



For 1985-86 fiscal year

Severns Valley, Emmanuel lead in budget giving

by James H. Cox,
Associate Editor

For the 19th consecutive year Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, is the undisputed leader among state Baptist congregations in giving to the denomination's worldwide mission budget, the Cooperative Program.

With gifts of \$267,517, the E'town congregation is at least \$102,518 ahead of any other church in the state in support of the unified budgeting plan.

J. Howard Cobble is pastor of the 3040-member E'town church.

A year ago, Severns Valley sent \$245,950 of its offering plate receipts to the Cooperative Program, \$196,732 the year before that and \$160,712 three years ago. The congregation has increased its gifts by nearly 67 percent in three years.

Unaligned church tops per capita

In per capita giving, the church in Pike Association which was in second place on this coveted list two years ago and in first place last year did not place in the top 100 congregations in the year just ended.

Meanwhile, the congregation which did place first in 1985-86 in per capita giving did not appear anywhere on the list last year. It is not aligned with any of the state's 79 Baptist associations.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, which split off from First Baptist Church, Jenkins, which is also a member of Pike Association, easily led the state in this distinguished list. Its 84 members gave \$13,548 to the Cooperative Program, or \$161.28 per member, setting it \$65.29 ahead of its nearest competitor in per capita giving.

Tony Carson is pastor of the Emmanuel congregation.

Great expectations

There are some predictables and a few surprises in the lists of top 10 churches in both dollar and per capita giving in the state in the year just closed, too. The annual giving report of top 100 churches

was released last week by the KBC Stewardship Department and was prepared by the KBC Accounting Services Department.

Among the "expected," eight of the congregations in the top 10 in the state in dollar giving in 1984-85 are repeated on the same list in 1985-86. All but one of the top 10 gave more to the Cooperative Program in the last year than in the previous year, some of these significantly increasing their giving.

Two congregations appearing on the top 10 list this past year which were not there a year earlier include the First Baptist churches of Bowling Green and Murray, in ninth and 10th positions respectively.

Of the other eight in this elite grouping, churches occupying the first, second, fourth and sixth spots a year ago remained in those same positions this year.

Immanuel, Lexington, significantly improved its dollar gift ranking by jumping from fifth to third spot. This congregation has climbed from seventh to third place in two years. First, Madisonville, which had been in seventh place a year ago, moved into fifth this year, while Central, Winchester, eased into eighth spot from ninth a year earlier.

Surprise! surprise!

The per capita listing, meanwhile, contains several surprises.

Four of the congregations included in the top 10 are new to that group.

As stated already, the congregation in first place on this coveted list did not rank at all a year ago, as it did not exist as a separate body.

Beacon Hill, Somerset, moved from fourth to second place in the last year.

While the Mt. Pisgah congregation climbed from 13th spot a year ago to ninth this year and First, Sturgis, moved from 11th to fourth, the most impressive climb belongs to Moscow Baptist Church. It was in 94th place in 1984-85; a year later, it had moved into third place.

One congregation—Severns Valley, E'town—is again named on both top dollar and per capita lists. It climbed from eighth to seventh spot on the per capita list in the last year. Two years ago it was in 23rd place on this same list.

Associational leaders

Ten associations are represented among the top 10 dollar givers: Severns Valley, Pulaski, Elkhorn, West Union, Little Bethel, Taylor County, Daviess-McLean, Boones Creek, Warren and Blood River.

Among per capita leaders, eight associations are represented. Since the leader of this group is not affiliated with an association, only one claims two congregations—Muhlenberg. Others represented: Pulaski, West Kentucky, Ohio Valley, Blood River, Severns Valley, Taylor County and Little Bethel.

Top 10, dollar giving

The top 10 dollar givers are listed here with information in the following sequence: rank, church, city, pastor, Cooperative Program gifts, membership total in parentheses, association. Cents have been rounded off to the nearest dol-

lar. Any discrepancies should be reported to the Accounting Services Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

1. Severns Valley, E'town, J. Howard Cobble, \$267,517, (3040), Severns Valley.
2. First, Somerset, Robert Franklin Bowning, \$164,999, (1948), Pulaski.
3. Immanuel, Lexington, Ted Sisk Jr., \$158,957, (3475), Elkhorn.
4. First, Paducah, J. Robert White, \$135,035, (2912), West Union.
5. First, Madisonville, H. Garrison Coltharp, \$130,177, (3032), Little Bethel.
6. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$124,194, (2180), Taylor County.
7. First, Owensboro, David A. Nelson, \$123,023, (2525), Daviess—McLean.
8. Central, Winchester, Dan R. Francis, \$111,787, (1845), Boones Creek.
9. First, Bowling Green, Richard W. Bridges, \$107,920, (3083), Warren.
10. First, Murray, Greg E. Earwood, \$107,436, (1884), Blood River.

Nos. 11-100, dollar giving

11. Harrodsburg, W. Robert DeFoor, \$107,065, (2040), Mercer.
12. Central, Corbin, Don R. Mathis, \$106,922, (2363), Mt. Zion.
13. Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, \$97,826, (3005), Elkhorn.
14. Second, Hopkinsville, John R. Christian, \$96,927, (2367), Christian.
15. Walnut Street, Louisville, Jon Stubblefield, \$96,867, (6344), Long Run.
16. Third, Owensboro, Paul M. Welch, \$91,355, (1981), Daviess-McLean.
17. Hurstbourne, Louisville, \$90,224, (1310), Long Run.
18. First, Mayfield, Roger D. Willmore, \$85,801, (1612), Graves County.
19. Beacon Hill, Somerset, Sam Crawford, \$84,941, (858), Pulaski County.
20. First, Shelbyville, M. Robert Vassar Jr., \$77,850, (1611), Shelby County.
21. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$73,826, (1080), Muhlenberg.
22. Valley View, Louisville, T. Howell Upchurch, \$69,838, (2281), Long Run.
23. Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, \$67,025, (1255), Ohio County.
24. Bellevue, Owensboro, Gerard E. Howell, \$65,175, (763), Daviess-McLean.
25. Glasgow, Delton M. Beals, \$65,145, (2235), Liberty.
26. Highview, Louisville, William L. Hancock, \$65,000, (4540), Long Run.
27. Erlanger, William E. Crosby, \$64,110, (1523), Northern Kentucky.
28. Broadway, Louisville, Ronald W. Higdon, \$62,788, (1377), Long Run.
29. Calvary, Lexington, J. Dan Cooper, \$62,173, (2617), Elkhorn.
30. Burgin, Jon R. Roebuck, \$60,605, (787), Mercer.
31. First, Franklin, \$59,939, (1601), Simpson.
32. Lone Oak First, Paducah, Willis W. Henson, \$59,288, (2012), West Union.
33. Buena Vista, Owensboro, Jewell Ray Pruitt, \$58,576, (1099), Daviess-McLean.
34. First, Barbourville, M. A. Reese, \$57,544, (1406), North Concord.
35. Immanuel, Frankfort, Malcolm C. Lunceford, \$57,404, (740), Franklin.
36. First, Ashland, Bill Messer, \$57,285, (1609), Greenup.
37. Eastwood, Bowling Green, James W. Haskell, \$57,064, (1010), Warren.
38. First, Hopkinsville, Ralph W. Hodge, \$56,661, (1949), Christian
39. First, Leitchfield, George W. Smith, \$56,426, (1021), Grayson County.
40. Second, Greenville, Ricky Shannon, \$56,357, (707), Muhlenberg.
41. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$55,900, (600), Ohio Valley.
42. Gardenside, Lexington, James E. Heard, \$54,730, (1573), Elkhorn.
43. First, Central City, Wilson L. Lofland, \$53,214, (1265), Muhlenberg.
44. First, Lawrenceburg, Bob C. Jones, \$52,885, (1146), Anderson.
45. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$52,322, (612), Little Bethel.
46. Lyndon, Louisville, Hugh B. Goldsby, \$51,890, (1338), Long Run.
47. Lexington Avenue, Danville, Robert G. Baker, \$51,077, (1434), South District.
48. First, Richmond, Curtis H. Warf, \$50,936, (1176), Tate Creek.
49. Sand Spring, J. Terry Wilder, \$49,936, (985), Anderson.
50. Crescent Hill, Louisville, H. Stephen Shoemaker, \$49,850, (1480), Long Run.
51. Westport Road, Louisville, James B. Lewis, \$49,663, (782), Long Run.
52. Mt. Pisgah, Kenneth Abbott, \$49,023, (573), Muhlenberg.
53. First, Russellville, Larry D. Holland, \$48,262, (1054), Bethel.
54. Hall Street, Owensboro, C. Richard Dendler, \$48,138, (1356), Daviess-McLean.
55. First, Paris, \$47,893, (684), Elkhorn.
56. Farmdale, Louisville, \$47,815, (1576), Long Run.
57. Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, \$47,028, (1638), Northern Kentucky.
58. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$46,587, (501), Blood River.
59. First, London, J. William Jones, \$46,518, (1340), Laurel River.
60. First, Henderson, David Bratcher, \$45,292, (1404), Green Valley.
61. Latonia, Covington, \$44,957, (1083), Northern Kentucky.
62. First, Princeton, Bill Tichenor, \$44,890, (1466), Caldwell-Lyon.
63. Versailles, Henry D. Johns, \$44,774, (1278), Elkhorn.
64. Burlington, Paul J. Godsey, \$43,975, (1002), Northern Kentucky.
65. Harlan, Roy Carlton, \$43,373, (1131), unaligned.
66. Unity, Ashland, Harold Cathey, \$43,257, (2300), Greenup.
67. Horse Creek, Denvir Rush, \$42,731, (738), Booneville.
68. First, Whitesburg, Thomas S. Stokes, \$42,169, (1615), Three Forks.
69. First, Pikeville, Glenn Mollette, \$41,457, (1162), Pike.
70. Highland, Louisville, \$41,116, (1413), Long Run.
71. First, Winchester, H. Ray England, \$41,071, (1101), Elkhorn.
72. Shively, Louisville, \$41,022, (2344), Long Run.
73. Georgetown, Richard L. Allison, \$40,626, (1296), Elkhorn.
74. First, Belfry, James Watt Jr., \$40,421, (614), Pike.
75. Northside, David Lee Royalty, \$39,890, (866), Caldwell-Lyon.
76. First, Danville, Albert J. Gisler, \$39,733, (1720), South District.
77. Rosemont, Lexington, Jerome F. Browne, \$37,630, (1402), Elkhorn.
78. Oaklawn, Paducah, Ernest A. Carpenter, \$36,924, (683), West Union.

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These foreign missionaries are linked to thousands of Southern Baptist missionaries in America who are dependent upon the generous support of each of us as we give tithes and offerings to our church and to the world through the Cooperative Program.

Consider that more than 412 requests for new workers in foreign missions have been received for 1987, which means a needed increase in Cooperative Program dollars to the Foreign Mission Board is essential.

Across the Southern Baptist Convention during October we will celebrate "Cooperative Program Month" as we focus our energy and prayers on increasing support for the great missionary enterprise God has given us. Every church in the Southern Baptist Convention is asked to pray for Cooperative Program ministries and attempt to increase Cooperative Program support through increased offerings.

Perhaps at no time in the history of the Cooperative Program has the need for increased participation been greater.

Witness the clamor for help from Third World countries, where the fields are truly white for harvest and laborers are few.

Consider the continuing hunger problem all over the world and the need for Southern Baptists to respond compassionately.

Witness the need in cities across America where the work of our Home Mission Board barely scratches the surface. In fact millions of Americans need Christ and the method of reaching them in Southern Baptist life is through the ministry of the HMB, supported by Cooperative Program money given generously by caring Southern Baptists.

Witness the needs in our own state. We have set a goal of 400 new churches because that is the minimum number our leaders believe we need to reach our state with the Baptist faith. The accomplishment of that goal is dependent upon the support the Kentucky Baptist Convention receives through Cooperative Program contributions from the churches.

A glance at our record is revealing. Last fiscal year the KBC received through Cooperative Program contributions \$14,765,534. That is \$824,790 less than the budget or a shortfall of 5.3 percent. Translated into missionary action that means we were not able to do all we felt necessary in our own state because our Cooperative Program dollars were not there. What happens to our mission advance if we do not increase our giving through the Cooperative Program lifeline? That answer is obvious.

The shortfall translates into a half-million dollar loss for all our Kentucky Baptist agencies and institutions. Christian education, children's home ministries, hospitals, Western Recorder and all the programs of the executive board of the KBC were hurt by the shortfall of funds in the last fiscal year. Put this together with cost increases in almost everything we do and you can easily see the pinch on our work for the Lord in Kentucky. Multiply this by every state convention in the SBC and the picture is clear.

What is the solution? The answer is in our firm commitment to the Cooperative Program as the best way for all of us to do all the work we are called to do. Unfortunately we have some severe critics among us who believe there are better ways to fund the missionary enterprise.

Of course there are other ways to do missions and the Cooperative Program, good as it is, is not perfect. However none of the other ways we do missions matches the completeness of the Cooperative Program, where millions of Baptist church people share in cooperative ventures beyond the reach of any single church. The Cooperative Program must have high priority in our local church budgets if we are to continue to feed the lifeline of missions here and abroad. The critics notwithstanding, we believe this is God's plan for Southern Baptists today and in the foreseeable future.

The shortfall is discouraging but it is not the end by a long shot. The \$14.7 million contributed last year in Kentucky was the highest amount ever given in a single year through the Cooperative Program. That is certainly worth a prayer of thanksgiving.

Baptists have always responded to need and we will again. This may be a time of testing for all of us, a time of belt-tightening, a time of re-arrangement of priorities. We are a missionary people and we will not allow our lifeline to suffer very long.

The spirit of unity and good will we have experienced in associational meetings across Kentucky is encouraging. Churches know what is needed, pastors have the work of Christ around the world on their hearts and our people are willing to go a second mile in serving the Lord in places other than their own back yard.

As we enter the sesquicentennial year of the Kentucky Baptist Convention are we able to recall the pioneer spirit which prompted our spiritual forefathers to organize Kentucky Baptists? Do we have the grit and determination to do a job as faithfully and sacrificially as those early Baptists? Are we as unified, as committed to missions and as willing to work as we must be?

Time will tell but there is a good spirit among us now which says we will do what is necessary for advancement in the work of the Lord. Multitudes of people are counting on us and the Cooperative Program is the best way we can respond to their needs.

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Honor roll goes on in budget giving

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79. First, Scottsville, Ronald Bradley, \$36,840, (837), Allen.
 80. First, Mt. Washington, Verlin C. Kruschwitz, \$36,680, (1474), Nelson.
 81. High Point, Alfred S. Cobb, \$36,452, (757), Graves County.
 82. Oakland Avenue, Phillip Potter, \$35,520, (832), Greenup.
 83. Immanuel, Paducah, William P. Cubine, \$35,235, (1155), West Union.
 84. Macedonia, Denzil L. Dukes, \$34,342, (639), Daviess-McLean.
 85. Marion, Ray E. Cummins, \$34,172, (637), Ohio River.
 86. Beechmont, Louisville, Eugene I. Enlow, \$34,000, (1520), Long Run.
 87. First, Fulton, Scott E. Brewer, \$33,766, (993), Fulton County.
 88. First, Benton, Herschel D. Morgan, \$33,630, (720), Blood River.
 89. DeHaven Memorial, LaGrange, William Day, \$33,496, (1344), Sulphur Fork.
 90. Corinth, Gabriel R. Collett, \$33,293, (725), Laurel River.
 91. Hawesville, Phillip D. Basinger, \$33,132, (859), Blackford.
 92. Calvary, Ernest L. Martin, \$32,983, (774), South District.
 93. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$32,474, (488), Mercer.
 94. Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, \$32,447, (991), Long Run.
 95. Pleasant Hill, Bob E. Martin, \$32,405, (642), Taylor County.
 96. Second, Madisonville, Trueman G. Davis, \$32,370, (688), Little Bethel.
 97. Lancaster, William G. Humphrey, \$32,276, (980), South District.
 98. Pleasant Hill, C. E. Jacobs, \$31,849, (729), Pulaski County.
 99. High Street, Sammie Adkins, \$31,833, (942), Pulaski County.
 100. Lewisport, \$31,437, (648), Blackford.

Top 10, per capita giving

The top 10 in this grouping are identified by association and, if known, also by city.

1. Emmanuel, Jenkins, Tony Carson, \$161.28, (84), unaligned.
 2. Beacon Hill, Somerset, Sam Crawford, \$95.99, (858), Pulaski County.
 3. Moscow, Bob Covington, \$93.54, (76), West Kentucky.
 4. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$93.16, (600), Ohio Valley.
 5. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$92.98, (501), Blood River.
 6. Woodland, E. W. Greenwalt, \$88.32, (238), Muhlenberg.
 7. Severns Valley, E'town, J. Howard Cobble, \$87.99, (3040), Severns Valley.
 8. Good Hope, George Gaddie, \$85.99, (182), Taylor County.
 9. Mt. Pisgah, Kenneth Abbott, \$85.55, (573), Muhlenberg.
 10. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$85.49, (612), Little Bethel.

Nos. 11-100, per capita giving

11. Bellevue, Owensboro, Gerard E. Howell, \$85.41, (763), Daviess-McLean.
 12. First, Somerset, Robert Franklin Browning, \$84.70, (1948), Pulaski County.
 13. Second, Greenville, Ricky Shannon, \$79.71, (707), Muhlenberg.
 14. Gilbertsville, Billy G. Turner, \$79.11, (117), Blood River.
 15. Pellville, Arthur R. Morris Jr., \$77.70, (306), Blackford.
 16. Immanuel, Frankfort, Malcolm C. Lunceford, \$77.57, (740), Franklin.

17. Burgin, Jon R. Roebuck, \$77.00, (787), Mercer.
 18. Highland Hills, John W. Krushwitz, \$72.97, (302), Northern Kentucky.
 19. Mexico, Archie Brock, \$70.24, (286), Ohio River.
 20. First, Paris, \$70.01, (684), Elkhorn.
 21. Hurstbourne, Louisville, \$68.87, (1310), Long Run.
 22. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$68.35, (1080), Muhlenberg.
 23. Salem \$67.30, (329), Ohio River.
 24. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$66.54, (488), Mercer.
 25. Locust Grove, Jack Jones, \$65.87, (175), Blood River.
 26. First, Belfry, James Watt Jr., \$65.83, (614), Pike.
 27. West Fork, Clifton J. Dexter, \$64.86, (230), Blood River.
 28. Hardinsburg, Harry Dooley, \$64.38, (460), Breckenridge.
 29. Westport Road, Louisville, James B. Lewis, \$63.50, (782), Long Run.
 30. Saginaw North, \$62.11, (25), Ohio Valley.
 31. Palestine, Michael Moynahan, \$61.35, (383), Taylor County.
 32. Mt. Gilboa, Roger Alford, \$60.96, (170), Taylor County.
 33. Central, Winchester, Dan R. Francis, \$60.58, (1845), Boones Creek.
 34. South Fork, Jimmy Wayne Gray, \$59.44, (134), Owen County.
 35. Manchester, Roger D. Williams, \$58.14, (297), Booneville.
 36. Horse Creek, Dennis Rush, \$57.90, (738), Booneville.
 37. Living Hope, George W. Compton Jr., \$57.72, (384), Warren.
 38. Magnolia, James E. Hill, \$57.22, (336), Severns Valley.
 39. Fernsboro, W. Leroy Dillehay, \$57.07, (374), Ohio County.
 40. First, Murray, Greg C. Earwood, \$57.02, (1884), Blood River.
 41. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$56.96, (2180), Taylor County.
 42. Eastwood, Bowling Green, James W. Haskell, \$56.49, (1010), Warren.
 43. Bethabara, Michael B. Winters, \$55.78, (248), Daviess-McLean.
 44. First, Baxter, Alfred R. Hoe, \$55.75, (61), Upper Cumberland.
 45. First, Leitchfield, George W. Smith, \$55.26, (1021), Grayson County.
 46. Walnut Grove, \$54.87, (317), Caldwell-Lyon.
 47. Oaklawn, Ernest A. Carpenter, \$54.06, (683), West Union.
 48. First, Sebree, Bob C. Hardison, \$53.92, (460), Green Valley.
 49. Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, \$53.40, (1255), Ohio County.
 50. Buena Vista, Owensboro, Jewel Ray Pruitt, \$53.29, (1099), Daviess-McLean.
 51. First, Mayfield, Roger D. Willmore, \$53.22, (1612), Graves County.
 52. Greensburg, George Price, \$52.83, (546), Russell Creek.
 53. Cuba, \$52.53, (308), Graves County.
 54. Harrodsburg, W. Robert DeFoor, \$52.48, (2040), Mercer.
 55. Countryside, \$51.77, (64), Ohio Valley.
 56. Salvisa, Larry D. Koch, \$51.18, (234), Mercer.
 57. First, Inez, Hobert Reynolds, \$51.06, (350), Enterprise.
 58. Sand Spring, J. Terry Wilder, \$50.69, (985), Anderson.
 59. Pleasant Hill, Bob E. Martin, \$50.47, (642), Taylor County.
 60. Vine Run, Michael D. Smith, \$50.45, (300), Ten Mile.
 61. Cecilia, Mark Francis Boes,

\$50.30, (444), Severns Valley.
 62. Zions Cause, James E. Shaw, \$50.02, (209), Blood River.
 63. Clayvillage, Tim Duke, \$50.01, (358), Shelby County.
 64. Macedonia, Denzil L. Dukes, \$49.84, (689), Daviess-McLean.
 65. Marion, Ray E. Cummins, \$49.74, (687), Ohio River.
 66. Riverview, Robert Copley, \$49.67, (29), Greenup.
 67. Munfordville, Wayne Foropoulos, \$49.58, (481), Lynn.
 68. Southern Heights, Russellville, Darrell D. Hartley, \$48.95, (207), Bethel.
 69. Little Clifty, Larry Bratcher, \$48.86, (152), Grayson County.
 70. First, Owensboro, David A. Nelson, \$48.72, (2525), Daviess-McLean.
 71. Hazel, James T. Garland, \$48.67, (472), Blood River.
 72. Lewisport, \$48.51, (648), Blackford.
 73. Anchor, \$48.42, (129), Northern Kentucky.
 74. First, Shelbyville, M. Robert Vasar Jr., \$48.32, (1611), Shelby County.
 75. High Point, Alfred S. Cobb, \$48.16, (757), Graves County.
 76. Concord, Mark Payton, \$47.92, (193), Ohio County.
 77. Utica, Bob C. Litton, \$47.69, (482), Daviess-McLean.
 78. Adairville, Carl Freudenthal, \$47.66, (339), Bethel.
 79. Second, Madisonville, Trueman G. Davis, \$47.04, (688), Little Bethel.
 80. Pleasant Home, R. James Anderson, \$46.80, (143), Ten Mile.
 81. First, Benton, Herschel D. Morgan, \$46.70, (720), Blood River.
 82. Airline, Lester Lee Nash, \$46.67, (455), Green Valley.
 83. Bethel, \$46.65, (428), Mercer.
 84. Walnut Grove, William E. Lynch, \$46.62, (237), Bethel.
 85. New Cypress, John W. Brandon, \$46.42, (300), Muhlenberg.
 86. First, Paducah, J. Robert White, \$46.37, (2912), West Union.
 87. Chevy Chase, Ralph Edsel Thomas, \$46.30, (453), Elkhorn.
 88. First, Lawrenceburg, Bob C. Jones, \$46.14, (1146), Anderson.
 89. Third, Owensboro, Paul M. Welch, \$46.11, (1981), Daviess-McLean.
 90. Northside, David Lee Royalty, \$46.07, (866), Caldwell-Lyon.
 91. Shiloh Missionary, Herschel Jennings, \$45.93, (135), West Kentucky.
 92. Corinth, Gabriel R. Collett, \$45.92, (725), Laurel River.
 93. First, Russellville, Larry D. Holland, \$45.78, (1054), Bethel.
 94. Immanuel, Lexington, Ted Sisk Jr., \$45.74, (3475), Elkhorn.
 95. Bethlehem, Paul W. Reid, \$45.68, (304), Henry County.
 96. Broadway, Louisville, Ronald W. Higdon, \$45.59, (1377), Long Run.
 97. Central, Corbin, Don R. Mathis, \$45.24, (2363), Mt. Zion.
 98. Greenwood, Bowling Green, James F. Gentry Jr., \$45.21, (397), Warren.
 99. Beechmont Missionary, Wendal Mark Johnson, \$44.71, (133), Muhlenberg.
 100. Goshen, \$44.57, (126), Sulphur Fork.



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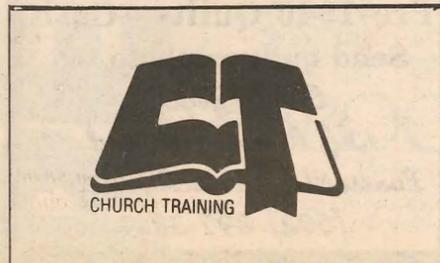
Seventy-four worlds

How would you arrive at a dollar value for the one world in which we live? One would have to consider all the gold, silver, oil, coal, gas, fertile lands, abundant crops, animals, machines, factories, buildings, businesses etc. If everything could be listed with a dollar value, the total figure would reach beyond men's comprehension.

I did not list human beings because I want you to think of the value of our world apart from the value of people. According to Matt. 16:26 Jesus said, "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" This clearly says that one soul is worth more than the whole world.

Because even one soul is of more value than the whole world, it is imperative Christians tell others of Jesus and the way to have eternal life. There is nothing we can do in service for our Lord which is of more value than evangelism. Therefore, in our daily walk we need to seek ways to witness for our Lord. All we do in our churches needs to have as its central purpose evangelism and missions.

I have a deep conviction the ministry of your Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is an extended arm of our Kentucky Baptist churches. This extended arm provides specialized care for children who have needs. These are needs which cannot be met by the local church but which are provided for by the combined support of many churches. As an arm of the churches the primary task of Baptist Homes for Children also is evangelism. Our annual report just prepared for the Kentucky Baptist Convention shows we have had a very good year in evangelism. We are happy to report 74 youth made professions of faith this past year. Each soul saved is worth more than the whole world. This means our wealth for this year is more than the wealth of 74 worlds. Occasionally one hears the rumor Baptist Homes for Children has plenty of money and gifts are not needed. Please hear me, that is a false rumor. We do have great wealth in children and opportunities to serve them. But without your prayers and financial support we could not long continue this great ministry. You keep supporting us, and we will keep on telling youth about Jesus.





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clear creek comment

Working together

Of all the words which characterize Southern Baptists, *cooperation* is one of the strongest. The Baptist association is marked by the motto, "We can accomplish working together what we cannot accomplish alone." And we believe in the *Cooperative Program* as a way of supporting missions.

Uncooperativeness is the curse of unsuccessful people. They drift into a job, they drift into marriage, they drift through life—wishing things were different, but they do not possess any clear-cut desires or ambitions and they do not reach out to others or learn to give. Agreeing on a common goal and working with others to reach it is a fundamental requirement for success in life.

A successful management engineer, a man who takes hold of sick businesses and puts them on their feet again, said that 95 percent of the difficulties in a sick business are not in the business but the people concerned. They get snarled up in their own lives and pass on their inner snarls to their outer circumstances. They cannot get along with themselves and hence cannot get along with others. The business dies because the spirit of cooperation dies.

Henry Ford II said, "No society, no people, no family can go forward unless good will exceeds ill will; unless the spirit of cooperation surpasses antagonism; unless we all see and act as though the other man's welfare determines our own welfare." Marcus Aurelius said long ago, "We are born for cooperation as are the feet, the hands, the eyelids and the upper and lower jaws."

Clear Creek Baptist School was built through the cooperation of countless multitudes of people who were willing to give themselves for a noble common purpose. During this 60th anniversary year we are taking every opportunity to remind Kentucky Baptists of our roots and our history. The Clear Creek family will rise to the continuing challenges in future years by a dedication to work together in accomplishing great things for God. After all, at Clear Creek we are workers together with God!

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Students told to 'leave the fortress'

by James H. Cox
Associate Editor

One of the largest crowds of Baptist collegians in state history was urged to "get out of the fortress" and "share the good news" (of Jesus) during the Kentucky Baptist student convention Sept. 26-28 at Bowling Green.

Esther Burroughs, principal speaker, pondered: "You who have the good news, will you ever get out of the fortress of your BSU building and go?"

The national consultant for the Home Mission Board's Special Mission Ministries Department continued: "You and I need to quit singing, 'Jesus loves me' and get out in the world and sing 'Jesus loves you.' Where will you be his witness?"

In an earlier address, Mrs. Burroughs reminded the students they are "kin" to people around the globe "because of Jesus' death on the cross."

"If you knew some good news, wouldn't you share it with your family?" she asked.

Jesus is asking you to "share the good news with your kin," she averred.

Then she questioned: "Is your BSU a fortress? Do you plan everything for the people that belong? How can you and I hold on to the good news and not share it?"

"You know the good news," she concluded. "Have you shared it?"

The BSU convention meeting with Bowling Green's First Baptist Church was "one of the largest in history," according to Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Department, Middletown.

While an official count of 794 persons registered, programers believe the actual attendance approached 900.

Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, which began a BSU program two years ago, was represented with 21 persons at the state convention.

Ten percent of Campbellsville College's enrolment—54 persons—22.5 per-

cent of those living in the dormitories, according to Blaylock, attended.

An offering of \$1000 received during the weekend will go to summer missions.

In a business session, the students adopted a \$70,000 budget goal for summer missions for next year. Baptist students contributed or raised \$68,300 for this project on Kentucky campuses in 1986.

In addition to the four in-state teams (SonBurst, Son Celebration, Son Praise, Son Share), it was reported that 12 additional students will be assigned by the Home Mission Board in 1987 to serve in Kentucky, at least 10 more Kentuckians will be requested by the HMB to serve elsewhere in the U. S. and six Kentuckians have been requested by the Foreign Mission Board for projects outside the U. S.

The BSU at Murray State University was cited for "meritorious" service. In four years, it has increased its giving to summer missions from \$5400 to more than \$8000 last year, exceeding its own goal by \$1000 last year.

A student summer missionary, Hunter Bates, an Eastern Kentucky University member of the Son Share team, testified: "We started out June 1 as

strangers. By the middle of August we had finished our stints as brothers and sisters in Christ."

University of Kentucky student Jeff Fuson, state BSU president, presided over the various sessions. Other officers include Mickey Sampson, U of L, vice president; and Lenay Stober, Morehead State University, secretary.

An interesting footnote concerns 43 BSUers from Northern Kentucky University. In a borrowed church bus, the group led by campus minister Rick Howerton had a tale to tell.

The bus broke down less than 15 miles from their Highland Heights campus on the way. It was "drowned out" in a rainstorm at E'town, putting them in Bowling Green at 10:30 p.m. The first session began at 7 p.m.

On the way home, it broke down at Sonora. Severns Valley Church, E'town, sent its bus to carry the students from E'town to Louisville; and Walton Church sent a bus to Louisville to pick them up. They arrived at the campus as 1:45 a.m. Monday, more than a dozen hours after adjournment in Bowling Green.

"It's a convention our kids will never forget," Howerton smiled.

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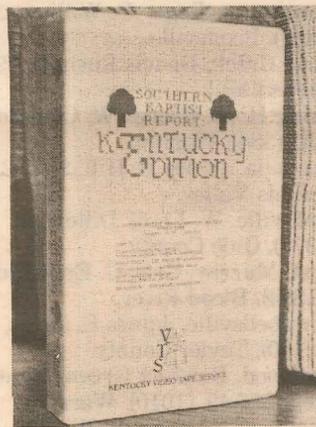
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Children create 'moment of hope' in Christmas pageant

by Denise George
Special Correspondent

An angel in ski boots, Joseph and Mary in dishtowel robes, and a tiny shepherd still cuddling her bedtime bear, among others, stood waiting to walk to the straw-filled manger.

Another Christmas pageant? Yes. But not just another Christmas pageant. This was a pageant of hope, and one of the highlights of my year in Switzerland.

Some five months before, my husband, Timothy, my two preschoolers, Christian and Alyce, and I had rented out our house, our car and our cat. We stepped aboard a Boeing 747 to Switzerland where we would spend one year. This sabbatical year—a year of study, research and writing—was granted to us by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where Timothy had taught church history and historical theology seven years.

We chose to live and work in Switzerland because of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rueschlikon, the "village of roses." Located beneath the Alps and overlooking Lake Zurich, the small English-speaking seminary was founded in 1949. It is supported by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and European Baptist unions.

The seminary is home for some 60 students and their families, as well as for European and Foreign Mission Board faculty and staff. More than 18 different nationalities are represented there.

As interesting as I found the seminary students, the children of the students, faculty and staff fascinated me even more. They came from affluent countries as well as very poor and war-torn countries. They arrived at the seminary all ages, shapes, sizes and colors. They had many difficult major adjustments to make in their new home. All had left grandparents and families, school and friends, to come with their parents to this foreign land. They had to learn quickly the culture, the language and how to cope in the highly-regimented Swiss German schools. All they had known and loved, the familiar,



Timothy and Denise George celebrated Christmas in Switzerland with their children, Christian and Alyce.

was now very foreign to them.

On this Christmas morning all the children gathered for worship in the small bilingual chapel located on the edge of the campus. Vera, Leo and Grada from Holland, Tobit from India, Emmanuel, Gift, Robert and Daniel from Africa, Bromlyn and Fiona from Australia, Dragana from Yugoslavia, Christian and Alyce from the United States—they waited quietly in the back of the church, unaware that they represented every continent of the world.

Then one by one they walked down the church aisle, singing songs, grinning at their admiring parents and speaking their Swiss-German lines. By the end of the pageant each child had knelt at the manger and had offered his or her handmade present to the plastic doll who posed as the baby Jesus.

Just another Christmas pageant, one of many performed around the world that day. It wasn't even the "perfect" Christmas pageant. A shepherd's costume slipped off, a wise man sat on his crown and an angel forgot her line.

True, I had seen more perfect Christmas pageants, but never had I seen one more meaningful. As I sat and watched these children of all colors and all cultures speak a common language and walk hand-in-hand to kneel at the feet of Jesus, I felt a strong stirring of hope. For each child brought his own unique gifts to Jesus. And each child



Children from around the world participate in a Christmas pageant of hope in the Baptist Chapel in Rueschlikon, Switzerland, part of the Baptist seminary community.

walked in harmony with the child who walked next to him. For me and for each other, the children had given the world a face. And for whatever color that face was, it was now the face of a friend.

On this morning they had joined together to honor the one who loved their uniqueness and who celebrated their unity. For the love of Christ had brought them together in their differences, and their differences no longer made a difference. They walked together, brother and sister, to bring us the message of love and peace—the message of Jesus Christ. It was a

moment of unexpected hope that reached out on that cold and snowy Christmas morning and touched me deeply.

Our year in Switzerland came to an end the following August and we flew home. Since, I've tried to remember all the wonders of Switzerland, the majestic mountains, the cathedrals and museums, the roses of Rueschlikon. But no mountain, cathedral, museum, or rose could in any way equal the wonder and beauty of the little angel in ski boots, Joseph and Mary in their dishtowel robes and the tiny shepherd still cuddling her bedtime bear.

Moore, Colvin join forces at Oneida Institute

by Gregory L. Hancock
Kentucky Baptist Public Relations

Every Baptist in Kentucky knows A. B. Colvin. It's a simple fact. The man carved out his niche as pastor in south-central and later northern Kentucky before moving to Louisville to join the staff of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in August, 1958.

In the 27 odd years he served the KBC in capacities varying from director of missions and evangelism to assistant to executive secretary and coordinator of missions related departments, his job description may have read many ways but he always interpreted it "meet Kentucky Baptists" and Kentucky Baptists interpreted it "meet A. B. Colvin."

Callers had a hard time catching Colvin in his office. He was always off visiting some church or association; counseling some denominational group on the most effective way to transact a particular ministry; bringing a congregation and a pastoral candidate together. He stayed up to his elbows in the nuts and bolts of cooperative missions and, when the white-haired gentleman whose trade-marks were an immaculately tailored suit and a narrow pair of reading glasses retired in 1984, a collective groan went up across Kentucky as his constituency asked, "Who will we turn to, now?"

It should be noted that Colvin was a reluctant retiree. Not that he did not relish the prospects of leisure time and a well-earned pension. It was simply that Baptist work was more than a job for him. He not only worked Baptist, he played Baptist. The convention was both his vocation and his avocation.

Barkley Moore hasn't been around nearly as long as A. B. Colvin but no one doubts the two men are cut of the same stuff. A UK law student become Peace Corps volunteer in Iran, Moore returned to Kentucky in 1972 to assume the presidency of Oneida Baptist Institute: an obscure, organizationally shaky Baptist boarding school in the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

Kentucky Baptists generally agree, Moore did not go to work for Oneida; he married it. The school became the object of his passion for ministry and his deep, abiding faith in Jesus Christ.

Today Moore, in the spirit of the apostle Paul, boasts of Christ through Oneida; proud that every student hears the gospel each and every day.

It is not known whether Barkley Moore sought out A. B. Colvin to offer a post-retirement job or the other way around. It came as no surprise to anyone, however, that Moore and Colvin joined forces and were working together to underwrite and promote mountain missions through Oneida Baptist Institute. Nothing could have been more natural!

Individually, Colvin and Moore are formidable salesmen. Colvin didn't spend 27 years promoting Kentucky Baptists programs because he lacked motivation and drive. Neither did Moore's commitment to Oneida manifest itself in apathy. Combining the two personalities resulted in something akin to a total greater than the sum of the parts. Oneida needs no public or church relations department. She has Colvin and Moore.

Mountain missions has netted more than a few casual blessings as a result of the A. B. Colvin-Barkley Moore link-up. One of the most enduring of these blessings was revealed by the Kentucky

Baptist Foundation when the A. B. Colvin scholarship to Oneida was announced. During the annual Mountain Missions Conference Barkley Moore presented A. B. Colvin with a check for \$5000; monies sent to Oneida in honoraria for various services performed by A. B. Colvin. Colvin endorsed the check and returned it to Moore to endow future generations of mountain children who deserve but cannot afford a quality education.

In order to guarantee the future of the A. B. Colvin scholarship, Moore entrusted the original donation to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Why? Because over the past five inflation-ridden years the Foundation averaged a 17.3% return on its fixed fund investments and a 19.9% return on its balanced fund investments.

Barry Allen, director of the Business Division for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and acting director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, announced this week that the A. B. Colvin scholarship had already grown to \$10,000 as a result of additional contributions and interest returns.

It will be the policy of the Foundation to retain contributions as endowment principal and expend only interest receipts in the form of annual scholarships. As the principal amount grows, more scholarships will become available and there will never be any risk that the fund will be depleted and become extinct.

The motto of Oneida Baptist Institute boasts, "Education for time and eternity." Barkley Moore and A. B. Colvin are taking care of "time," through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Their ministries for Jesus Christ, expressed through the lives of hundreds of Oneida students, ascertains "eternity" as well.

baptist news in brief

1000 churches start planned giving

About 1000 of the Southern Baptist Convention's 36,979 churches have participated in their denomination's year-old Planned Growth in Giving emphasis. The percentage may be low but planners say the campaign is on track for realistic success.

Planned Growth in Giving is designed to raise combined contributions given to Southern Baptist churches by \$3 billion to \$20 billion annually by the year 2000. The campaign was approved by messengers to the SBC annual meeting in 1983 and was launched throughout the convention last fall.

Conducted on the local church level, it calls for increased contributions to churches. It also seeks greater participation by churches in the Cooperative Program, the SBC unified budget which supports missions, ministry and education endeavors worldwide.

Participating churches have experienced offering increases ranging from 12 to 45 percent, reported Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Baptist Executive Committee.

However, the 1000 churches that have participated thus far comes from only about 10,000 or 12,000 of the convention's churches that conduct any type of stewardship emphasis, said A. R. Fagan, president of the Baptist Stewardship Commission, noting these are the churches most likely to participate in the program.

"The realization of our \$20 billion goal will not be accomplished with only 10

percent of our churches involved, so we'll have to have a higher percentage," he added. "Over the years I expect we'll have more than 10 percent involved. That's the advantage of it being a 15-year program." (BP)

Quick shift unlikely in Rehnquist court

Although President Reagan achieved one of the primary goals of his administration with the elevation of Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist to chief justice of the United States the victory likely does not signal a judicial revolution at the nation's highest tribunal.

Former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger's decision to step down to lead up the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution and the President's choice of Rehnquist as his successor has given Reagan his second chance to fill a vacancy on the high court.

Yet not even Rehnquist's promotion and the addition of the equally conservative Antonin Scalia to take the spot vacated by Burger ensure any significant short-term power shift.

For the short term the basic contours of the court will remain essentially unaltered. On a wide range of constitutional questions Rehnquist and Scalia are likely to team up with Reagan's other appointment to the court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, as a potent and reliable trio advocating judicial restraint, the philosophy the federal courts should be reticent to review laws passed by elected legislatures or actions under-

taken by executive branch personnel in enforcing laws.

On the other wing advocating judicial activism Justices William J. Brennan Jr. and Thurgood Marshall are likely to be joined more frequently by Justice John Paul Stevens. Judicial activism refers to the view federal courts should be aggressive in reviewing laws and executive actions to preserve a balance of power among the three branches of government.

Such a configuration—with three justices at either end of the philosophical spectrum—leaves the other three as key swing votes. That trio, consisting of Justices Byron R. White, Harry A. Blackmun and Lewis F. Powell Jr., is less predictable and more mobile. These justices will continue to be the objects of special attention from attorneys arguing before the high court in the never-ending objective of putting together a majority of five to obtain a favorable decision. (BP)

5-agency coalition marks 'major step'

Leaders of five Southern Baptist Convention agencies have vowed to join their resources to make missions the "pivotal element" of Southern Baptist life.

Joining the forces were Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board; Bob Banks, interim president of the Home Mission Board; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union; James Smith, president of the Brotherhood Commission; and Jim

Clark, executive vice president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, who was representing Lloyd Elder, Baptist Sunday School Board president.

To implement the agreement, the agency leaders instructed the administrative committee of the Missions Education Council, a group of representatives from each of these agencies, to carry out three strategies:

—To shape denominational emphases and religious education through making missions the pivotal element of Southern Baptist life;

—To interpret missions through ways focusing on the churches' responsibility to provide the learning environment for living in a diverse society and challenging opportunities for congregations and individual members to live out the Great Commission; and

—To implement missions education through programs and materials designed to result in Bold Mission Thrust awareness and involvement on the part of every church and every member. (BP)

Scripture is issue for SBC, says Rogers

Scripture remains "the issue" facing Southern Baptists, Adrian Rogers told denominational newspaper editors during a dinner/news conference in Nashville, Tenn.

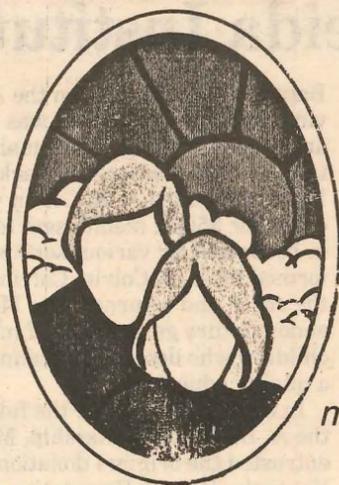
Scripture "is without error historically, philosophically, theologically and scientifically," he affirmed, promising to use his appointment powers to install only Baptists who see the Bible as he sees it.

Asked about issues facing the convention, Rogers said: "The issue with me is almost one issue: What is scripture? There are a lot of side issues but frankly I believe if we can settle that one issue that's the log causing the logjam."

"I think those who teach in our seminaries and those who serve us in our agencies, they ought to believe and teach what the rank and file of us believe who pay the bills. I think it's only fair."

When an editor noted the Peace Committee had determined the controversy is political as well as theological, Rogers said: "I can tell you from my perspective it is not political. I think for most responsible conservatives I know it is not political. The Peace Committee... said the issue is theological, and the political is a spin-off."

Rogers vowed to leave politics out of his appointments this year. "I do not intend to make appointments that are overtly political," he said. "I'm going to try to make appointments from those I consider to be the best Southern Baptists." (BP)



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Committee named to study BJCPA

A seven-member "special fact-finding committee" to study the relationship of the Southern Baptist Convention to the nation's oldest religious liberty watchdog group was elected during the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

The committee was named to study a motion made during the 1986 annual meeting of the SBC in Atlanta, which called for immediately severing the SBC's 50-year relationship with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a group of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada which has as its primary task representing the Baptist position on First Amendment issues.

The Southern Baptist Convention relates to the Baptist Joint Committee through the SBC Public Affairs Committee, whose 15 members also serve on the 42-member BJCPA board.

The 1986 motion, made by Dan Daniels of Mobile, Ala., called for discontinuing the SBC's financial contribution to the Baptist Joint Committee "at the first fiscal opportunity." It also called for allocating "an equal amount" to "establish an exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington for the purpose of more truly reflecting our views."

Messengers voted 12,001 (55.6 percent) to 9556 (44.3 percent) to refer the matter to the Executive Committee. Convention procedures specify matters referred to the Executive Committee or other convention entities must be reported back at the subsequent annual meeting.

In the action approved during the Executive Committee meeting, the seven-member committee was instructed to make an interim report to the February 1987 meeting of the committee and a final report at a pre-SBC meeting, June 15, 1987. The action will be reported at the annual meeting, June 16-18 in St. Louis. (BP)

Florida group formed to seek 'fairness'

A group of Florida Baptist pastors and others met in early September to chart a course of "prayer, dialogue and encouragement" to promote freedom and fairness among differing Southern Baptists.

Organizers said the effort was not po-

litical in nature, but admitted their stand for "unity in diversity" would pit them against others calling for "theological conformity" in the Southern Baptist Convention. They also insisted the meeting did not violate the SBC Peace Committee's request for depoliticizing the denominational controversy.

During the organizational meeting at First Baptist Church, Vero Beach, the group adopted a name—Florida Baptists for Cooperation—and a statement of purpose, which said:

"Florida Baptists for Cooperation is an organization dedicated to the preservation of our Baptist heritage of missions, evangelism and education. In the midst of the crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention, we are committed to the principles of biblical authority, the lordship of Christ, soul competency of every believer, local church autonomy and the Cooperative Program method of missions." (BP)

Gambling bill passes into law in Texas

Texas Governor Mark White has allowed to pass into law without his signature a bill that legalizes pari-mutuel gambling in Texas, pending a statewide referendum in November 1987.

The bill, which opens the door to betting on horse races throughout Texas and on greyhound races in three Gulf Coast counties, was passed by the Texas House and Senate in their first special session of the summer. White had until midnight, Sept. 24, either to veto the bill, sign it or allow it to pass into law without his signature. (BP)

House bill counters religious violence

Despite opposition from the Reagan administration, the U. S. House of Representatives has approved a bill that would impose criminal penalties on persons damaging religious property or injuring anyone in the free exercise of religious beliefs.

The bill—sponsored by Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., and passed by voice vote—would amend the U. S. Code so persons who damage any religious property because of its religious character or who obstruct, by force or threat of force any person's free exercise of religion could receive federal fines up to \$15,000

and prison sentences up to life.

The administration said it opposes the legislation because it believes such offenses should be investigated and prosecuted at the state level. Jurisdiction by the federal government in this area also would violate the principles of federalism, said the administration.

During House hearings on the subject, the Justice Department also opposed such legislation. The department argued since the legislation would protect only religious property and activity it would advance the cause of religion and serve no secular purpose, thus violating the First Amendment's establishment clause.

The Justice Department also contended such legislation is not within congressional power under the First Amendment's religion clauses since Congress is not empowered to prohibit purely private interference with religious freedom.

The House Judiciary Committee—which reported the bill, H.R. 4980, to the full House—has disagreed with the Justice Department's arguments. In the report accompanying the bill, the Judiciary Committee said the legislation does not violate the establishment clause because it does not promote any particular activity of a religious organization. (BP)

Committee recommends bylaw revision

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has voted to recommend a revision of the convention bylaw concerning nomination of trustees to the national agencies but declined to recommend other changes which would have instructed the committee to seek information on the potential candidates' stance on biblical inerrancy.

During its September meeting, the Executive Committee took four actions on the Committee on Boards, Commis-

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sions and Standing Committees. All the recommendations must be reported to messengers at the annual meeting and revisions must be adopted during the 1987 SBC.

The first action was a recommendation to change the name of the Committee on Boards to the Nominating Committee.

The second was to pass a revision of Bylaw 16, which regulates the work of the 54-member body which nominates persons to serve on the boards of trust of the 20 national agencies of the SBC, including the six seminaries. The revision does not change the way in which the committee functions, but primarily deals with the name change, which more accurately reflects the purpose of the committee.

In the third action, the committee declined to act on a recommendation from the 1985-86 Committee on Boards which recommended the Executive Committee "advise the next Committee on Boards to secure information regarding the position on the matter of inerrancy of the Scripture on all persons being nominated to serve on the various boards and committees of the Convention."

The fourth action concerning the Committee on Boards was a refusal to add a second meeting for the group, as had been requested by the 1985-86 committee, which was chaired by Lee Roberts, a Marietta, Ga. businessman. The Executive Committee, instead, suggested that "because of the cost of the request for an additional meeting" the committee be requested "to extend its one meeting, if necessary, instead of having a second meeting." (BP)

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news in brief

Church insurance sees no increase

Southern Baptist ministers and church employees participating in the convention Annuity Board's church insurance program will not face a rate increase in 1987.

But effective Jan. 1, 1987 hospital nursery care of newborn infants will be a covered expense for participants.

Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan said the "well baby care" benefit will save 3000 families several hundred dollars each in hospital expenses.

Southern Baptist church ministers and employees may call their annuity representative or call the toll free number, (800) 262-0511, for information on enrolling in the church insurance program. (BP)

Terrorism lamented by Baptists, Jews

Southern Baptists and Jews attending a Baptist-Jewish conference at Emory University on family problems lamented terrorist attacks on a Pan Am airliner in Pakistan and a synagogue in Turkey, and called for "quick and sure justice" for the terrorists.

"These terrible acts are expressions of impersonal hate brought to a focus in the latter case (the synagogue in Istanbul) upon the Jews," said George C. Sheridan, northeast regional director for the Interfaith Witness Department of the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Sheridan's statement was approved by about 25 Jewish and Southern Baptist participants in the conference, although no official action was taken. The two-day conference was sponsored by the Interfaith Witness Department of the SBC Home Mission Board and the Synagogue Council of America, a national coordinating agency for Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbinic and congregational organizations.

Insisting that these acts of terrorism must stop, the Baptists and Jews present agreed "the terrorists must be brought to quick and clear justice. The value of the rule of law and the intolerance of chaos must be communicated strongly," they said. (BP)

Chaplains chosen for Air Force book

Three Southern Baptist chaplains, including the only Southern Baptist female Air Force chaplain, were featured in a compilation of 28 U. S. Air Force sermons.

David M. Park from Houston, stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Fannalou Guggisberg from Texas, stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; and Robert H. Crosby from Rome, Ga., stationed at Ft. Meade AFB, Md., were included in [USO] Best Air Force Sermons, 1985 [USO].

The sermons, which were chosen from more than 120 submissions, were preached at Air Force chapels in the United States or overseas locations. (BP)

Nursing center helps aged find meaning

A satellite congregation in a Texarkana, Tex. nursing center has a baptism rate surpassing many Baptist churches more than twice its size.

In its first year, Christian Living Bible Fellowship—which averages 25 in worship attendance—recorded 11 professions of faith, nine baptisms and

three additions by letter. Of 11 people baptized by the end of July, nearly half were age 65 or older.

The Christian Living indigenous satellite was the product of a meeting in March 1985 that included representatives of Independent Living Center and Rose Hill Church.

Faith Dennis, manager of the center and a member of Rose Hill, believed a complete program of activities at the home should include opportunities for worship and Bible study. She met with Oscar Salazar, minister of missions at Rose Hill Church, and Cassie Hughes, Mission Service Corps volunteer serving as outreach secretary at Rose Hill to discuss that possibility.

Miss Hughes started Bible study with two residents in May 1985. Five months later she was joined by H. E. Snow, a bivocational lay preacher who now leads a Sunday worship service at the center. Both Snow and Miss Hughes are involved in leading Faithview Bible Fellowship, an indigenous satellite at a Texarkana mobile home park. (BP)

Committee proposes \$140 million CP goal

The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee approved a proposed 1987-88 SBC Cooperative Program budget goal of \$140 million during its September meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

The proposed 1987-88 Cooperative Program goal will be voted upon by messengers to the SBC annual meeting next summer in St. Louis. The \$140 million goal is 2.94 percent larger than the \$136 million goal for the 1986-87 fiscal year which begins Oct. 1. The overall goal is broken down into three parts:

—A basic operating budget of \$132 million, which will provide operating funds for 20 entities receiving Cooperative Program funds. This figure represents a 4.25 percent increase over the 1986-87 basic operating budget of \$126,630,000.

—A capital needs budget of \$6,450,000 which already has been approved as part of the convention's 1985-90 capital needs budget.

—Phase II of the basic operating budget, \$1,550,000 which will be allocated to the 20 recipient entities if the other two portions of the budget are completed. (BP)

Colleges face turnover of faculty members

Baptist colleges are facing a major turnover of faculty members who will retire within the next five years, according to a group of Baptist college deans and academic vice presidents.

Academic representatives from 13 Southern Baptist colleges met in Nashville recently to air concerns and seek ways to recruit new faculty members. The meeting, sponsored by SBC Education Commission, was necessitated by the Sept. 30 retirement of Howard G. Kirksey, part time placement consultant since 1975.

Kirksey has been responsible for finding applicants for the commission's placement registry, a major source used by Baptist colleges in finding qualified professors who identify with the concerns of a Christian institution.

A continued effort to find prospective faculty members is an imperative, said Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission. Walker estimated between 20 and 50 percent of faculty members at various Southern Baptist colleges will retire within five years. (BP)

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personnel

Gordon Holland has accepted the call as pastor of Mt. Haven Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association.

Gaen Smith has accepted the call as pastor of South First Street Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association.

James Hill has resigned as pastor of Coxtan Baptist Church, Harlan, Upper Cumberland Association.

Mathias Williams resigned the pastorate of Huff Settlement Baptist Church, Holmes Mill, Upper Cumberland Association, Aug. 31.

Steve Watson resigned as pastor at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio River Association.

Larry Earhart of Waycross, Ga. began duties as minister of music Sept. 28 at First Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski Association.

Tony Pounders is the new pastor of Woodward's Valley Baptist Church, Livermore, Ohio County Association.

Norman Coe has accepted the position of minister to adults at Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. He goes to Highview from First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington, Nelson Association, where he was minister of education. He began his work at Highview Oct. 5.

William L. Hancock is pastor at Highview.

Allen York became minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Long Run Association.

York went to Taylorsville from a similar position at First Baptist Church, Aurora, Mo. He is a noted vocalist, pian-

ist and composer. In addition to his work at First Baptist he is a student of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Jeff Hicks has assumed the position of director of Christian education and youth at Main Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Northern Kentucky Association.

Ed Ellington has accepted the call as pastor of Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Greenup Association.

Roy Little accepted the pastorate of Lilly Grove Baptist Church, Manchester, Booneville Association.

Dale Kinnis resigned the pastorate of Dycusburg Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

J. M. Boldery resigned Aug. 31 as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, La Center, West Union Association.

David M. Rayburn has accepted the call to be pastor of East View Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

L. M. Hamilton is at home recovering from a heart attack. He is a professor of English at Campbellsville College and pastor at Acton Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

Dallas Huston has resigned as pastor of Slate Lick Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Carl Allen has accepted the call as pastor of Muddy Gap Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

Marvin Cress has resigned as pastor of Hart Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.



First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Anderson Association, had the largest Kentucky group in attendance at a national Royal Ambassador congress in Memphis. (l-r, 1st row) Elmer Lessa, Chad Wells, Andy Kirby, Ronald Grisby Jr., Danny Rose, Jonathan Sutherland; (2nd row) Rob Bradshaw, Billy Hendricks, Bailey Hale; (3rd row) Clark Hale, William Goodlett; (4th row) Sandy Hale, Emmett Bell. Leaders were Harold Carter, Bill Hendricks, Roger Rose, Bob Bradshaw and Aaron Striegel.

Roy Himes has become pastor at New Zion Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Clyde Eversol is interim pastor at Hazel Patch Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Alan Parker has accepted the call as minister to youth at Calvary Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Hardin Hosey has been called as pastor at Deer Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Terry Elsner has resigned as pastor of Augusta Baptist Church, Bracken Association. He has returned to Georgia.

Steve Clos is interim pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Cleon Webb is interim pastor of Germantown Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Mike Fuhrman has resigned the pastorate of Benton First Missionary Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Hub Smith has been called as pastor of Water Valley Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Glenn Cope has resigned the pastorate of New Hope Baptist Church, Graves County Association, to go to Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Central City, Muhlenberg Association.

Tim Allred is the new pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Richard Neathamer of Drakesboro received the MDiv degree July 25 from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds the MM degree from the University of Louisville and the MCM degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Owen Edwards has accepted the call as pastor of Flat Lick Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association.

Jewell Hail Sr. has resigned from Bronston Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association. He is available for supply, interim, revival preaching or another pastorate.

C. E. Hansford has begun as interim pastor at Cedar Point Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association.

Bill Scott has become pastor at Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association.

Lawrence Spears has been called as mission pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Church at Cedar Grove, Pulaski County Association.

James Blackerby has resigned the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Pulaski County Association, to enter full time evangelism.

Robert Vann, former registrar at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College has been promoted to dean.

Vann has been with the college for six years and is currently in the dissertation stage of doctoral study at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he is majoring in educational administration.

ordinations

Harlen James and **Homer Nolan** were ordained as deacons Aug. 17 at Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Greenup Association.

John Charles is pastor at Fellowship.

Dana Hakes was ordained to the ministry at Aberdeen Baptist Church, Bracken Association, Sept. 28.

Cloide Carruthers was ordained as a deacon at First Baptist Church, Junction City, South District Association.

Ed Brandenburg, Ed Bowles Jr., Larry Wesley, David Nelson, Bruce Webb, Joe Beverley, Earl McCandless and **Dan Rodabaugh** were ordained as deacons at Highview Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

William Hancock is pastor at Highview.

Larry G. Brown, pastor at Central Grove Baptist Church, Freedom Association, was ordained Aug. 24.

The council included moderator, Isaac Hucaby; clerk, Louis W. Shepherd; interrogator, Al Hickman; ordination prayer, James Hopkins; sermon, James Simpson; presentation of Bible, Timothy Forsythe; closing prayer, Charles Johnson.

Brown and his wife Mary have two sons, Jeff, 17, and Greg, 16.

Terry Wood Marr was ordained a deacon at South Summersville Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

Thad Griggs will be ordained Oct. 6 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

He will be associate pastor and minister of evangelism/discipleship. He is a student at Boyce Bible School and is host of WKRC radio's 'Chapel of Dreams' each Sunday at 7 a.m.

David Williams was ordained as a deacon Sept. 28 at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, South District Association.

Bill Pruitt, Aaron Wright and **Terry**

Bright were ordained as deacons Sept. 21 at Elkhorn Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

Edward Andrew, Danny Aylor, Dewey Setters and **Wilbert Weweler** were ordained as deacons by Big Bone Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Sept. 14.

Chris Barnett is pastor.

congregations

Big Bone Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has this summer enrolled a record 125 in vacation Bible school, ordained four deacons, increased Cooperative Program giving by two percent and initiated a ministerial internship for students.

Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, has completed a capital stewardship funds drive to build a new auditorium. In three years the church has raised \$560,000.

Sept. 7 was praise day. Former pastor **Bill Gray** preached. A dinner-on-the-ground and an afternoon praise service were held.

Elizabeth Lee of First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Nelson Association, was honored with a pin and plaque commemorating 50 years of perfect Sunday school attendance.

C. C. Brasher and **John Dyke** of Briensburg Baptist Church, Blood River Association, are going to Kenya to preach and do construction work.

Mays Lick Baptist Church, Bracken Association, held revival Sept. 21-26.

James E. Casey Jr., director of missions for Russell Creek Association, was in revival Sept. 11-14 with **Leatherwood Baptist Church**, Russell Creek Association.

Saloma Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, held revival recently with James E. Casey Jr. There were 20 conversions, including a 92-year-old man, and 26 rededications.

associations

Little Bethel Association, located in

Hopkins, Webster and Christian counties, will celebrate its sesquicentennial at its annual meeting Oct. 16-17 at First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

The association was constituted the second Sunday in September 1836 at Flat Creek Meeting House in Hopkins County. It was constituted by messengers from four churches: Bethel, Muhlenberg County; Little Bethel, Union County; Highland, Union County; and Grave Creek, Henderson County.

A history of Little Bethel Association has been published and will be available at the annual meeting. The history contains 375 pages of pictures, biographies of preachers and short histories of churches comprising the association.

Wendell H. Rone Sr. will be guest speaker for the sesquicentennial event Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

Upper Cumberland Association, Nasby Mills, DOM, admitted two churches into fellowship. Pounding Mill Missionary Baptist Church and Harlan Baptist Church were accepted for membership into the association. Harlan Baptist Church had been out of the association since 1974, according to association clerk Keith Rogers, pastor at First Baptist Church, Loyall.

missions

Steven and **Rhonda Young** have been appointed by the Home Mission Board as US-2 missionaries to Illinois. They are assigned as codirectors of a Christian activities center in Fairview Heights, Ill. and will work with children and senior adults of the inner city.

Young is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of the University of Louisville. The couple was commissioned at Rockville Baptist Church, Conyers, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta.

Mary Jo French, missionary to Peru, has arrived in the states for furlough (East River Rd., Warsaw, KY 41095) in her home town. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Krahwinckel, missionaries to Mali, have arrived in France for language study (142 rue Victor Hugo, 37000 Tours, France). They are natives of Owensboro and were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1986. She is the former Patricia Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Nowell, missionaries to Taiwan, have arrived on the field to begin their first term (Box 427, Taipei 10099, Taiwan ROC).

He was born in Columbia, S. C. and considers Nashville, Tenn. his home town. The former Deborah Moody, she was born in Lexington, Ky. and considers Murray her home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, missionaries to Kenya, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Box 44316, Nairobi, Kenya).

He is a native of Atlanta, Ga. The former Elizabeth Young of Kentucky, she was born in Balkan and grew up in Insull. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

Karen Thomas, journeyman to Burkina Faso, has arrived on the field to begin a two year term as a student worker at Mission Baptiste (BP 580, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso).

She was born in Winona, Miss. but considers Philpot, Ky. her home town. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1986 she graduated from Georgetown (Ky.) College.



Examining the Portugal display at the St. Matthews Baptist Church Missions Fair, Sept. 3 was church member Bobbie Duvall (r). Sam and Charlotte Shepard, (l) missionaries from Portugal were among the missionaries and internationals who set up booths exhibiting artifacts from several countries. South American, Middle Eastern, Caribbean and European nations were represented; child care, communications and journeyman booths were also manned.

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Boones Creek excited by Kenya

Mojivoni, Chasimba, Majarini, Kolotoni, Majenjeni are strange church names to many Kentucky ears, but they will never be forgotten by the eight persons from Boones Creek Association who spent two weeks in Malindi, Kenya.

God surely gave Kenya an extra share of beauty to compensate for the heartache of sick, undernourished children and overburdened parents. Lack of proper nutrition and medical care is robbing Kenya of its children. Fifty percent of the children die before they reach five years of age.

Kentucky Baptists have so much to share with Kenya. Mojivoni Church has a wonderful choir of about 60 young people because someone in Kentucky loved enough to send a guitar to the

young man who leads that choir.

The missionaries who serve there are dedicated to serving the Lord. They work long hard hours, sometimes under trying conditions.

In Malindi in 1974 there was one Baptist for every 866 people; in 1984 there was one Baptist for every 78 people; and by the year 2000 it is projected there will be one Baptist for every 10 people.

James and Wilma Whaley are the first link in an essential chain of people who make the work in Kenya so pleasant. They are at the Nairobi airport with every detail taken care of to see that everyone is sent on to the correct destination.

Pat and Clay Coursey were the missionaries we worked with. They run an open house for Kentucky volunteers

who come to the Malindi area. In our group there were 15 people. We left on Monday morning and another group arrived Monday evening, yet a complaint was never heard from the Courseys.

If you cannot go to Kenya there are many other ways you can help. A little goes a long way over there. If you are a Kentucky Baptist you are part of something special in Kenya.

Virginia Crowe
Boones Creek Association

Bagdad subscriber commends WR

I want to commend you for your editorial concerning the use (or lack of use) of our good *Western Recorder* by the constituents of Kentucky. The state paper is important to me as I want to be a well informed Southern Baptist and Kentucky Baptist.

We are new to Kentucky, so we are maintaining our subscriptions to Baptist Standard and also to the Missouri paper as well. I had never thought of the correlation between subscriptions to the state paper and gifts and vitality in our churches; thank you for making that point in such a lucid way.

We will do our part in trying to bring our small congregation into the vital use of *Western Recorder*. We need the help you can give. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. Ann K. Bergen, Bagdad

Medical-Dental group helps missions

Mrs. Stegall did an excellent job of reporting our short-term medical mission trip to Brazil in the Sept. 9 issue of *Western Recorder*.

As a matter of clarification this and all our recent trips were under the auspices of the SBC Foreign Mission Board and coordinated through the Medical Volunteer Program.

If other readers are interested in applying for short-term medical-dental missions we would urge them to write:

Mrs. Alvinia Michailic, Medical Volunteer Program, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230.

Another group of interest is the Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship which promotes Christian witness both here and abroad. Bill Snowden of Winchester has been on many dental mission trips and is a past national president of the group.

Bill and Marilyn Rowlett
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Habitat for Humanity active in state

Habitat for Humanity gained national prominence because of Jimmy Carter's participation in the New York project. It is time it is recognized on its own merits as a Christian missions organization.

As a newly retired Baptist home missionary and pastor, I have just participated for nine days in part of a walk from Americus, Ga. to Kansas City to publicize Habitat and reach Kansas City for its 10th anniversary convention Sept. 18-20.

Habitat builds houses for the poor, selling them at no profit and no interest. This is according to the Bible, Lev. 25:36. Most of the labor on the houses is volunteer with the recipients required to put in a number of hours as well. Habitat has projects in 141 places in the U. S. and 16 foreign countries.

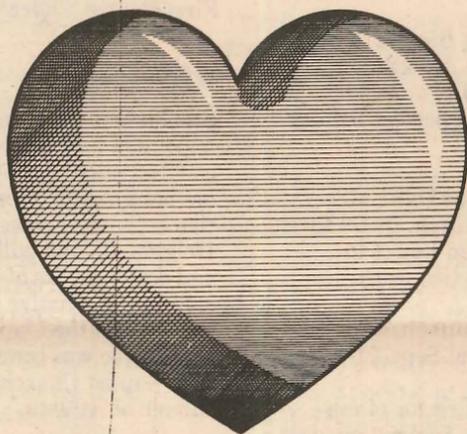
Besides Jimmy Carter other Southern Baptists are actively involved in Habitat. Founder and head of Habitat, Millard Fuller and his wife Linda, recently became Southern Baptists. Clyde Tilley, professor at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., is on the board of directors.

Other Southern Baptists who are active in Habitat include Deen Day Smith and Dale Cross, Home Mission Board; Randall Lolley and Bill Clemons, Southeastern Seminary; and many others.

Habitat has projects in Kentucky at Louisville, Paducah and Ashland.

Bill Moore, Owensboro

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Little Clifty Baptist Church
Leitchfield, \$8.48
Unity Baptist Church
Richmond, \$8.46
Mexico Baptist Church
Marion, \$8.32
Chestnut Grove Baptist Church
Lewisport, \$8.30

The Home Mission Board thanks these Baptist churches who gave the highest dollar amounts in your state in 1985:

Immanuel Baptist Church
Lexington, \$16,956
Severns Valley Baptist Church
Elizabethtown, \$11,518
First Baptist Church
Bowling Green, \$10,959
First Baptist Church
Paducah, \$9,000
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Shelbyville, \$7,707
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news in brief

Georgians go to 50-50 division of CP receipts

Georgia Baptist Convention has become the third state body in the Southern Baptist Convention to divide its Cooperative Program receipts on a 50-50 basis with Southern Baptist causes.

The convention's executive committee voted to recommend a 1987 Cooperative Program budget of \$26,946,000, an increase of 12.08 percent over the 1986 budget. The budget is subject to final approval by the Georgia convention, which meets in annual session in Marietta, Nov. 10-12.

The Cooperative Program is the SBC unified budget that finances missions, evangelism and education endeavors worldwide. Funds are sent from churches to state conventions, which retain a portion for use in their states and send the rest on to SBC causes. Florida and Oklahoma Baptists previously have gone to 50-50 Cooperative Program allocations.

Georgia's 1987 budget allocates 50 percent of its total, or \$13,473,000, to SBC causes. Georgia causes will get 42.11 percent. The remaining 7.89 percent will go to the support section of the budget, which includes administrative and promotional funds that jointly promote state and SBC ministries. (BP)

BTN begins 3rd year at 900-plus subscribers

BTN, Southern Baptists' teaching and training network, has entered its third year of operation, with subscriptions topping 900 and a long-range commitment to continue aiding ministry efforts of local churches.

Joe Denney, director of the Telecommunications Department at Baptist Sunday School Board, said he receives reports every week from churches who successfully are implementing BTN programs into their ministry efforts.

The 900 subscribers to BTN, the Baptist Telecommunication Network, make the material available to more than 8000 churches because of the number of district associations which subscribe, Denney said.

BTN is one of two telecommunication networks sponsored by Southern Baptist agencies. BTN is sponsored by the Sunday School Board, and ACTS, which programs into homes, is sponsored by the SBC Radio and Television Commission. (BP)





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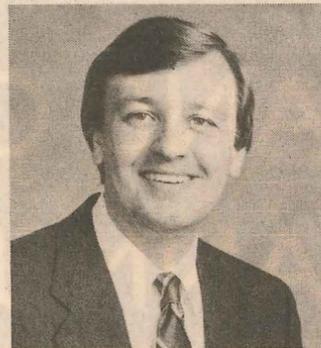
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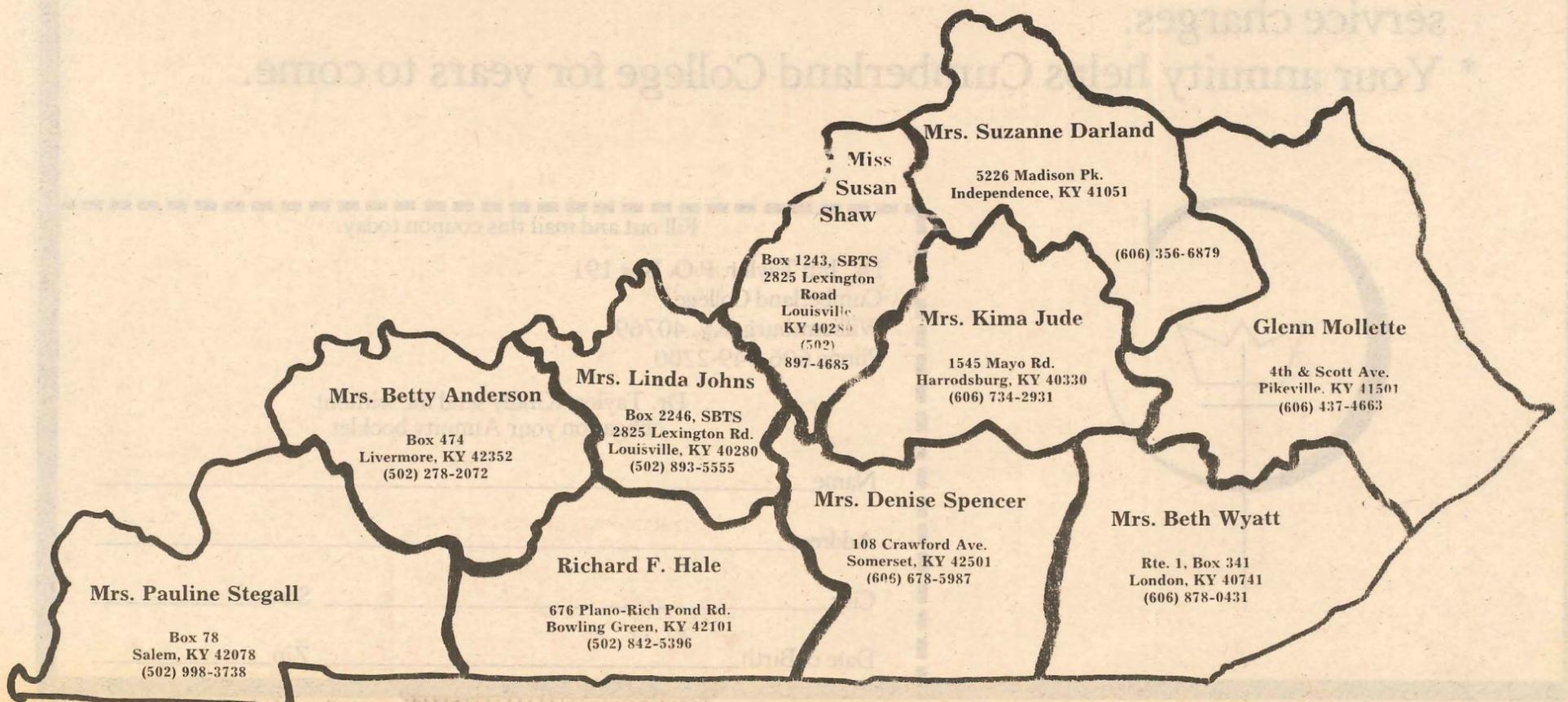
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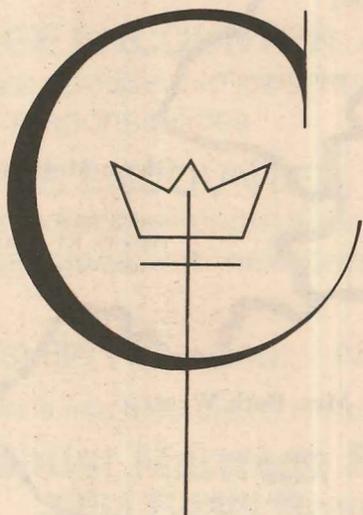
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Recommendations of the executive board, KBC

The Convention's Constitution in ARTICLE VIII provides for an annual report to the convention from the executive board as follows: "The executive board shall make a report to the annual Convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the Board shall publish in the WESTERN RECORDER its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter." (The Convention meets Nov. 10-13, 1986 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.)

I. Recommendations on 1987-88 Cooperative Program budget and percentages as follows:

The annual Cooperative Program Goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session.

The following recommendation, approved by the Convention at Lexington, Ky., Nov. 11-12, 1985 set the 1986-87 Cooperative Program Goals and percentages as follows:

	1985-86 Budget	1986-87 Budget	1987-88 Budget
A. Cooperative Program Goal			
1. Operational Budget	15,600,600	16,380,630	17,527,275
a. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	5,752,721 (36.875%)	6,142,736 (37.5%)	6,682,274 (38.125%)
b. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	9,847,879 (63.125%)	10,237,894 (62.5%)	10,845,001 (61.875%)
2. Bold Mission Challenge	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
a. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	481,000 (37.0%)	487,500 (37.5%)	495,625 (38.125%)
b. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	819,000 (63.0%)	812,500 (62.5%)	804,375 (61.875%)
Total Cooperative Program Goal	16,900,600	17,680,630	18,827,275
B. Other Estimated Income	1,288,996	1,335,832	1,350,000
C. Total Budget Goal	18,189,596	19,016,462	20,177,275

*The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

**The distribution of these items is voted by the executive board, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

II. General recommendations to the convention for the 1987-88 budget.

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed on Apr. 17, 1988, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that the vacation Bible school offerings be given to world-wide missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the following special offerings: (a) the annual Thanksgiving Offering for our Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; (b) the annual Mother's Day Offering for charity work in our hospitals; (c) the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions; (d) the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions; (e) the annual Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions; (f) the annual World Hunger/Relief Offering as promoted by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6. That (a) future special offerings being proposed for inclusion in the Kentucky Baptist Convention calendar be carefully and prayerfully considered before being offered, and be referred to the executive board; (b) no change in dates and present special offerings as authorized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention be recommended at this time; (c) the special offerings have a focus in the church of not more than two weeks; (d) we urge continual support and increased emphasis on the purposes, missions and ministries of the Cooperative Program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

7. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.

8. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount.

9. That we ask the Sunday schools to observe State Missions Emphasis Day for its institutional and educational value.

10. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

(Note: Consideration is being given to revising these goals in view of the 1985-86 receipts. The Executive Board may decide to bring a revised report to the convention for action.)

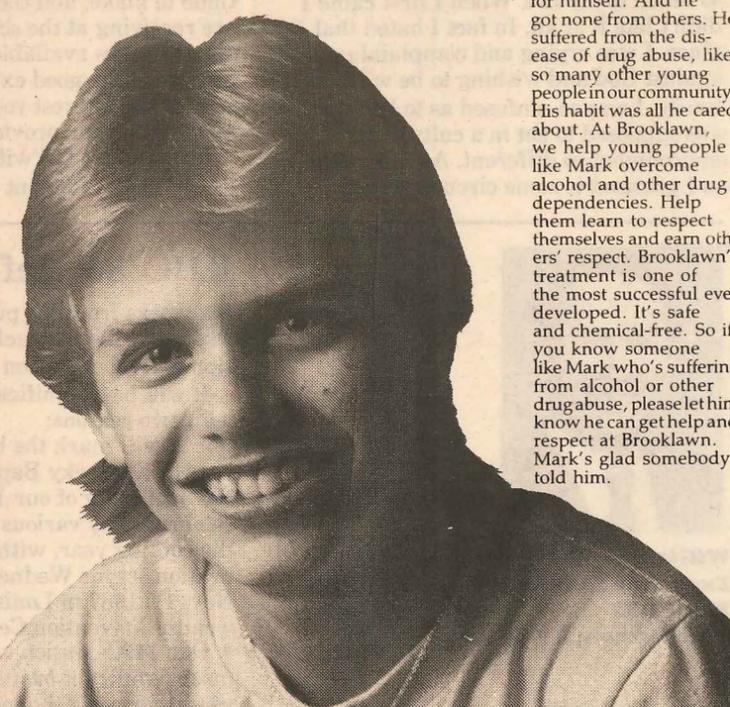
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Renewed like the eagle

Murdered! Many small children, teenage boys and girls, and even larger numbers of adults are being killed every day in some of the countries of our world.

God has used our school in recent years as one of his instruments in helping to save some foreign young people from probable and in some cases almost certain death. These have been able to flee circumstances almost unimaginable to us and have found their way to us.

Several years ago the 19-year-old sister of one of our students was deliberately and fatally shot in the family courtyard by soldiers of her government. The family was not allowed to even touch her body or to evidence any sign of mourning. They had to watch her body slowly decompose day by day. Reportedly all neighbors and friends who came to the home to express condolences to the family were arrested as "enemies of the government."

Recently a long letter came from a beautiful girl, now a graduate of our school, who might have died in her homeland but her life was spared. Her name and country must remain anonymous for many of her family remain in danger.

"Oneida Baptist Institute has meant so much to my life. When I first came I didn't like it at all. In fact I hated that place. I was crying and complaining against God and wishing to be with my family. I was so confused as to how I was supposed to act in a culture and environment so different. As time went on I got used to some circumstances. I

made some friends and began to have fun.

"But the time when I really got happy came about when I asked Jesus Christ to take charge of my life and change me. He did change me. I am different. He gave me peace, joy and love. And this was when I finally got to realize the purpose of God in taking me to Oneida. OBI was a place for me too. I did not have some of the problems that many have. However, I had a problem with my soul that no human could solve, and which for me couldn't be solved some other place but there.

"And praise the Lord he set me free and gave me the love I was searching for. He also gave me people who needed love. He helped me to love them and that was a great joy.

"Every member of the staff at OBI has helped me in some way and I'll always remember all of you in my prayers.

"I miss you all. I miss OBI very, very much. I wish I could be there more. Thank you for letting me go there. I left my country to save myself from dying, but God's purpose was to save my soul from going to hell.

"My gratitude for every help is great. May the Lord help you in everything you do. With loads of love."

Then with David of old she praised the Lord making reference to Ps. 3: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. . . and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thine diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

More than 10 years ago a mother of several children died in another state. The father abandoned the children some months later and his whereabouts were unknown for nine years. We have two of the children here.

Their guardian of many years is a Methodist pastor. He recently wrote, while sending us a \$100 donation, the following: "I feel good about the progress the children have made and continue to make, and the education they are receiving at the school. The many opportunities available to them there provide many good experiences. Thank you for the interest you take and the motivation you provide."

How can we fail with praying friends?

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LESSONS FOR OCT. 12, 1986
International Series

Renewal of a covenant

Joshua 24:1 Joshua summoned the leaders to assemble at Shechem for a farewell address and a renewal of the covenant which they had made with God.

Joshua 24:14-24 Back of the heroic achievements of this stalwart, strong and courageous man was a thorough acquaintance with the holiness and majesty of God. Joshua had not feared toil or danger, nor shrunk from any hardships while answering the call of God and duty.

Joshua was aware many people were pretending to serve God while secretly worshipping the idols of their ancestors. In view of God's faithfulness to them Joshua urged them to abandon idols and become wholehearted in their allegiance to Jehovah.

To assist the Israelites in making the correct decision Joshua announced his own. He said: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." An example is always worth more than words.

In response to the example of Joshua and his urgent appeal the Israelites

promptly acknowledged the grace with which God dealt with them.

When the Israelites boldly declared their determination to repudiate false gods and committed themselves to serve Jehovah faithfully Joshua made a record of their vow. Joshua erected a huge stone monument under an oak. Only occasionally would they see the written covenant but all who passed by this stone would be reminded of the covenant renewal. Probably people in future generations gazed upon the monument and inquired: "What mean ye by these stones?"

Gratitude should compel us to yield ourselves completely to him and spend the remainder of our lives in doing his blessed will.

Life and Work Series Responsible to God

Genesis 1:26-31 After conferring concerning the creation of man the three persons of the trinity decided to create man. The creation of man was the result of God's sovereign decision (verse 26), and by God's direct and immediate act (verse 27).

When God made man he made him in his own image, so there is an unspeakable dignity attached to him. This image was not material or physical but rather a likeness of personality. Made in the image of God, man had some duties to perform. Among them was the task of replenishing the earth. Man was to exercise dominion over all God had made. He was to be a vegetarian, eating the things that would grow from the ground. As a provision for man's need God gave him every herb and every tree which bears seed.

God always gives and never sells. Inasmuch as God supplies all of the needs of man, he should be a faithful steward of that which God places in his keeping and render service acceptable to his creator. God was highly pleased with his creation. This should cause us to ask ourselves, "Is he pleased with the work which he has been able to do in and through our lives?" God rightfully expects man to reach the highest level of spiritual maturity, moral excellence and devoted service.

Genesis 2:7 Man was not produced by a process, but was created by a divine act. God made man out of the dust of the ground, according to his own design and purpose, breathed into his nostrils "the breath of life," and imparted to him that which made him capable of having fellowship with his creator.



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on mission together

KBC '86: Reflections

Six weeks from the publication date of this issue, the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be in session for the 149th time.

It will be a significant meeting for at least two reasons:

- It will mark the beginning of a year of Kentucky Baptist celebration; the beginning of our 150th year, to be celebrated by various events throughout the coming year, with a final celebration set for Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, 1987 in Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center.
- Our 149th session will be one of the most significant *business sessions* in years, certainly the most vital of the four during which I have been executive secretary.

Because the 149th is so significant, I plan to use my column the next five weeks to "comment" on the forthcoming convention.

- **Pastors' Conference.** A review of the Pastors' Conference program for

Monday suggests an exciting missions and evangelism emphasis with both "home folks" and some excellent "outside" speakers whom Kentucky Baptists will enjoy.

A special offering will be taken to assist pastors who otherwise could not participate in the Kenya project. The offering, which was begun last year, will be taken again this year to support the big evangelistic push in 1987 when more than 600 volunteers are requested. 1987 is the third and final year of the formal partnership agreement with the FMB and the Baptist Convention of Kenya.

- **Presidential Election.** President Don Mathis has provided outstanding leadership for Kentucky Baptists this past year and driven thousands of miles to speak, participate and give helpful insight for a myriad of meetings.

Through the years Kentucky Baptists have selected their presidents well. This year should be no exception.

- **Resolutions.** It is known that there will be a motion to refrain from *any*

resolutions this year. Some will want to go the way of the Alaska Convention to *permanently* eliminate resolutions; some will vote against limiting resolutions in any way. However it comes out, most of the Kentucky Baptists I talk with would be willing to take at least temporary action to discipline ourselves, hoping by this means to contribute to reconciliation.

- **KBC Budget.** The business and finance committee has called a meeting Oct. 10 to consider appropriate action to deal with the economic realities. The committee will take its recommendation to the executive board which regularly meets the Monday prior to the convention. It is likely that the convention will be asked to approve a downward revision of the 1986-87 budget to conform with an adjusted, anticipated income, and to approve a downward adjusted 1987-88 budget goal.

The feedback I get suggests that such action is both appropriate and responsible.

(To be continued)

From pallet to platform to publication at BSSB

New department head claims lifetime of music

by Charles Willis

Few people can say their professional experience spans a lifetime, but Fes Robertson will say with a straight face he has 52 years of church music experience.

Then, with a mischievous grin emerging to match the gleam in his eyes, he will admit his infant church music experience was on a pallet in the corner of the choir area at Mt. Liberty Baptist Church in McLean County, listening while his parents sang.



Fes Robertson, newly elected director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's music publishing department, enjoys music at home with his wife Barbara.

Robertson was elected recently to direct the Baptist Sunday School Board's Music Publishing Department, a component he says has been established in response to needs expressed by ministers of music across the Southern Baptist Convention.

The consolidation of music editing, publishing and marketing in one department will make non-curriculum church music items more readily available through a wider range of sources.

Publication of church music curriculum materials and consultative services

related to church music education will continue in the Church Music Department. The two components will work together cooperatively, he notes, with the Music Publishing Department providing publication support as needed.

"Church music must help Christians to praise God," Robertson insists, adding he plans for the products of the department "to exalt Jesus Christ, to exhort, to strengthen fellowship, to aid Christian growth and to witness to a lost world the hope of salvation."

His philosophy about church music, the only area in which the department will publish for the foreseeable future, is that "lyrics must be theologically sound and doctrinally pure."

Robertson feels musical taste is both subjective and emotional: "Each of us is an authority on the kind of music we like and the kind which speaks to us. It will not be our purpose to try to change anyone's taste in music but rather to publish music which meets them where they are, whether that be a difficult anthem or a simple gospel song."

"I have some strong reservations about some of what is done under the label of Christian music," he continues. "At best, much of it should be classed as devotional music rather than music used for corporate worship. Much of it has theology that is weak or even wrong. I am often amazed at texts which are encouraged to be sung in church but which would not long be tolerated in a sermon from the preacher."

A native Kentuckian, Robertson says

his "first real excitement about church music" came during Church Music Leadership at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. B. B. McKinney, the famed Southern Baptist music leader and composer, directed the music.

The chance to meet a widely known musician was but a side benefit to Robertson's experience at Ridgecrest. He discovered the variety of music career opportunities available to young persons. "I knew I didn't want to be a preacher or a missionary," he recalls. "I

Robertson plans for department "to exalt Jesus Christ, . . . to strengthen fellowship, to aid Christian growth and to witness to a lost world. . . ."

hadn't known there was anything else I could be!"

Upon enrolling at Murray State University, Robertson was encouraged to major in voice rather than his preferred choice of trombone. At the urging of his father, he minored in business. While F. G. Robertson supported his son's musical interests, he wasn't so sure a living could be made in music.

Robertson earned a BA in sacred music and a MA in church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He subsequently moved to Jacksonville, Fla. to be minister of music at First Baptist Church.

At a music reading session during a state church music conference, he met a church music consultant from the Sunday School Board. Robertson was curious to know, "What exactly do you do?" The rest is history.

Robertson became a young people's and adult music consultant in April 1967. His career at the board also has included music promotion in the Broadman Division and supervision of the youth/adult/general materials section in the Church Music Department. His accomplishments include singing for the cable television program "At Home With The Bible" and serving a term as president of the Church Music Conference. (BP)

Part time youth minister represents 2nd generation

by Frank William White

Just a few years ago, Danae Tucker and Kay Carter didn't even know about Southern Baptists. Now they are multiplying the work of the denomination in Alaska.

Workers like Misses Tucker and Carter provide Sunday school leadership

Misses Carter and Tucker represent an important link in new work areas where workers may be far from conference centers and state training events. They fill the gap by providing training.

training for others in state, association, or Church Training events.

Miss Tucker's involvement with Southern Baptists began as a youth at North Star Baptist Church, Anderson, Alaska, where Miss Carter was youth director. Miss Tucker had recently become a Christian through a Lutheran ministry.

"Kay was open to teenagers. I wanted to help teens who had no place to turn. I

wanted to do the same for other young people that Kay did for me," Miss Tucker said.

She was one of 14 youth Sunday school workers invited to participate in a recent session to evaluate youth Sunday school curriculum produced by the Sunday School Board.

Miss Tucker, 25, now is a part time youth director at Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks. She also is an instructor at an athletic club and a substitute school teacher.

Ten years ago when Miss Tucker first entered the youth Sunday school at North Star, Miss Carter had recently attended her first Southern Baptist training conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

"Kay (Carter) had not been a Southern Baptist long. She was overwhelmed with what was available. She began learning the terminology and what materials we have," said Judy Wooldridge, design editor of youth Life and Work series materials, who remembered Miss Carter from her first training conference.

Now, Misses Carter and Tucker both have attended many training conferences sponsored by the Sunday School Board—either at Glorieta, in Nashville or in state training events.

Workers such as Misses Carter and Tucker are an important link in the training network, Miss Wooldridge pointed out.

In new work areas where workers may be far from a conference center or even a state convention training event, special workers, Associational Sunday

School Improvement Training Team (ASSISTeam) members and other trained workers fill the gap by providing training, Miss Wooldridge said.

Miss Carter continues to work with youth in Anderson. Miss Tucker now has a small youth Sunday school group at Fellowship Baptist Mission but she envisions a program which eventually will involve youth from throughout Fairbanks.

Recommendations of changes in curriculum will be completed in 1987 and implemented in periodicals beginning in 1991. The youth evaluation is part of a larger review of all Sunday school curriculum.

Danae Tucker talks with Judy Wooldridge, design editor of youth Sunday school curriculum, during a break in a literature design evaluation conference.





AMONG NEW FACULTY and staff at the President's Reception were, from left: Kay Sutton, instructor of chemistry; Pat Cowherd, instructor of business education and coordinator of academic counseling; Phoebe Murrell; Dr. Irvin Murrell, director of the library; Barbara Kottke, instructor of education; Susan Vince;

David Vince, instructor of physical education and baseball coach; Dr. Patricia Johnson, assistant professor of education; Lillian Clark; Dr. Robert S. Clark, vice president for academics; Janet Davenport and Dr. W.R. Davenport, president of the College.

New personnel introduced at Campbellville College



JANET DAVENPORT, left, greets Mrs. W. R. Beard as Dr. W.R. Davenport, president of the College, greets the Rev. Beard. Beard is pastor of Valley Creek Baptist Church of Elizabethtown.



A STRING SEXTET, composed of six Campbellville residents, performed during the annual President's Reception. Dr. Mark Bradley, associate professor of music, watched four of the performers, from left, Gail Plaxico, Jane Robertson, Richard Bower and Julie Caldwell, who is employed at the College. Sida Roberts and the Rev. Boyd Roberts also performed.



THE ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S reception at Campbellville College is an opportunity for students, faculty, administration and staff to meet new personnel at the College. The Campbellville College Women's Club served refreshments at this year's reception in the Montgomery Library.

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