



## Americans United will sue Bennett in parochial school aid dispute

by Stan Haste

Top leaders of Americans United for Separation of Church and State announced Aug. 30 they will sue Secretary of Education William J. Bennett for refusing to comply with a Supreme Court decision forbidding states and localities from sending public school teachers into parochial schools for specialized instruction.

Robert L. Maddox, a Southern Baptist minister who is executive director of Americans United, told a crowded news conference at the National Press Building in Washington, Bennett has allowed "a religio-political agenda to undercut his sworn duty to uphold the U. S. Constitution and help America's children get the best possible education" by "willfully failing to implement the rulings of the Supreme Court."

The nation's high court ruled July 1 that New York City school officials violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment by sending some public school teachers into parochial schools to provide remedial education under Chapter 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

That historic law, enacted as part of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society program, mandated equitable educational services for all pupils in underprivileged neighborhoods, whether they attended public or private schools.

Americans United officials, including Maddox and the group's general counsel, Lee Boothby, repeatedly have warned Bennett of the possibility of a lawsuit unless he moved quickly to implement the high court ruling.

For his part, Bennett has assailed the decision in speeches this summer and has written state school officials promising assistance from his department and the Department of Justice in any litigation they might undertake to delay implementing the Supreme Court decision. He also pledged to do what he can to "nullify" the effect of the ruling.

"In all this muddle created by the secretary the Constitution is impugned,

hard-pressed U. S. taxpayers face further raids on their pocket books, and, worst of all, children in public and private schools suffer while politicians fiddle," Maddox declared.

Behind Bennett's "footdragging," Maddox charged, is the administration's intent "to arm-twist the Congress into passing some sort of voucher program," a plan which would give all parents of school-age children a check at the beginning of the school year to spend in the school of their choice.

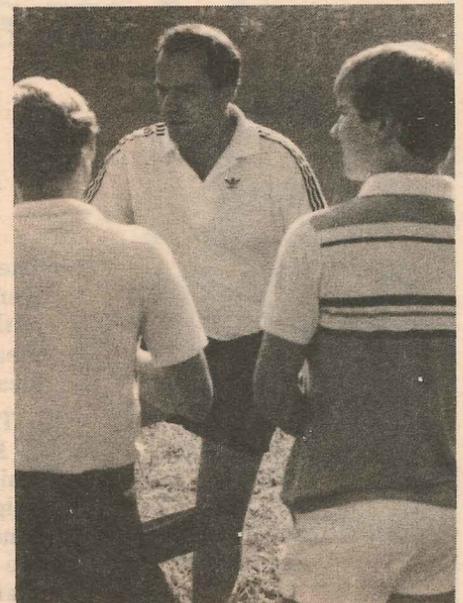
Attorney Boothby told reporters Americans United is considering multiple legal actions across the nation in states where school officials seek delays in implementing the Supreme Court ruling. Some lawsuits already have been filed, he said.

Among the most hotly disputed of the

battles is one in Missouri, where education commissioner Arthur L. Mallory has sought unsuccessfully to implement a new plan to deliver Chapter 1 funds to private schoolchildren in constitutionally permissible ways. His efforts have failed, Boothby said, because Bennett aims "to destroy the whole (Chapter 1) program."

He described the controversial secretary of education as an administration "handmaiden" whose actions have been "shameful." Maddox accused Bennett of "grandstanding" and engaging in "a bit of demagoguery."

The lawsuit against Bennett will be filed in a Missouri U. S. District court, the Americans United leaders announced, and will seek both injunctive relief and monetary damages. (BP)



Ron Springs [c], director of Camps Ridgecrest and Crestridge at the Ridgecrest [N. C.] Baptist Conference Center, talks with 1985 camp pastor, David "Milkweed" Wotier and counselor Jay Montgomery. The two camps offer two- and four-week programs for boys and girls.

## Ridgecrest camps for boys and girls continue popularity with returnees

by Frank Wm. White

Camp Ridgecrest for boys and Camp Crestridge for girls may be the best-kept secrets at the Southern Baptist conference center at Ridgecrest in the mountains of North Carolina.

A pastor recently questioned the camps' existence, saying he had been coming to Ridgecrest for years and had never seen such camps, said newly appointed camps director Ron Springs.

But, the two camps are a part of the Ridgecrest Conference Center complex and provide a summer camping experience for as many as 1000 young people per summer, he said.

The boys camp, Camp Ridgecrest, had a record attendance in 1984 and almost as many for the 1985 season. The girls camp, Crestridge, had almost as many campers in 1985 as in 1984, according to Springs.

The camps are for children and youth ages 7-16. Two-week and four-week

sessions are available.

"I'm here because I see a program that works," said Springs, who was assistant camp director for five years before being appointed director in June.

The spiritual aspect of the camp is the primary focus and that is what parents say is the major benefit, Springs said.

The camp deals with four areas of growth—physical, mental, social and spiritual.

Because most camps are only one week, the program at Ridgecrest and Crestridge offer more time for interaction between campers and staff members, said Springs. "We work through the actions of our staff with the campers seeing them day after day. We offer them an example to follow," he explained.

Campers live in cabins with a counselor and assistant counselor in each cabin. The counselors lead in Bible

study and prayer time.

The camps require a summer staff of about 150. Many of those staff members are former campers who have grown up spending summers at the camps.

The camps have about a 55 percent return rate of campers from one year to the next and the return rate for staff members is also high, Springs said.

Springs first started working with the camps as a counselor in 1976. He worked four summers while a student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Then after teaching at a junior high school for one year, he returned to the camps as a counselor and then assistant director.

The job allows the Monroe, N. C., native to remain in the North Carolina mountains he loves and at the same time teach others about the mountains and the God who created them.

Springs' goals are to improve the facilities and make more people aware of the camps. "Our biggest problem is getting people to know we are here," he said.

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## KBC Music Department launches fall conferences Sept. 19/ Cedarmore

Outstanding projects the Kentucky Baptist Music Department has for this fall to serve the churches should whet the appetite of music leaders throughout Kentucky.

The first project is the Kentucky Baptist Church Music Leadership Retreat at Cedarmore Sept. 19-21. Every type music leader in our churches will have opportunity to grow through the conferences planned. They can attend special conferences as volunteer music directors, organists, pianists, children's choir leaders, full time ministers of music and church instrumentalists. These special conferences will give them six hours of special help in their areas of responsibility.

The retreat begins Thursday evening,

following dinner at 5:45, getting acquainted with new music for choirs, a worship service led by a group from Shelbyville and a concert by harpist Carol McClure Hahn of Atlanta and tenor soloist Jim Hawkins of Nashville.

Other inspirational highlights include a worship service on Friday afternoon, a special sacred concert by David and Linda Ford of Nashville on Friday night, and a worship service on Saturday morning led by Douglas Smith, and an instrumental ensemble, with Ronald Higdon of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville as closing speaker.

A reception for the new associate director of the Church Music Department will be held after the concert on Friday night.

## Together . . . Through the Cooperative Program

Cooperative Program receipts for August were \$1,406,732, closing the books for fiscal year 1984-85 with a record \$14,274,997. This was slightly under the \$14,445,000 operating budget, but 5.2 percent more than the previous year.

SBC causes will have received \$5,174,686, or 5.9 percent more than the previous year, reflecting the planned increase by Kentucky Baptists to achieve a 60-40 percent distribution by fiscal year 1990-91.

# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Eliza Broadus offering

The Eliza Broadus offering for state missions touches Kentucky Baptists in many different ways. One aspect of that offering is a church loan fund which often means the difference between life and death for a local church.

The editor received a letter this week from James C. Porter, a pastor in Russell County Association, which illustrates one way the state mission offering helps local churches. This letter is a testimony to the concrete way this mission offering is used to advance the cause of our Lord. It is being shared with you so that you will know more about what is done with your mission gifts.



Old Clear Spring Church built in 1948

### Grant makes a difference

The Clear Spring Baptist Church, southeast of Russell Springs, Ky., had outgrown their facilities in 1979. They needed a new church building but only had about \$2000 in the church building fund.

The church asked James C. Porter to assist them in securing a loan from the state mission board. Porter readily agreed and filed an application for a loan. Immediately \$2000 was made available from the Eliza Broadus funds.

After the grant had been received a member of the congregation of Clear Springs Church donated a building site just down the road from the old building. Interest in the community began to grow and within a few weeks ground was broken for a new church building. Construction went well, and within a year the building was completed. The structure is valued at \$100,000 yet cost the church members only about \$50,000 since much material and labor was donated.

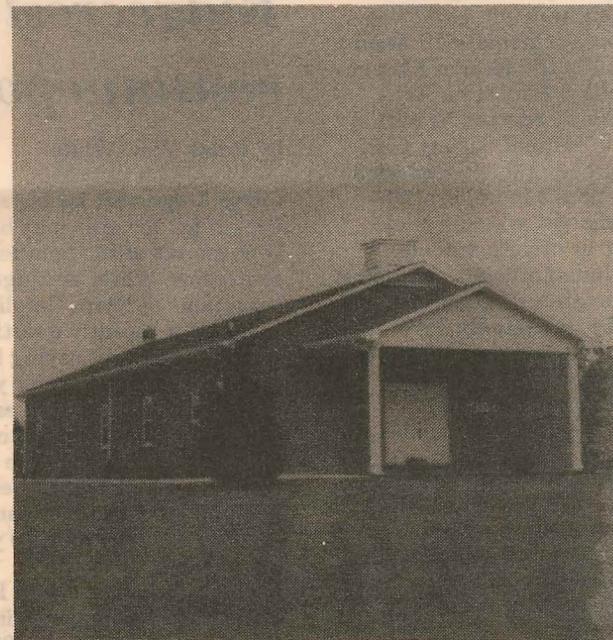
After dedication of the building, the church, which had been only half-time, called Cleveland Johnson to

serve as full-time pastor. With Johnson as pastor the church began to grow. Attendance increased from 40-50 to as many as 80-100 per Sunday.

The total offering in 1979 was \$8000 with eight baptisms for the year. In 1985, there were 35 baptisms and offerings totaled \$31,073. Clear Spring baptized 41.7 percent of the baptisms recorded in the entire association in 1985.

In January 1985 the Indian Hill Mission burned. Cleveland Johnson and the Clear Spring congregation accepted the challenge to take over the work at Indian Hill and see if they could rebuild the church building. Their efforts have produced a new building which will be available for use by November 1985.

It took a small band of church members with vision and a mind to work, along with an evangelistic pastor and a \$2000 grant from the Eliza Broadus offering to get the Clear Spring Church on the move.



New Clear Spring Church built with help from the Eliza Broadus offering

This testimony of what our mission money does could be repeated dozens of times because the Eliza Broadus funds are used in this direct way across Kentucky. The goal this year is \$480,000 to fund such diverse ministries as mountain pastors travel, church grants, scholarships, interracial work and many other direct mission efforts. The generous response of Kentucky Baptists is essential, and I ask you to join me not only in giving money, but in fervent prayer for those who give and those who receive this important offering.

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# Profiles from my old Kentucky home

## LURA BURTON

Lura Esther Burton, a 20-year member of Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, is a pillar of prayer.

Wherever she and her husband Al have lived, she has started prayer meetings. During the Great Depression they moved from Evansville to Jasper, Ind. In their six months stay she started a youth prayer meeting. Soon after moving near Zion, Ky., she taught a book on witnessing and started a weekly prayer meeting for young people in her home.

That prayer meeting has continued for years. Five young ministers have come out of it—LaVerne Butler, Joe and Bob Williams, Walker Knight and Jeff Davis.

In the '60s she started an annual "Day of Prayer" in the Green Valley Association. She is the associational WMU prayer chairman.

In 1977 she and her husband donated the money for a worshipful prayer room in their church.

Mrs. Burton will quickly tell you,

"Prayer means everything to me." "It's my vital breath," she concedes.

You don't talk to her long before you realize Mrs. Burton loves the Lord, her pastor, Dennis Plank, and her church. She is an active witness wherever she goes.

Her favorite verses are "... without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5), "I beseech you ... present your bodies a living sacrifice ... which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1), and "If my people ... shall humble themselves, and pray ... then I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

As I told the Burtons good-bye, she said, "We haven't prayed together." I can still almost feel Lura Burton taking my hand and taking us to God's throne in prayer.



## BOB WALTERS

Bob Walters, pastor of Poole Missionary Baptist Church, builds radio controled model airplanes to relax. He is presently building two stand-off scale models—one a Piper Cherokee and the other a P-51 Mustang. "I can go upstairs and start working on one of them and my frustration and stress is gone," he explains.

Walters recalls he started building model planes in the fourth or fifth grade. It's a hobby he shares with his grandchildren. Both he and they enjoy seeing them and flying them. Laughingly he exclaims, "Build them all winter and wreck them all summer!"

To some extent, building model planes is a throwback from his years in aviation. For 15 years he worked as an experimental flight mechanic for Bell Helicopter, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Walters was working there when he was saved an later called to preach. He proudly acknowledges the job made it possible for him to

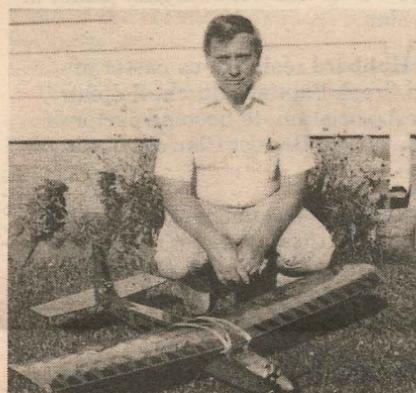
attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in that city.

Walters is not only a good model builder; he is an able church builder, too. Before coming to Kentucky he pastored 19 years in Indiana where he started five new churches. Three of them are still going.

Since coming to Poole, a community of 300 people 15 miles southwest of Henderson on Highway 41A, he has led the congregation to increase from 28 to 35 in Sunday school attendance. This summer, they had their first vacation Bible school in five years with an enrolment of 74 and an average attendance of 60.

Walters and his wife Coleen are the parents of four grown daughters and are the grandparents of three boys and five girls.

Whenever you are around Henderson, drive on out to Poole. Bob Walters will gladly show you his shiny model airplanes.



## HILDRED GOWER

"People try to pay me, but I'm not for hire. If I was going to work for pay, I would have continued to work for the company," says Hildred Gower. He retired at age 62 on Dec. 31, 1982, from the pipeline department of Ashland Oil and Transportation Co. for the Henderson area.

A member of Hyland Baptist Church, Henderson, since 1951, Gower lives to do volunteer work in his church and community. He is available to help with any youth activity. He says he's available "wherever, whatever, work or play, home or away."

Since his retirement he has served as chauffeur, taking a man about 15 miles back and forth to the hospital for dialysis three times a week for three months. Gower's pastor, Ray Vincent, witnessed to the man and led him to Christ before his death.

For about three months Gower sat with a dying man every night from 1-7 a.m.

Gower has done all kinds of volunteer jobs. He has repaired plumbing, dug ditches, painted, repaired a porch and during the winter he kept the snow shoveled from the sidewalks of 10 to 12 disabled folks or widows of his church and community.

Along with the Brotherhood of his church, he has helped build and remodel churches and campgrounds in Ohio. For more years than he can remember he has served as a youth counselor at Camp Schaeffer near Owensboro.

"I'm not afraid to tackle anything," he grins. Hildred Gower is a hard worker, but he's not for hire. He works simply for a "thank you"!



## FRANCES HORNER

"The church has been a big part of my life. My closest friends are in the church," reflected Mrs. James V. (Frances) Horner.

Mrs. Horner joined First Baptist Church, Sebree in 1935 soon after she married. The year before she joined the church she started teaching Sunday school. She has taught ever since. For one stretch of 25 years she taught a boys' class, then moved to young adults and has taught a senior adult class since 1977.

Her husband became treasurer in 1945, and she became clerk. In 1974 health prevented him from continuing, Frances became both treasurer and clerk for First Baptist and has held both positions ever since.

"I've gotten a great joy out of seeing how quickly we have paid off our notes," she declares. She continues, "I enjoy seeing the growth in people's giving and in seeing additions to the roll."

Before retiring in 1974, she worked 30 years for Stull Brothers Inc., a hybrid seed corn company based in Sebree. She was the secretary-treasurer for the corporation.

Mrs. Horner is a competent worker behind the scenes. She is easy and enjoyable to work with. I know. She is the treasurer-clerk of my church. I have already told her she can't quit as long as I'm pastor!

Frances Horner loves her church. It's a big part of her life.



# mountains to the mississippi



**James H. Cox**  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### Happy days

A. B. Colvin, who retired from the Kentucky Baptist Convention after 27 years, kept meticulous records on everything, including his visits to the churches and associations. He had been in every one of the 79 associations in Kentucky no less than seven times, and in some scores more. Of more than 2200 churches in the state, Colvin had visited nearly 1700 of them. That's not just "ministerially speaking."

I doubt there's another Kentucky Baptist who ever came close to that record, nor who traveled the hundreds of thousands of miles he did.

I'm pleased my own travels have allowed me to be in 132 churches (I've not kept records of associations) in a decade. (My 10th anniversary here is Sept. 15.) That is "small potatoes" to many of my colleagues in the Baptist Building, some of whom are in 50 or more different churches every year.

But for one who doesn't preach, 132 seems like a respectable number. That averages to 13 new churches per year, even though I've visited many of the same congregations again and again. There is a handful of churches Kentucky Baptists rely upon to host meetings, another reason the 132 is not larger.

My spiral notebook of church visits records that I have been to Louisville's Walnut Street Church 27 times and to Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown, 16 times. Others with high concentration include St. Matthews Church, Louisville, 12 times; First Church, Bowling Green, nine times; and the First churches of Madisonville and Paducah, eight times each.

While most of these visits have been for news coverage, a surprising number include occasions I have addressed or led a conference myself. I've done this 73 times in 61 churches. For a writing minister, that's generous.

These figures aren't intended to be "brag" material. They remind me there are some pretty swell folks filling Baptist pews and pulpits of this commonwealth. As I have been in these churches, fellowshiped and worshiped with the people, shared a meal and listened to what Kentucky Baptists had to say, I could not help but come away with a deeper appreciation of them. Their commitment to service, their cooperative nature in supporting missions and graciousness with which they receive guests has inspired me and underscored my own calling.

I'm a native Kentuckian but was serving in another state when I went to Middletown. You who comprise this fellowship have been marvelous reminders to me every day since that God was in that decision. Thank you for the blessings of 10 happy years

### personnel

**Louie L. Bailey** (see photo) will assume the position of minister of music at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association Oct. 1.

Bailey goes to Crescent Hill from a similar position at Bayshore Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.

Bailey received the BM degree from Georgia State University, Atlanta, and the MCM and DMA degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. H. Stephen Shoemaker is pastor.

**Guy Futral** (see photo) director of the Church/Minister Relations Department for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, became interim pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**Mike Burnett** began duties as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association Aug. 25.

Burnett had been pastor of Northwood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. He is a graduate of Boyce Bible School, Louisville.

Joe Vetter had been interim pastor of Mt. Zion.

**Ben Hubbard** resigned as pastor of Corn Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to become pastor of Shallow Ford Baptist Church, Erwin, Tenn.

**Steve Littlefield**, minister of music and youth at Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, Caldwell-Lyon Association, resigned to accept a position at First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska.

**Cynthia Carr** assumed duties as direc-



Bailey



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tor of the Child Care Center at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Carr had been assistant preschool director at Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

She is a graduate of Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Ray Edwards** has been called as pastor of Lytleton Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

**Gregory Miles**, a member of First Baptist Church, Grayson, announced his call to the ministry.

**Shelby Reynolds** resigned as pastor of Ottawa Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

**Paul Lambert** resigned as pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

He will continue his duties as director of financial development at Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

**Roger Wolfe** has been called as pastor of Concord Baptist Church, North Con-

cord Association.

**Obie Bargo** resigned as pastor of River Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

**Denny McCowan** resigned as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Carvin Bryant** resigned as pastor of Silver Creek Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association, to join the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville.

**Marion Turley** became pastor of Blue Lick Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association.

**Norman Baker** resigned as pastor of Jasper Bend Baptist Church, McCreary County Association.

**Mark Hughes** began duties as minister of children at Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**Allen Wilson** resigned as minister of activities, First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, to become minister to students at Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

**Gary Eugene Ellis** was approved by the KBC administrative committee as local missionary at Fleming. He will continue as pastor of Fleming Baptist Church, Pine Mountain Association.

**Timothy Bell** was approved by the KBC administrative committee as part time campus minister at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro. He is also pastor of Panther Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association.

**James Dole** resigned as pastor of Midlane Park Baptist Church Louisville, Long Run Association. Paul Whitler has accepted the call to become interim pastor at Midlane Park.

**Steve Cook** has been called as pastor of Franklin Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**David Reynolds** resigned as pastor of Memory Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. H. C. Peck was called as interim pastor of Memory Lane.

**Michael Livingstone** resigned as pastor of Summitt Hills Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, to become a missionary to Kenya.

**Steve Hill** resigned as pastor of Sunny-

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side Baptist Church, Long Run Association, effective Sept. 22. He will become administrative assistant for Long Run Association.

Lawrence Spears has been called as pastor of Glenwood Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Jeff Griffin resigned as pastor of Woodstock Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, to accept a pastorate in Maryland.

J. Ralph Hardee, associate professor of church administration at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was called as interim minister of education at Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. The church also called J. Phillip Landgrave, professor of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, as interim minister of music. Hugh Goldsby is pastor.

Bill Wright accepted the call as pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Versailles, Elkhorn Association.

He goes to the church from Russell Cave Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, where he was minister of youth and music.

Wayne Riley resigned as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wayne Association, to accept a church in northern Indiana.

Bob Wallace retired as pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Elkhorn Association, after 18½ years service.

Phillip Potter began duties Aug. 29 as pastor of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Greenup Association.

Maggie Hutchinson was called as director of music at First Baptist Church, Russell, Greenup Association.

Mike Heacock has been called as minister of evangelism at Liberty Baptist Church, Greenup Association. He goes to the church from the staff of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

## ordinations

Alan Davis was ordained to the ministry Aug. 25 by Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association.

Tom Coffey was ordained to the ministry Aug. 25 by Buffalo Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. He has been called to pastor Corinth Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

Dwight Grise and Phillip Nash were ordained as deacons by Green Ridge Baptist Church, Russellville, Logan Association.

Rex Jones was ordained as a deacon by Friendship Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Roy Jacob and Mike Jacob were licensed to the ministry Aug. 11 by Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Bill Howard was ordained to the ministry by Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, Franklin Association. William A. Hartung is pastor.

Douglas E. Bunch was licensed to the ministry Aug. 11 by Petersburg Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. Charles Minch is pastor.

Ron Morrison was ordained to the ministry Sept. 1 by Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Association. Jeff Day is pastor.

Darrel Felty, Paul Williams and Tim Wilkerson were ordained as deacons by Audubon Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Association.

## congregations

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, will celebrate its 30th anniversary Sept. 20-22.

Featured speakers include Richard W. Bridges, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and former pastors James F. Gentry Jr. and Frank Dorris. Gentry is pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and Dorris is director of missions for Warren Association.

Bill C. Fort Jr. is pastor of Emmanuel.

Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Taylor County Association, celebrated its homecoming and 30th anniversary Aug. 25. William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was guest speaker.

Howard F. Beaman is pastor.

Harmony Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, will celebrate its 35th anniversary Sept. 22. Wes Roy, former assistant pastor will be guest speaker during the morning service.

A service of singing and praise will be conducted at 2 p.m.

Jim Heneisen is pastor of Harmony.

Hites Run Baptist Church, Hardinsburg, Breckenridge Association, is having homecoming services Sept. 29.

Lebanon Baptist Church, Bagdad, Franklin Association, presented the first Cinderella Allison Scholarship Awards Aug. 25. The recipients were Jennifer Montfort, Patsy Moore, Jenny Snook Taulbee and Larry Redding.

Valley Station Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will celebrate its 30th anniversary Sept. 22. The church first met at Valley Station School with 154 charter members. About 40 of the original members are still on the church roll.

Charles W. Shacklette is pastor of Valley Station.

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, will have a revival for hearing impaired people Sept. 13-15. During the weekend, the church will also sponsor workshops and seminars for the deaf and people who minister with the deaf.

Carter Bearden, a Home Mission Board missionary to the deaf, will be guest evangelist. Richard Bridges is pastor of First Church, Bowling Green.

First Baptist Church, Greenville, had more people than any church in the Southern Baptist Convention earning the Church Music Diploma in 1985. Bill McGibney is minister of music at First Church, Greenville, Muhlenberg Association.

The church's accomplishment helped put the Kentucky Baptist Convention first among other state conventions in the number of diplomas offered. Muhlenberg Baptist Association also ranked first in church music awards earned.

## revivals

First Baptist Church, Fulton, Fulton Association, had 53 professions of faith in a recent revival.

First Baptist Church, Paris, Elkhorn Association, had nine professions of faith, five additions by letter and nine rededications during a recent revival.

Bill Carter of Indianapolis, Ind., and Randy Butcher of Lancaster, led the revival services. Bob Wallace is pastor.

McKee Baptist Church, Irvine Association, reported 30 professions of faith, 10 rededications and one addition by letter during a revival last month.

Richard Harris, director of mass evangelism for the Home Mission Board, was the guest evangelist. Noel Dodson is pastor.

## missions

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Falwell Jr., missionaries to Korea, have arrived in the states for furlough (201 Carriage Dr., Nashville, TN 37222). He is a native of Murray, and she is the former Rowena Gunter of Sallis, Miss. They began serving with the Foreign Mission Board in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Phillips, missionaries to France, have completed furlough and returned to the field (9 rue Platon, Le Hillan, 33160 St. Medard-en Jalles, France). He was born in Murray and lived in several states while growing up. The former Jackie Freeman of South Carolina, she was born in Pickens and grew up in Easley. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall N. Rains, missionaries to Bangladesh, have arrived in the Philippines for a one-year assignment (Box 7, Baguio City, Philippines 0201). Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he considers Mayfield his home town. She is the former Betty Cope of Birmingham, Ala. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. H. David Coppedge, missionaries to Uruguay, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (apartado 100, San Francisco de Dops Rio, San Jose, Costa Rica). A native of Florida, he was born in Miami and considers Miami Springs his home town.

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The Days

Bruce Day (see photo) of Louisville was appointed pastor/director of Savannah Church and Community Center by the Home Mission Board.

Day, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., has for the past three years been coordinator of social ministry at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Louisville.

Day is a graduate of Jacksonville University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

His wife, Jaki, a native of Reidsville, N. C., also attended Jacksonville University. While in Louisville she was houseparent for Spring Meadows Children's Home and director of children's recreation for the Neighborhood House.

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# First missionary to Chile stays involved by prayer

by Art Toalston

Two rubber bands hold together aging, tattered sheets of paper that help William Davidson, 93, traverse the world in prayer nearly every day.

In old time handwriting, Davidson has written the name of 450 current and former missionaries and their children for whom he prays.

"This man is incredible!" said one of numerous grateful missionaries who greeted Davidson during Foreign Missions Week at the Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

The former missionary—the first to represent Southern Baptists in Chile in 1917—has supported other missionary families through prayer for 25 years.

Davidson, of Shonto, Ariz., carried his prayer list just like a wallet at Glorieta—in his back pocket. He doesn't boast about his prayer practice. He keeps no tally of answers to his prayers.

"I think it's his (God's) missionary assignment to me," he simply says. "So it's my priority activity."

Davidson tangibly demonstrates his ministry of intercession on each person's birthday. He sends a handwritten letter, along with a scripture verse etched onto a note card, a verse he hopes will be "fresh" for each person.

Siegfried Enge, artistic and photographic resource specialist at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., says he's amazed at Davidson's recall of each family member. "He keeps up with us. I don't know how he does it."

Enge adds, "In today's computerized world, for him to write a handwritten letter—not typewritten—is something else. It's a lost art."

Davidson is an antidote to any retiree who thinks, "What can I do now? I'm finished."

"If I could drive around freely, I could be helpful to a good many people," Davidson says. "But since I can't (drive), I have to do what I can at home."

Davidson probably could drive if he had a mind to, but he decided to quit several years ago, knowing that other drivers might not think he should be behind the wheel.

"I feel that he (God) gives me this good health in order to do this praying for (the missionaries) daily and this writing." Neither his eyes nor his writing hand tire. He still can read small print without his glasses. To stay in shape, he ventures out a mile "first thing in the morning," then undertakes 30 minutes of "fitness exercises."

His outlook toward prayer is to-the-point. "The Bible commands us to pray. Men like Paul (the apostle) asked for prayer. It's just a natural thing for a Christian to do."

Davidson and his wife, Mary, who died in 1966, were appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile on July 3, 1917, just a month after they were married. Within another month, they set sail for South America. By the time of their furlough in 1922, Davidson had begun the First Baptist Church

of Santiago and two other congregations, all of which remain active.

During furlough he was diagnosed as having tuberculosis. His doctor privately expected him to die. Davidson surprised the physician, recovering while in a sanitarium for six months and returning to Chile in 1924. Still, he felt weak and decided to resign from missionary service. Several years later he had recovered from the disease and "I haven't had a trace of it since." He was a Bible teacher at Hannibal-La Grange College, Hannibal, Mo., for 15

years and a draftsman for 28 years.

He now lives with his widowed daughter, Virginia Fisher, school nurse at a Navaho elementary boarding school in Shonto. He's a member of First Southern Baptist Church, Tuba City, an English-speaking Navaho church.

After leaving Chile, Davidson continued to pray for the missionaries there. Later, he added those in Ethiopia and various others. He remembers reading a missionary's letter in The Commission years ago recounting a rough day when she felt no one had

prayed for her. "So I wrote to her and said, 'You can't say that again, because I'll be praying for you every day'."

Around 1960, he began writing to all missionaries in language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, keeping in touch with everyone who wrote back. In about 10 years, his list got so big "I couldn't add any more."

Davidson doesn't advocate everyone having such a large prayer list of missionaries, yet he believes that, "Everybody ought to have a number he's praying for daily." (BP)

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# Shoptalk

by Robert Browning

## The minister's study time

Billy Graham said he would make two changes if he had his ministry to do again. He would study three times as much and give more time to prayer.



Effective preaching demands study.

Intense study requires discipline. I have found this discipline comes easier if I study in a quiet and pleasant atmosphere. I like to study in a room that is brightly decorated. I prefer a place that can be free from interruptions. I have found such a place in our church, and do my studying there.

What is to be studied during this valuable time? Certainly, the Bible heads the list. I meditate upon God's word and allow for fresh revelations. A 2000 year cultural gap is bridged with intense commentary study. Doing so provides me the groundwork I need for a meaningful sermon.

Other literature should be read and studied also. Every minister should come to grips with what the secular and

religious writers are saying about theological, social, moral and denominational issues. Books, journals, newspapers and plays are the resources that keep me abreast of the most current thoughts on these issues.

Reading is not all a minister must do during his or her study time. Sermons must be prepared. Again, I discipline myself to follow a pattern. I begin by reading the text and writing three sentences. I write what the author said to his reader, what the author is saying to me and the objective I wish to accomplish with this sermon. This last sentence is crucial. A single text may have several objectives. An effective sermon can have only one.

I write the outline of the sermon below these three sentences. If anything in the outline does not support the objective, it is scratched and used in another sermon.

At this point all my previous reading becomes useful. Pertinent ideas from the commentaries, as well as other resources, are assembled under the outline. I browse through my illustration file to select and make photocopies of the ones I wish to use. Then I pull together the outline, reading notes and illustrations to write the final manuscript. I conclude by making an outline of the sermon on a 4 x 6 notecard that is

taken into the pulpit.

The discipline of the minister is only the beginning of sermon preparation. The congregation must be disciplined to allow for this study time. This, also, is the minister's responsibility.

Periodically I share my schedule with church leaders and ask them to inform volunteers working with them to honor my study time. Occasionally I will publish schedule in our newsletter and emphasize the importance of study time. There have been times when I have shared with church members how I prepare a sermon. This helps the congregation grasp the time involved in sermon preparation. Even these good measures are no substitute, however, for an understanding and courteous secretary.

Study time is very important to me. I take seriously Paul's advice in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Robert Browning is pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset. He is a native of Greenville, Ky., a graduate of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



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## homes for children

### 'Touch and tell'

If you are in a crowd of people and feel a distinct tap on the shoulder or a special touch on your arm, it gets your attention. Instantly you turn to see who touched you. A distinct touch gets your attention and curiosity makes you want to know who touched you and what they want. Usually such a touch is from a friend who wants to greet you or convey a certain message.

"Touch and tell" go together like a "horse and carriage." The touch is designed to slow one down and get one's attention so as to be able to talk and share. "Touch and tell" is the most appropriate theme of this year's week of prayer for state missions. Baptist churches throughout the state this week are engaged in special study of and prayer for missions in Kentucky. We not only have the opportunity to learn about the many facets of mission work in our state, we will also have an opportunity to make a special over-and-above offering to strengthen the support of state mission work. As you give through the Eliza Broadus state mission offering you will be touching and telling the old, old story of Jesus.

Kentucky is indeed a great state! However, there are multitudes in our state who do not know Jesus as savior. These multitudes must be touched in order to tell them about Jesus. Although Baptist Homes for Children do not receive financial help from the state mission offering, I urge every Baptist to participate in this important week of prayer and special offering. I personally want to have a part in the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions. All phases of our Baptist work in Kentucky are worthy and deserve our loyal and sacrificial support.

Each of us is responsible to "touch and tell" others about Jesus. We touch them when we befriend them and help them with some need. This gets their attention and confidence. Then opportunities open for us to tell them the story of Jesus.

At Baptist Homes for Children we are in the continual business of "touching" young lives by showing them love and giving them help in their days of need. This opens the door so we can tell them of the love of Jesus and how he can help them put the broken pieces of life together.

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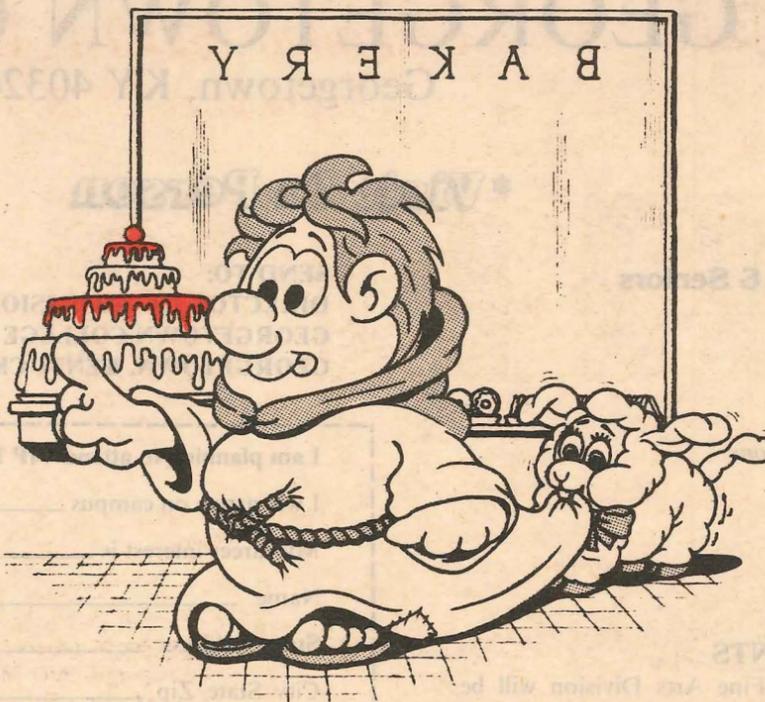
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## Kenyan pastor's school serves Masai tribe

The first pastor's school for men from Kenya's semi-nomadic Masai tribe opened Aug. 12 with 19 pastors and assistant pastors attending.

The Masai have long been resistant to change and only seven percent of the 250,000 member tribe have become Christians, said Harold Cummins, a Southern Baptist missionary who works with the group. But when Nairrotiai Kiriswa, who is more than 105 years old and known as a "killer of many lions," became a Christian in 1982 and changed his name to Paul Kiriswa, many Masai became interested in hearing about Jesus Christ. The Masai, who have great respect for the wisdom of age, consider Kiriswa "the oldest man anyone knows."

Within the past year 165 Masai, including chief Ole Papu, have become Christians and been baptized, said Cummins. The Masai Pastor's School will train leaders for the new churches primarily through Theological Education by Extension, which offers classes near the pastor's homes. (BP)

## Explosion, fire level Mississippi church

A Sunday morning thunderstorm helped minimize the tragedy at a north Mississippi Baptist church when an apparent gas leak sparked an explosion which burned the church to the ground and injured four members, two severely.

About 15 people were standing in the sanctuary of Priceville Baptist Church near Tupelo at 9:50 a.m. Aug. 25 when the accident occurred but a number of others were waiting in their cars for the rain to slack. Still others had not yet arrived for the 10 a.m. Sunday school which usually averages 60-70, according to Terry Ramey, minister of music and youth.

The church janitor already had turned on the lights in the basement when two Sunday school teachers went downstairs to prepare for their classes.

"I saw a flash out of the corner of my eye," said Ramey who had been standing near the pulpit talking with members. "The blast knocked us all down and we managed to get out." He said the basement door to the sanctuary blew off and "a gush of flames started coming up."

Ramey said the two men in the basement, Vardaman Alexander and Jerry Nolan, got out. Ramey already burned went back into the sanctuary to make certain everybody was out. "It blew the whole back wall out of the basement," said Ramey.

The frame building, which was insured, burned completely despite the arrival of firefighters. Ramey said a couple of the women later said they had smelled gas.

The two men who had been in the basement were listed in critical but stable condition at Firefighters Memorial Burn Center in Greenville. Two women in the sanctuary suffered injuries. Cora Alexander, sister of one of the injured men, had a sprained shoulder; Lucille Crider had a fractured wrist.

Members had a service at 4 p.m. at Auburn Baptist Church, making tentative plans for temporary facilities. A new pastor, Robert Rogers' first Sunday on the field was Sept. 1. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board provided a double-wide chapel trailer for temporary facilities and \$2500 from disaster relief funds. (BP)

## Correction

In the Aug. 27 column by Leon Simpson, Western Recorder printed an incorrect statement. We printed, "Christ is the best work . . ." We should have printed, "Christ is the best word . . ." We apologize to President Simpson and the people at Clear Creek.

## Sherri Brown assumes new HMB position

Sherri Anthony Brown, editorial assistant in the Home Mission Board's evangelism section for the past four years, has been promoted to assistant features editor in the board's editorial department.

Mrs. Brown, a 1981 journalism graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has written numerous features for Baptist Press and MissionsUSA magazine published by the board. She has done both writing and photography for the magazine. In her new position, she will specialize in developing features for Baptist Press, state Baptist papers and secular news media. (BP)

## Michael Stephen Day named Probe editor

Michael Stephen Day, active in youth work in Tennessee churches since 1973, has been named editor of Probe magazine, published by the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., for boys in grades 7-12, effective Sept. 1.

Day resigned as minister of youth at Westwood Baptist Church in Cleveland, Tenn., to accept the Brotherhood post. He previously was youth minister at Haywood Hills Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., and Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Tenn.

Born in Ft. Lee, Va., Day graduated from Antioch (Tenn.) High School and received the BS degree from Belmont College in Nashville. He earned the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Day has conducted a dozen youth discipleship conferences and preached in 60 youth revivals. During his service at the Haywood Hills Church, he was chairman of the Nashville Baptist Association youth committee for two years. (BP)

## HMB honors two churches, pastor

The Home Mission Board recently honored two churches and a pastor for their contributions to church and community ministries, resort and language ministries.

Tyrrell Park Baptist Church of Beaumont, Tex., received the first Jewell Beall Award for Church and Community Ministries. First Baptist Church, Tahoe City, Cal., was awarded the first resort missions church of the year.

Isaias Hernandez, of Michigan, was honored as the 1985 Language Pastor of the Year.

Tyrrell Park Baptist Church is located in a community which has shifted from a predominantly white to predominantly black population. Last year, the church's annual children's activities program drew 400 neighborhood children for recreation, Bible studies and clubs and a choir. An inner-city mission

also resulted from the activities program.

Tyrrell Park's award was named for Jewell Beall, 80, a retired Home Mission Board Christian social ministries missionary.

The resort missions church of the year, First Baptist Church, Tahoe City, is situated in one of the nation's major resort centers. In its leisure-oriented, secular setting the church started two missions, several home Bible fellowships and led six ski slope worship services during ski season.

Last year the northern California church led the state in baptisms. Dan Holzer is pastor of the church and works with Home Mission Board resort missionary Debbie Wohler.

Hernandez, language pastor of the year, has been pastor of First Spanish American Baptist Church for 28 years. The church started three local missions in Pontiac, Mich., and 20 missions in Mexico. (BP)

## Missionaries believed safe in Nigerian coup

News from Nigeria was scarce in the wake of the country's Aug. 27 coup, but Southern Baptist missionaries there are believed safe.

The new government immediately cut communications from the country, but reports which filtered to Ivory Coast and England indicated no violence during the takeover.

Meanwhile, U. S. State Department officials said they felt there was no danger to Americans in Nigeria, according to Betty Kay Abell, the Foreign Mission Board's associate director for west Africa. The state department indicated the country was calm and activities were returning to normal the day after the coup.

Almost 100 of the 120 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Nigeria were in the country when the military overthrew the government. (BP)

## Missionaries escape supermarket blast

Southern Baptist missionaries Ed and Anne Nicholas bought groceries in a Beirut supermarket one day before it was leveled by a car bomb Aug. 17.

Triggered by an estimated 550 pounds of explosives inside a parked sedan, the blast blew up the supermarket, set ablaze about 50 parked cars and hurled five bodies into the Mediterranean Sea some 300 yards away. More than 50 people died and 100 were wounded.

Many of the 13 Southern Baptist missionaries now on the field in east Beirut had shopped at the supermarket often.

The bombing was one of the worst yet in east Beirut, which has remained comparatively orderly during the bombings, kidnappings, sniper fire and street battles that have long wracked west Beirut. It was one incident in what has become known as the "war of the car bombs" between Christian and Muslim factions in the city.

During the most intense fighting in mid and late August several Southern Baptist missionaries were forced to spend time in places of shelter, such as the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut. (BP)



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# clear creek comment

## Shortsighted Christians

I forgot to tell you about my bifocals! Last week when I shared with you reminders of mortality in my life, I neglected to mention that I was privileged (?) to wear bifocals for the first time recently. I am still not used to them!

Trouble with my eyes caused me to be reminded of spiritual eye trouble. In 2 Pet. 1:9 we are told, "The that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off . . ." The phrase "cannot see afar off" translates the word from which we get myopia. Could it be that some of us are myopic Christians?

Robert Ingersoll, the great agnostic, once said, "In nature there are neither rewards nor punishments—just consequences." One wonders why he could not understand and apply this truth in the spiritual realm! Many of us do not accept the fact that for every action there is a reaction and for every decision there is a consequence. As C. A. Hall puts it, "We sow our thoughts, and we reap our actions; we sow our actions, and we reap our habits; we sow our habits, and we reap our characters; we sow our characters, and we reap our destiny."

One of the truths we believe at Clear Creek is that we should look ahead, plan for the future, and make our lives count for time and for eternity. Salvation in Christ is by the grace of God, but there is a cost to following him. "There is no rice without price, no gain without pain and no way without pay," as someone has said.

The average age of our students is 34 years (this fall a full time student registered who is in his 60s!). Is it reasonable, asks the world, to pick up a family and move to Clear Creek in following some supposed call from God? But the world is blind and shortsighted. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). My God is real, it pays to serve Jesus and it will be worth it all when we see him.

A first-year student from central Kentucky summed up his call by saying, "I only regret that I waited 10 years to answer the Lord." He took a long look and decided:

"My life shall touch a million lives in some way ere I go/From this dear world of struggle to the land I do not know./So this the wish I always wish, the prayer I ever pray:/Let my life help the other lives it touches by the way."  
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### From the Amazon to Oneida

Ethel was born on a boat in the middle of Brazil's Amazon River. She was born without any medical assistance except that of her maternal grandmother and her father, Eduardo Lessa.

So came into the world one of the most vivacious senior girls we have at Oneida. When Ethel came to us she spoke only her native Portuguese. Today she also speaks charming Kentucky mountain English, and has picked up Spanish as well in our Spanish class. (We also teach French.) Even when Ethel could not speak English she made friends. A smile, like love, needs no interpreter. It is understood in every language under the sun.

Her father, Rev. Eduardo Lessa, is well remembered and loved by hundreds of Georgetown and Southern Seminary alumni, as he attended those schools 1948-52. For 30 years he has now preached the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the jungles of the Lower Amazon River. The Parintins Baptist Church and School, serving grades 1-12, are on a large island in the great Amazon River. Bro. Lessa is pastor, president, teacher, a jack-of-all-trades.

Ethel is the only daughter and middle child. After graduation here she will go to Memphis to receive training as a registered nurse. She will then return to Brazil for training as a medical doctor. She will rejoin her father and mother "to continue this work that our Lord put in our hearts and in our hands

to do for him."

Ethel's father visited Oneida at the 1971 Oneida graduation. A schoolmate, David Jackson, was then serving as Oneida's president. (As a boy growing up at Oneida I saw Mr. Jackson's slides many times of his trip down the Amazon and was inspired by his moving account of the life and the work of Eduardo Lessa.) Ten years later we accepted Ethel on a full scholarship. Through foreign students from 12 nations presently enrolled at Oneida we are also involved in foreign missions as well as home missions, with students from 20 states and state missions with students from every part of Kentucky.

One of our 1951 graduates, Mrs. Jacqueline Gurnette Shelton of Lexington, has provided a home for Ethel to visit on our school "breaks." Jacky and her children have visited the Lessa family in the Amazon and have supported their work for many years. What a small world we are! How wonderful it is to be in the will of God and allow him to use us for his purposes. Look at all these with Oneida "ties" and how their paths have crossed in the Amazon.

In Ethel's words she can "make music with everything that makes sounds." Every night she plays the guitar for the prayer-and-praise service of our students in the Oneida Baptist Church. This service has been held nightly for nearly one year in addition to the daily morning chapel attended by all students and teachers. Very active in Oneida's Baptist student union, Ethel has been appointed to do summer mission work in southeastern U. S. under the auspices of the state BSU.

The Lessas have written: "We don't know how to express our gratitude for what you are doing for Ethel. We know God has some special plan for her life here in the Amazon Valley. She is very happy and thinks that Oneida is the best place in the world. We want you to have Ethel Lee as your daughter too, and hope you'll be able to come visit us when James Hatley, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., comes to dedicate a building for blind children."

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## sunday school lessons

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**Ephesians 2:1-3** God's word deals with man as a sinner, hostile to God and destitute of spiritual life. In describing the plight of sinners, Paul said that before Christ saved his readers they were dead in trespasses and sins, disobedient to and alienated from God — yielding allegiance to Satan and doing what pleased him, "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind," and were deserving of wrath.

**Ephesians 2:4-7** Because of their past condition and inability to save themselves, in matchless grace and marvelous love God provided for their salvation. In telling about the present position of his readers, Paul declared that they have been quickened from the dead, saved from sin, raised with Christ and seated in the heavenlies in Christ. **Ephesians 2:8-10** Salvation is by grace. Standing for all that God is, grace represents his abiding love and abounding power flowing full and free to undeserving sinners who are in need of salvation. Salvation is through faith. Salvation is provided by grace and becomes ours through faith. Faith is the channel through which the divine supply travels to the human need. What can be plainer than the statement, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"? Man must accept salvation as a gift from God or he will

never receive it. Anything that anybody does to try to earn salvation is an abomination in the sight of God.

**Ephesians 2:10** Salvation is not the work of self, or of others, but it is the work of God. God has done something for us and in us in order that he may do something through us. He has saved us in order that we may do good works for him.

**Ephesians 2:11-16** After Christ had saved them, their attitude toward each other was changed completely, which proves that Christ does abolish alienation, remove bitterness, and unite contending forces in Christian love. When people are right in their relationship with Christ they enjoy a harmonious relationship and have a delightful fellowship with one another.

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### Generous giving

**2 Corinthians 9:6-9** In teaching the Corinthian Christians how they should support the work of the Lord, Paul likened the method of Christian giving to a farmer sowing his seed. If the farmer sows little, he can only expect to receive a little in return. If he sows much, he may rightfully expect to receive much in return.

God's children should give generously (verse 6). If any Christian wants an abundant harvest of spiritual blessings from God, generosity must characterize his giving. One should remember that a Christian steward cannot outgive God.

God's children should give purposefully (verse 7a). Christian giving should be a systematic and regular practice. Whatever the Christian has, whether small or large, he holds as a trust from the Lord.

God's children should give cheerfully (verse 7b). The gifts of God's children should be presented with the full and hearty consent of their wills. Giving should be spontaneous and hilarious, for "God loveth a cheerful giver."

**2 Corinthians 9:10-15** A contribution of one's financial means for the support of the Lord's work and the proclamation of the gospel of Christ constitute an expression of thanksgiving to God for the divine blessings and a strong desire to participate in carrying on the work of the Lord.

Paul did not hesitate to note the insignificance of human giving in comparison with the marvelous and boundless grace of God in sending Christ into the world.



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## on mission together

### The great Elkhorn revival—revisited

The Baptists of Elkhorn Association are celebrating 200 years of fellowship this year.

The major Celebration event will take place at Georgetown College's John L. Hill Chapel Sept. 30.

Since my spiritual roots of ministry began in this association with rebaptism, ordination and my first pastorate, I have found especially meaningful the reading of a small pamphlet entitled "The Great Revival in Elkhorn." This brief but informative article was written by Jack Birdwhistle and made available by Harold Polk, executive director of Elkhorn Association.

The revival began in 1800 with just a few, seriously concerned and committed servants of Christ. For Presbyterians and Methodists, it occurred at the same time but largely in the famous "camp meetings." J. H. Spencer re-

cords that from 10,000 to 25,000 persons came from all around and "camped" out. Numerous preachers were "holding forth" in various locations all over the campground. Hundreds were converted. Among the Baptists, however, the revival spread from church to church.

Baptists in Kentucky have experienced other revivals since then—1810, 1817, 1827-29, and 1837—but none with quite the proportionate impact of that one in 1800-01. And down through the years individual churches have experienced remarkable revivals.

We have grown dramatically since 1800 when there was a ratio of one Baptist for every 43 Kentuckians. Today, 185 years later, one of every five Kentuckians is a Southern Baptist!

Periods of revival have been followed by periods of spiritual sluggishness.

One unnoticed aspect of our current era is that, unlike earlier years, many Kentucky Baptists are evangelizing outside our state in special assignments

and in partnerships. Many baptisms in places like Brazil, Haiti, Trinidad, Kenya and Ohio are the result of Kentucky Baptist volunteers. But that doesn't show in Kentucky Baptist statistics!

The Good News America campaign, with simultaneous revivals in April 1986, has the potential for Kentucky's greatest revival. We are in a "sluggish" era. Like revivals of old, many leaders are truly hungry for a special visitation of God's spirit.

I've committed to one of those revival meetings in 1986 and have begun praying about it.

With an estimated 800,000 lost and several hundred thousand inactive or unchurched, the final paragraph of the Elkhorn article is appropriate for us all:

"May God grant us such a revival as they experienced, which saw the Good News preached to all people, which brought healing to divisions, which spurred their mission work, and which enlivened their churches."

# Doors open for Southern Baptists in China

## Chinese professor urges Baptists to send experts to help country

by Bob Stanley

A 75-year-old professor from mainland China has laid the challenge of China's one billion people squarely on the shoulders of Southern Baptists.

C. K. Chang, returning to the U. S. after a 46-year absence, said Southern Baptists can provide many of the experts China is seeking to train people in all aspects of modern technology.

China no longer welcomes the missionary presence which Southern Baptists had there for more than 100 years, he emphasized during talks at Foreign Missions Week in Glorieta, N. M., Aug. 6-12. But, he said, "the door is wide open" for English teachers, mathematicians, chemists, physicists and others with graduate-level expertise in the natural sciences.

His country does not object to these persons being Christians, Chang pointed out. And Christian teachers who live out their faith will find their pupils coming to them individually to inquire about the Bible and about Jesus Christ.

More people are worshiping the true God in China today than ever before, Chang told members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which met during the week.

"While we cannot yet afford the time and energy to make an accurate study of the exact number of worshipers attending Protestant church meetings, it has been estimated that between three and five million is a good and realistic figure," he said. This does not include Roman Catholics or many others who gather to worship in homes because there is not enough room for them in the churches which have been allowed to reopen in recent years.

The Community Church which he attends in Wuhu, a city of 600,000 on the south bank of the Yangtze River in central China, seats only 700. But another 700 will stand in the courtyard, on the stairs and in the street to listen. More than 300 churches have been able to reclaim their buildings, seized for other purposes during the Cultural Revolution, and many have two or three services on Sunday and another on Saturday night.

Grace Church in Shanghai, China's largest evangelical-type church, baptized 1700 last year. The church at Wuhu baptized 100 but has many others on its "waiting list," Chang said. A church in China may wait as long as four or five years to baptize a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ.

Chang, who considers himself a third-generation "Southern Baptist" because his grandmother became a Christian through the witness of Southern Baptist missionaries, directed the sociology and social work department of the Southern Baptist-sponsored University of Shanghai, 1939-52.

From 1935-39 he studied in the United States, where he earned degrees from the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



C. K. Chang

Today he is a senior professor and former head of the language department at Anhui Normal University, a teacher-training school in Wuhu with an enrolment of 10,000. He will teach this fall at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., before returning to China the end of this year.

During a two-hour talk and question-and-answer period with the Foreign Mission Board, Chang gave strong endorsement to the board's efforts to encourage more Southern Baptists to offer their services in certain areas of expertise badly needed in China. Those interested in knowing opportunities available may write to Lewis Myers, director of the board's new cooperative services international office.

A Southern Baptist who taught at Anhui this past year, Vi Marie Taylor, emphasized that such assignments are more meaningful at institutions where a strong Chinese Christian like C. K. Chang is on the faculty. Chang's own concerned lifestyle, she said, provided the atmosphere in which students would come up to her and ask questions about the Bible and Jesus as they sought deeper meaning for their lives.

Chang, in turn, said it was helpful to have someone with her educational credentials (a PhD in education with major emphasis in English) to assist him. He said his own training in religious education and social work had not ideally prepared him as a teacher of English, but he had been offered his post at the Wuhu university because he was "the best there was."

He learned English "Southern style" from the Southern Baptist missionaries on the compound where he grew up. That also was where his grandmother, a Buddhist, became a Christian.

When he was a boy, he recalled, his grandmother would say, "Spring River (the meaning of the initials C. K. in Chinese), let's sit down and read the Bible." They would sing songs like "Jesus Loves Me," he would recite John 3:16 and other verses, and then she would pray.

"My grandmother prayed long prayers," he recalled. "Sometimes I went to sleep and sometimes she prayed so loudly I woke up!" On her deathbed, his grandmother smiled. The family, gathered around, was surprised that she continued to smile so long. "Then we realized she had already gone to be with her Lord," he said.

At 75, the professor is optimistic about his own future and that of his country, where he sees great encouragement in recent actions guaranteeing freedom of religious belief, although religious bodies still must be free of foreign influence. (BP)

## Baptist teacher in China finds people interested in Bible reading

by Bob Stanley

At first it seemed like an impossible request.

Wuhu, like many other cities in mainland China, was starting an "English corner" in the city's park, where students and others eager to improve their skills in English could gather each Sunday for informal conversation.

Vi Marie Taylor, a Southern Baptist from Denton, Tex., who was teaching English during the 1984-85 school year at Anhui Normal University, Wuhu, hesitated when the young city government official asked her to lead the park sessions.

She carried a full teaching load on weekdays. On Sunday she attended services at the Wuhu Community Church. But she agreed to lead the group from 7-7:30 a.m.

For the former Texas and Michigan teacher, the experience that began the following Sunday was another in a series of opportunities she believes God opened up for a quiet, lifestyle Christian witness in a land that no longer admits foreign missionaries.

When she made her way to the "corner," several people already were waiting, and others gathered as she and the small group began to talk and sing folk songs in English. At 7:30, when 15 or 20 were taking part, she said, "I'm going to church now. I'll be back in about two and a half hours. If you are still here, we can talk some more."

The next Sunday, some asked to walk with her, then attended the church service.

In the three months before she left to return to the United States, almost every Sunday some of her "English corner" students accompanied her to the church, the only Protestant church in the city of 600,000 on the south banks of the Yangtze River.

On one of the last Sundays one young person asked, "Do you understand what is said in the church? (Miss Taylor doesn't speak Chinese.) Why do you go?"

She replied, "I go for fellowship with people who have the same religious beliefs that I have." She could make the statement before 20-30 strangers in the city park because she was responding to questions, ones that reflect increasing interest in religion among many people in China today.

Because a class in the Bible is taught as literature in the university's English department, a visitor today may see students openly carrying Good News Bibles, their textbooks for the class, or hear them reciting Bible verses as they walk along, learning by recitation as they do in other subjects.

Miss Taylor, a former professional staff member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization for women in education, went to Hong Kong in 1977 to teach as a Southern Baptist missionary. In 1980 she spent a month in Canton, China, at the request of a Hong Kong businessman, teaching English to a group of young employees working on an oil refinery



Vi Marie Taylor

project.

Through a contact established by Cherry Chang, a visiting Foreign Mission Board member, Miss Taylor also began to correspond with C. K. Chang, cousin of Y. K. Chang, Mrs. Chang's late husband. The two educators met in 1983 when Miss Taylor and fellow missionary Millie Lovegren visited Wuhu and attended its Community Church as its first Western visitors in more than 30 years.

On arrival last fall the two women found much has changed in China in recent years. Wuhu is one of 98 cities now open to foreigners. Six months ago, only 38 were open to them. A new value is being placed on education in contrast to the years of the Cultural Revolution when most colleges were closed and professors like Chang assigned as laborers on farms or in factories.

In her classes, Miss Taylor was able to use Bible stories like those in Ruth to illustrate the ideals of Western civilization. One by one, students began to come by after class to ask questions about the Bible and even about the meaning of faith in Jesus Christ.

One of her seniors asked for a Bible. She took home a borrowed copy and in time became a Christian. Then others came. A student would bring a friend.

In all such instances Miss Taylor and Miss Woods never pursued a student or took the initiative. They always waited for students to come to them, ask the first question, or make the first move. Those who did say they wanted to become Christians were warned that it is difficult to be a Christian and that they would face some hard choices.

The night before Miss Taylor left for the states, three young men came to talk. One said he had exams the next day and needed to study but could not concentrate until he had told her that he wanted to believe in Christ. However, because he had to support a younger brother and sister, he said he didn't think he could make such a decision.

She told him the story of Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who at first could not make public their belief but later did so at the appropriate time. "This may be the thing God has for you," she told him.

Faculty as well as students showed interest in the Bible. One scholar asked especially for a King James version, which Miss Taylor was able to provide with some effort. It is illegal to take Bibles in Chinese into the country, because they now are printed in China, but English versions may be brought or sent in, one or two at a time. (BP)



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Paducah

The newest service for Western Baptist Hospital is the introduction of an open heart surgery unit. Residents of Paducah and the surrounding area no longer have to travel to St. Louis, Louisville or Nashville to have heart surgery performed. The hospital also has plans to evaluate the possibility of establishing a cancer research project for the future.

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A new Doctors Office Building has been the latest project for Central Baptist Hospital. Its completion provides the necessary campus environment between doctors and patients. The hospital is actively involved in a total restoration of the entire facility with an emphasis on patient comfort.

#### BAPTIST HOSPITAL EAST

Louisville

A new Doctors Office Building has just been completed and is available for occupancy. Plans are also in place for 98 beds to be added to the hospital in the very near future. Baptist Hospital East continues to be one of the most cost effective hospitals in the state.

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Louisville

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The Baptist Hospital Foundation, Inc. was established to assist BHI in obtaining philanthropic resources for each of its operating units. Its activities will include but not be limited to securing Foundation grants, assisting individuals in planned giving programs, being involved in community activities and actively seeking corporate sponsorship of programs. It is currently assisting Baptist Hospital Southeast, Inc. in its capital fund campaign.

#### BAPTIST HOSPITAL SOUTHEAST, INC.

Corbin

The newest member of the Baptist Hospital Inc. family is Baptist Hospital Southeast, Inc. located in the tri-county area of Laurel, Whitley and Knox Counties. BHI established a management contract with the existing hospital in 1981. Realizing the need for a larger facility with more medical specialties, BHI started construction of its new 210 bed Baptist Regional Medical Center in 1985. A capital fund campaign is presently being conducted. All those interested in helping BHI and the tri-county area in reaching their goal of \$500,000 are being encouraged to contact the Development Office (606) 528-0687.

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