



Baptist Regional Hospital Center, Corbin

Quality medical care comes closer to home

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

The opening of Regional Medical Center, Corbin, this month is a triumphant medical breakthrough for southeastern Kentucky residents.

Heretofore residents have had to travel to Lexington, Louisville or Knoxville for specialized medical services. Emergencies and accidents take no thought of their time or place and are often of such a nature that the trip to specialized medical help has proven too late for the victim. It is not unusual for families to drive 100 miles or more one way for treatment or tests and often family members have had to stay in hospital waiting rooms during such a time.

Since cancer has become a household word the chemotherapy treatments often required also call for the long drive. It is all in a day that a victim is driven the many miles to Lexington, has the treatment and then goes back to his home. Even with the super highways this is a difficult day's work.

Such has been the case of Donny Collett. He is 26 years old, a Manchester resident who six years ago was employed at the factory near his home, and enjoyed a healthy life with his wife and daughter. Then leukemia



Baptist Regional Hospital Center, Corbin, nears completion

struck.

During the past six years the couple has traveled literally thousands of miles to Lexington for treatments or tests. It is 75 miles from their home to Chandler Medical Center. Regional Medical Center will not exceed that distance the entire trip.

Area pastors also have felt the pressure of this need. Don Mathis, pastor of Corbin's Central Baptist Church and presently president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention says, "It is a tremendous opportunity for this area. It allows us to offer and receive medical help close to home.

"I am excited about the thought of offering more help in the name of Christ. We are building on the past with a view of the future."

Some 30 years ago Baptists in the Mt. Zion Association responded to a need for a hospital in southeastern Kentucky and with the governing body of the city of Corbin established Southeastern Baptist Hospital of Corbin. Area growth and need have made a larger and more specialized facility imperative.

In 1981 Southeastern Baptist joined the Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and ground work was laid for the new facility located in the Laurel, Whitley and Knox tri-county area.

"It has exceeded my fondest dreams," smiled Harold Mauney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, and a member of the board of the old hospital.

"It has been an answer to prayer from the legal aspect of making all the transfers and the possibility of settling on the location that would best serve our people," he continued.

For Mauney the trip to Lexington is 104 miles and he commented on the convenience this hospital will offer for families who could not afford to make the long trips to visit loved ones and for pastors who have had to limit their ministry to telephone calls when the time and distance made it impractical for them to be with a family.

The new facility will offer more rooms and more modern equipment. Two levels of obstetric care are available and a neonatal care wing. To date high risk pregnancies or infants with a problem have often had to be taken by helicopter to Lexington or Knoxville because of their seriousness.

The Regional Medical Facility is easily accessible. Less than half a mile from Interstate 75's exit 25 at Corbin, one turns only once to reach the

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For Manchester pastor Ray Edwards, the location and distance are a plus. He moved to the area from Arkansas less than a year ago. His congregation averages 200 in atten-

dance and some weeks have found him with members in Lexington and Knoxville.

He commented, "I have spent so much time locating the distant hospitals. I am so happy to know a center is opening nearer home for me and other pastors that spend at least two days a week visiting."

Matilda Waddle has been a RN in the Surgery Department at Southeastern Kentucky Baptist for five years. She said, "The finished hospital far exceeded my expectations. We now have six operating rooms and state of the art equipment."

The old hospital has 153 beds. Regional Medical offers 210 and the square footage in the new center is doubled.

More than 40 active members make up the medical staff. These dedicated specialists, with the modern care facility and the equipment are ingredients that add to the flourishing growth expected.

Quoting an area resident, "It may take a little time for us to get accustomed to the new hospital but we are looking forward to "quality close to home."

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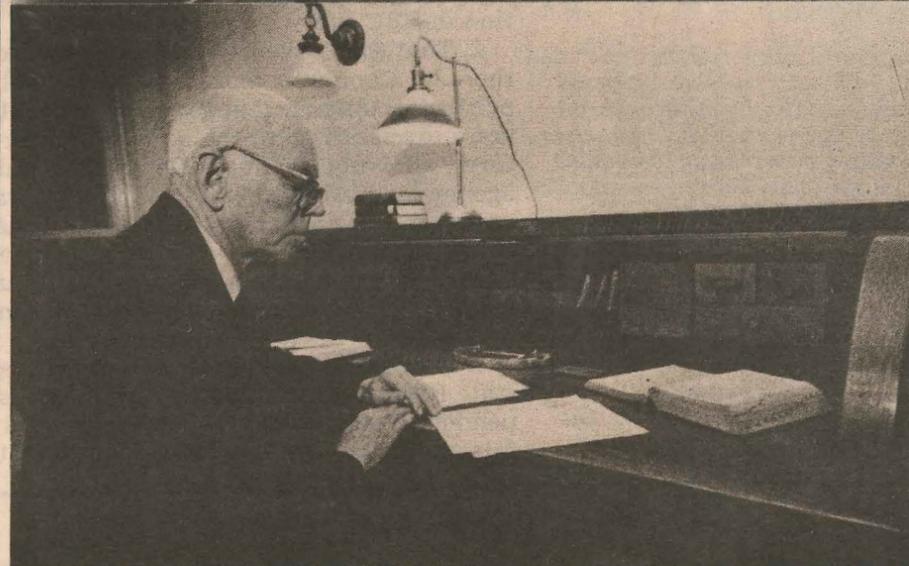
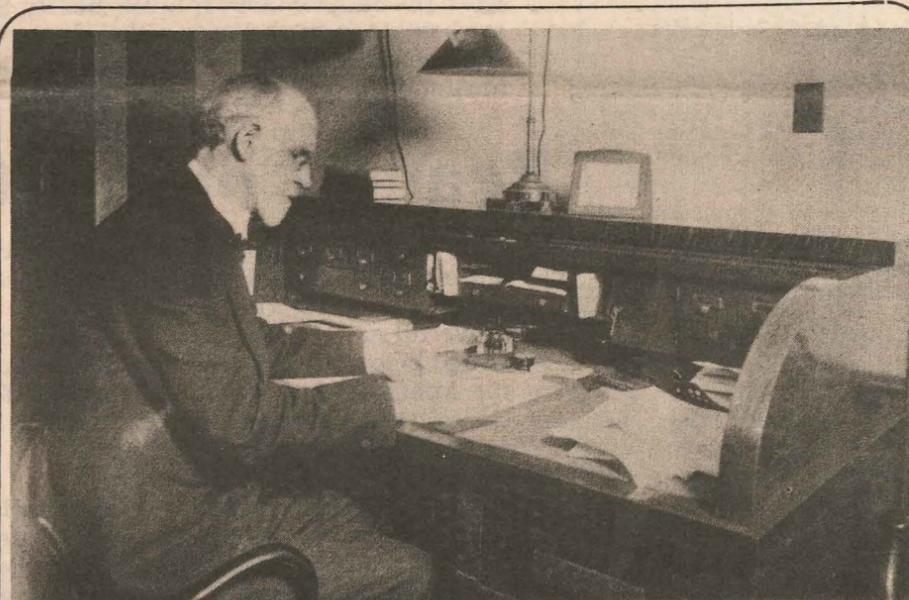
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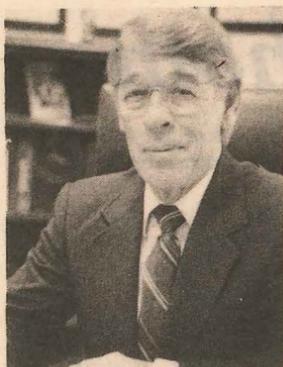
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Sunday School Board founder J. M. Frost, with and without beard, could be the title of this pair of photographs. Hamilton Frost (lower photo) is the grandson of J. M. Frost (upper photo) and is credit collections specialist in the board's accounting and control department. J. M. Frost died several years before Hamilton Frost's birth, but the resemblance between the two is enough that several passersby did a "double take" the day Hamilton was photographed at his grandfather's desk. Hamilton Frost worked in credit and collections for 46 years for Genesco, Inc., Nashville, prior to assuming responsibilities at the board.

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Jack D. Sanford

Oldest biblical text found in Israel

Serious Bible students will be interested to learn the oldest known text of the Bible has been found in a cave in Israel and been made available to the world.

The Associated Press reported thin pieces of pure silver rolled up like scrolls and worn around the neck were found in 1979 but the inscriptions were deciphered and published only this year. The inscription contains the blessing of high priests found in Numbers 6:24-25. The full text reads, "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and grant you peace."

It is thought the inscriptions date to the seventh century B.C., predating by 400 years the Dead Sea Scrolls, which had been the oldest biblical texts prior to this discovery. The Hebrew script etched onto the silver scrolls has not been used for at least 2500 years, making this the oldest known Bible fragment yet discovered.

Other fragments were found which scholars believe will shed new light on life in Jerusalem during the first Jewish kingdom more than 2600 years ago. The caves also yielded evidence that some Jews remained in Jerusalem after 586 B.C. when the Babylonians captured the city. Scholars have suspected this for a long time, but confirmation would be one more solid foundation in support of true biblical scholarship.

The nine caves which yielded this treasure were hewn into a hillside across the Hinnom Valley from the walls of Jerusalem's old city, just half a mile from where the biblical temple stood. Most of the burial chambers had been stripped completely but a few contained shards that looters left as valueless.

All of this is exciting for academic scholars. However, every person who loves the Bible will be delighted to have new knowledge about the ancient world which produced the Old Testament. We Baptists must always be open to the possibility of new light from God, new information about his word and new opportunities to expand our own knowledge. Whenever we believe we have learned it all, or that there is no further word from God, or that the ancients have yielded all their secrets then we have gone too far down the trail of pseudosophistication...or just plain ignorance.

As Baptists we remain a simple people who love the Bible, but to be a simple people who love the Bible does not mean we are an ignorant people who have closed our minds to the possibility of new truth. All of us rejoice that new light has been shed on the background of the Bible and the people who lived in biblical times. We look forward to additional information as scholars continue to work with these newly discovered fragments.

Peace Committee must have support

Most Southern Baptists believe the Peace Committee is the one great human hope for reconciliation in the SBC. This group must have the prayerful support of all Baptists if peace comes. Listed below are the recommendations made at the Atlanta meeting. Study them, pray for the committee and let each of us do what God leads us to do in order to stop the warfare.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the SBC respectfully beseech all Southern Baptists to make 1986-87 a year of Intercession with periods of prayer, prayer rallies and similar emphases for reconciliation and restoration in SBC life.

2. That the convention respectfully request there be a one year moratorium on theological/political position meetings and a deceleration, if not a dismantling, of the political power structures, allowing the Peace Committee and SBC agency leadership to work without distractions on the theological and political problems.

3. That the convention deplore the use of the type of intemperate, inflammatory and unguarded language used by some spokesmen on both sides of the political spectrum.

4. That the convention urge Baptist Press, the state Baptist papers and the autonomous independent journals to be especially careful to be fair and accurate in reporting events in the

convention and refrain from labeling and attributing improper motives.

5. That the convention request our newly-elected president of the SBC, the Committee on Committees, the Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees to be especially mindful of fairness in all appointments and nominations so that they are representative of the convention.

6. That this convention strongly support the Peace Committee in a planned retreat with all its members joined by SBC agency executives and seminary presidents. We will come together for a time of dialogue, getting more closely acquainted in order to know and understand each other and soliciting assistance in the peace making process.

7. And finally, that the Peace Committee be continued one year as originally authorized by the Dallas convention action in June 1985, and that it report to the SBC meeting in St. Louis, June 16-18, 1987.

These recommendations are carefully thought out and represent the best thinking of the persons in whose hands the SBC has placed hope for reconciliation. All of us must heed the requests of the committee and hold them up before the Lord in prayer if we are to make any progress in coming together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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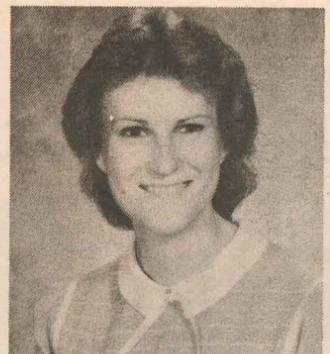
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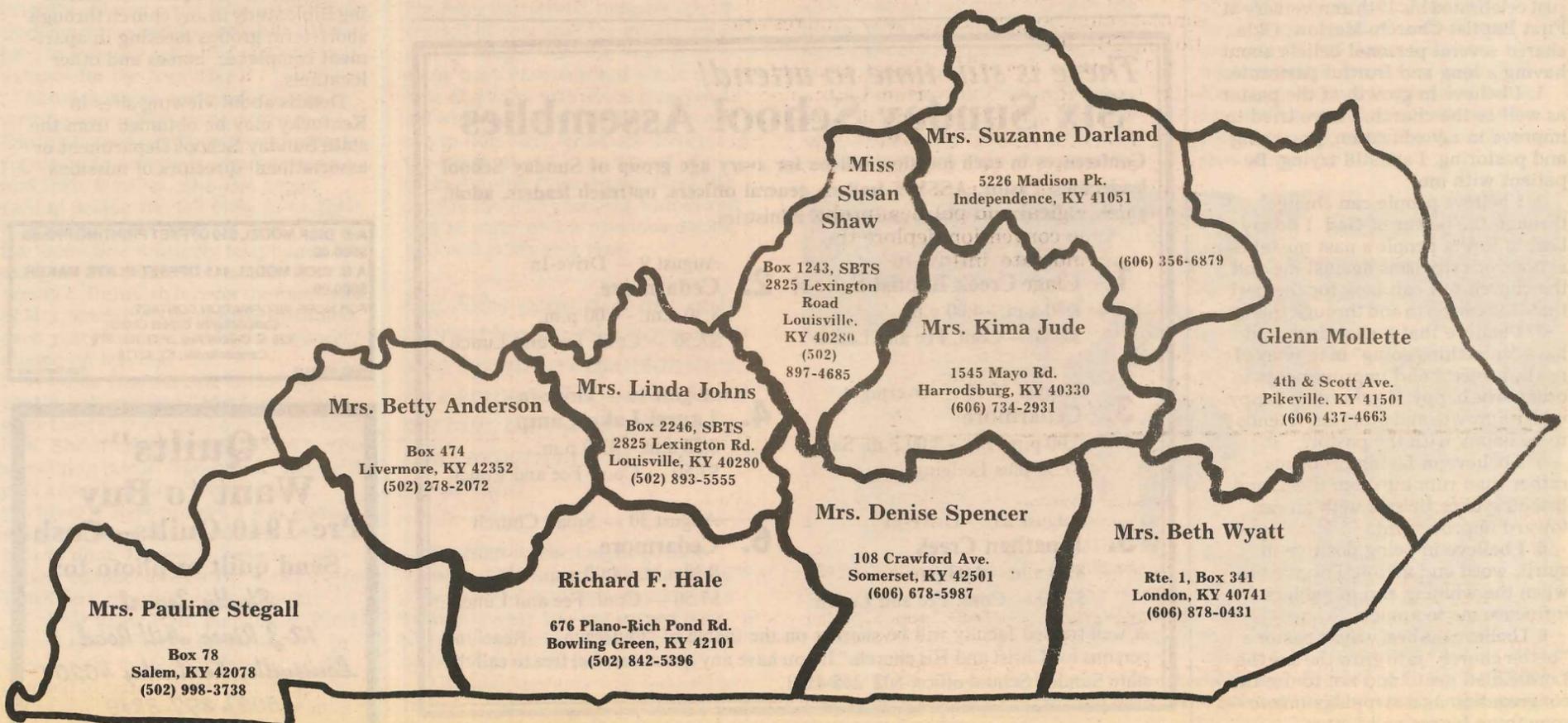
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People are important to us



baptist news in brief



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clear creek comment

Staying on the job

Paul had a balance, a stability, a determination and a dedication which caused him to withstand problems, temptations and the attacks of Satan on his life and ministry. He expressed this in Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

However, many dear ministers of the Lord are not staying on the job. Ministers are blowing up, throwing up or getting out (and sometimes being forced out!). Surely we live in unstable, uncertain days. And most certainly we need to learn the secrets of keeping on in the work of the Lord.

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Recently, in a column in another state Baptist paper, Bob Hinson, who just celebrated his 15th anniversary at First Baptist Church, Marlow, Okla., shared several personal beliefs about having a long and fruitful pastorate:

1. I believe in growth of the pastor as well as the church. I have tried to improve in my education, preaching and pastoring. I am still trying. Be patient with me.

2. I believe people can change through the power of God. I do my best to forget people's past mistakes, actions or criticisms against me and the church so I can look for the best that God can do in and through them.

3. I believe that a church should have "something going" in the way of goals, projects and improvements in order to be happy. If a church is happy with its growth and progress, it tends to be happy with the pastor.

4. I believe in facing problems rather than running from them, and listening to criticisms with an ear toward improvement.

5. I believe in being positive in spirit, word and action. Forgive me when the whiners and mumblers influence me too much.

6. I believe the best way to pastor a "better church" is to grow the one the Lord called me to and not to use the congregation as a steppingstone to something bigger and better.

Morton Rose joins Midwestern faculty

Morton F. Rose, vice president in the Office of Church Programs and Services at the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named visiting professor of church administration at Midwestern Seminary for the 1986-87 academic year.

Rose will retire from duties at the Sunday School Board Oct. 1. That month he will assume teaching responsibilities in church administration and religious education at Midwestern.

At the board, Rose has been director of corporate planning, assistant division director and education division program design coordinator. He also has been interim pastor at seven churches in the Nashville area. Before going to the board Rose was on the state missions staff in Missouri three years. He has been a Missouri director of missions and was pastor of churches in Missouri, Kentucky and Oklahoma. (BP)

Six S. S. assemblies slated for August

Approximately 1000 Sunday school leaders from all over Kentucky will receive training in six Sunday school conferences to be held in August. Personnel from the Sunday School Board will lead in many of these sessions, intended to provide church Sunday school leaders of all age levels and in every position of leadership with practical ideas they can use in their churches.

The six conferences will be held at four locations across the state: Clear Creek Baptist School, Aug. 2; Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Aug. 9, 15-16 and 30; Laurel Lake Camp, Aug. 16 and Jonathan Creek, Aug. 23.

Using the theme "The People Challenge," the conference, sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will emphasize outreach as a major task of the Sunday school.

This is the first time more than two assemblies have been planned and the Sunday School Department hopes to add one more to the list next year. The expansion of the assemblies throughout the state demonstrates an attempt to make this training available to the most people possible.

Reed joins FMB to enlist volunteers

Former missionary Don Reed, 46, is joining the Foreign Mission Board staff as associate director for evangelism and project management in the Volunteer Enlistment Department.

Reed, a native of Post, Tex., will enlist volunteers for overseas evangelism and partnership missions projects, promote volunteer opportunities and develop volunteer information and enlistment materials.

A Southern Baptist missionary to Peru, 1971-75, Reed has been director of missions for the Union Baptist Association in Oklahoma eight years. He also has been pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas.

He is married to the former Wanda Stephens of Elizabeth, Ark. They have three grown children. He received the BA degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.; the MDiv degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and the DMin degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

Reed succeeds Wayne Bristow, who recently resigned from the FMB staff to become director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. (BP)

Baptist secretaries to meet Aug. 11-14

The Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries in Kentucky is sponsoring a workshop Aug. 11-14 entitled "A Look at the Future—Expanding Our World," focusing on the ministry of the church secretaries.

Following the National Conference of Church Secretaries in Nashville, April 1985, secretaries attending from Kentucky were invited to First Baptist Church, Frankfort, to discuss forming an Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries. A steering committee was appointed and this committee has worked hard over the past year arranging an informative and inspirational program.

The program features six workshops from which secretaries may choose two to improve their ministry: the associational letter, the church newsletter, better financial records, and what's new for the secretary in... computers, telephones and office machines.

Conference sites are planned for Aug. 11, 12 and 14 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington; Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; and First Baptist Church, Paducah respectively from 2 p.m.-9 p.m. An additional conference is scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 13 at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The only cost for the workshops will be travel expenses and meals.

BTN seminar launches Bible study Aug. 23

A live nationwide teleconference launching Outreach Bible Study will be telecast Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. CDT on the Baptist Telecommunication Network.

A total of 10 viewing sites in Kentucky have been set for the one-hour seminar to provide information about the new evangelistic Bible study emphasis of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department.

Kentucky viewing sites include Paducah, Elizabethtown, Lexington, Middletown and Covington.

Lloyd Elder, president of the board, Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Department, and Robert Hamblin, vice president for evangelism at the Home Mission Board will be featured on the seminar.

Outreach Bible Study is an attempt to reach youth and adults not attending Bible study in any church through short-term groups meeting in apartment complexes, homes and other locations.

Details about viewing sites in Kentucky may be obtained from the state Sunday School Department or associational directors of missions.

There is still time to attend! Six Sunday School Assemblies

Conferences in each location will be for every age group of Sunday School leadership: Pastor, ASSIST leaders, general officers, outreach leaders, adult, youth, children, preschool and special ministries.

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SBC peace requires simple confession

If people can confess the belief from their hearts and spirits that "Jesus is Lord," all other doctrinal differences don't matter, John Hewitt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. recently told more than 2500 Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leaders.

"If you want to know how to bring about peace in the Southern Baptist Convention, this is the plan—'Jesus is Lord,'" he said. Hewitt, pastor of teacher during the annual WMU conference June 30-July 6 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Peace does not mean the absence of conflict, he said: "Peace in the New Testament isn't ever the absence of something negative. It's the overwhelming presence of something positive."

Southern Baptists are not called to divide over good things but unite over the best things, he noted, adding, love is the "best thing through which the church finds unity."

Southern Baptists have been gifted to serve in different ways because they are called to act in different ways, he said: "We are not to be afraid of our diversity. We are to celebrate it, for how else are we going to reach a diverse world for Christ."

Conference attendees also took part in the first teleconference originating from Ridgecrest. Vision 88 Teleconference focused on the WMU plan to have 2 million members by 1988. The program was broadcast to more than 200 sites nationwide. (BP)

Sunday school lessons to be televised

For those unable to attend Sunday school, ACTS has the answer: a weekly televised Sunday school lesson. On July 5 the ACTS network premiered International Sunday School Lesson, a video presentation of the Life and Work Series of Sunday school lessons. This teaching program is scheduled to be aired every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EDT. The program debut featured Bob Utley teaching the lesson "Critical National Issues," a Bible study concerning Christians and government.

The Sunday school video is a first for ACTS (American Christian Television System), a satellite network using 25 percent of its programming for preaching and teaching. The remaining 75 percent consists of entertaining programs for the entire family.

Retired Baptist leader Wayne E. Todd dies

Wayne E. Todd, 72, retired director of the Sunday Schools Board's Church Media Library Department, died in Nashville, Tenn., July 10 after suffering a heart attack.

Todd, who retired in 1978 after 19 years as a department head for the board, had been a guest preacher, revival leader and interim pastor for churches in Kentucky and Middle Tennessee.

Since retirement from the Sunday School Board, he had been pastor of Grassland Heights Baptist Church in Franklin, Tenn., and associate pastor

of Nashville's Judson Baptist Church. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Nashville.

A native of Wiggins, Miss., Todd was a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Before assuming his responsibilities with the board, Todd was pastor of churches in Mississippi and Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. (BP)



Todd



Hooks

Kentucky Baptist leader dies of aneurism July 11

R. B. Hooks Sr., 81, died Friday, July 11 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville from lung and kidney complications that developed following surgery on an aneurism two weeks prior.

Hooks was a well known leader in Kentucky Baptist life for more than five decades. A graduate of Western State Teachers College (now Western Kentucky University), Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological

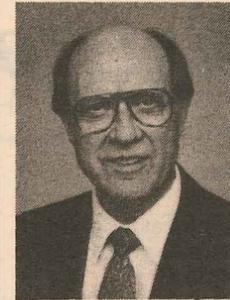
Seminary, Louisville, he is most noted for his strong leadership in Church Training and growth as associational missionary for Warren and Edmonson associations, 1959-65.

He had also been a regional missionary, heading the 13-association southern region during the early 1940s. From 1944 until 1952 Hooks worked in the rural church program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention encouraging more than 110 churches from Paducah to the Virginia border in simultaneous crusades.

During his 58 years as a pastor he led nine Kentucky congregations: Union, Gasper Association; Otter Pond, Caldwell-Lyon Association; East Audubon, Camp Taylor; Trenton, Bethel Association; East, Paducah, West Union Association; Gravel Switch, South District Association; and, after retiring as associational missionary in 1965, Brownsville, Warren Association.

His wife Kathrine shared in his ministry to Kentucky Baptists. She was a preschool clinic leader for the KBC Sunday School Department. They had been married 58 years.

Hooks is also survived by two sons and two daughters: R. B. Jr., pastor of Sandy Creek, Bowling Green; Carter Koon, Nashville, Tenn.; Francis Cattel, Louisville; and Sara Law, Bowling Green. Services were held at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and he was buried in the cemetery at New Bethel Baptist Church, Princeton, where he was ordained in 1929.



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homes for children

Picnicking is fun

This is the season for picnics! The dictionary defines a picnic as "an outing or excursion, typically one in which food is eaten in the open air." Many people are participating in such enjoyable experiences these days with family, church groups, community friends and co-workers.

I had a delightful experience as I recently participated in a very special picnic at the Glen Dale Children's Home. It was Child Care Day at the Home, a special day when people from across the state are invited to come for a visit. Indeed, it was a super picnic.

A break in the heat and a lovely breeze made it a very comfortable day. The staff and children had worked hard to prepare for their guests. Smiling faces and cheerful greetings awaited each busload and carload of guests. They came in from east, west, north and south. More than 500 friends of children came for the visit.

Guests were directed to the dining room for a period of fellowship and greeting. There they could see the beautiful displays of 4-H work the children had done. Along with the 4-H projects were many awards won at the fairs. As the groups were seated, our director, Mr. Buckley Carlin, spoke briefly about the ministry there and our new video film presenting our total ministry was shown.

Next, guided by the children, small groups visited a cottage, then saw a slide presentation of the camp experience and other happenings at Glen Dale. Also, those who wanted to see the animals were given a guided tour to the barn.

At noon everyone gathered under the big trees in the park-like area on campus. After the blessing led by John Brady, new pastor at Gilead Baptist Church, Glendale, we enjoyed the picnic meal. There were delicious grilled hamburgers with all the "fixins," sheet cakes and iced tea. But there was something else—Butch Nunn, a staff member, had rigged up a big iron kettle over an open fire and cooked a kettle of beans with ham hocks. Was that ever good!

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A heart to work uncovers key to success

by Glenn Mollette
State Correspondent

Charles Stewart has been pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church for 22 years; but he's just getting started.

Since 1964 Rose Hill Baptist Church in Ashland has experienced change. That was the year Stewart became pastor. The church began to change and has yet to stop.

The type of change experienced at this eastern Kentucky church has been the kind Southern Baptists talk about and hope for more than any other and that is "growth."

In 1964 the budget goal was \$6000. This year their budget will require \$370,000. Along with this general fund goal are two other budgets. The elementary through high school operation will require \$275,000 with an additional day care budget of \$100,000. Certainly a far cry from 22 years ago.

There were 60 in Sunday school on Stewart's first Sunday 22 years ago. Today Rose Hill averages in excess of 500 and often makes 600 in attendance.

The first sanctuary, now used for educational space is a small reminder

of how far this eastern state congregation has come. Beside this auditorium is another building once used as a sanctuary; but to the other side of it is still another. The third sanctuary represents one of the 10 building programs this congregation has completed in 22 years.

The beautiful new sanctuary seats 800 "and is often nearly filled to capacity," attests Stewart.

On May 25 this congregation had another ground breaking. This time for a new high school facility.

Along with the day care, elementary and high school, Sunday school and large congregation, this church operates three missions two of which are pastored by seminary students.

The Rose Hill church and its accomplishments during the last 22 years are phenomenal. But the most amazing of all is Stewart just recently became their full time pastor.

"I was employed by the Gas Company when I was called to Rose Hill," reflected Stewart. "We experienced gradual growth during those first years. I remember years of baptizing about 20 persons. For the last 10 years God has blessed us with 70 to 100 baptisms per

year."

Yet even when the church began to blossom Stewart never felt led to quit his Gas Company job where he was manager of gas measurement.

"There were times when I thought about retiring early and working full time in the pastorate; but every time I thought about it we would enter a building program and need the money. My folks left my arrangement up to me and never asked me to give up my job. It worked out great."

How has Stewart managed to preach weekly and pastor such a congregation? Stewart said, "Membership involvement. They knew they had to do a lot of the work. I also had six weeks of vacation that I could use when I was needed at the church, such as vacation Bible school, revivals or funerals. However, much credit is due the people because Rose Hill's people have a heart to work

and that has been the key to our success."

Associate pastor Jim Nichols is quick to point out the people have done it because of Stewart's leadership. "He is a tireless worker, never asking anything of his people that he will not do himself."

Stewart is also well known in Ashland for his civic mindedness. He has been a popular speaker in the public schools addressing the Boyd County and Ashland Paul Blazer baccalaureate services in recent years.

What will Stewart do now that he has retired from the Gas Company? "I have plenty to keep me busy," declared the enthusiastic pastor. With a Christian school, several missions, a sizable staff and one of the larger churches in Kentucky, Stewart's retirement may be just the beginning.

Kentucky Baptists plan future in Georgetown-Toyota meeting

by Beth Warf

Scott County will undergo significant changes when the new Toyota plant arrives in Georgetown. Kentucky Baptists intend to be involved in those changes as early as possible. What will happen to the community as a result of the plant? How will the people be affected? How can Kentucky Baptists minister to their needs? These were some of the questions considered in a meeting held at Georgetown College, May 31.

Arranged by the Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Toyota Project Planning Meeting involved KBC, Home Mission Board, and Scott County representatives who spoke to local pastors, directors of missions and other interested persons in the Georgetown area. Kentucky Baptists realize the coming of a large industrial plant like the Toyota plant will affect not only the Georgetown area, included in the Elkhorn Association of Baptists, but also surrounding associations. In response to the possible growth or shifts in population and changes in the community, Kentucky Baptists hope to begin new churches and ministries throughout the area.

In preparation for the meeting, associations and the KBC gathered demographic information, including locations of churches and their growth over the last 10 years. Such information was shared with those present in the all-day meeting, intended to raise the people's awareness of the coming changes and ministry possibilities.

The Home Mission Board representatives spoke about resources and funds they might offer to Baptists to aid their work. One of these representatives, Gary Farley, a sociologist in the Rural/Urban Department of the HMB, projected realistic expectations for the community.

Informing the group with specific facts about the plant itself, J. Robert

Snyder, chairman of the Scott County/Georgetown Planning Commission and a professor at Georgetown College, suggested other small plants will probably be located along highways I-75 and I-64, raising the level of employment in these areas.

According to Robert C. Jones, director of the Direct Missions Department, KBC, approximately 40 people attended this "awareness-type meeting," that began Kentucky Baptist efforts to plan for ministry. Subsequent meetings will grow from this first one which, according to Jones, was "a real breakthrough." The Toyota meeting allowed Baptists to get in "on the ground floor" by urging Baptists "to think in terms of how we're going to reach those people who will be affected" by the Toyota plant, Jones said.

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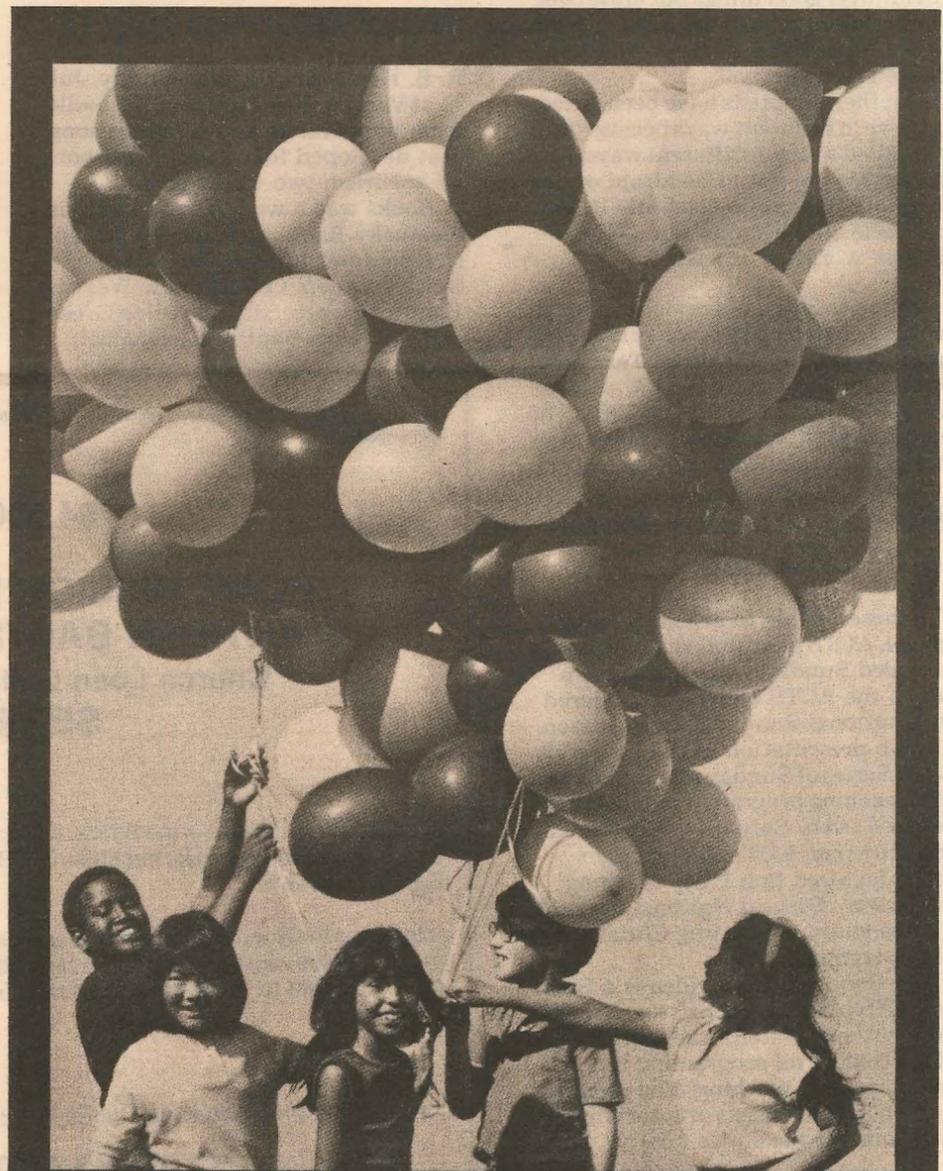
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THE KENTUCKY-KENYA CONNECTION

Bill and Nancy Childress

Smithland couple assist foreign missionaries in Brackenhurst

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

A woman, supporting a baby on her back, gracefully balances a bucket on her head as she passes. A bony donkey, carrying his rider securely with no benefit from reins or bridle, comes by. Not far behind is a station wagon, rattling down the road in a cloud of dust.

Flowers are everywhere. There are poinsettia trees, begonias, geraniums, sultanas, dusty miller. And the omnipresent "shambles" or gardens by the roadside.

The matitu, a heavily loaded public conveyance, stops. A preacher gets off and starts to the church to fulfill his appointment.

Kilimanjaro can be seen in the distance, but the natives don't understand the white top. They have never touched snow.

The mixing of the old and the new, the ugly and the beautiful, and the questioning minds of the natives became familiar to Bill and Nancy Childress, volunteer missionaries, from First Baptist Church, Smithland, Ohio River Association, during the five weeks they spent at Brackenhurst, Kenya.

The couple demonstrated their versatility by assisting associate missionaries Clarence and Natalie Chesnutt

in many ways. Nancy worked in the library, typed for Chesnutt, and taught sewing to the native women. Bill drew up plans for development and management of the land.

At their Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly headquarters, the Childresses mingled with the many conference guests in the dining room. One native pastor, amazed at a dish of Jello, exclaimed, "It shakes!" Nancy explained the mysteries of Jello and ice cream, but the pastor shook his head because his home had no refrigeration.

At the Tigoni church where the Childresses worked Nancy attended WMU meetings. The Kenyan women consider WMU membership a great privilege and meet each week. There is a Kenyan national WMU uniform, a kanga, or straight strip of material with a border. They are worn to meetings which correspond to associational meetings in the states. The national uniforms are multicolored on white. Some local groups have their own uniforms as well. The Tigoni group has solid blue dresses.

Tigoni Baptist Church is overflowing with people. They like to visit outside, then go into the church and sit in reverence as the music starts. The men sit on one side and the women on the other.

Sometimes the children cry at seeing white people and are told the "white spooks" will get them.

Kenyan take a biblical name when they become Christians. The women are called "mama." They are so serious about their religious commitment that they do not use tobacco after becoming Christians.

Even though no hymnbooks are used in some churches, the Tigoni WMU uses them. At the beginning of each printed song, written in Swahili, the key and time signature is indicated. The four parts—bass, tenor, alto and soprano—are "stacked up" from the bottom, not in regular notation, but in syllables (do, re, mi, etc.).

Nancy and Natalie Chesnutt took material and went to the houses of the women and taught them to sew. Some women had treadle sewing machines. Even the modern push button machines in Nairobi stores are treadle because



Kenyan women enjoy a WMU meeting in the home of Clarence and Natalie Chesnutt, Southern Baptist missionaries to Kenya.

there is not much electricity in Kenya.

In one area the missionaries taught sewing by hand as there were no machines available. They supervised the making of many children's Western style clothes.

The Kenyan women are experts at crocheting and knitting, but need to be taught to sew because they can't read the directions. However, they have a strong desire to learn.

The Kentuckians found the Kenyan to be hospitable. They might be invited to tea at either 10 or four, or to someone's home for dinner. One memorable occasion they were served a dinner of dried beans and corn cooked together, with bananas for dessert. The drink was "cho," tea made with hot milk.

The Brackenhurst farm consists of 160 acres. There are goats, chickens, cows, rabbits and pigs. Dairy milking is done by hand.

Bill made plans for the improvement of pasture lands, woodlands and crops, which was mostly vegetable gardens. He drew plans for irrigation and for the planting of 20 acres of eucalyptus trees. The yield from these Australian trees, used for fuel, is about four to five times that of the native trees.

The soil is low in phosphate and the Kenyan farmers have no money for fertilizer. Bill presented a plan to the

Brotherhood whereby each man would put a dollar into a small revolving fund. The farmer would borrow the money from the fund, then use his additional yield to pay the money back. At the time Bill left the Brotherhood was planning to present the plan to the association.

In order to qualify for this program the farmers need to keep records so Bill taught them to make a simple rainfall gauge of coffee cans and two sticks.

"Southern Baptists need to do more in helping to modernize the culture—things like diets, nutrition, production," Childress stressed.

"There is tremendous potential for another tragedy like Ethiopia if the rains don't come," he added. "There are no facilities for preservation, producing and transporting, and the population continues to increase."

Nancy noted the need for fabrics for home sewing. The women are highly motivated to do needlework.

Both Nancy and Bill were enthusiastic about Baptist work in Kenya. They were impressed with the dedication of the missionaries.

"Sometimes they have to drive 20 hours to get their children to school or to bring them home," they marveled.

The couple agreed the greatest reward of their trip was learning the people and gaining some understanding of them.

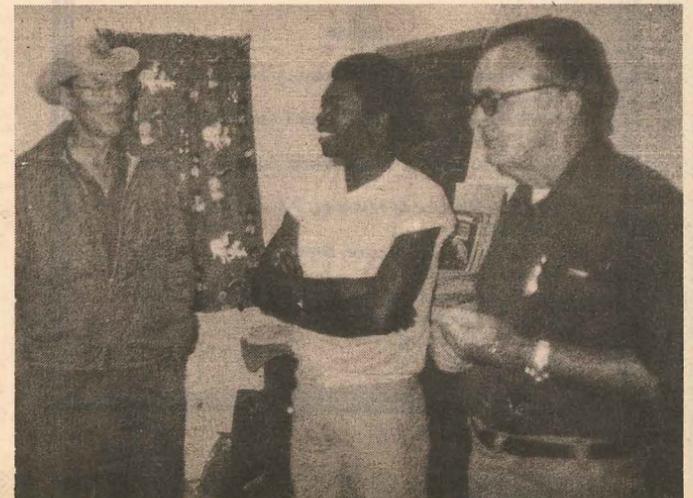


Nancy Childress admires the beautiful handiwork of Rachael in her home.



Brackenhurst congregation walks around the church singing before evening services.

Bill Childress (right) discusses agricultural program with farm superintendent and Clarence Chesnutt. Childress helps the native farmers increase their yield through irrigation, fertilizer, equipment and better land management.



baptist forum

Illinois church seeking staff member

First Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill., is seeking to fill a newly established position. The position is director of religious education and will combine the responsibilities of minister of religious education and child care director. Our child care center ministers to approximately 100 preschool and kindergarten age youngsters with a staff of 20.

We are soliciting names of interested qualified candidates. Candidates should respond to: Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 301 S. Grand Ave., W., Springfield, IL 62704.

Thank you for whatever help you can give us and may God bless you in your work:

H. Max Louderman
Search Committee Chairman
Springfield, Ill.

Set a good example for children

The death of a church begins long before the doors are permanently closed. The people stop going to prayer meeting and Sunday night worship. Finally the Sunday school and morning worship crowd dwindles to a few and the doors are closed, never to open again.

Children who see their parents staying away from prayer meeting and Sunday night worship will think

church services are not very important. When they become adults they are likely to stay away from church altogether, thus causing thousands of churches to close their doors.

Why do so many Christians watch television, go fishing, sleep in, play golf or do other things when they should be in church?

The answer is lack of commitment to Christ and lack of commitment to the church.

There should be no feeling that going to church is a burden and Christians should not offer lame excuses. All Christians should find joy and happiness in attending the services. All should say with the psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Go gladly Christians, set a good example for the children and help keep the churches open for generations to come.

William R. Hagan
Taylorsville

Baptists are shallow in scholarship

After reaching middle age in the Church of Christ about seven years ago, I became a member of Erlanger Baptist Church. So please accept the following as constructive criticism from an outsider.

First, the Apostle Paul paid his own way because it supported the credibility of his personal witness. The unscriptural term "laity" was not in his

vocabulary. He used "coworkers." Paul did not adorn himself with the status "reverend." To varying degrees today's clergy appear to be the antithesis of Paul's example.

Secondly, it is my observation that biblical scholarship among Baptist church members is alarmingly shallow. They are not quite sure what to believe or why and appear to thrive on random religious excitement with only little intellect or Spirit. Now these premises merge to indicate ignorance led by arrogance. Hard words, but most likely true.

History is generally the basis for prediction. So the SBC intertribal warfare will not end until the stronger side takes reprisal on the weaker side. The stronger side's mentality is such that they must reassure themselves. Their next step must be inquisitorial purges against institutions, congregations and individuals.

Erlanger Baptist Church has already experienced two instances where "Jesuits" visited from who knows where to tape record the pastor's sermon. This is disgraceful, shameful and evil.

Almost without exception church history has played this scenario over and over. Moreover it is almost always true the differences causing schism are usually trivial and reconcilable. It is a shame we must be so stupid, so selfish and so ungodly.

Denney Foster
Elsmere

SBC owes thanks to Alan Sears

As Southern Baptists we owe thanks for someone like Alan Sears being chairman of the SBC resolutions committee. The Justice Department tapped Sears early last year to run the staff for the pornography commission.

The results of that commission's fact-finding are in. They are in the hands of Attorney General Edwin Meese to be released immediately. The smut peddlers, liberals and every other outfit against decency will be after Sears and the commission in full force.

Write your politicians, boycott the stores selling pornography and let your opinion be heard that we Christians are for decency and will settle for nothing less for our children.

The pornographers and dope pushers are mean and nasty. But God also shows his wrath when his people are being attacked. Pray as you have never prayed before and we can win. God always wins.

This commission needs our support and well deserves it. Put the devil under your foot where he belongs. Now is the time to start. Make your opinion heard; your vote count. Enough is enough.

Thanks Alan for a job well done. I'm glad to be a member of your church, Ninth and O Baptist Church.

Charles D. Givens
Louisville

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• August 11 (Monday)
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Conference Leaders

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 - What Are Southern Baptists Doing About Hunger and What Can My Church Do About It?
 - How to Use the WMU and Brotherhood in Meeting Human Needs
 - How to Begin a Clothes Closet and Food Pantry
 - What Is Christian Social Ministries in a Local Church?
- 8:10 Break
- 8:15 Select Another Conference
- 9:00 Dismiss



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

In her own right

One of the happiest memories of my childhood was when the family gathered around the living room piano to sing gospel songs. Many of those songs were written by B. B. McKinney. I can still hear my dad singing bass on "Glorious Is Thy Name," "Breathe on Me," "Speak to My Heart," "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go," "Have Faith in God" and many other McKinney favorites.

Years later, when I moved to Nashville and joined First Baptist Church, I came to grips with the legacy B. B. McKinney left us. I had been there a brief time when I was introduced to a spry, short, white-haired smiling grandma, Leila McKinney.

When I later learned she was Mrs. B. B. McKinney, memories of those gospel songfests at home returned. She was the widow of the famous composer. He had died seven years earlier, the victim of an auto accident. Enroute to Nashville from Ridgecrest, he fell out of his own car on a rain slick highway and was crushed beneath its wheels.

His delightful widow pursued several interests, all professing her Christian love towards others. Two are typical.

For many many years she was official "greeter" in the nursery suite at First Church. She personally knew the families who brought small children there—including bed babies, creepers, toddlers, two's and three's. I can still see her, hair pulled back in a bun, a brightly colored scarf in one hand (her trademark), seated on a couch radiating love to a couple who had come to that nursery for the first time.

Another major contribution was a writing and telephoning ministry. During the second World War she wrote regularly to hundreds of servicemen and their families. She also began calling people she felt close to on their birthdays to tell them she was praying for them. She routinely telephoned as many as 800 Nashvillians. The Cox family will cherish forever the memories of Mrs. Mac's calls on our five birthdays each year. It was a tradition we sorely missed on leaving.

Yet, this God-fearing little lady continually revered "Mac" and never grew tired of answering questions about him. She often encouraged me to "write something down" about him "before it gets away from us." I felt inept at pursuing a book project. I was elated when Broadman Press asked Bob Hastings to do it. His book, recently published, commemorates Dr. McKinney's 100th birthday this week, July 22.

I never knew B. B. McKinney. But I knew Leila, who died last year at 84. In viewing her untold kindnesses as she touched so many others, I think I probably knew what type of person the man who chose her for his wife really was.

Southwestern Seminary

B. B. McKinney was the music man

by Mark Wingfield

The song B. B. McKinney put in the hearts of Southern Baptists is rooted in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Seminary alumni, faculty and students are leading Southern Baptists to celebrate McKinney's 100th birthday July 22.

McKinney is best known for his influence on congregational singing through the 500 gospel songs he wrote. Among his contributions are "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go," "Glorious Is Thy Name," "Have Faith in God" and "Breathe on Me."

When McKinney walked onto the Southwestern campus in 1915, he became one of the first students in the seminary's new Gospel Music Department. Four years later, without a degree, he was invited to join the faculty.

McKinney taught at Southwestern 12



Leila McKinney

years and later became the first secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department. In that role he brought Southern Baptists' their first unified hymnal, **The Broadman Hymnal**.

I. E. Reynolds, who began the Gospel Music Department, brought McKinney onto the Southwestern faculty.

Reynolds was the uncle of William J. Reynolds, one of McKinney's successors at the Sunday School Board and now associate professor of church music at Southwestern. McKinney was the uncle of James McKinney, now dean of Southwestern's School of Church Music.

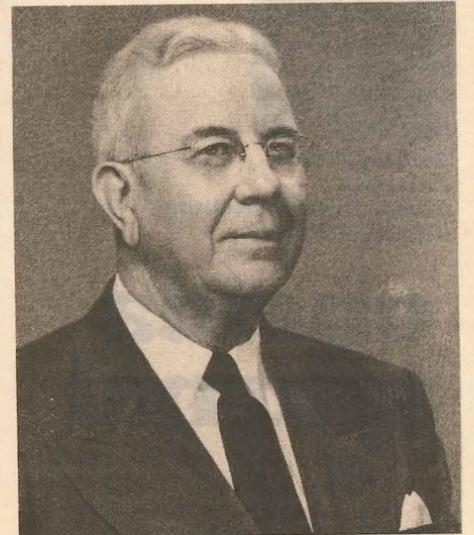
Sixty-one years after Reynolds brought McKinney to Southwestern, James McKinney brought William Reynolds to the seminary.

"So, the full circle has been made," James McKinney said.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of McKinney's birth, a Southwestern alumnus, Robert Hastings has written **Glorious Is Thy Name**, a narrative account of McKinney and his music.

Hastings, editor emeritus of the Illinois Baptist, first met McKinney in 1946 while a student at Southwestern. To research the book, he corresponded with about 100 people who had known McKinney, he said. Many of those people knew McKinney from Southwestern.

James McKinney, William Reynolds and Hastings all agree that McKinney's greatest contribution was in teaching Southern Baptists they have something to sing about. "The congregation was his choir, and he loved to lead people to express their faith and hope through hearty singing," McKinney said.



B. B. McKinney

Because of that influence, Hastings dedicated his book to an anonymous Southwestern student who wrote McKinney the following note four days before Christmas 1923.

"I appreciate your song, 'Carry Your Burden with a Smile.' Sometimes when I come to school having scarcely anything for breakfast, feeling the sidewalk dampness through the thin soles of my wornout shoes, the holes in the toes of my socks doing their utmost to climb out of my shoe tops, we sing, 'Carry Your Burden with a Smile.'

"The spirit of the song may not change my face much, but sure charges my spiritual batteries. It puts the soft pedal on the wolf which often howls at our door...."

"Big John" retires from Camp RABRO

by Beth Warf

Since 1965 when "Big John" first came to Camp RABRO, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, he has provided fun, recreation and learning experiences for approximately 10,000 boys. Big John has served campers for 20 years, but this year the gentle horse will no longer walk the trail that so many boys have enjoyed while riding him. Big John was about five-years-old when he came to RABRO, according to Rob Carr, associate director of the Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention. Now Big John is about 25 years old, too old and sick to carry on his previous duties, and will retire this year.

Big John provided not only recreation for the boys but also learning opportunities. As campers fed, bathed and pet him, they were given practical experience in caring for an animal.

Big John worked eight to nine weeks out of the year, Monday through Thursday, 1-5 p.m. each day. He led a relatively easy life but served his purpose well as he allowed many boys to ride him down the trail.

Although the horse was "one of the tamest" Carr has ever experienced, there is yet "a little bit of mule in

him," for he was often more interested in the clover by the wayside than in continuing down the well-worn trail. Big John was often used as a sort of "test for new counselors." Would they be able to handle Big John? Eddie Iglehart, a counselor at RABRO for 29 years, had the most control over the horse; with his extensive experience he could handle John better than most of the counselors.

Big John provided not only recreation for the boys but also learning opportunities. As campers fed, bathed and pet him, they were given practical

experience in caring for an animal; these activities were especially beneficial for city boys. Although the horse came to Camp RABRO as a gift, he has obviously given much in service to a multitude of campers at RABRO.

Camp RABRO began in 1950 as part of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, located near Bagdad, and serves primarily Royal Ambassadors, a missions organization for boys. The Kentucky Baptist Convention owns this state assembly and associated camps serving many Southern Baptists across the state.



Calvin Fields, associate director of Brotherhood and director of Camp RABRO during the 60s, stands beside "Big John," who gave many rides to campers for more than two decades.



Barkley Moore
President
Oneida Baptist Institute
Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

The true picture

"The true picture of Oneida Baptist Institute is in the faces of your students." So wrote a businessman after his first visit to our school. He further wrote: "I knew when I pulled into your beautiful campus this was no ordinary school. The first young man I spoke to smiled and gave me directions to your office. He also advised me where I could park. This wasn't all. He spoke and smiled again as I walked in. He was doing some landscape work in front of the administration building. I had forgotten that courtesy and friendliness are still in existence, much less on a school campus.

"Right when I was worried about the educational future of our young people, a visit to your campus let me know, and confirmed my belief, that when you put 'God First,' all things are possible."

A few weeks ago, a large group of senior citizens came from Parkwood Baptist Church in Louisville. They spent two nights with us. They wrote later: "Such a wonderful visit. Most of our people did not know anything about Oneida. We learned much in the short time we were there. We were blessed by your talks, the tour and the chapel service. The love of the people there and the work being accomplished made each of us more aware of God's blessings."

Our academic team won the district

high school championship this year, defeating larger schools than our own, and our middle school team was runner-up in their district competition.

Our high school appeared on TV for the first time during the academic season. I have just come across a letter received shortly after then. "We give to your school because we are 100 percent behind you. Your kids did great on the 'In The Know' program. For the first time it was amazing. We have watched that program since it started. No team has ever done better than Oneida the first time. They were such nice kids. We love them so much." This from a couple in their mid-70s.

Our choir stirred emotions wherever they sang this past year. In the past two years they have traveled over 8000 miles in concert. The following is a sampling of letters received after their performances. "It was my great privilege to be in Central Baptist, Winchester, to observe and enjoy your choir. The performance was superb, showing intensive training and love for Christ making all who know the school proud.

"The concert portrayed great talent of individual members as well as the charming total effect. The performance lifts the audience, carrying individuals into an emotional state, totally absorbed, giving everyone a mystical experience in which the Spirit is exalted to a knowledge of the divine. We challenge you to always strive for such excellence and quality."

From Vine Grove came this word: "Thank you for bringing your lovely choir to Louisville." And this: "When I read where the Oneida choir was to sing at the WMU Convention I could not wait to hear and see them. They did themselves proud. They were super. I was overjoyed. I am 86 years old and it thrills my heart to see young people carrying the torch for the Lord."

This came from Somerset: "Unable to go to church, I heard your choir on TV. What a difference Oneida is making in young lives!"

A father writes: "Enclosed are the tuition check and a donation. I am still very impressed with your school and the way of life it teaches. Our daughter seems to be doing quite well. She likes her roommates and has apparently adapted quite well to her environment. Thank you for having the right kind of school for my child."

Another father: "I really appreciate your efforts with my son. Although he was only there a month his attitude and behavior is much improved. Oneida was very good for him. We will contribute along."



H. C. Chiles
Clear Creek Baptist School,
Pineville, KY 40977

sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JULY 27, 1986

Life and Work Series

Natural resources

Genesis 1:28-31 After making man in his own image, God gave him instructions concerning how life was to be sustained. He was to be the agent through which God would continue to populate this earth. Man was to exercise dominion over all that God had made. God rightly expected man to reach the highest level of spiritual maturity, moral excellence and devoted service. **Psalm 24:1** The great Psalm begins with the important declaration that God is the creator and owner of the universe and its inhabitants. Since God created, sustained, cared for and redeemed us, our wills should be subject to his perfect will, and our lives should be at his disposal. He deserves our respect, honor, adoration, love, worship and service.

Psalm 95:3-5 In thinking about what God had done for him and the people of his nation, the heart of the psalmist was filled with joyous gratitude. Praise from the lips of God's children is always appropriate. Furthermore, it is always appreciated by the Lord. Every Christian should worship him in spirit and in truth both privately and publicly.

Luke 12:42-46, 48b In the east a steward had charge of all transactions pertaining to his master's estate. In each case he had the choice between being faithful and unfaithful. In either event each individual was responsible for the

things that were placed in his care.

Nothing is more certain than the return of our Lord. The servants of Christ are enjoined to be watchful lest they be taken unaware. Those who are instructed in the word of God know they are to work for him faithfully. Since we do not know when he shall appear, let us wait, watch, witness and work until his arrival.

International Series

God's charges against a corrupt society

Many of the splendid citizens of the United States are terribly embarrassed and deeply grieved because of the ties between corrupt politicians, heartless criminals and greedy money makers in various places in our beloved nation. From the writings of the prophet Ezekiel, we learn that he, too, was grieved by the awful conditions which prevailed in Judah during his era. **Ezekiel 22:3-4** It is doubtful if many Jews were very critical about the Holy City, but God enabled Ezekiel to see her true condition. There was widespread violence and great disregard of the tremendous value which God placed on human life.

In these two verses God made two severe charges against the people: first, the shedding of innocent blood, and second, the defiling of the people through the making and worshiping of idols. Their gross idolatry had caused the people of Jerusalem to sacrifice large numbers of their children to idols, and to commit numerous murders in the name of justice.

Ezekiel 22:23-29 Prophets, priests, princes and people had failed God in numerous ways, dishonoring their creator and preserver. Prophets exploited the people in a shameless manner. Priests were charged with ignoring God's law or with profaning it with reckless disregard or disobedience. The princes, or the public officials, sought to increase their wealth by every devisable method. From time to time they ruthlessly slew various citizens for their own financial profit.

Ezekiel 22:30-31 God had Ezekiel to reveal to his readers that he was searching for a capable, worthy and godly man to stand in the gap and turn the tide. Likewise, in our day God is looking for men to stand in the gap of home, church and country, whom he can use to rebuild our doctrinal bulwarks, spiritual defenses and moral standards which have been breached so seriously.



William W. (Bill) Marshall
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC
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on mission together

Did you know?

- That during the KBC's Youth Evangelism Conference June 27-28, Evangelism Department staff ran out of registration cards because the "usual" gathering of about 1500 swelled the chapel at Southern Seminary beyond its capacity. Between 2700 and 3000 youth attended the largest such conference in memory! More than 500 youth made personal commitments to abstain from drugs and alcohol. Two hundred and forty Kentucky Baptist churches were represented.

- That over 3531 professions of faith have already been reported from 59 of our 79 associations during the Good News America Revivals.

- That 34 Kentucky Baptist churches who reported no baptisms last year, experienced professions of faith during Good News revivals.

- That on June 29 at Ridgecrest, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Elmore Jr. of Kentucky were appointed by our Foreign Mission Board. They are the first black, foreign missionary couple related to our state convention and the General Association. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Elmore Sr., pastor of Louisville's Oakland Baptist Church.

- That according to a July 14 phone call from Kenya 4240 professions of faith (those actually counselled) were made in the Mombasa area by a Kentucky team of 24 from Princeton, Hopkinsville, Cadiz, Louisville and Bardstown. An additional 1500-plus made unregistered decisions.

- That in the first two weeks in Kenya our Kentucky BSU team of six students had conducted 30 different services, appeared before more than 8500 Kenyans, and saw more than 500 professions of faith. They have performed in slums, resorts, from pickup trucks, on ferry boats, and toll booths and beaches as well as in schools and churches.

- That from Sept. 1, 1985-July 15, 1986, 15 church starts have begun, including six language ministries. In addition, seven prospective missions are under consideration, making this already the "fastest growing" period in years, and giving early affirmation to the exciting "Mission Kentucky 1985-1990" project recently initiated by Kentucky Baptists.

- That at least 600 Kentucky Baptist volunteers will be needed in 1987 to participate in the major evangelistic effort of our partnership. Because of favorable conditions the cost of the journey has been reduced from \$2000 to \$1850.

- That July's Cooperative Program receipts from the churches has begun with the highest "Friday after the first Sunday" ever. In fact, the \$1,006,000 for that week exceeds the total of the entire previous month! And did we need it!

- That such a note is a good one with which to close this column.

Ridgecrest Conference Center

Pay price to reach world, missionaries urge

by Mary Jane Welch

Southern Baptists can help change the world—if they're willing to pay the price.

That was the message speakers hammered home at the annual Foreign Missions Week, held June 24-30 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Young Baptist leaders from Uganda and Venezuela stressed the urgency of reaching their countries with the gospel while people are still open to it.

Uganda is emerging from years of turmoil and bloodshed lasting through a string of governments. But the nation has seen promising changes recently, said Dan Mudido, a Ugandan university teacher and student worker now studying at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. "My conviction is that God is saying to us in Uganda that here is one more opportunity, and as you Americans would say, 'Don't blow it,'" Mudido noted.

"It's the ethics of a country that determines its destiny," he said, adding if Baptists are to have a lasting impact on Uganda, they must do more

than win people to Christ, baptize them and get them into church.

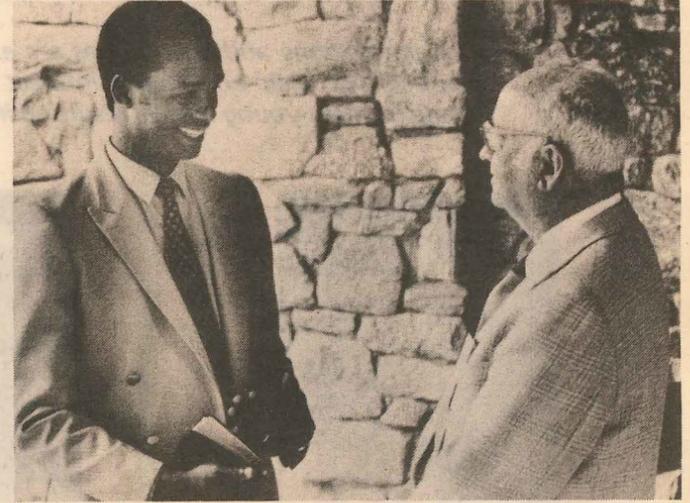
"What I'm talking about, ladies and gentlemen, is discipleship.... I mean working on people until they come to a point where their will is to do the will of the father, where their values are kingdom-based, where their ethics flow from a kingdom pattern. Until we get our people there, we don't have them," he said.

Ludwig Villamizar, a Venezuelan pastor and seminary professor also studying at Southern Seminary, stressed similar themes. He outlined his dream of Christ becoming the center of life in Venezuela, of his country becoming known as a country which exports spirituality.

He told what discipleship training already has done for Venezuelan Baptists, who have found that seven of every 10 Venezuelans confronted with the gospel respond positively.

Villamizar urged Southern Baptist missionaries to learn as much as possible about liberation theology, which particularly is strong in Latin America, in order to have a valid answer to it. Calling liberation theology "the most important theological

Dan Mudido, A Ugandan Baptist who spoke during Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, talks with Stockwell B. Sears, a retired Southern Baptist missionary. Mudido told conference participants that only the gospel can heal the rifts which have torn his country recently.



movement in the world today," he said this theology seeks to reconcile Marxism and Christianity and find answers in humans when the only real answers come from God.

R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board president, challenged conference participants to commit themselves to prayer, the "one essential ingredient in reaching the world for Christ." God has called Southern Baptists to be used to reach the world for Jesus, but "we won't do it without paying the price of daily intercession," said Parks, calling for hundreds to become "centers of intercession" in their home churches.

If Southern Baptists are too lazy or indifferent about the world to pray for it, "God won't use us in bringing it to him," he said. "Our materialism stands between us and winning the world to Christ. Pennies go to winning the world while we shower dollars on our desires. Why is it we think our own personal comfort is more important than winning the lost world?"

Missionary speakers at Ridgecrest stressed the call for more missionaries to go out. Noting his mission call had been confirmed for him in a similar service at Ridgecrest five years earlier, Bob Ford, missionary to Scotland,

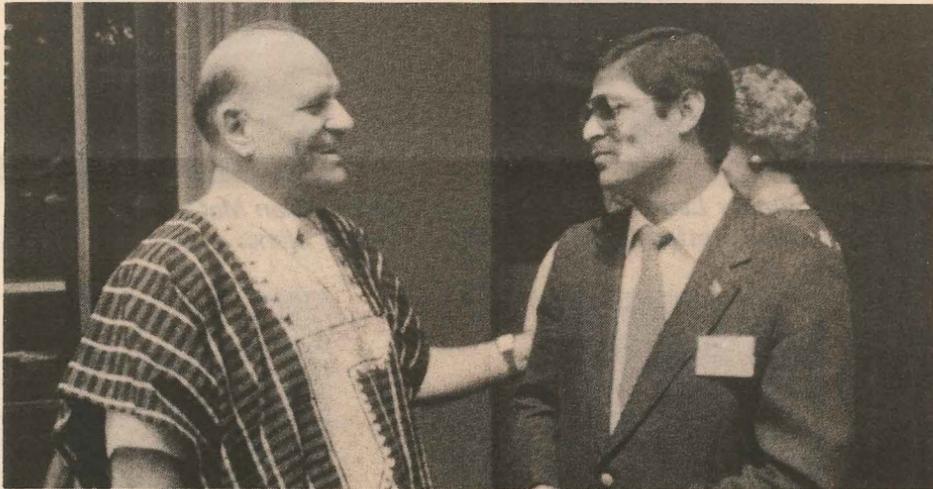
affirmed God has a purpose for people's lives.

"There's nothing better you can do with your life than to help someone's eyes open so that they might see Jesus," he said. "Unless there is a spiritual awakening in Europe, Christianity faces extinction there."

Sixty-seven men and women who had responded earlier to the missions call were appointed missionaries in a Sunday morning service. The service featured the testimonies of eight, including a black preacher from a family with four generations of preachers going back to the days of slavery.

"Going through this whole process I've been struck and amazed by God's design in it all," said Alvin Elmore of Louisville, "that I, a descendant of slaves, coming through a convention that formed originally because of the issue of slavery, am now being used hopefully by this convention to return to Africa with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

During the week-long conference, 89 of the 2229 participants made public decisions about their Christian lives. Some, including a number of young couples already qualified for appointment, made public decisions to pursue missionary appointment.



R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and Ludwig Villamizar, a Venezuelan Baptist attending Southern Seminary, attend an international party during Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest.

Baptists ask to contact Christians in Vietnam

by Marty Croll

Southern Baptists have told Vietnamese officials they would like to help Vietnam produce more food if, among other things, missionaries are allowed to establish contact with Christians there.

The condition was stated during recent talks in Vietnam between Southern Baptist missionary Earl Goatcher and Vietnamese government officials. The officials asked Goatcher if Southern Baptists would help Vietnam increase its food production.

In response, Goatcher asked that missionaries be free to establish contact with Vietnamese Christians and monitor any agricultural projects in which Southern Baptists might become involved.

Goatcher, a missionary assigned to Thailand, spent several days talking with officials scattered from Hanoi, the capital city, to Hue, capital of Bien Tri Thien Province. He asked them to submit specific project proposals to the Foreign Mission Board.

The talks came while Goatcher was

in Vietnam helping distribute \$380,000 in emergency rice and medicine provided from world hunger contributions of Southern Baptists. Vietnamese government officials requested the assistance. Monsoon storms in the South China Sea and licensing procedures helped cause a six-month delay in the arrival of the aid.

Goatcher said he was received cordially by officials in Hanoi. After three days of discussion, he flew with senior officials to Da Nang before driving to Hue, about 50 miles away.

There he monitored the emergency relief distribution and visited local officials, who encouraged Southern Baptists to begin long-term relief and development projects in the area. During the 400-mile road trip back to Hanoi, he stopped and talked with other Vietnamese officials. In Hanoi, the seat of government, more requests came for Southern Baptist help, he said.

"With Vietnam not being self-sufficient in food, and not having foreign exchange with which to purchase what it needs, requests relate almost

totally to agricultural projects," said Goatcher.

Much of the coastal strip between Hanoi and Hue was devastated last year when three major typhoons swept ashore in rapid succession. The typhoons destroyed crops, food stocks, buildings and entire villages. Thousands of people were left without food and health care.

Goatcher monitored the aid distribution for more than two days, visiting remote areas where sacks clearly marked "Rice Donated by Baptist Christians in USA" were being given

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out. "I sensed their desire to document in detail all that had been done, and to demonstrate to my satisfaction that everything was in order," he said.

Goatcher traveled with senior officials to hospitals and village clinics where medicine from Southern Baptists, also clearly marked, was being used. "I came away convinced that the aid went where it was intended to go, that it was desperately needed, that it was appreciated and that it would not be hauled away later for other uses," he said.

Goatcher does not anticipate Southern Baptist missionaries returning to live in Vietnam in the immediate future, as they did in South Vietnam from 1959 until 1975. But he said the opportunity to contact Christians in Vietnam could show them the world is aware of their plight and people are praying for them as they stand in the face of suffering.

"Life is difficult in Vietnam, especially for Christians, and there is a great need for them to have a sense of being a part of the wider fellowship of Christians in other parts of the world," he said.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF '86

Sixteen outstanding young people living at Glen Dale and Spring Meadows received their high school diplomas recently. All together these youth represent over sixty years of Baptist Homes' care and investment in their lives. Nine of this year's graduates plan to further their education at Georgetown, Campbellsville, Cumberland, the University of Louisville and Morehead State while others will attend vocational school, join the military service or enter the work force.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to each graduate while a special word of sincere thanks is offered to Kentucky Baptists for their continuing interest in and support of Baptist Homes for Children. We are confident that the investment made in these young lives is resulting in rich dividends for both now and throughout eternity.



Name: Diane Barham
Future plans: work



Name: Kristin Birdwell
Future plans: go to beauty school



Name: Michelle Braden
Future plans: attend Campbellsville College



Name: Eric Craig
Future plans: attend the University of Louisville



Name: Chris DePas
Future plans: attend Campbellsville College



Name: Tim Isaacs
Future plans: attend Campbellsville College



Name: Jimmy Land
Future plans: attend Campbellsville College



Name: Sean McCulloch
Future plans: work



Name: Ronnie Mayberry
Future plans: go to trade school



Name: Darren Patton
Future plans: attend Cumberland College



Name: Glenn Sims
Future plans: military service



Name: Tony Smith
Future plans: work



Name: Tracy Thompson
Future plans: go to cosmetology school



Name: Kimberly Wasson
Future plans: attend Morehead State



Name: Bridgett Webb
Future plans: Attend Georgetown College



Name: Gary Zuniga
Future plans: attend Georgetown College



Congratulations is also extended to Jodi Carlin, daughter of Glen Dale director Buckley Carlin and his wife, Sue. Jodi is a 1986 graduate of East Hardin High School in Glendale, Kentucky.