



13 Kentuckians to be recommended in Atlanta

by Dan Martin

"We have worked diligently to find the best people we could find," said Lee Roberts Sr. as he released the 1986 report of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

Roberts, an Atlanta mortgage banker, was chairman of the 54-member committee, charged with the responsibility of nominating trustees to serve on the 24 national entities of the SBC.

The 1986 committee acted on 244 positions, of which 112 are held by persons eligible for renomination, 118 require new nominees, three will not be replaced and 11 will be filled when the committee's subcommittee meets in Atlanta prior to the annual meeting.

Under the SBC system of rotating boards, about 25 percent of the positions become vacant each year, about half of which are eligible for a second term.

Under recently adopted revisions in the SBC bylaws, the report of the Committee on Boards must be released through the denomination's news service, Baptist Press, at least 45 days in advance of the annual meeting, scheduled June 10-12 in Atlanta.

Roberts, who said he became actively involved in SBC affairs about a year ago, was elected to chair the committee at the February meeting of the Executive Committee after Tom Elliff, who had been elected at the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC, resigned from a Colorado pastorate to move to Oklahoma, thus becoming ineligible to serve.

Being a novice, he said, "was probably an advantage. I do not know the players on both sides (of the convention controversy) and the argument which has gone on. I admit I am naive and not knowing allowed me to sit there and be quiet and let the committee make its decisions."

Roberts said the committee, as its last order of business, adopted a statement intended to "express to the SBC at large that we were unified in our support of our nominees." The statement, which included six points, was adopted with only one dissenting vote. "I think when you get 54 unrelated Southern Baptists

together and have only one dissenting vote, that is tantamount to unanimity," Roberts said.

Roberts told Baptist Press "being an inerrantist was not a prerequisite for nomination. I believe several were nominated who are not inerrantists. The roll call did not deal with whether the nominees were inerrantists or pro-life; only with whether we were unified and unanimous.

The resolution says: "The members...do hereby agree, each and everyone of us, that: We have sought the direction of the Holy Spirit in all that we do...have pledged ourselves to be unified in all that we do...have pledged ourselves to work for harmony and unity in all that we do..."

It added, "We have approved all of the actions of the committee and now unequivocally make final the nominations that have been approved by a majority of the members..."

It also says, "We have pledged ourselves, each and everyone of us, to mutually support one another in each and every one of our final nominations as approved by a majority of the committee...(and)...urge the messengers to the 1986 convention to harmoniously and in unity support each and every final nomination made by the committee and its subcommittee."

Roberts said Cooperative Program giving "came up and we felt Cooperative Program giving should not be the basis for determining whether a nominee should serve. In the motion we are trying to tell the messengers if they have a reason to challenge (a nominee) it should not be because of the CP giving of that person's church."

He noted there are churches in transitional areas or in places where the energy or farm crises prevent giving, and that he does not believe they should

be prohibited from serving because "their percentage of giving is not as large as that of the megachurches."

In releasing the report Roberts said he hopes the report will be "peaceful...and unchallenged (at the convention). If, however, this should not be the case and if challenges are to be made I sincerely request that as a courtesy to the SBC at large that any such challenges be presented to me in writing prior to the convention."

He added, "Should I not hear from anyone regarding this, I will only be able to assume that all of our nominees are acceptable and that none of them will have to endure needless challenges or embarrassment."

The committee considered the following Kentuckians in making its appointments:

Executive Committee: Nominated David T. Gray, an attorney and member of Stithon Church, Radcliff, to replace John R. McCall, Louisville, who resigned, term ending 1988; renominated to a second four-year term Alan E. Sears, Louisville attorney.

Foreign Mission Board: Renominated to a second term J. William Hall, pastor, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Danville.

Home Mission Board: Nominated Ronald L. Burdon, pastor, Jefferson-town (Ky.) Baptist Church, to replace T. L. McSwain, Louisville, who moved from the state; renominated to a second term R. W. Hodge, Princeton.

Sunday School Board: Renominated to a second term Raymond E. Lawrence, president, Mid-Continent Baptist College, Mayfield.

Southern Seminary: Nominated S. Cornell Snow, retired Louisville & Nashville Railroad executive and member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, to replace Damon Surgeoner, Louisville, as a local member;

nominated John L. Smith, manager of General Electric Appliance Park and member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, to replace Gorman Jones Roberts, Louisville, as a local member.

Southwestern Seminary: Renominated to a second term Lee P. Molloy III, Paducah.

New Orleans Seminary: Renominated to a second term William C. Ray, assistant pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

Midwestern Seminary: Renominated to a second term Jack D. Amis, Hopkinsville.

Southern Baptist Foundation: Nominees to replace Gorman Jones Roberts, Louisville, Southern Seminary representative, and Franklin Owen, Middletown, Stewardship Commission representative, will be named by the subcommittee.

American Seminary Commission: Nominated Wendell H. Rone Sr., member of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, to replace Joe P. Williams, Louisville.

Christian Life Commission: Nominated Jerry B. Hopkins, pastor, Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, to replace Billy G. Hurt, Frankfort.

Historical Commission: Nominated to a second term Ronald F. Deering, librarian, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Stewardship Commission: Will nominate a member to replace Franklin Owen, Middletown, when the subcommittee meets prior to the 1986 annual meeting.

Huff responds to report

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Henry Huff, Louisville attorney and second vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, confirmed last week that 11 of the 54 names on the SBC Committee on Committees to be voted upon in Atlanta were submitted by himself and first vice president Winfred Moore of Amarillo, Tex.

"That's 11 more than we (moderate conservatives) got last year!" he exclaimed. "Yet it doesn't really reflect fairness."

At the same time, Huff noted that legally SBC president Charles Stanley "is right" for these are "his appointments," and all Huff and Moore were required to do was "to consult" with Stanley.

Moore and Huff flew to Atlanta Apr. 11 for a meeting with Stanley at his home during which the recommendations were considered.

Huff said he and Moore submitted "at least 100 names" from which Stanley finally chose 11.

He added that, of a list of names Stanley offered to them, only one of those whom Moore and Huff "strongly opposed" was named to the Committee on Committees. There were some names "we would have had a great problem with" who were not appointed, Huff declared.

He concluded that he and Moore had been able to accomplish more than their immediate predecessors had when no meeting on this subject was held with Stanley, also then president. The few names submitted by the moderate conservative second vice president last year were ignored in the appointments.

Three more Kentuckians named for strategic SBC committees

by Dan Martin

Persons to serve on the 1986 Committee on Committees and Resolutions Committee have been named by Southern Baptist Convention president Charles F. Stanley.

The two committees are appointed by the convention president and do not require ratification to the annual meeting, scheduled June 10-12 in the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

The 54-member Committee on Committees, composed of two persons from each state eligible for representation on SBC boards, has as its primary task nominating the 54-member Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees, which in turn nominates persons to serve as trustees of the national agencies of the SBC.

The Resolutions Committee, made up of 10 persons, three of whom must be members of the SBC Executive Committee, receives, processes and reports back on all resolutions introduced at the annual meeting. The committee prepares and submits to the convention resolutions it "deems appropriate for adoption."

Stanley named George Dye, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ft. Mill, S. C., to

chair the Committee on Committees, and Executive Committee member Alan Sears, assistant U. S. attorney and member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, as Resolutions Committee chairman.

Stanley's two appointees from Kentucky to the Committee on Committees are James Jones, pastor, Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church, and Russ Adkisson, member of First Baptist Church, Brandenburg, and state Brotherhood Convention president.

The appointive powers of the president have been at the center of the political controversy swirling in the SBC for seven years. According to acknowledged strategy, the convention can be moved to a more conservative stance by electing fundamental conservative presidents, who appoint like-minded Committee on Committees members who nominate person of similar belief to serve on the Committee on Boards. Then, the Committee on Boards nominates fundamental conservatives to be trustees of the agencies.

Under the SBC constitution, the president appoints the Committee on Committees "in conference with" the two SBC vice presidents, currently Winfred Moore of Amarillo, Tex. and Henry B. Huff of Louisville.

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Let the good times roll

Thousands of Baptists all across America are rejoicing now because of the great experience we have had in the Good News America revivals. It is like the good times of the 50s when Baptist churches were on mission for Christ with no time for denominational warfare nor heresy-hunting.

I had the pleasure of preaching in two of the simultaneous meetings, one with pastor Dennis Plank at Immanuel church in Henderson and the other with pastor T. A. Prickett at Seven Hills church in Owensboro. In both instances the congregation was happy to be in revival, spiritually ready for the proclamation of the infallible word of God and rejoicing in the opportunity of worship and service with their fellow Baptists. It was a good time for all of us in both places and I thank the Lord I was able to share in the meetings. I believed the good times rolled not only in Henderson and Owensboro but across our state.

Reports are coming into our office now indicating the same thing is happening all over Kentucky, and other state papers report the spirit of revival is alive and well in other states. There have been no great earth-shattering revivals which saw hundreds of people saved, but there has been a steady outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the churches and many have been brought to the savior for salvation and renewal of life.

This is surely what we have been waiting for for a long time. We are a people who love preaching, singing and witnessing. Our greatest delight as church people is to see people saved and brought into the church. That is what a revival is all about and it is like a tonic to our weary souls to see it happen during the Good News America revivals. We have had some great days during the simultaneous revivals but the best is yet to be if we want it.

Someone said, "We almost had revival." That is a way of saying it hasn't fully developed yet but the time is ripe for a harvest of souls if we will go on about the Lord's business and stop wasting our time debating the various theories of inspiration.

The debate which has intensified through the past half-dozen years has divided us as nothing I have known in my lifetime. It will quench the spirit of revival as quickly as water douses a fire if something isn't done to stop it.

The signs are present that the spirit of divisiveness is still very much alive among us. That is tragic in light of what a wonderful thing it is to have the church in unity around the great work of revival, only to see that goodness dissipated in debate over human theories, such as inerrancy and historical-critical interpretation methods. For that is what we are debating, human theories.

If our people have been truly revived, and the signs are that this has begun in many places, then it follows we will see a decline in the tension and heat of our passionate disagreement with each other and an end to the heresy-hunting which

occupies so much time and energy from some of our brightest leaders.

However, if we see a continuation of the mean spirit of attack and counterattack, then we have all the evidence we need that the spirit of God has not found a resting place among us, at least not among our leaders who are the ones doing all the squabbling. That would be the greatest tragedy of all if the leaders of our great Baptist family were unrevived and still on the attack against their brothers and sisters.

I found a willingness to hear and do the Word of God among the good people in Henderson and Owensboro. Now in my own church in Louisville we are experiencing the same thing. Lay people are flocking to the altar at invitation time to ask God's direction in their life, to pledge themselves to more holy living and to offer what they have to the Christ for the salvation of others. It is revival, any way you measure, and that spirit cannot but produce good will and respect for others, even though many of those who have responded to invitations have differences of opinion with their fellow Baptists.

I say again, if the fighting continues as it has in the past, that is evidence the ones doing the fighting have not been touched by the spirit of Christ in true revival. It makes no difference if they are on the right or the left, fundamental conservative or moderate conservative. Those who fight each other while the world languishes for a demonstration of the gospel do none of us a service and should be rejected by all of us. They may speak in pious phrases and call upon the emotional issue of disbelief in holy scripture as a rally point for attack. But the truth is they are not in the Spirit if they are cutting their fellow Christians who want spiritual fire to burn again among the Baptists.

There is one month and a few days before Atlanta. Perhaps the die has already been cast and it is too late to change much. However, I do not believe it is too late for us to reject the heresy-hunters who want their way at all costs. We must find a person who will lead us, not to castigate and attack fellow Baptists, but someone who will lead us in the spirit of revival and help us bind up our wounds and show the gospel to the world in the way we live in respect for each other.

Adrian Rogers has the capacity to do this if he has the will for it. Winfred Moore has the capacity to do this if he has the will for it. However, both of these men are so identified with the factions in our divided body neither can ever hope to lead us to the light. If either of these men is elected our next president we can expect more of the same thing. That is painful indeed when the fires of revival are ready to burst upon us.

Is there someone from the great midstream of Baptist life upon whom the hand of God has been placed as our leader for this critical time? I wish I knew the answer, for the answer is desperately needed before it is too late.

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Student needs help

I am a seminary graduate who is seeking assistance in obtaining his ministry goal of street or related ministry.

I am in the middle of theological bureaucracy which surrounds my being divorced and remarried.

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In May 1981 we went to seminary. The seminary accepted me as a divorced person to be equipped for ministry.

In December 1983 I graduated and as of today I have not been able to get into ministry. I believe this is due to denominational bureaucracy and narrowmindedness toward divorce.

Any readers who share my view or who can help me obtain my ministry goal please write.

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Muhlenberg DOM requests prayers

It has been my privilege to serve the Lord through Kentucky Baptist churches and associations for 35 years.

All the blessings have been mine. I have served from east (Pike County) to west (Graves County) and I am convinced that Kentucky Baptists are the greatest. It has been my privilege and joy to be a state missionary and on the payroll of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for about 16 years.

My life has been greatly enriched because of my relationship with our state convention. Although my formal education is limited I have never been caused to feel inadequate by any of our convention leaders and have shared in all responsibilities and benefits equally with my leaders and co-laborers. I am especially grateful to Bob Jones and the Direct Missions Department for allowing me to be a part of this team.

I'm not really retiring from service to our Lord or Kentucky Baptists, I'm simply saying pray for Daisy and me as we continue to serve as we go into retired status.

Jim Watt Sr.
Livermore

Editor's note: Jim Watt Sr. retired Mar. 30 as director of missions, Muhlenberg County Association.

Moore's plan is welcome

I was pleased to hear of the suggestions reported by Baptist Press (Western Recorder, Apr. 29) which were made by our SBC first vice president Winfred Moore. I think anyone who truly desires peace in our convention would endorse the proposals.

It was evident when Moore came to the platform last year to quieten the crowd disturbed by Stanley's controversial ruling that the sweet-spirited Texan desires nothing more than harmony among Southern Baptists.

It is sad that we have waited this long for an elected official of the SBC to come forward with a plan for peace. I am sure that Stanley, and whoever is elected as president this year, will want to endorse and support such a proposal.

William E. Shoulta
Providence

Endorses Moore's proposals

Several days ago the first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention made a series of proposals designed to bring peace to our current convention struggle. Among those proposals was the idea that any president of the SBC should limit his appointments to the names suggested by the state convention executive, the president of the state convention, the state executive of the WMU and the chairman of the state Executive Board or its equivalent. In Kentucky, this proposal would refer to three persons since the chairman of the Executive Board is the state convention president.

I wish to enthusiastically endorse all of the proposals made by Winfred Moore, but especially this matter of a pledge to receive suggestions from particular state leadership. No other single proposal is as important as this one. Why so important?

Consider the statement of Lee Roberts, current chairman of the Committee on Boards, made Apr. 22 at Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville: in endorsing Adrian Rogers for president of the SBC Roberts said "...the important factor to consider is the group of persons to whom the president will turn for advice." Rogers "will turn to godly men, men who believe this (the Bible) is the perfect Word of God. This man over here, whoever he might be, is going to have to turn to those who don't hold this to be the true Word of God."

Roberts is right about one thing: the persons to whom the president turns for

advice are important. I would appreciate knowing that the president would turn to Bill Marshall, Don Mathis and Dee Gilliland in our state. They are Baptists through and through, Bible believers through and through, and trusted enough by Kentucky Baptists to be elected and carry out our united mission.

Winfred Moore's proposal is sound, sensible and simple. It ought to be followed by any candidate elected in Atlanta.

Richard W. Bridges
Bowling Green

Keep Huff as SBC officer

Thank you for your recent editorial concerning the need for laity in the Southern Baptist Convention. I endorse your sentiment wholeheartedly but wonder at your neglect of one of the outstanding lay leaders of Southern Baptists from our own state—Henry Huff. He may not be a comedian, but he is knowledgeable and experienced in the affairs of Southern Baptist life. Currently second vice president, Henry has served as moderator of Long Run Association, chairman of the deacons of his church, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, etc. I would encourage Southern Baptists to elect him their first vice president in Atlanta and president the year thereafter.

Russell Bennett
Louisville

The SBC and biblical understanding

What a mess our convention is in! When any one group gets together and announces who their presidential candidate is going to be, then churches send delegates instead of messengers to the convention. The presidential election becomes the big reason for going to the convention. Throngs of people exit after casting their ballots,

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baptist news in brief

and the noise is so great that those of us interested in the Foreign Mission Board report cannot hear the program.

Last year Charles Stanley presided over a circus. One person from each delegation arrived very early at the meeting. That one person would reserve an entire row of seats, or a section of seats, and place papers, food, ice chests, or some such article in the seats. Messengers who arrived only 10 or 15 minutes early had to walk up and down aisles with seats on both sides of the aisles holding only a hot dog or plastic bag. Woe to anyone who sat down in one of those seats, as we did, out of desperation. There was no Christian love expressed in either words or looks. My husband and I sat in their midst during one entire session, acting as though we were so senile we could neither hear nor see their claims to our seats. Our two ballots messed up the row of look alike ballots as we passed them to the center aisle.

I don't want to become this kind of a person. I was a Bible believing servant of my Lord for over 50 years before I heard the word "inerrancy." That one word changed my life and changed the convention into a political rally. My fundamental Christian beliefs have in no way changed. Believing the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and trying to live out its teaching is no longer enough. I believe God created the heavens and the earth and all creatures in both. How God did it and how long it took, I do not know. There is so much that God did not reveal to us that trying to explain creation in a few verses leaves us with trying to explain where Cain's wife came from. Was she his sister, a teenager who ran away from home and was living alone in the Land of Nod?

I don't understand the last 11 chapters in the Bible, either. I do get a blessing from reading them, and I know that some day I will understand fully, both the first 11 chapters of Genesis and the last 11 chapters of Revelation. When I stand before that great white throne, I am not going to be asked if I believe in inerrancy. Jesus Christ has cleansed me of my sins. I have tried to help feed the hungry, clothe the poor, visit the sick and love even those in the inerrancy group who think they have all the religion there is, and so pass judgment on the rest of us.

Mrs. Allen W. Graves
Louisville

Ninth & O seminar praised

Joe Hamlet, director of counseling and family ministries at Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville, is to be congratulated on a job well done. Saturday, Apr. 26, Joe invited Clyde M. Narramore for an all day seminar. He was also in the pulpit for the Sunday morning service. The seminar was opened to outsiders of all churches around the Kentuckiana area. It was a treat to see and hear Narramore, a well known Christian psychologist, tell how to be a better Christian from a Christian psychologist's point of view. I am a Christian and a church outreach leader. I came away after listening to Narramore and felt that I was closer to God and a better witness in reaching others. Joe Hamlet and Ninth & O Baptist Church deserve a word of thanks for a program well done.

Charles D. Givens
Louisville

Act now against tax bill

"The new tax bill is making Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees give up the best retirement option they have," Annuity Board president Darold Morgan said.

Morgan wrote members of retirement plans maintained by the board to encourage them to ask their senators to oppose the adverse pension provisions in the bill, which is now being considered by the Senate Finance Committee.

The Tax Reform Act of 1985 would severely and adversely affect 403(b) annuities, the pension plans designed for non-profit organizations like the Annuity Board, Morgan said.

The House-passed bill places a 15 percent penalty tax on any money withdrawn from the retirement plan before age 59 1/2; limits yearly retirement contributions to \$7000; and includes any IRA contributions in the \$7000 cap.

"Congress has grouped 403(b) annuities with the retirement plans of profit making corporations," said Morgan. "But church workers don't have employee benefits such as profit sharing or stock options as do secular employees." (BP)

Editor's note: Letters to Kentucky senators Mitch McConnell and Wendell Ford are essential. The editor urges readers to send a letter to these men to convince them we are one in our opposition to what will be a harmful ruling if the tax law is approved.

Harry (Hal) Poe named Evangelism associate

Harry Lee (Hal) Poe has been named the first full time associate in the Evangelism Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Poe was elected to the position by the administrative committee of the state executive board.



Poe

Poe, 35, has been pastor of Simpsonville (Ky.) Baptist Church since 1982. From 1978-82 he was chaplain at Kentucky State Reformatory, LaGrange.

He received the BA degree from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He holds the MDiv degree and the PhD degree in evangelism from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Poe is married to the former Mary Anne Whitten of Memphis.

Mideast missionaries keeping low profile

Southern Baptist missionaries and representatives in the Middle East and the Mediterranean area are maintaining a low profile as terrorist threats against Westerners in the region increase.

Isam Ballenger, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for Europe and the Middle East said, "All of us are going to have to be a little more cautious, not just in the immediate future but for some time to come."

Southern Baptist representatives once worked in Libya but left the nation in 1981. In Sudan, where Americans

were evacuated in recent weeks because of anti-American demonstrations, Southern Baptists have had no missionaries since 1984.

Renewed questions about the wisdom of sending missionary families to the Middle East and other "hot spots" have followed the upsurge of terrorist threats and actions against Americans overseas. Foreign Mission Board officials have emphasized in most cases Southern Baptist missionaries make their own decisions about staying in or leaving particular countries, usually in consultation with local Christians.

By late April, no Southern Baptist lay volunteers actively preparing for work in various countries had decided to stay home because of the terrorist situation, mission board staffers reported. No volunteer projects had been canceled.

It is too soon to tell whether the latest round of terrorism overseas will affect general missionary and volunteer recruitment, staffers said, although key assignments in some Middle East locations already are going unfilled. (BP)

Seminar speakers call for sex education

While acknowledging "this is the kind of thing that can get you fired," family life specialist Charles Petty urged Southern Baptist youth ministers to lead their churches in providing biblically-based sex education for children and youth.

"Human sexuality is God's creation," said Petty. "We must teach our kids about sexuality, and we must do it from a biblical perspective."

Petty, president of Family Success Unlimited in Raleigh, N. C., outlined a theological framework for sex education during a conference on "Moral Problems and Youth." The three-day seminar for Baptist youth ministers and other youth leaders was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Petty, former director of the Christian Life Council for the Baptist Convention

of North Carolina, was joined by Lane Powell, family life educator at Crossroads Samaritan Counseling Center, Lubbock, Tex., who led five sessions on sex education programming.

Despite the obstacles and pitfalls, each of the speakers warned abdicating the responsibility of sex education only increases the growing problems related to teenage sexuality. Children will learn about sex, they said. The key issue for Christian parents is whether the information will come from them and the church or from other sources. (BP)

Falwell predicts Rogers victory

Jerry Falwell told an audience of several thousand fundamentalist Baptist pastors and college students that Adrian Rogers will be elected president of the SBC in June.

In remarks introducing Rogers as the closing speaker at his annual pastors conference on the Lynchburg, Va., campus of Liberty University, Falwell called Rogers "the greatest pulpiteer in America today...a special and anointed servant unlike any other; he has no peer."

The pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, exhorted his listeners not to be defeated by the "discipline of detours," the "dilemma of dead ends" and the "disappointment of dry holes" that come in every Christian's pilgrimage. In particular, he warned young ministers not to be "in too big a hurry" to build big churches, publish books or "to take on all the battles that Dr. Falwell has taken on." (BP)



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Kentucky couples appointed as foreign missionaries

Three Kentucky couples were among 69 people appointed as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board last month in Denver, Colo.

Kentuckians appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Krahwinkel, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Nowell.

The Krahwinkels will work in Mali where he will be an agricultural evangelist and she will be a church and home worker.

He has been a self employed loan servicing contractor for the Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration in Owensboro, Hartford, Princeton and Murray and owner and manager with his father of Krahwinkel Farms, Owensboro.

Born and reared in Owensboro, Krahwinkel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Krahwinkel.

He received the AS degree from Henderson (Ky.) Community College and the BS degree from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He has been a supply pastor in Owensboro and pastor of English Baptist Church in Breckenridge County.

Mrs. Krahwinkel, the former Patricia Davis, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Fulkerson and the late Carl T. Davis Jr.

She attended Owensboro Junior College of Business and Henderson Community College. She has been a secretary in Owensboro.

The Krahwinkels are members of Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro.



The Krahwinkels

They have two children, Mary Karissa, 7 and Kamille Jenea, 5.

The Browns will work in French Guiana, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church, Columbia, Tenn.

Born and reared in Crofton, Ky., Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Udell Brown. He has the BA degree from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., and the MRE degree from Southern Seminary.

Born and reared in Columbia, Tenn., Mrs. Brown, the former Kathryn Sneed, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sneed. She attended Columbia State



The Browns

Community College.

The Browns have three children, Elizabeth Anne, 11; Timothy James, 8; and Alan Neelley, 4.

The Nowells will work in Taiwan, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of Sullivan (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Born in Columbia, S. C., Nowell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert S. Nowell of Nashville. He received the BS degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

Born in Lexington, Mrs. Nowell, the former Deborah Moody, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas Moody of



The Nowells

Murray. Her father is associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Murray. Her mother is assistant chaplain at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah. Mrs. Nowell considers Murray her home town and First Baptist Church there her home church.

She received the BS degree from Murray (Ky.) State University and also attended Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Seminary.

The Nowells have three children, Christopher Luke, 8; Ryan Thomas, 5; and Jonathan Clay, 2.

The couples will go to Rockville, Va. in June for an eight-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Church Training Bible drill declares 346 children winners

by Patrick Cole, Staff Writer

The state Children's Bible Drills, held in three locations across Kentucky last month, resulted in 346 state winners.

The drills had 372 participants and were held at First Baptist Church, Madisonville; Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington; and Highview Baptist Church, Louisville. The annual event is sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The drills are open to fourth, fifth and sixth graders. This year 77 sixth graders became third-year winners.

Children advance to the state drills after first participating in church and associational drills. There are four types of drills in which the children participate.

The quotation drill requires the participant to memorize prescribed verses and be able to quote them at the drill when called on.

In the completion drill, the participants are given a phrase from a scripture verse. When called on, the child must be able to complete the phrase and give the reference.

The book drill requires the participants to locate the biblical book the leader calls. After the child locates the book, he or she must name the books immediately preceding and following the one called.

The key passage drill tests the participants' abilities to find a reference based on the subject or title by which the passage is commonly known. When called on, a child must name the key passage and reference.

To be declared a state winner the participant must make no more than four mistakes. Children may participate in the state drill if they make eight or fewer mistakes in their associational drill. Associational drills are open to those who make 12 or fewer mistakes in their church drills.



Children at the state Bible drill in Louisville

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Adopted at WMU meeting**\$500,000 state's goal for Eliza Broadus fund**

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

With a final registration approaching 1400, Kentucky Baptist women proclaimed the theme "Bold Vision... Bold Commitment" at the 83rd Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting Apr. 25-26.

Meeting in Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church, the two-day event was saturated with mission messages and testimonies, prayer periods, special music, panel discussions and business.

Principal speakers included William D. Jagers, Middletown, associate, Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Bill and Kathy Berry, Nashville, former home missionaries to New York City; Jamie Heltzel, Ames, Ia., former missionary journeyman to Kenya; and Dorothy E. Sample, Flint, Mich., national WMU president.

The organization adopted a 1986-87 Eliza Broadus offering for state missions goal of \$500,000, up \$20,000 over the preceding year's objective.

Included in this budget allocation are such items as salaries and benefits for state missionaries, \$94,500; church building grants, \$58,000; major repairs

and renewals at camps and assemblies, \$60,000; language missions, \$26,500; "Mission Kentucky," \$25,000; Cedar Crest Camp and workshop, \$29,000; and about 45 other items.

Mrs. Bryant Hicks of Louisville presided over her first annual meeting and was reelected to that office. She was assisted by Mrs. John Trisler of Harrodsburg, vice president; Mrs. Albert Gisler, Danville, secretary; and Mrs. Ray Gilliland, Middletown, executive director-treasurer. All were reelected to their offices.

Twenty-four area representatives were also elected in Louisville to complete the 28-member state WMU executive board. They include:

Central region: Mrs. Isaac McDonald, Hodgenville; Mrs. Charles Gunther, Louisville; Mrs. William Lamkin, Louisville.

North central region: Mrs. Horace Hambrick, Georgetown; Mrs. John Wallace, Lexington; Mrs. Ted Sisk Jr., Lexington.

South central region: Mrs. C. D. Ransdell, Salvisa; Mrs. Lewis Jennings, Russell Springs; Mrs. D. W. McWhorter, Richmond.

Northeastern region: Mrs. Carl

Crace, Ashland; Mrs. Tom Harris, Olive Hill; Mrs. George Boyd, Ashland.

Southeastern region: Mrs. Robert Milby, London; Mrs. J. William Jones, London; Mrs. Samuel Ballou, Corbin.

Southern region: Mrs. Paul Parks, Bowling Green; Mrs. Marvin Doyle, Park City; Mrs. Darrell Hartley, Russellville.

Southwestern region: Mrs. E. D. Helton, Hopkinsville; Mrs. George Gray, Hardin; Mrs. J. W. Sublette, Fulton.

Western region: Mrs. Freddie Whittaker, Hartford; Mrs. Bob Key, Central City; Mrs. J. K. Kennedy Jr., Hawesville.

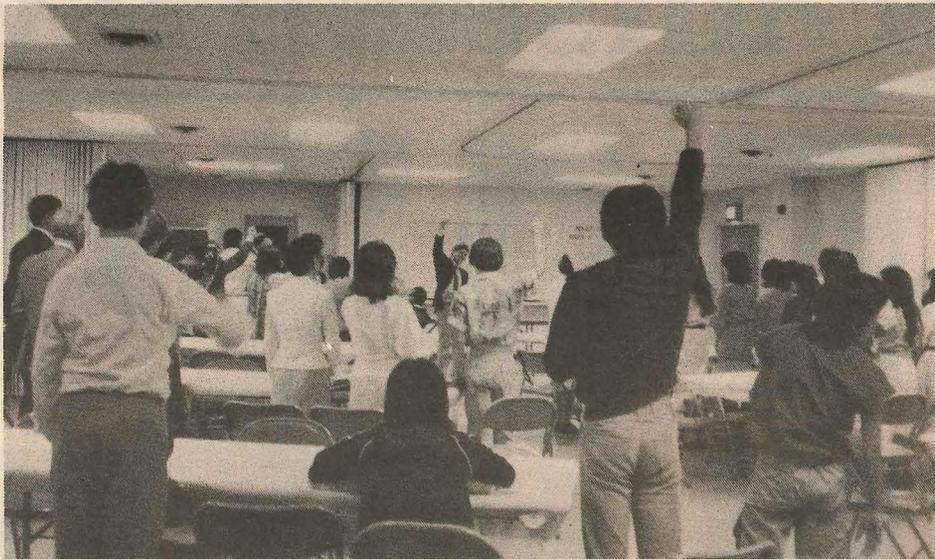
Of the 24 area representatives elected in Louisville, 14 were reelected to additional terms. The 10 new representatives include Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. McWhorter, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Milby, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Key.

Sixteen associations (two more than a year earlier) were recognized as having distinguished associational WMUs—meeting certain requirements—in the year 1985. At the same time, 106 local congregations (three

fewer than a year ago) were honored for maintaining distinguished church WMUs in that period.

It was observed that \$54,555 was awarded to scholarship recipients in Kentucky during the year. Recipients included eight Acteens, students at Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools, state missionaries' children, students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, campus Baptist Young Women presidents, Clear Crest camp staffers, Simmons Bible College female students, matching scholarships and scholarships for pastors taking Seminary Extension courses.

In addition to Mrs. Gilliland, other state WMU staff members from Middletown participating in the two-day annual meeting included Brenda Price, Mission Friends-Girls in Action consultant; Cathy Howle, Acteens-Campus Baptist Young Women consultant; Anna Mary Byrdwell, Baptist Young Women-Baptist Women consultant; Carol Noffsinger, WMU consultant; Mrs. Dan Connell, administrative assistant; Mrs. William Young, secretary; and Mrs. Keith Higginbotham, secretary-receptionist.



Laotian refugees rejoice and sing in E'town.

They came with almost nothing, but they left with the Good News

by Beth Warf

They arrived in the United States with virtually nothing.

America, itself, offering jobs, homes and education was good news to them.

But after arriving in America, some Laotian refugees heard the best news of all: the Good News that Jesus Christ gave his life in order that they might have eternal life.

And as a result, some believed.

Kentucky Baptists participated in a Good News revival in the Laotian language Apr. 20-23 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

C. Benton Williams, director of the convention's Missions and Church Services Division, was the evangelist.

A Laotian-style meal was the lead-off event for the week. Laotians love to sing, according to Williams, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand, 1959-72. Ross Mackin, a

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student, led the group in singing "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" in their native tongue. Participation in singing "If You're Happy and You Know It" suggested to observers the attitude of these refugees who had left their homelands with so little.

Mackin and his wife, Shirley, who will be going to Thailand as missionaries, visited on behalf of the E'town meetings. Before the revival Williams had held three meetings with the Laotians.

In the future the group hopes to become an established mission with a full time minister.

The Laotian ministry in Elizabethtown is part of "Mission Kentucky," a state emphasis advancing the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust objectives. Among the goals of "Mission Kentucky" is starting 400 churches and missions by 1990.

**A drop of cold water
The Sunday School Charity Fund**

by Harley C. Dixon

"A drop of cold water on a fevered brow" seems so insignificant—yet not so insignificant if that's all the relief one can get. In this age of high health care cost the \$28,975 given by Kentucky Baptists for the Sunday School Charity Fund seems insignificant.

Insignificant when one knows that it takes over four times that amount for one day's operation of just one Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

Yet is it so insignificant—the telephone rings, a pastor on the other end says, "Chaplain, I have this church member that needs surgery; she has no insurance; the husband has been out of work the last 14 months and they cannot get any help from any of the agencies. Can the hospital help?"

That might be the social worker, admitting clerk or credit manager calling about a similar situation.

The only thing typical about any of these prospective patients is that they desperately need medical help and they are devoid of financial resources to pay for that help. They are elderly, middle aged, young people and children. Some are faithful church members, some nominal church members and some have no relationship to the church.

There are two things they have in common. They are less fortunate than some and they are all loved by God.

One lady came to the hospital seriously ill, badly in need of surgery that had been too long delayed because of the lack of resources. Now it could no longer be delayed. She was entered as a Sunday School Charity patient. When she was discharged her hospital bill was in excess of \$28,000. This just about equals the total given by Kentucky Baptists for all our hospitals. Last year a total of \$54,198.19 was paid

out to Sunday School Charity patients by all the Baptist hospitals. An additional \$5,063,255 was charged off to charity and bad debts over an 11-month period. All the hospitals limit the amount paid by the Sunday School Charity Fund because of the lack of Sunday School Charity dollars. A portion is paid and, in most cases, the balance is charged off. Thus, Charity dollars are often times matched five or six to one and many times even more.

The Sunday School Charity Fund dollars are the hem of the garment that brings the opportunity for the healing power of the Lord to affect his people through the hospital ministry.

These are the loaves and fishes in the hands of the Lord. One might say the Sunday School Charity Fund dollars are door openers for health care. They are the hem of the garment that brings the opportunity for the healing power of the Lord to affect his people through the hospital ministry.

"The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the sick are healed" and...in some cases, the dead are raised to life. Your hospitals are the continued healing ministry of our Lord Christ.

How appropriate it is that the Sunday School Charity Fund is taken on Mother's Day. As a mother gives life to her children, so do your charity dollars give life or a better life to God's children.

Your Sunday School Charity dollars literally save lives. Please give that others might live.

Harley C. Dixon is chaplain, Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.



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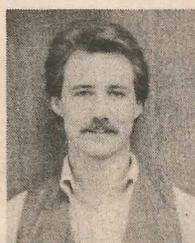
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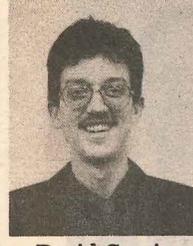
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SBTS media conference to aid church newsletters

Persons who prepare church newsletters and other church publications will benefit from "Improving Your Church's Communication," a conference planned for May 10 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The program, which begins at 9:30 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m., will include sessions on improving your church newsletter, using other media for communication, writing news releases for your church and a seminar on logos and letterheads. A highlight of the program will be an evaluations session in which conference participants will receive critiques of their own church publications.

Seminary communicators who will serve as conference leaders include Wesley M. "Pat" Pattillo, vice president for Development; Michael Dudit, director of Communications; Susan Shaw, news director; and Jim Somerville, graphic artist.

Cost for the day-long conference, including lunch, is \$35 for the first registrant from a church; there is a \$25 fee for each additional person from the same church. When registering, participants are asked to include sample copies of their church newsletter and other publications.

To register, send name, address, phone and church name, along with the conference fee to Church Communication Conference, Continuing Education, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

Georgetown graduation slates Donald Zacharias

Donald W. Zacharias, president of Mississippi State University, will address the Georgetown College commencement Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. on the campus commons fronting Giddings Hall.

Sharing in the two day graduation event will be Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, who will address the traditional baccalaureate service on Friday at 8 p.m. in the John L. Hill Chapel.

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Zacharias, a 1957 Georgetown honor alumnus, assumed the presidency at Mississippi State University in Starkville last August after a six year tenure in that office at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

The baccalaureate spokesperson, Carolyn Weatherford, scheduled for an honorary doctoral degree at Georgetown College this spring, is one of the nation's leading figures in the world of missions. She leads approximately 1.2 million women, girls and preschoolers in Southern Baptist mission support, education and action.

Combined male chorales featured in SBTS concert

The Male Chorale of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will combine with the Kentucky Baptist Chorale to perform Dominick Argento's "The Revelation of St. John the Divine" on Tuesday, May 13 at 8 p.m. in the seminary's Alumni Chapel.

The Alumni Chapel is located on the seminary campus at 2825 Lexington Rd. The concert is free to the public.

Ronald Turner, conductor of the seminary group, will sing the tenor solo role, while Donald Hustad, conductor of the Kentucky Baptist Chorale, will direct the performance. The latter group consists of ministers of music in Baptist churches throughout the state. In addition to the Argento work, the combined chorale will present male chorus selections written by the two conductors.

The concert's major work was written in 1967 when Argento was composer-in-residence in Minneapolis. A significant contemporary work for male voices, it is noteworthy for its technical demands on the accompanying brass and percussion ensemble.

The two chorales will perform the same program at the meeting of the

Southern Baptist Church Music Conference on June 7 in Atlanta.

Golden Gate to hold annual SBC luncheon

The 1986 Alumni and Friends Luncheon of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., will be held Wednesday, June 11 during the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta.

The event will begin at 1 p.m. in the Peach State Room of the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel at Peachtree and International blvds.

Harold K. Graves, interim president of Golden Gate, will be the featured speaker. The program will include a report by O. Q. Quick, chairman of the board of trustees, and presentations of commendations for Alumnus of the Year and Meritorious Service Award.

Tickets ordered by May 30 are \$14 each. Tickets purchased during the SBC will be \$17 each. To order tickets send a check or money order to the Alumni Office, Golden Gate Seminary, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, CA 94941-3197. Checks should be made payable to the Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Association. For additional information call (415) 388-8080.

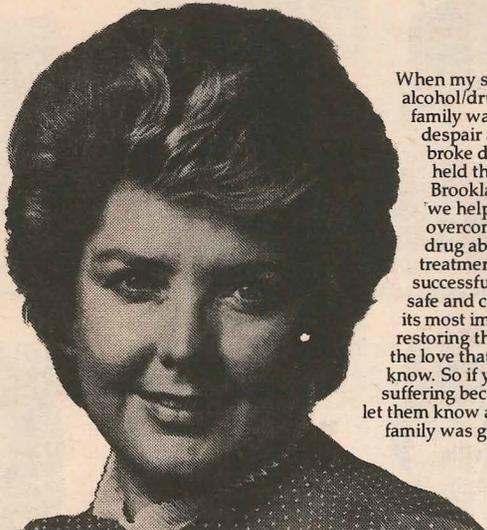
SBTS nets \$1 million two months in a row

For the second consecutive month, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has received major funds totaling more than \$1 million.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Williams of Ft. Smith, Ark., have committed \$500,000 for an endowed professorship in memory of their son, Donald Leigh Williams, who taught Old Testament at Southern Seminary from 1961 until his death in 1983 from cancer.

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WMU staffer to speak at SBTS commencement

Catherine Allen, associate executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be speaker for spring commencement ceremonies May 23 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A native of Birmingham, Mrs. Allen is a graduate of Samford and Emory universities. She joined the staff of WMU in 1964 as an editor and subsequently served as public relations director and assistant to the executive director before assuming her present position.

She is the author of *The New Lottie Moon Story* and is currently writing the centennial history of WMU, *A Century to Celebrate*, to be released in 1987.

Mrs. Allen has been listed in *Who's Who in Religion*, *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, and *Who's Who of American Women* and was named Samford University Alumna of the Year in 1980.

SWBTS appoints director of Rec/Aerobics Center

David Lewis became director of the Recreation/Aerobics Center at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., May 1. He has held a similar position at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., since 1980.

Before moving to Nashville Lewis was assistant director of Christian recreation at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta and was an associate minister of recreation and youth at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth. He has been president of the Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association and taught at Belmont College. He has degrees from Georgia State University and Southwestern Seminary.

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SEBTS to host alumni at Atlanta Marriott

A record crowd of 1000 alumni and friends of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., are expected for the school's annual meeting on Wednesday, June 11, during the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Jerry Niswonger, assistant to the president.

The Southeastern lunch will be at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in downtown Atlanta at 1 p.m.

Advance tickets are available from the alumni office at a cost of \$10 per person and \$5 for an accompanying spouse. Should tickets still be available at the convention, the price will be \$12 and \$7 respectively.

SBTS annual luncheon expects record crowd

More than 2000 persons are expected at the National Alumni and Friends Reunion luncheon sponsored by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, June 11 at Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta. The luncheon will begin at 1 p.m.

Seminary officials are encouraging early purchase of tickets, since the luncheon is expected to be sold out prior to the beginning of the convention.

Ticket prices are \$15 per person if purchased prior to May 20; any purchased after May 20 (if available) will be \$18 per person. Ticket orders, with check and self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed, should be addressed to Alumni Office, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

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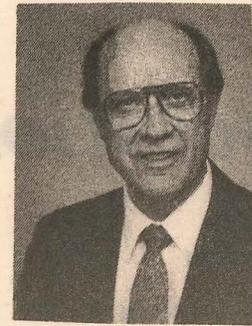
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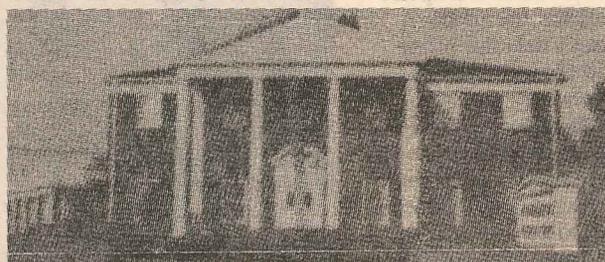
Some of these cries are loud and rasping. Some are soft, muted sobs, almost inaudible. Some are completely silent as a child draws into a shell and silently attempts to shut out a harsh, cruel world. Who will hear the cries of these precious, neglected children? Who will reach out to touch, love and heal the hurt of these youth? The answer is in all of you who invest in the Christian care of these children today and tomorrow. What greater investment can you and I make than to help care for our children and lead them toward all that Christ intended them to be?

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Associational youth rallies are alive and well

by Denise Spencer,
State Correspondent

Stars twinkle in the black sky. The night is cool, but already the earth is warmed with the anticipation of an early spring.

"Anticipation" describes the atmosphere inside the brightly lit church. Its windows beckon to the outsider as indoors scores of young people shuffle restlessly in the pews. Every seat is filled. Whispers and giggles quickly subside as the minister stands to lead the opening hymn.

The setting is an associational youth rally. Young people and adults have come from across the county to enjoy a monthly mixture of fellowship, worship and business.

Associations across the state conduct regular meetings such as this, many having done so for 20 years or more. What is their purpose? They include fellowship, recreation, education and training in missions and evangelism and assisting local churches in youth ministry.

Histories vary, but each association's youth organization has undergone much growth.

Pulaski Association youth began meeting in the 60s. Grady Baskin of Eubank and David Aker, director of missions, developed a youth council and constitution.

Rockcastle Association, where D. M. Aldridge is director of missions, also started youth rallies in the early 60s. Control was in the hands of the association, which elected a youth director to preside at meetings. In 1978 the youth began electing their own officers.

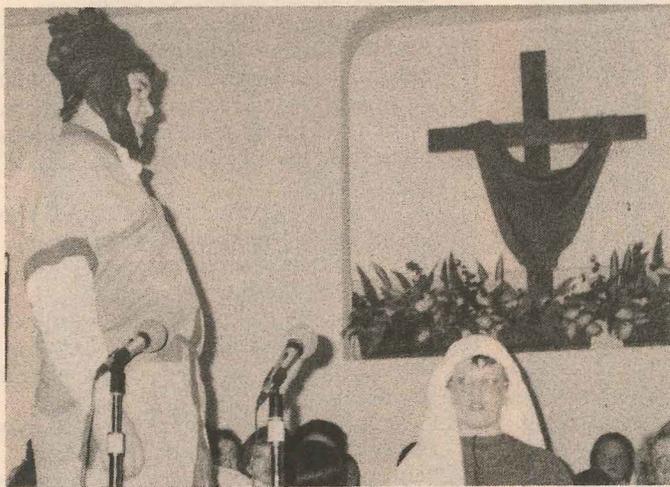
Both groups are still careful to keep their bylaws and activities approved by the associational executive boards.

Associational youth officers typically include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, song leader and pianist. In addition, a youth council and/or special committees give other youth a chance to assist in planning. The association commonly appoints an associational youth director to coordinate the work of these committees. Youth officers are elected, with Pulaski County using an electoral college system to ensure the vote is not based on popularity.

Dedicated leaders are sought for these positions, as stated in the Bates Creek youth association's bylaws: "All officers and committee members must be members of churches within this association in good standing and recognized for their Christian living and knowledge of and loyalty to Southern Baptist doctrines and programs." Bates Creek orients new officers in a two-day planning retreat each year.

Different associations have similar youth rally formats. A typical agenda follows: congregational hymn, welcome, prayer, reading of minutes, roll call, treasurer's report, old business, new business, program, fellowship.

Attendance recognition causes excitement to run high at youth rallies. A banner is commonly given to the church best represented. Rockcastle Association recognizes anyone through age 24. Pulaski County includes ages 8-20, while Bates Creek specifies grade seven through age 29. Rockcastle and Pulaski associations base attendance on



Youth act out an Easter drama at a Pulaski County rally.

Sunday school enrolment, with Pulaski County separating youth into four divisions.

The monthly program is traditionally led by the host church and churches share hosting responsibilities throughout the year. Rockcastle has a program committee that takes charge if the host church is unable. Bates Creek differs, its youth officers planning the year's programs in an annual retreat. Program content varies widely from month to month. Music, drama, films and guest speakers are a few examples described by David Aker. "It's amazing how much variety there is," he remarked. "They each try hard to make sure they don't do something another church does."

Directors of missions appear pleased with the support given associational rallies by individual churches. At least 12 of Rockcastle's 21 churches attend

and host the meetings. Some 40 percent of Pulaski's churches participate. Perhaps support is strong because for many of the churches associational meetings are their only means of youth ministry.

Aker reports 50-60 percent of those active in his association's rallies have no other youth program. Hurstle Laxton, director of missions for Bates Creek, states rallies are the only available ministry for one-third of his churches. He continued, "Some churches have started a youth program as a result of participating in the rallies."

None of these associations is content with only monthly rallies. Instead, associational youth ministry spills over into other activities. For Pulaski County, these include youth crusades, surveys, witnessing workshops and an

Maytown Baptist Church

What can happen when God's people join together

by Glenn Mollette,
State Correspondent

In 1973 something very exciting was going on in Maytown. On the second floor of the old science building of Maytown High School 80-90 people had gathered for worship.

Today, 13 years later, there is a church in Maytown with an attractive debt free building.

Bob Varney is pastor of this mountain congregation. He has served them for six years, the last five full time. Under his ministry the church has grown from 73 to 147 members and has a stable self-supporting income.

The Maytown congregation is the only Baptist witness in this Floyd County community. Before June 1972 residents had to drive into Martin or Allen to worship in a Southern Baptist congregation. Some folks found the distance too great and attended other denominations as did the group that began the Maytown church.

Wilma May and five other women attended the Methodist church in Maytown several years before gathering in prayer about starting the new work. Permission was granted by the county board of education to rent the needed school space for a sum of one dollar per year.

Allen Baptist Church under the leadership of pastor Earl Waugh became the sponsoring congregation. According to Mrs. May, it "gave tremendous direction and support to our work."

Glenn Noe became the first part time

pastor and was followed by bivocational pastors Lawrence Baldrige and James H. Grayson. Varney was called from Ivyton Baptist Church in nearby Magoffin County.

"Our work has been blessed amazingly," stated Mrs. May. No matter what was needed "God provided."

"Our own people built our church facility with the exception of the



Bob Varney is pastor of First Baptist Church, Maytown, which began as a mission only 13 years ago.

annual "field day" of outdoor games and food.

Bates Creek also has a yearly picnic, as well as youth revivals and an annual parents-pastors-leaders appreciation banquet. Rockcastle associational youth have enjoyed youth revivals, Christmas caroling, lock-ins, hayrides, retreats, skating parties, movies and bowling. They, too, have an annual "summer fling."

The best tribute to associational youth organizations is the effect they have on the young people themselves. Rockcastle Association states a major purpose of the rallies is to "involve youth in the training and experience of the organization and business affairs of our churches...."

Carol Kirby, associational secretary, described the effect these meetings have had on Rockcastle youth. "We think the youth must consider their organization a valuable asset. We have had several young men enter the ministry. Some of these still take part in the rallies and those that are pastors involve their youth in the organization."

Aker pointed out the experience youth obtain in parliamentary procedure, leadership skills and public speaking. When candidates are running for office each must make a speech including his testimony and dreams for Pulaski County youth. Two previous associational youth officers went on to become Baptist Student Union officers in college. Aker also emphasized the encouragement youth rallies give the smallest churches. "They feel like they belong, therefore they're encouraged."

foundation, masonry work and roof," she continued. "Our boys and girls even pitched in making the construction of our facility a church family venture."

"We didn't really have anything to start out with except faith, hope and prayer; but those three elements became the essentials that paved the way to making our dream a reality."

"Cooperating Southern Baptists uniting together with the Maytown people made a tremendous contribution to our success," added Varney. The Kentucky Baptist Convention contributed \$2000 toward the purchase of the lot and then later \$5000 toward the building.

Mrs. May resounded in appreciation for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and especially for the help of A. B. Colvin and Bob Jones.

"Southern Baptists from across the state took interest in our work. We received numerous contributions from within and outside Kentucky. This additional help from other Southern Baptists, our state convention and the prayerful determination of our own people made our church a reality," exclaimed Mrs. May.

Varney says, "The Maytown church is a great congregation to pastor. It is easy to lead and they are very loving people. They allow me to be the pastor." Varney sees the Maytown church continuing to grow and flourish in the years ahead. "We have a large unchurched community with prospects and untapped resources right at our fingertips. We have a great field around us and a great work to do ahead of us."

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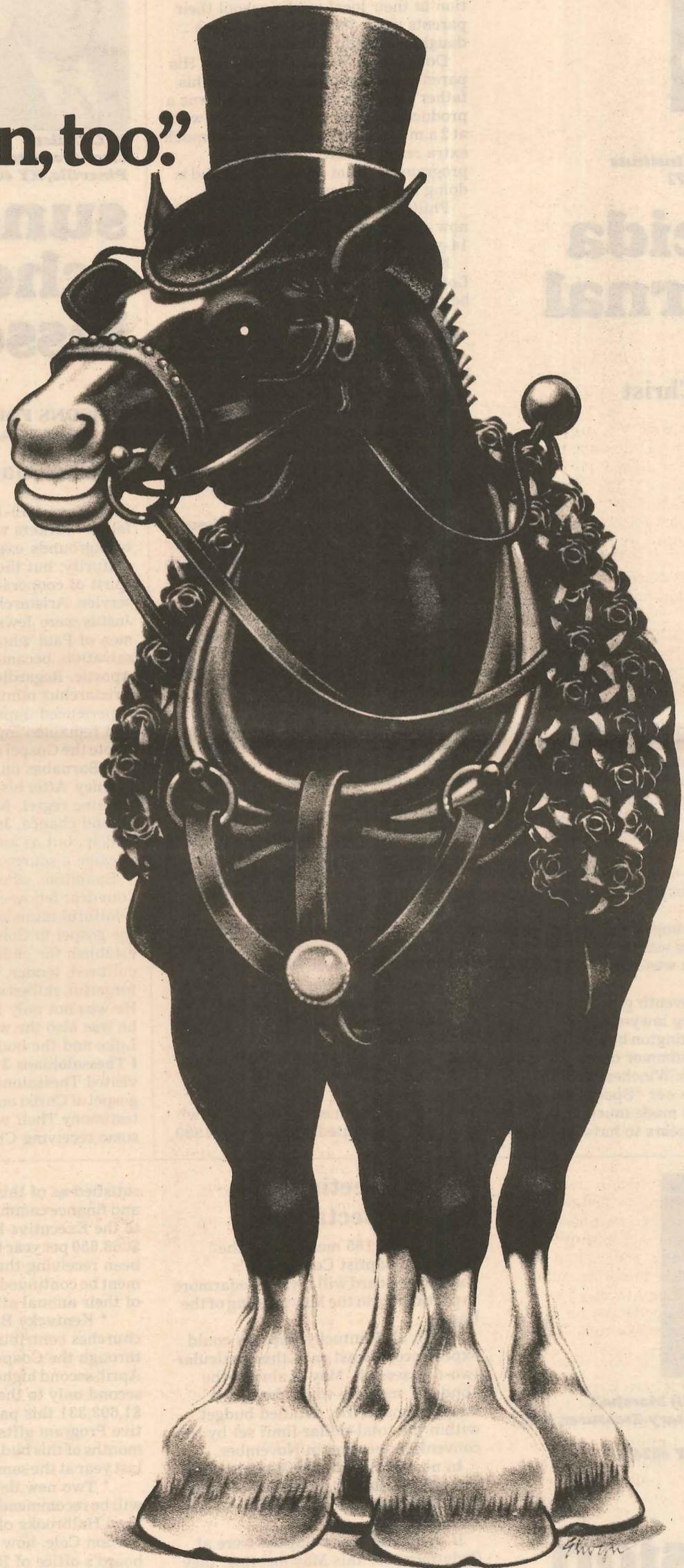
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Babes in Christ

In two recent baptismal services of the Oneida Baptist Church 22 of our young people were baptized.

Pastor Joel Rackley reminded the church of its duty to encourage and guide these new "babes in Christ." I want to give you a thumbnail sketch of each of them.

Shannan is 13, a seventh grader from Louisville. She has a single parent who must work.

David is the youngest of five children from Carlisle. He wanted a Christian school and there was none near his home.

Anna is the seventh grade daughter of a Prestonsburg lawyer.

Rickey is a Lexington boy who came and worked all summer on our farm.

"Butch" is from Winchester and came to us last year in our "Special Help" program. He has made much academic progress and appears to have grown a

foot.

Kim and Tina came from Kermit, W. Va. along with their older sister. Two older brothers are in the university but received such poor academic preparation in their local public school their parents were determined the three daughters would have better.

Doug is from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. His parents are divorced and he is in his father's custody but the father owns a produce business and must be at work at 2 a.m. Doug has volunteered for much extra responsibility in our work program over that assigned him, and is doing a tremendous job.

Phillip, originally a mountain boy, now calls Lexington home and is a 14-year-old eighth grader.

Kim is from a Catholic family in Louisville. Her parents wanted her in a better environment.

John is also from Louisville, a "middle" child, age 14, grade nine.

Another Kim, this one a senior from Lexington, was referred to us by a prominent Methodist pastor.

Robbie, a little bundle of energy from Winchester, learned of our school from a former Oneida staff member.

Tim, one of our black students, from Lexington, is of Pentecostal background.

Mark is a husky, 16-year-old from West Carrollton, Oh. He has two older sisters. His parents divorced five years ago and a man's discipline is important in these teenage years.

Al came to us last year from Michigan, born and raised a Catholic, an only son with four sisters. He was so difficult that we were forced to expel him. However, four months later, I agreed to try again. He is 18, a junior, and now one of our more responsible students, helping to supervise others in our work program. I rejoice we gave him another chance, and now he knows our Lord.

Jill is the 18-year-old daughter of a Williamsburg, Oh., Baptist missionary. She visited our school last year with a cousin who is an Oneida graduate and "fell in love with the school." She is a fine young lady and a senior.

Kara is a 13-year-old seventh grader from Troy, Oh. Her parents are divorced and her mother must work.

Rhonda, age 16, was referred to us by a Louisville pastor who graduated from Oneida and whose wife is also an Oneida alumnus.

Richard's parents are divorced and remarried. His father is a New York detective.

Will you pray for each of these? Now?
Reprinted from Oct. 8, 1980.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 11, 1986
Life and Work Series

In Christian service

Colossians 4:10-15 Paul's friends and fellow workers were from diverse backgrounds, experiences and Christian maturity, but they demonstrated a spirit of cooperation in Christian service. Aristarchus, Mark and Jesus Justus were Jews and fellow countrymen of Paul who, after experiencing salvation, became associates of the Apostle. Regardless of what happened Aristarchus ministered to Paul, experienced imprisonment with him and remained loyal to him. Mark, who wrote the Gospel of Mark, deserted Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey. After his miserable failure and genuine regret, Mark was given a second chance. Justus was not known widely, but as an unsung hero he became a source of comfort to Paul.

Epaphras, whom Paul described as "our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ," carried the gospel to Colosse and helped establish the church there. Luke was a cultured, tender, sympathetic, self-forgetful, skilled and faithful physician. He was not only Paul's devoted friend, he was also the writer of the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts.

I Thessalonians 3:1-4 Paul and Silas visited Thessalonica, preached the gospel of Christ and gave their personal testimony. Their witnessing resulted in some receiving Christ as savior,

whereupon a church was organized. Strong opposition arose from other entrenched religious groups, and the latter began persecuting the young Christians.

Upon hearing of their hardships, Paul immediately sent Timothy to encourage them to remain true to Christ. Faithfulness and loyalty to Christ in times of distress and persecution can result in Christians become more like Christ and bringing great glory to God.

International Series Promise and power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5, 8 Christ remained with his disciples for 40 days after his resurrection, which was a period of sufficient length to enable him to settle their doubts, stabilize their opinions, and give them courage.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commanded the apostles to tarry in Jerusalem and await the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Christ assured the apostles they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit immediately.

The purpose of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples was clearly stated: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Christian witnessing is of two kinds—the lips and the life.

Acts 2:1-4 On the 50th day after the Feast of the Passover, the 12 disciples were assembled in the upper room in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended upon them, took possession of them and controlled them to such an extent they throbbed with his sympathies, spoke his thoughts and conformed to his will. There was an audible evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit—a sound from heaven which resembled a violent wind. There was a visible proof of his presence—divided tongues which resembled fire and one sat upon the head of each person present. They began to speak in languages they had not known previously and those present understood what they said, thereby indicating that Christ wanted his gospel preached in every language and in all parts of the world.

Acts 2:12-18 Mockers and critics declared the God-given ability to speak in strange languages was due to drunkenness.

As soon as Peter heard the false accusation against the disciples, he boldly let it be known that the phenomena the critics were beholding were the work of the Holy Spirit and a fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel 2:28-32.



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on mission together

A long meeting with great expectations

If all attend, 165 members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board will invade Cedarmore to participate in the May meeting of the board.

I wish all Kentucky Baptists could experience, at least once, this particular two-day session. May is always the "budget" meeting when the board adopts the specific, detailed budget within the total-dollar limit set by the convention meeting in November.

In no other Kentucky Baptist arena can one see the "big picture" of what Kentucky Baptists do together on our mission.

If every Kentucky Baptist were at Cedarmore for this May meeting, they would hear among the many presentations, the following highlights:

- The 20-year commitment of \$6 million made in 1966 to our five schools and the student centers has been

satisfied as of this year. The business and finance committee will recommend to the Executive Board that the \$268,650 per year the five schools have been receiving through this commitment be continued as a regular portion of their annual allocation.

- Kentucky Baptist Convention churches contributed \$1,544,237 through the Cooperative Program in April, second highest month in history, second only to the record breaking \$1,693,331 this past January. Cooperative Program gifts for the first eight months of this budget year are ahead of last year at the same time by 7.6 percent.

- Two new department directors will be recommended to replace retired Fred Halbrooks of Sunday School, and Vernon Cole, now director of the board's office of Resource Development.

- The projected 1986-87 budget will increase to 37.5 percent the portion of Cooperative Program funds going outside the state for missions. This is

the third consecutive year for the step-increase to achieve a 40 percent level by 1990. At the time of beginning this process, Kentucky Baptists were budgeting 35 percent.

- Preliminary results of Good News America revivals will be shared, including testimonies by two pastors of churches which experienced unusual results.

- The board will hear from the mission and church services committee in more detail the plans developed for "Mission Kentucky," the most ambitious church-starting effort in our convention's history.

- An update will be presented on preliminary plans for celebrating Kentucky Baptists' 150th anniversary in 1987. The anniversary year will include a foreign missionary appointment in Rupp Arena, Apr. 7.

Such highlights reflect Kentucky Baptists have some great expectations of themselves and our future mission together.

Changing neighborhood provides ministry setting

by Sherri Anthony Brown

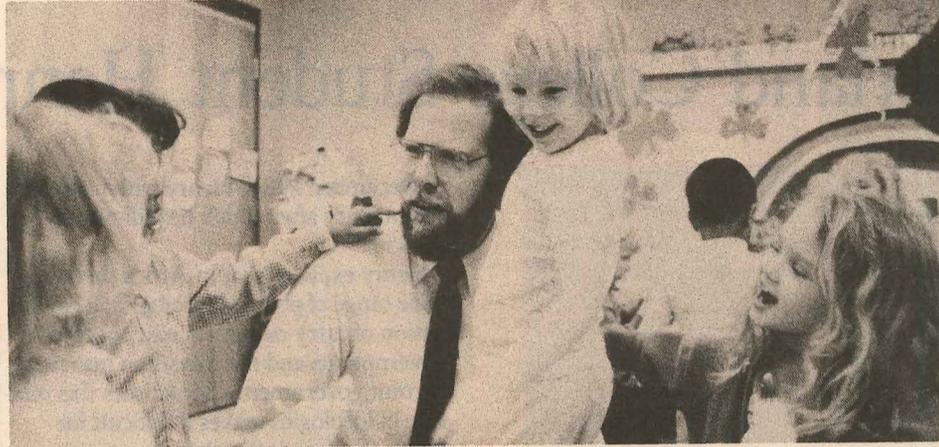
East Baptist Church has come full circle. Twice it has committed to stay in its transitional neighborhood—first in the late 1950s when the church suffered from white flight, and currently as low income housing gives way to Yuppie condominiums, near downtown Louisville.

For the past 13 years, home missionary Jim Holladay, who is pastor of the church and director of Baptist Center, housed in the same building, has been the stabilizing factor in the seemingly ever-changing community.

The congregation, in the same location since 1842, pledged to be a neighborhood church when the first change came. With the onset of subsidized housing, the church began weekday ministries to neighborhood children, including building a gymnasium.

As urban renewal swept the area in the late 1950s, the church was required by the city to make \$500,000 repairs or tear the building down. With no other choice, members opted to demolish the building and rebuild on the same property. They incorporated their church, their weekday ministry center and offices of Long Run Association in the same building.

In 1973 Holladay went to Louisville to study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For his field placement



Jim Holladay with children at East Baptist.

experience, Holladay signed up with East Baptist Church. For \$50 a month he worked with the campus minister; on weekends he coached basketball at the local YMCA. After seminary graduation, he became associate pastor of East Baptist Church and in 1979 he was appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as pastor/director.

Between 1975 and 1983 the community lost 75 percent of its residential population because four hospitals and a regional medical center were built in the neighborhood.

"This meant that our ministry had to once again change radically," explains Holladay. "When I first came here,

ministry was primarily for underprivileged children. Now about 90 percent of our children have one or more parents in the medical field."

The church recently evaluated the needs of the changing community. This summer one of its findings will be put into effect. Instead of offering traditional children's day camp, members will conduct a summer program to reach several hundred elderly people in nearby Dosker Manor, a government housing project for senior adults and handicapped people.

They are also trying to discover ways to reach the young urban professionals moving into the area. "But that's going to be difficult since the management of

the condominiums and apartments won't allow us to visit door-to-door," explains Holladay.

Holladay admits the changes have caused a personal struggle. "I find myself no longer working with street people and other underprivileged people—both of which are concerns of mine," he says. "I'm concerned about indigent health care, too. Here we are surrounded by four hospitals, but they're all private."

However, Holladay still champions some concerns. At one time the church's child development center was challenged. The center cares for 105 children, five days a week, from two months to five years old. Almost 90 percent of the center's budget comes from child development center fees. "But some people felt that child development center was a service, not a ministry," says Holladay.

As he began to study child care and evaluate the program, "I discovered we're planting seeds of love and trust in children. During their first five years of life, children develop feelings about other people. We're making it easier for a child to trust other people, and for that child to respond to God.

"Sometimes it's hard work fighting battles and struggling to discover the right things to do, but every now and then I see that we're making a little difference in someone's life and I can keep going," says Holladay.

Martha Baldrige

Outsiders find home for missions in Knott County

by Cindy Stepp

When Martha Baldrige was a little girl, she longed for dark hair and dark eyes. You see, where she grew up, that is what most of the children had.

"I just hated being different," Martha recalls. "Blonde hair and blue eyes were not common and I got noticed."

She was in a country where she was different. Martha was the daughter of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries and was born and raised in Brazil. She lived in Brazil until she was 16, only to visit the United States twice during those years while her parents were on furlough.

Martha remembers her first visit to

"Now I have a home. Knott County is my home."

the United States when she was only four years old.

"I spoke Portuguese and never really spoke English when I lived in Brazil. My parents wanted my brothers and sisters and me to speak English, but we were stubborn.

"All the other children in Brazil spoke Portuguese, so we did, too," she explains. "When we came to the United States for the first time, my parents took my sister and me to our aunt's home in Alabama and left us there for a visit."

But before they left, Martha's parents told her aunt not to give them anything unless they asked for it in English. "We learned to speak English in a hurry!"

Now Martha lives in a place where blonde hair and blue eyes are very common, but she never forgot the work of her missionary parents and living in Brazil. Martha is now a missionary herself. She is a Christian social missionary with the Home Mission Board in Knott County, Ky. But Knott County is not where she first intended to be. She and her husband, Lawrence Baldrige, came to Knott County in 1964 to get their two years of training and experience required by the Foreign Mission Board before sending missionaries into other countries. As Martha explains, "The two years turned into three years and so on. Lawrence and I finally decided we needed to make a decision about going on to Brazil or staying here in eastern Kentucky. We wanted to know if foreign missions was really for us. We sat down and prayed about it and we felt the answer was our mission field was here in eastern Kentucky."

Martha and Lawrence and their three children, Ruth, David and Mary, live in the small community of Pippa Passes. Lawrence is the pastor of Caney Baptist Church.

He and Martha conduct a variety of different activities as Christian social missionaries. Every Sunday, they run a van through the backroads and hollows to pick up children for Sunday school who otherwise would not be attending. This year the Baldrigedges have witnessed the largest increase ever in Sunday school attendance at the church.

Every summer, the Baldrigedges and Caney Baptist Church play host to different church groups and Baptist Student Unions that come to the remote area to conduct backyard Bible clubs, vacation Bible schools, and revivals. Practically all children living in the

hollows attend one or more of the vacation Bible schools. Martha also teaches the fourth, fifth and sixth grade Sunday school class.

Along with her work as Christian social missionary, Martha is the dietary manager of the Knott County Health Care Center. She supervises seven other workers who care for 82 patients. Martha is responsible for seeing each patient has the proper diet.

"I do all that I can to help the patients

and to love them," she says. "I get really close to the patients and their families and they get close to me."

Martha says she was an outsider in Brazil and when she first came to eastern Kentucky 22 years ago, but now she has place she can call home.

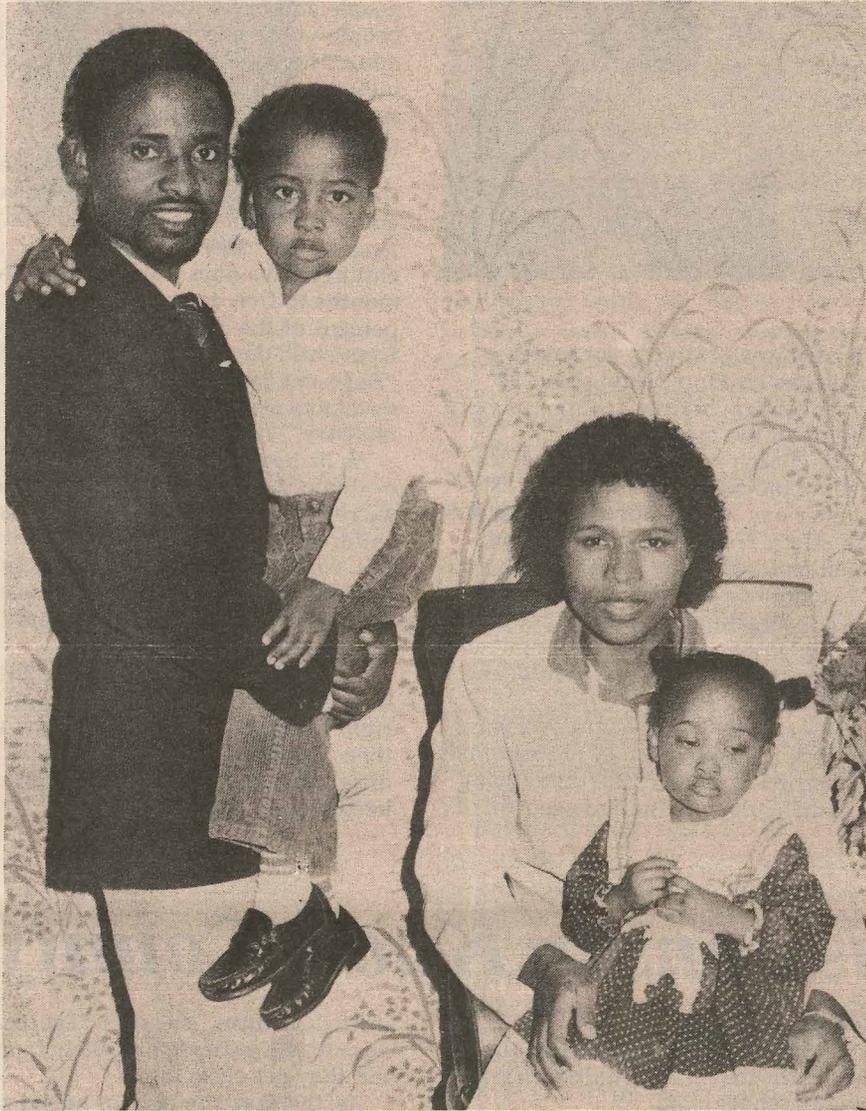
"I never had a home before because I knew someday I would be leaving Brazil, even though I planned to come back eventually. Now I have a home. Knott County is my home."



Kentucky governor Martha Layne Collins talks with businessman Sam H. McMahon Jr. of Charlotte, N. C. at the annual meeting of trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Apr. 7-9. Mrs. Collins has been a member of Southern Seminary's board since 1982.

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

Meet Cumberland College Student Henry Chiromo



At Cumberland College we call Henry Chiromo "Mr. Baptist African." Henry, a senior at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky and college in Zimbabwe, is certainly full of desire to return to his native Africa and do the Lord's work through the Baptist Convention of Zimbabwe.

Before becoming a student at Cumberland, Henry was very active in Baptist work in his homeland. He worked as the National Director of the Youth and Student Ministries of the Baptist Convention of Zimbabwe. Henry was also the Coordinator of the newly inaugurated All African Baptist Youth Fellowship and is a member of the international youth executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

He is an ordained minister and worked as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church which he helped organize.

As National Director of Youth and Students, Henry was responsible for three programs: (1) leadership training, (2) the discipleship program, and (3) organizing various national conferences.

Bright and articulate, Henry said, "Basically, what I did was to help each local church with their youth programs."

Henry has two brothers and two sisters; his father is a bricklayer and his mother is a housewife. But they all have one thing in common: they all are Baptists.

He witnesses, "I came to know Christ

through the influence of my mother. She encouraged me to attend church services and, at home she would tell me about Jesus Christ. However, my conversion experience happened when I was 14 years old, at a mission boarding school (high school) to which my parents had sent me.

"This was not so easy because I could not reconcile my political activism with what I thought was Christian passivism. But when I came to know Christ in a personal way, I realized that true freedom and a meaningful life stems from submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

Interested in the well-being of his people Henry "...felt led from just being a politician and felt a higher mission, leading people to Christ where they could find meaning, purpose, and direction."

"I channeled my zeal into the church. I became an active witness of Jesus Christ and my local church, Calvary Baptist, elected me to lead the youth. Thereafter, the Convention appointed me to work as a volunteer youth director."

Henry first came to America in 1978 to attend Boyce Bible School College. He returned home to Africa in 1980 to become the National Director of Baptist Youth Ministries.

With his wife, Sithembile, and his two children, Archie and Linda, Henry returned to the States in January 1985 to further his training in religion and psychology. After finishing his studies at Cumberland

in December 1986, Henry will move on to seminary after which he will return to Africa.

Henry explains that in Africa there is a wide range of political ideologies; a combination of carry-over from past oppressive governments and the transition into the current government. Sometimes this mixture of ideologies makes it difficult for youth to relate to the church.

"It is my desire as a Christian to enable our youth to relate to the church. I feel privileged to return and freely share the redemptive power of Jesus Christ 'while it is still day' in our country.

"After completion of my studies, I shall return to Zimbabwe and work as a pastor. I also hope to work with the Baptist Convention in leadership training, church planting and development."

Work is no stranger to Henry. At Cumberland, he has worked in the library, as a janitor in the campus center, and in the learning skills center. Knowledgeable, intelligent, patient, and able to communicate well, he is currently working as a mathematics tutor and library assistant.

Henry's wife, Sithembile, is "... very confident. She understands the need for more training for my profession..."

Frequently, Henry speaks and preaches in Baptist churches in Kentucky and is available to any church which extends an invitation.

Henry is most sentimental when he talks about his younger brother, Eddie, who is only 19 years old. "You see," explained Henry, "the firstborn is responsible for all of the other children. My mother helped lead Eddie to Christ and there was such a change in Eddie. Such an intelligent boy, he wants to attend Cumberland, become a hydraulics engineer, and return to our country to help develop our resources and to help our people."

In Zimbabwe, there is only one university for eight million people. At Cumberland, with an enrollment of 2,100, Henry says that the people are loving and caring, that there is strong spiritual influence, and

that academically the college is "...personally oriented. You almost think that you are the only student. The administration does relate to you as a person."

With Henry's intelligence, hard work, positive attitude, and firm Christian commitment and Christian compassion for others, we could only say "Come on, Henry, bring Eddie to Cumberland College. God will provide a way."

Eddie did come to Cumberland. We in our Cumberland College family are glad to have him and we do trust that a way will be provided.

