



Compensation study for Kentucky ministers

A survey of Kentucky Baptist ministers is currently in process to determine their annual compensation, benefits and expenses. Each pastor and staff minister should have received by now a survey form. Information requested includes: [1] the base salary and housing; [2] protection benefits—retirement, social security, medical insurance; [3] Expenses—auto, convention, conference. This data will be compiled in the categories of positions and size of churches. Results will be available to ministers and churches by mid-summer. Any minister who did not receive a survey form in the mail may participate by contacting Don Spencer or Guy Futral at the Kentucky Baptist Building. The final date for receiving survey information is Mar. 1, 1986.

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	Month	YTD (5 Mos.)
Jan. 86	1,693,331	6,194,509
Jan. 85	1,465,538	5,834,723
\$ Chng	359,786	549,843
% Chng	6.2	10.4
Budget	6,500,250	6,018,750
\$ Under	(305,741)	(184,027)
% Under	(-4.7)	(-3.1)

January '86 was a record month. Previous record of \$1,502,198 was set in August 1984.

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SBC asks dismissal of U.S. court suit

Citing the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Southern Baptist Convention has asked dismissal of a federal court lawsuit against the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination.

The motion, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, seeks to have federal judge Robert Hall decline jurisdiction over a suit filed Dec. 5 by a Birmingham, Ala., couple and a Windsor, Mo., layman.

The suite and a parallel one in Fulton County (Ga.) Superior Court revolves around events at the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC concerning the election of the Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees, which nominates trustees for the 20 national SBC agencies.

Robert S. Crowder and his wife, Julia, and Henry C. Cooper claim their rights were violated when SBC president Charles F. Stanley of Atlanta made "erroneous rulings" when he declared out of order attempts to amend the report of the 1985 SBC Committee on Committees, which nominated the 1986 Committee on Boards.

In January, the Crowders and Cooper were joined in the suit by retired Marine H. Allen McCartney of Vero Beach, Fla., as a plaintiff.

Five other laypersons—from Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, Louisiana and Kentucky—filed a parallel suit in Georgia state court Jan. 23, seeking a "declaratory judgment as to the proper interpretation of the procedural bylaws" of the SBC and an injunction to prevent "the defendants from further violations of these bylaws."

Plaintiffs in both suits are represented by Emmet J. Bondurant and Jane Vehko of the Atlanta lawfirm of Bondurant, Mixson and Elmore.

In the reply, filed in late January, the SBC and its Executive Committee seek to have the suit dismissed, claiming the U.S. District Court does not have jurisdiction because the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution "precludes this court from exercising jurisdiction. . . ."

The motion to dismiss also claims the federal court lacks jurisdiction, citing a federal statute which says federal court jurisdiction "exists only if the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of value of \$10,000."

It goes on to add the plaintiffs "claim no entitlement to an award of damages in excess of \$10,000; instead, they seek only to prove and then vindicate their alleged ecclesiastical representational rights within the four walls of a religious organization."

The motion to dismiss the federal suit was filed by James P. Guenther of the Nashville, Tenn., lawfirm of Guenther and Jordan, and former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell of the Atlanta lawfirm of King and Spaulding.

In the motion, the attorneys argue the SBC "is a religious body, incorporated and created 'for the purpose of eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians (and for the propagation of the gospel'"

They also note the convention exists " . . . for three days each year when that year's duly elected and registered messengers convene for an annual meeting to conduct the convention's ecclesiastical affairs" which includes election of officers and persons to fill trustee posts.

"In recent years," it says, "the con-

vention has also been concerned with and affected by an ongoing theological and doctrinal controversy concerning . . . the interpretation of the Bible."

The motion points out the Crowders and Cooper "were three of some 45,000 Baptist messengers who converged in Dallas . . . in June 1985 to conduct the internal ecclesiastical affairs of the convention for 1985." It also adds the plaintiffs' "claims are premised upon their past status as messengers in 1985 at a religious convention that has permanently and forever adjourned."

It adds the election of the 1986 Committee on Boards was elected by "a substantial margin" of 57.8 percent of those present and voting, and that on the day after the election two messengers "made a motion to end further discussion of the election . . . and that motion was passed by a majority of the registered messengers present and voting."

In their arguments concerning the First Amendment, the attorneys say: "In 1871 the United States Supreme Court declared that civil courts have no power to decide disputes which are 'strictly and purely ecclesiastical in . . . character' In the ensuing years the Supreme Court has accepted this fundamental proposition as one of the constitutional rules flowing from the First Amendment."

The Crowder lawsuit, the brief claims, "falls squarely within the realm of ecclesiastical disputes which are constitutionally removed from civil resolution"

"The unmistakable focus of this action is on the inner workings of the Southern Baptist Convention. The issues raised and the relief sought relate exclusively to relationships within the convention and have meaning and significance only for those, like plaintiffs, who claim to be part of that religious body. Plaintiffs' claims are hitched to the internal law of the convention and the rights they claim, if they exist at all, exist only within the convention's system of ecclesiastical polity and governance," the brief goes on to say.

It adds: "The civil courts' lack of

power to resolve ecclesiastical disputes is much more than a technical rule of jurisdiction; it is an essential attribute of the religious freedom secured by the First Amendment. The First Amendment prohibits all laws 'respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof' . . ."

The attorneys write there is no government interest in the internal ecclesiastical affairs of a church thus there is also a complete absence of justification for any governmental intrusion into ecclesiastical matters of the kind plaintiffs invite.

It says: "Plaintiffs' claims undeniably fall within the category of disputes within churches that civil courts cannot resolve. Plaintiffs assert rights as citizens of the church to vote in church elections according to the laws and constitution of the church . . . (and) concerned their role within that sovereign religious body—a body separate from the state in fact and absolutely entitled to be so by law."

It adds: "In short the election of the 1985 nominating committee (Committee on Boards) and all issues related thereto are indisputably matters of ecclesiastical governance over which this court has no power."

It says the 1985 Committee on Boards was elected by a majority of messengers to the 1985 annual meeting and noted "that majority is the highest tribunal within the convention."

"If that were not enough," it adds, "a majority of the 1985 messengers thereafter voted in favor of a motion to end all further discussion of the election. . . . Moreover the Executive Committee reviewed the very claims plaintiffs make in this case and determined as a matter ecclesiastical governance that they did not merit the relief plaintiffs seek in this action."

Deference to these decisions of the congregational majority and the Executive Committee alone removes this litigation from the power of this court."

Attorneys for the Crowders and Cooper have until Feb. 5 to answer the motion to dismiss. A decision is not expected until after Feb. 11 on the motion. (BP)

Kentucky DOM helps farmers

by Jack Sanford, Editor

In this time of stress and uncertainty for America's farm families, at least one Kentuckian is trying to do something creative and supportive.

Allen Baugh, director of missions for Severns Valley Association, and himself a farmer, is chairman of the executive committee of Friends of Agriculture, an organization designed to deal with stress in the agribusiness community. The purpose of the organization is to provide support for farm families who are experiencing stress.

A mass meeting for Hardin, Larue and surrounding counties is planned for Friday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at T. K. Stone School in Elizabethtown. Speaker for the meeting is Donald W. Haynes, a pastor from North Carolina. Haynes has a farm background, still owns his own farm and is widely used as a speaker at state and national agriculture meet-

ings, farm equipment meetings and civic club meetings.

Future plans for the organization Baugh heads call for sessions on money management, handling stress, marriage enrichment for farm families, prospects for agriculture in the future and preparation for and securing of off-farm employment. Baugh said, "We plan to schedule as many meetings as necessary with the best leaders we can select."

Other members of the executive committee are Hugh Gwynn, vice chairman, Adrian Loyall, Pete Nolan, Wayne Dohson and Randall Loyall. This is not a Baptist movement, but is an attempt to make a Christian response to the serious problem of stress among agribusiness people and their families. Baugh has been given encouragement by leaders in the Kentucky Baptist Convention and is open to suggestions to improve the work of the group.

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Budget saver for all churches

The budget crunch in most every church in Kentucky is a reality. It is one of those troublesome things we must handle with grace and patience. Western Recorder receives many church newsletters every week and they all tell a similar story: money is tight and budgets are at the bursting point.

Yet mission giving, especially Cooperative Program giving by our people, remains high which is an indication of how well Kentucky Baptists view the world mission program of our denomination.

In William Marshall's column last week he called us to celebrate the record-breaking giving through the Eliza Broadus offering which produced \$485,500; through the Thanksgiving offering for our Homes for Children which produced \$599,387 through Jan. 31 with more sure to come in; and through the Cooperative Program where Kentucky Baptists gave \$1,693,331 during January, 1986. That surpasses the high for a single month set last August when Kentucky Baptists gave \$1,502,198 through the Cooperative Program.

In spite of tight budgets and pockets of severe unemployment reaching into cities and towns across the state, Kentuckians have shown a strong commitment to the programs and ministries of the KBC and the SBC.

But there are some areas of concern where things are tight and as editor of the state paper I am conscious of at least one of them. Perhaps it is the old saw that we scratch where it itches, and now the itch is closer to home than it has been in a long time. The cost of producing the state paper is at an all time high, especially since the postal department has increased the mailing rates for all bulk mailers. That includes the state paper and every church which sends out mass mailings to its congregation. That is where the itch is now, and the tight budgets we see around the state mean lean days ahead for the paper unless our people show the same commitment and generosity to Western Recorder as they have shown in their support of Cooperative Program giving and the special offerings which mean so much to our total work.

The KBC makes a generous allotment to Western Recorder each year from Cooperative Program funds, for which we are grateful. It is this allotment which keeps us going. We do not make more than expenses from the sale of the paper, even when we include the income we receive from advertising, an item which we consider a necessary evil in the state paper and one we would like to see fade away, keeping the paper free from any commercial emphasis.

Yet one of the casualties of tight budgets is the state paper. That is the traditional way we cut "expenses" in local churches. But to think of the state paper as an "expense" is to miss the purpose of the paper. The paper is there to inform, inspire, challenge and help church members live out their commitment to Christ in a more fruitful way. There is no better way to keep a congregation of Southern Baptists informed about what is going on in the larger family of the denomination and

the world than through regular reading of the state paper. We believe a church really short-changes itself whenever it does not provide the paper for every member of the congregation.

Since we believe the state paper is important, we want all our Kentucky Baptist people to know that in this day of tight budgets, Western Recorder is ready to open an avenue of savings to all churches.

You can save considerable money every week of the year by using the back page of Western Recorder instead of printing, mailing and fussing with your own publication. The entire back page is available to any church in the state for one small cost. It will cost you \$10.00 per week to print and mail your church page to every member of your church who is on the mailing list.

Consider what advantage that is for your church. Secretarial workers are not required to maintain folding equipment or postage equipment nor do they have to labor to lay-out and print the paper you send each week. The savings in paper costs alone would be considerable for any church with a sizeable mailing list, to say nothing of the savings in time and expense for the labor expended in doing your own thing.

Consider also the cost saving on postage alone. If you purchase a second class mailing permit, which is necessary to make bulk mailings, then send out more than 200 copies of your newsletter each week, the minimum for a bulk permit, then use of the back page of Western Recorder could save you enough money in a year to increase your gifts to missions considerably and keep Kentucky on its record-setting course in Cooperative Program giving and in other mission giving.

We would be delighted to share with you the way the church page works and what we could do for you to improve not only your communication with your congregation, but also save some much needed money for your church budget. We do have a method to our madness because whenever we can help you, we are really helping ourself and all other Kentucky Baptists. This is how we are trying to scratch our itch right now.

Call Business Manager Ray Hayes and let him introduce you to what could be a good deal for all of us. He will help you create a back page for your own church, with individual lay-out and design characteristics which reflect your concept of your church and its ministry. Your back page can be as distinctive as your imagination dictates.

Remember your state paper is not an "expense" item but a tool for ministry and a way to save budget money.

The record giving these past months, and especially in January, has been a shot in the arm to all of us who are dependent on the gifts from the churches to sustain our ministry. We at Western Recorder are happy for the record and congratulate all our people as we thank God for the help we receive from the KBC. We ask only that you keep our needs in mind and that you give us a try as the major communication tool within your church family.

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Quest Farm

Helping handicapped men grow toward independence

by Suzanne Darland,
State Correspondent

On a hot July day, a young man commandeers a lawn mower over a carefully laid out grid in the front yard.

The older man walking with him is not out for the exercise, however. He's reminding the 20-year-old to follow the rows when mowing.

Jonne Sanders and five other developmentally disabled young men live at Quest Farm near Georgetown, where they are learning about independent living and farming.

"They're accustomed to failure," relates June Richey, who with her husband Joe began the program in September 1984.

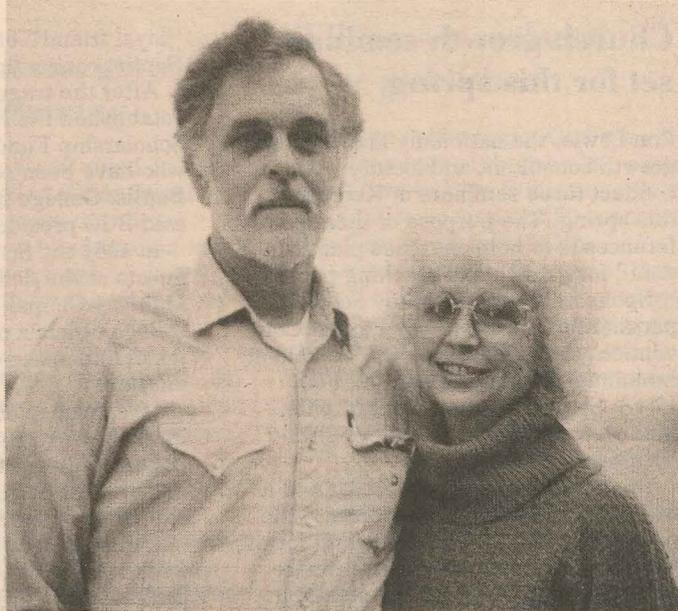
"This is one of the few chances they have to see positive results from their efforts."

The men, ranging in age from 20 to 33, planted over an acre of garden produce this summer and sold some of its bounty to two Lexington area restaurants. They set the tobacco now hanging in the barn. They feed and care for a horse, three goats, a number of cats, and a border collie who lost his tail in a hunting accident.

The Richeys, long involved in the care of the mentally handicapped, purchased the 26-acre farm with the conviction that family-centered farm care was an alternative to traditional institutions and group homes.

Richey had started a Sunday school class for the mentally handicapped—with one student—26 years ago at Trinity Baptist Church in Lexington. Mrs. Richey taught special education in the

Joe and June Richey manage Quest Farm near Georgetown, where five developmentally disabled young men are growing toward independence while learning about farming.



the black from the beginning, boasts Richey.

A month after they moved into the three-bedroom house, two young men moved in. Students from the Central Kentucky Vocational School constructed two bedrooms, a bath, a laundry room (with two washing machines) and a large family and game room in the lower level of the house.

A few months later, four more residents arrived and their house has been full ever since.

The days begin early and end late at the farm. While one of the young men must have help in toileting, bathing and shaving, the rest make their beds,

tables.

"Gardening is a good concept for them," Richey emphasized. "The people can put seed in the ground, help it grow, pick the fruit and eat it."

He also noted that the pressures of farm life are not as demanding as those of handicapped workshops, where one of the residents was employed.

"If they don't get the beans weeded today, it's not the end of the world," Richey said.

Plans are already being made to plant an acre of asparagus this spring for commercial sale. A local greenhouse gardener has donated enough to plant an acre, whenever the residents are ready for it, Richey said.

Neighbors have helped the Richey's farming project, lending plows and tobacco setting equipment this summer. The farm came with a tractor, and Mrs. Richey learned to drive it while the men of the household transplanted tobacco plants last spring. The couple said they won't plant tobacco again, however. They thought men couldn't quite comprehend harvesting and stripping.

Mrs. Richey said the Georgetown community "has taken us under their wings" as well.

The Scott County Jaycees and local homemakers groups sponsored Christmas parties, and the Jaycees painted rooms and built shelves in the house. In the spring the Jaycees plan to paint the outside of the house.

The Richeys say it has meant a major adjustment in their lives, working from dawn to way after dark with the handicapped men. They've learned to live with radios and tape players blaring out the latest rock music. They've resigned themselves to telling a young man for the umpteenth time how to do his job properly.

One of the residents eagerly picks up trash and empties waste baskets. A little too eagerly.

"He emptied my diamond rings into the trash," Mrs. Richey reported. "I happened to miss them and thought to look before they went any farther."

"There are days of problems," Richey reflects. "But there's been a lot happening to confirm we were called to do this."

A big part of their lives still is Trinity Church. They make the 35-minute trek each week to Sunday school in the handicapped department, which now has more than 100 members. A lot of personal support comes from their

church, they said.

Another service the Richeys provide is respite care—on a limited basis. There are few places parents can take their mentally handicapped children and take an evening out—or week off—for themselves.

One Louisville young man they care for regularly has the developmental capacity of a 10-month-old, they said.

Work will begin this spring on a second residence on the farm, one of three planned with adjoining walkways.

"At Christmas we collected half of the cost for the building," noted Mrs. Richey happily.

Three bedrooms and two houseparent apartments will house six residents, houseparents and relief houseparents. All the positions are already filled.

The Richeys say they want to keep the family concept even after all three residences are built and they no longer keep the developmentally disabled adults in their house.

"I think the family concept is really important," explained Mrs. Richey. "The fellows have reached more independence but still have the security and love a family setting can give them."

Plans call for greenhouses to be built onto each of the residences, for Richey indicated. There's a market for commercial greenhouse plants, and residents can be trained to fill that need.

Richey would like to continue their training with horses, too. Residents could be hired to work on area horse farms, returning to Quest Farm at the end of the day.

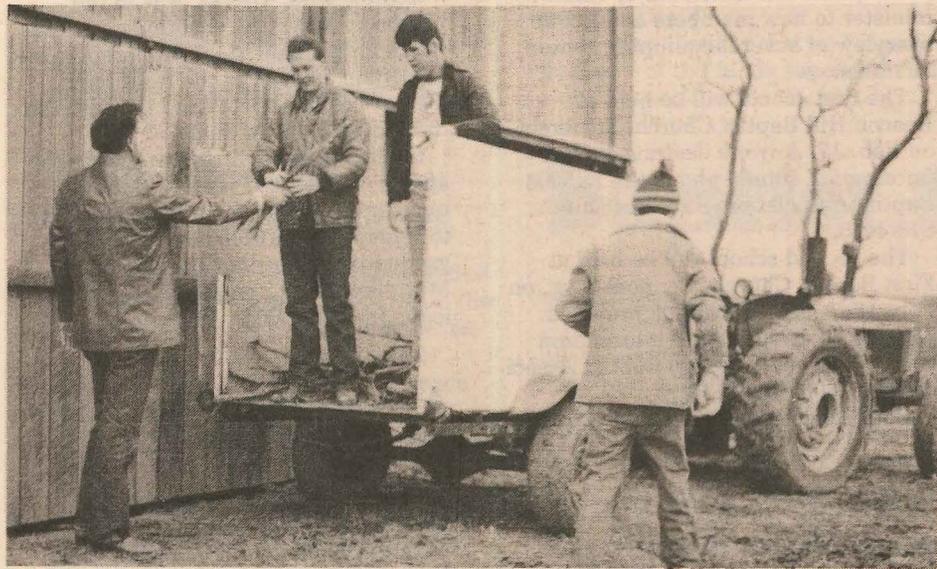
"My ultimate goal would be for them all to become independent," Richey mused. "But in reality that can't become true for all of them. I'd like for them to be as independent as possible, however."

And the Richeys have seen such growth toward independence. It took two days with two push mowers to mow the lawn the first time they did it last spring. The last time in the fall it took only four hours.

"The thrill of seeing a mentally handicapped person become more independent, the Richeys wrote in a recent mailing, "is indescribable."

"That's what makes it worth it," they say.

To contact the Richeys, write Quest Farm Inc., P.O. Box 12992, Lexington, KY 40583.



Quest Farm director Joe Richey hands tobacco stakes to Michael Lillie and Jonne Sanders.

Fayette County (Lexington) school system for 15 years.

"We saw a special need, especially as they (the mentally disabled) get older," noted Mrs. Richey.

They had researched a 2000-acre farm/ranch in Arizona that houses handicapped adults.

So with the blessings and some backing from Trinity Baptist Church, Richey left his 18-year managerial job at Sears department store and they began looking for property.

"It was an act of faith," she continued. "We had no money. But the donations came in."

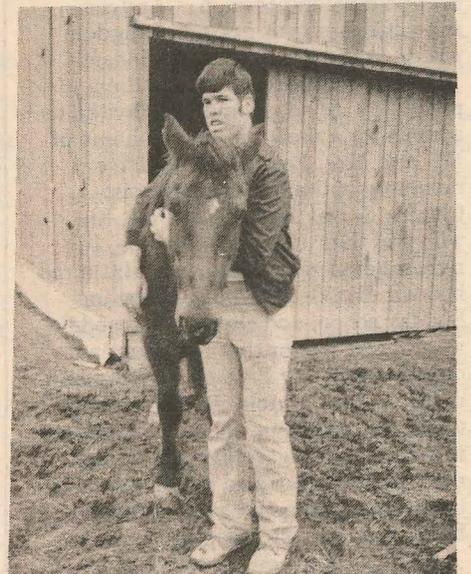
A group of teachers and leaders from their department became Quest Farm's board of directors. With the regular contributions of benefactors and the resident fee, the farm has operated in

vacuum their rooms and make themselves presentable.

After breakfast there's a rotating list of chores. Animals must be tended, laundry sorted, the house straightened. The men take turns going with Richey for weekly grocery shopping and to pick up farm supplies. The group goes to the library weekly and bowls every Saturday.

And then there was the garden. It was a big undertaking for two city folks but well worth the effort, they said.

With a marked ruler, the young men carefully dropped bean, corn and kale seeds in neat rows. They hoed, watered and waited, often going out to the garden several times a day to see what had grown. They froze broccoli, corn, squash and apples and canned 300 quarts of tomatoes and other vege-



Jonne Sanders, one of the residents at Quest Farm, learns a sense of responsibility in caring for a horse.



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homes for children

Another testimony

Last week I wrote about the value of investing in children. This week I am sharing another testimony on the great harvest that comes from such investments.

A foreign missionary on furlough was speaking at our church. After telling about what God was doing in the country where he served, he began to speak of the need for more missionaries in particular and more workers in general. Then, sensitive to the important role the local church plays in investing in children, he spoke of the need for and influence of leaders in the church. He pleaded for Christians to volunteer for service in the children and youth areas of the church, and urged workers in these areas not to be discouraged.

Speaking out of his own background experience, he told of how he must have frustrated his Royal Ambassador leaders. During those days he said he squirmed, talked, sailed airplanes and generally did things that would drive a leader to despair. He said, "I am sure my leaders sometimes went home and wondered how they could go back again. But they kept on working with me."

This missionary then told how he got his first impressions of missions in that RA group. Even when he was being pesky and seemed not to be paying any attention, he was learning. He said, "What you leaders do to teach and train children and youth all totals up to be a positive impression." And we know it bears fruit in God's kingdom as few in the life of that missionary.

A few months ago I was in Richmond, Ky. to speak and was invited to a home for a meal. It was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sidwell, active members of the Rosedale Baptist Church. It was fun to visit Pete, his wife and their children. You see, I remembered when Pete was a little red headed, freckle faced boy attending Sunday school and church at Rosedale when I was pastor there 40 years ago. I do not remember Pete ever giving any of his leaders trouble. But he gave a testimony verifying that our investment in his life and that of his two sisters, mother and father had meant much to them and had been a great influence to him through these 40 years.

What a joy to see the harvest. As we join others in investing in children through Baptist Homes for Children, more harvest will come even beyond our lives.

baptist news in brief

Church growth seminars set for this spring

Ron Lewis, the nationally-known church growth consultant and lecturer, will conduct three seminars in Kentucky this spring. The purpose of these conferences is to help churches plan in detail for growth and reaching people.

Sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the conferences will be held at Immanuel Baptist, Lexington, Feb. 17-18; Second Baptist, Hopkinsville, Mar. 3-4; and Severns Valley, Elizabethtown, Mar. 13-14.

Pre-registration is requested, and a \$15 fee is required. In response to the pre-registration, instructions and forms will be sent to help churches prepare information to bring for the planning. Inquiries may be sent to the Sunday School Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Marv Knox elected BP feature editor

Marv Knox, 29, has been elected feature editor for Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Knox, who assumed the post Feb. 1, succeeds Craig A. Bird, who resigned after he was appointed a missionary associate with the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

In his new job, Knox will work with BP director Wilmer C. Fields and news editor Dan Martin in writing, editing and preparing the daily news service which is circulated to some 400 outlets per day, including the 37 state Baptist newspapers.

Knox, a native of Ft. Worth, Tex., has been employed in Southern Baptist journalism for seven years, following his 1979 graduation from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

He comes to the BP position after two years as associate editor of the Baptist Message, newjournal of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, in Alexandria. Previously he was director of news and information at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, 1981-84, and assistant news editor of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, 1979-81.

He received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984.

Knox is married to the former Joanna Jarchow of Ft. Worth, Tex. They have one child, Lindsay Michelle, 2. (BP)

Shuttle commander honored at Baptist College (S.C.)

The tragic explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, which shocked an entire nation and sent it into mourning, had a special impact on Baptist College at Charleston, S. C.

Challenger commander Francis Richard (Dick) Scobee's wife, June, was a 1970 honors graduate of the college and the astronaut was considered a

"loyal friend" of the South Carolina Baptist convention-related institution.

After the tragedy Baptist College established the Francis Richard Scobee Scholarship Fund to "honor the couple who have been so closely related to the Baptist College family in recent years," said BCC president Jairy C. Hunter Jr.

In 1984 the Scobees were special guests at the dedication of the college's Lightsey Chapel. Scobee presented college officials memorabilia he had taken into space on an earlier shuttle mission.

Mrs. Scobee earned a BA degree in English with a minor in education at Baptist College. She later completed a PhD degree in gifted and talented education at Texas A & M University.

Last summer June Scobee spent two weeks at Baptist College as a visiting professor at a giftedness institute sponsored by the college. She worked with graduate students, gifted and talented children and members of the college's faculty. (BP)

Schools of Discipleship set for February

The Church Training/Special Ministries Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will hold two area Schools of Discipleship in February.

The Schools of Discipleship will give area Baptists an opportunity to get an overview of the 1986 doctrine study: **The Doctrine of the Laity**. In addition, participants can learn how to better minister to new members and get an overview of several equipping center modules.

The first school will be held at Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, on Feb. 17. Anyone desiring further information should phone the Pulaski Baptist Association office at (606) 678-4465.

The second school will be held at First Baptist Church, Cannonsburg, on Feb. 18. A nursery will be provided. Anyone desiring further information can contact the Greenup Baptist Association at (606) 329-2125.

Both schools will begin at 7 p.m.

WMU, SBC, adds five to professional staff

Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, has added five new employees to its professional staff, all to hold positions in the Missions Education System, led by associate executive director Bobbie Sorrell.

Marsha Spradlin will be Baptist Young Women consultant; Pat Ritchie, training design group manager; Carol Causey, training designer; Cindy McClain, Girls in Action/Acteens products editor, and Edna Ellison, Royal Service editor.

In her new position, Spradlin will lead in designing activities for BYW and Campus BYW. She will also participate in designing curriculum and products for the age-level organization.

Ritchie and Causey will work in the training design group to develop "how to" kits needed by state WMU leadership to train workers. They will evaluate and approve plans for training design projects, including the production of training modules.

McClain succeeds Fran Carter, who retired last year, as GA/Acteens products editor. In her new position, she will implement and interpret products in the dated plan, WMU's calendared outline of activities.

Ellison will be involved in enlisting and training writers; editing magazine copy, and directing, coordinating and implementing magazine curriculum plans for Baptist Women. (BP)

Seminary student killed by unknown gunman

A Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student was killed in an apparently random shooting at his home Jan. 29.

Police do not yet have a motive in the shooting death of Douglas Clifton Seale, a master of music student from Meridian, Miss.

Seale was pronounced dead on arrival at John Peter Smith Hospital after being shot twice at his home.

Lawrence Klempnauer, vice president for student affairs, said an unknown person fired five shots through the living room window of the Seale's home about 11:45 p.m. The home is a private residence, but is located across the street from a seminary-owned apartment complex.

"It looks like somebody walked up to the screen and fired five shots through it," Klempnauer said. "Somebody just got up there and unloaded a pistol."

Seale's wife, Teresa, was in the bathroom when the shooting occurred, Klempnauer said. Seale apparently was seated on a couch in the front room. Two of the five shots fired through the draped window hit Seale.

Seale began seminary studies in the spring of 1984 and ranked in the top quarter of seminary students, according to registrar Dan McLallen. He was a graduate of Meridian Junior College, Meridian, Miss., and Bellhaven College, Jackson, Miss. (BP)

African church surprised by snake's visit

Ed Miller had never dreamed his preaching could be so powerful. As he offered the invitation in a rural Zambian church, everyone stood and rushed to the front.

But Miller, a Southern Baptist missionary in Kitwe, Zambia, quickly realized his preaching had nothing to do with their response. A snake had fallen from the grass roof into the middle of the congregation.

After the snake was killed and peace restored, Miller continued his invitation. This time, nine adults came forward to make professions of faith in Christ.

Nigerian visa restrictions will limit Baptist work

The government of Nigeria has imposed visa quotas which will require some Southern Baptist missionaries to leave the country and limit the type of work new missionaries may do.

The quote, expected for months as part of the government's action to

nationalize jobs, became effective Jan. 22. But no missionaries will have to leave the country for 18 months, according to John Mills, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for west Africa.

Twelve missionaries working with the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomoso will be most immediately affected because their visas expire in 18 months. In two years visas will expire for about 20 more. Included in this group are nurses, field evangelists and those working with the pastors' schools in Kaduna and Owerri and with Theological Education by Extension. None of these visas may be renewed and no new visas will be approved for missionaries in these jobs unless further policy changes occur, Mills said.

Two-year renewable visas will be available for missionary doctors, administrators, student workers and those involved in non-theological education. There are 117 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Nigeria, where missions work began in 1850.

Though the quota as currently interpreted in the country is optimistic that some adjustments could be made to ease the situation. He also noted that policy changes have been frequent in Nigeria. (BP)

Russian Baptist leader dies in Moscow

Ilya Orlov died in Moscow, USSR. The 62-year-old Baptist leader had served as deputy director of the International Department of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR. Many Americans who visited the Soviet Union used Orlov as interpreter whenever they spoke in Russian Baptist churches. Orlov was the son of the pastor of the Leningrad Baptist Church.

BSSB will evaluate Sunday school resources

Now that Southern Baptists have ended an enrolment emphasis which led to the highest Sunday school enrolment ever, it's time to evaluate Sunday school materials and seek new ways to reach people, according to Harry Piland, director of the Sunday school department at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

With an enrolment of 7.9 million, Southern Baptists are riding the wave of a six-year increase with four years of record high enrolments. That has paved the way for enrolment growth, but enrolment will need to increase more rapidly to reach the goal of 10 million by 1990, Piland said.

A Bible study plan for non-Christians will be introduced in October as a new approach to outreach that will help increase enrolment, Piland said.

A formal review of the distinctives of Sunday school, church training, music and missions literature was completed in 1984. "With this study in hand, we feel now is a good time to take a look at our Sunday school literature and see if changes are needed to better meet the needs of churches," Piland explained. "We will be looking at Bible content, teaching methods and literature format in an effort to provide Sunday school periodicals which meet the needs of our Southern Baptist churches," he said.

Changes developed from this study will not be apparent until about 1990. No matter what changes are made,

Southern Baptists will continue to have the same basic text for Sunday school, Piland said, adding: "The Bible is our textbook and everything else is resource materials." (BP)

Blind student can get aid for ministry training

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled Jan. 27 the Constitution's First Amendment ban on an establishment of religion does not mean that a blind student may not receive state vocational funds because he is studying for the ministry at a Bible college.

At the college, the high court informed the Washington Supreme Court it may apply that state's stricter ban on any form of aid to sectarian institutions if it chooses to do so.

In a unanimous ruling, the court nevertheless reversed a Washington Supreme Court decision that the federal constitution forbids assistance such as that claimed by Larry Witters, the blind ministerial student who has pursued religious training at Inland Empire School of the Bible, a private Christian college in Spokane, Wash.

Justice Thurgood Marshall, who consistently has voted against state efforts to fund sectarian schools at the elementary and secondary levels, disagreed with the lower court's finding that Witter's use of state funds for religious training had the primary effect of advancing religion.

Noting the "well-settled" precedent "that the Establishment Clause is not violated every time money previously in the possession of a State is conveyed to a religious institution," Marshall wrote that Witters' choice to spend vocational funds for religious education was his, not the state's.

He wrote further that no "significant portion" of the funds expended under

the Washington program "will end up flowing to religious education," and that Witters' choice does not "confer any message of state endorsement of religion." (BP)

Williams translation to be published

A sincere desire to put God's word into the "language of the people" encouraged Charles Bray Williams, a Southern Baptist, to work for 20 years on his New Testament translation.

Johnnie Godwin, director of Holman Bible Publishers, said he is pleased to offer the Williams translation again because of its popularity for scholars and with church members for personal study.

Holman Bible Publishers, a division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has signed an agreement with Edith Williams, the widow of the translator, to bring the popular New Testament back into print in April or May 1986. It has not been in print since 1982.

Williams, who was born in 1869, worked on the translation in the request of his students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. where he worked in the library and was an instructor.

During his career, Williams also was an instructor at Union University, Jackson, Tenn. and president of Howard University (now Samford University), Birmingham, Ala.

After his retirement in 1940, Williams taught in a Bible college in Tampa, Fla. where one of his students was Billy Graham.

The Williams Translation of the New Testament has been popular for personal use and for study because of the particular style of translation in which Williams strived to translate ideas instead of a word-for-word approach, according to Godwin. (BP)



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Preaching until midnight

Acts 20:7 records that "Paul preached unto them . . . and continued his speech until midnight." This reminds me of an issue about which many laymen seem to be concerned—the length of a sermon.

The longest sermon on record was preached by Robert Marshall in Birmingham Unitarian Church of Michigan in 1976. He preached for 60 hours and 31 minutes! The shortest sermon of record was preached at Paine College in Georgia by Roy DeLamotte. He preached on the title "What Does Christ Answer When We Ask, 'Lord, What's Religion for Me'." The complete content of his sermon was the one word: "Nothing."

Most of our sermons would fall somewhere between these two extreme examples (hopefully leaning toward the brevity of the latter). I want to share a thought or two about the length of a sermon. First, your church will never grow stronger than consistent pastoral preaching challenges it to be. A pastor has many other duties and ministries, but the opportunity to address numbers of those to whom he has been called to minister comes on Sunday at the hour of worship.

A God-called servant must not make the clock his highest priority. He must passionately preach until he has delivered the message God has laid on his heart. Sermonettes preached by preacherettes produce Christianettes! I have heard enough sermonettes in my lifetime turn me against quiet meditations which are designed to pacify rather than challenge and change lives.

However, I am convinced that God's church would be blessed if we preachers prepared more and delivered powerful, Spirit-filled sermons in less time. Our Lord used only 504 words for the parable of the prodigal son. The Lord's prayer and the 23rd Psalm (and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address for that matter) are less than 300 words. The sermon on the mount can be delivered in 20 minutes and Peter's sermon at Pentecost (as well as Paul's message before Agrippa) in less than 10.

I think we should be well-prepared, preach with power and be considered of our congregations. After all, it is better to quit when they want you to continue than to continue when they want you to quit. To preach a great message for the Lord, we don't have to preach until midnight!

baptist forum

Reader praises Recorder

Just this afternoon my husband and I read your editorial in the Dec. 17 issue of Western Recorder. We both want to commend you highly for your forthright appraisal of the so-called conservatives' stance.

Keep up the good work and help Kentucky Baptists be informed and concerned.

Catherine Kuhnle, Lexington

Part time pastors have needs

The following are some thoughts concerning the need to give some serious consideration to the bivocational pastor:

One-third of the churches in our convention have bivocational ministers.

Many of these are college trained but most have little, if any, theological training. This deficiency automatically creates superficial barriers between the trained and non-trained.

Through a director of missions, a file of all the bi-voc's—name, church, established.

Through the director of mission there could be some area fellowship meetings with the bi-vocs for the purpose of hearing what they are saying.

Form a task force to coordinate meetings and evaluate the findings,

utilizing the convention staff office to administer this project.

Include the bi-vocs on KBC's committees and also utilize them on state convention programs.

Periodically highlight an evangelism conference on the bi-vocational minister and his importance in the total denominational picture.

Rethink some of the executive board structures regarding time. Why is weekday sacred as compared to a Saturday meeting in scheduling activities?

Offer workshops or seminars which deal with the challenge of the small church bivocational ministries. Why not have an ancillary meeting or banquet for bi-vocs as you do for other specialties—music, religious ed, etc.—in our convention meetings?

Perhaps, it would not be too far-fetched to think of an organization for bi-voc pastors which would give them a definite organizational identity. Materials could be generated which would zero in on their particular needs.

When appointments are made to various boards the men who are highly visible are those who can never be highly visible due to his dual role, but when some of these men are placed under the microscope you will discover they are doing superb jobs in their respective situations.

Earl S. Bell, Corbin

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Monte Hodges has accepted the pastorate of Cuba Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association. He takes the pulpit vacated by Charles Nelson who recently retired.

Richard McCarver has accepted the call to be pastor of New Home Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

John Charles has been called as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Chapel, South Shore, a mission of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association. Charles is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and has been pastor of another of Rose Hill's missions, Rush Baptist Chapel, Rush.

Bennie Bush has begun duties as pastor of Bacon Creek Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association.

Paul Frederick of Barbourville has accepted the call to the pastorate of Antioch Baptist Church, Keavy, Mt. Zion Association.

Gary Cruse resigned as pastor of New Hill Baptist Church, Graves County Association, to accept the call of Donaldson Baptist Church, Princeton, Caldwell-Lyon Association.

A. W. Landis resigned the pastorate of Sedalia Baptist Church, Graves County Association, to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Brookport, Ill.

Mary McClure was honored by the congregation of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, for 50 years as a Sunday school teacher.

Paul Godsey was honored on his 20th anniversary as pastor of Burlington Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. Gifts included a quilt made by the women of the church, a money gift to be used by Godsey and his wife Christine for a trip of their choice and a video tape of the life of Godsey from his model-T days to the present. Godsey



KENTUCKY LAITY ABROAD COORDINATOR—Kentuckians Marian [left] and Ray Acree [seated center], talk with Foreign Mission Board staffers Jim Cecil [standing] and Jackie Hollis during a conference for the board's laity abroad information coordinators. Acree is available to provide information about mission opportunities for Kentucky Baptists going overseas to work, study or travel. He may be contacted at 6616 South Drive, Valley Station, KY 40272.

and his wife Christine are both Cumberland College graduates.

Tommy Dye resigned as pastor of Lone Pine Baptist Church, Viper, Three Forks Association, and moved to Ohio.

Grady Randolph, former director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, will direct the Senior Citizens East Endowment Program. The program seeks to fund an agency which assists the elderly in home delivered meals, transportation, counseling, recreation classes, tours and trips. The agency assists the elderly of eastern Jefferson County.

Billy Hurley resigned as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Burna, Ohio River Association, effective Feb. 5. He is available for supply or interim pastoring.

Bill McDowell has announced his resignation as pastor of Deer Creek Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio River Association, effective Feb. 16. McDowell has pastored the church for 12 years. He

will be available for supply, interim, revivals and pastoring.

Douglas Estle has accepted the call to pastor Thomas Baptist Church, Irvine, Boone's Creek Association.

Michael Campbell resigned as music director of First Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Greenup Association. Ken Holden is pastor.

Vaughn Hatcher began pastoral duties at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Williamsburg, South Union Association. He has previously been minister of recreation at Main Street Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, and earlier was pastor at Faber Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

A. J. Outland has retired from the pastorate after 30 years. He is now living in Hopkinsville and is available for supply and interim work.

Walter Robinson is now the pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Tates Creek

Association.

Ronnie Eversole has resigned his duties as pastor of Hazel Patch Baptist Church, East Bernstadt, Laurel River Association.

ordinations

Don Owens was ordained as a deacon at Yocum Creek Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, Dec. 15, 1985. Ernest Boggs delivered the ordination message.

deaths

Cecil Adams, 80, died Dec. 24 from a heart attack. He had been director of missions for Liberty Baptist Association, 1950-55, and Lynn Baptist Association, 1959-70.

The burial was in Wichita Falls, Tex. where his wife Ina and daughter now reside.

Harriette King, an emeritus Southern Baptist missionary who lived almost 43 years in Asia, died Jan. 25 in Webster, Tex. She was 80.

Miss King was born to Southern Baptist missionaries in Shantung Province, China, but grew up in the States. At age 27, however, she joined her mother, who had returned to China and helped with mission work. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1935.

As a missionary to China, Miss King worked in evangelism in Pohsien, Kweiteh and Chenghsien (formerly Chengchow) and taught in a Baptist girl's school in Shanghai. She lived under Communist rule in Shanghai for nearly two years before leaving China in 1951.

After leaving China, Miss King preached and taught for 10 years in Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia. During her last term before retiring in 1971, she worked in church development in Singapore.

Miss King was a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Louisville.

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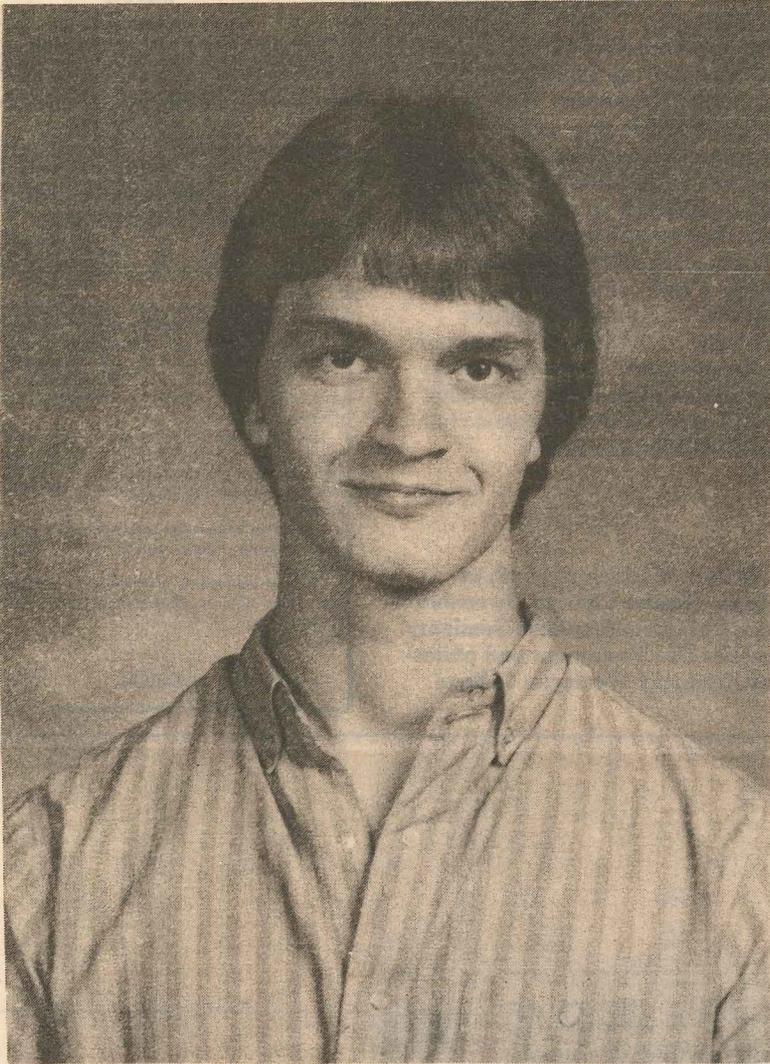
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Meet Cumberland College Student Rickey Vernon



Rickey Vernon

For the second consecutive year, Cumberland College sophomore Rickey Vernon of Lithia Springs, Georgia, has been awarded a National Merit Scholarship. Rickey is studying a pre-med curriculum at Cumberland and plans to become a medical doctor.

In his first year at Cumberland, Rickey was named to the Academic Dean's list for both semesters and was awarded High Honors at Honor's Day Convocation. To achieve High Honors a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.8-4.0 out of a possible 4.0.

Rickey is very active in the Cumberland College Baptist Student Union, where he serves as treasurer. He is also active in the BSU Clown Ministry, which--according to Rickey--is a way of ministering

through the love and joy of Christ when the clowns visit churches, rest homes, and other places.

Mr. W. Blaine Early, III, chairman of the Cumberland College biology department and also Rickey's advisor and teacher, spoke of Rickey's academic and Christian abilities.

"Rickey is the type of student that we like to have at Cumberland College because he can balance his strong Christian commitment and involvement with the demands of our rigorous pre-medical curriculum. His level of academic performance is outstanding for a student who commits all of his time to studying, but his performance is even more remarkable when we consider his time devoted to Baptist Student Union activities."

While in high school, Rickey was president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and of the National Honor Society. He participated in track and cross-country.

Rickey received several awards, including the Georgia Certificate of Merit, the National Merit Scholarship, and was the Board of Education Scholar. With a 3.97 grade point average out of a possible 4.0, he finished fifth in a class of 377.

A member of the Community Grove Baptist Church in Georgia, Rickey was president of his Sunday School class and was involved in other church activities. Since coming to Cumberland, Rickey has sung in a church choir and sang in the Baptist Student Union choir during his freshman year.

Rickey said that, although he was recruited by many colleges and universities, he chose Cumberland because of its strong academic credentials, its Christian atmosphere and its strong religion department.

Rickey quietly says, "One of my biggest struggles is that, as I excel academically, I do not always remember to give God the credit. That's one of the ways that the great Christian atmosphere at Cumberland is helping me to grow."

Becoming a medical doctor in order to become a medical missionary is Rickey's greatest goal. "I want to be a medical missionary in either a foreign country or right here in America where I can minister to the poor people. A lot of poor people don't get the medical attention they need because of a lack of money. I want to serve God by serving my fellow man and to me medicine is meant to be a ministry."

"We are proud of Rickey and our other young Christian students who are gifted both intellectually and spiritually," commented Cumberland College president Jim Taylor. "At Cumberland, we are constantly seeking young people who have the ability to contribute to the betterment of society and who have the desire to minister to the needs of others. After all, education for Christian service has been Cumberland College's mission and ministry for almost 100 years."

All of us in our Christian family at Cumberland College are proud of Rickey, and of all our other students who have accomplished so much and who have such noble dreams and plans for their lives as they live their witness by serving their fellow man. At Cumberland College we keep our hearts and our doors open for them.

Dr. Taylor:

Please send me more information about Cumberland College and students like Rickey.

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Shoptalk *Working with young people*

by Bruce Beck

When I came to Macedonia Baptist Church in 1981, I was the first full time second staff member the church ever had. This allowed me freedom to design and establish a youth program and also created an air of excitement and expectancy.

Since it was from ground level the church and I began to build a youth ministry, the foundation of the program was very important. Much prayer and analysis helped decide the program would center on personal evangelism and missions. Once this was determined I designed a master plan which I felt would best serve the needs of our young people. One essential of that plan was summer mission projects. These are still the cornerstone of our program.

Mission action is central to our program and mission action cannot be entered into lightly. By mission action I mean applying the essence of Christ's teachings on evangelism and caring for the needs of others.

In order to be successful, mission action training and experience are necessary. Without adequate training, mission experiences can be more detri-

mental than helpful. In order to supplement my own training of young people, we attend one of the youth weeks at Ridgecrest on even-numbered years.

In order to maintain training throughout the year, we adopted and adapted Disciplelife programs provided by the SBC. I also conduct witnessing seminars at least once a year and lead youth to participate in church-wide visitation. The young people also serve in leadership roles in our VBS as well as associational activities.

Our summer mission projects in odd-numbered years have included involvement in pioneer mission fields through various SBC agencies.

In 1981 we worked with the Home Mission Department of Iowa to conduct backyard Bible clubs in an area where Baptist work had just begun. This allowed our young people to experience the joys and frustrations of work in pioneer areas.

In 1983 we worked in the Rio Grande Baptist Association conducting VBS among Mexican migrants in the Rio Grande Valley. Here young people not only had the opportunity to minister to

the spiritual needs of others, but also helped erect a new educational facility. Because of the bilingual nature of this project, it gave young people a taste of foreign missions.

In 1985 we worked in Wisconsin and Canada in pilot areas assisting in VBS in an established Southern Baptist church in the Milwaukee area.

These experiences in mission training and practical application have helped us develop an effective youth program that has more than doubled in size and has helped immeasurably in developing awareness of and commitment to the mission work of Southern Baptists.

I look forward to even greater opportunities in the future as we develop a new generation of believers who must accept and carry on the awesome challenge of Bold Mission Thrust.

Bruce Beck is minister of youth at Macedonia Baptist Church, Owensboro. He has a PhD from Southern Seminary and teaches Old Testament and philosophy at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

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Georgetown College Chorale sets schedule

The 48-voice Georgetown College Chorale, under the direction of professor Tony Whitfield, is scheduled to make its annual spring tour on Mar. 12-16.

The Chorale will also appear in concert in Frankfort, Thursday, Apr. 3 in Bradford Hall on the campus of Kentucky State University at 8 p.m.

In later 1986 spring appearances, the Georgetown College Chorale will perform its annual spring campus concert on Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 8 p.m. in the school's John Hill Chapel.

The Chorale will conclude its program with a concert for the Southern Baptist Music Conference June 8 at Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta.

The Chorale will be heard four times in weekly convocations this March and April, according to professor Whitfield.

Science, theology is subject of SBTS lecture

Noted scientist and theologian Arthur Peacocke will deliver the Norton Lectures Feb. 12-14 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Peacocke is director of the Ian Ramsey Center, St. Cross College, Oxford. From 1973-84 he was dean of Clare College, Cambridge, where he taught in both the divinity and biochemistry departments. He also taught at the University of Birmingham and Oxford University, where he was a lecturer in biochemistry and a fellow of St. Peter's College.

Peacocke's books include *Science and the Christian Experiment*, for which he was awarded the International Lecomte du Nouy Prize in 1973, *Creation and the World of Science*, and *The Physical Chemistry of Biological Organization*.

One of Peacocke's major concerns has been to encourage the interaction of scientists and theologians. To this end he founded the Science and Religion Forum and is associate editor of *Zygon*, an international journal of religion and science.

Southwestern professor among top scholars

E. Earle Ellis, visiting professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, has been identified as one of five American scholars at the forefront of New Testament studies.

The recognition came in a recent *Publishers Weekly* article, "The Renaissance of Evangelical Protestantism," written by Leslie Keylock, associate professor at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

Keylock surveyed 20 evangelical experts and asked them to name the outstanding scholars in theological and biblical studies. A list of those most-mentioned was compiled from some 540 who were named at least once.

Ellis, who went to Southwestern from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey, identified Pauline studies as his area of greatest interest, followed by the gospels, especially Luke.

Ellis has been teaching at Southwestern since September, having spent the past eight years as research professor of New Testament literature at New Brunswick Seminary.

Prior to 1978 he taught at Bethel

Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

He holds graduate degrees from Wheaton and the University of Edinburgh and has studied at the Universities of Tubingen, Gottingen, and Marburg. (BP)

Forum at Georgetown focuses on Toyota plant

A large share of the Georgetown College faculty, administrative staff and students participated in the first Toyota Open Forum, developed to anticipate means of understanding the changing culture that will accompany the arrival of major industry in Georgetown.

The forum was called and convened by W. Morgan Patterson, president of the college.

He stated, "This forum and likely succeeding ones will provide the college with occasions to share ideas and have constructive input from the total college family."

Patterson, in his opening remarks, said, "The college needs to find ways it can help in developing this new relationship. We, as an institution of learning, need to offer meaningful initiatives to cultivate understanding and effect productivity."

Patterson limited the discussion to the consideration of three main questions.

First, he asked, "What appropriate services can Georgetown College offer to Toyota, its employees and their families in the areas where the college has expertise and resources?"

Second, "What strategy can the college devise to relate constructively and creatively to this major development?"

And, "How can the college utilize this event to strengthen and enhance the interest of Georgetown College with its own distinctive mission and purpose?"

Georgetown College, located in a farming community for 157 years, will experience a close-up relationship with major industry for the first time in 1988, when the Toyota Corporation locates in Scott County just north of the city.

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\$26 million donated to Baylor University

Donations to Baylor University in 1985 totaled more than \$26 million, the second highest yearly total in the school's 141-year history.

John Scales, associate vice president and director of development, said Baylor received \$26,025,980 during 1985. In all, Baylor received more than 9000 gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations.

In 1984 Baylor had its highest gift-giving total when almost \$40 million was donated to the school. That total included the Mattie Allen estate of almost \$14 million, the largest single gift in Baylor history. The \$40 million total represented a 176 percent increase over the previous year's total.

Scales said Baylor's goal for 1986 is to achieve a 20 percent increase in donations and to seek more than 11,000 gifts. (BP)

Baylor trustees set enrolment ceiling

At a time when many colleges and universities across the nation are facing declining enrolments, Baylor University trustees have approved an enrolment ceiling of 10,000 full time equivalent students, effective in the fall semester 1986.

During the fall 1985 semester, 10,900 full time equivalent students were enrolled at the university owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

To implement the new policy, admissions officials will begin a three-year to five-year period in the number of freshmen admitted to the university. In the past year, some 2500 freshmen were admitted. That number will be reduced to about 2200 freshmen.

Trustees also reaffirmed Baylor's denominational identity by asking administrators to continue seeking an

enrolment in which Baptist students remain in the majority.

According to Dewey Presley, chairman of the trustee academic and student affairs committee, "The committee feels this action will afford Baylor students the care and individual attention they deserve, as well as the preparation they will need in order to meet the future with promise and assurance."

"It is hoped that the university will continue to have the capacity to offer the kind of Christian education in the 'family' environment that has come to characterize Baylor University," Presley said.

"Because our purpose and our mandate is to provide scriptures without doctrinal note or comment, we are here to serve all the churches. But we need your help and guidance if we are to do it well."

Southwestern youth lab will 'illuminate the way'

Participants at this year's Youth Ministry Lab at Southwestern Seminary will be inspired to "illuminate the way."

Registration is open for the Apr. 18-20 event, a three-day, in-depth conference for youth ministers, workers and other individuals interested in youth ministry.

Instructors include Bob Henry, Missouri Baptist Convention; Wendell Newman, Wayne Jenkins and Joe Palmer, all of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and youth education professor Phil Briggs and instructor Wes Black of Southwestern.

For more information write Youth Ministry Lab 1986, Box 22328, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX 76122.

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oneida journal

On the frontline

With nearly 500 students and slightly over 100 staff we believe Oneida has about the ideal number for a truly quality program.

It is the growing word-of-mouth reputation of our quality program that brings so many to our campus. Hearing of what is happening from someone who knows firsthand is the most convincing type of information. Though we are 40 miles from the nearest bus station or airport, we currently have students from more than 20 states and 34 nations have been represented in our student body in the past 12 years.

Talk about missions! Oneida is state missions. Oneida is home missions. Oneida is foreign missions.

The number of Oneida's students and staff has increased approximately five fold in the past 12 years. Not merely doubled or tripled or quadrupled, but a five fold increase. We did not seek such a size or such a rate of growth.

Ours has been a response to a genuine need, a felt need, not an artificially created one. We have no recruiters, no field offices. We have not gone out to find students. They have found us. It takes about every ounce of energy, every moment of time to deal with the ever increasing number of boys and girls seeking admission and to minister to the hundreds taken in. Ours is a day and night, year round ministry.

During the past year we have had to consciously come to grips with our growing numbers. We have decided to

add no more beds. This decision will, of necessity, limit our student enrollment near the 500 mark.

Schools can be too big. Most schools today in the U. S. are many times larger than they should be. Over a certain number, the bigger the school, the less opportunity for the individual girl or boy. In most American schools today, the sense of community has been lost. There is a notable lack of effective discipline. A proper learning atmosphere has been lost in large measure.

Also schools can be too small. A student must have a sufficient number of students and teachers to make possible a comprehensive range of courses and number of classes to provide flexibility in scheduling and a solid education preparation. Also, the level of enrollment must be sufficiently large to make possible a truly competitive athletic program, strong music and drama programs and a broad range of extracurricular programs making possible an "involved" student body. The goal should be participation of every child in more than the classroom routine.

Unfortunately, most of American education at the elementary and secondary level is so structured today as to make the average student feel like he or she is a "nobody." Sheer numbers force most young people to be spectators, not participants. The great majority of American teenagers are simply bored to death at school and after school. Unable to do more than attend class, they make their own excitement.

Big foundations and corporations give most of their educational money to colleges. But students who have finished high school and had the motivation and ability to get into college are already 90 percent successful. A much greater percentage of our national treasure needs to be devoted to the elementary and high school level. It is this age group in such great trouble today. It is at this level that hundreds of thousands are being lost through the cracks annually. Kids who don't finish high school aren't going to college. First things first.

Oneida is on the frontline of the battle. We are on the cutting edge of the educational and social problems of our nation. Each life salvaged, each soul won to the Lord, each is important, each is precious. But there are millions who need our help. We can only minister to a few hundred at a time. But we are a lighthouse, a beacon of what can be, should be.

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 16, 1986

Life and Work Series

Love for people

Matthew 12:10-14 Upon his arrival in the synagogue Christ observed a man among the worshipers whose hand was withered and useless. Anticipating that the pitiable condition of this afflicted man would appeal to Christ, the ritualistic Jews asked, "Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days?" Christ inquired what they would do should one of their sheep fall into a pit on the sabbath. Knowing what they would do without fail, Christ reminded them that, because man was of far more value than any sheep, it was right and lawful that he should be healed on the sabbath. He taught that human life is more important and sacred than the sabbath, that works of mercy were quite permissible on the sabbath, and were by no means a violation of God's commandment.

Through the power of Christ the man's withered hand was healed, whereupon the fanatics began to plot the destruction of the miracle-worker. They considered the healing of an

afflicted man on the sabbath a terrible sin, but their plotting to murder the Son of God on the sabbath was not considered by them as being sinful. How distorted human minds can get!

Matthew 12:15-21 Aware that the angry Pharisees were plotting to destroy him, Christ withdrew from their presence, whereupon many of the people followed him and requested him to heal them. Christ promptly healed all of those who were sick, but requested them not to publicize his work of healing. He did not want his followers limited to those upon whom he had performed a miracle.

International Series

Make peace

Matthew 5:9 Next to the enjoyment of peace with God and men is the delightful privilege of being ambassadors for Christ. Peacemaking reaches its greatest height when we influence the unsaved to receive Christ.

Matthew 5:21-25 After a passing reference to the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," Christ traced the sin of murder to its roots. He made the person who thinks murderous thoughts or possesses murderous wrath as guilty as the one who commits a murder deed. He taught that an angry hatred in the heart is the root of all murder. Anger not only causes one to harm others, but it also a very injurious effect upon one's own life.

Matthew 5:38-48 In ancient times revenge was not only practiced, but it was considered to be right. To refuse to take vengeance upon one's enemies was regarded not only as cowardly but also a moral weakness. Whereas the Mosaic Law sanctioned "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," Christ taught the rightfulness and necessity of forgiveness. Certain Jewish rabbis taught, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self," and then added the admonition, "and hate thine enemy." Such teaching was an inexcusable distortion of God's law. In sharp contrast, Christ taught his followers it was their duty to love their enemies. By his own life he demonstrated how to do that very thing. His bitter enemies resented Christ's teachings, sought his life, and eventually put him to death. In excruciating pain while on the cross, Christ prayed: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." It was his enemies for whom Christ died. Had he not loved his enemies, none of us would have received salvation.



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on mission together

A west Kentucky "love feast"

A few miles from the Missouri border, dead center in Hickman County, nests the county seat town of Clinton. Clinton is one of the many picturesque and historic Kentucky towns which lie off the beaten path.

Kentucky Baptists in the western part of our state sometimes disagree about what is really "west" Kentucky. And some folks from that area smile when I indicate my wife was born in "west" Kentucky. Some of them don't consider Owensboro "west!" But, for sure, Clinton is "west" Kentucky. In fact, First Baptist, Clinton, is in the "West Kentucky" Association.

The First Baptist Church of Clinton was born in 1833. Since then she has become a fertile mother church, and a generous model of mission-giving through the Cooperative Program.

The church, sensitive to the need for Christian education in an "out of the way" part of Kentucky, has mothered three schools—a female boarding school in the late 1830's, Clinton College (1870-1913), and Baptist Bible Institute in 1949. The Institute is now Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, a thriving school now "owned and operated by 15 associations in Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, and Missouri."

A few Sundays ago, Alice and I drove to Clinton at the invitation of a special committee from First Baptist. I was invited to preach the morning service for what was to become "Bob and Judy Long Day."

Just a few weeks before Bob had received his doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Earning that degree had been a joint effort of Bob, Judy, and a loving church. And the church wanted to celebrate it!

And celebrate they did, much of it to Bob's surprise. Following the service, a potluck lunch was enjoyed by about 200. Former pastors of Bob and Judy, special friends, and local dignitaries affirmed, "roasted," and gave gifts to their friend, pastor, and pastor's wife. Spontaneously, his lovely, supporting wife, Judy, received a vigorous ovation. Somehow the crowd sensed what an earned doctorate had also cost the young mother of two, precious daughters.

It was, indeed, a "feast of love"—generous, spontaneous, and holy. And I found myself wishing for "love feasts" all over the state—where pastors' families and congregations celebrate by affirming each other.

The next somebody has a "love feast," I hope I am invited.

T. B. Maston writes 21st book at age 88

Baptist ethicist's lifelong emphasis has been applying the gospel to life

by Mark Wingfield

About noon on most Sundays, Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Maston can be found walking along James Avenue in Ft. Worth, Tex., making their way home from church.

They step slowly, strolling behind a deacon who pushes their 60-year-old son's wheelchair. At 88, Maston and his wife, "Mommie," 87, now require a little help to care for their eldest son who was born with cerebral palsy.

But the path from Gambrell Street Baptist Church to their aging brick home about a block away is a familiar one. They've walked it for most of the past 65 years.

Maston, professor of Christian ethics emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, first stepped on Seminary Hill in 1920 as a religious education student. He and Mommie soon found their calling to be in educating others to tell the story of Jesus' walk among men.

Maston's name is synonymous with Christian ethics in the Southern Baptist Convention. His lifelong emphasis has been applying the gospel to life.

Out of his own desire to walk with Christ comes his 21st book, *To Walk as He Walked*. Recently he and Mommie sat down in their home to discuss the book and their lives.

"We teach and preach a much better gospel than we live," Maston believes. So the thrust of his new book is "to measure our lives by the life he lived."

Maston bases the book on 1 John



T. B. Maston and "Mommie"

2:5-6: "By this we may be sure that we are in him: he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."

He recalls the day that familiar scripture caught his attention. Have you ever heard a familiar passage and had it suddenly come alive to you?" he asked. This passage "gripped me a

number of years ago," he said. "I've never been able to get away from it."

The Greek verb John uses for walk, Maston points out, "is a metaphor for live." Thus Maston emphasizes not only believing the word of God, but also living it.

"We can be orthodox in theology and real heretics in the way we live," he said. "What we believe is very important, but we don't do as good a job of living it."

We teach and preach a much better gospel than we live.

For example, contemporary Christians still encounter Samaritans, he said. "All of us have some Samaritan folks we treat as second-class citizens.

"We need to get a deep-down concern for people—people of all kinds," Maston said. "They're all created in the image of God."

Maston believes the need today is for

"men and women who are basically conservative in their theology and are willing to be labeled liberal in their application of theology to life."

He knows the criticism such a lifestyle will encounter, because he's walked it himself. When he began to speak out on race relations before most Baptists became enlightened, he was labeled everything from a liberal to a Communist. Even teaching in the area of Christian ethics raised the eyebrows of some.

But Maston continues to practice the practical application of scripture he preaches, even in the 22nd year of his retirement. "Practically all these black students on campus know me," he says, even though his best-known book on race relations appeared 40 years ago.

His wrinkled face smiles when he considers how God has blessed him. "Sometimes when I go home, kickin' up the leaves, I wonder what I'm doing still here," he said. "The good Lord and a good wife have helped me to live."

And two sons have contributed to his life. Gene, the younger son, followed his father's footsteps and teaches at New York City College. Tom Mc ("Mack"), the eldest son, still requires his parents' care.

Even caring for an invalid, what many would consider a hard life, has been a "labor of love," the Mastons agree. "I really think Tom Mc has contributed to my life," Maston said.

In turn, Maston and his family have contributed to Southern Baptists an example for walking as Jesus walked.

Prof challenges Baptists to pattern ministry after Jesus

by Jim Newton

Southern Baptists have often rejected the model Jesus Christ demonstrated for ministry, and instead have patterned their ministry after secular models, a Southern Baptist seminary professor said.

William Hendricks, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, contrasted eight secular models for ministry to seven characteristics of the ministry of Jesus during four presentations to state and national Christian social ministries directors at a conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Secular models are not all bad, and it is okay to accept them," observed Hendricks. "But it is not okay to accept them without critically evaluating those models in contrast to the biblical norms and the example of Jesus," Hendricks said.

Hendrick's list of secular models included (1) the corporate executive, (2) the entrepreneur, (3) the professional, (4) the general practitioner, (5) the guru, (6) the salesman, (7) the entertainer, and (8) the accommodator (politician). He described each in detail.

The ministry of Jesus, however, was characterized by (1) poverty, (2) obedience, (3) chastity and celibacy, (4) boldness, (5) compassion, (6) surprise, and (7) self-awareness of single-minded purpose. "We're not doing so well on those," Hendricks said.

In accepting the secular models with a strong emphasis on success, Baptists also have had trouble with accepting the poverty aspect of Jesus' ministry, Hendricks added.

Jesus wasn't against the rich, he observed, but he was a poor itinerant teacher who lived off his pupils, and didn't worry about the financial aspects of life.

Hendricks, who has taught for 30 years at three Baptist seminaries, said he has real problems with ministers who piously say they want to be just like Jesus, but who don't take seriously the example Jesus set.

"Jesus really needs to be our model for ministry, but it's not easy," Hendricks said. He suggested that today's minister must vector back and forth between the reality of the world and the reality of Jesus' model.

"We must permit Jesus to come into our lives in such a way that he is not a creation of our own making,

but is a participant in our world," Hendricks said.

Hendricks said that although there were many other aspects to the ministry of Jesus, two of the predominant models he set for Christians were the roles of shepherd and counselor.

Pointing out the word "pastor" is Latin for the word "shepherd," Hendricks said Jesus demonstrated seven characteristics Christians should follow in today's ministry.

First, he said, today's pastor must know the members of his congregation as well as the shepherd knew his sheep.

Other characteristics, he said, include persistence, patience, courage, resourcefulness, and caring concern. Finally, the shepherd must have an "intermittent" ministry, knowing when to leave the flock for periods of personal rest and renewal, Hendricks said.

Describing Jesus' ministry as a "wonderful counselor," Hendricks said professional counselors today are trained not to get personally involved in the lives of the persons they counsel. "That may be damaging both to the counselor and the counselee," he said.

The counselor who follows Jesus'

example needs to know when to be alarmed and involved with people, when to laugh, when to become friends, when to develop close relationships, Hendricks added. Hardest of all, ministers following Jesus' example as counselor must know how to listen, how to be alert for non-verbal signals, and be willing to take risks, Hendricks said.

He observed the Jesus models of shepherd and counselor are "alive and well" within the Southern Baptist Convention, but they are not on the increase.

"I'm alarmed about some of the models we are putting before our students," said Hendricks, who has taught at both Southwestern (Ft. Worth, Tex.) and Golden Gate (Mill Valley, Cal.) Baptist Theological Seminaries in addition to Southern Seminary.

Hendricks said he also is alarmed that the secular models predominate among Baptists, without critical contrast to the models of Jesus.

"It is painful to admit this, but most of us know it is true," he said. "Knowing it and not doing anything about it is to be just like the enlightened Pharisee who knew Jesus was different, but refused to do anything," he said.

VISION 88

VISION 88 is the theme for the national WMU enlistment campaign. This emphasis will continue through 1988, the year WMU, SBC celebrates its centennial.

The national goal of VISION 88 is two million women, girls, and preschoolers involved in quality missions education by September 1988. Kentucky's goal is 100,000 members by that date. What this means, practically, is a doubling of membership on the national, state, and local levels.

What is your vision for missions in your church? Are there people who have been overlooked? Are there opportunities for beginning WMU organizations that are unexplored?

When you think of a vision of missions, think of the following groups of people:

Young mothers represent two WMU audiences — one for Baptist Young Women and one for Mission Friends. Help young women establish missions as a vital part of young families. Begin Mission Friends to meet at the same time as their mothers.

Career women, single or married, are busy and have special needs and interests. Emphasize the value and worth of Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women and let them know that their time will be spent in worthwhile activities. Make a special effort to provide organizations to meet their needs.

Girls like to belong. Enlist more Girls in Action members by emphasizing the "belonging" aspect of GAs. This is a vital age for missions involvement. Remember to divide organizations which span a broad age range. And, begin Girls in Action in Black churches.

Teenage girls are at an impressionable time in life. Give them an opportunity to be involved in missions. Older Acteens may need an organization all their own — maybe meeting after jobs or before school, or whenever busy teens can get together.

There may be women's organizations in your church or community which serve a good purpose but which don't include missions as their purpose. Recommend Bible study, prayer group, or Round Table group material found in CONTEMPO or ROYAL SERVICE to interest these women in Baptist Women or Baptist Young Women.

Preschoolers develop important missions concepts at Mission Friends. Provide more organizations for small groupings to accommodate the developmental needs of preschoolers.

Ethnic and language groups can be reached in language churches, in language units of Anglo churches and included with members of your churches. Remember to begin WMU organizations for deaf women and children too.

This is what VISION 88 is all about. The next time you see this slogan, instead of seeing a theme for an enlistment campaign, perhaps you'll see people who need to be involved in missions.

Miss Carolyn Weatherford
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Dear Carolyn:
While doing some research related to the promotion of the ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS, we came upon some statistics that will bring good news to you and WMU members! The research shows that gifts by churches with an active Woman's Missionary Union averaged ten times the amount given by churches without WMUs. Relating to the per capita gifts, the research shows that in every category the churches with WMUs far outgave the churches without WMUs. This gives us another opportunity to thank you, your staff, and your countless thousands of adherents in our Southern Baptist churches throughout the nation for your continued and effective support of home missions.

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