know the people, the culture and the language of a country better than any visiting outsider could.

With training, non-specialist Southern Baptist missionaries also have proven quite competent to carry out hunger projects. And they can design and supervise programs in tune with the people and their real needs.

In Ethiopia, for example, missionaries helped work through the governmental processes to allow resumption of aid. As a result, this year the board is ministering to more than 270,000 people there, thousands of them in critical condition.

Governments in several nations have praised Baptists for their fairness and

efficiency in food distribution, which includes sharing with Christians and non-Christians alike.

**4. Because the missionaries are in a country for many years, they have time to develop long term teaching projects that help people become more self-sufficient and produce long-lasting results.**

While outright food distribution is necessary in critical areas, obviously it is better to aim at poverty, lack of job training or farming skills and other ills for long term solutions.

During 1984 the board allocated more than \$2 million on direct food distribution in crisis areas, but allocated \$3.3 million on community development, focusing on long term solutions to hunger problems.

**5. The board accepts no government funds.**

Many other church groups do use government funds, which bring government restrictions. The board's approach allows much more flexibility and control, yet leaves open the option of working with governments or other relief agencies in suitable circumstances.

At times, for example, the board has contracted to be the deliverer of surplus U. S. government grain, assuring it was delivered to the truly needy. This was the case in Mali, West Africa, where Southern Baptist missionaries Norman and Beverly Coad oversaw delivery of grain to desperately hungry people—5000 tons in 1984 and 6000 tons in 1985.

**6. In keeping with its basic purpose of winning people to Jesus Christ and starting New Testament churches, the board follows a holistic approach to meeting human needs. This means the board wants to meet all of a person's needs—physical and spiritual.**

Hundreds of projects conducted in many countries over the past decade have shown that hunger-related ministries and evangelism can indeed be

compatible, not compromising either aim. The two can be carried out without producing "rice Christians," who pretend to accept the gospel only to get food.

Instead, non-Christians are attracted by Christian love shown by relief efforts on their behalf—they want to know what compels these foreigners to care for them.

**7. Another by-product of the holistic approach is that relief ministries have opened evangelism doors for Southern Baptists in some areas, thus strengthening the board's work in evangelism, its main assignment.**

The massive dam construction project in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) in West Africa, in which hundreds of volunteers from Tennessee took part, so impressed the government of Mali, a neighboring Muslim nation, that they asked Southern Baptist missionaries to work in their country as well.

Missionaries have carried out major food distribution projects in Mali since then, and church development may follow.

**8. Over the last 10 years, fighting hunger overseas has become an integral part of the Foreign Mission Board's overseas ministry.**

Fighting hunger has become, in effect, routine for the board.

The staff works with all board units that relate to hunger, such as the volunteer section, and also provides on-site training for missionaries in how to plan and carry out relief projects. The human needs staff frequently consults with overseas missionaries on crises, new projects and on-going work.

The board's Human Needs Ministries section is now part of all mission strategy and planning.

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## Former Kentuckian honored for work with small churches

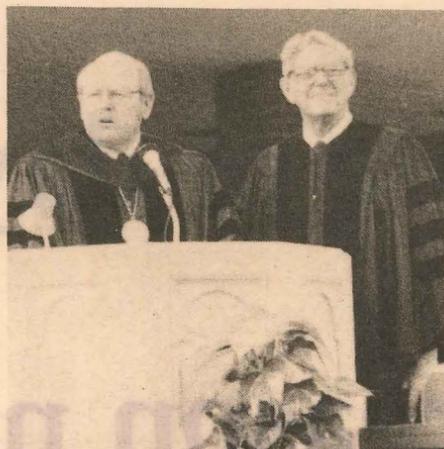
Cletus E. Wiley, retired state director of missions for Indiana, was acknowledged for his outstanding work in developing small churches by Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo., during its summer graduation ceremonies.

"C. E. Wiley has been a tremendous blessing to the vitality and life of numerous small churches," declared SBU president Charles Chaney on the Southwest Baptist University campus, July 26.

Chaney went on to explain that 85 percent of the Protestant churches in America have 350 members or less, and that these churches average 175 or fewer in attendance on Sunday.

"Several years ago a scholarship fund was established to grow as the university recognized men and women who had made a statement and a contribution to the vitality of smaller churches," noted Chaney. "We have written to persons each year, all around the country, to nominate candidates for this recognition. C. E. Wiley has had numerous nominations and \$4000 has already been given to the scholarship fund in his honor."

Wiley was presented a citation which read, "We honor today Cletus E. Wiley, intrepid missionary in the mountains of Kentucky and the rolling hills and teaming cities of Indiana; pastor of churches committed to the birth of new churches; associational director of missions involved in the nurture of smaller churches; state director of missions assisting smaller churches and missions to become vigorous and reproductive churches. With genuine admiration, Southwest Baptist University recognizes you for your life of meritorious service and singular con-



Cletus Wiley [r] was presented an award for his work with small churches by SBU president Charles Chaney [l].

tribution to the growth and development of smaller churches."

Wiley, since 1940, has been involved in assisting small churches and missions to grow into vibrant and reproductive churches.

From 1981-83 he served as state director of missions for Indiana. Prior to that time he was state director of rural-urban missions in Indiana, director of missions in central, eastern, southern and southwest Indiana areas and Wabash Valley Association. Wiley was also field consultant for associational work in the same state. He pastored churches in Kentucky and Indiana for nearly 15 years.

He was born in Catlettsburg, Ky. and graduated from Boyd County High School and Oxford Business School.

Wiley retired in 1983. He and his wife, Alva, have three children.

## Louisville student finds ministry at apartment complex playground

Joe McAfee's parish is a playground.

For more than a year, McAfee has been developing a ministry to children and youth at a large apartment complex in Jeffersonville, Ind. Starting with a Wednesday night Bible study and expanding to a daily recreational ministry during the summer months, the number attending regularly has grown from five to an average of 30-35.

McAfee, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. His apartment ministry is part of his education through Southern Seminary's Supervised Experience in Ministry program.

While many students take positions as pastors or church staff members, others, like McAfee, work with local churches in initiating new ministries.

McAfee describes the apartment complex where he works as a "transient community—few families live here over a year. Most kids don't go to church."

This summer, in addition to the weekly Bible study and recreation program, McAfee sponsored a Bible School

Week at the complex. He's been seeing one or two new children almost every day in recent weeks.

"The main thing we're trying to do is let them (the complex's children and youth) get to know us," explains McAfee. "We're trying to establish a Christian involvement with them."

Two students—Ray Purvis of Alachua, Fla. and Bruce Sheets of Soddy, Tenn.—have worked with McAfee from the beginning of the ministry. During the school year as many as five students have volunteered time to assist in the work. Some have expanded the ministry to include a nursing home next to the apartment complex.

This kind of practical experience is a vital part of ministerial training, according to Walter Jackson, who directs Southern Seminary's field placement efforts. He compares seminary to a medical school: "How would you like to have a surgeon who only sat in lectures and never got hands-on experience?"

For now, Joe McAfee has his hands full building a bridge between the seminary classroom and the world of ministry.

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