



Kentuckians stir revival fires in Kenya

by Jack Sanford, *Editor*

Revival fires are burning in Mombasa, Kenya, thanks to the evangelistic efforts of a group of Kentucky Baptists.

Twenty-four Kentuckians from Caldwell-Lyon Association, Little River Association, Christian County Association, a couple from Henderson, a couple from Bardstown and a man from Louisville were used in a mighty way by the Spirit of God to stir fires of revival in Kenya.

During the first two weeks of July the men and women began a venture which proved more significant than any of them had ever dreamed possible. One member of the group, Harold Skaggs, pastor of Cadiz Baptist Church, told Western Recorder they were in a work "not of our doing. We were used beyond self...it was a work of the Spirit. It was like a modern day pentecost...."

In door to door visitation, marketplace preaching and witnessing anywhere a crowd could be gathered, the Kentuckians gave testimony of the saving power of Christ and gave away more than 40,000 pieces of Christian literature. The daily schedule included a group meeting at 7 a.m. for breakfast, prayers and assignments. The day ended with a sharing time about 10 p.m.

The evangelistic effort saw more than 6000 decisions. Of that number more than 5000 are now receiving training in Christian growth through correspondence made available by the Foreign Mission Board and the Kenya Mission. Ralph Bethea, missionary to Kenya, is coordinating the follow-up work.

Don Short, evangelist from Kuttawa, stated, "We have an open door that may some day be closed. By the grace of God we as Kentucky Baptists must go through."

Before the Kentuckians arrived the 12 local churches had hoped the witnessing effort would produce at least a 100 percent increase in local Baptist church membership. A goal of 300 decisions was the object of prayer by the local Baptist church members.

The end result was beyond the wildest dream of even the most optimistic Kenyan.

Skaggs said the Kentucky group was "amazed at the warmth of the Kenyans. They were begging for Bibles. I had heard these stories about people hungry for the gospel," Skaggs declared, "but until I actually saw it I was skeptical. Now I am a convinced Thomas."

As a result of the work of this group from Kentucky, the requests for help in Kenya are expected to increase beyond what has been planned for the coming year. More than 70 Kenyans have expressed a sense of God's call to preach since the group left and have demanded instructions from missionary Bethea, according to Harold Greenfield, director of missions for Caldwell-Lyon Association. Greenfield also said 140 people have been saved since the group left and the entire area is "buzzing with excitement" for the message of the gospel.

The Direct Missions Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, is responsible for recruiting and organizing the people, mostly lay men and women, who participate in the Kentucky-Kenya link-up. Bob Jones, director of the department, Bill Jagers, department associate, and Allen West, Kenya coordinator, are trying to fill more than 700 requests for help which they expect will come

from Kenya for the next year.

Members of the group included: George Major, John Mitchell, Harold Skaggs, Perry Noel, Larry Kemp from Cadiz; Ronald Wernstein, Ronald Hooks, Tony McCall, B. J. Williams, Aubrey Morris, John Whitfield from Princeton; Gene Croft and Lonnie Wells from Hopkinsville; Kenneth

and Betty Elliott from Henderson; Jeffrey and Melva Clark from Cox's Creek.

Also in the group were R. Wayne Aldridge and Bobby Travis from Eddyville; Tom Mason and Van Yandell from Fredonia; Bruce Stewart, Dawson Springs; Don Short, Kuttawa; and Keith Winfree, Louisville.

Peace Committee to explore SBC problems with agencies

by Dan Martin

The SBC Peace Committee began its second year of deliberations by planning two meetings, one with seminary presidents and the other with leaders of all 20 national agencies of the convention.

The committee, according to chairman Charles Fuller, began its new year by "looking forward" to presenting recommendations about how to solve the seven-year controversy "rather than backward to the history of the controversy itself."

Fuller said, "In my mind the most significant thing that occurred was the disposition and mood of committee members to move off rehashing and discussing old issues that was so often repeated last year. The disposi-

tion was to get on with decision making."

The 22-member group approved a plan to meet with agency and seminary leaders to seek input for the institutions on possible solutions to the controversy. Five members of the committee will meet in mid-September with the presidents of the six SBC seminaries.

Members scheduled to meet with seminary leaders include chairman Fuller; vice chairman Charles Pickering, an attorney from Laurel, Miss.; Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; Harmon Born, an Atlanta automobile dealer, and William Crews, pastor of Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, Riverside, Calif.

The full Peace Committee will meet in mid-October with leaders of all 20 national SBC agencies at a prayer retreat in Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Fuller told Baptist Press the committee has voted to present a preliminary report of the findings and recommendations at the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee and to have the report released for publication in the Book of Reports and for general distribution to Southern Baptists in early March.

"We will make a preliminary report at the February meeting and then with that input, will complete the final report by the first of March so that the convention at large will have time to reflect on it and what it means. We want messengers to come to the convention informed and ready to act on it," Fuller said.

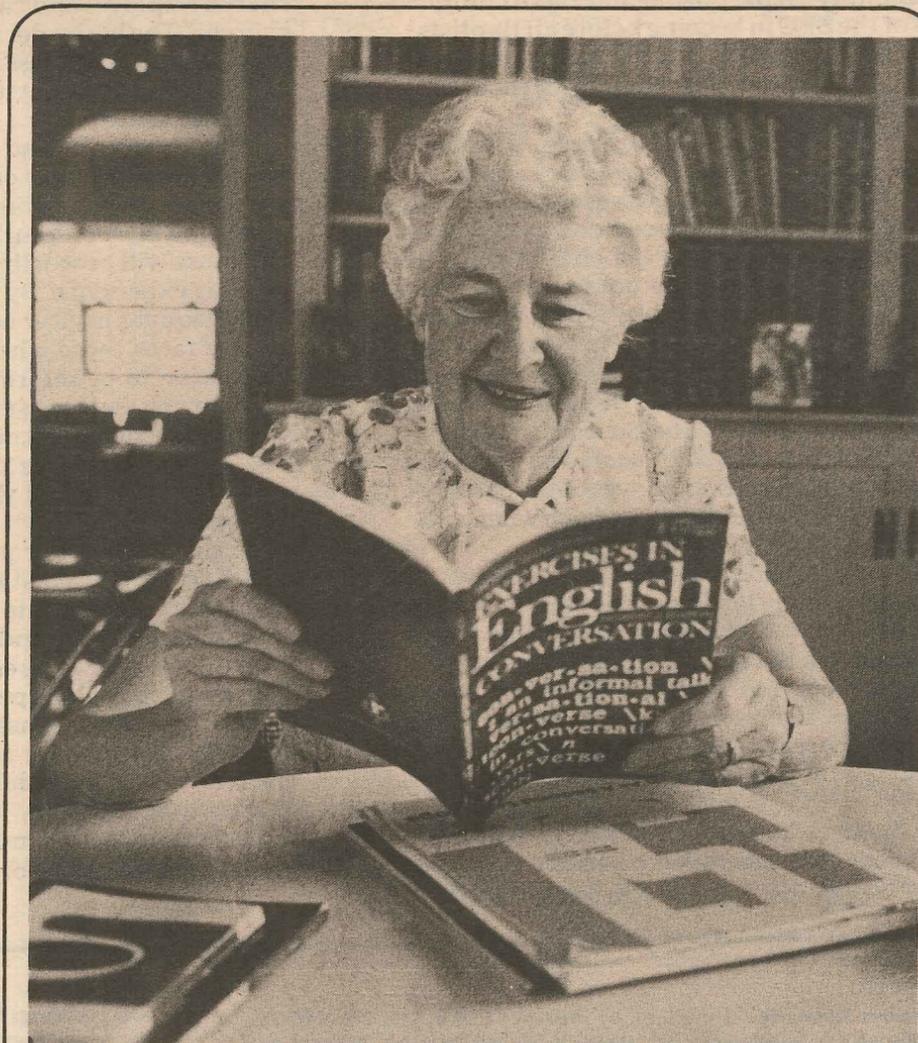
"We want messengers to know what the report says rather than what somebody else says it says," he continued.

Fuller stated he believes the committee will make a report of "substance" at the St. Louis meeting, but warned it "may not be as encompassing as some people may have thought it would be when we were first conceived."

He said the basic focus will be the "theological parameters under which we have fellowship and can work together to do missions and evangelism. Those basically deal with the Baptist Faith and Message statement, its interpretation and what that means to our agencies."

He had said previously the question which must be addressed is how broad the theological diversity can be without deteriorating fellowship and ability to work together as a denomination.

All members of the committee were present except Charles Stanley because of an illness in his family.



Eloise Glass Cauthen looks over some of the materials she's been studying in preparation for an English teaching assignment in China. Mrs. Cauthen, the widow of longtime Foreign Mission Board leader Baker James Cauthen, will teach for one year beginning in September at Yantai University. The university is located in the very city where Mrs. Cauthen, now 76, spent her early years as a schoolgirl. She was born in 1909 in nearby Hwanghsien to missionaries Wiley and Eunice Glass. At the time, Lottie Moon was still alive and working only 20 miles away.

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Jack D. Sanford

Making the associational circuit

Fried chicken, country ham, green beans, tomatoes fresh from the garden, corn on the cob, hot biscuits and luscious cream pie. Umm, that's really living the good life.

And that is what is happening all over Kentucky now and will continue until the last week in October. It is the annual associational meeting of Kentucky Baptists whose chief delight, next to preaching the gospel is "dinner on the grounds" with all the brothers and sisters.

Put all that good food together with spirited singing, often from shaped-note song books, stirring gospel preaching on great doctrines of the faith and a few good jokes under the trees or on the parking lot during dinner time and you have the formula for a good old-fashioned Baptist associational meeting. That is where this editor has been the last few days and will continue to be until the last meeting comes at West Union Association late in October.

Two things stand out in my mind about the meetings I have attended thus far. First, the reports reveal baptisms are up from the previous five years. This is good news and surely must be part of the legacy of the simultaneous Good News revivals which claimed so much of our energy earlier this year. Whenever Baptists work

together God always sends an increase in his harvest.

I will be in meetings from Elkhorn City in the southeastern corner of our state to Paducah in the far western corner and I expect the reports will all show a good increase in the number of baptisms reported by the churches.

Second, the spirit of fellowship and goodwill among Kentucky Baptists is superior. I have seen brethren laugh together, cry for joy together and embrace each other in the public meetings. The sense of brotherhood, love, respect and common purpose so vital to a victorious people is there and is a welcome respite from the often angry meetings we have known in the larger denominational gatherings on other occasions.

When Baptists attend to the first priority of winning lost people to Jesus Christ and baptizing them into the fellowship of the local church, and when Baptists attend to the second priority of loving one another as brothers and sisters in Christ then you can expect nothing but progress for the churches. May the Lord continue to bless us as we take care of the two priorities which are so essential to godliness and spiritual power...evangelism and brotherly love.

Annuity conferences are essential

Between now and January 1, 1988 Western Recorder will join other Baptist state papers, state Annuity Departments and the Annuity Board of the SBC in keeping before all Baptists the expanded annuity program available to all employees of Baptist churches, agencies and institutions.

The information we will present is critical for the well being of all who serve the Lord in church-related vocations. However, many of our fellow workers are poorly covered by any kind of insurance or retirement benefits because too many of our churches have not known the desperate situation some ministers face in old age.

Last week Bill Marshall, in his column "On Mission Together," reminded us that "only 1080—not even half—of our (Kentucky Baptist) churches participate in the Southern Baptist annuity program...." That means less than half the ministers and other employees of the churches have any hope of an adequate income when and if they reach retirement age.

This is a poor situation which must have attention by the lay leaders of the churches. The Kentucky Baptist Convention has already voted to participate in the expanded annuity program and has agreed to provide the necessary dollars for its part in the program. Now it is up to the individual churches to step forward and declare they will provide for their employees as best they can.

Don Spencer, director of the KBC Annuity Department, has scheduled a series of informational meetings across Kentucky beginning Aug.

13 in Paducah and concluding Aug. 20 in Winchester. These meetings are for pastors, full time church employees and "a key lay leader from each church." The lay leader is the important person in this group, for unless lay people see the need and know how to meet it, the rest of us are just crying in the wind.

If you cannot attend all the meetings scheduled every year on a variety of subjects, please make one of these Annuity Department meetings a must on your schedule. The fruits in the future will be worth whatever inconvenience you may experience. By the same token the pain of inadequate insurance coverage or retirement income faces those who do not have time nor inclination to be informed and act.

Too many faithful servants of God are living on crumbs when they could at least be comfortable in their last days if the people they have served in the name of the Lord had been better providers.

I believe when our people know what is available for church staff and what the consequences are of neglect to provide, then they will act with compassion and do what is right for the people they love and respect.

So it is essential the people who pay the bills be informed about what is needed to assure comfortable living for retired church employees. The conferences scheduled across our state will provide that necessary information. From then on it is up to each church to decide what God would have them do for their own people.

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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3

Salvation for all

Hancock and company will promote 'marketable subject'

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Greg Hancock assumed duties as director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Communications Division Jan. 1, only seven months ago, but his ambition already is to create a division destined to lead.

"I don't want our Communications Division to follow paths, but set standards," he asserts. "It should be a point to which other states look to establish their communications programs.

"Right now, these points are Georgia, North Carolina and Texas," Hancock admits. "We've not blazed any new trails yet; we're primarily developing channels within the secular media and discovering the needs of Kentucky Baptist churches and associations."

When Hancock came on board the KBC staff, he was given a blank slate. Although the Communications Division has existed on paper since 1984 when the executive board gave the nod, in reality the division was little more than four walls and desks.

Hancock's initial step in organizing the division was to build an administrative structure. "It would have been a big mistake to come in here and start doing without a plan or longterm objectives," the Southern Seminary graduate states. "So, I have spent a great deal of time evaluating the needs of Kentucky Baptists and determining what seems to be a good structure to meet those needs."

According to Hancock, a former pastor who has held journalism positions with Western Recorder and Kentucky Baptists Homes for Children, the solution lies in a Communications Division growing from three major areas: news, public relations and media.

The news format is intended to differ from the focus of Western Recorder, Kentucky Baptists' news-journal. The purpose of the Communications Division's News Department is two-fold: to channel internal news between KBC departments and associations, and to channel information to the secular news markets about Kentucky Baptist work.

Hancock believes the secular news market is a vital target audience because there are 750,000 Baptists in



Greg Hancock (standing), director of the KBC's new Communications Division, Mark Snowden and Lonnie McNorrill preview the latest Kentucky Edition by the Media Department.

Kentucky and only 50,000 subscribe to Western Recorder.

"If we can generate quality news briefs for secular papers we stand a greater chance of keeping all Kentucky Baptists informed as well as increasing the general public's awareness of what Southern Baptists are really about," Hancock claims.

"A second reason we will create a News Department is to expand Western Recorder's scope of operations," he continues. "Western Recorder is an independent entity, dependent on advertising and subscriptions more so than KBC funds.

"Because of financial and staff limitations, it is not always able to cover as much as it would like. We will assist with material from offices in the convention, freeing Western Recorder to go more often to the churches and associations," he stresses.

On the drawing board a future Public Relations Department is philosophically defined as research oriented with the purpose of listening to churches and associations to know their needs. Its objective, according to Hancock, is to help the other KBC departments prepare materials and reports that are relevant to the local church by fostering better communications between Kentucky Baptists and the executive board.

"Up to now we at the KBC have tended to develop programs because

they looked good on paper at an administrative level," he explains. "We rarely get firsthand feedback of what really works on the field.

"This is the key factor of our new division: Communication is not just 'putting out the word,' it's a process of both telling and listening."

Media was the only department already in existence when the new Communications Division was formed. The KBC Media Department was created in November 1983 under the leadership of Mark Snowden, who left an audiovisual position at the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

Hancock is excited about the future of television media and the work Mark Snowden and his associate, Lonnie McNorrill, are doing.

"The simultaneous Good News revivals were the first time the Southern Baptist Convention seriously made use of media. Perhaps this is the reason it was so successful," he claims. "We are beginning to see the validity of spending dollars to promote our programs by radio and television."

According to Hancock, what Southern Baptists have is one of the most marketable subjects: "salvation for all." He explains, "Media provides the opportunity for all to hear the gospel. Why should we not use the best means of our day to let others know about Christ?"

The KBC has been at the forefront of media and video production during the last few years among the other 37 state conventions.

"What Mark Snowden produces with extremely limited equipment and staff is amazing. Most people don't realize this work is done by just two guys who pack their equipment in the back of a car and they're off to a shooting. Yet, their creativity and the quality of the productions surpasses that of 15 people," he asserts.

"I predict we will see a day when all our Kentucky Baptist churches will have video equipment and will use news video cassettes, like 'SBC: Kentucky Edition,' produced by the Media Department, to enhance their worship and Church Training programs."

In establishing the other departments in communications, Hancock was cautious. Although there were slots available for full time personnel, he did not feel it would be wise to hop right in and set positions in concrete. Instead, he chose to implement it with

interns.

Conceptually, the division is organized into three departments. In practice, it is only one at the moment. Three Southern Seminary student interns function in each of these major communication areas.

Beth Warf, whose father is pastor of Richmond's First Baptist Church and a former KBC president, is a Georgetown College graduate and handles news releases to the secular press.

Cathrine Edwards, a Carson-Newman College graduate, is a feature editor.

Denise Hawkins, whose background is in public broadcasting and telemarketing strategies with Louisville TV stations, is in charge of public relations.

"For now, we are receiving excellent service from interns," says Hancock. "This program provides an avenue for these students to translate seminary training into gaining career experience while doing denominational work."

Among the projects intended for this crew are producing several annual publications: the associational Book of Reports, the Kentucky Baptist diary, departmental tracts and literature, wall calendars, brochures for special events and camps and information briefs for newspapers.

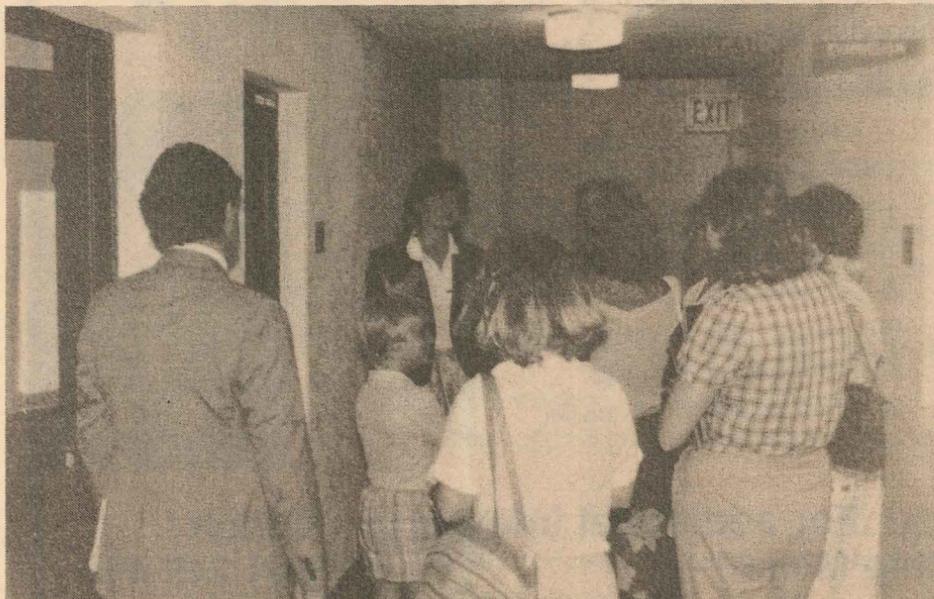
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In the immediate future some of the most noticeable byproducts will be in public relations. There are plans for establishing a KBC newsletter and making better use of bulletin boards and building facilities to increase public awareness by promoting departmental programs.

The Communications Division is already conducting tours of the Baptist Building in Middletown for Woman's Missionary Union, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Ac-teens, Brotherhood and Church Training organizations. The tours will provide an understanding of the denomination on a state level and an opportunity to meet the people who work for them in the KBC.

With projected advances, the division will play an increasingly important role in KBC life. "It's not our purpose to establish policies or programs, but promote those policies or programs and help divisions specifically concerned with ministry do their job more efficiently and effectively.

"The Communications Division is not going to change the world, only help it in being changed by other KBC departments," he concludes.



Denise Hawkins, public relations intern, gives tour of the Kentucky Baptist building, Middletown, to a local church group. She is one of three interns selected to gain career experience in the KBC's new Communications Division.

baptist news in brief

Baptists help launch hay express to South

A Houston Baptist layman and his fellow workers helped extend a lifeline to a drought-stricken family in South Carolina and opened the floodgates of aid to other suffering farmers.

Dairy farmer Tom Trantham appeared on ABC Nightly News and explained he and others in the Southeast were facing bankruptcy because of lack of feed. Trantham and his family are members of Washington Baptist Church, Pelzer, S. C.

Robert Polley, a farmer in Atlanta, Ill., saw Trantham on television and called to offer several hundred bales of hay.

That is when Archie Dunham, executive vice president of Conoco in Houston and his subordinates stepped in. Under coordination by Dunham, a deacon at Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston, and Conoco employees, arrangements were made for two

45-foot vans to move the hay as fast as possible to the Trantham farm.

"I know we are not supposed to question the Lord," said Trantham, "but a couple of weeks ago we were telling another couple that we couldn't understand why the Lord put the drought on us.... Now we understand. It's restored our faith in the American people and the Lord has used this to call attention to the plight of the family farmer." (BP)

Four human needs meets scheduled across state

Kentucky Baptists will offer four Human Needs Awareness Conferences in August: Second Church, Hopkinsville, Aug. 11; Highview, Louisville, Aug. 12; First, Pikeville, Aug. 18; Beacon Hill, Somerset, Aug. 19.

After an opening session at 7 p.m. led by A. Harold Pike, pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Covington, conference leaders will conduct sessions on these topics: "How to Find Local Resources to Meet Human Needs," "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" and "What Is Christian Social Ministries in a Local Church?"

The conferences are coordinated by Douglas T. Strader, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Special Ministries Department. For more information, contact Strader or Jim Clontz, in Middletown. (KBC)

160 million Americans need to hear gospel

With the theme "Good News America," home missionaries and guest speakers spoke to the problem of reaching 160 million non-Christians in America with the gospel during Home Missions Week at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

William Hinson, special assistant to the president at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., spoke to the nightly crowd of 1500 people. "We celebrate Liberty Weekend by singing 'God Bless America,' but we forget that two-thirds of America is lost," he said, noting the problem is one of spiritual attitudes—fear, arrogance, selfishness, apathy.

In another session, C. W. Brister, professor of pastoral ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., addressed the issue of care for the caregivers.

Listing common illusions about religious professionals, Brister

claimed even religious professionals often are unrealistic in self-expectations. People think "ministers must be strong at all costs; ministers are above mistakes; ministers lead 'charmed' lives," he said.

In another session, Brister warned against the caregiver caring too much: "Theologians can ponder the mystery of God, but pastors must do the work of God. However, care must be part of the energy that keeps things going. Inordinate and inappropriate investments of time, energy and money in the objects of one's care may become idolatry." (BP)

Supreme Court asked to halt Vatican ties

Americans United for Separation of Church and State and a broad coalition of Protestant and Catholic religious groups asked the Supreme Court to halt diplomatic ties between the U. S. government and the Vatican.

In a brief filed at the high court, the plaintiffs charged the arrangement violates the Constitution by conferring special privileges on one religious faith and entangling the government in church affairs. They ask the justices to overturn lower federal court decisions denying the groups the right to challenge the diplomatic exchange.

Robert L. Maddox, executive director of Americans United stated, "We strongly believe Americans have a right to take this matter to the bar of justice. The First Amendment forbids establishment of a special relationship with one religious faith. The Supreme Court has a duty to correct the Reagan administration's mistake in exchanging ambassadors with the Vatican."



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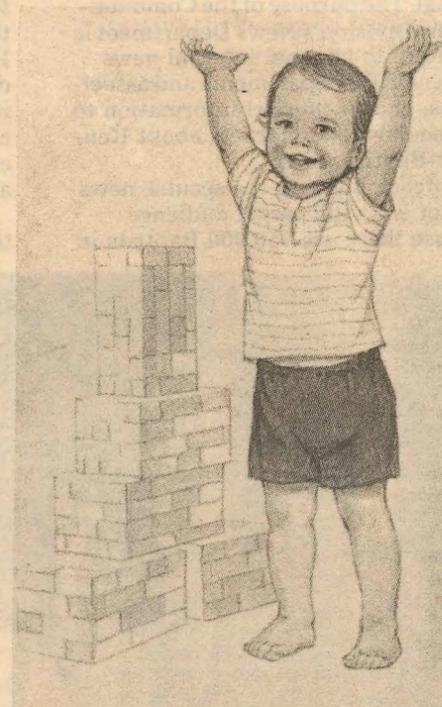
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Shared ministry important for growth

New growth and fellowship likely will be evident in Southern Baptist churches where deacons are partners in shared ministry with the pastor, according to leaders of a National Deacon Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Bruce Grubbs, supervisor of the pastoral section of the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, urged deacons at the conference to be "partners with God, the pastor and all believers and minister-servants."

"Ministry is the work of the whole body of Christ, not an elite group," Grubbs declared. "The distinction among us is for role, not rank. Ministry is the work of the whole body and the responsibility and privilege of each believer."

All believers are ministers, not just the clergy," Grubbs continued. "The greatest church will be one made up of great lay people who support the pastor with prayer and in the work of Christ."

Joe Stacker, director of the Church Administration Department, said, "The New Testament is clear that deacons join with the pastor as servant leaders to enable the church to become a servant church. This does not en-

courage the position of prominence or authority, but one of ministry through a sharing of one's self with Christ." (BP)

'Good News' yields significant harvest

More than 3200 people in Kentucky made professions of faith in Christ as a result of the SBC-sponsored Good News America revivals which took place across the nation during the months of March and April. This figure comes from a preliminary report including data offered by 56 of the 79 Kentucky associations.

Kentucky Baptist Sunday school enrolment has been declining since 1983. An enrolment surge of 2359 during the revivals indicates the trend may be reversing.

Twenty-three associations experienced statistical increases over 1985 while only seven reported no growth. Little Bethel Association, consisting

of 45 churches, saw an enrolment increase of 536 percent.

Not only were people brought to Sunday school and to Christ, but church members, too, responded to the call of God. Statistics from revival services in 979 churches reflect 8766 rededications and 1122 transfers of membership.

In conjunction with the revival services, 89,046 New Testaments or portions of scripture were distributed throughout the associations and extensive visitation resulted in the discovery of 24,722 prospects. (KBC)



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clear creek comment

60th anniversary—welcome home

As you read this, our alumni will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Clear Creek in their annual conference. We are enjoying the experience of renewing acquaintances, hearing all the news and sharing the fellowship.

Clear Creek is home to all who have ever been here. I have heard many definitions of home. Pliny said, "Home is where the heart is," and Spurgeon said, "East and West, Home is best." I like Robert Frost's definition, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in."

I think the thoughts about home that best express our feelings about the Clear Creek family are found in John Payne's classic song:

"Mid pleasures and places though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble,
there's no place like home;
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there,
Which sought through the world is ne'er met with elsewhere."

It is certainly true that there is no place on earth like Clear Creek. Our alumni are scattered literally all over the earth. Almost 400 of them serve in Kentucky. Others serve in 43 different states and several foreign countries.

When our alumni return to visit us, it is a joyous reunion. As one rounds the curve and approaches our 700 acre campus, a beautiful sight bursts into view. From the Aldridge and Correll buildings and the family life center, to Mahon and Mitchell apartments and on to majestic, magnificent Kelly Hall, Clear Creek is beautiful in the summertime. The trees are green and beautiful, the grass is thick and luxurious and the creek rushes and bubbles along. The charm of Clear Creek, though "sought through the world is ne'er met with elsewhere."

Our graduates sometimes need the soothing, recreative atmosphere of our campus. Satan is alive and well and he does not appreciate the faithful gospel preaching of Clear Creek men. Many of our graduates are treated harshly by the world when they witness for Jesus.

There's always a welcome to our alumni and friends. Though we may wander over the earth, it is always refreshing in the Lord to return to our Clear Creek home.

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William W. Marshall
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Dunlap and Victory churches

Bell Baptists add two toward state goal of 400

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

The Cumberland Gap tunnel, the Yellow Creek sewage problem, funding for Pineville's floodwall, and the closing of many of the mines are the major topics from eastern Kentucky. Yet, some good news is coming from two remote locations in rural Bell County, both severed from the mainstream of the towns and news media.

Dunlap Baptist is situated west of Middlesboro in a rural neighborhood where most of the families had to resort to meager incomes after the closing of their places of employment. It is a relatively new church, which opened in 1976 in a former chicken house.

Victory is across the county and up the left fork of Straight Creek. Its sanctuary is old but Victory Baptist is new. The Straight Creek Presbyterian Church had seen its members die or move from the area and only two ladies of the membership were left, when they sought the help of director of missions Gordon Brown. Enough of the members are employed to sustain the church on a small financial scale.

Pastor Melvin Sulfridge came to Dunlap in 1978, leaving a pastorate in another section of the county. He is a native of Bell County and a 20-year employe of South Central Bell Company. He and his family reside in Middlesboro in a home they began building several years ago. "My father was a carpenter, so I guess I learned what I know from him," Sulfridge stated. "However, it is hard to build a church and a house at the same time."

By faith they move forward to victory, looking toward the day when their church will be completed and they will be a lighthouse...

In 1978 the building was barely hanging together and each rainstorm found the members scurrying for buckets and pans to catch the water. The people were eager to get started on a church building and felt they had the right man for the job, Sulfridge. He had previously helped build or remodel four other churches in Bell Association.

The attendance climbed and the building fund grew. "It was a high day for us in 1982 when that first load of concrete arrived for the foundation," Sulfridge reminisces. "We went to get the checkbook to pay for the concrete and found the building fund treasurer had left town and taken all the church's funds with him. The amount taken exceeded \$20,000. Talk about deflated, here we were with all the concrete and not a cent."

The man was apprehended and prosecuted but only a small amount of the church's money was recovered.

However, the determined group of Baptists did not let that or the problems of the coming years stop them. They



Dunlap's pastor works on the church under construction in some free time. A stack of bricks shown in the foreground waits for funds for a bricklayer.

have, at times, been the laughing stock of the town but have displayed a good spirit and been an inspiration to the townspeople. By God's grace the church that couldn't be built, has been built.

Many people have helped and the badly needed church became a reality in 1983. "I believe our youth have washed every car in Middlesboro at least once and all the people have worked hard to raise funds. Through the office of Gordon Brown \$5000 was raised through the Oldham Small Church Foundation and a \$4000 grant from the Kentucky Baptist Convention," stated the pastor.

"Nonetheless, it has been slow in coming and at this time a pile of bricks sits in front of the building waiting for funds to hire bricklayers. Restrooms need to be finished and windows and furniture are needed for the classrooms.

Sulfridge reports that he and four other men have done most of the labor on the building.

Of the 120 members in the church only four families are employed at this time. Some had to move out of the area in search of work. That adds to the frustrations of the construction.

On a given Saturday the new building was barely under roof. The members had worked all day getting the old building ready for the next day's services. It was late in the afternoon when a spur of the moment decision prompted them to hold services in the new sanctuary the next day. Pews were moved and the transition was made. It was considered perfect timing because the following week the old building split and crumbled.

The pastor tearfully recalls that first Sunday morning services were conducted in the new building. "I unlocked the door and stepped inside. I heard the most beautiful choir singing I have ever heard. I saw no choir but I have reason but to believe heaven's choir stamped approval on our building."

The sanctuary is practically finished. It seats 175 and is furnished with padded seats and carpet. The baptistry is completed and the most recent gifts, light fixtures, have been installed.

This year's vacation Bible school enrolment was 172. "We used the six unfinished Sunday school rooms and the auditorium and managed very well. It was interesting, that many children in unfinished rooms and no bathrooms,

but six were saved, and that's what it is all about," Sulfridge stated.

Dunlap has an active Sunday school and all the mission organizations. Their Woman's Missionary Union is outstanding. The church gives to the association, the cooperative program and special offerings in spite of being hampered by the unemployment and low income of most of its members. Last year's offering totaled only \$14,000.

It took director of missions Brown more than a year to see the Victory church receive the deed to the Straight Creek church through correspondence with Presbyterian leaders.

Danny Robbins came as Victory's first pastor. He is a native of Bell County, father of three and an insurance company employe. For several years he taught school at Arjay Elementary School and uses expertise gained there to locate numbers of children and adults from the many hollows in the area.

According to Robbins, the Victory congregation is a mission of Binghamtown Baptist Church. "In our area we hear of so many church splits we decided we would like to be a mission of some congregation. For this reason we asked Binghamtown to sponsor us as its mission."

The congregation has grown since Robbins' first Sunday, May 1, 1985. The Sunday school average is 30 with 45 in morning worship.

This church field extends over a large area. One must travel many miles into Clay County to find any Southern

Baptist work. It is hard to believe all the people that are in the area—182 youngsters enrolled in vacation Bible school this year.

Unlike the Dunlap members, many Victory members are employed. Their building fund has grown by \$8000 in the past few months and two vans have been purchased.

The first 10 percent of their offering goes to missions. The group believes this is imperative if they are to grow and have God's blessings.

A group of workers from South Carolina, led by Bobby Haley, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Pickens, S. C., makes an annual mission tour to eastern Kentucky. This was Haley's 16th summer to come and, in addition to the vacation Bible schools and other mission projects they are involved in, this time a crew of carpenters with donated supplies added a 18 x 55 foot educational building to the right side of the Victory sanctuary. In the weeks to come another such group from the Friendship Baptist Church, Lebanon, Oh., plans to use the remainder of Victory's building fund and donated supplies on the left side of the building, giving the group much needed educational space.

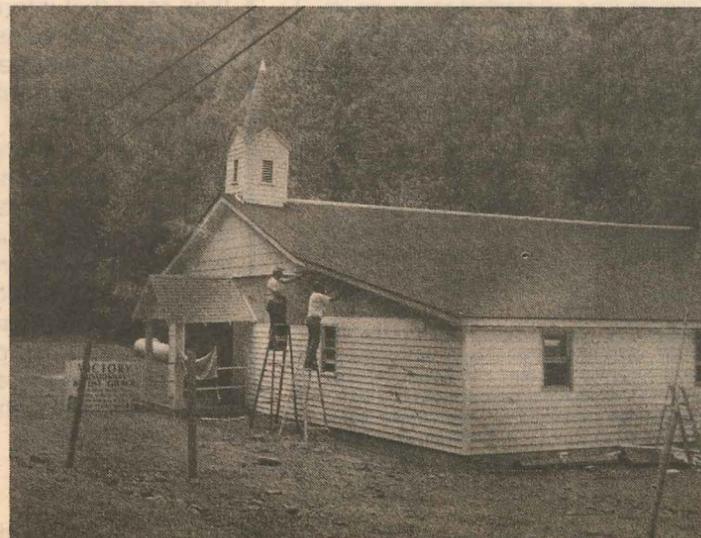
According to Robbins, "The mission groups have been a big factor in the church's growth. They came last year and conducted VBS and we had such a crowd it attracted the attention of the local people. I believe more than anything else the Lord has used this mission effort to enable us to reach people."

From 12 members in a chicken house in 1976 to 120 members in a new building under construction the first decade in Dunlap's history sees members struggling to erect a building in spite of resources. By faith they move forward to victory, looking toward the day when their church will be completed and they will be a lighthouse in Dunlap Hollow.

From two members to a remodeled building, Victory's members are eager to help someone else begin a mission where there is no Baptist witness. The Ohio and South Carolina groups have proven it can be done.

Bill Jagers, associate in the Direct Missions Department, who is responsible for new missions and churches, said, "I am delighted to see a mission grow and develop as Bell Baptists have. This reflects good leadership of lay persons and pastors. This is what is needed as we strive for our goal of 400 new churches, missions or preaching points in Kentucky by the year 1990."

Workers put the finishing touches to the addition to the sanctuary of the Victory Baptist Mission. The other side will experience the same type addition giving the congregation needed space.



First Church helps Danville's deaf hear the word

by Denise Spencer,
State Correspondent

"...And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Rom. 10:14).

For students at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, "hearing" about Jesus requires more than a preacher. Thanks to First Baptist Church, Danville, the gospel has come alive for countless deaf people.

First Baptist has been ministering to the hearing impaired 24 years. Ironically, the church and the Kentucky School for the deaf were both

founded in 1823. It was 1962 when the church first officially opened its doors to the deaf with a special Sunday school class for deaf adults. The class was organized and taught by Mrs. Virginia Porter.

First Baptist had sought a formal link with the school in the 1950s but had been denied. Then in 1963 pastor Max Stitts talked with school superintendent Charles Grow. "Dr. Grow went to bat for us," remembered Mrs. Mary Vaught, current director of deaf ministries. Soon students were walking or riding the bus to Sunday school and worship at First Baptist every week.

Religious education until then had been in the form of "Sunday duty," a rotating system of schoolteachers leading Bible classes at the school. Suddenly 250 of the 350 enrolled pupils were attending First Baptist. In those early days, there were no specially trained teachers for the deaf classes. Mrs. Carol Jones was the first interpreter in worship, and others were trained later.

The lack of sign knowledge did not handicap the Sunday school teachers. "I think some of our classes were better then," Mrs. Vaught laughed. Without signs, teachers had to rely on visual aids and other creative methods.

Mrs. Vaught is associate education director at First Baptist and has attended the church all her life. A wife, mother of three and grandmother of six, she has always made time for deaf ministry. She worked at the school for over five years as the principal's secretary. Mrs. Vaught attended several sign training workshops and now coordinates the church's work with the deaf.

The Kentucky School for the Deaf takes in any student whose major disability is deafness. Some of the pupils have additional problems, including mental disabilities. Students range in age from six to 19, and current enrolment is approximately 325. The school uses "total communication;" lip reading, sign language,

gestures and visual aids.

Children often enter the school with no sign knowledge, and therefore are not ready for work at the first grade level until eight or nine years of age. The school now operates satellite programs across the state, teaching sign language to parents of deaf preschoolers.

First Baptist's deaf ministry has evolved over the years. They currently have four interpreters, and all worship services are interpreted in sign. Deaf children and youth were "mainstreamed" into regular Sunday school classes once, but lack of Bible knowledge compounded the communication problem. There are now two children's departments and one youth department for the deaf. This year's average attendance has been 31. "Each department has someone with a fairly good knowledge of sign," Mrs. Vaught explained.

The church also offers special activities for the deaf. The Woman's Missionary Union sponsors particular students for personal items and remembrances on holidays. Some families take in deaf children who are unable to go home on weekends.

How is teaching different with the deaf? Mrs. Vaught described how the young children are behind hearing children of the same age in reading skills, vocabulary and "understanding of religious concepts." With the smallest children, "We begin with the basics, like 'What is church?'"

"Our biggest problem is lack of literature. I often have to rewrite the lessons to adapt them to their level." Activities and discussion questions in particular prove too advanced for deaf children.

First Baptist's deaf ministry has undergone transitions. Enrolment in Sunday school has dropped from 250 to 70. Several factors account for this.

When the program began, it was assumed by the school that students would attend church. Today parents list a church preference when enrolling the children in school. First Baptist is only allowed to contact those who listed their church by name. Last year over 100 families listed no church preference at all. Most youths who do attend Sunday school do not stay for worship.

A second reason for declining attendance is more pupils are going to their hometowns on weekends. Next year the school plans to institute mandatory twice-monthly trips home.

Far from being disappointed, Mrs. Vaught supports this trend. She explained that one of the church's initial goals was to encourage the start of more deaf ministries across Kentucky. As more children return to their home churches, she hopes these churches will see the need to provide special education.

A second goal was to encourage and assist other local churches to get involved with Danville's deaf. Thanks largely to First Baptist's influence and training assistance, 10 other area congregations now have some type of deaf ministry. This has drawn some potential participants away from First Baptist, but the church rejoices that students now have more choices available.

A congregation need never feel inadequate to minister to the deaf. Of that Mrs. Vaught is certain. "Even if you only have one deaf person, you can have a deaf ministry."

Mrs. Vaught demonstrates a poster which teaches the children a song using both words and signs.



Baptists anticipate Language Missions Day

by Catherine Edwards

The state of Kentucky is home to more than 87,000 ethnic peoples and approximately 8000 deaf. Kentucky Baptist churches sponsor, conduct or support more than 52 ministries, fellowships, missions and churches for these groups. Language Missions Day Aug. 10 will celebrate a very special kind of diversity among Southern Baptists.

Louisville's St. Matthews Baptist Church has sponsored a Hispanic ministry for over a year.

What started as a Friday evening Bible study in Spanish at Louisville's Midlane Park Baptist Church has now expanded to include an evening Sunday school and worship service for the Spanish speaking community. The move to St. Matthews was so the group could become more easily accessible to a larger number of Hispanic people. The ministry recently added a youth program on Friday nights that corresponds with the Bible study so whole families can attend.

"That created a big boost in attendance," said Mike Palmer, who helped begin the ministry at Midlane Park. Palmer and his wife, Maria, who is from Peru, are students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as is the pastor of the Hispanic ministry, Ludwing Vallamizar. In fact, Villamizar was on the staff at the Baptist seminary in Venezuela before going to further study in Louisville.

"Most of the Spanish-speaking people we have come in contact with in Louisville are bilingual," Palmer explained. "The difference in worship is mainly cultural, although there are some Hispanics who speak very little English. Everything we do is totally in Spanish, so they can participate in all of it."

Lyndon Baptist Church is another Louisville church actively involved in language missions. Lyndon supports and promotes deaf ministry which includes beginning and advanced sign language classes, separate worship services for the deaf and, until recently, a part time minister to the deaf. Dwight Swimm, who is also deaf, was minister to the deaf until June of this year when he retired for health reasons. Three of the new officers of the Kentucky Baptist Convention of the Deaf, including the president and vice president, are members at Lyndon.

Other language missions are growing at Lyndon, too. A Saturday night Bible study for Filipinos is doing well. A group of Chinese Baptists is also using the facilities to hold separate worship services.

Hugh Goldsby, pastor of Lyndon, said, "We are moving from integrated ministries to independent ministries. Our hope is these groups can and will establish independent, growing

churches for Christ."

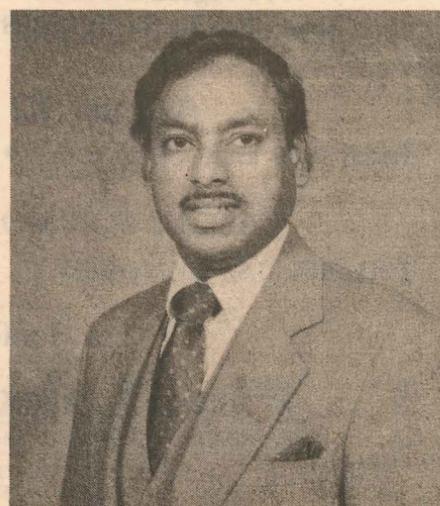
Yet another form of ministry is being conducted by Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, which supports eight ethnic ministries through worship services and social action. The three largest ethnic groups are Cambodians, Vietnamese and Thai. Laotians, Iranians, Ethiopians, Haitians and Indians are the others.

Vincent Paul and his wife, Hilda, are involved on many levels with this international ministry. Many of those they help are refugees, and in need of food clothing, medical care. "We build bridges to them from the church, and from them to the church," said Paul, who is a native of India.

Paul helped start several churches in India and was pastoring a church in eastern Kentucky when he was approached about helping the international ministry at Victory Memorial. He speaks well of other local groups from many denominations who help in their work.



Dwight Swimm



Vincent Paul



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

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Keep on keeping on

This is a piece about affirmation. It's something that has been in my heart and on my mind for awhile. It's in growing appreciation of so many of the brethren who "stay by the stuff" and faithfully do those tasks well to which they are called.

Many are pastors. Often they serve in a rural or small village situation. They don't often experience the glamour of seeing their names before others, either for their good works, their faithfulness, or honors which may come their way. Despite this, they don't abandon their calls. They go right on quietly, with resolve, shepherding their flocks.

They preside over happy times as well as sad ones. They perform our marriages, congratulate us upon the birth of a child or a grandchild, encourage us in our Christian living by example, counsel us in times of need, eulogize over us when we die. Some of the Lord's most faithful, dedicated servants I have found in the backwoods of Kentucky. Of course, some of our county seat, suburban and city congregations are blessed with pastors of the same mold. God will reward them some day for the way they have kept the faith.

I would not overlook those who have served alongside a good pastor as a faithful staff member, too. Kentucky has many devoted servants who are called to education, music, age group work and other specialized fields. How fortunate is the pastor and congregation so blessed with good staff!

Finally, for all of these, let us recognize the faithfulness of their spouses. Not only are they marriage partners, they often play a vital part in the accomplishments of their husbands and wives in their calls to ministry. With even less recognition than that received by the humblest of pastors and staff members, these unsung heroes and heroines make much of their partners' successes possible. Only an all-seeing heavenly father could keep the record of their contributions.

My hat is off to all of these dear brothers and sisters. It is my joy to have fellowship with some of them as they visit in Middletown or as I encounter them on the road in their churches and associational events and at state and national Baptist meetings. We are so fortunate to have such men and women whose love for people is exceeded only by their love for the Lord.

If our Lord returns to earth in their lifetimes, I predict he will find them quietly laboring in the vineyards of his work. To do less is foreign to their sense of mission and call. Acknowledging that commitment, I believe he can say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

baptist forum

Arcade church revokes license

Our church will appreciate the cooperation of Western Recorder for publishing the following item. It is not our intention to embarrass Russ Perry. However, we feel it is our duty to take this action. Please print the following:

At its regular business session July 9, 1986, the Arcade Baptist Church voted to revoke the license to preach which it granted to Russell Perry Aug. 7, 1985.

James W. Hall, pastor
Arcade Baptist Church
Louisville

Student praises seminary professor

My heartiest congratulations to Southern Seminary and to Mr. and Mrs. Hill Williams for the endowment of the Donald L. Williams Chair of Old Testament Interpretation. It is a fitting tribute to the finest classroom teacher whom I have ever known.

From 1965-73 I took courses with several excellent professors but for me Don Williams stood above them all. His energy and ability to communicate substantive material in meaningful ways were exciting and challeng-

ing. He worked himself and his students equally—three book reviews, a term paper, 1000 pages of assigned reading and three examinations in one course!

Although never reticent with his own views, he encouraged, even insisted, that we struggle with major issues of interpretation for ourselves. Agreement with him was never necessary, but a perspective that took account of the relevant data was. Despite many other courses in biblical interpretation, I am indebted to Don Williams more than any other for my basic understanding of and approach to the biblical text.

I offer my thanks to the Williams family for its gift and to Southern Seminary for its acceptance of this honor to an outstanding teacher. My hope is the Donald L. Williams Chair not only will be a lasting tribute to his all too brief career but also will stand for continuing excellence in the art of teaching.

Samuel H. Beck
Ft. Wright

What is a seminary for?

The seminaries as the educational arms of ministerial training of the Southern Baptist Convention have come under strong criticism as the bulwark of liberalism

I have spent time in Southern Seminary as a student and have been on that campus and other campuses and have spent 10 years working with

the various seminaries, two of them as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, studying their needs and trying to finance them.

I seriously question the validity of this kind of destructive criticism. None of us would agree in total with every seminary professor but on the other hand most pastors will not agree in total with one another. Our own individualism makes for disagreement. That has never been reason to label another person.

The real question is what is the role of the seminary? Is it to produce clones of one theological perspective? Or does the task of the seminaries go far beyond that? I believe it does.

The task of the seminaries is threefold: First, it is to whet our appetite to study the scriptures to make us unashamed workers for Christ. Second, it is to provide the tools for our ministry. Third, it is to help us think for ourselves under the light of the Holy Spirit.

I have the right to criticize our seminaries if I desire, but after 28 years I look back at my experience and my growth since then and I thank God my love for the Bible began and has developed into an extensive study. I am grateful to God for the tools provided me and for the professors who help me think for myself and arrive at my own conclusions in light of the Holy Spirit's guidance.

We should trust those who lead to be persons of integrity who will lead our seminaries in the proper spiritual direction. This is part of our problem. Many do not seem to trust any others but themselves.

We must pray for our seminaries, their administrators and professors. I learned a long time ago when we pray for one another there is a bond which binds us together in love and builds a



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The need of today is for constructive criticism and loving support. Our need is to see neither liberal, if such exist among Southern Baptists, which I doubt, or conservative but growing minds and lives committed to Jesus Christ.

This I believe is what the seminaries are all about and therefore worthy of our support.

John Dunaway
Corbin

Who will correct the word?

I praise God for the current controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention. The news is out and we know where our leaders stand. I just thank almighty God we have always been people of the word and we are now heading back to that basic understanding.

There are two kinds of people: believers and unbelievers. According to God's word an unbeliever is condemned already. How does an unbeliever become a believer. We must just hear the word.

Now I ask you, if the Bible has errors why must all who are saved just hear the word? How can the word be part truth and yet the Spirit of God use that word to meet the needs of every person who truly seeks help?

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God is truth and every man a liar. How can any preacher/teacher have been taught the word has errors? Would this be the spirit of the anti-Christ? Can any man or woman of God

teach that God does not give his children all of his word or that he gives us a Bible that contains errors? If the Bible does have errors who is the person that is above the word that we may go to him to correct the word?

If we have errors will there be a more complete word later? Will the next one be correct? Will there be another savior?

I answer all these questions with, "No." There will not be another word, nor will there be someone to correct his word, nor will there be another savior.

The word tells us we are not to compromise with unbelievers of God's infallible word. God has already given us the complete word and that settles it, whether we believe it or not.

I praise God that I am a believer in his infallible word. The Bible teaches us of the assurance of our faith. I am

assured we have all of his complete word which is without error.

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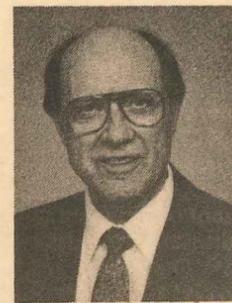
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oneida journal

We both know

Perfect strangers write extending aid. Many times they are moved to do so because of coming to know someone whose life has been touched by Oneida. Day by day come phone calls, letters and visits by prospective students who have heard of Oneida by word-of-mouth. We do not spend a dime for recruitment.

The world comes to our door. I always hate to be away from the campus for even a few hours. Fascinating people arrive daily, often with no prior notice. I don't wish to miss anyone who makes the effort to come here to see what is happening.

I remember as yesterday the young college graduate who appeared one hot summer day in 1980. He had never heard of Oneida until he was selling encyclopedias in Winchester and a lady had told him of our work.

He told me he was from a Catholic family and was one of eight children. He didn't try to sell me anything. He just wanted to see this place.

He is one of our supporters until this very day. A recent letter from his home in Westminster, Calif. contained the following: "It appears Oneida Baptist continues to grow and educate teenagers that probably wouldn't have been as fortunate without you. My wife and I will be in Kentucky this September. I hope to visit you during my stay."

"I thoroughly enjoy reading your Mountaineer. [Oneida's paper that we

mail every two months free of charge to anyone wishing to receive it.]

"Barkley, rest assured you are always in my prayers for the continued success of your beautiful haven for those kids that need your special attention."

And this from a college student who had never heard of Oneida until coming to know some of our graduates at college. "This past week I typed a term paper for Greg. It was a paper on budgeting for one of his business classes. Greg explained how Oneida operates on a budgetless system and somehow always comes up with enough money.

"Mr. Moore, you and I both know how you receive this money. The Lord will always provide where his will is being done. I recently came into a few extra dollars and I would like to donate some of it to Oneida. I hope this gift is received in as much love as it is given."

An outstanding Oneida graduate, who studied here for three years, recently wrote: "I would like to thank everyone at Oneida for all the support you gave me. I never realized how much you helped me grow and mature until I arrived in basic military training. I applaud Oneida for its good discipline.

"The Air Force offered me many jobs ranging from making bombs to jumping out of planes. I'm just leaving it up to the Lord to guide me. I am glad they offer many opportunities for education. I will be able to attend a community college with a 75 percent tuition cut, or I can apply to the Air Force Academy, or I can use the new GI bill.

"I see that now is the beginning of the challenge that was inspired in me at Oneida. Again thank everyone for all of the love you gave me."

A letter like the above salves the hurt and disappointment we suffer with many who are not so receptive to direction. He was of such caliber that it is not difficult at all to imagine him in the Air Force Academy.

A father writes: "Please send our daughter's transcript as she will attend public school in September. Thank you all for your love and guidance for Rhomanyn. I sincerely believe it has made a difference in her life. I'll always speak positively about your school and philosophy."

A dear lovely lady in Mackville writes: "We need more Christian schools. Things wouldn't be in such a mess if children were taught more about the love of God."



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR AUGUST 6, 1986

Life and Work Series

Critical personal issues

Prov. 23:29-33 As a father admonishes his son, the writer here urges his readers to exercise self-control and abstain from the use of intoxicants. People who use them frequently become quarrelsome and belligerent, and then commit deeds of violence, which they would not have committed if they had not been inebriated. Think of the financial losses, physical sufferings and mental anguish caused by drunken drivers. A wise person will beware of the touch, the taste or the thrill of liquor.

Rom. 13:13-14 The strong Christian has obligations to his weak brother just as he has to God. Christians sorely need an awakening of conscience about offending those with whom they associate. If, by something a Christian does, another seems to be turned away from Christ, the former should be willing to refrain from doing it.

Eph. 5:15-18 This passage plainly teaches Christians are to walk circumspectly, wisely, thriftily and spiritually. Their lives must bear the scrutiny of the world.

As a wise merchant seizes good bargains, so the Christian should buy all available time for the service of Christ. He should take advantage of every moment to do something for Christ.

God's will for each life, task and day must be ascertained and done. His will cannot be discovered by natural means or secular studies, but is revealed to us through the study of the scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

International Series

A vision of God's glory

In the days of darkness and despair, God called Ezekiel to convey the divine message to a people who needed it. He was God's chosen instrument to infuse a new spirit in them and to implant in their hearts a new courage.

During the Old Testament era the presence of God was associated with the Temple in Jerusalem. This magnificent structure had been erected by human hands and dedicated as a place to worship God. In one of the earlier visions of Ezekiel, the prophet had witnessed God's withdrawal from this sacred place as an expression of divine judgment against the rebellious people.

Ezek. 43:2-5 This passage informs us a heavenly messenger conducted Ezekiel to the east gate of the outer court of the restored Temple, from whence he was enabled to witness the return of "the glory of God" to those sacred precincts. Ezekiel not only saw the majesty of God appearing in his grace, but he also received a revelation of the divine word: "And his voice was like a noise of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory." Overwhelmed by the majesty, Ezekiel stated: "I fell upon my face."

Ezekiel was ushered into the inner court, and there he beheld that "the glory of God filled the house." God was pleased to be there again. As God filled the Temple with his glory, so he desires to fill our lives so that through us his glory may radiate for others to see and profit from.

Ezek. 43:6-12 The sufferings of God's people are often brought upon them by their disobedience to God. In view of the knowledge of God's goodness and graciousness to them, people should be ashamed of their sins, sorry for them and should forsake them.

The return of God's presence to the Temple was a genuine reminder to the people of his holiness and his expectation that all who truly worship him will definitely strive for holiness. When God occupies his proper place in their hearts and lives, they will experience an unspeakable joy in living in accordance with the divine will. Furthermore, they will bring honor and glory to his name as well as contribute blessings to those with whom they associate.



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on mission together

Giving birth in the mountains

Among my favorite newsletters is the one produced by Kentucky's director of mountain missionaries, **Ross Figart**. I wish every Kentucky Baptist could receive his "Mountain News and Views."

There are some exciting things going on "up there" in the most under-churched area of our Commonwealth.

From the most recent issue, the reader will resonate with his excitement about what **Mission Kentucky** means there:

"Mission Kentucky is on its way.

Many sites have been identified as places where some kind of new work is needed.

"Let me tell you about a few of them in eastern Kentucky. Last year a Presbyterian church, that was down to two members, offered their property to Bell Association. It was deeded over and Victory Baptist Mission was born. Now many people are attending, a number of conversions have been registered, vacation Bible school has been held for two summers and the building and property have undergone dramatic changes! Mission groups from South Carolina added a large wing along one side with four nice classrooms, and another group from Ohio (the other side of the Ohio/Kentucky Partnership) has started a fellowship hall down the other side.

"Whitesburg Church (pastor Tom Stokes) started a mission in the Linefork Community using the old Kingdom Come School building. For several years they have held VBS there

with hundreds of children enrolled. This start has been in the planning stages for over a year and following the VBS this year they began services June 22. Attendance already is running in the 30s.

"A group at Means has started a Bible Study in a home with plans to grow a church. This is a community I heard Hicks Shelton share a burden about after a tour of the mountains in 1978 when he was our state convention president. It has been all these years happening, but now the first seeds are planted."

Mission Kentucky is no longer a nebulous hope or just a worthy aspiration. It is off the drawing board and "happening!"

What is more, the gathering momentum for starting churches is one of the most hopeful signs of sustained, spiritual progress we have seen in our state for years.

I'm grateful that churches never get too old to give birth to children.

Ambassador for Christ stands out at U. N.

by Mark Wingfield

A native of India, Ted Mall blends in with the mosaic of races at the United Nations. But as an ambassador of Christ, he stands out.

Mall came to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., as an international student in 1976. Today he ministers to the most diverse international assembly in the world.

He is Southern Baptists' witness to the New York City diplomatic community. More than 35,000 people represent most nations of the world either at the United Nations or nearby diplomatic offices.

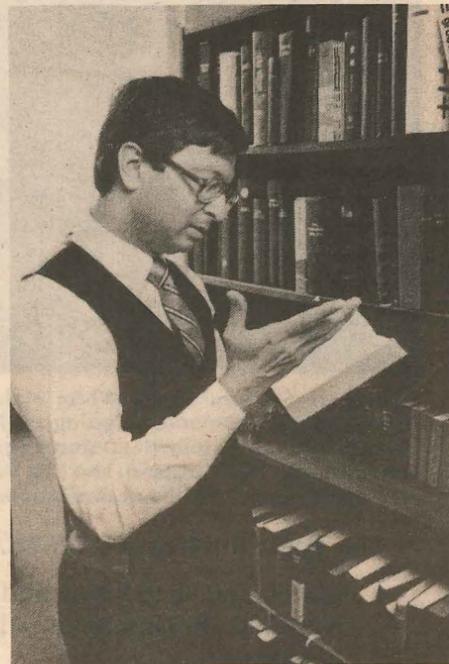
"Being an international student myself prepared me to identify with these people," Mall said. "I went through some of the same things these people went through."

That understanding gives him an introduction to share the gospel with people who may not have ever heard of Christianity. And the seminary education, he said, gave him "the biblical background and capability to withstand when somebody questions my faith."

Mall's work takes three approaches. First is outreach. "We try to make friends and develop relationships through which evangelism can hap-

pen," he said.

When a new diplomat arrives, Mall contacts him by letter to set up an appointment. He makes a formal presentation to that person and welcomes him to the United States on



Ted Mall reads one of the approximately 100 translations of the Bible he keeps in his office. Mall, a native of India, is fluent in six languages.

behalf of Southern Baptists.

"Sometimes on the very first contact I have occasion to present a Bible or witness to them," he said. "Sometimes it takes weeks or months or years."

Second is a ministry to their social and material needs. Through one program, Mall introduces diplomatic families to local Baptist host families. The host families help the foreigners adjust to American culture.

Mall provides economic assistance to diplomats from poorer nations. Differences in currency exchange and living requirements make some diplomats' salaries inadequate for survival in New York.

Third is cross-cultural communication. "We want to present them Christianity in the most favorable way," Mall said.

One way Mall bridges the communication gap is through Bible distribution. He keeps copies of the scriptures in 100 languages, which he gives away. "We make scripture available to anyone who would want it or need it in any language," he said.

To help people understand those Bibles, he leads Bible studies twice each week and on request. Over the past year, his Thursday noon Bible study has drawn students from 48 countries, he said.

One Soviet diplomat, who is not a believer, gets a constant supply of

Russian Bibles from Mall. She originally took one to display on her bookshelf, but it mysteriously disappeared.

Now she keeps several Bibles on display until they all disappear. Mall calls this his "silent witness" because he is sure other Soviets are taking the Bibles to read.

Mall's witness spreads around the world through Bibles and people.

Early one Sunday morning, Mall was awakened by a phone call. The voice said only, "I'm Chen and I'm here." Mall had never met the man, but learned a friend from Chicago had referred him. Chen had come from mainland China to work on a project in automation technology.

Mall and his family befriended the man. They took him to tourist spots and showed him how to get around.

Chen attended a banquet where a Texas youth choir sang. Mall said Chen noticed it "seems like Christian young people have a hope that Chinese young people don't. If hope is part of being a Christian, I might be interested."

Soon afterward, Chen became a Christian. He has returned to his hometown in China, where there is no other evangelical witness.

Southern Baptists' ambassador to the United Nations sent out one more ambassador for Christ to the nations.

Will the Convention split? Maybe yes, maybe no

by Marv Knox

The question grows out of theological-political controversy within the denomination. One group, which has captured the convention's powerful presidency for eight straight years, seeks to turn the Southern Baptist Convention in a more conservative direction. Another group sees no major doctrinal problems within the SBC and its institutions and wants them like they were.

With its control of the president's appointive powers, the more conservative group has moved steadily toward control of SBC agency boards of trust. Following each annual meeting, many ask the question at the heart of the barb: Will the SBC really split?

Three historians and a sociologist—all lifelong Southern Baptists—offer divergent views:

• "It will most certainly fragment," predicted Bill J. Leonard, associate professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

• "I certainly don't foresee a formal split," said Richard Land, vice president for academic affairs at Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas.

• "For the short term, I don't anticipate much change in participation in the denomination," but it is too early to say what will happen in the long run, noted Nancy Ammerman, assistant professor of sociology of religion at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, Atlanta.

• "There will be individual churches and pastors who drop their cooperation. But I was much encouraged by the last convention," said Robert Baker, professor of church history emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Leonard noted he prefers the term "fragment" over the term "split," pointing out, "Our polity is too precarious; we're too loosely organized to say a split can take place."

He also stressed he has built his conclusion on observation of structural, organizational and historical issues rather than spiritual or theological dimensions. "I'm looking at the example of other Protestant denominations," he said. "The Congregationalists, Presbyterians and the American Baptists have all experienced this kind of turbulence.... You can look at specific historical evidence for what has happened to other denominations. We are on the same course."

"If you force the denomination to go too far to the left or right, you break down that common consensus around which a denomination is organized. Then some fragmentation has to occur, because denominations are not made to move outside the center," he explained.

"The genius of the SBC is that it has had specific doctrines around which it united, but it chose in most cases not to define those doctrines narrowly. The present movement (toward a more conservative stance) is not an effort at correcting. It is a much more narrow definition of doctrine in general than Southern Baptists have ever approved," he added.

Leonard, whose specialty is American church history, also noted Southern Baptists are suffering an identity crisis stemming from theological confusion: "The crisis is not due to liberalism or fundamentalism exclusively. All types of churches in the SBC are experiencing problems regarding Baptist identity. The things that have held us together in the past—strong denominationalism and

Southern culture—have become more and more pluralistic. Therefore, we have turned to theology as a way of defining ourselves, and we have discovered what we always should have known, that our theology has been extremely diverse."

But Land asserted: "I certainly don't foresee a formal split—some agencies and institutions that will go with one group and some with another, or that some group of churches will split off and form another denomination. Given the residual loyalty that Southern Baptists have demonstrated over the years, I don't see that as a feasible scenario."

"If the SBC splits, I'm going with the side that gets the Annuity Board. Ha Ha."

The little joke has lost its punch for many Southern Baptists....

He agreed Southern Baptists increasingly have grown diverse but contended this is not new. "I don't think anyone who has been a Southern Baptist or observed Southern Baptists since World War II could deny we have become more diverse," he said. "The question is, how do we respond?"

Mrs. Ammerman, who has conducted scientific studies of Southern Baptist opinions, reported: "The most interesting thing about this controversy is that the people who are

losing—the moderates—are the most loyal to the denomination. But after this year's convention, more and more moderates are talking, not about leaving the convention but, 'How do we survive in the exile?'

"This means moderates have to think about alternate organizational strategies," she added. "They may not be the same sort of straight-line givers to the Cooperative Program and denominational programs as they have in the past. Yet its is likely at least that whatever deficit there is to the convention will be made up probably by some fundamentalists deciding they can support the denomination more wholeheartedly."

"The bottom line for the moderates is they're committed to historic traditions and programs. An attitude of 'Grit your teeth and stay committed' will mitigate any splitting off," she said. "If the battle went the other way, we've seen in survey data, there is enormous readiness for fundamentalists to leave the convention. Something like 60 percent of self-identified fundamentalists would leave. There's just no equivalent feeling on the side of the moderates."

Baker said: "I'm sure there will be individual churches and pastors who want to drop their cooperation, but I was much encouraged by the last convention. The so-called fundamental conservatives have said, 'All we want is for the 1963 Kansas City confession (Baptist Faith and Message Statement) to be observed. Well, all six seminaries have voluntarily and spontaneously said they will abide by the confession. There is ground for agreement here."

"I'm encouraged to think that maybe we will see dimensions of our huge task of winning the world to Christ and come together," he noted.



**NATIONAL ENLARGEMENT PLAN
STARTEAM for KENYA**

In March, 1981, over 150 women from across the United States met at Shocco Springs, Alabama, to be trained as STARTEAM members. These women helped launch the National Enlargement Plan which sought to "work with every church in the Southern Baptist Convention that did not have WMU in order to begin missions education."

The overall goal of the National Enlargement Plan was to develop a plan for working with those churches and to dramatically increase the number of churches reporting WMU.

Kentucky had 8 STARTEAM members, volunteers who gave of their time and talents, visiting churches and starting WMU work. Most of the time, STARTEAM worked with pastors and interested women from churches. Kentucky netted several new WMUs, and, nationally, the program was successful.

Now — STARTEAM for Kenya! Eight Kentucky women will go to Kenya and work with pastors and church women in order to start WMU in churches where there is none. Their specific duties are:

1. To go to churches not reporting WMU. The Kenya national office will make assignments.
2. To assist in training associational WMU leaders in beginning organizations as needed or requested by the Kenya national office.
3. To report to the national office in Kenya.
4. To report to the Kentucky WMU office upon return.

On Tuesday, July 22, Kenya STARTEAM met at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, for a day of intensive training. Dee Gilliland, Executive Director/Treasurer of Kentucky WMU, directed the training. Anna Mary Byrdwell, Bob Jones, Marshall Phillips, and Allen West assisted her by answering questions and giving final instructions to the women.

*We are
laborers
together
with God.*
I. Cor. 3:9

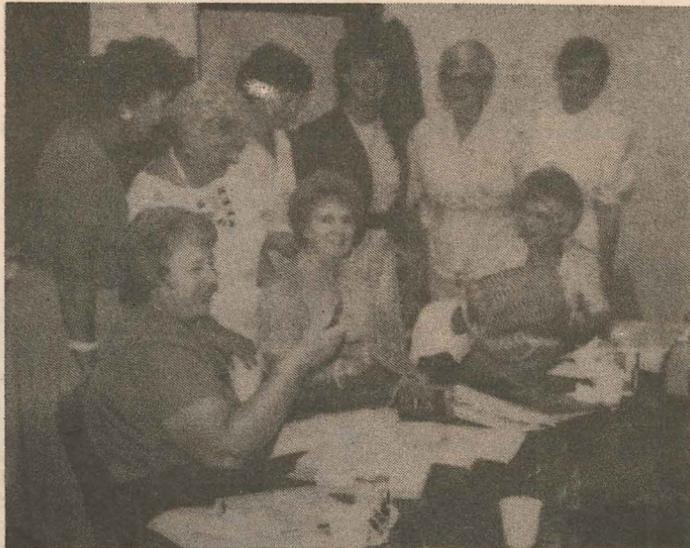


**Why are
they going?**



*Kwa kawa sisi
tu wafanya
Kazi pamoja
na Mungu.*
I Kor. 3:9

STARTEAM prepare for Kenya.



Seated are Suzanne Boyd, White Plains; Jessie Boyd, Ashland; Billie Emmons, Ashland. Standing are Jane Allison, Georgetown; Jewel Helton, Hopkinsville; Delores Spears, Paducah; Kay Trisler, Harrodsburg; Dee Gilliland, and Ella Mae Young, Louisville. They will leave August 13 and return August 30.

The goals for Kenya STARTEAM are:

1. STARTEAM shall know and be able to explain the National Enlargement Plan to all interested persons.
2. STARTEAM shall be able to name and interpret the purpose and tasks of WMU, including an explanation of the biblical basis of each.
3. STARTEAM shall be able to interpret all WMU organizations, including their basic materials, and be able to start each.
4. STARTEAM shall be able to use demographic material provided to determine the best approach to use with pastor, to evaluate resources available, and to determine the best structure for starting WMU work in churches which presently have none.
5. STARTEAM shall be able to begin WMU work in churches which presently have none.
6. STARTEAM shall know how to relate to people in a positive way and to sell them on the need for having Woman's Missionary Union work in their churches.
7. STARTEAM shall know how and when to use all materials provided.

Kenya STARTEAM will be divided into 4 teams: Billie Emmons and Jessie Boyd, in and around the Nairobi area; Ella Mae Young and Suzanne Boyd, in the area of Lake Victoria; Jewel Helton and Delores Spears, in the north central area near Mount Kenya; Jane Allison and Kay Trisler, on the coast by the Indian Ocean.

Kentucky is the first state to train another country in STARTEAM work.