



At Franklin, Ky.

Small church has miracle day

by Beth Warf, Staff Writer
Kentucky Baptist Convention

A small, growing church in Franklin, Ky. experienced a "Miracle Day" Apr. 20 launching its Good News revival. Although the church has only 396 resident members (according to the latest annual report), 541 people attended Sunday school that day.

The success of this first day of revival was the result of hard work and a great deal of determination on the part of the church. Members made 3000 contacts within the community. Approximately 700 families were visited. Steve Curtis, pastor at Providence Baptist, contacted 120 people himself.

During the revival 22 people made professions of faith, six joined the church by letter and 28 rededicated their lives to Christ.

In the three years since Curtis has been at Providence over 130 people have joined the church, about 90 of these by baptism. The average Sunday school attendance has grown from 54 to 230. Curtis stressed the involvement of the entire church in this growth: he believes the growth results from a team effort. Twice-a-week deacon visitation was part of this effort.

The church has been using Flake's Formula, a program for church growth. Curtis briefly explained the program in three steps: find the prospects, involve them in the church program and enlarge the program to meet their needs.

Although Providence is a small church now, the members realize it does not have to remain small. They are combining their efforts to seek people and enlarge the church. According to Curtis, the people "started dreaming a dream"—a dream that is leading them to discover what they can become within the kingdom of God.

The church's dream for the future is to reach an average Sunday school attendance of 300 by 1990 and an average of 1000 by the year 2000.

Kentuckian replies to challenge of Executive Committee nominee

by Jack Sanford, Editor



Harrod

Executive Committee.

John Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, has said he

Allen Harrod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Ky., a Kentucky representative on the SBC Committee on Boards, has defended the selection of David Gray as a nominee for membership on the SBC

would challenge Gray's nomination, nominating The Hon. Eugene Siler of Williamsburg as a replacement on two grounds: One, Gray's lack of experience and involvement in "a larger realm" of Baptist service; two, the absence of any nominee from eastern Kentucky. (See Western Recorder, May 20, 1986, page 6.)

Harrod stated, "It is true David Gray has been a Southern Baptist only 10 years but he's been a tremendously active Southern Baptist." He noted Gray was raised in Pennsylvania and was in the Army 24 years. Consequently, according to Harrod, Gray did not have opportunity to attend a Southern Baptist church.

"It is kind of a farce that he (Dunaway) would say this man isn't qualified," Harrod said, noting Gray's involvement for 10 years in a local church.

Harrod noted only seven nominations (excluding reappointments) were open to Kentuckians. Two of those—local trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—had to be from Louisville. One nomination is yet to be made.

"We made four appointments," Harrod said. "One is from Frankfort, which is headed toward eastern Kentucky; one is from Radcliff, about 50 miles from Louisville; and two were from the western part of the state.

"He (Dunaway) has served two terms on the Executive Committee," Harrod continued. "He knows there's no way we can include every region with a limited number of nominations."

Dunaway "did not recommend one person to us and neither did his associational missionary when we contacted him," Harrod said. "If he would have, we would have considered them. We did not get one recommendation from eastern Kentucky. (BP)

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Louisville's Huff first to declare for SBC vp

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Saying he believes it is time laymen take a more active involvement in the business affairs of their denomination, Henry B. Huff of Louisville last week became the first announced candidate for the office of first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1986.

An attorney and active layman in Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Huff, 61, said he would be a nominee for first vice president "no matter who is elected" president of the 14.1 million member SBC.

The election of president is scheduled on the SBC agenda in Atlanta, Ga. for 2:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. A second election, either a run-off for president should it become necessary, or the election of the first vice president is set for 4 p.m. that day. A third election period is set for 7:30 p.m. that evening which would presumably be for the election of the second vice president if there are no run-offs for the previous offices.

Two pastors have already announced their candidacies for president—Adrian Rogers, of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., of the denomination's fundamental conservative wing, and Winfred Moore, of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., representing the moderate conservative cause.

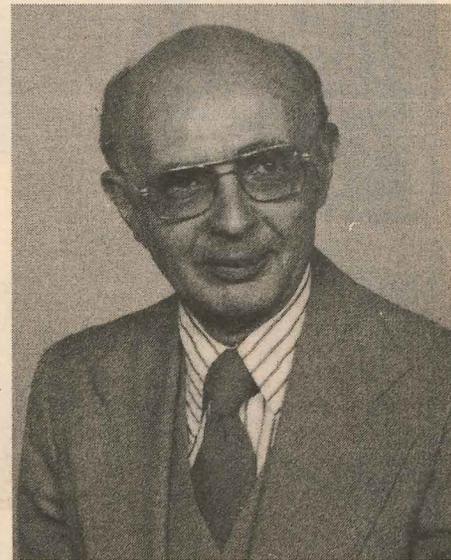
In an interview last week in Louisville Huff, currently second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told Western Recorder he is "answering the call of a number of friends" who have urged him to be a candidate for his denomination's second highest office.

Huff said he was persuaded that, as second vice president, he has "acquired some knowledge" in the convention of "how it operates" and believes he "could make a contribution."

"I do know parliamentary procedure," the Louisville lawyer declared.

He also acknowledged he is a layman who has not been "theologically identified" and sees himself as "an alternative" to some others.

Huff believes Southern Baptists need at this time to "conserve the truths of the Bible while building



bridges between us."

Referring to a recent address before employees of Nashville's Baptist Sunday School Board, he reiterated his call for "a long term commitment to missions, evangelism and biblical truth."

He told board staffers then he did not feel "we can be effective soul winners when we are preoccupied doing battle with one another."

A Sunday school teacher for 35 years, Huff has taught a senior men's Bible class at Crescent Hill Church for many of those years. He is presently chairman of the church's deacons, is a former moderator of Long Run Baptist Association (1980-81) and a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention (1975-76). A year ago he was chairman of the convention's executive board.

Married to the former Mary Anderson of Lenoir City, N. C., Huff is a native Louisvillian and a graduate of Wake Forest College and the University of Louisville. He has been trustee of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., and chairman of trustees of Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

Huff is the only layman in a third of a century to be president of the 765,000-member Kentucky Baptist Convention.

He will be nominated as first vice president of the SBC by T. L. McSwain, pastor of Warren Memorial Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.

An equal partnership: Ohioans offer helping hand to Kentuckians

by Gregory L. Hancock



Sills

after ties were drawn by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In the months that followed the Kentucky churches

Blood River Association in Kentucky and Scioto Valley Association in Ohio are proving there are two sides to the Kentucky/Ohio partnership.

Blood River adopted the Ohio association four years ago, just

supported their northern counterparts with all the spiritual, physical and material assistance they could muster.

When Lamar O'Bryant, leader of the "Buck-Eye Builders" in Scioto Valley Association, learned Blood River was building a new associational headquarters, he volunteered men to spend Memorial Day weekend in Kentucky: laboring alongside Blood River Baptists in raising the new building on Hwy. 80 at Hardin.

O'Bryant and Terry M. Sills, Blood River director of missions, intend the project as a show of cooperation between both associations. The new building's completion is set for August/September.

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Lee Roberts is off base

I have waited several weeks for an apology from Lee Roberts for the steamy rhetoric he expounded as chairman of the SBC Committee on Boards. I kept hoping Roberts would recognize his remarks were unworthy of a leader among Southern Baptists and retract them. But he has not seen fit to do that.

This man who has admitted he became actively involved in SBC affairs only "about a year ago" has made some statements which reflect his lack of knowledge, lack of experience and lack of interest in the SBC. Had he had any real concern for the convention he would not have spoken as he did.

Roberts made several statements in a meeting in Nashville Apr. 22. He said, "False prophets and false teachers preach slop...I believe the false doctrine of liberal theology could well be the death gargle of Christianity in this nation if it goes unchanged." These remarks were directed toward Southern Baptist professors whom he said "would be tremendous United Methodists, Episcopalians, Catholics, something, but they aren't Southern Baptists." Some of these teachers were making sacrifices for the gospel long before this man ever knew the gospel yet he has the gall to call them purveyors of "slop."

This man who had the awesome responsibility as committee chairman in the SBC has shown by his immoderate language and fuzzy thinking that it was a mistake to put him in such a place. Yet that is what partisan politics produces.

He endorsed Adrian Rogers as president of the SBC whom he said would be a candidate to support "truth, sound doctrine, what Southern Baptists believe in." He said the other candidate, perhaps Winfred Moore, may or may not "believe in truth." He also said that Moore or whomever may oppose Rogers will not believe the Bible to be "the perfect Word of God," and, if elected, will seek counsel from persons of that orientation.

This is the most preposterous, irresponsible statement yet hurled from any quarter in this terrible fight among brothers.

Moore has been a respected Bible believing Baptist leader for decades. Where was Roberts all the time Moore has been supporting missions, winning the lost and building a great church in Amarillo? I wonder how those thousands of Texas Baptists who elected Moore their state convention president two times feel about the short change he has been given by the chairman of the SBC Committee on Boards?

Roberts' remarks illustrate how important it is to see that competent, knowledgeable, temperate people without a one agenda program are selected to important places in our denomination. One wonders how a man like Roberts who admits he has not been active in SBC affairs for longer than a year can learn so much in such a short time. It is amazing he has gained the

competence to judge one of Southern Baptists finest pastors, judge the quality of teaching taking place in our educational institutions and then have the nerve to say "We have worked to find the best people we could" to govern our agencies and institutions. He made this remark when he released the 1986 report of the Committee on Boards.

During the past year I have tried to be calm, peaceful and to contain my emotions, especially as I write each week about our common life. I have made every effort to stay in the center as much as I possibly could because I see the editor as servant of all the people, not just those in one camp or the other. Consequently I have spoken softly in most cases trying to avoid adding to the fire.

But this kind of stuff cannot go unchallenged. Roberts has done all of us a disservice by such reckless rhetoric and has only fanned the fires of passionate disregard for the welfare of someone who disagrees with a certain position. We have had too much of that already and his remarks throw cold water on the efforts of the Peace Committee.

He should make a public apology for his conduct as chairman of the powerful Committee on Boards. If he were just a Georgia layman speaking in the deacon's meeting, the corner grocery or the office where he works, nobody would pay much attention. But his elevation to the high position he holds makes it essential he act responsibly with restraint and some measure of goodwill.

If Roberts is representative of the kind of thinking which goes on among fundamental conservatives, then we are in worse trouble than even the most pessimistic of us has imagined. It is assumed he was speaking as a fundamental conservative because it was at one of their meetings he made his remarks.

Roberts said, "I do not know the players on both sides (of the convention controversy) and the argument which had gone on. I admit I am naive...." Yet he spoke with conviction as though he knew exactly what he was talking about in his Nashville appearance and one wonders if he is a "representative" who has been schooled in what to say.

Roberts' statements were out of order and an apology is the least the man can do to partially amend for his slanted remarks.

The tragedy of the whole thing is that Roberts probably believes what he said is gospel truth and any who disagree with him are outside the camp of true faith. When someone sees things differently there is no ground upon which to stand and discuss differences. One of the parties has to give way to the other for one has a holy oracle from the Lord.

That is where we are as Southern Baptists and only a direct manifestation of God's presence among us can save us from self destruction.

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baptist news in brief

New state convention angered by appointees

West Virginia's representatives on the SBC Committee on Boards were ignored when four prospective SBC trustee nominations from the state were overturned by the committee, one of those representatives has charged.

Four West Virginia nominees were among persons challenged and replaced in the closing hours of the committee's meetings and therein lies the problem, said Fred Morgan, committee member from West Virginia.

Morgan and fellow West Virginia committee member Don Dillon were "ignored completely" prior to the actual challenges, although both were available and prepared to discuss their nominees and possible replacements, Morgan said.

"There was a total disregard by the committee of the knowledge of Don Dillon, who has been a leading pastor in West Virginia for 12 years, and my knowledge for West Virginia Baptists in my 18 years as layman," he added, noting responses of the duo had no credibility.

"No credibility would be an improper choice of words," stated Lee Roberts committee chairman. "The vote itself (47-7) makes it obvious seven individuals wanted Mr. Morgan's nominees to prevail and 47 individuals wanted opponents of his nominees to prevail."

Morgan said the basis of the challenges amounted to a "blanket charge" against the West Virginians. "They were charged with being pro-abortionists and not believing in inerrancy of scripture." One person was also challenged on his views on the ordination of women, he said.

This assertion is "groundless and without the first drop of merit," Roberts countered. "Inerrancy, prolife and the ordination of women were not in any way criteria....All the committee did was state openly where it was believed that nominees stood on the issues....To try to claim that it was a criteria is a fabrication of truth, and everyone on the committee knows that."

Morgan noted his description of how Roberts handled the meeting—surfacing the challenges and presenting the names of alternate nominees—contrasts with Roberts' statements at the time he released the committee's nominations. (BP)

16 service recognitions given by Georgetown

President W. Morgan Patterson of Georgetown College awarded 16 service pins to faculty and staff at a spring dinner in the dining commons of Lee E. Cralle Student Center.

The awards are made annually to personnel who have at least 10 years of continuous employment and beyond that in increments of five years.

Two Georgetown College department chairmen were presented 35-year awards: Ralph Curry, English; Horace Hambrick, history.

A 30-year pin was given to Waltraud Woyack, who teaches history.

A silver anniversary pin for 25 years' service was presented Macy Wyatt, chairman in psychology.

Three received 20-year service pins: Mrs. Jane Penn, book store manager; Vernon Mallow, professor of religion; Thomas Seay, acting chairman, de-

partment of biological sciences.

The 15-year pin was given to four: Terry Davidson, housekeeping; James Reid, athletic director and basketball coach; Henry Smith, food service; Agnes Tribble, housekeeping.

Five qualified for the 10-year award: Tina Brown, housekeeping; David Forman, director of financial aid and admissions; Austin French, professor of math, physics and computer science; Marilyn Humphrey, business office; Helen Reed, graduate studies.

Peace Committee makes observations

A statement on political activities was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee during its May meeting.

The statement, in part:

The Peace Committee finds that the extent of political activity within the Southern Baptist Convention at the present time creates distrust, diminishes our ability to do missions and evangelism, is detrimental to our influence and impedes our ability to serve our Lord.

The Peace Committee makes preliminary findings as follows:

(1) Some spokesmen on both sides of the political spectrum have used intemperate, inflammatory and unguarded language, i.e., "going for the jugular," "Holy War," "Independent fundamentalist," "flaming liberal" and other pejorative terms.

(2) Some spokesmen on both sides of the political spectrum and the autonomous independent journals on both sides of the issue have labeled and attributed improper motives to people with whom they disagree.

(3) Distribution of news is necessary in a democratic society. There have been instances when news releases have been altered, distorting the intent of the article and often times creating confusion. In some denominational papers and in some autonomous independent journals, there has been prejudice against the conservative political activists and in some autonomous independent journals there has been prejudice against the moderate side.

(4) Although we have found indications of isolated voting irregularities at previous conventions, our preliminary finding concerning fraudulent voting has revealed no documented evidence of organized misuse of the ballot by any political group.

(5) The continuation of political activity within the convention at the present level will not serve the process of peace and reconciliation.

Gifts running 3 times ahead of inflation rate

Southern Baptists' year-to-date increases in contributions to their Cooperative Program of mission and ministry support have stretched to three times the U. S. inflation rate, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee.

"The convention's seven-month Cooperative Program increase is 7.13 percent compared to a Consumer Price Index of 2.3 percent," Bennett said. "The Cooperative Program is growing more than three times as fast as inflation."

More good news is found in reports of Southern Baptists' contributions to

their mission offerings, Bennett added. "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is 3.75 percent over the same period a year ago," he said. "And the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions is up 14.28 percent." (BP)

Diversity? Dilday sees a lot in Russian Baptists

Southern Baptists can learn from Soviet Baptists' common commitment to the gospel under difficult circumstances, according to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary president Russell H. Dilday.

Dilday and his wife Betty joined three other Baptist couples in a tour of churches in the Soviet Union Apr. 12-21. The group went to Russia at the invitation of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

"We found religious life in the Soviet Union tends to bring together diverse people," Dilday said. "We came away more affirmed than ever by the power of the gospel to exist in unlikely circumstances."

Although Soviet Baptists differ on whether to register their churches with the government, they work together to survive, Dilday said. The All-Union Council consists of registered churches, numbered conservatively at 5000 with 500,000 members. Another large group is unregistered.

"The thing to keep your intra-fellowship bickering at a minimum is the need to stick together in a hostile environment," he said. The lesson for Southern Baptists is that the current controversy "may only be healed when we have a crisis," although "we ought to do it without having to have a crisis." (BP)

Poor folks denomination omits would-be Baptists

Southern Baptists and other mainline denominations have "abandoned the working class," Jack Redford, former director of church extension at the Home Mission Board, said during a Texas Baptist church extension/church administration conference.

"We've written off millions of people simply because we have 'matured' in our worship styles and decors," said Redford, who is returning to Texas to be an associational director of missions. He noted the poor and working class no longer feel comfortable in what was begun as a "poor folks denomination."

He said Southern Baptists need to meet new churches and missions to begin the needs of low socio-economic groups, highlighting that need as he pointed to things he believes must break the heart of Jesus.

"He must be heartbroken at the sight of plateaued churches that don't want to grow," Redford said. While noting existing churches should be renewed, he said the emphasis should be upon starting new work.

"Lost people don't wait on our long-range plans while we fix churches' 'want to's,' so we need to start new churches," he said.

Though an urgent need exists for church planters, seminary students and many graduates feel they must seek secular employment because there are more preachers than there are existing churches. The need for mission pastors must somehow be communicated to them, Redford said. (BP)



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homes for children

More about a network that works

In last week's article I introduced the way the network works among Kentucky Baptists and blesses the lives of children. However, there is some more that you should know about this effective network and how it affects our seniors who are graduating.

Our Baptist colleges, Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown, extended invitations to their campuses. Glen Dale director Buckley Carlin arranged for the trips. They toured dormitories, classrooms, sports complexes and received warm welcomes.

Admission personnel were sensitive to special needs of our young people as they provided meals, athletic tickets and special counseling. They also recognized special financial needs and found scholarships and financial aid to help meet their needs. The investment of time, energy and money manifested a loving concern for these young students who are seeking to follow God's will in their lives.

Several scholarships were offered in the light of high ACT scores and athletic accomplishments in varsity sports. Young people who live at Baptist Homes for Children were affirmed for their accomplishments by personnel at the colleges. This had a significant meaning for them because they have been late in getting a chance to develop their capabilities. When coaches, professors and college personnel take time to talk with these young people and reach out to them, it is very meaningful.

Marc Whitt, admission counselor, wrote the following to me: "We had a group from Glen Dale visit Cumberland's campus yesterday and we were extremely impressed with their personalities, their academic grades, and most of all, their maturity. I can appreciate these students and their struggles by hearing and talking with you on numerous occasions about the miracles that are taking place at our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. To us, this is an inspiration to see how prayers and support can mend broken lives and make them into strong young Christians."

So, the network is working! It begins with your prayers and financial support. It continues as churches join hands to make this ministry possible. It goes on and on as sister Baptist institutions work together to complete the network of ministry.



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clear creek comment

The time to judge

Judging is a part of human nature. Most of us are umpires at heart; we like to call balls and strikes on somebody else. And I am convinced that the average man's judgment is so poor he runs a risk every time he uses it. Our Lord taught that we are to "judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matt. 7:1).

When we feel that we are judged by others, it often shocks and hurts us. However, a Christian should not be surprised that others are so eager to judge and condemn. Jerome P. Fleischman said, "Always there will be, along with sidelines of life, inferior souls who throw mud at those whose attainments they do not quite understand. The man who really accomplishes doesn't pay attention to such detractors. If he did, he would be on their level. He keeps his eye singled on the higher goal—and the mud never touches him."

At Clear Creek we urge our students to keep their eyes upon the Lord and forgive the failings and faults of others. After all, if we condemn the judgments of others because they differ from us, we may both be wrong!

Paul's view of life was so balanced and his understanding on judging is superb, "With me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or of men's judgement: yea, I judge not mine own self.... But he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God" (I Cor. 4:3-5).

We as Christians are responsible for making choices and decisions for ourselves and accepting the consequences of them. However, the Lord never called us to judge others. "Why beholdest thou the mite that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is thine own eye?" (Matt. 7:3).

The proper person to judge others is the Lord and the proper time is when he comes. Until then we are not to judge, but to be witnesses for a risen savior!

*"Let us reach into our bosoms
For the key to other lives,
And with love to erring nature,
Cherish good that still survives;
So that when our distrobed spirits
Soar to realms of light again,
We may say, dear Father, judge us
As we judged our fellowmen."*

baptist forum

From one who's sick of it

There are a half million Southern Baptists who are pro-fundamentalist and a half million who are pro-moderate, that still leaves over 12 million of us who are not pro either way, but just plain old conservative—like the Bible is true, etc. The problem I am having is finding anyone in the seminaries, universities, pulpits and mission fields who believe any differently from that.

I am now inclined to believe that if the "take over" theme continues and if all of us had a vote, the fundamentalists would lose the presidency by about 12 million votes. It is a shame but fundamentalists started it and that is the way it is. (Remember J. Frank Norris? Similar.)

It is my opinion based on some first hand knowledge and association's reports that we have more fundamentalists who have become in error due to morals than we have moderates who have become in error due to theology.

I have a suggestion: Help us Texans get our Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler out of the limelight. Those two are breeding the Lee Roberts of the convention and as some have already said have "hit spiritual sloop!" If there are teachers of error, tell us where they are, then if the Patterson/Pressler "take over" theme raises its ugly head again, 12 million of us can bring our wrath down on it and hold it in abeyance for another 50 years.

Pete Morris
Arlington, Tex.

Demonstrated faithfulness

I am writing to offer support for the four-point "peace plan" offered by Winfred Moore (Western Recorder, Apr. 29, 1986). The Christian spirit and character of Winfred Moore has been demonstrated consistently since his divinely providential election last

year in Dallas. I am convinced of his desire to see our convention move forward together.

One ray of hope for reconciliation comes from the "fairness" of a peace plan which would depoliticize the office of the president of our convention. As pastor of the Kentucky church acclaimed as "The Birthplace of the Cooperative Program" (we give 21 1/2 percent to the CP), I especially support the peace plan in having SBC trustees and board members from churches with proven track records supporting the Cooperative Program.

This peace plan proposal could truly be helpful if implemented by the leadership elected in Atlanta.

Greg C. Earwood
First Baptist, Murray

Oh what a tangled web

On Oct. 1 we sent the official form requesting a room for the SBC in Atlanta. We received a confirmed room reservation at the Atlanta Marriott Hotel dated Nov. 7, 1985.

On May 8, 1986 we received a cancellation notice from the Marriott. When I called the reservation clerk at the Marriott she told me a Mr. Ogg had called the hotel on May 2 and canceled our reservation. The clerk asked me three times if I didn't know Mr. Ogg and I assured her that I did not know anyone by that name and that I had never even heard of that name before. She immediately restored our reservation.

Thanks to the Marriott's policy of sending cancellation notices we have our reservation reconfirmed.

Mrs. Wayne Ward
Louisville

Inerrancy isn't what saved me

As a deacon and messenger of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, to the SBC in Atlanta, I am interested in the views of the potential candidates for presi-

dent. I read in the Apr. 1 issue of Western Recorder that Jimmy Draper had told a group of pastors at a "fundamentalist conservative rally" in Louisville that he "frankly cannot walk with someone who says he rejects the historicity (Judge Paul Pressler's pet word) of the first 11 chapters of Genesis."

The Apr. 22 edition contained Adrian Rogers' statement offering himself as a candidate for president and stating that whoever is elected "should continue to nudge the denomination back to its conservative roots and away from neo-orthodoxy." He added: "When the majority of Southern Baptists elect a president, they know the kind of president they are electing and expect his leadership to reflect who he is."

I suspected after reading his statement that Rogers was cast from the same mold as Draper but wasn't sure so I wrote and asked. His courteous but direct reply was: "I don't believe that anyone who refuses to believe the history of the first 11 chapters of the Bible should lead in the Southern Baptist Convention committees or boards."

I personally feel this is entirely too narrow a standard by which to measure the leadership of our denomination and I thank the Lord for Baptists like Mrs. Allen W. Graves who in the May 6 edition of Western Recorder wrote: "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."

Amen, good sister. Amen.

E. Gaines Davis Jr.
Frankfort

Editor's note: The remarks attributed to Draper were made by LaVerne Butler, not Jimmy Draper.

The Truth in Crisis

The Controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention

Foreword by Louis Moore

Every pastor, deacon, Sunday School teacher, and committee member should read **The Truth In Crisis**. It is the only history of the recent activities and contains quotes and interviews from such notables as Russell Dilday, Cecil Sherman, Paige Patterson, Larry Lewis, Paul Pressler, Roy Honeycutt and a host of others.

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viewpoint

A call to unity

by Paul H. Mason

We are a sorely divided convention. Mistrust and suspicion are taking their toll. Inroads of dissension are now making their way into the state level.

In our pioneer convention, the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, a stormy executive board meeting occurred May 9 which focused on the alleged unacceptable manner in which Lee Roberts chaired the meeting of the 1986 Committee on Boards. A motion to get at the truth of that meeting was debated emotionally. It was then tabled on a vote of 19-18.

Some voted in favor of tabling the motion not because they did not wish to seek to get at the truth but because our fellowship here was quickly becoming seriously impaired. How often will this be repeated in other meetings? How much damage will such eventually do?

Recently an elected officer in our convention said to me upon learning that I had not chosen sides in the current denominational controversy: "You will either join camps or become a Presbyterian."

Have the lines been drawn that finely? I hope not. I plan neither to join camps or become a Presbyterian. Rather, I will stand where God has called me to stand: a biblical conservative by conviction and a Baptist in the noble tradition of religious liberty and the priesthood of the believer.

Many who are touched by this dilemma are scripturally aware God calls us away from party schisms (1 Cor. 3). We also know God makes it clear that "sowing seeds of discord among the brethren" is one of the seven deadly sins, and that such is an abomination in his sight (Prov. 6:19). I tremble to think that when one day I stand before God "to receive the deeds done in our bodies" (2 Cor. 5:10)

I may be weighted down with the sin of unconfessed schism and soaked with a life of having sown discord among the brethren.

Is there a way out of this conflict? I wish to offer some thoughts.

1. All on both sides and those who have yet to choose a side should pray fervently about this problem. "The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

2. Encourage the Peace Committee to continue its work.

3. Our executive secretaries of the state conventions along with their staffs plus our elected state officers should take a leading role in seeking to bring wisdom, understanding and communication to the controversy. Perhaps they have been silent too long.

4. Directors of missions might view their roles at least in part as peacemakers. Some are already doing this.

5. Let's give a little breathing room theologically. As starters we might begin by ceasing the verbal castigation of some of our seminary presidents as well as other leaders in our denomination. On the other side we might begin to think of ways for the convention to more effectively embrace the work of Mid-America Seminary and Criswell Bible College. And why not? Were they not born and breathed by Southern Baptists to meet a perceived need. Isn't our family big enough for us all?

6. Finally, I encourage Adrian Rogers and Winfred Moore if they have not already planned to do so to dialog as to what would be God's best for our convention in the upcoming election. We really can be the best and finest for our Lord. If there is a will, God will provide the way.

Paul H. Mason is pastor of First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Neb.

An open letter to Lee Roberts

This is an open letter to Lee Roberts, chairman of the SBC Committee on Boards. I trust it is appropriate since Mr. Roberts' statements about our seminaries have been reported in many of our state denominational papers.

Mr. Roberts, is the following an accurate report of what you said: "False doctrines and destructive heresies taught by some Southern Baptist professors comprise spiritual slop which is starving their students"?

Did some of the state denominational papers quote you accurately when they say: "Citing examples from three pastors, one newspaper editor and faculty members at five Southern Baptist institutions, he expressed concern about the future of the convention, particularly due to 'liberal theology'"?

One of the most regrettable things you are reported to have said was a reference to Winfred Moore. I hope you did not say the following: "And he said while the other candidate, perhaps Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, may or may not 'believe in truth,' the important factor to consider is the group of persons to whom the president will turn for advice."

I think that was a terrible thing for you or anyone to imply. Winfred Moore has been pastor of the great church in Amarillo for over 20 years. He is an ultraconservative but has continued to be a supporter of our

agencies and institutions.

Now, Mr. Roberts, let me ask you some questions: Where did you get your concept of professors and seminary education? How many seminary campuses have you been on? How many seminary teachers have you heard preach, speak or teach? How many of our professors have you met? What have you read they have written?

In addition to 41 years' teaching at Southwestern, I taught short terms at all our other seminaries but one, and have been on its campus many times.

In spite of a wide contact with teachers in several theological seminaries I do not claim to know the theological perspective of all teachers in those institutions. I would say I do not know one I would consider a liberal theologically.

Once I thought there was a real liberal in one of our seminaries. After being in his home and in a joint engagement on a college campus I concluded he was not a liberal. He was far more a theological scholar than I and had a way of expressing his beliefs and convictions I had not understood.

I hope, Mr. Roberts, you are not being manipulated and used as I am persuaded is true of many. I hope you will join me in praying daily for our convention, its Peace Committee and the heads of our agencies.

T. B. Maston
Emeritus professor
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Taxpayers can challenge private school aid

A federal court in Louisiana has ruled that the U. S. Department of Education must go to court to defend a program funneling aid to parochial schools.

U. S. District Court Judge Frederick Heebe held that a group of taxpayers and parents represented by Americans United for Separation of Church and State have the legal right to challenge the "Chapter II" program.

Education secretary William Bennett and his department had asked the court to dismiss the case on the grounds that the plaintiffs in *Helms v. Clausen* do not have standing to sue.

Americans United executive director Robert L. Maddox hailed the decision as an important and precedent-setting victory. "The federal court has served notice that the taxpayer public may seek legal relief when the government spends public funds illegally," he said. "The First Amendment's wall of separation between church and state is strengthened."

Americans United has three cases pending against the federal education department (in Missouri, Kentucky and the District of Columbia) which challenge departmental support for church schools under the "Chapter I" program, the nation's largest federal aid-to-education plan.

The cases seek to require the department to follow Supreme Court decisions last year ordering that no classes on parochial school premises be publicly funded.

Corrigan resigns Spring Meadows post

Charles L. Corrigan, director of Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown since August 1984, has resigned that position effective Apr. 30, 1986.

Corrigan's resignation has been accepted with regrets and best wishes as he seeks to continue a ministry with children and families in accord with the leadership of the Lord. The announcement was made by Eldred M. Taylor, executive director, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

National congress focuses on leadership

The Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools are sponsoring a National Congress on "Leadership in the 21st Century" June 4-7 in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Specific objectives of the leadership meeting include challenging Southern Baptist leaders to understand what will be needed for leaders in the 21st century, identifying characteristics of the Christian leaders and exploring the theology of leadership.

Several prominent authorities on leadership have been enlisted for the national conference. Warren Bennis, a professor at the University of Southern California and coauthor of *Leaders: The Strategies for Taking Charge*, will be the opening speaker.

Other speakers include: Warren Bryan Martin, scholar-in-residence and senior program officer, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Princeton, N. J.; Cal

Turner, president, Dollar General Stores, Scottsville, Ky.; G. Noel Vose, president, Baptist World Alliance, Bentley, Australia; Hal Wingo, assistant editor, *People Weekly*, New York, N. Y.; James L. Sullivan, retired president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Betty L. Siegel, president, Kennesaw College, Marietta, Ga.

BJCPA staff listens to Baptist concerns

Church-state issues ranged from abortion to private prisons when the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs held listening sessions in Dallas and Ft. Worth, Tex., this spring.

Baptist Joint Committee staff members James Dunn, executive director; Stan Hastey, director of information services; and Oliver S. Thomas, general counsel, met with Southern Baptists at Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. The meetings were the first of planned ongoing hearings across the country to focus attention on church-state issues, particularly as they affect local matters.

One concern is the criticism of church-state separation by some Southern Baptists, said Dallas attorney Oswin Chrisman, who noted the criticism reveals "how 'liberal' some have become."

Chrisman, a Baptist layman, termed the indiscriminate and often-inaccurate labeling of persons as "liberal" and "conservative" as "the single-most dangerous trend in religious and political life." He described the historic church-state separatist position advocated by the Joint Committee as the truly "conservative" one.

Four key church-state issues—Bible chairs at state universities, clergy confidentiality, state definition of private and home schools and church zoning laws—specifically affect Texans, noted Weston Ware, associate director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Noting the pervasiveness of the issues, Ware said: "Church-state questions are not the domain of scholars in lofty towers nor of specialists in our national or state capitols. Instead, these matters affect the daily lives of university administrators and students, ministers and parishioners, churches and neighborhoods, parents and children."

Convicted preacher seeking forgiveness

Rick Edwards, former pastor of Pass Road Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss., once had a billboard proclaiming that he was "Shaking The Gates of Hell," but for the past several years, Edwards has done his shaking from the inside.

Edwards, 32, just completed two years as a federal prison inmate for his part in a drug smuggling attempt. He had been sentenced to three years in prison and fined \$10,000 and was placed on five years probation after pleading guilty to conspiring to smuggle cocaine and leaving the U. S. without declaring \$115,000 in cash to Customs officials.

Now Edwards is back home in Gulfport, hoping for the same forgiveness from his fellow Baptists that he feels he has received from God. He was released from a New Orleans halfway house Apr. 25, after serving time at

the Ft. Worth Federal Correctional Institution, and later at Eglin, Fla. Prison Camp which is closer to his home.

While in prison, Edwards worked highways picking up trash and cutting bushes. Eventually, he worked himself into a job driving a taxi inside Eglin Air Force Base. And he worked himself back into a preaching ministry.

"Once I knew he had forgiven me and I'd forgiven myself, I began to preach with power." He went to the chaplain, asking for an all-inmates worship service on Wednesday evenings. "We started a church," he says, with Edwards as inmate pastor.

Edwards his crimes, he says: "I did a stupid thing, it's that simple. I had become so fleshly in my life, (I believed) I could do no wrong."

Edwards says being in prison taught him success is more than the achievement of things, "Prison has taught me it is being the right person. Through this God has restored my home. My marriage is stronger than ever." He also believes he has matured. "I think my preaching is totally different," he says. "I know that Jesus is the most exciting thing in my life." (BP)

Coretta Scott King honored in Japan

Coretta Scott King, the widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., accepted an honorary doctorate May 9 from Seinan Gakuin University as she brought her late husband's philosophy of nonviolence to Japan.

The Christian university in Fukuoka, Japan, honored her during a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the school's founding by Southern Baptist missionaries. Begun as a junior high school for boys in 1916, Seinan Gakuin has become a leading university in Japan, teaching some 10,000 students in college, seminary and high school programs.

"Seven decades of quality Christian education is a great achievement," Mrs. King said as she accepted the doctorate of literature, her 30th honorary degree but the first she has received outside the United States. "I accept this honor as a challenge to carry forward the great ideals and commitment...exemplified by this great university."

But education alone isn't the mark of a great person, Mrs. King told an audience of some 4000 people at Fukuoka's International Center. She quoted her husband, who once said: "You don't have to know Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love, and you can be that servant." (BP)

Judeo-Christian ethic vital to our freedom?

If American students are ignorant of the Judeo-Christian tradition they may become indifferent to religious freedom, secretary of education William Bennett told members of the American Jewish Committee gathered in the nation's capital.

Bennett called the Judeo-Christian ethic—along with the democratic ethic and work ethic—central to America's "common culture" which he described as the nation's "moral imagination" and to which he said "most American men and women of

all races, religions and backgrounds subscribe."

In discussing how the nation's public schools handle those central ethics Bennett said it is understandable "many educators wish to avoid controversy, especially in an area as sensitive as religion." But he added if the desire to avoid controversy "means our students will grow up ignorant to the role of religion, of religious freedom and religious faith in American life, then surely we will have badly failed them."

The secretary of education asserted "the vitality of religious freedom is itself tied to the vitality of the Judeo-Christian tradition." (BP)

Honeycutt asks election of fair SBC president

Southern Baptists should go to Atlanta this summer and elect a convention president "committed to be the president of all the people, not merely to the constituency which may elect him," Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has urged.

Honeycutt made his exhortation in his column in *The Tie*, Southern Seminary's publication sent to 55,000 alumni, donors and other "friends" of the seminary.

Referring to a recent peace proposal issued by Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., and a candidate for the convention presidency, Honeycutt expressed hope "that whoever is elected to lead us in the future will pledge himself to this kind of fairness."

Moore's proposal includes spreading board and agency trustee appointments to more churches, adopting a nominating process that draws on nominations by state convention leadership, making appointments from churches which are strong Cooperative Program supporters and using fairness in conducting convention business.

Honeycutt also urged convention messengers to elect a president "who affirms the priesthood of all believers," including the role of laypersons in church leadership. (BP)

Senate studies tax on church annuities

A tax reform plan approved by the Senate Finance Committee would allow church pension groups—including the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board—to retain their tax-exempt status but would prohibit persons not itemizing on federal income tax forms from claiming deductions for charitable contributions.

The committee's proposal, which has yet to be written into a bill and introduced before the full Senate, would retain current law that allows federal tax exemption for non-profit organizations offering "commercial-type insurance."

A tax reform bill approved by the House of Representatives late last year would repeal that exemption. Although the House measure would exempt property or casualty insurance provided by churches or conventions or associations of churches from the definition of "commercial-type insurance," it specified "annuity contracts shall be treated as providing insurance." That language would strip the Annuity Board and other similar

church pension and welfare groups of their federal tax exemption.

If the full Senate approves the Finance Committee's tax reform proposal, it then will go to a conference committee to be reconciled with the House version. If a compromise can be hammered out, the conference report would have to be approved by both houses before being sent to President Reagan for his approval.

Another provision of the Senate proposal would—as would the House version—reinstate clergy housing benefits. Under current tax law, only ministers who occupied their residence or had a contract to purchase one by Jan. 1, 1983, are eligible to declare mortgage interest and property tax deductions in addition to tax-exempt housing allowances. That eligibility is scheduled to extend only through tax year 1986.

Both tax reform versions would make revocation of current law retroactive, meaning ministers unable to claim mortgage interest and property tax deductions for tax years 1983 and 1984 would be eligible to file amended returns to seek refunds. (BP)

German Baptists study media in Louisville

Southern Baptists may have started something with their recent "Good News America, God Loves You" emphasis that may have repercussions across the Atlantic.

This spring 27 German Baptists witnessed Southern Baptists' national simultaneous revival campaign while representatives of the two denominations joined hands to explore how to bring good news to Germany—and Europe—through media and evangelism.

Robert Don Hughes, assistant professor of mass media and communications at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, welcomed 11 representatives of the German Baptist Union interested in establishing a media ministry in their own country.

The group of three pastors and eight laymen participated in a three-week tour that also included visits to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and the Baptist Telecommunication Network (BTN) of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

They plan someday to produce quality Christian programs for public broadcasting. But for the moment this dream is blocked by the government, which controls both the national and regional television networks. (BP)

ACTS honors Snowden, 21 others with awards

The American Christian Television System prepared to launch its third year of full operation by recognizing outstanding achievements of its affiliates during 1985, its first year of local program broadcasting.

The first annual ACTS awards ceremony recognized 22 recipients selected from more than 200 ACTS network affiliates.

Mark Snowden of the Kentucky Baptist Convention won the state mission service award.

ACTS is now available to four million viewers nationwide through nine broadcast affiliates and 225 cable systems. (BP)

Ex-missionary to lobby for Bread for the World

A former Southern Baptist missionary and Georgia pastor has been appointed to work with United States Baptist churches by Bread for the World, a Christian citizens movement focusing on world hunger issues.

Charles C. Worthy, 51, who from 1969-77 was a representative to Israel under appointment of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will speak in Baptist churches about the importance of public advocacy as a strategy for feeding the world's hungry and preventing famine.

The Alabama native, a graduate of Samford University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, most recently was pastor of The Rock Baptist Church, Rex, Ga. Earlier he was pastor of Baptist congregations in Kentucky and West Germany. He is a former president of the English-speaking European Baptist Convention.

Bread for the Word was organized in 1974 with the purpose of rallying American Christians to pressure the U. S. government to assist the hungry. It has scored some significant victories in Congress, including passage two years ago of a \$60 million Africa food emergency bill. (BP)

BSSB's Morton Rose to quit his post early

Morton F. Rose, vice president for church programs and services at the Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced his retirement effective Oct. 1, 1986, after 19 years at the agency.

Rose, 59, has been a vice president at the board since 1979, supervising the programs of Sunday school, Church Training, Church Music, National Student Ministries, Family Ministry, Church Architecture, Church Media Library, Church Administration, Church Recreation and Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist conference centers.

Rose said he has planned for nearly 10 years to take early retirement and is "deeply impressed of the Lord to make plans now to retire this fall." He said he will make an announcement in the next few weeks about a retirement ministry which will start in October 1986. (BP)

10-year projection says ministry jobs still there

For the first time in 10 years the number of persons preparing for ministry in American seminaries dropped last year—down 0.6 percent to 52,794—according to the Association of Theological Schools.

Meanwhile, the number of students in Southern Baptist seminaries has continued to grow, now surpassing 12,000. But that growth may carry with it some problems for the graduates-to-be.

Southern Baptist seminary enrolments still are swelling from an influx of students from the "baby boom" generation. Unfortunately, that increase has not been matched by significant growth in the number of churches they can serve. Other factors in the enrolment equation, such as an increase in women students and in firings of ministers, prompted a recent study by the SBC Inter-Agency Coun-

cil.

The results of the study were presented as good news to the SBC Executive Committee earlier this year. "There are currently more Southern Baptist positions 'in ministry' than there are trained ministers to fill them," the report concluded.

Researchers estimated there are at least 77,476 ministry positions open in Southern Baptist churches, agencies and institutions. At least 68,154 people have been trained by Baptist seminaries and colleges since 1950, comprising a pool of qualified employees for these positions.

The report predicted similar patterns will exist during the next 10 years, with ministry positions increasing to at least 97,094. The report did not estimate the number of trained ministers who will be available by that time. (BP)

Retiring Oklahoman honored by OBU

Oklahoma Baptist University trustees have voted to name the university's School of Christian Service in honor of Joe L. Ingram, retiring executive director-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

The announcement was made by OBU president Bob R. Agee at Ingram's retirement dinner in Oklahoma City May 13. University trustees approved the proposal at their Mar. 3 meeting.

The university will begin a \$1.8 million fund-raising effort next year to complete endowment funding for the Joe L. Ingram School of Christian Service, Agee said. About \$700,000 already has been raised toward \$2.5 million needed to fully endow the school. Endowment provides perpetual income for faculty salaries, lectureships, scholarships and operational support. (BP)

HMB names Alabamian to witness to diplomats

Ron Meron of Huntsville, Ala., has been named as minister among international diplomats at the Home Mission Board's ministry at United Nations in New York effective June 1.

Meron is currently a language missionary with Madison Baptist Association, Huntsville.

He will fill a vacancy left by the retirement and death of Elias Golonka, pioneer in the United Nations Ministry sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

Born in Israel of German parentage Meron is fluent in four languages. He and his wife, Amy, a native of Singapore, are concert pianists.

Meron is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

Meron will join Theodore Mall in coordinating Southern Baptist witness, Bible distribution and ministry among diplomats at the United Nations. (BP)

Homes for Children taps Jolly for communication

Jolly Communications has been selected to serve Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Middletown, as their full service marketing, telemarketing, advertising and public relations agency.

In 1985 Kentucky Baptist Homes

for Children responded to 853 families involving 894 children. KBHC provided care for 379 children from 359 families and placed 12 infants in adoptive homes. There are 228 couples on the KBHC waiting list to adopt.

Cumberland begins summer sessions June 2

Registration for the first summer term at Cumberland College will be held June 2 from 1-3 p.m. in Gatliff Gymnasium.

Residence halls will open June 1 at 1 p.m. and class will begin June 3.

All students should see advisors Monday, June 2, 9-11:30 a.m. The last day to enter a class will be Friday, June 6. The first summer term will end Thursday, July 3.

For further information telephone (606) 549-2200.

There's no 'solvability' in who saw report

The offices of Lee Roberts, chairman of the 1986 SBC Committee on Boards, reportedly were burglarized according to Cobb County (Ga.) Police.

Roberts, president of Roberts Mortgage and Investment Corp., told Baptist Press the only thing disturbed in his offices was his file on the work of the Committee on Boards.

Roberts added money and checks were on his desk but were not disturbed.

"That file had not been out of the file drawer in my desk for three or four weeks. It was on the corner of my desk and obviously had been gone through," Roberts said.

Capt. Ed McPherson of the Cobb County Police Department's Crimes Against Property Section said the case is not being actively investigated "because it has no solvability factor. It is in the hold file and if anything else comes up on it, we will look at it."

McPherson said the fact the case is not being investigated "does not mean there wasn't a burglary. This is similar to dozens of cases we receive each day. According to this report, nothing was missing. All I can say is that a burglary was reported to us." (BP)

New tax plan to keep Annuity Board benefits?

A just released summary of the U. S. Senate Finance Committee's tax reform proposal reveals the committee approved an amendment to the plan's original provisions for 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity contracts—such as those offered by the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board.

The committee voted 16-4 to adopt an amendment by Sen. David H. Pryor, D-Ark., to retain current law regarding 403(b) plans—also referred to as retirement income accounts.

Still in place in the Finance Committee proposal is a provision that would stop individuals covered by a tax-favored retirement plan—such as a 403(b) plan—from deducting their contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts.

If the full Senate approves the committee's tax reform plan it then will go to a conference committee to be reconciled with the House version. Should a compromise be reached by the conferees the conference report would have to be approved by both houses and then sent to the President for his approval. (BP)

mountains to the mississippi

associations

For only the fourth time in this century two Baptist associations have agreed to merge.

Meeting May 13 at Riceville Baptist Church, Fulton, 200 messengers from West Kentucky and Fulton associations voted to accept a constitution presented by a four-person committee from both associations.

The messengers chose to name the newly-formed association "West Kentucky Baptist Association." There are 36 churches in the association from Carlisle, Hickman and Fulton counties.

The association has already begun a study of missions projects and is sending director of missions R. Charles Blair to Kenya in September. The new constitution takes effect at the fall meeting Oct. 20-21.

Allen Black (see photo) began duties Apr. 28 as full time director of missions for the Ohio Valley Association. He had been pastor of Woodson Baptist Church, Powderly.

Black's previous experience includes a 12-year stint as director of missions of Muhlenberg County Association and several Kentucky pastorate.

Black succeeds Hughlan P. Richey (see photo) who had been part time director of missions for Ohio Valley Association. Richey resides in Madisonville and is available for



Black



Richey

interim and supply work.

Daviess-McLean Association had 50 of its churches involved in the Good News America revivals. There were over 650 decisions including 140 professions of faith during these meetings.

Jim Spaulding is director of missions and Mike Crain is associational evangelism director.

Good News revivals

First Baptist Church, Sebree, Green Valley Association, 17 professions of faith; 18 rededications; two additions by letter; Jerry Adamson, pastor of Chapelwood Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., evangelist; Bob C. Hardison, pastor.

Rosedale Baptist Church, Richmond, Tates Creek Association, two professions of faith; 11 rededications; one transfer of letter; nine prayer requests;

Larry Brown, pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Winchester, evangelist; Paul Frick, pastor.

First Baptist Church, Louisa, Greenup Association, 14 professions of faith; 25 rededications; three additions by letter; Bob C. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, evangelist; Leon Greer, pastor.

Big Sinking Baptist Church, Wayne Association, one profession of faith.

Concord Baptist Church, Wayne Association, four professions of faith; 25 rededications.

Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, Wayne Association, five professions of faith; 65 rededications; one addition by letter; 35 other decisions.

Meadow Creek Baptist Church, Wayne Association, 17 professions of faith; 13 rededications.

First Baptist Church, Monticello, Wayne Association, 11 professions of faith; four additions by letter.

New Town Baptist Church, Wayne Association, five professions of faith; one rededication.

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wayne Association, two professions of faith; two additions by letter.

South Main Missionary Baptist Church, Wayne Association, four professions of faith; nine rededication.

Stetbenville Baptist Church, Wayne Association, nine professions of faith; nine rededications.

Paint Lick Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ten Mile Association, 12 professions of faith; Danny French, pastor.

Upton Baptist Church, Lynn Association, 27 professions of faith; 29 rededications; eight additions by letter; Ted Richardson, pastor/evangelist.

Macedonia Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, 10 professions of faith; three additions by letter; one addition from another denomination; several rededications; Denzel L. Dukes, pastor.

Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, 11 additions by baptism; one addition by letter; numerous rededications; Harold Barnes, Delton Beall, Don Mathis, LaVerne Butler, Ferrill Gardner, Mike Elliott, evangelists; Dallas Vincent, pastor.

personnel

William Allen Mashbern resigned as minister of music and youth at Evergreen Baptist Church, Frankfort, Franklin Association, to accept the position as program director in the Church Music Department of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Mashbern is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He begins his new duties June 1.

Craig A. Loscalzo is pastor at Evergreen.

W. Eugene Wyatt retired May 18 as pastor of Dunn Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, Little Bethel Association.

He is residing in Princeton and is available for supply and interim work.

Sam Hatton was named pastor emeritus of Spears Mill Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Michael Young is pastor at Spears Mill.

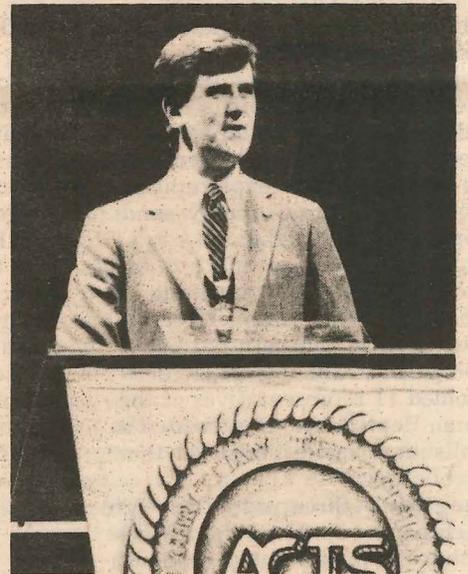
Jeff Story has been called as associate pastor, youth, at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Story had been minister of youth/education at Fairview Baptist Church, Granbury, Tex.

Story, a native of Lexington, is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He is married to the former Rhonda Matlock of Somerset.

Richard W. Bridges is pastor at First, Bowling Green.

David W. Johnson of Owensboro won the W. Fred Swank Evangelism Award and **Terry Fishburn** of Louisville won the G. R. Klempnauer Memorial Award at Awards Day May 1 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Johnson was cited for preaching with an evangelistic zeal. Fishburn was recognized for his involvement in a church while attending seminary and potential for future ministry in a Southern Baptist church.



"Southern Baptist Report: Kentucky Edition" won the State Missions Service Award at the first ACTS Awards competition. Producer **Mark Snowden**, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Media Department, is shown accepting the award on behalf of the KBC.

M. Chuck Bass resigned as pastor of Perryville (Ky.) Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of North Benton (Ill.) Baptist Church.

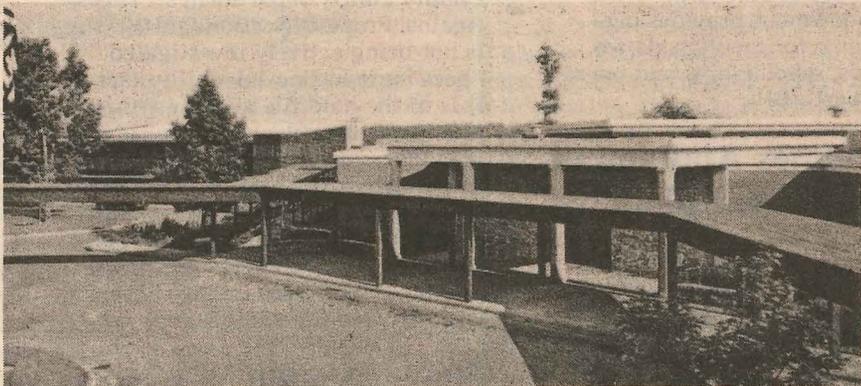
Mark Hamm, pastor of Hartford (Ky.) Baptist Church, received the DMin degree from Lexington (Ky.) Theological Seminary May 16.

Hamm's previous degrees are from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He has been pastor of the Hartford congregation since 1984.

Ted Richardson began duties as pastor at Upton (Ky.) Baptist Church, Lynn Association. He came to the position from the pastorate of Temple Baptist Church, Blue Ridge, Ga.

He was pastor at Mt. Moriah Baptist

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Church, Nelson Association, from 1978-80. He is married to the former Judith Jones of Louisville. They have two children.

David Garcia has been called as minister of music at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Elkhorn Association. He is a student at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, where he is director of the BSU Choir.

Jim Carpenter is pastor at Mt. Pleasant.

Dan Russell became interim pastor at Rush Chapel Baptist Mission, a mission of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

John Adkins resigned as pastor at Rock Dale Baptist Mission, Greenup Association. Rock Dale is a mission of First Baptist Church, Ashland.

Michael Daniel was called as minister of music and education at Unity Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Dan Hunt accepted the call as pastor at First Baptist Church, Greenup, Greenup Association.

Scott and Nikki Keilen were called as ministers of music and youth at Woodlawn Baptist Church, Central Association.

Melissa McDaniel, a member of Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, announced her call to the music ministry Apr. 27.

David Royalty is pastor.

Barry Edwin Miller has been called as minister of music at Maple Grove Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. Miller is a graduate of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz. and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sandra Williams, who had been minister of music and education for 10 years at Maple Grove, is now full time minister of education.

Ray Roach is pastor at Maple Grove.

Will Smith, a 94-year-old retired pastor, was honored at Burlington Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

The church held "Will Smith Day" in recognition of Smith's career in the ministry. He was pastor of several churches in Kentucky and one church in Ohio.

Paul Godsey is pastor at Burlington.

Danny Saunders began duties as pastor at Bellfield Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Eric Allen accepted the call as minister of music and youth at Hyland Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

congregations

First Baptist Church, Madisonville, has established a memorial fund to send volunteers to Kenya. The fund honors Sheri Lynne Richardson, the daughter of Kenya missionaries Jim and Marci Richardson. Sheri Richardson was killed in a school bus accident in Kenya.

The girl's father befriended a member of the Madisonville church, Mrs. Lou Perry, who became ill while traveling in Kenya.

The Richardsons later spoke to the Madisonville congregation and two members of the church donated \$1000 each to begin the Sheri Richardson Memorial Fund. Soon other members of the church started contributing.

The pastor of the church, H. Gary Coltharp, and layman Don Messick spent two weeks in Kenya as missions volunteers with expenses paid from the fund.

Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, will observe its 75th anniversary and homecoming June 1. Morning worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. and an afternoon service gets underway at 2 p.m.

Ferrill Gardner is pastor at Carlisle Avenue.

Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, had 527 in Sunday school on

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There were eight additions to the church during morning worship service. Jim Haskell is pastor. The minister of education and youth is Greg Hooper and the Sunday school director is Carl Kell.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Hardy, missionaries to Chile since 1950, retired from active missionary service Feb. 1. They served in Antofaglasta, Chile, where he was a general evangelist and she was a church and home worker. Natives of Kentucky, he is from Fulton and she is the former Nell Brown of Madisonville. They may be reached at 308 Dickey, Euless, TX 76029.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Rogers, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed language study and arrived on the field (Apartado 80920, Caracas, Edo. Miranda, Venezuela, 1080-A).

Born in Atlanta, Ga., he considers Danville his home town. The former Deborah Smith, she was born in Glasgow and considers Danville her home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

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Peachtree Street, U.S.A.

This is a portrait of Atlanta, a city I love. Baptists will hold their "big meeting" there in a few days.

The heart of Atlanta is Peachtree Street. It begins a block south of Five Points, Atlanta's most famous intersection, but few agree on where it ends. Some say it meanders north for 17 miles, becoming Peachtree Road, then Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Some local wags, however, say Peachtree doesn't end until it reaches New York City. Atlantans have adroitly applied Peachtree to the names of nearly 30 other city streets, also.

The original Peachtree Street cuts closest to northside homes set like baronial halls in wooded acres as tenderly clipped and groomed as parks.

Atlanta is known for lots of things. In the summer of 1864 a Yankee general torched the town, setting it ablaze in history as the only American city to burn to the ground—and be rebuilt. From that event stems one of the world's best sellers and most watched films, *Gone with the Wind*.

The most heavily advertised commodity in the world resulted when an Atlantan with a headache turned a tonic into a beverage in 1887. The product was Coca-Cola.

An Atlanta Institution, as it bills itself, Rich's long ago outstripped every department store south of New York in sales and customer loyalty. It's one of the last family-run enterprises of its kind. The word in Atlanta is, "No matter where you bought it, they'll take it back at Rich's."

Atlanta is a churchman's town. Many churches are Baptist. Names like Druid Hills, Morningside, Second-Ponce de Leon and Wieuca Road have been prominent in SBC life for years.

Atlanta is the crossroads of traveling America. There are periods each day when its airport is second only to Chicago's in traffic. For years travelers have snickered, "To get anywhere, you change in Atlanta."

Nowhere is America's preoccupation with physical fitness more visible than in Atlanta. Suburban streets in Ansley Park, Buckhead and Garden Hills sport joggers every hour of daylight, rain or shine. In contrast, MARTA's new subway system—most of which is complete—zips residents across town faster than they can drive.

I visited Atlanta many times as a youngster but had no real appreciation of it until I saw the dogwood in bloom a quarter-century ago. Surely no American city is lovelier in spring!

A summer spent there getting to know the people and the place confirmed it for me. Not only is Atlanta the South's metropolis, for years I have been convinced "whatever you may be seeking, you can find it in Atlanta."

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A gentle breeze

Early last month I was asked to speak in the morning service of a long established church where I first spoke about nine years ago. I was thrilled to hear from the pastor a few days later that revival had broken out. The pastor wrote:

"Thank you for coming to share with us. Several expressed themselves most favorably. I believe many will be more supportive of our mission efforts than ever before. I am sure your message had an effect on our young people. Sunday evening we had two professions of faith, one by letter and five young men on recommitment of their lives. Revival broke out! The moving of the Holy Spirit was a gentle breeze throughout the congregation. As soon as possible we will be taking one of our boys to Oneida. My wife and I are looking forward to the opportunity to visit."

God be praised for what happened. I am sure the pastor's message that evening and his daily ministry with his people had more to do than anything I could have said. Whatever, whoever, there is no accomplishment except by God's grace.

A woman in an adjoining county writes as she generously donates: "I praise God for the work at Oneida. I'm so thankful we have such a school in this area."

A dear couple making a \$75 gift writes: "We are very happy that we

are able to contribute to the important work you are doing in Oneida. May God continue to bless and give you the good health you must have to carry on." Not only does the gift mean much but the love that motivates the donor.

A father whose son is here on scholarship writes: "As soon as I find employment, I will not only pay the full tuition, but will donate additional money and whatever else it takes to keep Oneida alive and well. Thank you for allowing my boy to attend. I will never forget your school's kindness and generosity."

A woman aware of our help to Christian young people living under dictatorships and in danger of their lives because of their Christian faith writes: "I wish to thank you so much for your concern for Christians in horrible situations. It is no wonder that Oneida is prospering. You are truly doing the Lord's will."

An Indiana mother writes: "I did not have a chance to say all I wanted when I was there. I guess I was a little nervous. But I want to promise you if we can pay more than \$50 a month we will do so. I was shocked you would let him go for so little. I want to thank you for being straight and to the point. God has never failed us."

Richmond friends write: "My mother, friend and I enjoyed our visit. We believe in the purposes of Oneida and are awed and thrilled by the way they are being carried out. We pray God will continue to bless and supply your needs."

Some years ago I had to expel a young man for drinking. Later I was able to accept him back and he made a fine student and graduate of our school. Later he made an excellent marine. He was one of the finest drivers I ever saw, and often drove me when I spoke in varying churches. Recently I was very pleased to hear from him. "I always enjoy receiving mail from Oneida. I did learn a lot there. I remember when you spoke to congregations, you always said, with the apostle Paul, of faith, hope, love, the greatest is love because God is love. Hope you are well. Take care of yourself and keep up your great work working miracles with God's love."

From Tyler, Tex.: "Convinced that you are performing the Lord's will as your school ministers to the students. Please find our 'help' enclosed. We have never seen Oneida...." But their letter brought \$200 to invest in the Christian training of our boys and girls.

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I Thessalonians 2:2-12 At Philippi Paul and Silas were arrested, stripped, beaten unmercifully and imprisoned in the inner prison and fastened in stocks as if they were dangerous criminals, but they remained undismayed. After their release they journeyed to Thessalonica.

Soon after their arrival in Thessalonica, Paul sought out the synagogue and proclaimed the teaching of the Old Testament that the Messiah would suffer, die, be buried and rise again. Without hesitation or apology Paul preached Christ as the only savior. No amount of opposition could dissuade him from proclaiming God's message with which he had been entrusted.

Paul's faithful ministry in Thessalonica proved to be fruitful. Within a brief period he had introduced several to Christ and established a church. Ere long the members of that church became exemplary in their faithfulness.

With clear understanding of the gospel, Paul preached it boldly, simply, sincerely and prayerfully. With his lips and through his life he bore testimony that Christ saves, sustains and supervises those who trust him. Those who observed Paul's life closely knew he was a genuine Christian who loved the Lord supremely and served him devotedly. To him the most important thing was not what men preferred or wanted, but

rather what pleased the Lord.

Paul reminded the Thessalonians that since he had been in their midst he had not indulged in flattery or covetousness, and had not been motivated by greed. Instead of depending on them for the necessities or comforts of life, he had provided for himself by working.

Knowing that these young Christians needed encouragement more than chastisement, Paul lovingly exhorted them to do the right thing always.

International Series

God calls Jeremiah to prophesy

Jeremiah 1:4-10 In 626 B. C. Jeremiah was called of God to be a prophet. His call came when he was in meditation. He did not think he had the eloquence which would be necessary to persuade the people to do what God wanted them to do. Considering his youthful inexperience and lack of ability, Jeremiah protested being the bearer of God's message to the stiff-necked and hard-hearted people.

Brushing aside the objections of Jeremiah, God reminded him that the place to which he would be sent was of God's choosing, and the message which he would deliver would not be his but God's message. God assured him adequate help would be divinely provided for all his prophetic duties.

God did not promise he would not suffer any injuries, but he did assure Jeremiah that he would be accompanied by the divine presence.

Jeremiah 1:13-14 Near almost every cottage was a seething or boiling cauldron with stones under it on three sides and the fourth side was left open for fuel to be placed under it. To Jeremiah this boiling cauldron "facing away from the north" typified the rising power of Babylon which would eventually invade Judah. These invaders would be instruments of divine judgment against the people who had turned aside from the worship of God to worship idols.

Jeremiah 1:17-19 The gravity of the emergency made it necessary for Jeremiah to alert the nation to this new danger. He was told he would be resisted and his warnings would be rejected; in fact, those who opposed him would attempt to destroy him. As a remedy for his fear God assured Jeremiah that if he would be faithful in delivering his message to the people, even amid great difficulties, he would protect him and give him victory.



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on mission together

Little glimpses of a larger reality

Although the overall statistical results of the simultaneous revivals have not yet been received from the associations, some encouraging stories are beginning to emerge.

In one church, a prominent man who had dissociated himself from the church more than 20 years before attended the services and, to the great joy of the church, walked the aisle and asked for restoration.

In another, where few public decisions were made, a young person confessed privately to her pastor a tragic past and asked for forgiveness. She later made her decision before the church.

Central Baptist Church, Corbin, where the Kentucky Baptist Convention president Don Mathis is pastor,

reported 65 requests for baptism, 14 by letter, and more than 150 public decisions.

First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, experienced an unusual revival among the leadership of the church. When I called pastor Isaac ("Ike") McDonald, he shared with me the following:

"A great deal of prayer had taken place (among the people) prior to the beginning of the revival services.

"On Wednesday, four deacons decided to meet for prayer at the church in the early afternoon. At that prayer meeting they decided to try to get all the active deacons to attend a prayer meeting before the service. At this prayer meeting the deacons decided to rededicate their lives at the revival service that night."

When they made their decision, they shared with Pastor McDonald the following: "We have decided to rededicate ourselves as deacons to promote harmony in the fellowship and to commit ourselves to winning the lost

to Christ."

In the course of the invitation the inactive deacons began to join them; then, their wives. Sunday school teachers began to join the group, as did the church organist.

During the invitation, the pastor joined the deacons in rededicating his life and ministry.

Commenting later to the pastor, the chairman of the deacons said: "Pastor, I think you need to realize that those decisions were also a statement from our church leadership upholding and validating your leadership as pastor of our church."

These few scattered reports probably point to a larger reality. I have the impression that if someone would take the time to collect and compile a Good News "Book of Results," that Kentucky Baptists might be surprised by the extent to which our Lord has moved among us these past few weeks.

And, I suspect, he is still on the move!

Ethiopians 'look healthier' because of Baptists' food lift

by Art Toalston

A grandmother watches over her grandson, Allabacho, near a Southern Baptist feeding station's clinic in Ethiopia. The baby's mother is dead and he was "a skelton" when they arrived at the station.

The grandmother nods that Allabacho, after three months of care, is better. But famine still looms. Her son-in-law planted sorghum seed last fall, but "it turned into ash."

At five plateau villages above vast canyons north of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Southern Baptists are airlifting monthly rations of grain, milk powder and cooking oil to 100,000 famine victims. The number is expected to reach 155,000 by June. Medical care also is given.

Without such aid, "many of them, perhaps thousands, would have died," says Lynn Groce, administrator and



Southern Baptists are airlifting supplies of grain, milk powder and cooking oil in an Ethiopian canyon region many times larger than America's Grand Canyon. In addition to this helicopter, a cargo plane is used to lift 1000 metric tons of food each month to five stations feeding 100,000 plus people.

agriculturalist of the Southern Baptist mission in Ethiopia. "Before we got here," add Jerry Bedsole, missionary veterinarian, "many thousands did die."

Hungry people cannot hear the gospel until they've had some food," Bedsole says. "And dead people cannot be saved."

R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, visited the feeding operation in mid-April and notes "tremendous progress in the past year." The first Southern Baptist feeding station, at Rabel, opened in March 1985. Four other stations opened last September.

"The children look so much healthier and happier," says Mary Saunders, a five-month volunteer nurse at Rabel last year who returned in mid-April.

Southern Baptist relief efforts in Gundo Meskel are led by three missionary couples; 23 volunteers from Baptist churches in the United States, many of whom staff the clinics; and about 50 Ethiopian Christians coordinating food distribution. At least a dozen more volunteers, particularly nurses, are needed this year.

The volunteers are "a real example of willingness to follow the will of God whatever the cost," says Parks, who visited Ethiopia while viewing Southern Baptist work in four countries in the area. And the Ethiopians, because they know the language (Amharic) and their own culture, are able to minister in ways the volunteers can't, Groce adds.

Southern Baptists "are getting results from the dollars they have invested," noted Ed Mason, a volunteer from Tallahassee, Fla., and a former president of the Florida Baptist Convention. Nearly \$4 million from world hunger offerings has been allocated in the largest human needs ministry sponsored to date by Southern Baptists.

"We're winning victories every day, but the war still hasn't been won," says Mason, a former public service commissioner. Starving children and sickly adults arrive at the clinics every day.

"You can't help but regret there were so many other people neither we



A year ago Moses, shown here with his mother, was on the edge of death. Feeding tubes through his nose—and prayer and loving hugs—were the only way Southern Baptist nurses could save his life. Volunteer nurse Mary Saunders, who worked to save Moses' life last year, has seen his miracle duplicated many times through the feeding centers.

nor anybody else could help," Parks says. The famine has claimed more than 1 million lives.

Rains last summer and this spring were the best in five years, yet the threat of starvation remains. The late fall harvest amounted to only two to four months of grain, even less for some farmers. One woman at Gundo Meskel, describing her family's luck with sorghum seed, says, "We sowed two bowlfuls and got back four bowlfuls." The spring harvest traditionally is small and primarily in the highlands.

Critical to overcoming the drought will be good "big rains" from June through September and an abundant harvest in November and December. otherwise, feeding may be necessary into 1987. Rural subsistence farmers, who "live from crop to crop," in Bedsole's words, will feel the drought's aftermath for years. Countless oxen used in plowing died or were sold to pay for food.

One mother of five whose husband died last September says, "I have become a beggar. I have nothing to plow with. I don't even have any chickens. All I have is two feet."

Mason worries people in the United States no longer care about Ethiopia's plight. When he returned to Florida in February for several weeks, "I saw nothing on TV about Ethiopia. I read nothing in the newspaper. Nothing."

Bedsole wasn't surprised. Nevertheless, "the Lord requires of us more than emotional response. He requires a commitment of will to see the thing through. If we quit now, we'd lose everything we worked for in the past year," because the number of people

without food again would spiral.

The Southern Baptist feeding operation is one of the most remote in Ethiopia, says United Nations rehabilitation coordinator Dag Hareide from Norway.

Four-wheel drive 7.5- and 12-ton trucks move the food from Addis Ababa 100 to 200 miles to the north to two warehouses, where the airlift begins. The 14 trucks were purchased with Southern Baptist hunger funds. Transportation alone will require \$1 million this year.

Hungry people cannot hear the gospel until they've had some food. And dead people cannot be saved.

The missionaries are sensitive to critics who believe they should not be working in a Marxist country. The Soviet hammer and sickle and posters of Marx, Lenin and Engels are common sights in Addis Ababa and numerous villages. But the missionaries point out the Foreign Mission Board has a policy of noninvolvement both in global politics and in the governments of host countries. And, they remind, help has been given to starving subsistence farmers and their families as well as the elderly.

"It's our duty to show love toward everyone," Groce notes. "Did God say, 'I sent my son to love only Americans?' God's love is for the world." (BP)



Mary Saunders, left, one of 23 volunteers from Southern Baptist churches working in Ethiopia, greets Helen Jean and R. Keith Parks during their April visit to five feeding sites. Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, said volunteers such as Saunders, of Richmond, Va., have played a vital role in restoring the health of thousands of Ethiopians.

A Georgetown College graduation ... a time to honor with thanksgiving

By KEN FENDLEY

Georgetown College observed its annual commencement exercises on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10 awarding degrees to 232 who had satisfied the academic requirements. More than 2,300 attended the standing room only event.

The 1986 class heard a 1957 alumnus of the school, Dr. Don Zacharias, President of Mississippi State University, deliver the principal oration on the natural grass arena fronting 146 year old Giddings Hall.

The popular educator/administrator told the graduates, "It may be the world's great fortune that you will do something spectacular, but be a problem solver and your life will be fulfilling."

Zacharias, drawing on the wisdom gained from experience, stated "Your ability to learn, make friends, manage disappointment, handle conflict, set goals, and overcome stress will all be valuable tools for the future."

Dr. Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, presented the traditional baccalaureate message on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the college's John L. Hill Chapel.

Phyllis Lile, the popular pick of her

undergraduate class to address the Saturday morning assemblage, delivered a touching personal overview of her days at Georgetown. The bright and gifted leader from Hopkinsville, mixed humor and counsel in her brief remarks.

Some of the "most important items" gained at Georgetown by Ms. Lile included: friendships, incidental memories, knowledge, transformation, and an opportunity to know God better.

Events highlighting special honors began on Friday afternoon when Georgetown College formally dedicated the Mary E. Wharton Botanical Wing of the George Matt Asher Science Center.

Dr. Wharton invested twenty seven years of her life at the College where she brought great distinction to the science department and the Christian life style of thousands.

At a later hour, following the Alumni Association Annual Smorgasbord, three graduates of Georgetown were cited for outstanding service in their fields.

Those gaining mention included: the Honorable Ron Meredith, a 1967 graduate, now serving as the Federal Judge in Western Kentucky; Dr. Tom Cortis, class of 1963, President of Samford University, Birmingham,

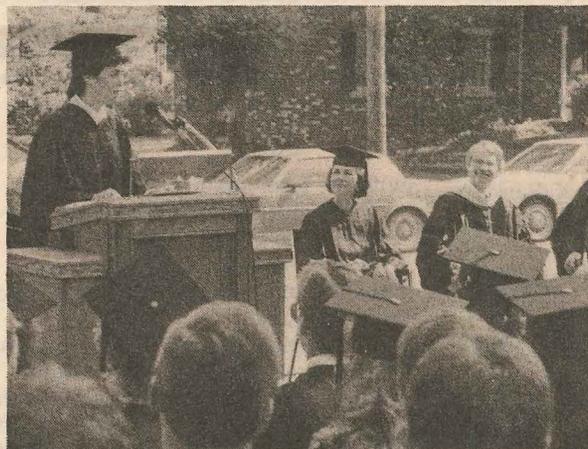
Alabama; and Dr. Martha Ross Redden, class of 1954, who has given her life to opening doors of opportunity for the handicapped.

Three notables were proffered honorary doctoral degrees by Georgetown College during the Saturday morning commencement events.

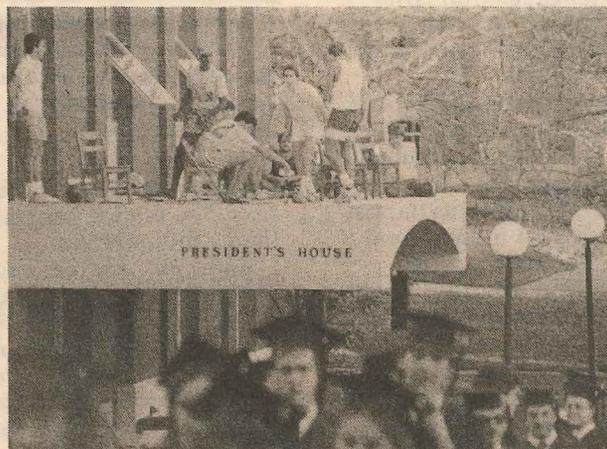
President W. Morgan Patterson called each of the candidates to the platform where he read citations of honor before fulfilling the ritual of this high moment.

Those chosen by the College for 1986 included: Dr. Allan Inglis, a widely heralded orthopedic surgeon and 1950 Georgetown graduate, the Doctor of Laws degree; Dr. Carolyn Weatherford, Executive Director of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Doctor of Divinity degree; and Dr. Ted Sisk, pastor of Lexington, Kentucky's Immanuel Baptist Church and beloved denominational leader, the Doctor of Divinity degree.

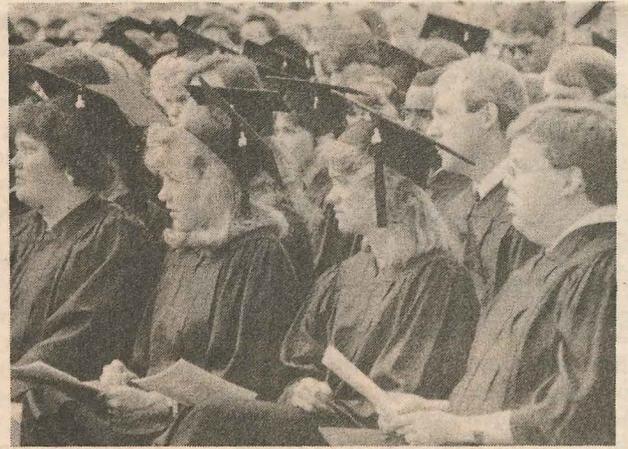
Attention was given to several reunion classes with special mention going to the Golden Anniversary celebrants of 1936. A near-record attendance by this fifty year class pushed alumni interest at Georgetown's Commencement well above normal.



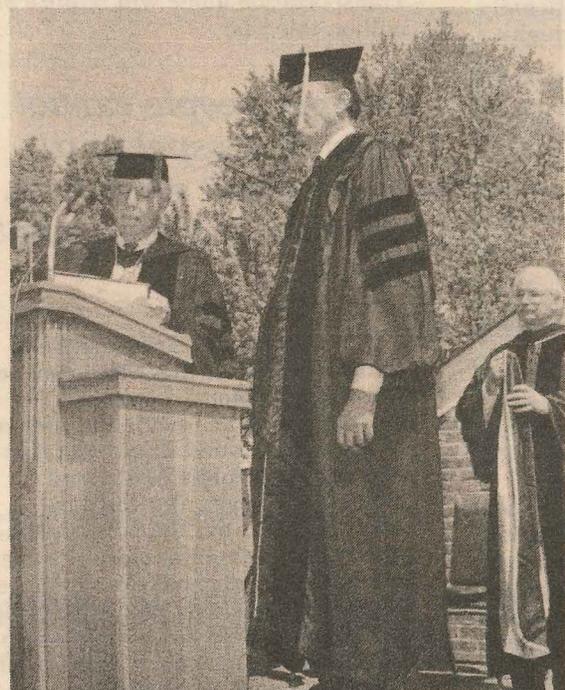
Phyllis Lile advises her peers.



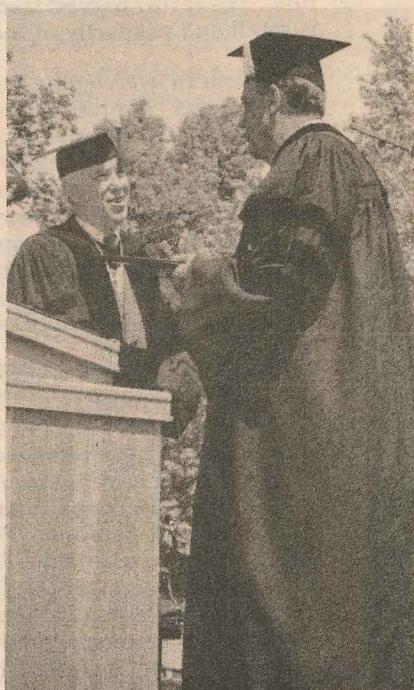
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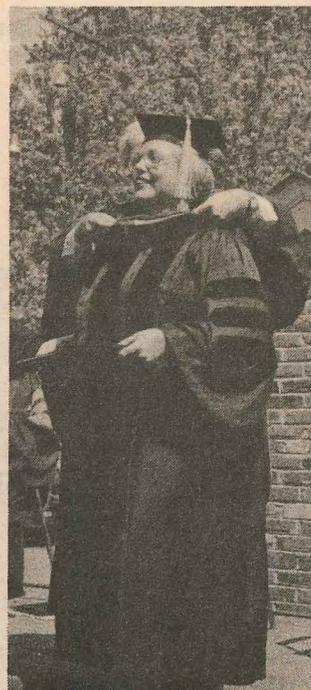
A moment for recollection.



Dr. Allan Inglis, G.C. alumnus, is honored with doctorate.



Ted Sisk [r.] is congratulated by President Patterson.



Carolyn Weatherford is hooded by Dr. Joe Lewis.



Greg Jenkins [l.] presents Alumni Award to the Honorable Ron Meredith.