



## Collegians to hear Esther Burroughs at Bowling Green

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A woman will carry the programing weight of the Kentucky Baptist student convention meeting Sept. 26-28 at Bowling Green's First Baptist Church.

Esther M. Burroughs will address several hundred Kentucky collegians three times during the weekend convention. She is assistant director, Special Mission Ministries Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Burroughs will deliver an inspirational message Friday evening at the initial session, conduct Bible study Saturday morning and be the convention's concluding speaker Sunday morning.

A native of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the 49-year-old woman attended Mars Hill (N. C.) College and earned the BS degree in 1959 from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Married to Bob Burroughs, she is the mother of two children.

Having served in her present capacity six years, she has experience as minister of youth activities at First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., 1969-71, and as director of campus ministries at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., 1971-80.

She is the lyricist of seven musicals and has written extensively for South-



Mrs. Burroughs



Orton



Smith



Mulford

ern Baptist denominational magazines.

Theme of the state student convention at Bowling Green is "Christ's Church — Alive."

Music for the weekend will be under the direction of William H. (Billy) Orton Jr., minister of music at the host church, and G. Douglas Smith, professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Orton will lead congregational singing while Smith conducts orchestral accompaniment.

Clay Mulford, Baptist campus minister at Western Kentucky University, and students at that school will host the weekend visitors. An open house fellowship is planned at the Baptist student center at WKU following the Friday night session.

The Saturday evening agenda will be

devoted primarily to a concert featuring Michael Card, a Dove Award-winning songwriter.

Publicity materials on the artist suggest that his music "doesn't really fit in with today's overabundance of trendy, experiential songs." He admits that his spiritual upbringing was "pretty radically Christ-centered," a background which infuses his music with a reverence "unfortunately absent from much of today's Christian music."

"I think there needs to be more of a focus on the person of Jesus so people can open themselves up and contemplate that a little more," Card declares. "It seems like the most help or encouragement I can lend to other people is to encourage them to center their lives on Christ. I believe the only way we can

understand anything correctly—ourselves, the world, history, or whatever it may be—is to understand it through Christ."

An invitation calling for responses from students will be offered at the close of Card's concert during the student convention.

Twenty-one hour-long seminars will be offered Saturday morning, from which students may select two. They range from such topics as "Women in Ministry," "Developing a Personal Quiet Time," "Choosing a Mate" and "Being Single and Happy" to "Bridging the Gap Between Black and White," "Managing Your Finances," "Is Seminary for Me?" and "Dealing with Stress and Conflict."

A missions fair Saturday afternoon, theme interpretations, student missionary testimonies, special music and presentations on Kentucky missions and missions media complete the weekend agenda.

The state student convention begins Friday, Sept. 26 with registration at 4:30 p.m., orchestra rehearsal at 5 p.m. and the opening of the first session at 7:15 p.m. It concludes Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. so students may attend the church of their choice for worship services.

## Louisville churches set church-state meet

"Theology is a Verb IV," a conference focusing on church and state issues, is scheduled Sept. 25-27 at Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

The event, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday and ends at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, will feature Doug Marlette, nationally acclaimed political cartoonist and creator of Kudzu, and James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Other program personalities include E. Glenn Hinson, Bill Leonard, Molly Marshall-Green, William Rogers and Glen Stassen, all of the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Louisville entertainers Cynthia Clawson and Darrell Adams.

Workshop topics include bioethics, arts and worship, storytelling and journaling, peacemaking in churches, women in ministry.

The conference is sponsored by the ethics luncheon of Southern Seminary, along with these Louisville Baptist churches: Broadway, Crescent Hill, Deer Park, St. Matthews and Walnut Street.

A registration fee of \$45 per couple, \$30 single or \$15 student should be sent to: Theology is a Verb IV, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2800 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206.

Two luncheons, one dinner and two continental breakfasts are included in the fee.

## Senate bill targets child pornographers

A bill introduced by Sen. William Roth, R-Del., would broaden legal efforts to control sexual exploitation of children and advertising of child pornography. The bill, S. 2398, has 13 co-sponsors from both major parties and endorsement of the Reagan administration.

Supporters of the legislation believe the bill will close some legal loopholes which now make possible the operation of networks of pedophiles—adults who engage in sexual activity with children.

One proposal in the bill would prohibit advertising of child pornography and solicitation of children for sexual purposes. Another proposal would revise the Mann Act, which currently applies to interstate transportation of female minors for sexual activity, to include males. The legislation would punish this activity whether or not the youth was being exploited commercially as in the case of prostitution. Much sexual abuse of minors currently involves children and youth who are simply traded from one pedophile to another. (BP)

## New group appointed to select Home Mission Board leader

by Jim Newton

A new seven-member search committee has been appointed to nominate a president for the Home Mission Board, replacing another committee asked to resign by a 40-36 vote of Home Mission Board directors in August before the committee had presented its first report.

New committee members were appointed unanimously by the five officers of the board, who had been asked by the directors to select a new committee "that will give fair representation and proper balance to all members of the board."

Six members of the original search committee resigned because of perceived lack of trust among board members and because they felt the board would not elect any nominee they recommended.

One of the seven committee members, M. A. Winchester, a medical doctor from Whitley City, Ky., declined to resign as requested by the board "for reasons of personal integrity" and will continue to serve on the search committee.

According to the bylaws of the mission agency a new president must be nominated by a search committee of not more than seven members appointed by the officers (chairman, first and second vice chairmen, secretary and assistant secretary). The committee is not elected by the board but appointed by all its officers.

In addition to Winchester, two other members of the original search committee who had resigned in August were asked to serve on the new, reconstituted committee.

Troy L. Morrison, director of church-minister relations for the Alabama Baptist State Convention in Montgomery and a member of the original commit-

tee, was appointed chairman of the new group.

Lula D. Walker, a lay leader at First Baptist Church, Beaverton, Ore., was also reappointed to the committee.

Four new members were named. They are:

—M. O. Owens Jr., of Gastonia, N. C., retired pastor of churches in North Carolina and Belgium;

—Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex.;

—Brad Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Duncan, Okla.;

—Searcy S. Garrison, retired executive director of the Georgia Baptist Convention and administrator of Georgia Baptist Homes in Atlanta.

In announcing appointment of the committee during a meeting of the Home Mission Board executive committee, HMB chairman Clark Hutchinson of Marietta, Ga. read a brief statement from the officers pointing out they were unanimous in the selection of the new search committee.

"It was our prayerful desire that the search committee be representative of the constituency of the Home Mission Board," the statement said.

Asked by reporters after the meeting if he felt the new search committee was balanced in representation of theological points of view, Hutchinson said he "was not going to respond to that" and repeated the prepared statement.

"It is necessary that any previous recommendations be resubmitted to the committee chairman, as well as any new recommendations," the officers said. Recommendations may be addressed to the chairman as follows:

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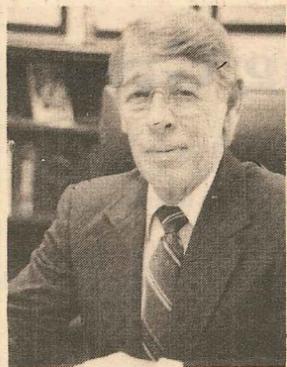
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## The state paper is essential for growth

There is no single instrument, aside from the Bible itself, more essential for growth in church life than the Baptist state paper. This is true because the state paper is the one piece of material which comes into Baptist homes every week with information about every facet of our cooperative work around the world. Missions, Christian education, evangelism, WMU, Brotherhood, ethnic ministries, music, children's work, seniors ministries and every other work we carry out is reported in the state paper.

Without that paper in the hands of local church members there is a vacuum which nothing else can fill. In Kentucky that means Western Recorder is the essential tool for informing the people.

Yet the use of the state paper by Kentucky Baptists has been a disappointment for more than 20 years. As far back as I can go in study of circulation figures the facts reveal many churches in our state do not have Western Recorder in their budgets, nor do these churches encourage members to purchase the paper. This appears to have been the pattern for a number of years.

Two examples are offered here which raise some sharp questions in my mind about how well informed we really are. One is the circulation of the Baptist Courier, the state paper in South Carolina. The Baptist population of South Carolina is less than the Baptist population of Kentucky, yet the Baptist Courier has a circulation twice that of Western Recorder. The figures are: Baptist Courier circulation, 126,000; Western Recorder circulation, 50,000.

Again the Baptist Messenger, state paper of

Oklahoma, circulates in a state where the Baptist population is about the same as it is in Kentucky, yet the score reads: Baptist Messenger circulation, 115,000; Western Recorder circulation, 50,000.

Oklahoma Baptists and South Carolina Baptists know something we do not know in Kentucky. They know the value of the state paper in the hands of men and women who make the churches go forward. Consequently they put the paper in the church budget so as to increase the level of knowledge and participation among the people.

One illustration may be valid in support of my contention that the state paper is a necessary tool. For example, the October 1985 through August 1986 Cooperative Program gifts sent to the Southern Baptist Convention from Oklahoma were \$7.2 million; from South Carolina, \$6.3 million. In Kentucky, with a Baptist population greater than South Carolina and equal to Oklahoma, we gave \$5 million to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program in that period. I believe the presence of the state paper in the hands of thousands of Oklahoma and South Carolina Baptists enabled them to do a better job in mission support than we did in Kentucky.

This then is an appeal to all Kentucky Baptists to take a hard look at the way you support the state paper. You may be missing a tool which could raise the level of knowledge and participation of your people. The cost in money is small for subscriptions to the state paper—only 11¢ per week—yet the dividends could be greater than you imagine.

## Does television set the pattern?

The National Coalition on Television Violence reported the grim fact that alcohol is consumed an average of 4.6 times during every hour of prime-time television. That's a lot of booze, but does it cause people to join the parade and drink more?

Not according to USA Today which reported the consumption of distilled spirits fell 1.6 percent last year. Wine use also dropped and beer consumption stayed the same.

Does this mean television has no effect on the personal habits of viewers? If alcohol use is going up on TV and going down in the homes of the nation, is there a correlation?

If the rise of booze consumption on TV is not reflected in the homes of America, will the exercise of violence, the use of profanity, the display of nudity and the stereotyping of Christianity on TV also have no effect on how Americans think about these things?

Do we give television more credit than we should as a trend-setter and mind-shaper in American life? No, because the danger of alcoholism is ever present and a constant source of grief in America. Government sources indicate that last year alone more than 100,000 deaths were attributed to alcohol, not to mention the \$120 billion in economic losses each year.

Alcoholism, profanity, nudity, stereotyping of

Christianity are all favorite games of the television programmers. We should continue to watch-dog the industry, notify sponsors whenever we are offended and remember, statistics can mean whatever you want them to mean. They can also be used to distort the truth.

For example, television drinking is presented "as a glamorous way of having fun and the normal, adult way of relaxing," according to the NCTV's report. Yet the American Medical Association has urged advertisers and broadcasters to cooperate in eliminating program content that depicts irresponsible use of alcohol without showing its adverse consequences.

Booze on TV is bad news and Christian morality demands we call the hand of station managers, advertisers and any others who are in position to clean up the tube.

I started to suggest we contact our congress people, but the fact is the nation's capital is also the consumption capital for hard liquor. Hard liquor in Washington, D. C. is consumed at the rate of 4.93 gallons per person each year. By contrast, West Virginians consume .81 gallons per year. Perhaps we had better stay with pressure on the TV people.

If you want to do something about the problem, boycott the sponsors and they will get the message. Money still talks in America.

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# baptist news in brief

## Blood River Association provides Kenya funds

As a result of the hopes of two men, churches of Blood River Association in Kentucky raised more than \$9600 to help provide church buildings in Kenya.

Although contributions were not received until August, James E. Shaw, Blood River Brotherhood director, was inspired last November when Ben Hess, Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya, spoke at the associational World Mission Conference.

Shaw began efforts to raise \$4000 for the construction of a church building in the Malinda area of Kenya where Hess serves. Many churches in the association responded, contributing more than \$5000.

Jimmy Slack, a layman from New Zion church in Blood River association, challenged his church to set its own goal of \$4000. The New Zion church exceeded that goal. It contributed more than \$4200.

The Blood River gift will help provide church buildings in one of two places: Kilifi, where mission work began in 1983, or Tezo-Maweni. There a group of people conduct worship services under a cashew tree.

Kentucky Baptists began the partnership with Kenya in 1985 and have made plans to continue it through 1987. (KBC)

## Bandits hit Haiti Baptist warehouse

Bandits raided the offices of a Baptist food warehouse in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, early Sept. 2, beating several workers and escaping with at least \$300.

Fifteen men firing pistols in the air and carrying machetes and iron bars, appeared at the warehouse about 3 a.m., reported Southern Baptist missionary Jack Hancox, who arrived on the scene two hours later. The gang overpowered two guards, beat them and tied them up in a guard shack. They forced their way into the warehouse and found two members of a Haitian Baptist well-drilling team sleeping in one of the offices.

The bandits beat the two startled workers, striking one across the shoulder with an iron bar and taking \$200 from him. They ransacked the offices looking for money and probably found about \$130, said Hancox, who noted losses still were being calculated. They also opened a safe that contained numerous checks intended for bank deposit but left the checks strewn across the floor.

Nobody was seriously hurt, Hancox said, just "scared and bruised." The two Baptist well drillers were in town for a seminar on improved drilling and pumping techniques and were staying at the warehouse to save hotel costs. (BP)

## Three personnel leave Home Mission Board

Three longtime Baptist Home Mission Board employees have resigned to pursue personal business opportunities.

Everett Hullum Jr., employed by the agency 16 years edited Missions USA magazine since 1982, began new responsibilities Sept. 1 with Citizens and Southern Bank of Atlanta. He will edit employ publications for the banking firm.

A denominational employee since he joined the Baptist Brotherhood Commission as editor in 1965, Hullum since has served the Home Mission Board as associate secretary for editorial services and

director of magazine publication services.

Jim Lewis Jr., a 13-year employe, has begun a private consulting firm in Birmingham, Ala., where he advises churches and associations in long range strategy involving growth, ministry and missions impact on communities. Most recently he has been assistant to the vice president for the board's Missions Division and in 1983 was named director of the Associational Missions Division.

Glenn Sheppard, who has been special assistant in spiritual awakening for the evangelism section the past six years, will leave the board at the end of September to launch International Prayer Ministries in Atlanta. He has been employed by the board since 1979, when he was named director of the Personal Evangelism Department. (BP)

## Gambling laws blocked in Texas legislature

With the proposed Texas state lottery temporarily defeated and veto of a pari-mutuel bill rumored, opponents of gambling may have been tempted to breathe a very tentative sigh of relief when the first special session of the Texas legislature ended at midnight Sept. 4.

Legislation that would have called for a November 1986 referendum on a state lottery passed the Senate but died in the House Committee on State Affairs as legislators worked through the Labor Day weekend. A two-thirds vote would have been required in the House and observers noted the bill lacked that level of support.

Because the lawmakers failed to come up with any solution to the state's budget crisis, Gov. Mark White was expected to summon them back to the capitol Sept. 8 for a second special session. Gambling opponents did not rule out the possibility of the lottery bill's reintroduction at that time.

Although the House and Senate passed and sent to White legislation that would legalize pari-mutuel gambling pending a statewide referendum in 1987, House speaker Gib Lewis reportedly said the governor plans to veto the bill.

White repeatedly has said he will not sign any pari-mutuel gambling bill unless it includes a statewide referendum, local option elections and strong safeguards against organized crime.

Weston Ware, associate director of the Christian Life Commission, termed the referendum stipulation fraudulent; he said the bill would make no significant contribution to solving the state's immediate fiscal crisis; and he claimed the legislature does not include strong provisions safeguarding against the intrusion of organized crime. (BP)

## Youth panel studies new literature ideas

Fourteen youth Sunday school workers from across the Southern Baptist Convention participated in a "Youth Sunday School for the 90s" conference at Lake Barkley, Ky., to suggest ideas for new youth Sunday school curriculum design.

The conference was part of an evaluation of all Sunday school literature produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board to consider possible changes to be introduced in 1991. Final recommendations for changes will be completed next spring.

Suggestions from work groups included plans to deal with the particular problems of sixth graders making the transition into adolescence and high

school seniors planning for adulthood.

Some suggested topical Bible study relating specifically to youth concerns and problems. Book studies that were suggested focused on a six-year plan to cover all or most of the books of the Bible so youth have the opportunity to deal with the content of the Bible during their years in youth Sunday school. (BP)

## Divorce: it isn't unforgivable

Separation and divorce not only is a crisis for persons who experience it but also can be difficult for fellow church members, a Christian counselor from New Orleans said at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Rod Kennedy, a former Baptist minister who went through a divorce while a pastor, led a conference for divorced persons at the annual conference sponsored by the Family Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Kennedy emphasized the biblical ideal is one woman, one man for life. At the same time, he said, divorce is not an unpardonable sin: "The Bible teaches that divorce is wrong and that it's a sin. But it does not teach that divorce is an unforgivable sin. God forgives divorce.

"Do not believe that God is going to say because you are divorced you do not have a right to a second chance. We build on our past mistakes." (BP)

## Single adults reject idea of being single?

Debby Murrell, a minister to college and single adults at First Temple Terrace of Zion Baptist Church, Temple Terrace, Fla. led a conference on "Pressure Points Never-Married Singles Face" at the single adult Labor Day conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. The conference and a simultaneous one at Glorieta (N. M.) Conference Center were sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department.

She told the 150 singles attending her first conference to "look at everyday pressures and ask, 'God, what do you want me to learn in this circumstance?'"

But Ron Kemp, a Springfield, Mo., psychologist serving as counselor during the weekend conference, said never-married singles face problems which register beyond everyday pressures.

Because some singles have low social skills, they tend to isolate themselves from their peers, he said, adding, "Many times singles alienate themselves from others. It's a type of social isolation."

He said he believes "every person must accept his or her singleness before they are ready to deal with life or marriage. Accepting yourself sets you free. Singles are lonely because they reject their singleness," he added. (BP)

## Mission transforms, saves lives in Texas

The life of an unborn child was saved, and the life of his prostitute mother was transformed, thanks to the gospel witness and healthcare services of Rio Grande River Ministry.

Eliseo Vega, healthcare coordinator for the Laredo, Tex. area, recalled the day a young Hispanic woman came to a River Ministry clinic in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, requesting an abortion.

"I talked with her and told her my position. I explained that I couldn't do what she wanted because I'm a Christian," said Vega. "I told her, 'The Lord

has a purpose for your baby, and he has a purpose for you.'"

Vega told her how Jesus could change her life and give her a reason for living. She accepted Christ, was baptized and became a member of a church in Nuevo Laredo.

"Later she got married to a man who understood her background and who accepted her. She and her baby boy are very happy today," Vega reports. He notes the woman now helps keep records in the same clinic where she once came wanting an abortion. (BP)

## Africa now threatened by swarms of locusts

Swarms of locusts are devouring the crops of at least six African nations, threatening to wipe out already fragile food supplies and plunge the continent back into a severe hunger crisis.

Two of the countries seriously threatened by the locust plague are Ethiopia and Mali, where foreign missionaries in recent years have utilized millions of hunger relief dollars contributed by Southern Baptists.

Also, locusts already have damaged as much as 60 percent of Chad's crops and have severely harmed crops in Botswana and central Sudan, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reported.

While the rains brought relief to the worst drought in decades, they also produced fertile breeding grounds for insects. According to the United States Agency for International Development, eggs of four major types of locusts and one species of grasshopper have begun to hatch simultaneously around the continent, creating the potential for the worst locust infestation in Africa in the last 60 years.

Officials at the Food and Agriculture Organization estimate a single swarm can consume in one day what 40,000 people eat in one year. (BP)

## "Creation Science" law violates constitution

A Louisiana state law requiring the teaching of "creation science" in public schools violates the First Amendment principle of separation of church and state, Americans United for Separation of Church and State charged today.

In an "amicus" brief presented to the Supreme Court in the *Edwards v. Aguillard* case, Americans United said the "Louisiana Balanced Treatment Act" is intended to promote a fundamentalist Christian belief concerning the origin of the world, and therefore impermissibly advances religion by government action.

The brief asserted, "'Creation science' or 'creationism' is not science with its essential nature obscured. There is nothing wrong with a religious world view—but the Constitution clearly bans the advancement of theological perspective in the public schools."

Americans United also objected to the "creation-science" law on the grounds that by putting religious belief on the same level as other classroom presentations, the law "debased and trivialized" religion. (BP)

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## fourth estate

### Mecca

While a college sophomore a year or two ago, I remember attending revival in the nearby Baptist church.

A professional evangelist was preaching. One night, I recall, he caught our attention with this: "You don't have to check everything on the Six Point Record System to be saved. You don't even have to bow down three times a day before Nashville to do it!"

We smiled, and some laughed right out loud over that. He had the idea that some of us believed all God's sheep must be "Baaaa-ptists," and there were "prescribed" ways to "do church."

I was particularly intrigued by his remark about Nashville. As Southern Baptists, we don't have a Holy City. In a religion strongly practicing autonomy of the local church, we have no "headquarters." But if we did, Nashville would be it.

Our convention's coordinating administrative office, one of our four boards and six other agencies and commissions are located there. Of 21 entities supported by the Cooperative Program, nearly 40% are situated in this one city, considerably more than Ft. Worth's two agencies or any other city's one.

Seminary students have jokingly referred to Nashville across the years as "Mecca" or "The Vatican." We smile at that and realize, just as they do, "it ain't necessarily so." Yet, some folks perceive of the great Athens of the South as holding some exclusivity on what we do and think and say. In practice, we simply have stationed a lot of folks there who help us do a better job of what we feel called to do.

Back in the summer, I spent a few days of vacation on a research project in Nashville. My work was largely confined to the spacious, well planned archives of the SBC Historical Commission. I was grateful to reaffirm my Baptist roots while there as I pored over invaluable resources which tell us who we are and from whence we came. I wondered if even a single percent of Southern Baptists realize the wealth of their heritage available to them in this magnificent repository.

Beyond that, I had a few moments to visit friends and acquaintances—Southern Baptist leaders—in several areas of our denominational "headquarters." I was again impressed that these servants are quietly going about their tasks, being faithful to their calling, despite the fact that many in our denomination are set at odds with one another.

This Southern Baptist came away from his experience with the conviction that we are fortunate to have such servants in high places, and that God is still on his throne.

# christian education

## Campbellsville to study New York City theater

Campbellsville College is planning an off-campus program in theater Jan. 6-11, 1987 in New York City.

The trip is open to all students, faculty and community residents. It will include seeing six Broadway plays and musicals, attending seminars, visiting art museums, historical sites and the United Nations and will also visit with actors after performances.

The cost of the program will be in the area of \$650 per person, which includes round trip air fare and hotel expenses. The group will stay at the Paramount Century Hotel in midtown Manhattan.

Persons interested in making arrangements for the program or receiving further information may contact Russ Mobley, assistant professor of drama and speech, at (502) 465-8158, ext. 266, or by writing Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

## SWBTS receives largest cash gift

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., received its largest single cash gift—\$2.47 million—Aug. 4.

The gift is partial distribution of the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McEachern of Austin, Tex.

The McEacherns' interest in South-

western Seminary primarily was motivated by Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin and a Southwestern graduate. Four years ago, Smith had invited John Seelig, vice president for public affairs, to visit the McEacherns in an Austin nursing home.

"Ralph Smith ministered to these church members in a remarkable way that involved counseling them to include Baptist causes in their life estate," Seelig said. McEachern, a cotton farmer and rancher, bequeathed his 1,800-acre family farm to the church, Southwestern, Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Dallas and several distant relatives.

## Cumberland holds campus visitation

The faculty, staff, and students of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, invite parents, potential students, and friends to experience some of the excitement of college by taking part in one of this year's fall campus visitation days. Students and parents are invited to spend the day on the campus on Saturday, Sept. 27, or Saturday, Nov. 1.

During the day, students and parents will be able to tour the Cumberland College campus, discuss with departmental faculty about career interests, learn more about financial aid, and to ask current students about their experiences.

For more information concerning the

visitation days contact: Dean of Admissions, Gatliff Building, Williamsburg, KY 40769, or call (606) 549-2200, ext. 241.

## Georgetown College has nine new faces

Georgetown College has nine new full-time additions to the faculty.

The new appointments cover vacancies created by six sabbatical leaves, two resignations to accept other work, and leaves of absence during the academic year.

New faculty picked for the year at Georgetown include: Paul Redditt, professor religion/chairman Religion Department; Roger Jones, assistant professor of biology; Robert L. Doty, visiting professor of English.

Also teaching at Georgetown this year are: Marilyn Greenlee, assistant professor of education; Miss Rebecca Cornwell, instructor, home economics; Hunter Hensley, instructor, music.

Others appointed include: Miss Brenda Hisel, instructor, foreign languages; Miss Jeri R. North, instructor, communication arts, and Mrs. Voila Sawyer, volunteer professional librarian.

## Cumberland honor club sweeps national awards

The Cumberland College Upsilon-Upsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, an international historical honor society, won the nationwide Best Chapter Award for the eighth consecutive time and for the ninth time in the past 10 years for colleges up to 2500.

In a letter to faculty advisor Eric Wake, Donald B. Hoffman, international secretary-treasurer of Phi Alpha Theta stated, "It is a record equaled by none and surpassed by no other chapter. Congratulations certainly to the student members, the faculty and the administration of your college whose willingness to support academic excellence, I am sure, is most encouraging to all of you."

The award carries with it a grant for the purchase of books to be selected by the History Department and the chapter.

## Honeycutt addresses chapel audience

"There are few more dangerous individuals in society than cowardly persons who fear all the truth, lazy persons who are satisfied with half the truth, and arrogant persons who believe they know all the truth," asserted president Roy L. Honeycutt to a packed Alumni Chapel audience at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary convocation Sept. 2.

In a four-part challenge to the seminary community, Honeycutt called on his listeners to affirm the lordship of Christ and the authority of scripture, live as Christians and affirm their Baptist heritage, abandon stereotypes and rediscover one another as persons and embrace the whole of God's truth.

The seminary president also encouraged the students and faculty to protect their heritage as Baptists, which he says is "more and more rapidly slipping away."

Asserting that there is no conflict between spirituality and intellectual honesty, Honeycutt urged the seminary community to be open to all of God's

## Slightly Soiled Saints

by Franklin Owen

"Franklin Owen is a grand storyteller. This book has him at his best. Frank Owen is a wise denominational statesman who loves God, God's people and God's churches. With wit and wisdom mingled he describes some of the people called Baptist. I enjoyed it as I have few books. You will too. I laughed and I cried as I read."

Dr. Dotson M. Nelson, Jr.  
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truth. That includes rejecting the claims of those who believe they have acquired all truth.

"Theological egotists believe that God has not only closed the canon (biblical books) but closed the commentaries, and they are the final arbiters of God's revelation," Honeycutt indicated. He reminded his audience, "None of us knows all the truth. No one knows it all except God."

### NOBTS hosts meeting of deaf ministers

Ministers to the deaf and those interested in starting a deaf ministry in their churches are encouraged to attend the "Ministering in the Deaf Congregation" conference Oct. 7-9 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Conference leaders will be Carter Bearden, Home Mission Board consultant for deaf ministries; Jerry Seale, pastor of the deaf congregation at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Vesta Bice, director of Reach Out to Texas Deaf, Dallas; Mark Short, associate professor of church administration at New Orleans Seminary; Fisher Humphreys, professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary; David Perkins, assistant professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary; and Daniel Johnson, associational worker with the deaf in Louisiana.

Topics for the conference include "preaching in a deaf congregation," "marriage and family enrichment," "in reach out reach," "music in the deaf congregation," "time management for

the minister," "theology," "biblical studies."

Conference fee is \$15. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126, or call (504) 282-4455.

### Alex Haley speaks at Georgetown College

Georgetown College will host author/lecturer Alex Haley for two lectures on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the John L. Hill Chapel located in the center of the school's academic commons.

The widely-hailed author of the book *Roots*, which has become the biggest bestseller in U. S. publishing history, will appear at the morning convocation lecture sponsored by the student government association.

His evening appearance has been made possible by a grant from the 66 year old Danford Thomas lecture series fund.

Haley's lectures are free and open to the public. The college's morning convocation is expected to be filled according to officials at Georgetown.

### Georgetown restores historic building

Georgetown College has elected to proceed with the renovation and reactivation of 125 year old Highbaugh Hall, located on the central campus, it was

announced this week by president W. Morgan Patterson.

A generous grant from Louisville's Brown Foundation is the major impetus for the project. The half million dollar grant will provide the college with the principal help to restore a building listed on Kentucky's historical register.

Patterson said, "We are delighted over the upcoming renovation. This beloved antebellum building will provide Georgetown college with modern well-equipped general classrooms that are much needed at this time.

"Plans now call for the opening of bids on or about Oct. 1," according to Tom Benberg, vice-president for financial affairs at Georgetown.

"What we learn from the bidding will establish the 'go, no go' prospect for the project," he said.

### NOBTS conference focuses on today's woman

Evelyn Christenson, Ann Kiemel Anderson, Millie Cooper, Dorothy Sample, and Marge Caldwell will be keynote speakers for the Oct. 2-4 "Lord, Change Me . . ." women's conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The purpose of the conference is to address today's woman and her impact on a world in transition.

Over 20 seminars will be included on subjects such as parenting, husband-wife relationships, divorce, sorrow, priorities, evangelism, diet, and appearance.

The fee for "Lord, Change Me . . ." is \$30. For more information, write the

Office of Continuing Education, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126, or call (504) 282-4455.

### Georgetown enjoys financial growth

Georgetown College enjoyed its best year of financial support in history, it has been reported by president W. Morgan Patterson following last week's executive board meeting of the trustees on the campus.

For the first time in Georgetown's 157 years gift support rose above the \$3 million mark. Total gift and grant income, exclusive of the earlier announced million dollar grant by the Brown Foundation, amounted to \$3,103,364.

Gift income was 40 percent above the year earlier according to Richard Carlton, vice president for development at Georgetown.

"I am particularly pleased in the gift total from the Kentucky Baptist Convention amounting to \$1,066,373.79. This came to Georgetown through the denomination's Cooperative Program expressing strong support for Christian education here."

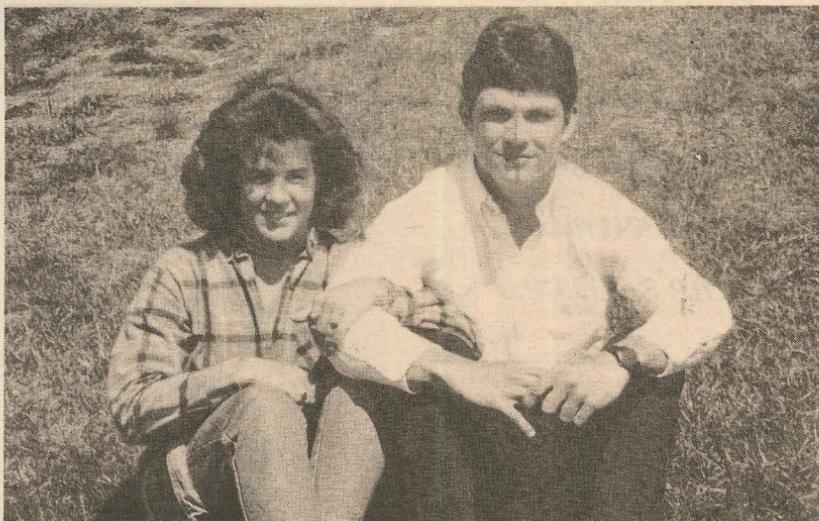


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## CHILD'S SURVIVAL CALLED A 'MIRACLE' BY DOCTORS

# Missionaries turn sorrow into witness

by Eric Miller

Some in the audience cried when Philip Newberry's parents gave their testimony recently. Philip is the Southern Baptist missionary child who contracted meningitis and lost his hands and feet earlier this year.

Wearing artificial legs and feet, the 26-month-old boy walked across the stage at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center during Foreign Missions Week in early August. His parents, Jan and Randy Newberry, missionaries to Brazil from Gordon, Tex., gave testimonies during the Sunday morning worship service.

"We had a dream when Philip first had the amputations that he'd be able to walk on the stage at Glorieta," Newberry said. "Well, he walked. Our next dream is that we'll be back in Brazil by Christmas."

When Philip was in intensive care at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond and his condition continued to deteriorate, "I looked at him lying

there — nine I.V. pumps going at one time," Newberry said during an interview.

Catheters were in his stomach and chest, along with a respirator tube in his throat and a feeding tube in his nose. His heart was beating but not pumping blood. His kidneys had failed and his lungs weren't sending oxygen into the blood. "The doctors said he wouldn't make it through the day," Newberry remembered.

"I looked down at him and I said, 'Lord, I am not willing for him to die. I really am not willing.'"

That Saturday before Easter, Newberry explained, "We prayed that if Philip was never going to have any kind of life, was going to be brain damaged and be a vegetable, then we prayed that the Lord would take him on home."

"I remember Jan praying, 'I love to hold him, but I can't hold him with all those tubes in him. But Lord, you can, and so you hold him for me right now.

And I want you to let me hold him again.'"

The day before, Philip had cried, "Hurt!" and "Momma," his mother told the Glorieta audience. But that day he was motionless and said nothing. The doctors' "expressions told us there was no hope for him. (It) would be his last day to live."

At least a thousand times during the next few weeks she asked, "What's happening, Lord?" Jan Newberry said. Why was God doing this? Weren't they doing the right thing by working in Brazil?

Then she looked around the hospital waiting room and noticed Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff members, area Baptist church members and others she had never met. "Again, I asked, 'Why do all these people care so much?' Then, I realized he (God) was making his love real to us through others."

That Easter, she had just a glimpse of what it cost God to give up Jesus, she said: "I cannot comprehend such love. I was not willing to let my son die for anyone or for any reason."

Philip began to show some progress Easter night.

However, the meningitis caused poor circulation in Philip's extremities, resulting in gangrene. This required amputation on Apr. 29 of the left arm at the elbow, the right hand at the wrist and both legs just below the knee.

Many prayers have been answered, the Newberrys said. Although Philip had a stroke and the communications area of his brain was damaged and doctors were concerned he might not be able to talk, he can. At one time, doctors said he appeared to be deaf and blind but he is not. They also were concerned the meningitis might cause brain damage. If it had, Philip would be unable to walk with prostheses.

and stuffed rabbits, dogs, teddy bears and Sesame Street animals arrived for Philip after his birthday on June 2. When a stuffed Mickey Mouse—bigger than Philip—arrived, Philip was afraid at first but he soon made a new friend.

By holding things between his arms, Philip can feed himself, draw and color. "A U.S. doctor now is doing hand transplants," Newberry said. "In a few years, Philip may be getting feet transplants."

Philip, who was born in Brazil, will have a better testimony there than in the United States, Newberry said. A typical Brazilian family with a child in Philip's condition would "either put him out on the street to beg or just let him sit at home and not do anything."

But Philip will show people, "Well, I may not have hands and feet, but look what I can do," Newberry said. This, he added, will encourage handicapped Brazilians to seek a fulfilled life.

"God called us to Brazil, and he hasn't taken that call out of our hearts," Newberry told the Glorieta audience. When the Newberrys shared the gospel with Brazilians, they often were asked, "Why has no one told us this before?" Yet they "live in a country with a church on every corner and with a picture of Jesus and Mary in every place you go."

"We plan to go back, so you pray for us." (BP)

## Baptist builders erect new wagon

Thanks to a group of Baptist builders from the Red River Association, Camp Rabro at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly has a new wagon.

When Ray Redden, director of missions, and Bill F. Lacy, associational Brotherhood director, learned of intentions to replace the aging replicas of Conestoga wagons, they made plans to help.

Men from Frenchburg, Stanton, Campton, Beattyville and Faith Baptist Church in Red River Association spent two Saturdays in June building a new wagon to replace one of the old ones. Gerald A. Powell, a residential and commercial contractor from Beattyville, directed the two teams, consisting of 17

men and boys who volunteered time and skills.

After 20 years in which thousands of boys made the wagons their homes for a week, the replicas of American pioneer wagons are wearing out and being replaced, one or two each year.

Camp Rabro, a summer camp open this year from June 16-Aug. 8, offers Bible study, mission study, recreation and crafts for Royal Ambassadors, a denominational missions organization for boys. The camp is part of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly located near Bagdad, Ky. The Kentucky Baptist Convention owns this state assembly and associated camps throughout the state. (KBC)



Men from Red River Association replace Cedarmore's Conestoga wagons.

*"Well, it's just a miracle. I saw him when he was so sick and I just can't believe he's alive."*

Physical therapists said they felt Philip would be able to walk with crutches, but the first day he tried to walk he did so without crutches and has not needed them.

During Philip's recovery, his mother recalled, two doctors walked into his room as his parents stood by. One doctor looked at Philip and said, "Well, it's just a miracle. I saw him when he was so sick and I just can't believe he's alive."

The other doctor said, "What do you expect when half the United States is praying for him?"

The Newberrys have received about 800 cards and letters. Toys, 150 books



Philip Newberry walks across the stage at Glorieta using his prostheses. The child's arms and legs were amputated when he contracted meningitis. His parents, Jan and Randy Newberry, are missionaries to Brazil.



**Leon Simpson**  
President  
Clear Creek Baptist School  
Pineville, KY 40977

## clear creek comment

### "Does God forget?"

This may seem like a redundant question to some, for the scripture says over and over, "He remembereth . . . he forgetteth not" (Ps. 9:12). However, I am convinced God both forgets and does not forget—in other words, God has a selective memory where his children are concerned. There are some things he will never remember and there are others he will never forget!

Memory is one of the worst used faculties of man. I am convinced it is God's gift to us. As James M. Barrie said, "God gave us memory that we might have roses in December." Yet mankind has a terrible tendency to misuse memory. We remember what we should forget and forget what we should remember. We even have a Memorial Day, lest we forget those whom we must not.

One of Satan's greatest weapons in the Christian's life is exercised in the area of his memory. Aide' refers to this when he says, "I sit beside my lonely fire, and pray for wisdom yet; for calmness to remember or courage to forget!"

The devil also causes a Christian to question God's memory. He attempts to persuade us that God remembers when the Lord says he doesn't. This is particularly true in the area of past sins. God says, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more" (Jer. 31:34). Many Christians live a lifetime of worry, guilt and anxiety because they doubt God's ability to forget.

Our students at Clear Creek are older and often have lived a life far from God before they are saved and answer the Lord's call. It would be very easy for them to dwell on their past and be defeated. It takes time to learn God forgets the past.

However, our adversary also tries to make us think God forgets what our Lord says he will never forget. "Zion said, 'The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her sucking child? . . . Yea they may forget, yet will not I forget thee" (Is. 49:14-15). When Gideon felt the Lord had forsaken him, God's angel appeared. After 40 years in Midian the Lord found Moses and called him by name. Elijah felt discouraged and depressed, but the Lord remembered him and refreshed him.

Does God forget his children? Never! He remembers, he cares and he rewards.

# Businessman brings ministry to prisoners in the workplace

by Kima Jude, State Correspondent

Although he's spent 19 years in business, some folks would say Lowell Coots hasn't learned a thing about the business world.

The founder of Stamping Ground Tool and Die of Lexington, he still employs indiscriminately, granting jobs merely for the asking if vacancies exist.

He spends time training, instead of seeking out already qualified workers.

He refuses to practice layoffs, even in recessionary periods.

Risky business, according to bankers' standards.

But Lowell Coots' business isn't with this world. His is the business of ministry.

"I was . . . in prison and you visited me."

Coots does more than visit prisoners. He hires them.

Coots has built a company with a work force which regularly includes ex-prisoners.

In fact, Coots founded the business specifically to aid ex-convicts.

While attending Georgetown College

*Although he's spent 19 years in business, some folks would say Lowell Coots hasn't learned a thing about the business world.*

some years ago, Coots participated in a jail ministry. Trying to explain God's plan of salvation to prisoners disgruntled by unemployment problems was difficult. When one prisoner asked Coots to bear witness to Christian concern by finding him a job upon his release, Coots agreed to help—and failed. The experience had a direct effect both on his business and his ministry. Coots also pastors Penn Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association. Primary goals include ministering to those in prison.

After teaching at Lafayette Vocational School Coots decided to start his own machine shop, which would serve as a training place for prisoners fresh out of bondage.

"You can get a job if you have a job," Coots, a soft-spoken man, points out. "Even more so for prisoners." That's what Stamping Ground Tool and Die becomes for most prisoners—a place where they can re-enter the work force until they obtain another job closer to their families.

If they stick around long enough to learn the trade, Coots has done them an even more invaluable service. Experienced toolmakers have an earning power of \$600-700 weekly.

"But some are anxious to get on with their lives other places," Coots explains.

And sadly, 80 percent of those who have been imprisoned eventually return.

Those who learn the trade or become Christians invariably don't return in Coots' experience.

"I don't know a single one that's gone

back to prison."

Seeing a prisoner come to know Christ is a blessing that has made up for the drawbacks in Coots' ministry.

And in operating a business primarily for ex-convicts and transients, there are drawbacks.

"You wouldn't do that to make money," Coots admits. He said he had in the past "gotten real discouraged trying to get along financially."

Bankers don't look kindly on businessmen who won't practice layoffs in recessions by getting rid of their less productive people. So loans can be difficult to obtain.

Prisoners, as a rule, practice bad work habits.

Some are nervous, which means accidents may be more frequent. Insurance companies don't like that.

Turnover can be high.

By the same token, the company that existed "six months before I considered it a business," has earned Coots and his wife a living through the years. It has even prospered and expanded at times.

Now isn't one of those times, although the plant employs 38 people presently. Coots has not been able to hire anyone for the past year or so.

That's disappointing. "For 10 or 12 years we didn't turn down anyone," he says.

He's gained a reputation from that track record. He doesn't have to seek out prisoners for hire. They come to him.

"One tells another and he tells another," Coots explains. Job requests come from a variety of sources. Coots also works closely with the chaplain of Blackburn Correctional Institute of Lexington.

He doesn't attempt to guess just how many ex-convicts he has employed.

"I know one thing," he says. "We haven't helped enough."

Despite the problems, he's also positive about working with prisoners.

"They're good workers," he contends. "They try real hard to do good."

Because Stamping Ground Tool and Die was built to help people, it's more than a work place. On almost any day he could go to the shop and collect \$100 if someone really needed it, Coots says.

And then sometimes, not all that frequently, but often enough to make it

worthwhile, a prisoner gets saved.

"To see one saved . . ." Coots is at a loss for words. "It makes a difference in our church," he says.

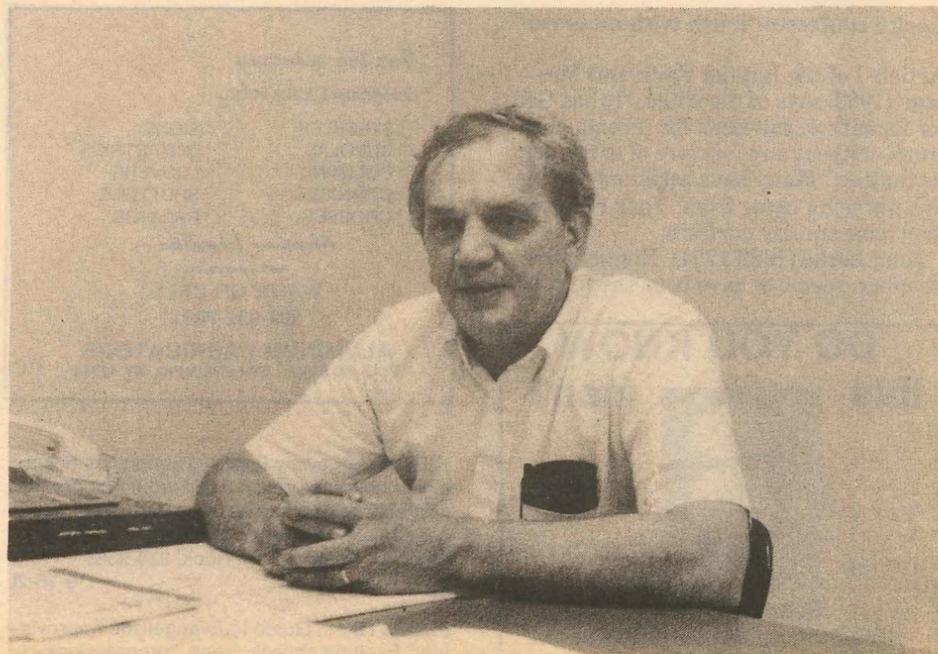


**Ralph Harrell**  
Publications Worker  
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Lowell Coots business profits include a host of spiritual blessings.

# baptist forum

## Needs conferences were "right"

The Human Needs Conference held last week at Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, and sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was one of the most productive training experiences I have received in a long time.

Biblical in its foundation and practical in its approach, I found it to be just the right kind of input our church needed for certain ministries presently conducted as well as for ministries we feel our Lord is calling us to initiate.

Specifically, our benevolence committee (three members of which were in attendance with me) received relevant information on how we can more effectively utilize our clothes closet. You may be aware that Clinton County has one of the highest rates of poverty and illiteracy among any county in our state, and we feel it our Christian responsibility to help meet these needs. Therefore, conferences such as these are "right on the money" for us.

I am grateful for this experience and grateful to our brothers and sisters in Middletown who facilitated it for us.

Charles Foster Johnson, pastor  
First Baptist Church, Albany

## Temple may not have made history

Betty Anderson's recent story about Temple Baptist Church, Owensboro, which made history when their black members constituted into a Southern Baptist Church, reminded Luther Gardner, our unofficial "church historian" about some entries in our church minutes which read as follows:

"November 1872: The colored members of this church asked to be constituted into a church. Elders . . . were appointed to confer with said brethren and advise them as to the best course to pursue."

"February 1873: The committee to visit colored brethren reported that it was the desire of said brethren and sisters to be constituted into a church and that they wished letters of dismission which the church granted and the church agreed to send its ordination (sic) to constitute them into a church."

There are no further entries in the minutes as to when or where the church was constituted.

Our best wishes to Temple Baptist Church and their former mission, Cedar Street Missionary Baptist Church.

R. L. Frees, pastor  
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Lowes

## Locke confesses "truth without error"

Article I of the Baptist Faith and Message (1963) says of the Bible: "It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter." Many have asked me where this phrasing came from. Your readers may have similar curiosity.

John Locke (1632-1704), English philosopher, seems to have been the first to

use this language, according to my current knowledge. An Anglican minister (Richard King) had asked how a "young gentleman" may "attain a true knowledge of the Christian religion, in the full and just extent of it." On Aug. 25, 1703 Locke gave a short and plain answer saying:

"Let him study the body of the scripture, especially the New Testament." Therein are contained the words of eternal life. It has God for its author; salvation for its end; and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

One may see Locke's letter in *The Works of John Locke, volume 10*.

The New Hampshire Confession (1833) was the first Baptist confession to use Locke's statement about scripture. Southern Baptist confessions of 1925 and 1963 utilized the New Hampshire phrasing.

G. Hugh Wamble  
Professor of Midwestern Baptist  
Theological Seminary

## Parham praises CLC conferences

Doug Strader and the Church Training and Special Ministries Department did a fantastic job with the four regional human needs conferences.

The attendance outstripped my original expectations. The level of commitment to meeting human needs confirmed my belief Southern Baptists are catching the biblical vision of caring for the whole person.

The idea of regional conferences on human needs is one of the best ways that I have seen to educate and equip Baptists to minister to needy people. It is a promising format which other state conventions ought to copy.

If I may be of further service to you on the hunger issue or another moral concern, please do not hesitate to call.

Robert Parham  
Director of Hunger Concerns  
Christian Life Commission

## SBC considers northeast seminary

At the SBC in Atlanta, Steven Combs of Carrollton, Ga. introduced a motion directing the Executive Committee to study the need for a new seminary in the Northeast. The motion passed and is now under consideration.

I am thankful for Combs' public initiative in this matter. Southern Baptist work in the Northeast (Maryland and Delaware) is as old as the convention itself; even the newer conventions (New

England, New York and Pennsylvania—South Jersey) represent almost 30 years of mission work. The region is desperately in need of a center for ministry training.

The Northeast Task Team on Theological Education was formed two years ago by the five Northeast conventions. It has been working closely with the Southern Baptist seminaries and the Home Mission Board to more effectively undergird our mission work through expanded opportunity for theological education and ministry training. This partnership has been fruitful and the future is very promising.

Combs was unaware of the work of the task team; and we were certainly surprised by his motion. But his act confirms once again the growing awareness throughout our convention of the critical need for more significant investment of Southern Baptist resources in the Northeast. As the center of power and population in the United States, the Northeast must be a mission priority.

We who live and work in the Northeast thank all Southern Baptists for the spiritual and financial support that enables us to serve Jesus Christ in this area.

Dwight Moody, Chairman  
Northeast Task Team  
on Theological Education  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

## England college needs Baptist writings

Regent's Park College, a Baptist seminary at the University of Oxford, England, has for a number of years been a place where professors and pastors have come for study leave. A number of Bap-

tist graduate students have completed their Oxford doctoral theses with us and it is in this connection I now write.

The Angus Library at Regent's Park College is the foremost English archive for Baptist records and writings over the last four centuries and we are seeking to enlarge our holdings of writings by Baptists in the states, in particular I would be grateful if your readers were able to provide us with any writings—books, pamphlets or journal articles—by Adoniram Judson Gordon who was closely linked with the work of many evangelists both in your country and ours.

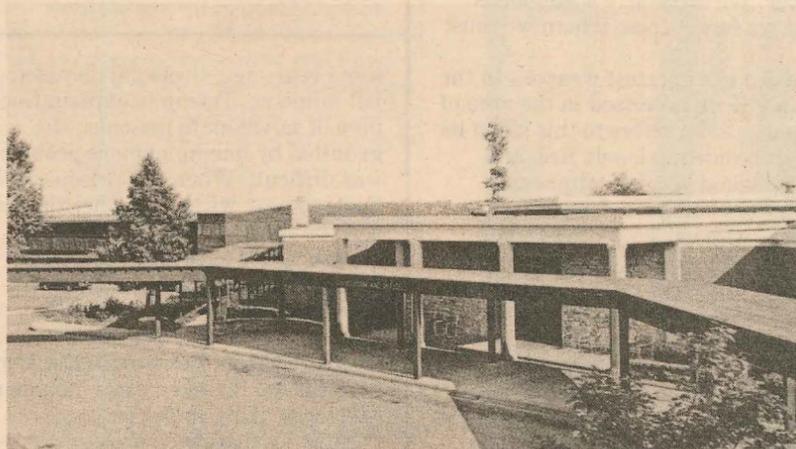
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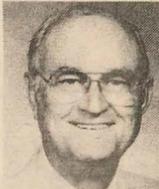
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### Cult groups strong in America

In a recent BP story David Bromley said there are less than 25,000 members of all cult groups in the United States. Bromley is speaking as a sociologist and includes as cults only those new religious groups whose social teachings or lifestyles have been questioned by sociologists, such as Unification Church and the Children of God.

The Interfaith Witness Department of the HMB uses a doctrinal basis for its definition of a cult. A cult is a religious group which claims to be Christian, but which denies or deviates from basic Christian doctrines such as the deity and physical resurrection of Christ, the personality of the Holy Spirit and heaven and hell.

These groups include the Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) with 3.5 million and the Jehovah's Witnesses with 700,000 members. The Interfaith Witness Department estimates there are between 3 and 5 million cult members in the United States.

The presence of these groups in our country should challenge a Christian to become more grounded in his own faith, aware of the teachings and practices of cults and equipped to effectively share the good news of Jesus Christ with cult members.

Gary Leazer  
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Interfaith Witness Department

### Elliott sets example for Baptists

I was pleased to read an article about Mike Elliott that appeared in Light magazine. Elliott is a model and an inspiration to many of us Kentucky Baptists not just because of his work with the homeless, but also because of his support of ordained women, his work with the sanctuary movement and with the victims of AIDS.

His church, Jefferson Street Chapel, Louisville, promotes a wide range of these related programs in addition to providing free housing for the homeless. I just praise the Lord for the example and courage of Elliott.

G. L. Nichols  
Louisville

### Baptists must lift up each other

As Southern Baptists we are often heard singing, "They'll know we are Christians by our love." Over the past few years we have heard many people in the SBC speak of loving each other. However, after witnessing certain events at the Atlanta convention and reading various news items since the convention, I really wonder if we have redefined love.

Our convention is filled with an atmosphere of name calling, innuendoes and accusations. Even the terms "liberal," "moderate" and "conservative" have come to be accusatory. People on all sides of the issue are guilty of this type behavior.

What we fail to realize is no one is completely correct in his position. Our earthly knowledge is finite and by taking an absolute position we are setting ourselves up.

There are issues we will disagree about but our differences and disagreements should never become greater than our love.

We all believe in Jesus as the risen saviour and author of a sacrificing love. People from all "sides" of the convention issues are working to reach others for Christ. We need to focus on encouraging and strengthening.

Maybe if we start lifting up each

other instead of tearing down each other, others will truly know us by our love.

Sherry Robinson  
Richmond

### How can we expect blessings?

My daddy was a Baptist deacon and an inerrantist. He brought me up to believe the Bible, which says "Love one another," and "Let all things be done decently and in order."

But when I was 14-years-old, our hometown church had an awful squabble. Unfortunately the pastor stood on one side and my daddy on the other.

One Sunday morning the preacher took the worship hour to deliver a blistering attack on those who opposed him. Daddy held such a high regard for the pulpit and for order in worship that he sat there and waited till it was all over and the pastor had pronounced the benediction. Only then did he stand up and ask, "Now will you hear me?"

But the pastor had stirred up his supporters so much they shouted my daddy down with a chorus of "no's." And a brokenhearted teenage boy sat there wondering how Christians could act so un-Christian.

That experience, and others like it, made real roadblocks in God's path for my life. The Lord had to call pretty loud for me to hear him because I was hiding behind the hate and hypocrisy of other church members! Thank God, he is patient and he is powerful. He got me straightened out and even saw fit to call me to the mission field, where Betty and I have served him 21 years.

Nowadays I tremble for another generation of young people—and older people, too—who see the way Baptists can act when they get together. Betty and I have been sickened and saddened at reports from our convention in recent years. But what happened last June in Atlanta was the worst yet.

I am not speaking to any points of controversy, although I hold strong convictions about them. I am only speaking to the point of Christian conduct and courtesy.

According to reliable reports, both from printed sources and from eye-witnesses, a brother had been duly recognized by the chair and was speaking from the platform in relation to a convention agency report. He was trying to explain his beliefs about the inspired word of God. But certain messengers drowned him out with a chorus of "no's."

Brothers and sisters, what have we come to? What are we bringing upon the coming generation if we have no more respect for one another than that? How can we expect the Lord bless us when we act like people who have never known his love and salvation?

William N. McElrath  
Missionary to Indonesia

### We have a bad system

I wish to express my concern about the way church staff members are called in Southern Baptist churches. My observations are based upon my own experiences which I suspect could be seconded by numerous others.

I graduated from Southern Seminary in 1979 with a masters degree in religious education and was called to be minister of education in a church. After serving there two years the deacons decided the position wasn't working out though I did a wonderful job. I left the church the following year. With the loss of the church came the loss of income, the loss of church friends, the loss of the fellowship of the church itself and the loss of community identity. Since I had an idea about what was going to happen I began to send out resumes. To make a long story short, I looked for another church position for over a year and nothing came up.

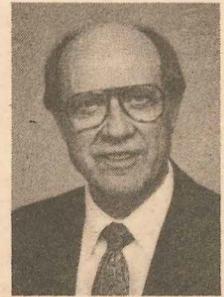
I decided to strengthen my skills with further education and entered the doctor of education program at Southern Seminary. That was three years ago.

When I came to seminary I wanted a part time position and thought my experience and education would make it easy to find. Such was not the case. Nothing came up. I am now writing my dissertation and have been looking for a full time staff or teaching position for a year. Still nothing.

The way churches find staff members is both archaic and dehumanizing. We are treated less than human, just another name to be looked at. I had an interview with one church that said they would send me a check to help cover my expenses for the 200 mile trip. I am still looking for the check after five years.

The old adage holds true even in finding a church position: It's not what you know, it's who you know. Apparently I don't know all the right people. There must be some changes in this system, now.

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## homes for children

### Hearing their cries

Why do children cry? Children cry for a variety of reasons. A baby cries when it is hungry or uncomfortable. A small child may cry in a temper tantrum or because a parent has said "No" to a request for candy.

Of course, physical hurt—a bump on the head, a skinned knee, or a mashed finger will cause a child to cry. Sometimes a child will cry to simply get the attention and sympathy of adults. Other circumstances that cause a child to cry are disappointment, loneliness, fear or sorrow.

All of these cries are easily heard. They are loud and clear.

Older children and teenagers cry too. However, their cries are not usually as loud as a small child's crying. Their cries may only be sobs or a silent tear falling across the cheek. Sometimes their crying is internal altogether with no outward expression.

Therefore, the cries of youth are often not heard by adults. In fact a youth may be going through a heartbreaking experience with adults close by who never hear the cry.

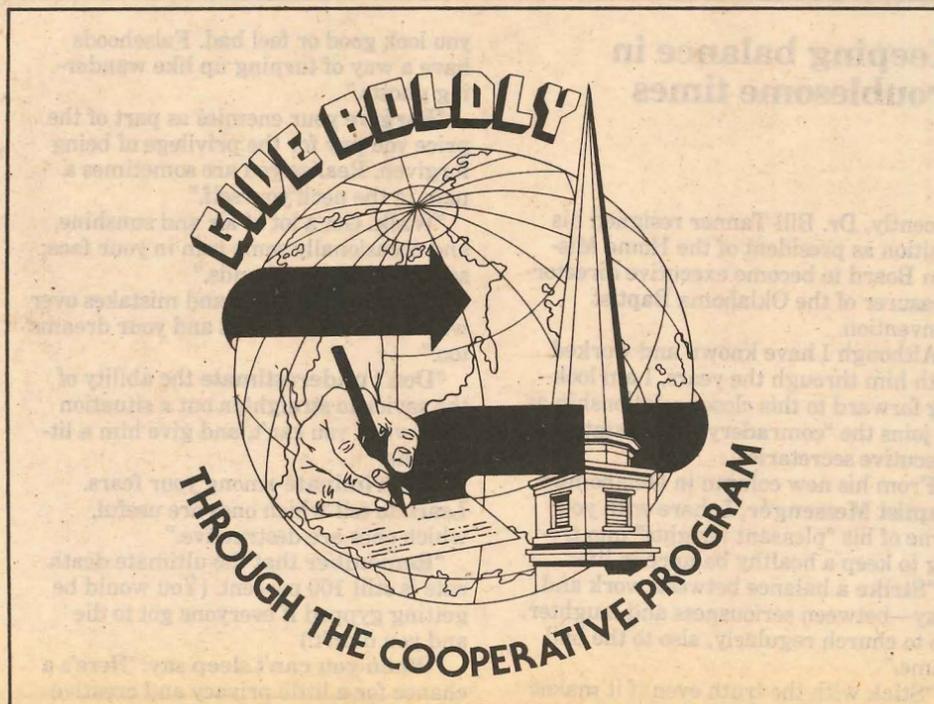
The fact that a teenager attempts suicide every minute and one succeeds in taking his/her life every two hours in the United States indicates many youth are crying and their cries are not being heard.

Can you hear their cries? Do you know why so many youth are crying? A teenager cries when a family breaks apart. The youth wonders if it is his/her fault and is torn between the two parents, living part time with each parent. Often youth are used by one parent to hurt the other parent.

You can hear the cries of a confused girl who loves her mother and wants to be with her, but she has been sexually abused by her stepfather. The mother has chosen the husband and rejected the daughter. She now lives with us at Baptist Homes for Children.

Two brothers live with us because their mother is dead and the father's whereabouts is unknown. We rejoice in bringing comfort to them when they cry.

At Baptist Homes for Children our ears are attune to the cries of our children. Have you seen our video film "Hearing the Cries of our Children?" Your director of missions has a copy. Ask to show it at your church.





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## oneida journal

### "Gloriously home!"

My youngest brother, George, died on Thanksgiving Day morning in 1948, killed by a drunken driver. I was seven at the time, but I remember it vividly.

Conducting the funeral was Carlyle Houchell. It was the first one he ever led. During the next 38 years Houchell led hundreds to the Lord, and he was asked to preach 616 funerals.

Recently I had the privilege of speaking a few words of tribute as services were held in our Melvin Davidson Chapel for Houchell. This son of Oneida died in San Antonio where he resided with his daughter the last months of his life.

He was brought to our dorm at the age of five when his father died. He was so small and timid he was put in the girls dorm to be cared for those first several years. A man of puckish wit, he used to tell about living in the girls dorm and say "I've never been the same since!"

He attended kindergarten in Anderson Hall which still stands on our campus. He graduated in 1930. The members of that class returned six years ago for graduation and were honored on their 50th anniversary. Seven of them were back for his funeral.

After graduation from Oneida, Houchell lived and worked for years on our campus. He had learned the print trade while a student in the shop founded by his brother Paul. That older brother had graduated in our first class, and graduated from Georgetown College three years later with the highest standing in the class.

Through all of Houchell's student years here, another brother named Saul was the principal. Saul was a 1911 OBI graduate and an alumnus of Georgetown and Denison University. After 17 years at Oneida, Saul went on to earn his doctorate and returned as president for five years during World War II. He retired from then Eastern State Teachers College after 28 years as a professor of English.

A younger brother, Montgomery, also came to Oneida for kindergarten and is a retired Baptist minister today living in Hustonville.

While still working in our campus print shop in the late 30's, Houchell married Hazel Hensley whose great-grandfather had given the first cash donation to Oneida in 1899. By the time their children were born, over 300 of Big Henry's descendants had already attended Oneida in the 40 years since he had made that original \$50 investment. What a return!

Houchell and his wife Hazel built a house across the South Fork opposite our campus. In the flood of 1947 they watched helplessly as their house and everything they owned washed away.

With the courage of their pioneer forefathers, they built back on higher ground, and lived together looking across the river daily to our campus until her death in 1979.

Hazel was a wonderful wife and mother of two sons and a daughter. She was a partner in ministry with her husband after his call to preach. She played the piano in the churches where he preached and they often sang together.

Houchell pastored many churches and his last pastorate was one of 25 years. His youngest son pastors in San Antonio and his only daughter is active with her husband in a street ministry in San Antonio.

His body was brought home to our chapel named for one of his childhood teachers. Hundreds came in the evening and Oneida teachers played the organ and piano continuously for six hours.

Hundreds more assembled for the service the following afternoon. Four of his nephews sang a medley of hymns. Dennis Rush, recently retired after a 37-year pastorate at Horse Creek Baptist Church, preached from Romans 8: "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

### Keeping balance in troublesome times

Recently, Dr. Bill Tanner resigned his position as president of the Home Mission Board to become executive director-treasurer of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.

Although I have known and worked with him through the years, I am looking forward to this closer relationship as he joins the "comradery" of the state executive secretaries.

From his new column in Oklahoma's Baptist Messenger, I share with you some of his "pleasant insights" into trying to keep a healthy balance in life:

"Strike a balance between work and play—between seriousness and laughter. Go to church regularly, also to the ball game."

"Stick with the truth even if it makes



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 21, 1986  
New International Series

### A Promise to Abraham

**Gen. 17:1-8** God's delay in fulfilling his promise to give him an heir became a source of severe trial to Abram's mind and faith. After many years of barrenness, Abram's wife Sarai suggested he attempt to secure a son by her "handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar." This Abram did, and to him and Hagar was born a son, Ishmael. After disobeying God's will and heeding Sarai's suggestion, Abram lived 13 years in spiritual barrenness.

When Abram reached the age of 99, God reiterated his purpose and called him to think each thought, speak each word, and perform each deed with the realization he was in the divine presence. In humility, reverence, adoration and submission, he made himself available for God's use.

To walk before God in the proper manner, Abram had to recognize God's rights, bow to authority, and be upright in his personal conduct. God wanted him to know he never wearies of pouring his mercies and blessings into the lives of obedient children.

In the reaffirmation of this covenant God promised Abram he would be to him a God of power and, as such, able to fulfill all his hopes. God let him know it was grace that provided all of the blessings which he covenanted to give him and his descendants.

**Gen. 17:15-19** God commanded Abraham to change the name of his wife

from Sarai to Sarah. That name meant princess, and was appropriate for one whose descendants would include kings. God assured Abraham that Sarah was indeed to be the mother of the seed, that the son's name would be Isaac (meaning laughter) and that the covenant, which was to be everlasting, was to be realized through Isaac, who would be the ancestor of Christ.

### Life and Work Series

### Prayer of intercession

**Ex. 32:30-32** While Moses was on Mount Sinai, communing with God, and receiving his commandments and instructions, the people who were under the supervision of Aaron quickly turned to idolatry. When Moses descended the mountain and found them worshipping a golden calf, he was disappointed and disheartened. Knowing God had declared a breach between himself and his people, due to their willful and terrible sins, Moses could not see anything ahead except defeat, disintegration and disaster.

Moses strongly denounced the terrible sin which the Israelites had committed and then declared his intention to reappear before God to attempt to make an atonement for their sin. Knowing full well God was greatly displeased with what they had done, Moses in intercessory prayer besought God to forgive their sin.

**Ephesians 6:18-20** Paul besought the Christians in Ephesus to persevere in praying for all Christians. He also requested them to pray the Lord would enable him to make known the mystery of the gospel in a bold and effective manner when he was given an opportunity to speak as "an ambassador in bonds." Though the Ephesian Christians were far away from Paul, they could intercede for him and share in the proclamation of the gospel.

Prayer is vital to right living and effective Christian service. We cannot do God's will acceptably or his work successfully without earnest prayer.

**James 5:13-16** Intercessory prayer, which is the act of one pleading for another, should be offered to God in all kinds of situations, but especially in affliction and illness. When the body is subjected to a disease and suffering, let us solicit the prayers of devoted Christians. When God so wills, he can and does heal directly, but he also uses means, such as medicines and the ability of doctors and nurses, to bring about the restoration of health.



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## on mission together

you look good or feel bad. Falsehoods have a way of turning up like wandering ghosts."

"Forgive your enemies as part of the price you pay for the privilege of being forgiven. Realize you are sometimes a pain in the neck yourself."

"Walk. Get a lot of air and sunshine, and occasionally some rain in your face; some dirt on your hands."

"Talk your troubles and mistakes over with someone you trust and your dreams too."

"Don't underestimate the ability of the savior to straighten out a situation even when you can't, and give him a little time."

"Discriminate among your fears. Learn to tell which ones are useful, which ones are destructive."

"Remember that the ultimate death rate is still 100 percent. (You would be getting gypped if everyone got to die and you didn't!)"

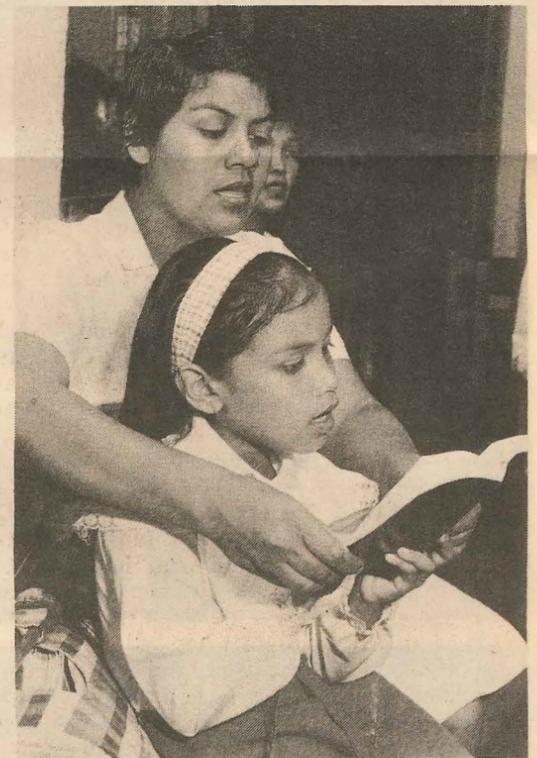
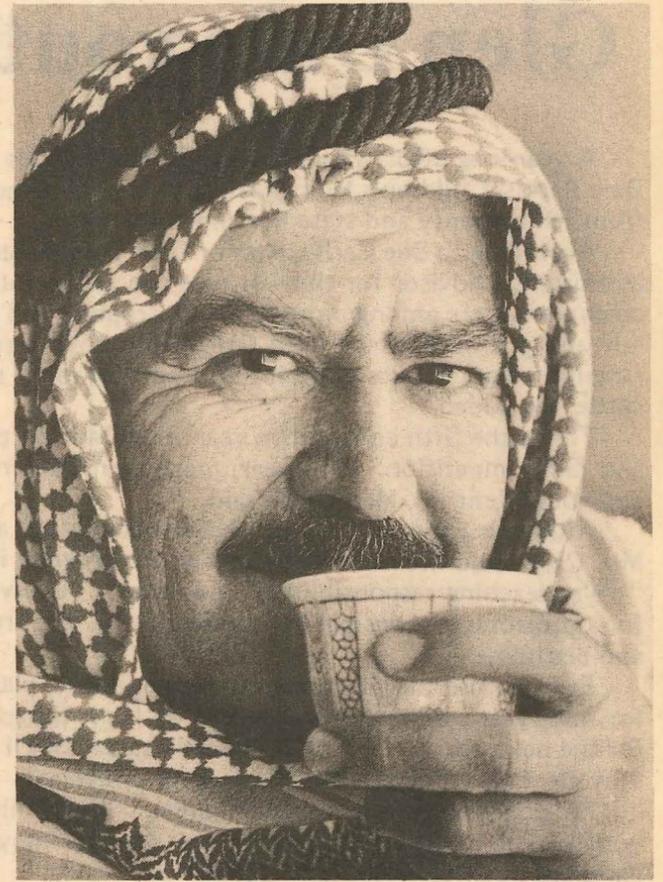
"When you can't sleep say: 'Here's a chance for a little privacy and creative

thinking. All day I've been too busy to pray, now I can get around to thanking God.'"

"Fall in love with life—with children, older people, music, prairies, hills, the sea, the Bible, the Son of God; everything except money."

I'll try to keep Bill's formula in mind.

**Schedule Sept. 16-30:** Sept. 16, Support staff orientation; Sept. 17, Meet with WMU/leadership; Sept. 18, Committee on Committees; Sept. 19-20, HMB, Atlanta; Sept. 21, Preach, Stanford B.C.; IAC mtg., Nashville, p.m.; Sept. 22-24, Exec. Committee, Nashville; Public Relations Advisory Committee; Annuity Board Meeting; Planned Growth in Giving Seminar; Sept. 25, KBC Special Committee; Sept. 26, Finance Committee Work Group; State BSU Convention; Sept. 28, Calvary B.C., Irvine; Sept. 29, Management Group Mtg.; Sept. 30, Welcome to Kentucky Day; Public Affairs Committee.



*Foreign Missions:*

## Telling the story of God's work

**Top l:** Single adults in ministry are as vital overseas as they are in the United States. In the Dominican Republic, Carmen Guzman (right) plays a game with the children of Jerusalem Baptist Church during the time between Sunday school and worship service.

**Top r:** Underneath a traditional Arabic head covering, and partially concealed by a cup of thick Turkish coffee, the smiling eyes of Shukery Rabady shine with the hope found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Missionaries work to spread the gospel alongside Jordanians like Rabady, who is pastor of Irbid Baptist Church north of Amman.

**Center l:** Missionary Betsy Tribble of North Carolina teaches the Bible to her Sunday school class in Bolivia at the Avenue Alemania Mission. Missionaries teach Bible through any means from Bible studies to English-language lessons.

**Center:** World Hunger funds through the Foreign Mission Board help keep this little girl nourished enough to study at the Christian Education Center near Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

**Center r:** Through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists support the work of more than 3500 missionaries in 106 nations as they share their faith with nationals, such as this woman in Bolivia.

**Bottom:** Missionary Roger Gaunt of California has helped Josefina Castro in the Dominican Republic study the Bible through the use of correspondence studies.



# Glen Dale youth fare well in fair competition

A year-long effort yielded worthwhile dividends as residents of Glen Dale Baptist Children's Home brought home 48 Grand Champion awards from 1986 county and state fair competitions.

According to Sue Carlin, wife of Glen Dale director Buckley Carlin and projects advisor for the 4-H program on campus, the 48 grand champions were among more than 200 trophies and ribbons gleaned from 4-H and open entries by Glen Dale youth. We participate in exhibits ranging from ceramics, clothing and photography, to dogs, goats and cattle, she added.

This is the fifth consecutive year Glen Dale has participated in 4-H and fair competition. This year, more than 50 percent of the campus had county entries, Mrs. Carlin said.

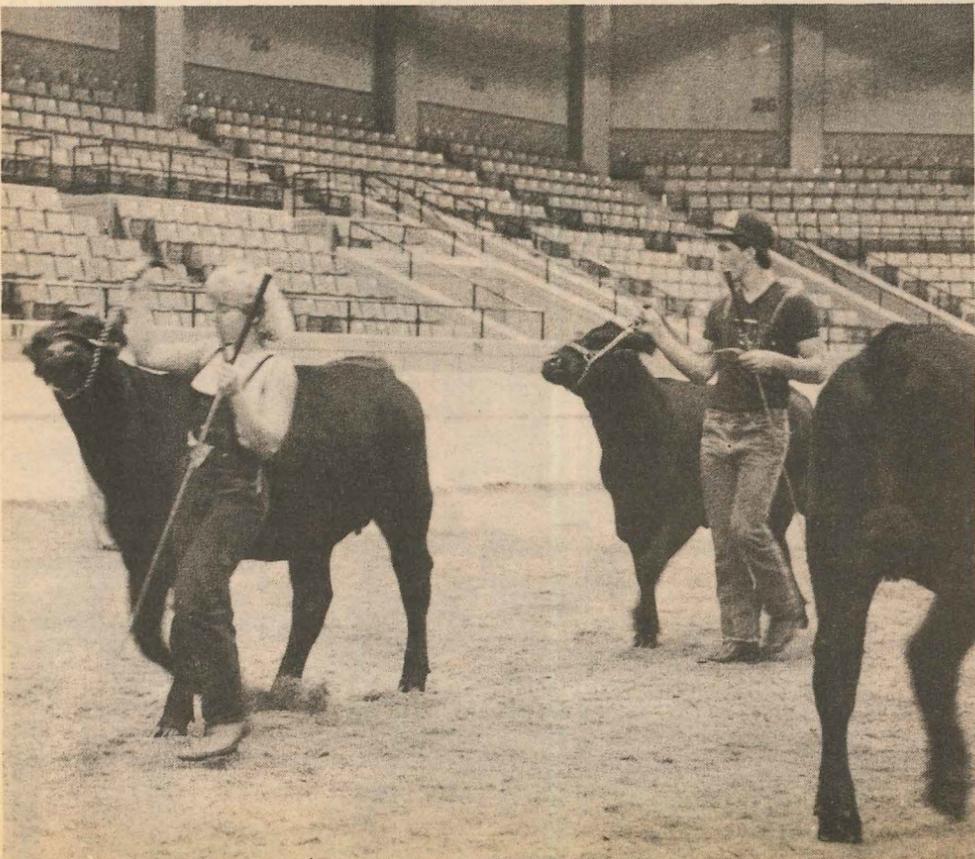
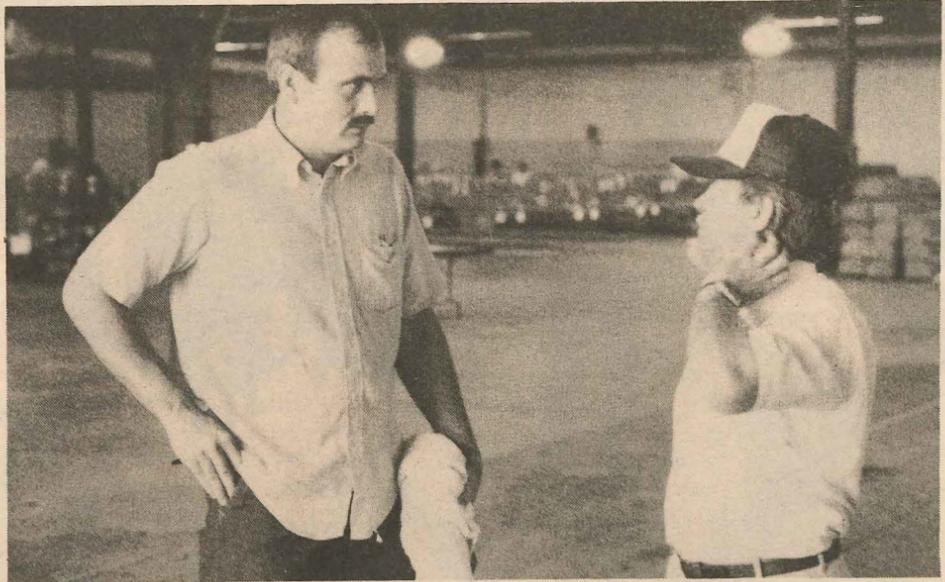
Although winning trophies and ribbons brings a smile to her face, Mrs. Carlin said the real satisfaction in the program is its side effects. "We're teaching responsibility," she noted. "Everyone who signs up for a project is responsible for completing it. That requires commitment and discipline."

Even before the pleasures of winning fades, plans are being made for next year's entries. "Each year we learn things to do differently for the next year's entries," Mrs. Carlin said. "We'll start again October 1 by electing officers and signing up for projects."

Projects stem from campus interest. "Everything is done for the youth. The crafts, animals, volunteer leaders—they're all here for the children, not vice versa," she stated.

The Glen Dale Home is one of two residential campuses for

children in need supported by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The other campus, Spring Meadows, is located in Middletown. Other areas of ministry to children include temporary care and emergency shelters, foster family care, adoption services, and unwed mother counseling.



*GLEN DALE YOUTH and sponsors took their share of ribbons at 1986 County and State Fair activities. At top, Butch Nunn, livestock advisor, discusses state events with Buckley Carlin (r), director. Above (l) youth are judged in an Alpine Goat class while Timmy Carman (above, r) prepares a heifer for show. At left, Jodi Carlin and Woody Hicks hope for ribbons for their Angus entries and Mrs. Sue Carlin, 4-H projects advisor, prompts some youth on their upcoming goat show.*