



Moore's goal reconciliation, not rule

by Dan Martin

Saying he believes the primary responsibility of the president of the SBC is reconciliation, Winfred Moore said he is willing to be nominated for the post when the SBC meets in Atlanta in June.

Moore, 66, told his congregation at First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., he will allow his name to be presented for president of the SBC.

The announcement ended months of speculation as to whether Moore,

currently first vice president of the convention, would allow his name to be placed in nomination, probably opposing Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., who announced Apr. 12 to his congregation he will allow his nomination.

In 1985 Moore was the moderate conservative candidate in a challenge to incumbent president Charles Stanley. Moore drew 19,795 votes, the most for a losing candidate, while Stanley won the presidency with 55.3 percent

(24,453 votes).

Moore told his congregation: "For a long time now I have been deeply disturbed about the direction of our convention. At the present we are headed in the direction of making doctrinal agreement a prerequisite for cooperative missions and evangelism. Our Cooperative Program was established because Baptists were confident cooperation was the most effective way to reach the world for Christ. History consistently has shown the basic rightness of that decision.

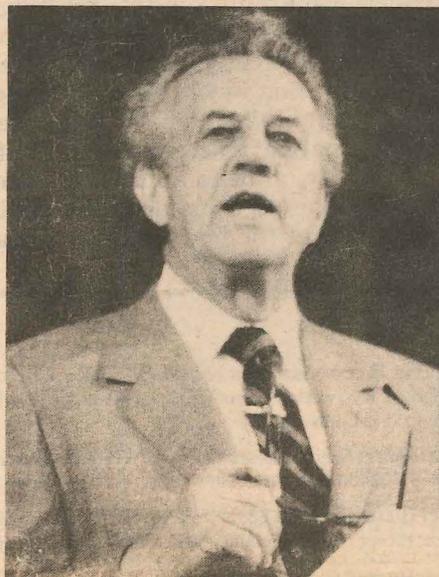
"As cooperative Baptists we must respect the integrity and freedom of our fellow Baptists. We must seek fairness for all Southern Baptists and join hands in the Great Commission. This is a crucial moment. You know that in more than a quarter century I have not sought any office or place in Southern Baptist life. During this past year I have prayed and longed and worked for someone to come forward or something to happen that would bring us reconciliation and cause me never to face the decision I now face.

"I think God has put me in a place to help us reclaim our original mission and spirit. I do not want to be here but by God's grace and under his leadership I am announcing my willingness to be nominated for the presidency of the SBC."

He added: "I think the primary task of the president at this time is reconciliation, that his role even as the role of a pastor must be that of servant, not a ruler. If I should be elected, I will give my best to these goals and to fairness for all our churches and people."

Moore, who serves on the 22-member Peace Committee, disagreed with Rogers that theological diversity is a problem and if allowed to continue will spell the demise of the denomination. "I think if that were true, we have had enough time with this kind of diversity that we would have lost it all by now. We have theological diversity and we have always had it," he said. "It is one of our strengths."

He also stated he hopes the fact he and Rogers both have announced their willingness to be nominated "will not hamper the work of the Peace Committee. I know I do not intend for it to interfere with the work of that group," he declared. (BP)



Moore

Confidence vote for Honeycutt result of inquiry

by Michael Dudit

A committee formed by trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to investigate concerns of the SBC Peace Committee has released its final report, concluding the faculty members cited in the concerns and the president have "both taught and written" in accordance with the seminary's confessional statement.

"The Abstract of Principles and its historical emphasis on the authority of the Bible is the standard by which the teaching and writing of faculty members must be measured, in keeping with the seminary charter," explains Ben R. Murphy, chairman of the committee and of the seminary's board of trustees during the review process.

The committee noted some of the concerns filed with the Peace Committee reflected "legitimate differences of opinion" as well as "the genuine diversity that characterizes the Southern Baptist Convention" on a variety of theological issues.

The report added other concerns were based on misunderstandings of terminology, statements taken out of context or mistakenly attributed to an author or lack of clarity in writings or lectures.

"In most cases the concerns expressed about faculty and the president arose from a partial view of their writings or could be traced to difference of interpretation of scripture. In some cases the professor was at fault in failing to express clearly what was intended, whether in spoken or written word, the report states.

The trustee appointed committee on denominational concerns held its final meeting Apr. 29. The panel originally met with a subcommittee of the SBC Peace Committee Jan. 9-10 at which time it received several "concerns" about specific seminary faculty members. These were considered by the 11-member trustee academic personnel committee and that group's report was approved by the full board of trustees in its Apr. 8 meeting.

At its Apr. 29 meeting the committee and the trustee officers also met with a Louisville trustee, John Michael, to consider criticisms he had leveled at the review process during the meeting of the full board of trustees. At the conclusion of the Apr. 8 session seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt asked the board officers and Michael to meet and assess the validity of Michael's concerns and determine if the president had discharged his duties properly.

After meeting with Michael the committee and officers adopted a statement in which they voted unanimously that "we commend the president for the manner in which he has dealt with these matters and his fidelity to his duties of the office of president."

Following that session Michael sent a letter to all seminary trustees in which he reported the meeting resulted in "a feeling on my part that my concerns were fairly heard. Although some differences of opinion still remain, I am thankful for the opportunity to have had a dialogue on these matters."

Kentuckian to challenge committee

by Jack Sanford, Editor

A prominent Kentucky Baptist pastor who has served as president of the KBC and also as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee will challenge the Committee on Boards' nomination of fellow Kentuckian David Gray.

John Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, issued the following statement:

"I plan to present an alternate nominee in Atlanta to the Committee on Boards' recommendation of David Gray as a Kentucky member of the Executive Committee. I do not know Gray so the challenge is not personal, but out of my experience in Baptist life as a past chairman of the Executive Committee.

"I raised two questions as I saw the committee's recommendations. One question is how much consideration was given to the knowledge of Baptist life and involvement in a larger realm of Baptist service? The Executive Committee because of its unique

function in both funding our institutions and operation of the convention needs Baptist lay people who have a strong involvement in and understanding of Baptist working. In all candor I doubt seriously that in the limited time Gray has been a Southern Baptist and the even more limited time in a larger area of Baptist service that he meets this need of service.

"A second and the most important question is: How much consideration did the committee give to the entire state in its selection of membership on not only the Executive Committee but all of the boards?

"With one exception, and that a reappointment to the Foreign Mission Board, no other person who has been nominated lives east of Louisville, where half of Kentucky Baptists live.

"I wonder if the committee gave any consideration to the fact that until recently Gray had practiced law in the same U. S. attorney's office as the present layman on the Executive Committee, who is also being renominated.

"Because of these reasons I plan to nominate as an alternate to the committee's recommendation The Hon. Eugene Siler Jr. who is a U. S. district judge in the Eastern Kentucky district. Judge Siler was appointed a U. S. attorney by the Nixon Administration then as federal judge by the Ford administration.

"Siler answers the first question I raised. He is from an outstanding Baptist background. His father and grandfather have served as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention (formerly known as moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky).

"He serves his denomination as chairman of the board of trustees of Cumberland College. In addition he is an involved deacon in his church, First Baptist Church, Williamsburg. While a federal judge with a heavy caseload he gives generously of his time to his local church and denomination.

"The second question raised which is the need for a wider representation is met in Siler who would come from east of Louisville where half the people in our state and half our Baptists are located.

"In my opinion Judge Siler should be elected by our convention because of his knowledge of and involvement in the larger area of Baptist life. He should be elected by this convention to the Executive Committee in order to give this list of nominees credibility of representing the other half of this state convention."



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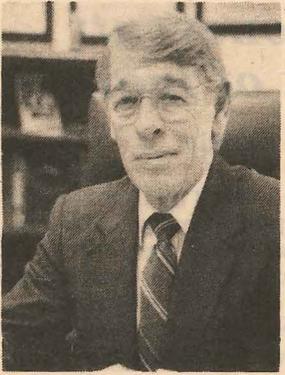
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Jack D. Sanford

Charges brought against seminary president

At his second meeting as a member of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary John R. Michael, a member of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, made charges against president Roy Honeycutt. The charges grew out of the president's response to concerns of the Peace Committee of the SBC. See page 1, this issue.

Michael specifically charged Honeycutt "has not been open, that he has not been fair, that he has not been thorough, and he has not been cooperative in dealing with concerns offered by the Peace Committee."

Michael charges Honeycutt with not being thorough in his evaluation of the thesis of Molly Marshall-Green. Michael contends the thesis subscribes to "universalism" while Honeycutt sees the thesis as a statement of the "universality of the Gospel." Honeycutt found no grounds for dismissal since the professor in question was "teaching in accord with and not contrary to the Abstract of Principles."

Michael, in a written report of several pages to the full board, stated, "It appears to me that we are seeing here a contradiction between what the dissertation clearly says, and what the president's report claims it says." Michael felt the president, in his report to the trustees, had not gone into details about what the thesis contained and thus was not "open and thorough" in his report.

Michael again charged the president was not thorough in his investigation and reporting about some published work of Glenn Hinson. According to Michael the work in question does indeed teach universalism and denies the bodily resurrection of Jesus, while the president did not see it that way. The president found no basis for the charges placed against Hinson because he too was "teaching in accordance with and not contrary to the Abstract of Principles." Interviews with Hinson convinced the president Hinson was not guilty of charges sufficient to dismiss him from the faculty.

Michael again objected because it was his contention the president had not gone into details with the trustees about the work of Hinson thus prohibiting the trustees from making informed judgements about the professor's qualifications to teach in a Southern Baptist seminary.

President Honeycutt requested the officers of the board and an ad hoc committee on denominational concerns meet with Michael and evaluate the charges against the president.

The request was granted and the meeting was held Apr. 29, 1986 in Louisville. Present were Perry F. Webb Jr., George Steincross, Fred Pfannenschmidt, Ben R. Murphy, Joe Stopher, Roy Honeycutt and John Michael. These are the officers of the board of trustees, members of the ad hoc committee on denominational concerns, the president of the seminary and the complainant. One officer of the board, Emil Williams,

was not able to attend the meeting.

By his own admission, Michael agreed he had had a fair hearing and his "concerns were fairly heard" during the course of the meeting. In a letter sent to the trustees of Southern Seminary, the editor of Western Recorder and the editor of Indiana Baptist, Michael stated, "Although some differences of opinion still remain, I am thankful for the opportunity to have had a dialogue on these matters."

The committee heard Michael's complaints at length and decided the original action of the full board in support of the president was not in any way contradicted by the hearing with John Michael. Consequently the committee saw no need for further action by the trustees. It was the conclusion of the group which met with Michael that the president had acted in an open, fair and thorough manner and the charges against him were "not supported by the evidence" presented by Michael. The committee adopted a statement in which they "voted unanimously that we commend the president for the manner in which he has dealt with these matters and his fidelity to his duties of the office of president."

Thus the matter ends, but questions will remain as long as Baptists have different theological points of view. Michael had misgivings about some matters at the seminary and he voiced them. The board of trustees heard his case and concluded his views were not their views and thus denied him what he wanted.

This is the way Baptist institutions have been operated since the beginning of Baptist institutions. There are those who object to the findings of the trustees and the only way to satisfy them is to get other trustees who will see things their way. That is precisely what has been happening for seven years.

Michael has had his say in open discussion with his peers and has not been denied his right as a Baptist to express his views. The fact the trustees rejected his views is also their right as Baptists. Any action which changes this method of handling disputes would be less than we deserve as free people under God.

I am among the first to admit I would prefer different language from professors when they discuss biblical phenomena. I could wish the professors would speak in more simple terms. Yet to brand these people as flaming liberals out to destroy the simple faith of the people is to be vicious and unfair. They are scholars who often communicate poorly with common people who have no background in academic theological studies. Persons versed and trained in academia know what is being said and do not see it as heresy.

Though I would wish for more clarity in expression, I want also to affirm our teachers as qualified interpreters of scripture who can lead all of us to deeper understanding of the will of God if we will trust them as fellow pilgrims, not the enemy.

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Harrodsburg Foundation prepares 43 ministers for future

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Harrodsburg (Ky.) Baptist Church directs a unique ministry among Kentucky Baptists. Through the years, many dedicated members have given to a perpetual fund that helps ministerial students afford school.

Harrodsburg Baptist Foundation began in the 1930s during the heart of the great depression. Ott Elliott made a commitment to God, promising that all of his material possessions would be given back to be used in God's service.

The foundation was organized from his estate in June 1954 to provide financial assistance to students who were preparing for Christian service.

Almost 50 years after Elliott's promise, the foundation has grown to one of the largest of its kind in Kentucky, approaching \$1 million. The interest from this perpetual fund presently supports 43 students in Kentucky schools with \$1000 annual scholarships. On May 4, 1986 the 10 directors of the foundation, all laymen of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, proudly presented 14 of these students to their fellow church members.

Phillip Estes of Georgetown, Robert M. Davis of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Nnochiri I. Onyemka of Cumberland, and Billy Luttrell of Clear Creek led the morning worship with their testimonies.

Robert Davis summarizes what the foundation means both to the church and to him. "When I finish seminary, I will be going into foreign missions. People around the world are eager to hear the gospel," he says. "Thank God for Harrodsburg Baptist Church which helps those like me train for his service."

According to Paul Divine, vice president of the foundation's board of directors, the foundation's aid is not limited to just church members or Kentucky residents.

"The scholarships are open to both women and men from any state who are attending a Baptist school in Kentucky," he claims. "The grants are based on calling and conversion experience—

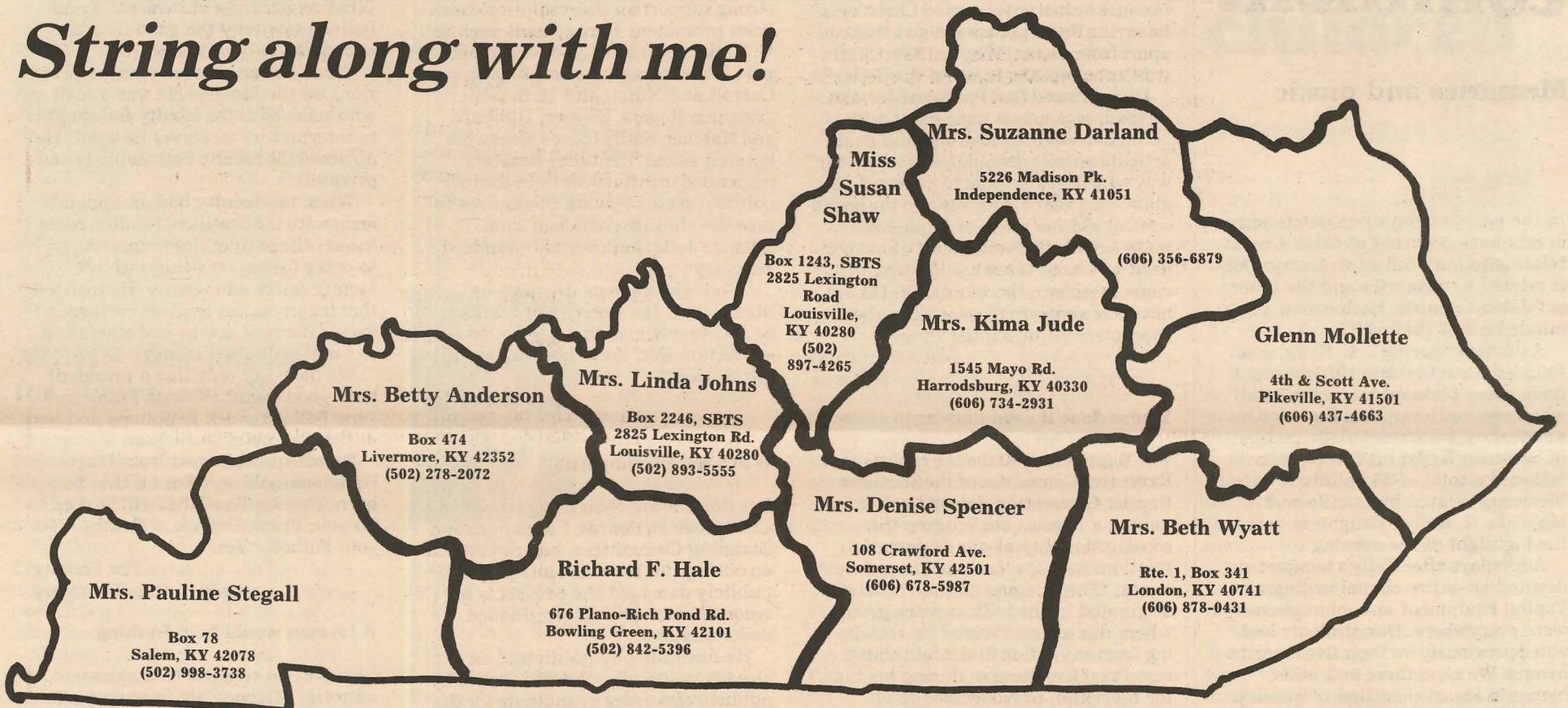
not doctrines—and normally applicants in financial need are not rejected."

But the foundation provides much more than financial aid for ministerial students.

Bob DeFoor, pastor of the church, emphasized, "Only 45 percent of the foundation's earnings is being used for educating men and women for Christian service. Another 45 percent goes to Glen Dale and Spring Meadows children's homes.

"The remaining 10 percent is contributed to the church as tithe," DeFoor continues. This money is used to underwrite college scholarships for young people from our own church family."

String along with me!



by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

There are 10 of them.

The youngest is 25. The oldest, 63. Six were born in Kentucky, one each in Alabama, Georgia, Missouri and West Virginia.

All attended schools of higher learning following high school. Nine hold one or more degrees from four-year colleges and universities. Three are graduates of Murray (Ky.) State University. There is one with a degree from Georgetown (Ky.) College, another from the University of Louisville and yet another from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. The remaining undergraduate degrees were earned outside the state.

Two hold earned degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Who are they and what do they have in common?

They are all state correspondents (stringers, in journalese) for Western Recorder.

This well developed news reporting network includes 10 gifted men and women, all with tested writing abilities, scattered across the Bluegrass state, strategically situated to help Kentucky Baptists be informed.

They include a college English instructor, two pastors, a public

director and five housewives, all of whom have had newspaper or freelance writing experience.

There are eight women, two men. Nine are married. They are the parents of 19 children.

Beyond the statistics, these writers are flesh and blood human beings whose duty it is to stay abreast of newsworthy events and people in their assigned territories—activities and

individuals that Western Recorder readers would also find interesting. While the state correspondents receive some reporting assignments directly from the Western Recorder staff, the bulk of what they write is suggested by the stringers themselves.

Most often, from tips by interested individuals in their territories.

Or, from what they read in local church newsletters and associational bulletins. One of the best (and least

expensive) investments a church can make in publicity, promotion and public relations is to determine who its Western Recorder representative is and put that reporter on the mailing list for the church mailout.

Western Recorder's state correspondent program began Apr. 1, 1981 and is the only one among the 38 Baptist state news journals as extensively developed as it is.

It has presented scores of feature length stories which never would have run without discovery by the stringers.

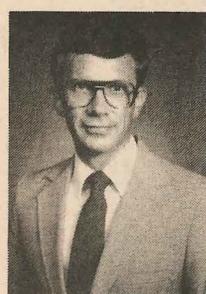
Aside from the notoriety of a byline, stringers receive small compensation for their efforts, plus expenses. Some would probably volunteer without that consideration, however, for in them breathe stories seeking places to be told. For these writers, Western Recorder provides a most welcome opportunity.



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clear creek comment

Memories and music

In the past few days two outstanding events have occurred at Clear Creek relating to our 60th anniversary. One is related to **memories** and the other is related to **music**. Both events reminded me of Psalm 137.

A dinner honoring L. C. Kelly, who founded Clear Creek in 1926, brought back many pleasant memories to all who knew and loved him. Featured was a slide show which included a picture of Solomon Kelly, his father, who fathered a total of 25 children! Memories related by Lucille and Majel, L. C. Kelly's daughters, were the highlight of the evening.

A few days after Kelly's banquet we devoted an entire chapel to singing. Taping equipment and microphones were everywhere. Our students had voted previously for their five favorite hymns. We sang these and other hymns in a marvelous time of worship and praise. And it was all recorded to be part of our 60th Anniversary album (an LP record and cassette tape of Clear Creek's 60 years of ministry).

Psalm 137 refers to memory five times in only nine verses. It mentions singing seven times. It is a very sad psalm written concerning a tragic period of exile for God's people. Remembering led to weeping and the lamentable question is asked, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

Psalm 137 gives us a reminder, albeit a negative reminder, that memory and music are two strong allies for the Christian. The world, the flesh and the devil are enemies to discourage, depress and destroy us. But it always helps to forget the present battle for a moment and remember how good the Lord has been to us. His blessings, providence and love have been proven over and over again.

Singing is also good therapy for the Christian. Music is the handmaiden of the gospel and when a Christian sings praises to the Lord, troubles and problems are derogated to the place they deserve in the life of a Christian.

Read Psalm 137 today but don't imitate its sad lamentable attitude. Rather, cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving as you think of God's goodness to you. Then spend some time singing praises to his name. Ask God for an attitude of gratitude. Use memories and music to bolster your faith!

baptist forum

Pastor attacks Chafin's letter

I have read carefully several times, the letter by Kenneth L. Chafin concerning his remarks on the Phil Donahue Show following the Dallas convention. It appears this letter has failed in three ways. It lacks an apology for his failure to be a positive witness for Christ's saving grace before millions of people. Second, he did not repudiate his remarks about his rabbi friend and to the woman from India. Third, he has not clearly answered the question in peoples' minds.

On the Phil Donahue Show, he said he knew he would see his rabbi friend in heaven. Is Chafin now saying that his rabbi friend will not be in heaven because he has not accepted Christ or is he saying that a person can go to heaven apart from Christ? Why did Ken Chafin wait nine months to write this letter?

I was pleased that Paul Pressler, as a layman, was not as concerned with "effective communication" and could articulate for this woman in a very clear way what it takes to get to heaven. I am glad "the pace of the show and the host's control **did not** make it impossible to make a definitive statement" about our need of Christ for salvation when it came Pressler's time to speak. He did not come across in the way he has been characterized in Baptist Press.

Allen F. Harrod
Bellevue

You've done it even unto us

The Baptist and Reflector reports the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention delayed action in joining a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of our diplomatic relations with the Vatican. The article states, "The recommendation to delay originated in the bylaws work group where discussion focused on refraining from any action that might embarrass President Reagan during his bid for reelection in November 1984."

It is appalling that the Executive Committee would disregard the expressed opinions of the 1984 convention out of regard for a particular party or candidate. The convention clearly opposed government entanglement with the papacy. Why did president Charles Stanley allow this sentiment to be thwarted?

Russell Bennett
Louisville

In God We Trust?

Our nation's motto, "In God We Trust," will not be posted in Kentucky public schools according to a decision of the Kentucky Senate Education Committee.

A joint resolution to install a permanent plaque in each Kentucky public school bearing the national motto together with the preamble of the Kentucky Constitution was introduced in the Senate by Eugene Stuart. A motion by Clyde Middleton to gut the resolution by deleting "In God We Trust" as controversial was unanimously approved by other committee members, Robert Martin, Ed O'Daniel, Kenneth Gibson, David Karem, Nelson Allen, Ed Ford, Jo Wright and Jon Ackerson. The House Education Committee Chairman Roger Noe, refused to have the resolution posted for consideration prior to its quiet burial in the committee graveyard. That is how the process works.

Stuart's reaction to the scuttling, "I never thought I'd see the day," expressed the dismay and disbelief of most Kentuckians. Inquiries from this writer who authored the resolution to the committee members concerning their action went unanswered.

The proposed resolution was a modest effort by school patrons to reaffirm America's historic roots in the education of Kentucky's children. The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled the display of our nation's motto is not an unconstitutional establishment of religion. The motto simply identifies the source of human liberty and dignity that gives meaning to our democracy.

Kentuckians can be proud that strong support for the resolution came from prominent Kentuckians such as U. S. Senators Ford and McConnell; past Governors Chandler, Brown, Carroll and Nunn; and U. S. Congressmen Rogers, Snyder, Hubbard and Natcher. Sadly those voices were ignored as our Kentucky senators responded to influences from another political sector leaving themselves to face the chilling challenge from Thomas Jefferson over two hundred years ago:

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"

Sam B. Peavey
Louisville

Is Mr. Roberts impartial?

Lee Roberts Sr., chairman of the 1986 Committee on Boards, Comissions and Standing Committees, has committed an outrageous breach of integrity and publicly damaged the prospects for reconciliation within our divided denomination.

He has radically politicized an already politically-charged report by publicly endorsing a candidate for the convention presidency two days before its release. He has labeled those who would oppose his candidate as people committed to a lie.

He has slandered Southern Baptist college and seminary professors by calling their teaching "slop." He has trampled upon our democratic polity by likening any amendments to his committee's report as "needless" and "embarrassing."

He has rejected the opportunity to become part of the solution to our difficulties and has incarnated the demonic nature of our problem. He should not be surprised when his committee's report is challenged and his own statements censured by the messengers he so arrogantly claims to represent.

John H. Hewett, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Asheville, N.C.

Rogers' candidacy questioned

We have seen reports that Adrian Rogers has offered himself as a candidate for president of the Southern Baptist Convention. I think we need to ask why.

In a convention with more than 14 million members why should we elect one person to serve as president for a second time?

Why should we elect a man who has questioned our continued use of the Cooperative Program as the primary

means of financing our convention program of missions, evangelism and education?

Why should we elect a man whose actions and words demonstrate intolerance and contribute to disunity?

These questions suggest to many thoughtful Baptists that this is the time for new leadership, not a return to the past.

A. B. Harmon
Louisville

Golden Gate salutes Pollard

When Frank Pollard was elected president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, a faculty colleague said, "In him there is no guile." What an accurate statement! Frank Pollard saw only the good in others and spoke only of the good.

Frank Pollard has left many impressions on the faculty. He was a man who believed in the faculty and sought to interpret us wherever he went. He affirmed the faculty both publicly and privately.

When the faculty had an appointment with the president he often came to our office rather than expecting us to come to his. He dealt with the faculty fairly and openly. He insisted that faculty raises be given each year even if it meant that he and others had to raise additional money.

We have not only lost a president but a good friend. We wish Frank and Jane Pollard much happiness and joy in their ministry in Jackson.

An oft-quoted word from Dag Hammarskjold is: "For all that has been, Thanks, To all that will be, Yes." To you, Frank Pollard, "Thanks." To you, Father, "Yes."

The Faculty
Golden Gate Seminary

A layman would be refreshing

I hesitate to respond to a recent editorial of yours lest in any way I seem to be putting pastors down. Yet I think I owe it to the laity (if there really is such a group) to speak on their behalf.

First, let me say, unlike Adrian Rogers, I am not making myself available as a candidate for the SBC presidency. I have no ax to grind. I do agree however that from time to time it is a great idea to have a non pastor, a non professional, or layman if you please, in that office.

Pastors are inclined to believe they have their hand on the pulse of the people. Sometimes this is true, but sometimes it is farthest from the truth. There is a tendency in church work for people to pull their punches when disagreeing with church leadership for fear of seeming negative. Just as most people return table thanks when the pastor visits, refrain from using curse words in his presence, they try to present their Sunday personality rather than their weekday personality to him. As a result it becomes very difficult in most cases for pastors to know the true will of the people.

I think the same exists to some extent at the convention level. Too often we see the trees so clearly we fail to see the forest. I believe a layman might be able to stand back and get an overall view of God's will for our denomination and not stumbling on the underbrush of petty issues.

J. B. Crawley
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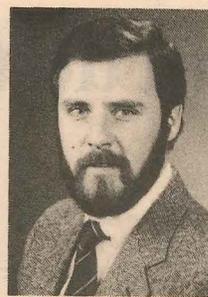
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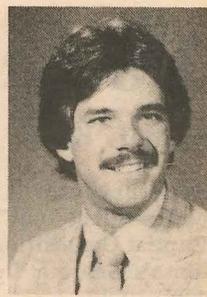
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Southwestern graduates 442, eight with state ties

The 442 men and women receiving degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary May 9 included eight Kentuckians.

President Russell H. Dilday conferred degrees upon the Kentuckians during spring commencement ceremonies at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Graduates with Kentucky ties at Southwestern include:

Penny Wilson Akers, MA in RE, to serve on the staff at Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute; parents, Jerry Dee Wilson, Salem, Ky., and Ann Wilson, Princeton, Ky.

Bonnie Kay Brown, MDiv, Lewisport, Ky., to be chaplain intern at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Tex.

Terry Lydell Fishburn, MA in RE; parent, Homer Fishburn, Louisville.

Barbara June Gregory, MDiv; parent Mrs. Lois Gregory, Monticello, Ky.

Michael Ernest Holland, MA in RE; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Holland, Paducah.

David William Johnson, MDiv, to be pastor at First Baptist Church, Flat, Tex.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Owensboro.

Robert J. Johnson, MDiv; parent, R. T. Bond, Russellville, Ky.

Jeffrey Keith Story, MA in RE, of Lutz, Fla., to be minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Sem-

nary, Louisville, brought the address on "The Church in Search of Its Soul."

The church, like the individual, may gain the whole world but lose its own soul, Honeycutt said. "We may in trying to save our lives actually lose ourselves."

Hope lies in bringing salvation to the world, he said. "When we are concerned about saving the world we will not have to worry about saving the church. God will save the church when the church participates with him in saving the world."

But instead the church is tempted to "despise its birthright and sell its heritage like a modern Esau for a piece of brown bread and a bowl of beans."

From the book of Acts Honeycutt presented a biblical basis for believers to lose themselves and "discover the soul of the church."

First, the church must realize it is "waiting in a world without Christendom," Honeycutt said. The early church had "no external support systems, no sympathy from government, no culturally conditioned constituency sympathetic to its message."

Because of this the church's first command is to wait on the power of the Holy Spirit, he said. Such power "does not come from being installed in an office" but is the "power to be a witness in the world."

Second, Christians must be "witnessing as apostles without a kingdom," Honeycutt said. "We in the church too often seem more preoc-

cupied with administering a kingdom than with bearing witness to the gospel."

Christ's call is to "look for apostles with a witness to bear rather than a kingdom to administer." For the church to "fail the mandate to witness" is to "gain the whole world and yet lose its own soul."

Third, Honeycutt said the church must worship in a "community without barriers."

"Whether race, gender, religious traditions, political and economic forces or social status, the gospel is unhindered," he said. The early church "learned how to live with disagreement and divergent cultural life styles."

Fourth, "The church that has found its own soul can live by faith as a church without an earthly messiah," Honeycutt said. Early Christians "did not yield to the temptation of making culture their lord. Nor did they suc-

cumb to the folly of letting another person become their lord.

"We need no earthly messiah whose pompous pronouncements obscure the reality of a risen redeemer," he said.

The 442 degrees included 33 from the School of Music, 162 from the School of Religious Education and 247 from the School of Theology. Of that number 18 were doctorates.

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You can do the convention's business on Tuesday

by Marv Knox

Sack lunches will be "in" and lots of coffee will be "out" when the Southern Baptist Convention convenes in Atlanta's Georgia World Congress Center June 10-12.

The trends won't reflect culinary fashion, just reality. With 45,000 to 60,000 people on hand, good seats—especially ones in restrooms—will be in short supply.

So sack lunches will help early bird messengers keep the premium seats they will earn by arriving at the convention hall before it opens at 7 a.m. And the absence of coffee will allow them to keep pressing matters on their minds, not elsewhere, so they can stay out of restroom lines and in those hard-earned chairs.

That will be most important on Tuesday, opening and busiest day of the annual meeting. That day, convention messengers will elect a president and perhaps both vice presidents, choose trustees for SBC agencies, elect a new Committee on Boards to nominate next year's slate of trustees, vote on a change in controversial bylaw 16 and hear a report from the SBC Peace Committee.

Consequently, a record number of messengers is expected. Officials are prepared for more than 40,000, says Tim Hedquist, convention manager and vice president for business and finance at the SBC Executive Committee. That number will swell past 50,000 predicts Fred Wolfe, SBC Order of Business Committee chairman.

The numbers translate into incon-

venience for messengers, Southern Baptists from churches across the country who meet annually to conduct convention business. Tuesday and Wednesday, seating will be available for 45,000 messengers and 20,000 more. Two hours will be needed simply to fill and clear the halls, although theoretically no messenger should have to wait that long.

But lines for food and restrooms may be a different story. Monday, when related meetings will be held, and Tuesday a 94,000-square-foot exhibit hall will be converted into a standing-only snack bar. Wednesday and Thursday limited seating eating options will be provided severely, Hedquist says.

Unfortunately, these might not be the only hassles awaiting messengers. Following are some special categories of people and information for and about them.

The travelers: Parking is available for only about 10,000 people, a fraction of the crowd expected. Messengers who stay beyond walking distance should exercise one of two options—either ride MARTA trains or buses to the Omni Station or drive to the Atlanta/Fulton County Stadium, just south of downtown, and catch direct shuttles to the center. Stadium parking is \$1 or \$1.50. Shuttle, train and bus fares are 60 cents.

The homeless: Although the SBC hotel block is full, not all Atlanta hotel rooms are. Call the SBC Executive Committee at (615) 244-2355 for toll free numbers of travel agents who can help.

The needy: Limited housing in homes of local Baptists is available for messengers who cannot afford to stay in hotels. For information, call (615) 244-2355.

The halt: A special brochure for mobile handicapped will be available at the information desk in the convention center. Access information for handicapped parking also will be available at the information desk.

The strangers: Only messengers and their infant children, program personalities and members of the press will be allowed in the center—including all meeting halls, exhibit areas and book store—all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Others who accompany them will not be admitted until Wednesday evening, at the earliest.

The children: Preschool children will be suffered unto volunteers from Atlanta churches, who will provide child care for \$5 per session for children from outside metropolitan Atlanta. Facilities for the program will be located one story above the main meeting hall. For reservations, write SBC Preschool Committee, 754 Peachtree St., N. W., Atlanta, 30365 or call (404) 881-1221, before May 19.

Children who have completed grades one through six are eligible to participate in the SBC missions day camp, operated by the SBC Brotherhood Commission. They can be registered beginning Monday, June 9 at the day camp table in the convention center. Cost is \$7 per day or \$20 for three days, including Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The sick: Everything from a helicopter to advanced communications systems will be on hand to provide messengers with emergency medical assistance. The first aid stations will be located adjacent to the child care center, one level above the main meeting hall, and also on the same level as the main hall.

The hungry: Some snack bars will be located throughout the center, in addition to the large snack area which will be open on Monday and Tuesday. But messengers who bring their meals are encouraged to carry them in sacks, not coolers, which would take up vital space.

The lost: This means people who can't find friends and family, not people who don't know Jesus. Every person who attends the meeting with one or more others should make plans concerning where to meet in the event of separation. Plans should be more specific than "by the escalator" (there are more than 60) and "in the lobby" (there are several). In the worst case, lost people should contact an usher and be escorted to the convention office.

Sheer numbers—up to 60,000 people, spread over 600,000 square feet of floor space, scattered on eight levels, staying for more than 60 hours—add up to inconvenience for everyone, Hedquist notes. He adds, however, the experience doesn't have to be bad.

"If people come with the same attitude as they had in Dallas last year (where 45,519 messengers registered), we'll make it," he explains. "The spirit of the people can make all the difference. (BP)

Louisville's Huff tells BSSB diversity 'here to stay'

by Linda Lawson

Southern Baptists would prefer a "fast fix and a fast cure" to the problems besetting the denomination, SBC second vice president Henry Huff said in Nashville.

Instead, what is needed is a long term commitment to the priorities of missions, evangelism and biblical truth, Huff said in chapel services for employees at the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Convention building.

"Southern Baptists have a great heritage of religious freedom, of unity in diversity and of doing a very effective

job in missions and evangelism," said Huff, an attorney and member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. "Is our priority today in evangelizing the world with the Bible as our guide or is our priority being certain that everyone believes the same thing before they can go out and evangelize?"

"You would probably hear from Southern Baptist Convention people that it is witnessing to the lost, soul-winning and nurturing of those people who are in our congregations," said Huff. However, he contrasted SBC baptism statistics which have shown a marked decline in recent years.

It is not that we have lost our way but

that there is not much work being done," said Huff. "Certainly I do not feel we can be effective soul winners when we are preoccupied doing battle with one another.

"I am not sure when you are witnessing to an unsaved individual that the person neither knows nor cares in which camp you belong. I am not sure when you feed the hungry in Ethiopia that they care whether this came from a conservative or a fundamentalist," said Huff.

As an example of inability to maintain long term commitments, Huff cited Bold Mission Thrust, the denomination's effort to win the world to Christ by the year 2000 which was launched in 1977.

"There have been a great many results that this program has already achieved and yet we find that a program that is going to last some 20 years is something that does not appeal too well to the American people," said Huff. "We would like by the means of electronics to reach the world for Christ within the next few months.

"It is not that Southern Baptists have rejected the idea of Bold Mission Thrust," he continued. "It is just that it is a program that is a long time in developing and a long time in seeing the results."

In the current denominational controversy Huff said one side wants to conserve the Word of God while the other side wants to build bridges to others. One potential problem with the first is isolation from the world while a pitfall of the second is becoming too much like the world.

However, he emphasized, "We need

both sides.

"I believe most Southern Baptists devoutly hope and pray every day that the problems that beset us would be left behind, that we could go to Bold Mission Thrust, that we could make Planned Growth in Giving work, that we could use our simultaneous revivals not only as a witness but as a healing mechanism among Baptists," said Huff.

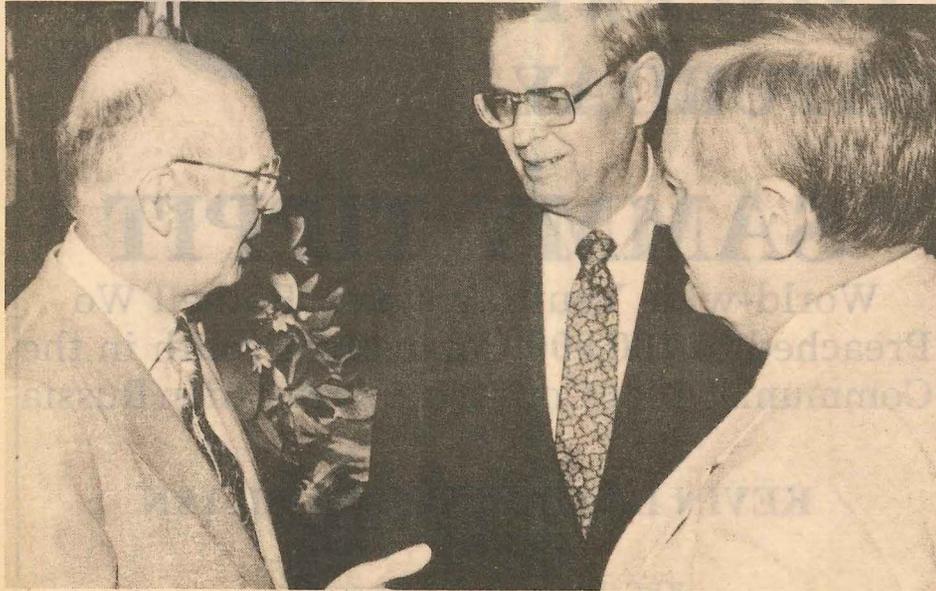
"However, I would be less than honest if I did not state that I do not feel that this is the way we are presently headed. There are divisions in Southern Baptist life. Whether or not we can live with the diversity we have is something that I hope we can soon resolve," he added.

At the same time, Huff predicted that with Southern Baptists' increasing penetration among ethnic groups "we must recognize that diversity will increase rather than decrease."

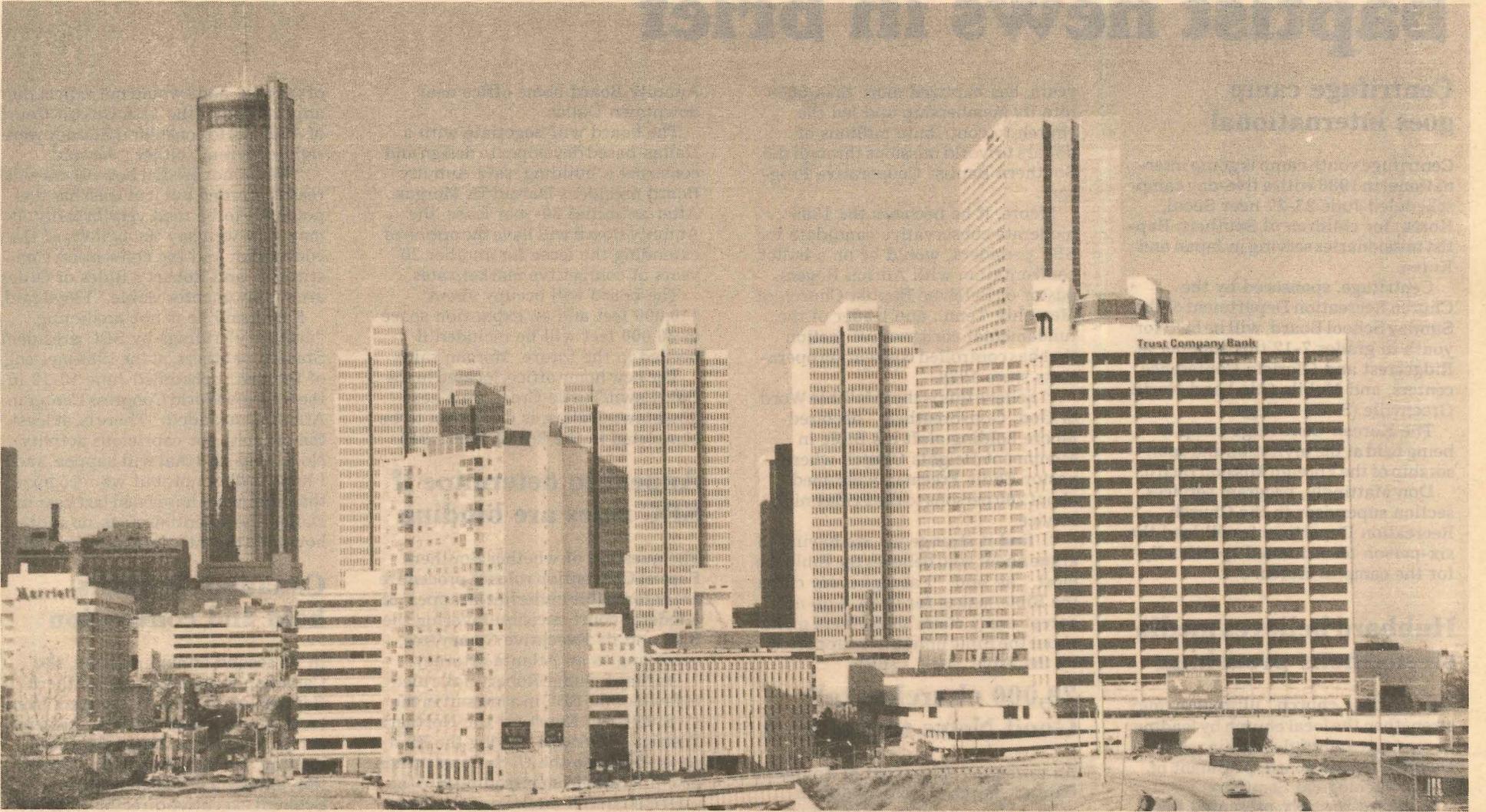
As a Sunday school teacher for 35 years and a user of literature produced by the Sunday School Board Huff said he could appreciate the difficulty of producing materials to meet the needs of a diverse denomination.

"Of all the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board is the one that holds Southern Baptists together," he said. "There is no one that wraps around the lives of all of our people like the Sunday School board and its many publications and materials."

He called on Baptists to give priority to developing "a relationship over the entire length of our life with God, a relationship that is both personal and meaningful and can fulfill our lives. (BP)

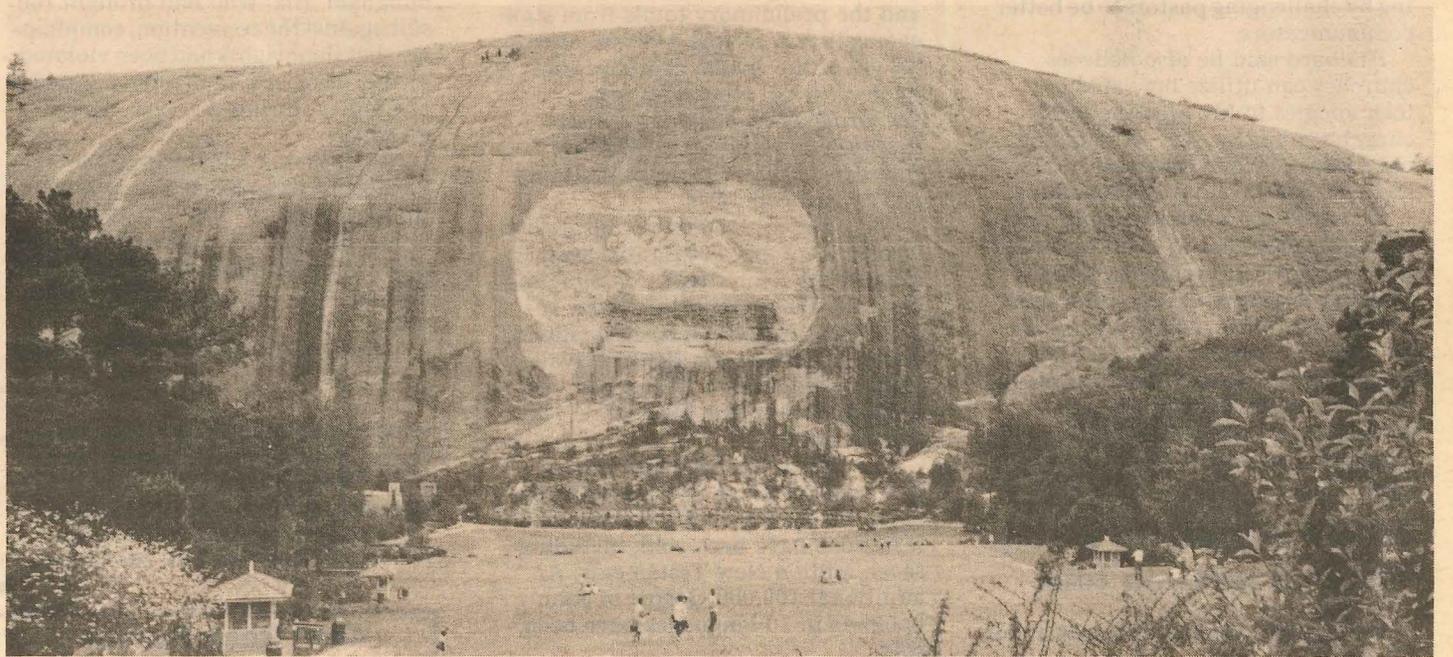


SBC second vice president Henry Huff of Louisville (l) talks with Baptist Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder (c) and Martin B. Bradley, director of the board's Research Services Department and SBC recording secretary.



Atlanta: SBC site June 10-12, 1986

The Georgia World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta will be the hub of Southern Baptist Convention activity when SBC messengers convene in the massive complex for their annual meeting June 10-12. Attendance from 40,000 to 75,000 persons has been estimated. The cylindrical building in the top photo is the world's tallest hotel (Westin Peachtree Plaza) and the convention's headquarters. At right, the giant carving of Confederate generals on the side of nearby Stone Mountain is one of the region's major tourist attractions. The mountain-sized carving is a memorial to the U. S. Civil War and a vivid reminder of a significant portion of Southern history. At bottom right, national offices of the Home Mission Board are located in this seven-story building at 1350 Spring St., N. W., a short drive from the convention complex. A small portion of that complex is seen in the photo at left of the HMB building.



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Centrifuge camp goes international

Centrifuge youth camp is going international in 1986 with a five-day camp scheduled June 23-27 near Seoul, Korea, for children of Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Japan and Korea.

Centrifuge, sponsored by the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board, will be held for youth in grades 7-12 this summer at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Conference centers, and Mobile (Ala.) and North Greenville (S. C.) colleges.

The Korean Centrifuge camp is being held at the invitation and sponsorship of the Foreign Mission Board.

Don Mattingly, program services section supervisor in the Church Recreation Department, will lead the six-person team formed specifically for the camp in Korea.

Hubbard believes media strengthens preaching

The "electric church" ultimately may strengthen the local church by leading to more meaningful worship, said David Allen Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary.

Hubbard recently presented the E. Y. Mullins lectures on preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. During an interview at the seminary, Hubbard explained media will make an impact on preaching by challenging pastors to be better communicators.

Hubbard said he also believes churches can utilize new media technologies to broaden the local church's ministry. One example he cited is use of videotaped services for shut-ins and hospitalized members.

He expressed hope the media will stimulate churches to a "more lively experience of fellowship" in worship. "That is the thing we can offer most in contrast to the media, where you are there in isolation to watch a performance," he said, claiming many churches are guilty of just such a worship style, with worshipers becoming spectators rather than participants.

Moore completes 6-stop Virginia mission tour

"We need less pronouncements about the Bible and more commitments to the Christ of the Bible," said Winfred Moore, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Richmond, Va. during an early May six-stop preaching mission.

Winding up the three-day mission that began in southwest Virginia and reached to Tidewater, Moore, pastor of First Church of Amarillo, Tex., said he recently penned a confession to his congregation.

"I told my people I had made a tragic mistake, not becoming involved (in Southern Baptist Convention affairs) much sooner. I thought staying at home, building the best mission-minded church I could was the way. We built a church missions-minded to the core."

Moore, two-term past president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been pastor of the 10,000-member Amarillo congregation 27

years, has baptized more than 5000 into its membership and led the church to contribute millions of dollars to world missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

Moore, if he becomes the 1986 moderate conservative candidate for SBC president, would be on a ballot confrontation with Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., and leader of the fundamental conservative faction that has controlled convention operations since 1979.

"I believe this is the infallible Word of God; God-breathed," declared Moore holding aloft his Bible in Monument Heights Church where pastor Eddie Freeman welcomed about 200 persons to the Friday night service.

"I find it strange we are having to argue about who believes the Bible the most," he said. "I accept every claim the Bible makes for itself. I do not accept every claim that others make about the Bible unless it is supported by the Bible, itself." (BP)

29,000 churches tell Good News to America

An estimated 80 percent of Southern Baptist churches participated in "Good News America, God Loves You" simultaneous revivals, which officially ended Apr. 27, but final results will not be available for several months.

"All the reports we have received and the preliminary totals from state evangelism directors indicate about 29,000 of the 36,000 churches conducted revival meetings," said Richard Harris, director of mass evangelism at the Home Mission Board and chairman of its simultaneous revival committee.

Churches in all 50 states and almost 90 percent of the 1200 Baptist associations were committed to conducting revivals, Harris reported. Early reports indicate the "highest attendance and most enthusiasm about revivals in years," said Harris. "These are key indicators that true biblical revival has occurred."

Last fall many churches began extensive scripture distribution programs. To date 9.6 million scripture selections have been sold, including seven million New Testaments. An additional 100,000 Gospel of John booklets in 10 languages have been sold.

A nation-wide media campaign also aided in the preparation of revivals. Jolly Communications, a public relations firm in Louisville, headed by Southern Baptist layman Alan Jolly, produced and distributed 21 television commercials, including one with sign language and a Spanish version.

CBS in New York agreed to air the television commercials free of charge. No network has ever before permitted Southern Baptists to run public announcements, said Jolly. The network has agreed to continue to air the commercials through the rest of the year, said Jolly. (BP)

Annuity trustees okay new building for 1988

After nearly two years of study, trustees have authorized negotiations for lease of a new Southern Baptist

Annuity Board home office near downtown Dallas.

The board will negotiate with a Dallas-based developer to design and construct a building, said Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan. After an initial 20-year lease, the Annuity Board will have the option of extending the lease for another 20 years at competitive market rates.

The board will occupy about 110,000 feet and an expansion space of 30,000 feet will be included if needed in the future, Morgan said.

The new home office, located in the Oak Lawn/Turtle Creek area near downtown Dallas, is expected to be completed in the fall of 1988. (BP)

Appeal to determine if SBC rules are binding

The question of whether Southern Baptist Convention rules of procedure are enforceable underlies an appeal of a federal court decision favoring the SBC and its Executive Committee, according to an Atlanta attorney.

On May 5, Judge Robert Hall ruled in favor of the SBC in a lawsuit in the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, saying the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution prohibits him from intruding into the internal church matters of the 14.4-million-member Southern Baptist Convention.

On the following day, a notice of appeal was filed by attorneys for Robert S. and Julia Crowder of Birmingham, Ala. who had brought the suit against the convention, complaining that their rights had been violated by the ruling of SBC president Charles F. Stanley during the 1985 annual meeting.

"All the judge ruled on was that the First Amendment prohibited him from hearing the case," said John Floyd, an attorney with the Atlanta law firm of Bondurant, Mixson and Elmore, who represented the Crowders.

"He (Hall) did not rule on the merits

of the case, and I would not expect the appeals court (the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals) to consider if Stanley were right or wrong, either," he said.

"We cannot predict how others will read this order, but it at least has the potential to be read very broadly. It may very well say the bylaws of the convention and the convention Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order are simply unenforceable," Floyd said.

Floyd said he is not predicting "arbitrary" rulings by SBC president Stanley, or others, at the 1986 meeting of the SBC, scheduled June 10-12 in the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, but added: "There is, at least, the capacity for capricious activity. No one has said that will happen, and I hope it does not, but we recognize that after what happened last year in Dallas, the potential exists, no matter how good the intentions may be." (BP)

Canadian Baptists hold 2nd convention

In its second annual meeting, the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists seated 130 messengers from local church congregations scattered across the nation, heard the final reading and adoption of its constitution and bylaws, elected Allen Schmidt executive director-treasurer, and adopted a record convention operations budget of \$1,150,000 (Canadian) for 1987.

Schmidt, who for five years has been coordinator of Canadian Southern Baptist work, was elected executive director-treasurer of the new convention. Schmidt, a native Canadian, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Development of a national structure to serve the mission needs of Canadian Southern Baptist churches has been highly accelerated since 1984, when approval was given by the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City for "rendering all possible assistance to

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Canadian churches related to Baptist state conventions...including the development of a Canadian Southern Baptist entity."

Southern Baptist congregations in western Canada have enjoyed the full support and fellowship of the Northwest Baptist Convention since 1953. Other congregations in eastern Canada have been related to the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Baptist Convention of New England. (BP)

Orientation slated at Camp Jonathan Creek

Churches interested in sending boys to Camp Jonathan Creek will need to send an adult male to work with them. The camp is planning an orientation May 31 to help these men understand the purpose of Royal Ambassador camping and the schedule that will be used this year.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. Central Time, and conclude at 2 p.m. If your church has not decided who will go this summer, please send a representative to the orientation.

The cost is free, but a sack lunch and drink will need to be brought by those attending.

NOBTS host luncheon for alumni at SBC

The annual luncheon for alumni and friends of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary will be held at 12:45 p.m. June 11 at the Omni International Hotel in Atlanta.

Seminary president Landrum P. Leavell II will speak at the luncheon during the Southern Baptist Convention. Grady C. Cothen, alumni association president, will be moderator.

Tickets are \$15 per person, \$12 if purchased by mail this month. For more information, contact the National Alumni Office, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126, or call 504-282-4455.

Stanley comments on his presidency

The fact he has what is probably the most controversial presidency in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention doesn't bother Charles F. Stanley.

Stanley's two years at the helm have been tumultuous, starting with his first ballot victory at the 1984 annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. when he drew 52.18 percent of the vote to defeat two opponents.

The tall, slender Atlanta pastor told Baptist Press: "It seems somehow my election ignited some kind of explosion. It may be that God placed me in this position as a spark to surface and to deal with some of the underlying problems that have desperately needed to be dealt with.

"My election seemed to spark off the controversy and that may be the biggest contribution I have made to the denomination. I think we have made a tremendous amount of progress as we have been forced to deal with issues we have avoided for years and years."

Stanley's presidency drew the most intensive campaign to unseat an

incumbent in recent history, resulting in the largest gathering of Southern Baptists in history as 45,519 messengers registered at the 1985 annual meeting in Dallas, almost doubling the previous record of 22,872 set in Atlanta in 1978. Despite the bitter campaign, Stanley defeated moderate conservative candidate Winfred Moore of Amarillo, Tex. 24,453 (55.3 percent) to 19,795 (44.7 percent).

Stanley said "conservatives" are "beginning to do things the moderates have been talking about, but are not doing, and cannot do because until you get your attitude toward the Word of God right, the power of God will not flow. His power does not come in doubt. The power flows from the truth."

Former SBC officer Clifton Allen dies

Clifton J. Allen, 84, retired editorial secretary for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and a former recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, died in Winston-Salem, N. C., May 5 of cancer.



Allen

A native of South Carolina, Allen began working with the board in 1937 as associate editorial secretary and was elected editorial secretary in 1945. He was responsible for general editorial supervision of all books, tracts and periodicals until his retirement in December 1968.

He was also recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1966 to 1977.

Allen was a member of the committee on the uniform series, International Sunday School Lessons, from 1942 until his retirement. He was secretary of the commission on Christian teaching and training for the Baptist World Alliance from 1957 to 1965, and, at the time of his retirement, was chairman of that commission.

Allen was the author of 22 volumes

of Point of Emphasis, a commentary on the International Sunday School Lesson, and following his retirement, was general editor of the Broadman Bible Commentary.

Allen was a graduate of Furman University in Greenville, S. C., and earned the ThM and PhD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

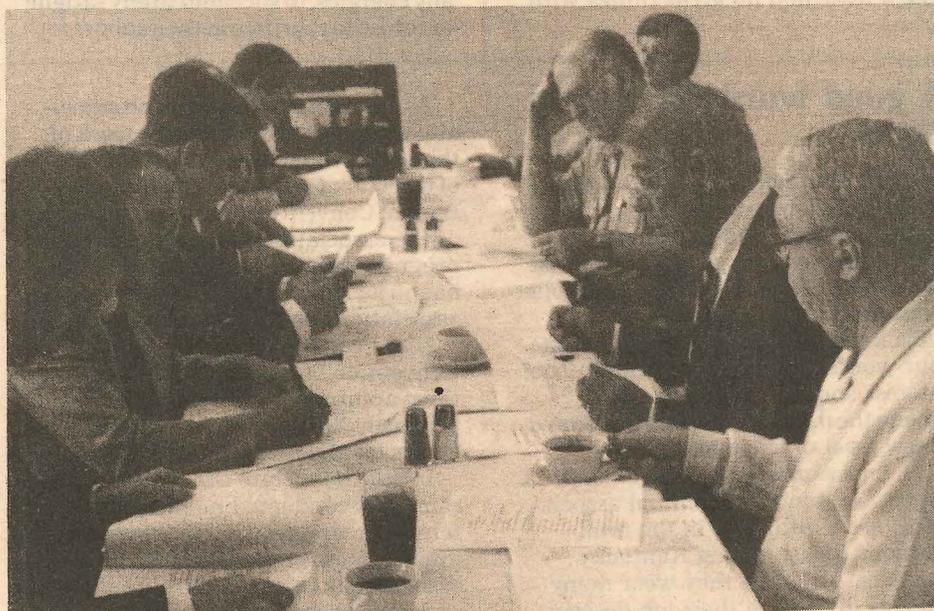
IRS changes rules for financial disclosure

The Internal Revenue Service has announced a new revenue procedure that will exempt certain church-affiliated organizations—or "integrated auxiliaries"—from filing annual financial information returns.

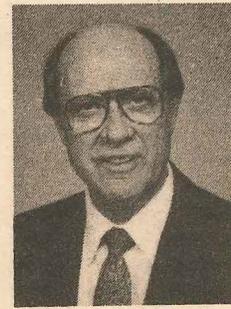
Under the procedure (Rev. Proc. 86-23), the IRS will use a two-pronged mechanical test to determine whether an organization fits within the new class. An organization will be exempt from filing unless it both offers goods or services for sale to the general public other than on an incidental basis and receives more than 50 percent of its support from those sales and/or government support.

The new procedure will supplement a current regulation that requires a church-affiliated organization to pass a three-part test to be considered an integrated auxiliary and thus exempt from filing Form 990. That test requires an organization be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, be affiliated with a church, convention or association of churches, and have a principal activity that exclusively is religious.

"It is important to remember that this revenue procedure creates an additional class of organizations that are exempt from filing Form 990," said Oliver S. Thomas, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. "Thus organizations that might not satisfy a strict application of the new procedure may still claim the exemption for 'exclusively religious organizations' under the existing regulations. This should alleviate the concerns of the Sunday School Board and other religious publishers who had some reservations about the new procedure." (BP)



Western Recorder directors recently convened on the campus of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, for their annual spring board meeting. Shown (l-r) are Jerry Davis, Pippa Passes; Paul Godsey, Burlington; H. Gary Coltharp, Madisonville; Ray Hayes, Middletown; Glenn Mollette, Pikeville; George Smith, Leitchfield; Jack D. Sanford, Middletown; Clarence Benedict, Highland Heights.



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When residential placement is needed for a longer time, a child may come to live at Glen Dale or Spring Meadows Children's Home. All of this ministry is financed through a beautiful network. The Thanksgiving offering is our lifeline, providing just over one-fourth of our financial needs. The Cooperative Program, an important part of the network, provides one-and-one-half cents out of each Cooperative Program dollar. Although this is a very small percentage, it is important. The remaining support comes from wills, bequests, various gifts from individuals and groups, and trust funds which are far from adequate.

Throughout a child's placement at Baptist Homes the network supports that child through prayer, special gifts and as visiting resources. Many churches and groups serve by sponsoring children, cottages and camp projects. Expectations on campuses are high and responsibility is taught. The youth in residence also become a part of the network. Thus as individuals they experience growth in developing their God-given capabilities and talents.

In a few days 16 of our high school seniors will graduate because the network is working. These wonderful young people have prepared themselves academically and spiritually to take the next step in their Christian pilgrimage. Some will go into the work force, some will enter vocational training and about half of them plan to enter college. Most of these will attend one of our Kentucky Baptist colleges, more of the network.



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Mouth agape

Delores was back visiting a year ago. She heard our choir practicing and fondly recalled her years in the OBI choir in the late 1950s.

Her most memorable experience was at the state WMU Convention in the spring of 1960. Mrs. Randall Hughes was Oneida's music teacher. Her sister was Mrs. George Ferguson, long-time executive director of the state WMU. The Oneida choir was invited to sing at the state meeting and Delores was to sing "The Lord's Prayer."

Preacher Sparks, then Oneida's president, told Delores not to worry, she'd do fine. She said she thought little of it until she saw this huge parking lot, hundreds of cars, a tremendous building.

The choir marched in. A sea of faces swam before her. And then Mrs. Hughes was saying "...and now Miss Delores Gjedde." She stood. Her mouth was agape. But not a sound came out. She had momentarily completely forgotten "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Sparks, fondly known as "Mai Mai," sat impassive. Mrs. Hughes nervously smiled, firmly played the introduction again, nodded to Delores to begin. Still no sound came. Mrs. Hughes stood, gave the crowd a wan smile, and grimly said, looking at

Delores, "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name...!"

At last Delores was singing. She did a fine job and was well received.

All this came to mind recently as I sat at the 1986 WMU Convention at Walnut Street. Our Oneida Choir was again singing. In the group were children whose parents had been teenagers attending Oneida when Delores was here.

It was another time, another place, another generation. So much is different after 26 years, so much the same. Our wonderful God is the same.

Our choir sang beautifully for 15 minutes and received a standing ovation as has happened most times they have sung this year, wherever they've been. Their last concert of this year was in the Oneida Chapel Saturday, May 17.

Getting back to Oneida from the convention, I found a note and donation from Delores, now a wife and mother. Having graduated in 1960, Oneida is still a part of her. She wrote, "I'm sitting at my desk and I feel like I need the feeling I had in the old Melrose Hall, room 22. Mai Mai (Mrs. Sparks) would always tell me to look out my window. God made all that, and it was good. I sure do love Oneida. With much feeling, Delores."

A mother writes: "Rusty's attitude has changed since he has been there. I thank you all for being able to do something I couldn't. I realize that you carry a tremendous burden in your work."

A lady writes from Campbellsville: "Sometime ago my granddaughter was attending your school. My husband and I rode up there as another young girl was going to enrol. You took us on a tour. When we left there I felt like we had been in a revival! Just to hear and see how the school is run on faith in God to supply your needs was the greatest testimony I had heard in a long time."

"I had to retire on disability in 1970. My husband is retired with a very bad heart condition. We live on a very limited income. I recently wrote an article 'Christmas I Remember' and sent it to Home Magazine. They are going to publish it in 1987. They have already paid me for the article. This is the first time I ever tried to write anything. It isn't much but I want Oneida to have the money from the article. It is all I have that I can help your school with. I know God can take a little and do great things with it."

A good word for a good group

Most of Kentucky's 55 Baptist directors of missions participated in the annual workshop at Cedarmore, jointly planned by representatives of the directors and the Direct Missions Department.

This was the most progressive of the four workshops I have attended. The interest and the affirmations flowing among the missions directors reflected a new level of excitement.

The missionaries, employed and supervised by the individual associations, are a vital link in the total Baptist thrust among Kentucky Baptists. Although they wear many hats, as defined in their job descriptions, most would agree that the most appropriate, general perception of what each does is that of "encourager and coordinator" of the programs designed to carry out the mission of the local association.



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LESSONS FOR MAY 25, 1986

Life and Work Series

With the unsaved

1Thessalonians 1:2-10 To Paul, Christ committed the glorious work of preaching the gospel and teaching the truths of the Christian faith, and he performed the assignment superbly. Paul, Silas and Timothy proclaimed the gospel to the unsaved in Thessalonica and those whom the Lord saved became the members of the church the evangelists established there. This church became a lighthouse for the gospel in the midst of darkness.

Concerned about the spiritual growth of these young Christians, Paul sent Timothy back to confirm them in the Christian faith and to instruct them with reference to their duty. When Timothy returned from that mission, his report about the Thessalonian Christians was a source of great encouragement and joy to Paul.

Paul and his associates thanked God for three things which the Thessalonian Christians exhibited:

1. Their genuine faith. Their genuine faith resulted in the doing of good works for their Lord. To all Christians the Lord assigns a work and he will enable them to do it.
2. Their labor of love. The constraining love of Christ did not permit the Thessalonians to spare any energies, to succumb to any fatigue or refuse to sacrifice in their labors for

the Lord. Love gives itself unstintingly.

3. Their patience of hope. Each Christian possessed a hope that was so strong and sustaining that it brought to him the quality of endurance. Christians can have patience and hope because of the assurance that their hope in Christ will be fulfilled.

As a result of the faithfulness of the Thessalonian Christians in the proclamation of the gospel, many turned from idols to God, proceeded to serve the true God and lived in the expectation of Christ's return. Like these early Christians, we, too, should witness faithfully for Christ and wait for his return with joyful anticipation. Our return should be characterized by the potency of faith, the fervency of love and the constancy of hope.

International Series

The fruit of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:13-26 When one has been set free from the law through the power of Christ, there is no desire to make that liberty an occasion for carnal and selfish living. Grace delivers from legalism and enables the Christian to practice and demonstrate love in his daily life.

In every Christian there is a conflict between the flesh and the Spirit, or the old nature possessed prior to his salvation and the new nature which was imparted after salvation. Walking under the Holy Spirit's guidance, one refrains from living according to desires of the flesh and from practicing the sins of sensuality, false religions and dissipation.

Paul contrasted the "works of the flesh" with the "fruit of the Spirit." The flesh can produce works, but it cannot produce fruit. Works can be wrought by people, but God alone can produce fruit.

The nine virtues, which constitute "the fruit of the Spirit," fall into three groups: 1. Those related primarily to God, namely, love, joy and peace. 2. Those related primarily to others, namely, long suffering, gentleness and goodness. 3. Those related primarily to ourselves, namely, faith, meekness and self-control.

Galatians 6:7-10 In forbidding the continuance of an action which was then going on, Paul said, "Stop deceiving yourselves; God is not mocked." "Mocked" means "to turn up the nose," "to ridicule," or "to sneer at." One is a fool if he thinks that he can break God's laws with impunity and escape the consequences.



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on mission together

As autonomous bodies, each association employs and directs the work of the one to whom they entrust the role of director of missions. The Kentucky Baptist Convention assists in the work of the associations primarily through program support and finances, but has no jurisdiction over the individual associations or their employees.

Last year the Kentucky Baptist Convention "returned" to the associations approximately \$600,000, primarily as salary and benefit supplements for the directors of missions.

In addition, state convention program staff conducted numerous conferences at the requests of the associations, to assist the churches in those associations in accomplishing their program goals.

Among the directors themselves are those who have been trained in special areas of ministry, thereby providing a significant, leadership resource-pool.

I came away from the workshop with several impressions:

- This group of leaders seems genuinely committed to the mission to which each has been called.

- Each, in a positive way, reflects the individual "character" of each association. Associations, just as churches, have unique "personalities."

- Many of them work at salaries below the requirements of the job and the worth of the person.

- As a group, they are an invaluable arena to provide constructive criticism for the work of our executive board staff, a role they have been known to take seriously from time to time.

- Their perception of themselves as a larger team is growing.

Our on mission together, Kentucky Baptists have a strong leadership resource in this group of associational directors of missions. Should "Mission Kentucky" prove to be the greatest stimulation to church growth in our history, these associational leaders will have played a major role.

Kentucky native Stephen Campbell gets Belmont honor

Apr. 7 was Stephen Campbell's 24th wedding anniversary.

It was also the day he received Belmont College's most prestigious award to a faculty member, the Chaney Distinguished Professor Award.

The coincidental timing of the award recognition and wedding anniversary were fitting, since Campbell credits much of his success to his wife, Donna, director of college and printing services at Belmont.

"Donna has always been a real supporter," says the 44-year-old Campbell. "She's always been behind me, encouraging me to do things I might never have done."

Campbell met his future wife in the fall of 1960, while they were both attending Murray (Ky.) State University, and they were married in 1962. One of Campbell's friends, David Driskill, present chairman of Belmont's department of chemistry and physics, introduced them. Driskill also played a key role in luring Campbell from an industry job to a teaching position at Belmont.

Raised on a farm near Greenville, Campbell enrolled in the pre-engineer-

ing program in college, only to discover two majors he liked better, math and physics. He graduated with the BS degree from Murray State in 1964.

Though he knew he wanted to teach, Campbell was prompted by his recent marriage and resulting financial obligations to enter the work force right away rather than go to graduate school.

The following 7 1/2 years were spent developing mathematical models of aircraft-related systems for McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, St. Louis.

"My job at McDonnell-Douglas helped me gain a different perspective," says Campbell. "I was able to see applications of math, which was to become my favorite area of mathematics." A list of his favorite courses to teach at Belmont reveals this love: Business Statistics, Quantitative Methods and Modeling and Simulation.

Campbell's industry position, though rewarding and productive, did not fulfill the desire he had had since college. After earning the MS degree from Southern Illinois University in 1970, Campbell searched for teaching openings at various colleges to no avail.

Then, one year later, he received a phone call from Driskill inquiring if he would be interested in a teaching position at Belmont. Driskill gave Campbell's name to department chairman Raymond Medley who subsequently made an offer. "I felt God's leadership very strongly, and I haven't changed my mind," says Campbell, now associate professor of mathematics.

Campbell moved to Nashville in 1971, spending his first semester on Belmont's campus living in a men's dormitory. He fondly recalls one incident that illustrates his good rapport with the students: "During final week, I found my door tied shut and barricaded so that I could not give a final exam."

Needless to say, he was more than happy when his wife was finally able to move down and they got a home of their own.

"The Caney Distinguished Professor Award is the highest honor I've received as a teacher, but it also brings to mind the times that I have failed," said Campbell. "I'm dismayed when I have a person with exceptional ability in class, but cannot engage them in the

classroom process. The most rewarding situations occur when students grasp what is going on, and the learning experience truly begins to happen."

Campbell, a member of Crieveewood Baptist Church, Nashville, previously was a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir and committee member at the church, but has temporarily withdrawn from many activities because of his dissertation work toward a doctoral degree from Vanderbilt University. Likewise, his hobbies of gardening, photography, camping and music have also been set aside, though he does listen to an occasional classical, bluegrass, jazz or gospel record, he admits as he points to the tape deck and earphones in his campus office.

Faith and scholarship, however, are two endeavors which go hand-in-hand for Stephen Campbell. "The life of Christ is an example of the practical, everyday kind of living that is important for Christian educators to emulate," says Campbell. "We should exhibit not only a sense of dedication and commitment, but also a sense of joy."

Capital city leaders agree

Billy Graham crusade brings unity to Washington residents

According to local church and government leaders, evangelist Billy Graham's Greater Washington Crusade has had an amazing impact on the city through unprecedented unity and cooperation among many diverse groups.

More than 630 churches from the District, Maryland and Virginia have participated in the year-long preparations for the eight-day crusade which was held in the Washington Convention Center and finished at RFK Stadium. The more than 150,000 in attendance averaged almost 19,000 per night, making this the largest evangelistic crusade in Washington's history since Billy Sunday in the early 1920s.

Local organizers have expressed appreciation to Graham and the team for their commitment to hold the crusade in the heart of Washington to reach the inner-city. Though the Washington Convention Center has limited parking and is not conducive to this kind of meeting, the people still came out in great numbers each night.

"We are delighted to have had the opportunity to bring the Billy Graham Crusade to our nation's capital," said mayor Marion Barry, Jr. "Billy Graham's crusade has been helpful to the city. It has uplifted spirits and souls have been saved. It has brought a new spirituality to our city and has brought us all together in a way like never before. I am thankful for Dr. Graham. We see in him a person who

has brought a message to Washington."

Ernest R. Gibson, executive director of the Greater Washington Council of Churches, claimed the crusade effectively addressed the experience of the broad range and variety of people and cultures in Metropolitan Washington.

"Something has happened in Washington, D. C. that has not happened before in terms of unity in Jesus Christ," he said. "Only God could have done what has happened here. There is such a beautiful spirit in the churches. I've seen people of different backgrounds hugging each other and praying with each other throughout the week."

Colleen Townsend Evans, chairwoman of the crusade, noted this crusade has brought together thousands of volunteers from many different denominations, including Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Assemblies of God and others. "People in this ministry have come together around Christ, rather than let differences separate us," she said. "What has happened here can affect the whole world."

Vice president George Bush reinforced the importance of this crusade emanating from the nation's capital, stating from the platform that the strength of our nation is our faith.

"I believe in this—every American's city—the strength of faith has particular importance," he said. "It is an importance that reaches beyond our

city limits. Faith in this city is a light that in a special way can reach out and help light the nation and truly help light the world."

Several times during the week Graham expressed his appreciation to the city for providing special consideration and accommodation to conduct the crusade.

"I've never been to a city where I've felt more cooperation than we've had from the city of Washington," Graham said. "When I met with the mayor and his cabinet, I came to know and love them and appointed myself as goodwill ambassador for our nation's capital."

Other government leaders have been equally supportive of the crusade and shared the encouragement felt by the city's black leadership regarding the impact of Graham's meetings on the city.

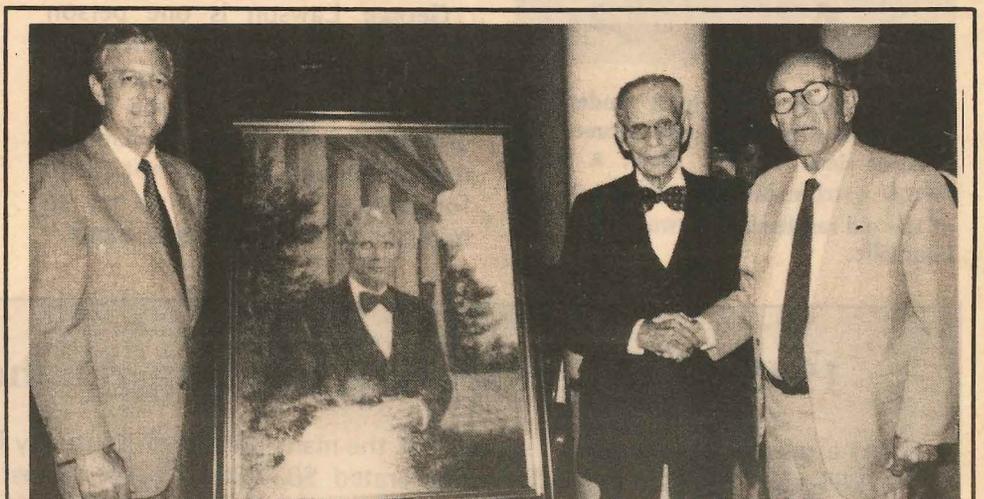
During the week, Graham was the featured speaker at the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast which was attended by more than 3000 people. The mayor and other officials representing all branches of city government expressed their encouragement

at the strong spiritual dimension brought about through the crusade.

"The process of preparing for the Billy Graham Crusade has produced the most meaningful and spiritual prayer breakfast in its 12-year history," said Walter E. Fauntroy, member of Congress for the District. "Billy Graham has brought together city and suburb, black and white, Protestant and Catholic more than ever before."

In the months preceding the meetings, Graham made five preliminary visits to the city to enhance his own preparation for the crusade and conduct many public and private meetings with many local leaders.

Highlights of these visits included an address to the Flag Officers, Generals and Admirals at the Pentagon; a meeting with Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinberger; a private 1 1/2 hour luncheon with Vice President George Bush and Secretary of State George Schultz and an hour-long session with FBI Director, William Webster and his staff. On one occasion, Graham spoke to more than 45 judges and their wives at a local country club.



Louie D. Newton (second from right), oldest living president of the Southern Baptist Convention, had his portrait hung in Georgia Capitol on May 5. He is shown being congratulated by Griffin B. Bell (r), former U. S. Attorney General and Joe Frank Harris (l), governor of Georgia. Newton is 94. He is only the third minister to have his portrait hung in the Georgia Capitol.



George: A living testimony of love

by Darrell Monroe

George?
 "He's part of the institution, he just goes with Spring Meadows," says one Homes for Children staff member.

"He's probably one of the most tangible evidences of our work in caring for people," states Larry Dauenhauer, director of administrative services.

To those associated with the work of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, George Lawson represents 58 years of ministry.

George is a mentally handicapped person who has been cared for by Kentucky Baptists his entire life.

"He's the proverbial baby on the doorstep," shares Marilyn Beverly, a secretary at Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown.

"George was left as an infant at the old Walnut Street home in downtown Louisville. We know nothing of his family or background but he's been a part of us since 1928," says Dauenhauer.

When the home was moved to its present location in 1950, George came, too. He lives in a small apartment in Cooke Hall,

the campus administration building.

George takes care of his apartment and prepares some of his meals. Until recent years, George worked on the campus grounds. Today, he empties wastecans, sweeps and vacuums.

According to Larry Shofner, activities director at Spring Meadows, everyone treats George as part of the staff family. "George is a Spring Meadows fixture," says Shofner. "He's mighty good with our youth. Some may withdraw from me or some other staff member at times, but George can usually reach them."

George is extremely well-liked and accepted by Spring Meadows' residents. He is recognized as being warm, friendly, and thoughtful.

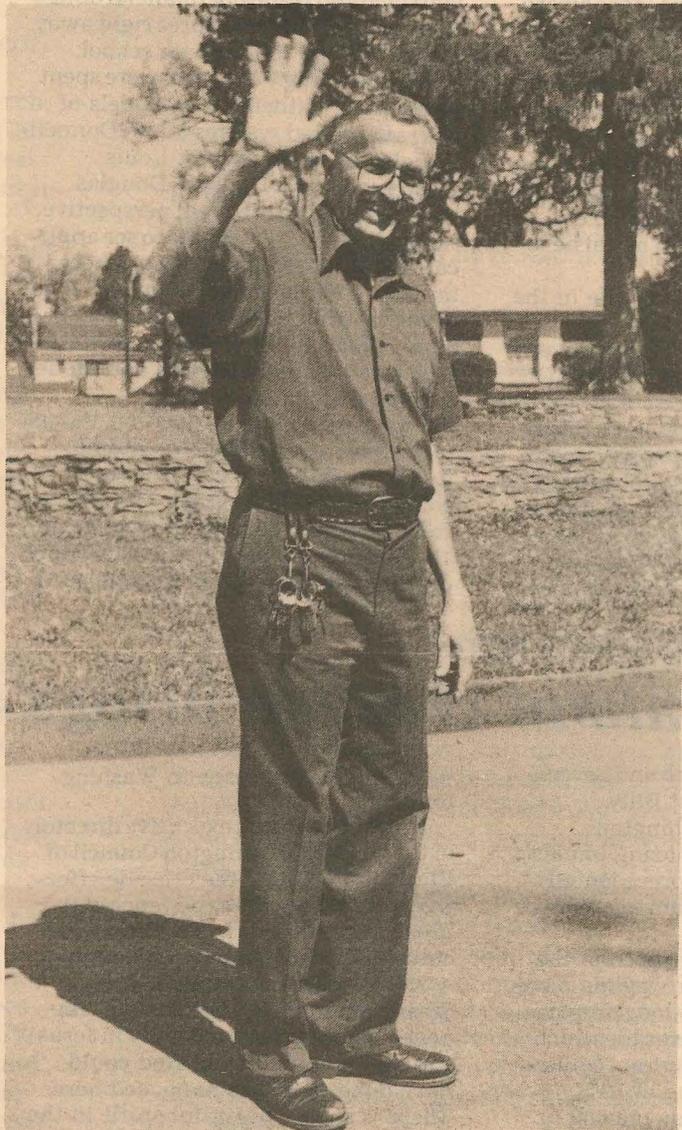
One of George's favorite past-times is ceramics. He began this hobby in the late 1960's working with Clyde McAllister, a former houseparent. He also enjoys shopping at nearby stores and has become friends with local merchants.

All who know George Lawson believe he has added a great deal to the ministry of Baptist Homes for Children.

Larry Dauenhauer says George is part of the family. "I can't imagine George not being here," Dauenhauer says. "He's a very giving and proud part of our agency."

While the care for persons like George is not the norm for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, his unique life has enhanced this ministry considerably.

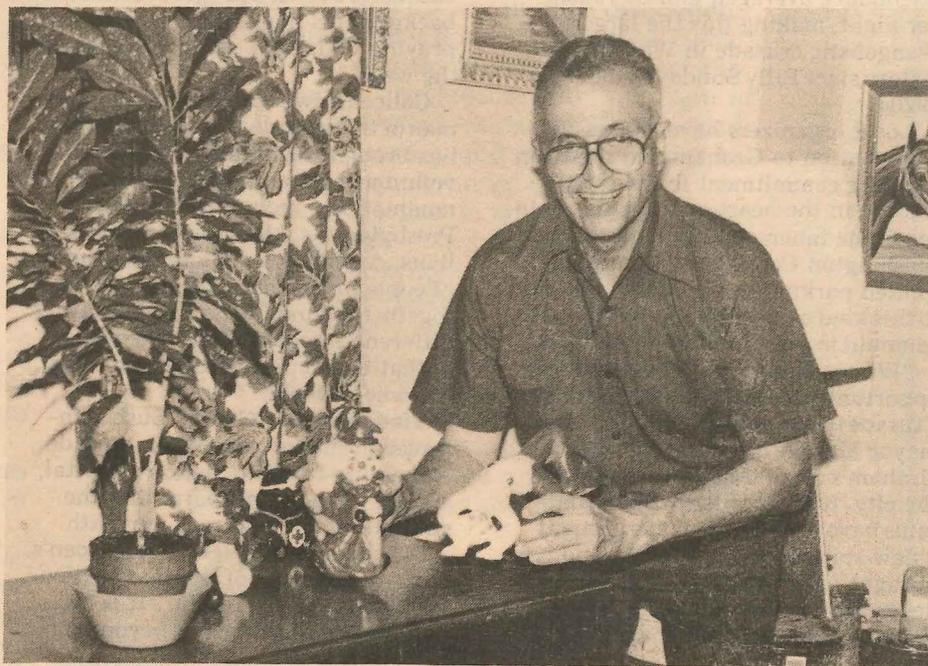
George Lawson is one person whose life has been touched and enriched by the ministry of Kentucky Baptists. In the words of one staff member, "George represents what we attempt to do for anyone in need --- we try to minister to them in Jesus' name."



Everyone on campus at the Spring Meadows Children's Home knows George as "part of the institution." At left, George gives a friendly wave goodbye at the Middletown campus while below, George relaxes in his Cooke Hall apartment.

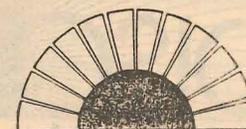


George Lawson has been under the care of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children since 1928. Here, a young George watches his surroundings as part of the old residence in downtown Louisville.



1985-86 Thanksgiving offering reaches record level

As a result of the generous support of the many friends of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, the 1985-86 Thanksgiving Offering generated \$637,384.73, the largest such offering in the agency's 117-year history. This amount reflects an increase of more than \$11,000 over the previous record established in 1984-85. A special word of sincere thanks is extended to each person who played a part in helping Homes for Children reach this milestone.



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