

Ministers offered tax break by filing amended returns

by Kathy Palen

Ministers who have been ineligible to claim mortgage interest and property tax deductions and wish to take advantage of a provision in the new tax revision must file amended income tax returns by upcoming deadlines.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revoked Revenue Ruling 83-3, an Internal Revenue Service ruling that froze the ability of ministers receiving tax-exempt housing allowances, to take deductions on mortgage interest and real estate taxes if they own their homes.

Since the new law makes that revocation retroactive, ministers who have been unable to claim those deductions since 1983 are eligible to file amended tax returns seeking refund of taxes overpaid.

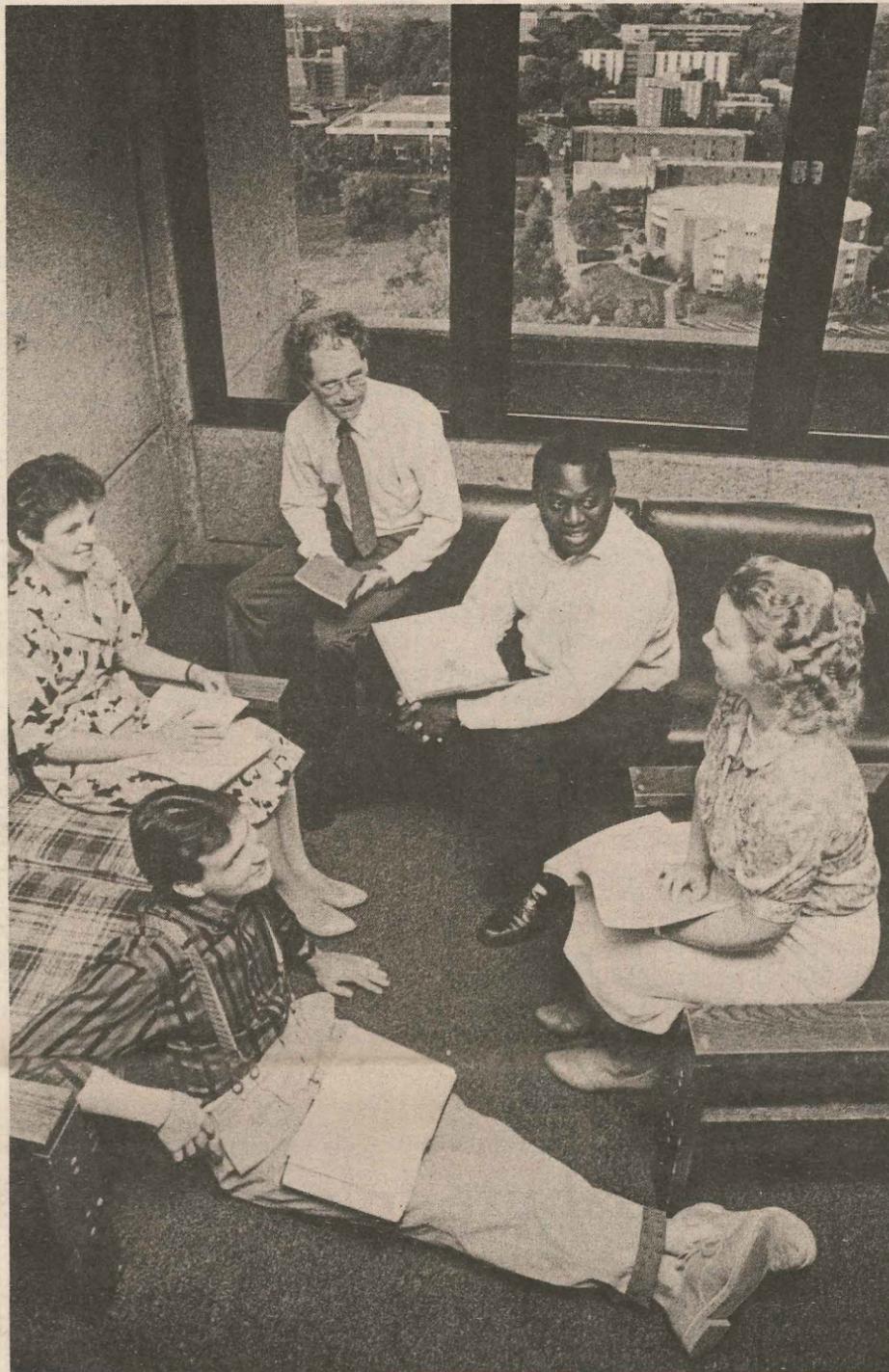
The statute of limitations, however, requires amended returns for 1983 to be filed no later than Apr. 15, 1987. Amended returns for other years must be filed within three years after the date the original return was due.

Persons filing amended returns should use Form 1040X and attach an amended Schedule A. Most states also will require the filing of amended state income tax returns.

Specific questions may be directed to the IRS, the appropriate state tax agency or a qualified accountant. (BP)

Convention coverage

The 28-page Western Recorder you hold in your hand is distributed to messengers and visitors at the 149th annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention this week in Elizabethtown. It includes the president's address (p. 5), an interview with him (p. 6) and advertising messages from all of the convention's agencies and institutions. Next week, Nov. 18, Western Recorder will carry its traditional full issue coverage of the convention. A reporting staff of seasoned journalists will provide information from every newsmaking corner.



Western Kentucky State University Baptist campus ministry leaders at Bowling Green discuss their roles for Student Day at Christmas. Theme for this year is "Laborers with Christ on Campus." Shown are David Lyninger, BSU president, from Louisville, seated on the floor, planning with (1-r) Michelle Rohrer, BSU new student chairman, Philpot, Ky.; Clay Mulford, Baptist campus minister; James Smith, Baptist student fellowship president, Lexington; and Angela McIntosh, Baptist Young Women president, Dot, Ky.

Non-profit mailers get break; no hike in rates for awhile

Congress has approved an overall spending bill that contains sufficient funds to maintain current postal rates for non-profit publications, including Baptist state newspapers, through September 1987.

The continuing resolution contains \$650 million in federal subsidy to provide reduced mailing rates for non-profit mailers. The amount will allow the Postal Service to maintain current rates through the 1987 fiscal year, according to Senate and House reports.

Although Congress currently approves an annual revenue foregone appropriation to subsidize the difference between what the Postal Service would receive at full unreduced rates and what it actually receives at the reduced rates, the Reagan administration is backing a plan that would eliminate such appropriations. The administration has said it will propose legislation to enable the Postal Service to continue reduced rates for most existing subsidized mailers without Congress' revenue foregone appropriations.

HMB act "grieves" Women in Ministry

Leaders among Southern Baptist Convention women ministers have expressed alarm concerning a decision by the SBC Home Mission Board not to fund the ministries of women pastors.

"We are deeply grieved to learn of the decision of the board of directors of the Home Mission Board to reject future requests for church pastoral aid from local Baptist congregations with women serving as pastors," the statement said.

It called the HMB action "an obvious affront to Christian women and men who understand pastoral leadership as a gift given by the Holy Spirit not according to gender." It added the action "is an even greater affront to the autonomy of the local church and to the good news of the gospel, which declares that there is neither male nor female in Christ."

"We further express concern about the impact of this decision upon our denomination's evangelistic efforts because of what it communicates about division among Christians and because it eliminates women pastors as a potential personnel resource for certain bold mission endeavors.

"While some may hope to discourage women from pastoral leadership by this (the board's) action, women will continue to answer God's call," the statement asserted. "And God will continue to choose whomever God wills—regardless of the vote of a board of fallible human beings."

The Women in Ministry's action was historic, said Susan Lockwood Wright, pastor of Cornell Baptist Church, Chicago, and co-chair of the group's resolutions committee.

"This group has never done this before; we have never issued an official statement," Wright said.

"We don't have an official voice in the convention. Right now, there is no official channel, and no one to speak for us," she explained. (BP)

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A suggestion worth prayerful consideration

James Slatton, pastor of River Road Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., who said he was "speaking for moderates," has called upon all of us to make peace a reality in the Southern Baptist Convention (see page 8).

The suggestions he now offers were made to the peace committee several months ago but were rejected by that group. Perhaps now, in light of the Glorieta Statement from the seminary presidents, the time is right for consideration of what Slatton and his friends propose as the way of peace.

Take the matter of replacing Cecil Sherman with a known moderate on the peace committee. This is perhaps the least that could be done, with the least damage to anyone's ego or sense of security, but by doing it a symbolic gesture of goodwill would be made. At least the moderates would feel they have some continuing voice in the deliberations of this key committee.

Another suggestion worthy of serious action is the request to combine the SBC Forum and the Pastor's Conference with equal representation from all points of view on the program.

Both these groups have been political centers for bombastic rhetoric and calculated agenda-pushing. If they can be combined and the resultant program would be an exercise in spiritual helpfulness, then a lot of the heat would go out of the present controversy.

The most stimulating suggestion is that the moderate-conservatives and the fundamental-conservatives get together and select a joint committee "to meet to choose a candidate for convention president in San Antonio in 1988 or sooner if Dr. Rogers chooses not to run again next year . . ."

Can you imagine what it would be like if there was no political campaign for the presidency of the SBC? An agreed upon candidate would spare all of us the anxiety and frustration which now clouds not only the early hours of every convention, but the months leading up to the annual meeting.

This would also eliminate the messengers who have come to the convention to elect a president and nothing else. These one-day-attendees who come only to cast a ballot do not add anything of substance to the annual meeting. If this could become reality the quality of the annual meeting would go up several degrees and the circus atmosphere would disappear. Surely this alone would honor God to some small degree.

It now seems the next move is up to president Rogers and his advisers. He has stated his desire for peace and all of us want to believe he is sincere. Here is a good place for him to put into practice the words all of us were glad to hear.

Let us pray the Lord is in this and that we will begin to see some light at the end of the long tunnel we have traveled for so long.

A tribute to an unusual man

I never saw him without a smile. Even when the going was rough and committees were arguing and preachers were all over him to do things differently. He still could smile and offer a word of encouragement.

That is the Harold G. Sanders I remember from days gone by. In the middle and late sixties I was involved in Kentucky Baptist life as pastor of a key church and a member of the executive board. One year I served as chairman of what is now the administrative committee, which meant I was in Louisville working with Harold Sanders nearly every week and got to know him very well.

It was in this context that I knew him best. He always had a good word to say about the work I was doing and he always offered his own strength and the resources of his office to help.

We did not always agree, but that made little difference in his attitude toward me. Even when I was adamant about something which he felt would not work or was wrong for Kentucky Baptists, he would still have that smile and a word of encouragement. I never knew him to be underhanded nor unkind in any of his actions in support of his point of view. Like all of us he made his share of mistakes, but he was a gentle-

man all the way along with a Christian spirit.

Harold led us in a time of great change. The demise of Kentucky Southern College was a time of pain for many Kentuckians who longed to see a strong Baptist college in the population center of the state. Yet Harold handled himself with dignity and poise in the midst of the heated debates about that ill-fated venture.

The implementation of the Booze-Allen-Hamilton report was a time which did indeed "try men's souls." Harold pressed on with vigor and resolve to carry out the will of the convention as he saw and understood it. That was his job as the chief executive officer of the convention.

He came in for his share, and more, of criticism, but through it all he was steady, considerate and always smiling even when others were gnashing teeth and making ugly noises, mostly toward him.

It has been 16 years since I worked with Harold Sanders, but the memory is still fresh. I thank the Lord for the opportunities he gives all of us to walk together as brothers. I especially thank him for the opportunity to walk a while with Harold G. Sanders. I considered him a brother in the Lord and will wait anxiously for our meeting again in the Father's house.

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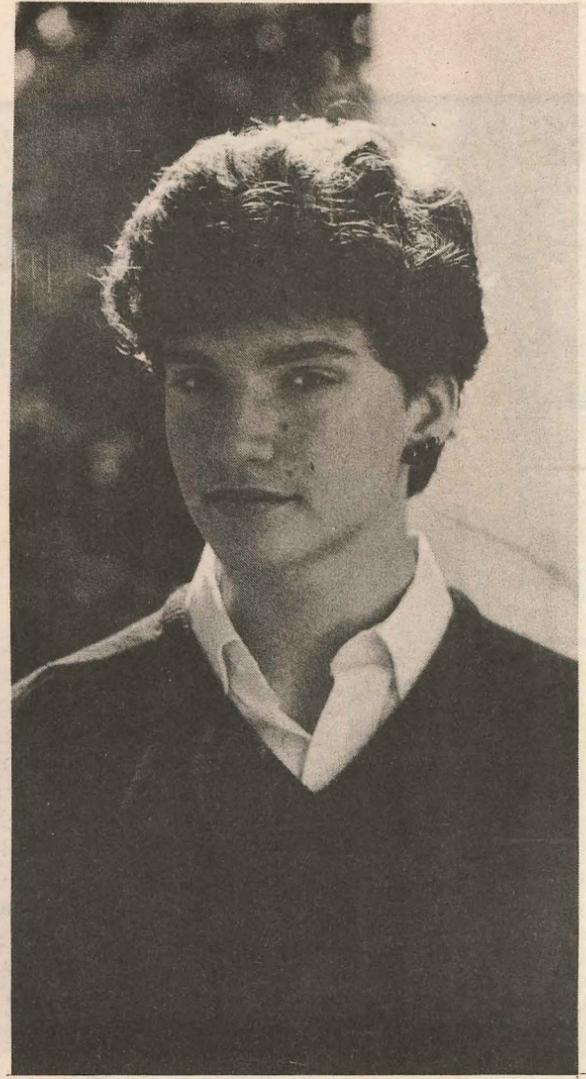
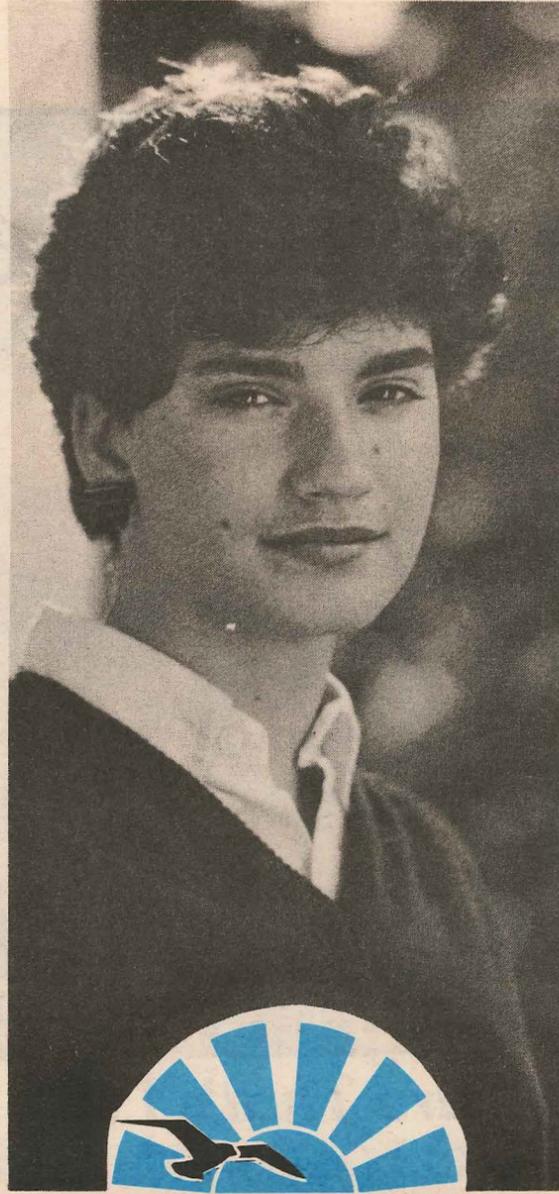
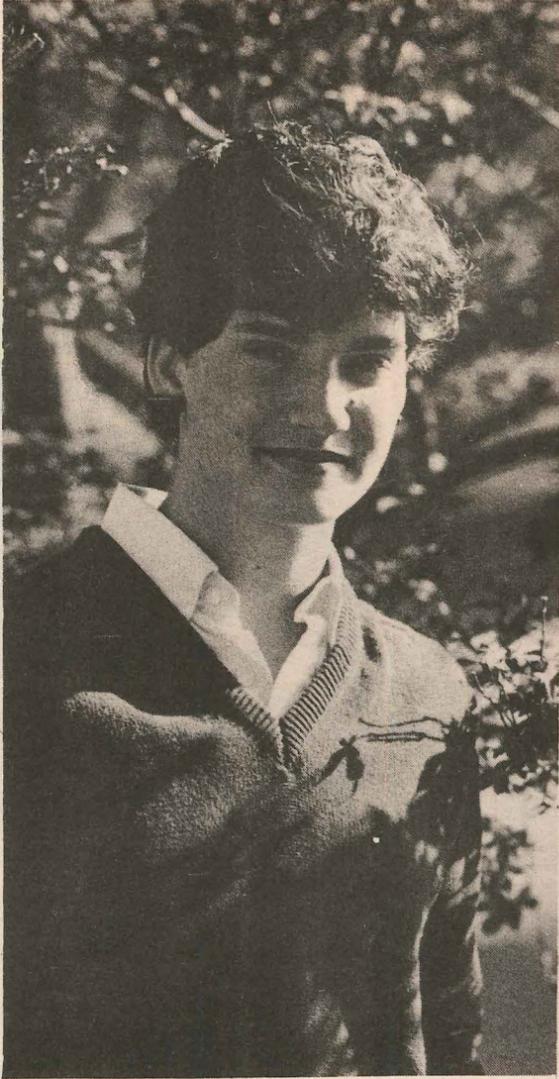
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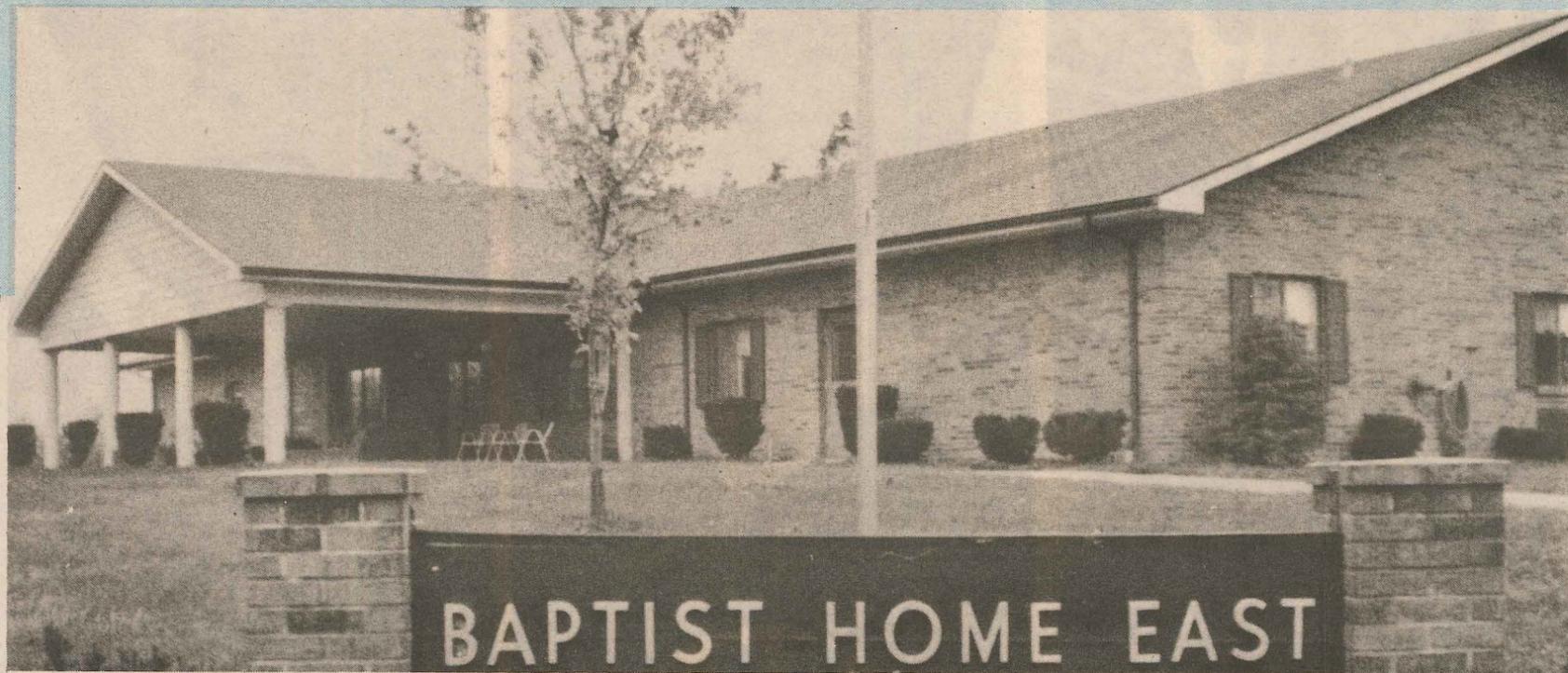
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These are excerpts from the message to be delivered this week to the 149th annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Lexington, by KBC president Don Mathis.

Real wisdom for difficult days

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He created the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air and every creature that creepeth upon the face of the earth. Last of all and greatest of all, God created man in his own image.

Man is so much above other creatures of the earth. So intelligent and sophisticated, he is capable of using multisyllable and multijointed words. Indeed, we can talk for an hour without anyone understanding what we are talking about. Yet with our intelligence and accomplishments, most have not found wisdom.

Mark it down; there is a tremendous difference between wisdom and knowledge. Knowledge is the learning of information and skills; wisdom is the ability to make right decisions. You may gain knowledge from your education and the pursuit of degrees, but real wisdom comes only from God.

Wisdom—where can we find it? God will give it! How can we evaluate wisdom? Proverbs 30 illustrates. Four little creatures show God's kind of wisdom. What they do instinctively you and I ought to do as a result of wisdom.

Let's take inventory. **THOSE WHO HAVE GOD'S KIND OF WISDOM HAVE FOUND:**

I: A SOBERING DISCOVERY If you are wise you know that life is short, much is to be accomplished and the time to be about the task is now. Notice the ant in verse 25, "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer."

If you want to receive a free education, go out on a sunny summer day and observe an ant hill. It's a busy place. Every member of the colony is at work, but they are not all doing the same thing. Some are caring for the nest. Others are feeding the young. Others are guards. Each has a job to do and they are working diligently toward accomplishing their purpose. Their purpose is to store food for winter. The ants know instinctively that summer will turn to fall and fall to winter. If they have not prepared then it will be too late.

Wisdom recognizes that the future involves much more than this life. Eternity is without end. One's destiny depends upon whether or not proper preparation has been made. Even if it were simply a matter of mathematics—10,000 times 10,000 years, or any other multiple you want to use, is only the beginning of eternity; the average life span is about 74 years—you and I above all things need to prepare for life, for death and for eternity. People are either prepared to share eternity with Christ or are separated from him in Hell. Every one of us believes that! But, do we believe it enough that we really mean it when we say that we want to evangelize and congregationalize every man, woman, boy and girl on planet earth by year 2000? Do we really want to reach the 1,000,000 who are either unchurched or unsaved in Kentucky? Let's be realistic! We are not going to reach everybody in the world with the gospel. We are not going to reach everybody in Kentucky, but, everyone who is reached will be one more for Jesus!

We must start new churches. It is a proven fact that new churches baptize more and grow faster. At the

same time existing churches will not be weakened by these new churches.

We need to enrol new people in Sunday school. Every time three unsaved persons are enrolled in Bible study, one of them will be saved within 12 months. Every time an unsaved person is enrolled, an average of four unsaved persons will be found in the same house. Every 13 visits made, on an average, will enrol another new person in Sunday school who is probably unsaved. Every unsaved person not enrolled in Sunday school is 80 times harder to win to Christ than one enrolled in Sunday school. Thus, 10/90, that is 10,000,000 people enrolled in our Sunday school by 1990, is not just a goal but a commission!

The ant is not very big, not very strong, and not very smart but he is wise enough to know that preparation for the future is essential. We need to invite the lost to Jesus as saviour and Lord, to say in love, to show through love—Jesus is the only way of salvation!

II: A STRONG DEFENSE We seek security. The cony has found it. He is described in verse 26: "The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks."

The cony is a native of southeast Asia and Africa. (He is called a badger in some versions, but the same principles apply.) The cony has a plump pointed head, a short neck, short slender legs and a tailless body. The cony looks a lot like a rat and a lot like a rabbit. In size he is about half way between the two. However, he does not have the long tail of the rat nor the cottontail of the rabbit. And instead of having claws he has hoof-like feet. He can stand amazingly sure-footed on most any surface. He can climb almost straight up. He is, also, unusual in where he lives. He will find a pile of rocks, then will crawl under them or through them, if he finds a hole just big enough for his body. There he will build his nest.

We follow the cony as he goes out hunting for food. Suddenly he is confronted by an enemy. He doesn't fight. He doesn't have anything with which to fight. Just like a rabbit, he turns and runs as fast as he can. He will run back to his nest and slip through the hole in the rocks and wind around underneath knowing that his larger enemy cannot follow him. There he stays in safety until the enemy goes away.

You may think the cony is a coward. I guess in a way he is, but he knows he can not defeat every enemy by himself. We need so desperately to learn that. In our world of enormous problems we must do our part to make our world a better place to live. We need to get involved in feeding the hungry, bringing peace among the people of our world, helping to solve the pollution problem and on and on we could go. The problems are many and they are real.

Eventually with all of our problems, if we try to carry them around on our shoulders and conquer them by our own power, we come to a sense of helplessness and frustration. When these problems begin to press in upon us we need to have a hiding place. We need a place of fortification and security. I have found a hiding place.

His name is Jesus!

Jesus Christ is the Rock of Ages. He is available to those who will turn unto him. He gives peace even in the midst of turmoil. We need regular experience of both public and private worship. In God's presence we find courage, strength and guidance to face the difficulties of life.

The cony is not very big, not very strong and not very smart but he is wise enough to know that he needs a place of fortification. Have you discovered the rock of security? He is Jesus Christ!

III: A SINGLE DIRECTION This is illustrated by the locusts. Verse 27 says, "The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands."

The locust is in the grasshopper family. He is very destructive. Locusts have destroyed crops on every continent. For example, the eighth plague that God sent down upon Egypt (Ex. 10:1-15) to convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free was the plague of the locusts. The locusts were gigantic and great in numbers. They covered the ground; it was black. They ate every piece of grass, every leaf and the fruit of the trees.

The locusts are interesting creatures in that they can destroy continents but they never get into a fight with each other. Somehow they realize that they need each other. (Some Baptists need to make that discovery.) Locusts go together in bands. They move in the same direction, cooperate with one another and fellowship with one another. We need to learn from the locust. We need each other. The locusts go in bands yet they have no king.

We have a king. His name is Jesus. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Following his leadership we cooperatively go forth as brothers and sisters in Christ witnessing for him. The closest fellowship that we can know with our fellow man is that which results from a mutual faith in Jesus Christ. In Christ we are made brothers and sisters.

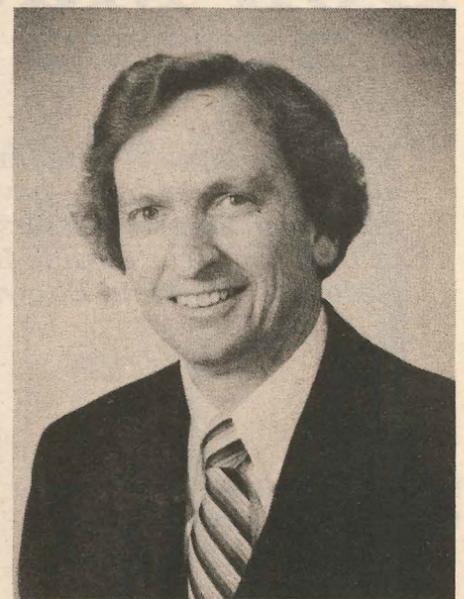
Look at what we are doing together today. I believe that God has given Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program the best method ever known to support missions.

Here in Kentucky, through the Cooperative Program, we supply expertise in Sunday school, evangelism, Church Training, music and scores of other areas to help our churches witness and minister. We spent \$740,000 last year to support missionaries here in Kentucky in the inner-city, mountains, associational missions, language missions and to start new churches.

Today in our six Southern Baptist Seminaries we have about 12,000 students called out by God to be a part of our work in the years ahead. If these students were attending most divinity schools their education would cost them about four times as much as it does at our SBC seminaries. You are helping through the Cooperative Program.

We have 3635 home missionaries as we endeavor to reach the cities, establish churches in pioneer areas and share the gospel all across our nation.

We now have 3707 foreign missionaries in 107 countries. We average baptizing 428 people every day, 365 days a year through work affiliated



Mathis

with our Foreign Mission Board. This happens because of the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering

Now, what if we could have those 5000 career missionaries and 10,000 annual short-term volunteers in 125 countries as we have dreamed in Bold Mission Thrust? What if we could multiply by 10 fold the churches on foreign soil affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention? What if we could have 5000 home missionaries and their work supplemented by 50,000 annual volunteers? What if we could increase our Southern Baptist churches from 36,000 to 50,000? What if we could increase the money available in our churches by seven fold by year 2000, and increase the money available to our state conventions by 10 fold and 12 fold at SBC level and by 15 fold the support given to our Foreign and Home Missions boards as we have dreamed in Planned Growth in Giving? What if we could baptize half a million a year every year until 2000? What if...what if...

The locust is not very big, not very strong and not very smart, but he is wise enough to know that he needs fellowship and companionship. He knows that he can do more cooperatively with others than he could ever do himself.

IV: A SURE DESTINATION This is vividly illustrated by the spider. It says of this spider in verse 28. "The spider taketh hold with her hands and is in kings' palaces."

The spider in this passage does not see the end of the journey but takes hold by faith and begins to move. She runs across the floor, down a wall, through an open door, stops to look around and discovers that she is in a king's palace. She looks at the plush carpet, the soldiers standing at attention, the throne, the crown and then looks into the face of the king. The spider looks at herself and says, "What am I, an old, dirty, filthy spider doing in a king's palace?"

She is entirely out of place. The only thing that could possibly be more out of place is when those of us who are saved find ourselves in the presence of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords...Jesus. The palace of Christ is the place that he went to prepare—heaven. Its beauty, its joy—are beyond words. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also" (Jn. 14:3).

Don Mathis: a look back

Kentucky Baptists' outgoing presiding officer pauses long enough for a nostalgic glance at where he—and we—have been in the last 365 days. He could have used additional input from his predecessors, but believes the ship of state is sailing smoothly in a time of turbulent seas outside Kentucky. He also has some advice for his successor, to be elected this week in E'town.

by Gregory L. Hancock
KBC Public Relations

Last November I sat down with Don Mathis in the pastor's study at Immanuel Church, Lexington, for the traditional interview with the newly elected convention president. The balloting had been over less than 24 hours and television crews, eager to determine what, if any, of the heavily publicized Southern Baptist Convention controversy could be sensationalized locally, kept knocking at the door to press for interview time.

Mathis was irked by the insistence of partisans that he fit into one or another of the denominational "camps" polarizing the Southern Baptist Convention. He said then, and he says now, "I am an inerrantist in the biblical sense, not the political sense" and with regard to the implications of power usually associated with a state convention presidency, "As far as I am concerned, the highest position to which I have been elected in the state of Kentucky is pastor of Central Baptist Church of Corbin."

Mathis is a quiet man. He is not given to speak often outside the pulpit. When he does, his comments are weighty: given credence and authority by long and prayerful consideration.

Most KBC presidents, when elected, hope, during the tenure of their presidency, to implement some new program or emphasize some special activity that will advance the cause of gospel missions. Creative innovation is, after all, the hallmark of a good leader. Mathis differs from the pack, not in his eagerness to be creatively innovative, but in his persuasion that "newness" is not a "quick fix" for affairs of the faith. When asked at last year's interview what he hoped to implement for Kentucky Baptists, Mathis responded, "I don't think we need a lot of new programs. I think we need to do what we do already, better."

After his year in office, Mathis reaffirms that stance. "I think that the big need in our churches is to do a better job of reaching that million people in Kentucky that are un-

churched and unsaved and to do a better job of attempting to reach those people through such things as our Sunday school programs and harvesting them into the kingdom through more effective methods of evangelism. As far as doing things better in the Lord's work," he goes on, "there's no way we can ever reach the point of ever doing anything as well as it ought to be done. I think we are making some progress and I think we get a lot of mileage out of the dollars and personnel we have.

"The more I know about our (Baptist) work, the more appreciative I am of the direction of the work and of the people that work for us and with us. I felt good about the folks at the Baptist Building before I was president, but I feel even better about the caliber of our people—their commitment to ministry and to reaching people—and the fact that they are not just doing a job. They feel a real sense of calling of the Lord to be where they are and to be doing what they're doing.

"There's a real effort on the part of our folks at the Baptist Building to relate to and improve relationships and communications with people. For example, it seems to me they are trying to work closer with the associations. I see a real attempt to communicate with the associations and the associational leadership."

The association is one of the things Mathis sees being done better by Kentucky Baptists. His background in rural churches convinces him of the potential of strong associations and he appreciates the role of the director of missions as a catalyst for cooperative mission work. Last April he attended and served on the staff of the Mountain Missions Conference at Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute.

While Middletown is often geographically isolated from the churches that constitute the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the local association is always within easy contact distance. The association has the capacity to put the state office at the disposal of even the most remote churches and Mathis feels that capacity should be even further exploited.

"The more meetings that can be held out away from the Baptist Building—out at the associational level or area level—the more training type meetings, fellowship meetings, the better."

Mathis, like many of his predecessors, sees a strong need for overlap and communication between years of presidential administration. Not that he lobbies for a longer term of office, he simply acknowledges, "About the time you learn the job it's time for a new president."

He suggests the practicality of a meeting between the incoming presi-

dent and a committee composed of three previous presidents where the new man could ask any question that came to his mind concerning his duties and the state of the convention. "Just how do you do this or how do you do that or what's my role in this or what have you found that works or what had I better avoid? I think that would be great. Just in a closed room, maybe over a cup of coffee, for that to happen. I don't think that's the kind of thing that needs to be formalized or could be formalized but that would be most helpful."

Mathis advocates "selective ignorance" in some areas, however. He chose to remain aloof from the special committee studying convention ascending and descending liability this year, for example.

"I felt like the very nature of that special committee meant that it really was not something I needed to know about until they were ready to bring their report. I have talked with Willis (Henson, chairman of special committee) quite a bit and Jim Lewis (Mathis' successor as KBC president) is most helpful but simple geography has kept me from talking much with anybody about it.

"I would hope that as presiding officer I would, number one, be fair. That's first and foremost. Whether or not I agree with the decisions that are made, I want to know when I pass the gavel along that Kentucky Baptist have really done what they wanted to do: done it in an orderly manner and as Christian brothers and sisters."

For the next person to preside over the convention, Don Mathis has some advice: "He needs to be committed to number one, the Lord, and number two, to his family and number three, to his church. He needs to realize that those probably are the three longest term commitments that he has. In light of his relationship with his Lord and his family and his church he has to be true to himself and to listen as much as he can more than he speaks and be rather slow in offering his opinion."

Then Mathis smiles one of his rare smiles and says, with a twinkle in his eye, "Then, I'd say, for goodness sake don't take yourself too seriously!"



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Sanders' sandpile

The first annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention I attended was at E'town, site of the meeting this week. The year was 1975.

I remember a conversation that week with Arlis Henson, then manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. He gave me a lesson in history about the early days of that property as a Baptist encampment.

"Sanders' sandpile," people called it. "If it hadn't been for Harold Sanders, the dream in his mind and that of a few others might never have become reality," Henson allowed. He told me, and others confirmed, that Sanders pushed vigorously for development of a tract where Baptists all over the state could share together their Christian experience. While he didn't do it singlehandedly, he must have been inspired by God to envision it and to offer the leadership to get it done.

I don't know much about the Sanders years when he was executive secretary-treasurer for I was not here then. One hears lots of stories about any leader's era, some positive, some negative. I choose to listen to those of my colleagues who have said again and again "he made our wage livable," "he never held grudges" and "he defended his staff in public." They tell me his heartbeat was missions, that he labored endlessly in the vineyard helping Kentucky Baptists develop as greater stewards of their possessions.

While never serving with him, I think I would have liked to. Our paths did cross earlier, however.

As a student at Florida State University, I joined First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, where Harold Sanders was pastor. I sang in the college chorale led by Frank Boggs under a stalwart pulpiter who could "pack 'em in" on Sunday mornings. I taught Harold Jr. in Sunday school and Harold and Margaret in Training Union. I remember their daddy's annual sermon, "You Can't Go Home Again," preached every September especially for incoming students.

But the thing I remember best of those days in Tallahassee was the Sunday night in January 1959 when I walked the aisle on the invitation hymn. As I arrived at the front, Harold Sanders was there to greet me, smiling broadly. He clasped my hand as I told him I had reached peace in my heart. God was calling me into full time religious journalism. He asked me to tell that to the church, then led in a prayer confirming my decision.

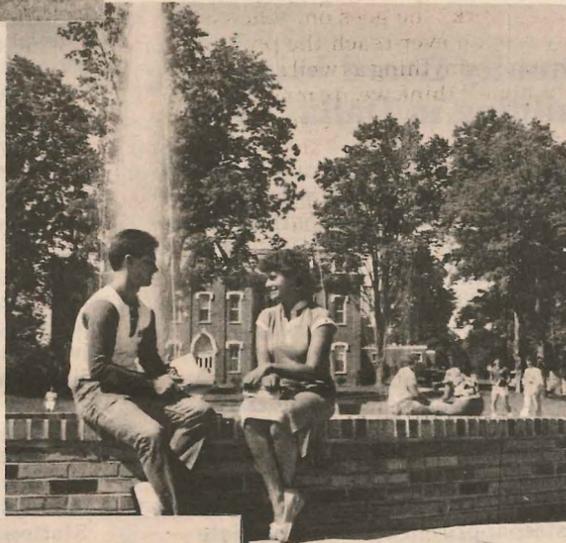
Kentucky Baptists have lost a friend in the homegoing of Harold Sanders. I'm confident history will testify to that. I'm also thankful he saw me keep that promise made in Tallahassee.

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baptist news in brief

Historian claims rebaptism is question

The major question confronting the Southern Baptist Convention today is not belief in inerrancy of the Bible but how evangelism is viewed, a Southern Baptist church historian observed.

"The pressing issue facing us today is less of what we (Baptists) believe about the Bible and more of what we believe about the process of salvation," said Bill J. Leonard, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Leonard made the comments to about 120 pastors and directors of missions attending a conference on missions in central Appalachia sponsored by the rural-urban missions department of the Baptist Home Mission Board. The three-day meeting was held in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Many Baptists seem to feel "it is no longer enough to just believe in Jesus as savior," Leonard said. "They feel you have to believe as well in an increasing number of doctrines about Jesus in order for your salvation to be valid."

He pointed to several signs to verify this, including the relationship between the baptisms of children and adults and a rebaptism phenomenon that appears to be sweeping the convention.

Leonard explained the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination is experiencing a greater number of adults who were converted and baptized as children but who are questioning that salvation experience when they reach adulthood and asking for rebaptism.

"They are confused today because they often feel they didn't understand what they were doing as a child," he said. "We need to find some way to help converted children grow up in the faith without making them start all over again by rebaptism. It's very natural when they become adults for them to have a different understanding of sin and the meaning of salvation," Leonard said. "But this does not mean they were never saved to begin with."

"If the (Southern Baptist) convention holds together, I see a growing reaction against dogmatism and a renewal of experiential faith. Historically, sooner or later all Christians grow disillusioned and turn away from such a propositional faith—one that sets guidelines to validate one's salvation experience—back toward an experience with the living God." (BP)

Texas churches start record new works

Texas Baptist churches reported a record number of new mission/church starts in the first year of Mission Texas: 305 new churches and missions during the period from Oct. 1, 1985 to Sept. 30, 1986.

"This unprecedented response to the mission challenge in our state means that a new church or mission was started every 30 hours," said J. V. Thomas, coordinator of the church extension section for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. "The

record number of new mission/church starts shows that more of our existing churches are recognizing the biblical model of churches starting churches as God's timeless and eternal strategy for growth."

Of the 305 new churches started in the past year, about 40 percent were Hispanic and another 40 percent were Anglo. Sponsoring churches ranged in size from some of Texas' largest congregations to churches averaging less than 75 people in attendance.

Nationwide, Southern Baptists officially started 1805 new churches and missions—including Texas' 305—during 1985-86, according to the denomination's Uniform Church Letter statistics. However, some of those churches may have been started previously and officially constituted during the year. (BP)

Annuity Board leases building in Dallas

The Southern Baptist Annuity Board has reached an agreement with Equitable Real Estate, a subsidiary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, to lease a new office building constructed to the Baptist agency's specifications in Dallas.

The board will move to the office just north of the city's central business district in late 1988, Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan announced.

Morgan said the contract includes a long-term lease with an option to buy. Trustees approved a plan to negotiate a long-term lease last April after a two-year study concluded leasing would be preferable to purchasing or constructing a building.

Among the benefits of relocation to a new building, Morgan noted on-site parking for employees, the latest engineering for energy efficiency and convenience to freeways and public transportation. (BP)

Missionaries labeled "strangers in society"

Newly appointed home missionaries were reminded although they are strangers in a secular society, they can take courage they are on a divine mission from God.

Robert Hamblin, vice president for evangelism with Baptist Home Mission Board, compared the 80 home missionaries to first century Christians who found themselves exiles from a secular society—but chosen by God for a higher calling.

"It's all right to be strangers in our society because God has chosen to save us, to set us apart, so we can go back into society equipped with the power of Christ," he said. "No enemy can defeat us in our mission to bring the gospel to a hurting and dying world."

During the Home Mission Board's fall commissioning service, 80 missionaries were encouraged to serve on their respective mission fields in 24 states and Puerto Rico.

"Perhaps the most romanticized role in Southern Baptist life is that of a missionary," said Hamblin. "Though their places of service are romantic to

many of us, their work is extremely difficult because they are sent to places where the gospel is unknown and where others do not want to go." (BP)

Moderates respond to peace committee

Moderate conservatives in the Southern Baptist Convention have called upon the peace committee to consider their concerns about the strife-torn denomination.

"We are putting our proposals and concerns on the table. There is nothing covert or indirect about them," said James Slatton, pastor of River Road Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

He contacted Baptist Press immediately following the latest meeting of the peace committee, which has been charged with determining causes of the SBC controversy and offering solutions.

"The seminary presidents have responded to the concerns of the fundamentalists as conveyed to them by the peace committee and have responded as to what they would do," Slatton said. "This now will be the most revealing moment in our long and tragic controversy, for the ball is now in the court of the fundamentalists. Now we will see whether they intend to continue making a division among us or whether they will now act to respond to the concerns of moderates, who represent at least half or more of the house."

Slatton said moderate-conservatives call upon SBC president Adrian Rogers and fundamental-conservatives in the convention "to show us now in the following positive ways that they intend to use this moment of opportunity for peace instead of division.

"First, we call upon the peace committee to replace Cecil Sherman (a moderate who resigned at the latest committee meeting) with a clearly, openly and completely identified moderate leader.

"We call for the SBC Forum and Pastor's Conference to be united into one conference, the program to be planned and carried out by an equal number of moderate committee members and fundamental-conservative committee members, with the publicly avowed intention that no one who is a spokesman for either side to be on the program and that the issues which have been in dispute between us not be addressed.

"We call upon the fundamental-conservatives to stand down on political organizing and that each side refrain from sending an emissary around the country to organize politically and to promote a partisan agenda for the annual meeting.

"We call upon the Southern Baptist Advocate to cease publishing attacks on Southern Baptist institutions and their employees." The Advocate is a newsjournal supported by the fundamental-conservatives within the convention.

"We call upon the peace committee to convene a true and actual peace conference between equal numbers of moderate-conservative and fundamental-conservative leaders to refine the details of this proposal. We pro-

pose that the presidents of the seminaries and the peace committee join in a joint release affirming this further step toward peace." (BP)

Conference slated for children's work

A panel of experienced leaders in preschool and children's work will help conduct the "How to Plan and Lead a Conference" conference to be held at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kathryn Chapman will be the featured speaker. Lucy Stewart will give ideas for devotional thoughts and inspirational moments. Anne Smith and Jewell Nelson will show and tell preschool and children's resources.

Example rooms for preschool and children will be set up, and there will be a display of teaching helps, posters and free items. Lunch will be served at no cost.

Reservations may be sent to Jewell Nelson, Preschool/Children, Sunday School Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Morgan will chair gift annuity panel

Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected chairman of the national Committee on Gift Annuities.

Morgan has served on the 25-member committee since 1972. He succeeds Charles W. Baas, treasurer of the American Bible Society, who was on the committee 39 years and chairman 28 years.

Organized in 1927, the Committee on Gift Annuities researches and recommends the range of earning rates for charitable gift annuities. About 1300 sponsoring organizations voluntarily accept the committee's recommendations on maximum rates. The panel also recommends methods for computing yields in pooled income fund agreements.

Charitable gift annuities and pooled income agreements are fund-raising methods used by non-profit organizations.

1120 won to Christ in Paraguay crusade

Baptists put a Billy Graham-type evangelist in a stadium and on television for a week in Paraguay, and 1120 people made decisions to accept Christ as their savior, a Southern Baptist missionary reports.

Nilson Fanini, described as the "Billy Graham of Brazil," drew 5000 to 6000 people each night to an Asuncion stadium during a week-long crusade in mid-October, said Tom Law, a Southern Baptist missionary in Asuncion. About 7000 people attended the final Sunday night meeting.

The Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Paraguay Baptist Convention split the \$30,000 bill to have the crusade broadcast at prime time each

night, said Bill Damon, the board's associate area director for Eastern South America.

A surprise of the crusade, Law said, is that the Baptist convention office is receiving letters from people in towns where there is no Baptist work. The live half-hour and hour-long broadcasts each night reached most of the nation, including remote areas.

So far, more than 1000 Bibles have been given out as part of the crusade. A 13-week Bible study is planned for 75 homes, starting in March 1987, Law said. (BP)

Supreme Court accepts Mormon Church dispute

Acting on motions from the Mormon Church and the federal government, the Supreme Court announced Nov. 3 it will decide if Congress violated the Constitution in 1972 by exempting churches from compliance with a provision of the Civil Rights Act banning employment discrimination on the basis of religion.

In a dispute that likely will have broad effect on many, if not all, U. S. religious groups' employment policies, the high court faces a classic confrontation between the competing interests of the two religious clauses of the First Amendment—the ban on establishment of religion and the guarantee of free exercise of religion.

When Congress enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the law provided that religious employers could restrict their employment to "individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with . . . (their) religious activities." But in 1972, when it

rewrote and extended the law, Congress deleted the word "religious" from the exemption, thereby broadening it to include all employment activities in which a church might engage.

Seven employees of Mormon Church-owned businesses in Utah who were fired after they failed to qualify for "temple recommends" challenged the amended law in the U. S. District Court for Utah and won. ("Temple recommends" refers to a relationship with the Mormon Church enabling members to participate in certain secret rites performed only inside temples, including baptism for the dead.) After the district court three times ruled for the fired workers, the federal government intervened in the case on the church's side. Together, they appealed the lower decisions to the nation's highest court.

In a written brief asking the Supreme Court to review all findings of the lower panel, church attorneys argued the district court "has created a new test that requires broad scrutiny of the tenets, rituals and administrative practices of religions for the purpose of determining what is and what is not 'religious.'" Such scrutiny by courts of church employment practices, they argued, would result in unconstitutional intrusion of government officials into church affairs.

On the other side, lawyers from the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union who have represented the workers argued the district court ruled properly because the Mormon Church would be given an unfair economic advantage over its private-sector business competitors if it limited employment only to its own

members, each of whom is required to return 10 percent of his income to the church as a condition of employment. (BP)

Seeds teach couple to grow patiently

Randy and Kathy Arnett, Kansas City, Mo. said when they were appointed in October that God had used their gardening hobby to help them understand what he is doing in their lives.

She planted tomato seeds indoors in the spring. The seeds sprouted and grew, and she gave them fertilizer, water and sunlight. But they were not ready for the outdoors.

"In late 1982, Kathy and I sensed a call by God to go into foreign missions," he said. They applied to the FMB. But "God said through the board, 'Hold on. You're not yet ready. You're too fragile.' That hurt. There was pain and disappointment, and I cried a little bit." She transplanted her tomato plants into larger containers and gradually exposed them to the outdoors.

"God placed me in a larger container, a container of Strasburg (Mo.) Baptist Church, where as a pastor I have been nurtured and loved and cared for by my people," he said. "There, I put my roots down, and I've grown strong." She found the tomato plants had outgrown the containers and moved the plants to the garden.

"Safe, secure, comfortable in my Strasburg Baptist container, I lost perspective," he said. "I began to think that little container was the whole garden. God has reminded me it's not." The Arnetts and their chil-

dren, Bevin Elisabeth, 5, and Jillian Mychal, 1, are "being transplanted" to Lame, Togo, in West Africa. He will teach in the Baptist School of Theology and she will conduct a music ministry. (BP)



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Singapore's briefcase seminary key to Asia missions

by Celeste Pennington

Asia needs theologians.

Fortunately, a dedicated missionary is training 21 daytime students and 35 night extension students who are enrolled in Singapore's "one-room" Baptist theological seminary.

Roger Capps' students are part of a Christian minority in the metropolitan island-state of 2.3 million people where 40 percent of the population is Buddhist, 30 percent "secular," 15 percent Islamic and 7 percent Hindu. Their commitment to Christ can result in community rejection and psychological persecution at home.

The seminary commitment demands even more. To receive a MDiv degree requires 108 semester hours plus a substantial thesis. Students receive no financial support. And the curriculum is tough. So is Capps' seminary's top administrator.

A door at the back of the classroom leads to a cramped office with bookshelves, a personal computer and a desk stacked with papers. Above it hangs a sign: "A clean desk is the sign of a sick mind."

Capps is there, ordering texts, lining up visiting professors for 1987 and 1988, considering books for the seminary library. He is director, professor and the seminary's only full time employe.

"We're a briefcase set-up," Capps says, unblinking. The seminary is not so much small as compact.

Capps is assisted by a part time

missionary librarian and a part time national secretary. Local pastors and missionaries and volunteers from the United States round out the teaching staff.

And while students kid about their "4 by 5 library," it's stocked with 6500 volumes carefully gleaned from other seminaries, churches and individuals or purchased with funds from Singapore Baptists and matching funds by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Capps is adamant that the seminary develop as a locally-supported, indi-

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genous school.

"We receive no operating funds from the Foreign Mission Board," he says. "They help us with capital needs, on a matching basis. We (the seminary) would never ask the Foreign Mission Board to put in \$100,000 if we put in only \$50,000."

Capps is a man of calculated words and little wasted motion. He jogs. He's in the seminary office by 7 a.m. He spends the next 40 to 50 minutes pouring over the Old Testament: "I have just had a terrifying experience, going through the Psalms," he says with a wry smile.

"I believe the key to missions is

training leaders," Capps insists.

His expertise is the New Testament. His doctorate work was done at the University of Glasgow under William Barclay. Capps studies three to five hours for every hour in class. Since classes are small, he intensifies lectures with dialogue.

"He encourages us to probe into questions, to rely on ourselves and not the teacher," says student George Kaan. "He allows us to disagree with him. Of course, we must support our argument."

Because it runs counter to the Asian culture, the art of criticism must be nurtured. "Just because a teacher espouses a theory, it may not be the truth or contain even a particle of truth. I encourage students to be independent thinkers, to evaluate, to analyze and to criticize everything they receive," says Capps. "Frequently I play the devil's advocate."

Khan Hui Neon, a student when Capps was dean and teaching at the Seminarologia Baptist in Penang, Malaysia now pastors Calvary Baptist Church, home of the Singapore seminary. Neon once dashed off a term paper, copied a few references and

submitted it to Capps. Neon remembers fondly: "Dr. Capps had looked at each book. He brought me into his office. 'I really don't know what to do with your paper,' he told me, 'throw it in the trash or burn it away.'" Capps also is a mentor.

Neon still drops in for pastoral advice. "If I run into a problem, I just unload it on him," he says. When a group of church members falsely accused Neon and threatened to vote him out of the church, "I wanted to hit back. But Dr. Capps said you should let the love of Christ flow through your life."

Capps encourages relationships developing among students and church members before seminary graduation. It's part of his emphasis on spiritual formation. "He puts equal importance on our academic work and our character," says Kaan.

Charles Carroll, a member of the seminary advisory board and a missionary, says, "We are on the frontier." The challenge is to blend theological education with practical ministry. And Roger Capps, he believes, has the vision.

"The structure he is building at the seminary is the ground level of what can be one of our most enduring and exciting mission enterprises," agrees William Hendricks, a friend and professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. "He has a vision for the importance of Singapore in the future of Southeast Asia."

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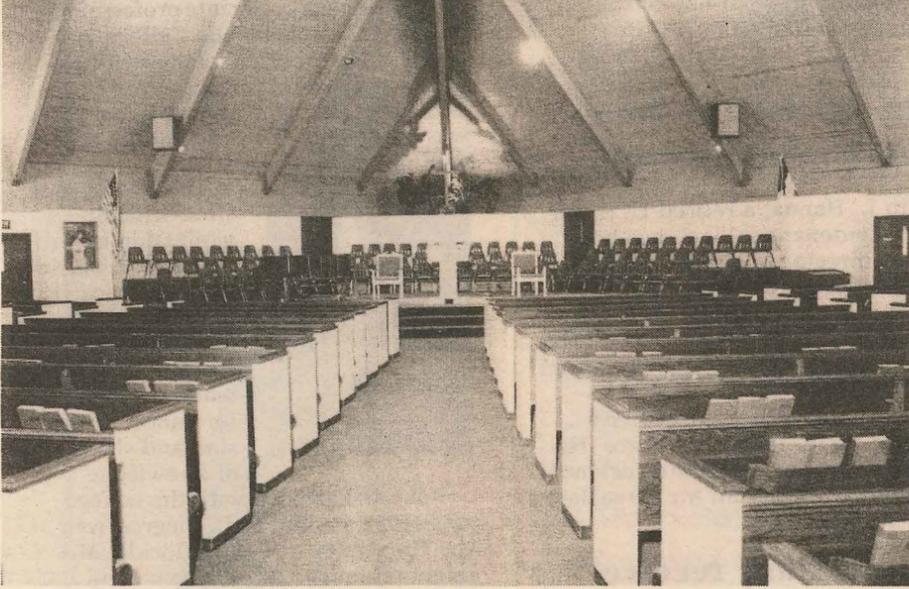
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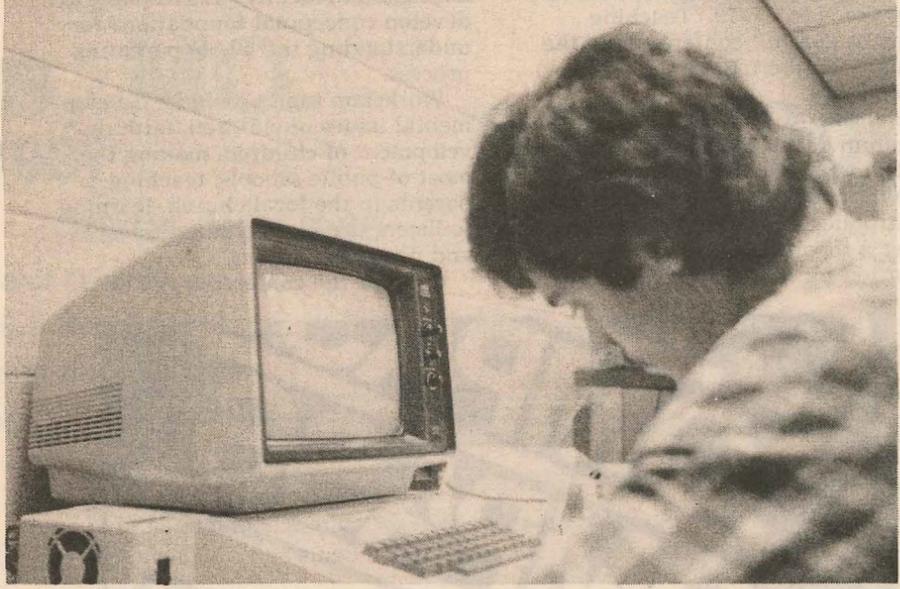
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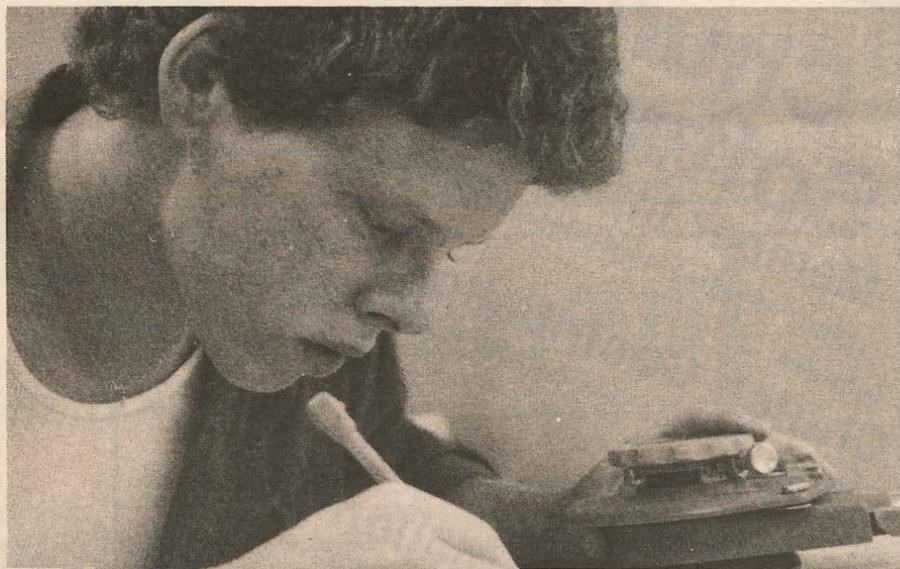
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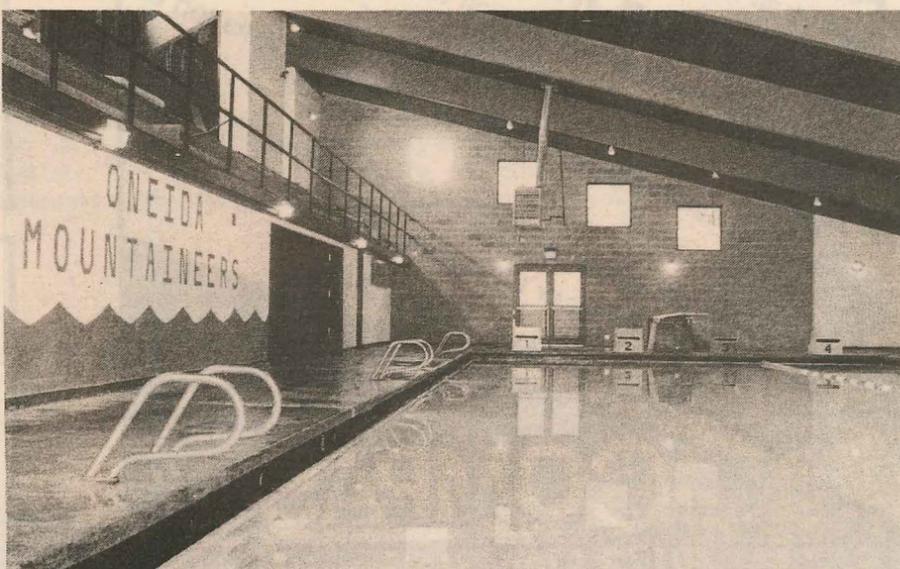
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GOINS-HOUNCHELL HALL includes a heated indoor swimming pool; a large art room, pottery, and kiln room; two classrooms; and a faculty apartment. The building is named for former students who also were the fourth and fifth presidents.

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SBTS conference focuses on parents

"Parenting by Grace" will be featured during the Nov. 17-19 "Teaching Parents to Parent" conference on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Parenting by Grace" is a new curriculum developed by the family ministry department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The conference will introduce the curriculum, as well as offer a theoretical-practical foundation for understanding the

dynamics of teaching parenting, according to Michael Hester, director of the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry. The conference will use seminary faculty "as a resource to develop conceptual foundations for understanding the whole parenting process."

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Cost for the conference is \$75.

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Campbellsville names admissions director

Philip L. Hanna, a retired U. S. Air Force lieutenant colonel, has been named director of admissions at Campbellsville College.

Hanna holds a BA degree in history and philosophy from Baylor University and a MA in political science from the University of Hawaii.

He has recently retired after a 23-year career in the Air Force. His last assignment was as the director of intelligence at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

Kentuckians receive SWBTS scholarships

David Wayne Johnson and Lowell Keith Spencer have received the Sybil and Rufus Higginbotham Presidential Scholarship at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Johnson is a 1986 graduate of Wingate College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson of Owensboro. He enrolled this fall in Southwestern's MDiv program.

Spencer is a 1986 graduate of Campbellsville College. He is the son of Mrs. Estella Spencer of Winchester. He also has enrolled in Southwestern's MDiv program.

The Kentucky natives and 10 other presidential scholarship recipients were presented with a plaque by seminary president Russell Dilday. The recipients attended Southern Baptist universities where they were the highest ranking 1986 graduates planning seminary educations.

Campbellsville prof heads music teachers

Wesley Roberts, associate professor of music at Campbellsville College, has been elected president of the Kentucky Music Teachers Association for a two-year term. The announcement was made Oct. 27 at the annual convention in Morehead.



The KMTA is a state-wide organization of teachers of music whose purpose is to promote the professional growth of music teachers in performance, discussion and sharing of knowledge.

Roberts has been with the college since 1982. He holds a BA degree from the University of South Florida, MA in church music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, a doctor of music degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has also done graduate study work at Arizona State University.

Roberts has held positions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Grand Canyon College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was minister of music at Hillsdale Baptist Church, Louisville and organist at Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville.

Campbellsville artist featured in exhibit

Billy D. Edwards, an alumnus of Campbellsville College, is holding an art exhibit through Nov. 22 in the Gosser Fine Arts Center.

Work to be exhibited consists of pastel paintings, ceramics, pencil drawings, ink, watercolors and acrylic.

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We must make

by Art Toalston

When a terrorist bomb explodes somewhere in Europe or the Middle East, missionary Marion Lineberger can almost hear it in **Argentina**.

Danger was a fact of life for Lineberger and other missionaries in **Argentina** during the 1970s. "Yankee Go Home" slogans abounded on street after street.

Terrorists threatened physical harm against Americans and, with their bombs, kept everyone else in fear. Rarely did a day pass without one or more explosions.

"You didn't know when you walked out on the street if you were going to come back that day or not," Mrs. Lineberger recalls.

Terrorist bombs still rock **Argentina** every so often. No country, it seems, can free all its citizens from such sad realities as terrorism, poverty, soaring inflation, prejudice or even simple, agonizing loneliness.

Mrs. Lineberger is one of 3700-plus Southern Baptist foreign missionaries who, in different ways in 108 countries, labor in the midst of the world's woes. Reinforcement comes their way each December as churches across the United States participate in the week of prayer for foreign missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"We Must Make Christ Known," this year's theme, is reflected throughout the ranks of Southern Baptist missionaries. Mrs. Lineberger, for example, notes, "We stayed (in **Argentina**) because God called us there. That was all that mattered."

Ray Hicks, a missionary who works among Arabs in **Israel**, winces at the misconception he mingles with terrorists.

"We can't stereotype Arabs," he says. "Some terrorists may be Arab, but Arabs are not terrorists. They're the most hospitable people I've ever met. They'll bend over backwards to be of help. They have the same needs and hurts and joys we have."

Arab Baptists from five churches and a dozen missions in **Israel** gather at the Sea of Galilee or Jordan River about every three months to baptize five to 15 new believers.

"In **Israel**, that's progress. "For a long time we haven't had it like this," Hicks says. "Arab Baptists and missionaries have planted faithfully over the years, and the harvest has been small."

In **Bangladesh**, missionary Glenn Bien has stood alongside former outcast and low-caste Hindus facing severe ostracism after professing faith in Christ.

In one small village use of the public well was denied to two dozen converts after they were baptized in November 1984.

Bien and several Bangladeshi Baptist leaders met with government officials and succeeded in getting the water rights restored once a Muslim official concurred all people—"even Christians"—deserve access to public facilities.

In **Thailand**, missionary Bill Smith never forgets how deeply Buddhism is embedded in the culture. It's the national religion. Government funds are used for Buddhist activities and festivals. A brass, bronze or pottery image of Buddha, one or more feet in height, can be seen in every government office.

"For many Thais, to consider any other religion is unpatriotic," Smith says.

Thus, commitment to Christ and baptism in **Thailand**, as in **Israel**, **Bangladesh** and numerous other countries, carries both perils for believers and a challenge for Thai Baptist churches to rally around those whose faith is accompanied by sudden hardship.

Making Christ known is often not easy. For missionaries working in the hard places around the world, difficulties do not offer an option to abandon their mandate. For them, and for the Christians back home, making Christ known is reason enough to continue.

by Craig Bird

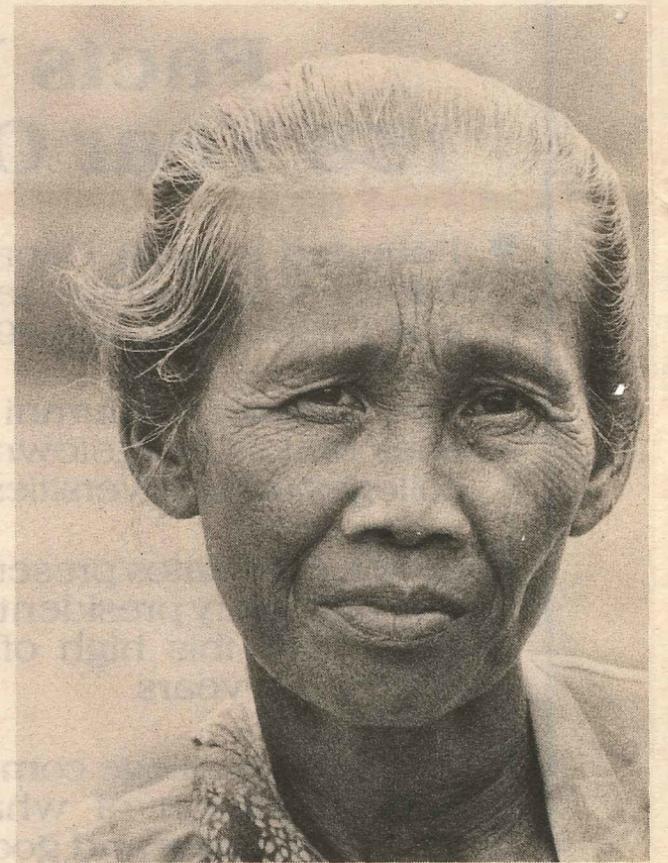
Five billion people is a number too vast to be grasped by most individuals. Yet on July 7, 1986, the number of people living on the planet Earth exceeded 5 billion, according to the Population Institute in Washington, D. C.

Seventy-five million dollars, the 1986 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal, sounds like a large number too—until it is compared to those 5 billion people.

Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are well aware of both the relentless rise in the numbers of those needing to hear the claims of Jesus Christ and the need for greater spiritual and financial resources to share those claims. "We have no choice. We cannot say, 'I might do it.' We must do it now and with all possible haste," explains Charles Collins, **Guatemala**.

Stunning statistics from the Population Reference Bureau underscore Collins' words. Each hour of 1986 the population is increasing by more than 9000. Each minute 258 people are born and 101 die (21 of them children). By 1995, and each year thereafter, there will be at least 136 million children who need to be told the story of Jesus for the first time.

Christianity is on the move, impressively so in many places, according to Foreign Mission Board figures. There are Christians and Christian congregations in all 223 countries of the world. Persons who identify themselves as Christian comprise the majority in two-thirds of the world's countries. In many parts of the world, notably **Korea**, and sections of **Africa** and **South America**, the growth of Christian churches is stunning. But the growth isn't keeping pace with the population increase. Today



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds are used to bring Christ's gospel to youth in Korea (upper left); elderly of Indonesia (middle); the growing population of Mexico (bottom left); and the children of Ethiopia (far left). David and Melissa Chism (far right) are only two of the 3700 Southern Baptist missionaries supported by the Lottie Moon Offering.



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it is estimated 32.8 percent of the world's population could be considered Christian—down from an estimated 34.4 percent in 1900. And the gap appears to be widening.

Against this backdrop, Southern Baptists are being challenged on both spiritual and financial levels during the 1986 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Despite the unmet financial needs on every mission field, the need for a spiritual commitment is priority.

Southern Baptists must get under a "prayer burden" if they expect God to use them in winning the people of the world to faith in Jesus Christ, insists R. Keith Parks, FMB president. On the financial level, the goal of \$75 million for the Lottie Moon offering (up \$5 million from the 1985 goal and \$8.1 million more than 1985 receipts) yields some more interesting numbers.

More than 36,500 churches are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and membership is in excess of 15 million. An average of less than \$5 per member and approximately \$2000 per church would put the offering over the top.

Parks says Southern Baptist must change their focus from the overwhelming numbers of the goals to the basic number necessary to meet those goals—one. "The urgency of telling all the world about Jesus must grip all earnest Christians," he said.

Muslims are called to predawn prayer (one of five such calls each day) by a chant that closes with the challenge, "Prayer is better than sleep." Southern Baptist missionaries in 108 countries agree—and are hopeful their fellow Southern Baptists in the United States will awaken to the power of prayer and let it influence how they live and give missions.

by Carol Garrett

David Chism looked as if he had been struck by lightning. His wife, Melissa, saw the change come over his face. Dorothy Sample's words went straight to his heart and crystalized a call that had been forming there for many years. "If there were as many Baptist preachers per capita in the United States as in Southeast Asia, there would only be 16 preachers in this country," said Mrs. Sample, then national president of Woman's Missionary Union.

David looked around. There in Sunday morning worship service in comfortable First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., sat seven ordained ministers and he was one of them.

That was two years ago during a week of prayer for foreign missions emphasis.

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Today, David and Melissa Chism are newly-appointed missionaries to Ecuador. For them, making Christ known is no longer somebody else's responsibility.

"If there's any validity to what we believe we must share, I can't with good conscience tell people in my church to give all they have if I'm not willing to live that kind of Christian life," said David. He went home that day and told Melissa Sample's words had made him realize the call to foreign missions was for him.

"He was so convicted that call was for us. He knew beyond any doubt that day. But I didn't feel a call," said Melissa. She had, however, been active in her church missions education organizations as a Sunbeam and then a GA (now Mission Friends and Girls in Action). She had even felt, as a college sophomore, a call to full time Christian service.

As she and David talked throughout the rest of December, Melissa said there was a gradual evolving of her own sense of a call. In January she attended a WMU missions retreat and returned convicted she and her husband must be foreign missionaries. Melissa realized her blessings had at first made it hard to recognize her call, but then helped her understand it.

"We were so happy and comfortable at Pensacola. It was difficult to see the Lord wanted us to leave. But God gave, and I couldn't keep. He gave every opportunity and blessing possible to receive. I really felt compelled to go and share Christ," she said.

Being compelled to share Christ isn't always a natural feeling for many Christians in America today, according to David. Too many have the mindset of "We've got the gospel here. If you want it you can come get it," he said.

This mindset has to change, Melissa said, because the Lord has called all Christians to go. Their call may not be like the Chisms, to Ecuador, but the urgency is still there, she said—even if it's just to walk next door.

The Chisms have answered their call, and not a moment too soon, according to David.

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personnel

Steve Williams has resigned the pastorate of Cave Spring Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Association. Richard Staples is supply preaching.

Grayling Hiser has resigned as pastor of Monroe Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

Robert Steenbergen has resigned as pastor of South Fork Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

B. R. Tade has been called as pastor of South Fork Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

David Hale has been called as interim pastor at Dripping Spring Baptist Church, Bethel Association.

Clyde Eversol has been called as pastor of Hazel Patch Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Claude Maggard has resigned as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Laurel Association.

Joe Coleman has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Maysville, Bracken Association, to accept a pastorate in South Carolina.

Eugene Coates, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Central City, Muhlenberg Association is bedridden with bone marrow cancer. He requests prayer.

Tim Mills has been called as associate pastor at Greenland Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association. He is a student at Cumberland College.

ordinations

Jim Murphy was ordained as a deacon at Stamping Ground Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Melvin Graham was ordained a deacon at First Baptist Church, Loyall, Upper Cumberland Association, Oct. 26.

C. Keith Rogers is pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Murphy

Leslie Moody Jr. and his wife **Coreta** have returned to Daviess-McLean Association to be in evangelistic work.

He will be available for revivals, interim and supply work and for teaching Bible study courses.

Mrs. Moody holds Christian Women's retreats and Bible classes.

They can be reached at Box 219, Island, KY 42350, or (502)486-3872.

Billy Fischer Jr. and **Bob Ragland** were ordained as deacons by Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Walt Queen, **Jack Scarborough**, **Ed Parker** and **David Thompson** were ordained as deacons by DeHaven Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Jefferey Bruns was licensed to preach by Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, Oct. 5.

Charles Raymond Serafini was ordained as a deacon by Clear Creek Baptist Church, Versailles, Elkhorn Association, Oct. 5.

congregations

The children of **Immanuel Baptist Church**, Elkhorn Association, have raised \$4383 for world hunger.

Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, has paid off the debt on its church van and finished renovation on the auditorium.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Park, missionaries to Chile, have arrived in the states for furlough (2014 Cherokee Pkwy., Apt. 1, Louisville, KY 40204).

They are natives of Paducah; she is the former Divina Key. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.



Miss Farley

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Warford, missionary associates in West Germany, have arrived on the field to begin language study (Wildmeisterdam 278, 1000 Vwelin 47, Federal Republic of Germany).

He considers Bandana, Ky., his hometown. The former Carolyn Gragg of Georgia, she considers Brunswick her hometown.

Minda I. Hogstrom was named a missionary by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14.

She will live in Yemen and work as a nurse. She attends Southern Seminary and works as a staff nurse at Human Hospital, Louisville. She is a member of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville.

She has been a journeyman in Gaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Murphy were named missionaries to the Netherlands Antilles by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14.

He was born and reared in Greenville, Ala. and is pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

He received the BA degree from Samford University and the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary.

The former Mary Love, Mrs. Murphy has been a nurse in Birmingham and Louisville. They have four children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hills Jr. were named missionaries to the Niger Republic by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14.

He was born in Nashville and is a student at Southern Seminary.

The former Donna Flowers, Mrs. Hills attended Kennesaw College, Berry College and Shorter College. The Hills have two children.



Mr. and Mrs. Hills



Miss Hogstrom

Shirley J. Farley was named a foreign missionary by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 14.

She will live in Mali and coordinate programs to teach adult literacy and Bible.

Miss Farley is a student at Southern Seminary. She received the BS degree and MA degree from Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville. She also attended Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Matthews, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the states for furlough (Georgetown College, Jackson St., Dudley Apt. 3, Georgetown, KY 40324).

They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Ohio County, and she, the former Clara Lee, was born in Georgetown and grew up near Sadieville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

James Frost
was Director of Sunday School Department of Florida Baptist Convention for thirteen years.

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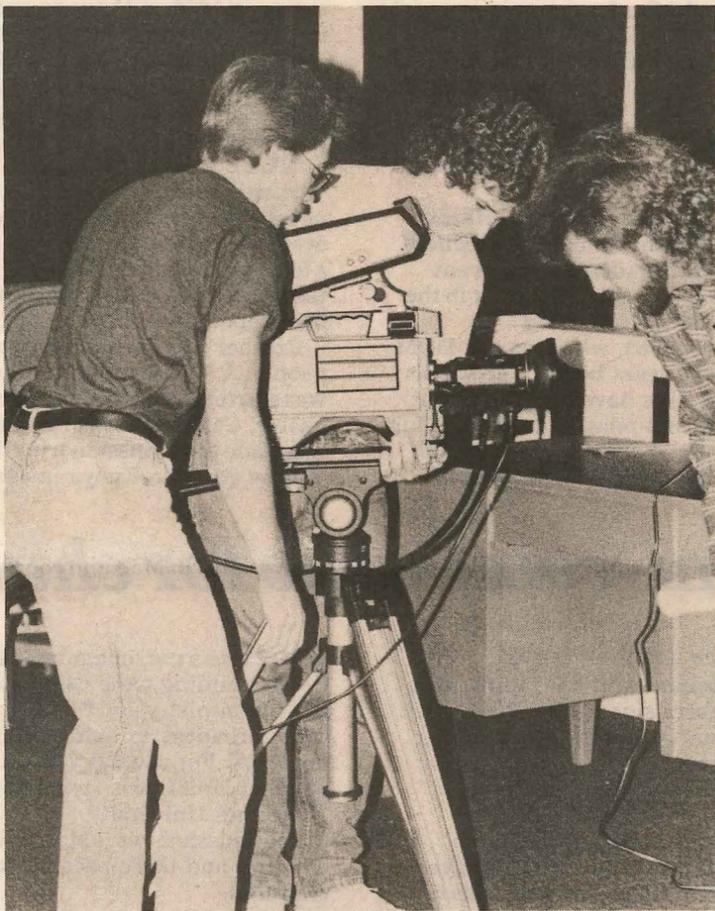
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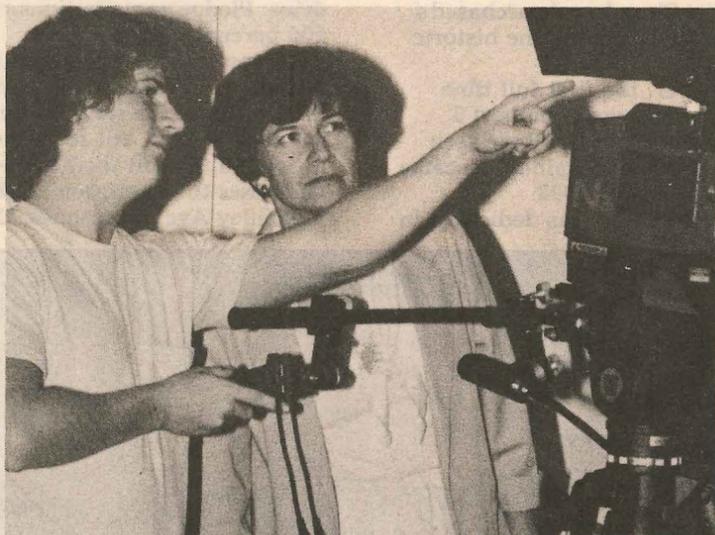
The North Brazil Seminary Choir will appear at Southern Baptist Seminary Chapel in the morning, and at the Music School in the afternoon Nov. 19. They will sing at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, the evening of Nov. 19.

ON THE AIR

Campbellsville College Begins Broadcasting



CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE'S Telecommunications Center is operating four television cameras and is going on location to film for the Campbellsville and Taylor County High Schools. Three of the work-study students involved in production include, from left: Mark Hale, a senior from Defiance, Ohio; Jerry Daugherty, a freshman from Campbellsville, and Corky Mohedano, a senior from Owensboro.

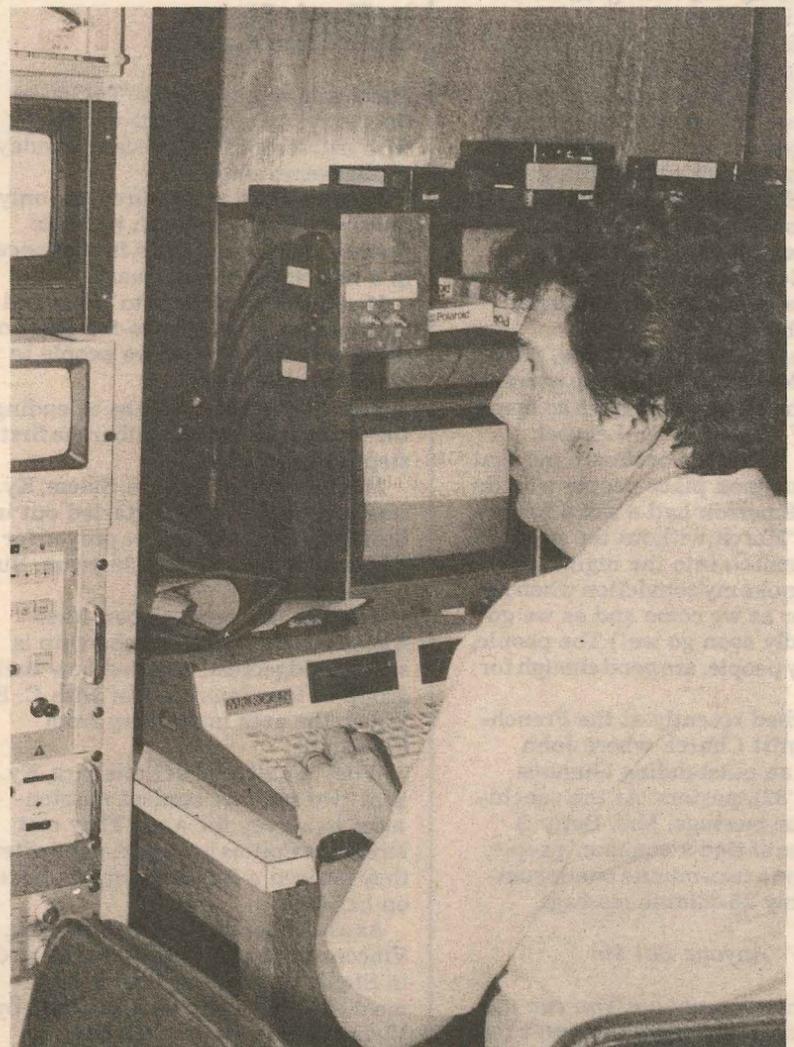


JERRY DAUGHERTY, left, a work-study student in the TV center, and Virginia Flanagan, director of telecommunications, discuss a shot at the studio.

We're on the air!
Campbellsville College is now broadcasting three and one-half hours Monday-Friday on Campbellsville Cable Channel 21.

Original programming consists of shows such as "Moving With The '60's," an exercise show for the elderly; "What's Cookin', Neighbor?," a cooking show with community and campus cooks; "Living Today," an interview show concerned with various general interest topics, and Campbellsville and Taylor County High School shows.

The Campbellsville College Telecommunications Center has a philosophy of broadcasting for educational and entertainment needs of both the College and the Campbellsville community. We're looking good!



DAVID SHAFFER, a work-study student from Chardon, Ohio, works the character generator to air the campus and community calendars which are run daily. Shaffer is a senior at Campbellsville College.

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Kentucky Baptists' Greatest Resource

Messengers from the churches of the Kentucky Baptist Convention meet in Severns Valley Baptist Church at Elizabethtown this week. I am honored to deliver the Christian Education address and our Clear Creek choir has been asked to sing.

As we have celebrated our 60th anniversary this year, I have spent much time thinking about the strengths and resources of Clear Creek Baptist School. I have come to the startling conclusion that Clear Creek's and Kentucky Baptists' greatest resource is the same!

In Mark 12:37 we are told, "The common people heard him (Christ) gladly." Various translations render this phrase "the great throng," "the great majority" or "the mass" of the people. I am convinced it is this great mass of Kentucky Baptists, made up of common people who don't think they are special but who worship a mighty God, which constitutes the single greatest resource Kentucky Baptists have.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "The Lord prefers common looking people. That is the reason he makes so many of them." And Stephen Leacock asserted, "It rather occurs to me that it's the common place people who do things." Emerson had a word for leaders, "March without the people and you march into the night. . ." Kipling spoke my conviction when he said, "For as we come and as we go (and deadly soon go we!) The people, Lord, Thy people, are good enough for me!"

I preached recently at the Frenchburg Baptist Church where John Ramsay, an outstanding alumnus (class of '82), pastors. At the conclusion of the message, Mrs. Betty S. Gibbs, one of God's 'common' people, handed me a two-minute poetic summary of my 25-minute message.

Anyone But Me

Father, can you not see/You can use anyone but me!/I simply haven't the time,/No, I can't spare another dime,/I'm much too old,/I can't take heat or cold,/My voice is not loud,/I can't speak to a crowd,/I'm so very shy,/When upset I cry,/If I stand before the flock,/My knees will knock,/Can't you find another,/How about my brother./He's big and bold,/And he's not too old.

Dedication to missions is key to giving

by **Pauline Stegall**
State Correspondent

Strong doctrinal preaching, mission education, exemplary models. Excellent leadership, faithful laity. These things are responsible for the high percentage of giving in the Blood River Association. Baptists in this far western part of Kentucky are in agreement on that.

Blood River churches rank high on the list of Cooperative Program leaders just released. Three of them are in the top 100, dollar giving list, and eight are on the per capita list.

"There have been mission encouragers here even in the horse and buggy days," Terry Sills, DOM, stated. "We still have a group of people who fervently believe in missions. Our association just gave \$13,000 to help build three churches in Kenya.

Sills drew attention to the fact that Boyce Taylor, pastor of Murray First during the 20s, was the organizer of the Cooperative Program.

"He would travel over the state encouraging churches to adopt a unified budget idea. He was a strong person. He left his mark on the association."

Dene Sills, who works closely with her husband, added Blood River has a strong WMU that constantly promotes

missions.

"Any time a church has a strong WMU, they have a strong mission program," she insisted.

G. T. Moody, assistant pastor at Murray First, where Greg Earwood is pastor, thinks the churches have pride the Cooperative Program was begun in Murray in 1925. This and the fact the Murray church has had pastors who are strong in doctrinal emphasis are two factors influencing the people to give liberally.

In addition, Murray has many mission connections.

"Two of our most recent pastors have gone to the foreign mission field," Moody related, "Bill Whitaker and Richard Walker. Walker went to the Amazon Valley in Brazil. We have many people on the mission fields. And many of the university students who passed through our church are missionaries."

James Garland, pastor of Hazel Baptist Church, thinks the excellent associational leadership in recent years has been a primary factor in the high percentage of giving.

"Earl Warford, who was our DOM for 13 or 14 years before Terry Sills came, and Sills have been excellent organizers and mission teachers. Our churches have always been mission minded, but their commitment is

growing. Some churches which gave little have increased as much as 200-300 percent. And a strong associational WMU has helped to make the churches more aware."

C. C. Brasher pastors Briensburg Baptist Church, which was first in per capita giving in the state last year. This year his church gave 32 percent to the Cooperative Program and 18 percent to other missions. They have done this for several years while paying off a \$300,000 debt.

"Our people actually increased their gifts the year we went in debt to build our church. We borrowed the money in 1978 and have recently voted to pay off the debt completely."

How was this accomplished?

Brasher explained, "We simply have a philosophy that if you give it just comes in.

"There was a pastor, L. R. Riley, who was here in the 40s. He taught people to tithe and give to missions, even new converts. And I preach on it a lot. We have good mission organizations throughout the church. The Lord has helped us through our giving."

Brasher sets an example for his people. A Trinidad mission project was started at Briensburg by a former pastor, Calvin Wilkins, and Brasher has made three mission trips there. He will be going to Kenya in January.

Sanctuary is dream-come-true for church

by **Vonnie Shelton**
State Correspondent

The theme of the day was "To God be the Glory!" Those words were sung with exuberance on a recent Sunday in Vincennes, Ind.

Ridgecrest Baptist Church, the only Southern Baptist church in Knox County, celebrated their first service in a new 450-seat sanctuary.

Members had pledged to "arise and build a new sanctuary to the glory of the Lord" to enable more people to worship with them.

Two native Kentuckians attending the victory service remember the first step taken in 1959.

Mrs. Anna Jean Hughes, Salem, Ky. reminisced: "When we started out in the little store building we prayed for this, and it took almost 30 years. But here it is!"

Another charter member, Mrs. Eloise Jones, whose membership is still at Ridgecrest, recalled how their group of four families met with C. E. Wiley, the area missionary from Evansville.

Wiley, a native of Catlettsburg, Ky., sent two summer student missionaries to survey the area. They met Mrs. Jane Collins in a parking lot after they noticed a Baylor bumper sticker on her car.

As a result of this unusual meeting, Vincennes Baptist Chapel was started in Stephen and Jane Collins' basement. The mission was sponsored by Walnut Street Baptist Church, Evansville.

Several of the most active families were Kentuckians who had been transferred to the area. Along with other uprooted Southern Baptists, they provided trained leadership that gave stability to the church.

Years later when Ridgecrest had become an established church, many

of the same qualities existed.

Elsie Leonard and her family have been members since 1974. When they moved from Louisville, she said the church ministered to her as "family we did not have here. And it continues," she asserted.

Individuals and churches from other areas gave financial and prayer support. Professors from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary contributed time as guest speakers.

Seminary student Chuck Wilson, the first pastor, drove from Louisville to Vincennes each weekend. Southern Seminary has continued to provide interim pastors, visiting speakers, revival teams and media library assistance.

In 1961 the mission became Ridgecrest Baptist Church and purchased a plot of land overlooking the historic city of 20,000.

John Sawyer, the first full time pastor, served 10 years. Robert J. Tibbs, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, became pastor in November 1983.

The first building was dedicated in

1964. Later a parsonage and an educational building were completed.

A bus ministry and Sunday morning radio broadcast provided community outreach. For several years a Baptist Student Union was sponsored at Vincennes University.

Four missions were started in other counties and three became active churches.

Membership grew from 10 to nearly 600. The congregation was eager to expand its witness for Christ, but every available space was being used. A new building had been discussed and dreamed of for years. That dream finally became reality in spring 1984.

These dedicated servants began the building process with a pledge fund drive. Pledge contributions remain at 100 percent today.

Ridgecrest is eager to contact all former members as plans are made for dedication of the sanctuary in the summer of 1987. All former members are urged to send their names and addresses to the church at 1820 McKinley Ave., Vincennes, IN 47591.



Worship services began in the new sanctuary in 1986.

A great warrior has fallen

When Harold Sanders, former Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, died a few days ago, he left some legacies that will not soon be forgotten. Some of his most positive and profound influences were upon the executive board staff. Shortly before Sanders' death, Western Recorder asked one of his Baptist Building colleagues, Byrd R. Ison, to write a tribute to Sanders. That tribute is included here.

As I try to somehow put into words, a feeling of inadequacy engulfs me when talking about Harold Sanders.

I remember the first time I saw and heard him as he became our Kentucky Baptist executive secretary. I was amazed at his knowledge of and enthusiasm for Kentucky Baptists.

I was skeptical at his "dreams" for Kentucky Baptists. I could not see how these dreams could become realities. His dreams to him were realities! Many of those dreams have become realities and Kentucky Baptists are much stronger and have a brighter future.

I served on the executive board for five years during his term of office and had enjoyable experiences. He was continually seeking means for improving services for Kentucky Baptists. In one of our many conferences one day he said, "Byrd, we are all servants, first to our Lord and then to his people."

He was mindful that there would be criticism and opposition to his leadership but he said this was to be expected and he accepted it.

I am grateful for his trust when I was selected annuity director for Kentucky Baptists. I came to the Baptist Building somewhat concerned as to what my



roles would be in the position. He soon put me at ease in our first conference. He said, "You and all the others here are considered professionals and have a place of trust. I want you to know I trust you and you are free to develop and promote the annuity program to the fullest potential."

There were many occasions when I needed his wisdom. He was never too busy to listen to a staff member with patience and understanding. He would always support staff members no matter what the circumstances. If you were wrong he would so say and then offer his help.

I remember when I moved to Middletown with my family, the first persons to "come by" was Dr. Sanders, while the movers were unloading. He said, "I just stopped by to see if you needed anything." He left, in a short while returned with lunch for us and the movers. When lunch was finished he left and one of the movers said, "Who was

that? He must be a man who cares."

He did care and wanted the best for the staff and Kentucky Baptists. I think of the annuity program, evangelism and all other departments. His concern was for all. He was instrumental in getting the benefits through the annuity program for all staff members and wanted the same for all church staff.

He believed God brought him to Kentucky for a special mission. He was so convinced of this that he was willing to take criticism and abuse in order to accomplish his mission for his Lord and Kentucky Baptists.

No matter what happened he was always able to keep his "balance." He never held grudges and never expressed animosity toward anyone. I remember him saying that he believed God gave him insight into the things he was doing for Kentucky Baptists and that he must put forth his full effort to accomplish this.

He believed Cedarmore would prove a blessing to Kentucky, not only in his day but in the future. He once said those who were angry with you now will say "blessed" in the future for these accomplishments.

The Mission Reserve Fund was his dream of blessings and strength. This has proven true as well as many other of his "dreams." Were they dreams or revelations from God? I am prone to believe they were revelations because of what we now have.

Harold Sanders was a man of strength and wisdom and good for Kentucky Baptists and the kingdom of God!

History of Kentucky Baptists, I am sure, will list him as one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest executive secretary to ever serve Kentucky Baptists.

Harold, "I thank God for every remembrance of you."



Eldred M. Taylor
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homes for children

Grasshoppers & Squirrels

All summer long grasshoppers have been hopping from place to place, eating all they could hold. They live through the warm season as if there will be no cold, bleak winter, and make no provision for the days beyond this time. In the cool November weather one can walk across a field and see grasshoppers jumping in all directions. They seem aimless and hopelessly doomed to death as the cold winter weather comes on.

Quite opposite to the grasshopper is the squirrel. Although the squirrel has been busy securing food for the here and now, he also provides for the then and there. An instinct drives the squirrel to prepare for the cold, bleak winter beyond this time of summer and fall harvest. In November they are seen working at a hurried pace to gather nuts to store, so that when the snow falls, the cold wind blows and harvest time is over, the squirrel will winter through on food stored during the fall season.

We smile condescendingly at the silly, carefree grasshopper and admire the industry and foresight of the squirrel as he provides for the period beyond this time. In a very real sense your Baptist Homes for Children approaches the funding of this ministry with a balanced mixture of the grasshopper and the squirrel.

Children coming into our care today need us now! They cannot wait until next year. Their hurts must be ministered to now. Likewise, people give their hard-earned money to be used in caring for children, and they want it used today. This causes us to be a true faith ministry. Our cash flow is such that if the current income stopped or greatly decreased, we would immediately be forced to start turning children away.

On the other hand, we are responsible to practice the foresight of the squirrel. For the continuation of a ministry like Baptist Homes for Children there is an urgent need to store endowment funds to help now and beyond this time. Endowment money, by law, cannot be spent. Rather, it stays in trust until Jesus comes, and works to earn money each year to support the ministry. Such earnings would help maintain our homes and facilities, and also help to bridge the gap when expenses exceed current income.

In the months ahead you will be given an opportunity to participate individually in this effort to store away endowment to serve children beyond this time.

baptist forum

Pastors need free retreat centers

In the best seller, *Happiness Is A Choice*, by Christian physicians Frank B. Minerth and Paul D. Meier, I was alarmed to read that missionaries fall into the high suicide rate statistics. If missionaries, pastors most certainly!

Depression and burn out stress are real problems. Congregations expect so much of the pastor. Often deacons, who determine their own job description as well as for their pastor, cause many church problems. Satan and his powers of darkness, principalities and spiritual hosts of evil are busy.

Satan uses many devices to take the pastor and us away from the close walk Jesus wants us to have with him. Failure to pray and study our Bible makes us ineffective Christians. Time and its good use is so important! Fatigue is ever-present. Church problems take an energy toll.

Jesus took time for renewal. Pastors must also. I propose a pastor and family vacation clearing house be established by Kentucky Baptists to list furnished, rent-free places of vacation for donor-designated intervals and length of stay. Even once a year is worthwhile to donate. Donors could give information as to number of beds and other pertinent information. A standardized form could be made available with space at the

bottom for any other information the donor would like to add. Our family would like to make a place available by the end of next year.

Could action be taken on this as early as the state convention?

Mrs. Margery Martin
Crittenden

Is HMB serious about winning cities?

I recently read of the Home Mission Board's plan for "winning the cities of America to Christ." Is the HMB really serious in its concern for the cities?

I find this hard to believe after reading of the board's earlier elimination of funding to churches with women pastors. Why would the board alienate and reject some of the very people best equipped to carry out urban ministry when it is so concerned about America's cities?

I am a student in the Carver School of Social Work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. My classes are filled with conscientious, talented women who possess the skills to pastor inner-city churches. Inner-city churches are in dire need of pastors with both theological and social ministry training. These churches need to be able to help people with their physical as well as spiritual needs.

To refuse to help God-called, gifted

and educated women to serve these churches is to deny the churches the skilled pastors they so desperately need. The women training at seminary possess the unique talents to succeed in these churches as real serving ministers.

If the board honestly wants to see Christianity spread in the cities, it should help the smaller neighborhood churches call pastors who are knowledgeable about the special needs of city-dwellers and methods to help them overcome such problems. Social work trained pastors offer this knowledge as well as methods for using such concepts to help small inner-city churches reach out in the name of Christ to help their neighbors.

The cities of our nation won't be saved or changed by silver-tongued evangelists spouting "easy believism." The only way they will be won is by the God-empowered Christians and churches who care about the total needs of those around them.

I believe that the HMB would be hypocritical in its concern if it did not encourage the best-trained, most dedicated Christians (men and women) to serve in these churches. The board should not allow the theological fiasco that occurred in Kansas City two years ago to sabotage its work and goals.

Russell Willoughby
Louisville

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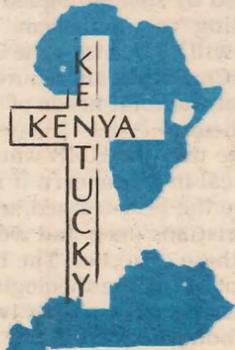
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87120	Feb. 1-18	Nakuru	1 team of 6-12	Proclamation
87113	Feb. 8-25	Kitale	1 team of 8	Proclamation
87119	Feb. 15-March 4	Meru	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87157	Feb. 15-March 4	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87141	Feb. 25-March 4	Mombasa	1 team of 8-12	Music Evangelism Team
87126	Feb. 22-March 11	Kakamega	1 team of 4 Men	Construction
87145	March 1-18	Kilifi	1 team of 2-4	Training for WIN School
87146	March 1-18	Malindi	1 team of 2-4	Training for WIN School
87132	March 4-21	Kwale	1 team of 2-4	Training for WIN School
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87110	March 8-25	Kakamega	1 team of 6	Proclamation
87118	March 15-April 1	Meru	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87158	March 15-April 1	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87124	April 12-29	Nyeri	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87142	June 7-24	Mombasa	12 teams of 2-4	Proclamation
87159	June 14-July 1	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87130	July 1-18	Malindi/Kilifi	1 team of 12	Crusade Team
87143	July 5-22	Mombasa	12 teams of 2-4	Proclamation
87164	July 12-29	Kwale	1 team of 8	Crusade Team
87103	Aug. 9-26	Malindi	6 teams of 2	Revivalists
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87166	Aug. 9-26	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87134	Aug. 23-Sept. 9	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87135	Sept. 6-23	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87169	Sept. 9-26	Mombasa	6 teams of 2	Church Starters
87162	Sept. 13-30	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation
87101	Sept. 20-Oct. 7	Malindi	6 teams of 2	Revivalists
87136	Sept. 27-Oct. 14	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87144	Sept. 27-Oct. 14	Mombasa	12 teams of 2-4	Proclamation
87170	Sept. 30-Oct. 17	Mombasa	6 teams of 2	Church Starters
87100	Oct. 4-21	Malindi	6 teams of 2	Revivalists
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87137	Oct. 11-28	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87131	Oct. 18-Nov. 4	Malindi	1 team of 12	Revivalists
87138	Nov. 1-18	Kwale	5 teams of 2	Proclamation
87167	Nov. 8-28	Kisumu	2 teams of 2	Proclamation

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Horse-drawn hacks clattered on the cobblestones of the capital city of Virginia. Main Street stores opened early, anticipating the sales of the day. The **Richmond Dispatch** headlines for Friday, May 11, 1888, read: "Baptists to meet. Over eight hundred delegates and many visitors expected."

The busiest spot of the city centered within the shadow of the spire rising above the First Baptist Church. Whitewinged collars and bearded faces partially hidden by sideburns and beards. Men in frock coats moved within the wrought-iron fence surrounding the churchyard or upon the broad steps of the building. Shaking hands, they courteously tipped their tall hats to the women, exchanging bits of news about their families and churches back home.

In friendly courtesy, the basement Sunday School room of Broad Street Methodist Church had been prepared for a small gathering of Baptist women, thirty-two delegates from twelve state Central Committees and perhaps one hundred Richmond women. They had one purpose in mind, the outgrowth of many influences over many years: to unite their scattered missionary efforts into one organization and to take the gospel to women in "heathen and papal lands."

Mrs. Theodore Whitfield, wife of the pastor of Richmond's Fulton Baptist Church, had been asked by Dr. H. A. Tupper of the Foreign Mission Board to preside at this meeting. Mrs. W. E. Hatcher welcomed the delegates to Richmond, concluding prayerfully, "May wisdom and grace guide our deliberation."

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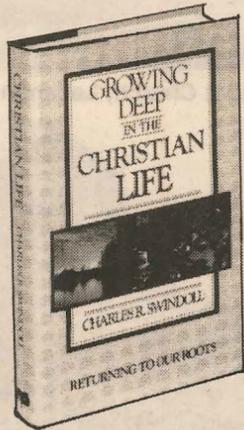
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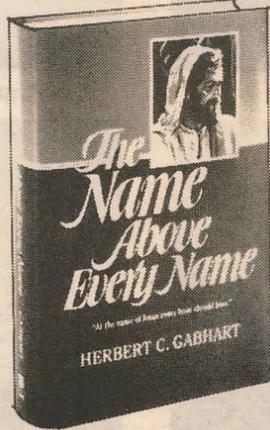
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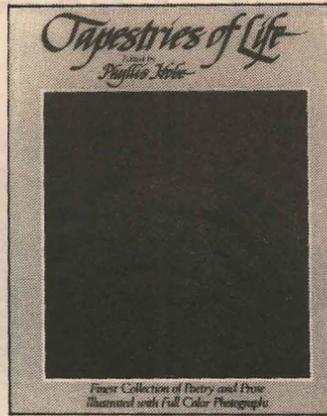
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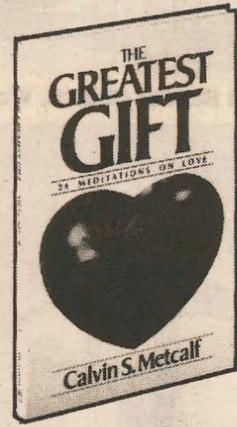
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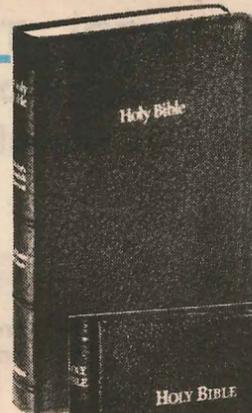
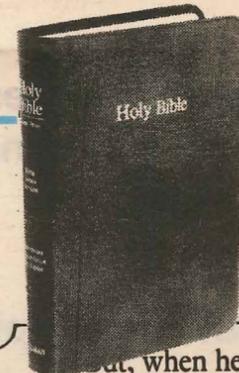


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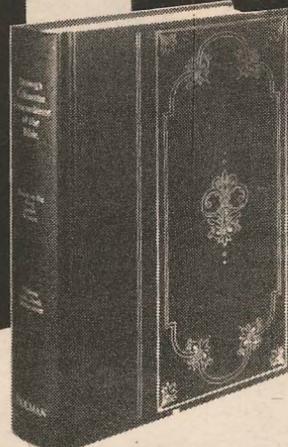
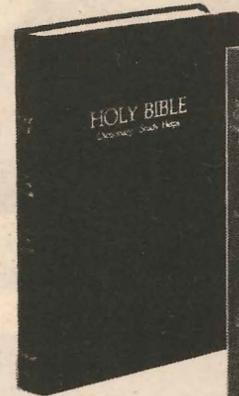
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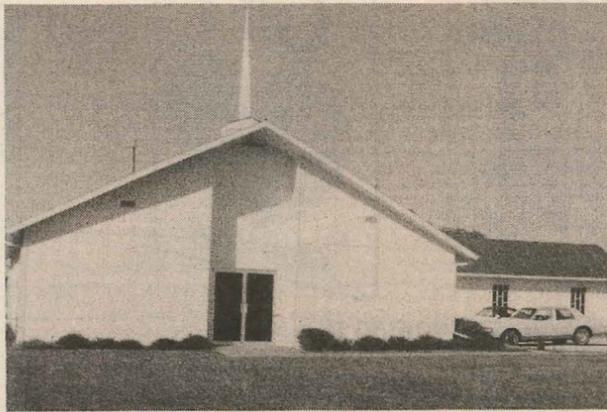
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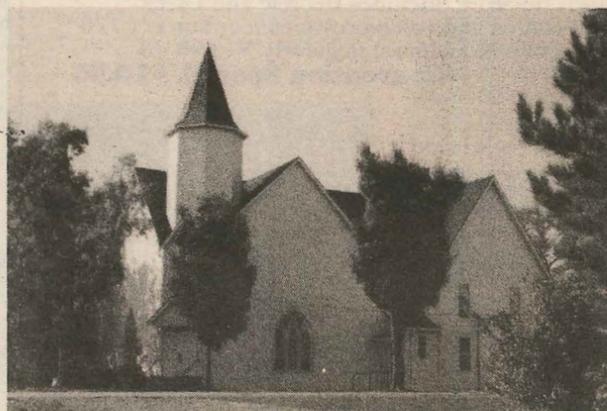
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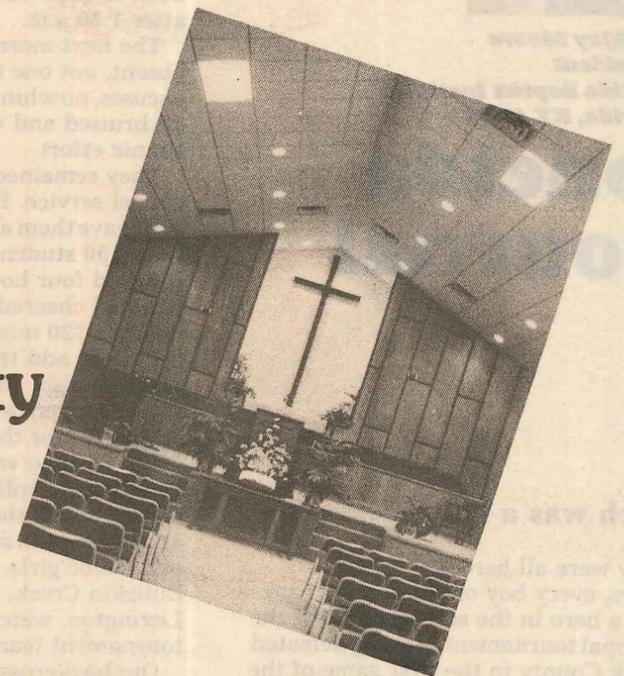
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Each was a hero

They were all heroes.

Yes, every boy of our soccer team was a hero in the second game of the regional tournament. Having defeated Clark County in the first game of the regional with a score of 8-1 and having won all 13 of their games in the regular season, they came up against Montgomery County, Mt. Sterling, who also had a winning season.

It was a battle from the first second. The teams played 40 minutes without interruption, no huddles, no timeouts, had a 20-minute break and went at it for 40 more intense minutes to tie 1-1. Then they played a 10-minute overtime, still tied, and a second 10-minute overtime and still tied. Then they went into a 5-minute "sudden death" overtime and still tied had another 5-minute "sudden death" overtime and still tied. The exhausted teams went into a "shootout" where five boys from each team attempted a goal one on one. On the last round their man made one, ours missed. It was over.

I have never been more proud of an Oneida team in any sport at anytime even in state tournament victory. In fact, in their defeat I was more proud of them than I have been in most victories.

This feeling was intensified as I

joined them in their session with the coach after the game. It was an unforgettable time of intense emotion, knowing they had given it their best. They were heroes in defeat with all respect for Montgomery County whose boys were also heroes having played a magnificent game. Our boys prayed together as they do at the close of each game and headed for the bus. They got back to their dorms and their beds after 1:30 a.m.

The next morning not one was absent, not one tardy to class, no excuses, no whining, though they were all bruised and very sore from their titanic effort.

They remained seated at our daily chapel service. But our students and staff gave them a thundering ovation. Over 150 students and staff had traveled four hours the night before and had cheered themselves hoarse through 120 minutes of action.

I might add that athletes can be scholars also. 13 of the 18 varsity soccer players averaged either a "B" or an "A" for the quarter.

We are also very proud of our varsity girls volleyball team. Our newest sport, they won nine games and lost nine in seasonal play. Two of our senior girls, Diane Davidson, Bullsken Creek, and Lisa Groce, Lexington, were chosen for the all-tournament team.

Our boys cross-country team had 25 wins, five losses, while our girls had a record of 16-10. Along the way both our boys and girls won the Three Rivers Conference championship, and our boys varsity won the OBI Invitational competing against eight other schools, most of which are much larger than Oneida.

Two of our boys qualified to run in the state cross-country tournament. They are David Beard, our top runner this year, who is a freshman from North Carolina, and Jeff Kelsey, Lexington, who has been with us three years.

Our students are hard at work in the second academic quarter. We had six boys and six girls to make all "A's" the first quarter and 51 boys and 50 girls to average a "B."

More young people have accepted Christ at this point in the year than at anytime in our history, so the Holy Spirit has especially blessed our campus. Our crops have been wonderful. We have entered this November when we traditionally celebrate Thanksgiving with much to be thankful for. God knows our hearts.



H. C. Chiles
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sunday school lessons

Lesson for Nov. 16, 1986

Life and Work Series

Obedience

Gen. 6:5-7 The only thing about man that God ever called great was his sin. Not only were his deeds sinful, but even the thoughts, intents and purposes of the human mind were given to sin. Man's wickedness grieved God deeply. "Grieve" means to plunge into deep sorrow or to cause acute pain. Man's sin not only grieves God, but it also deprives the sinner of happiness, impoverishes his life and destroys his usefulness. So grievous was the wickedness of the people it became necessary for God to take action.

Gen. 6:8-9 While others flouted God's repeated warnings, righteous Noah walked in intimate fellowship with God.

"Noah was a just man" who dared to be different and let God control and direct his life.

Gen. 6:12-14 After announcing to Noah he was going to make an end to all flesh, God commanded his faithful servant to make an ark of gopher wood according to the divine plans. Noah proceeded to do what God told him.

Faithful obedience to God is always a mark of wisdom and a proof of genuine love for him.

Gen. 7:5, 23 Upon completion of the ark and stocking it with food Noah and his family entered it and took with them a male and a female of each creature.

God's judgment reached its climax when he shut the door and sent the flood. The ark was the only place of safety when the flood came. In Christ is the only place of safety.

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A promise of return

Zech. 8:3-13 Zechariah predicted the time would come when Jerusalem would be a city of peace and prosperity. The prophet tells us when Christ shall reign in Jerusalem the aged can appear on the streets without fear and children can play without danger. Sin will be banished from the city, men will not be self-willed as they were at Babel. Citizens will live in unbroken fellowship with the Lord and enjoy security.

God used Zechariah to animate the flagging zeal of the leaders and the people and to encourage them to complete the rebuilding of the temple. To the prophet God gave visions of a glorious Jewish state that would rise from a devastated land, and directed him to encourage the Jews. He assured them God continued to love them in spite of their sins, and wanted them to commit themselves fully to him and to give him first place in their lives. He assured them of God's presence and blessings when they yielded to him. His people were encouraged by the knowledge God had committed himself to their well-being.

To those engaged in rebuilding the temple and experiencing the revival which followed, God promised peace and prosperity. As long as they would maintain a right relationship with God, they would be in a position where he could bestow the blessings he had promised to those who lived in obedience to him. They were certainly under an abiding obligation to be a blessing to others who needed to know, love and serve God also.

In view of God's promise of a better day, let those of us who are his children live to honor and glorify him, and be a blessing to our fellowmen. By so doing we shall enjoy blessings in abundant measure.



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on mission together

An old process which still works

An estimated 1600 Kentucky Baptists will have attended the 149th Kentucky Baptist Convention as messengers. Perhaps another 500 will have registered as visitors, swelling the attendance to as many as 2100. Some have estimated an even larger crowd.

The wider Kentucky Baptist Convention family includes about 770,000 persons, the number of resident and nonresident members of the 2245-plus churches which consider themselves part of the convention.

All of the above is to indicate that roughly 2/10 of one percent of Kentucky Baptists will transact business for the rest of us. Looking at it another way, one messenger will be there to represent 481 Kentucky Baptists.

Between annual meetings of the

convention, the KBC's executive board transacts the business of the convention. This 164 (number varies) member board is composed of persons from each of our 79 associations, the number determined by total church membership in the association.

By constitution, the association elects **two persons** for each vacant position. From those two names the KBC committee on nominations selects and nominates **one** for election by the messengers at the annual convention.

Through the years this process has generally assured fairness in representation and has provided the convention with a balanced board to conduct its work for them.

The "bigness" of such a board does present logistic problems.

However, the "bigness" of the executive board (1) provides a broader and deeper representation from among Kentucky Baptists than most other states, (2) provides the opportunity for **more** Kentucky Baptists to become

more intimately familiar and involved in the larger mission of Kentucky Baptists and (3) makes it very difficult for a vocal minority or a staff administrator to lead in a direction the larger body doesn't want to go.

In my opinion, this is one thing that "ain't broke" and "don't need fixin'!" In fact, it is quite possible that this very system is what contributes **most** to the high trust level and congeniality among Kentucky Baptists today. Through this system we "know each other."

At this convention, one-third of the executive board members will rotate off and a "new third" will be elected by the convention. Their first meeting will be Dec. 8-9 at the Baptist Building. While some will have had prior experience as board members, it will be the first experience for many.

Kentucky Baptists can trust the work of their convention because they know the people who do the work—they elected them.



Sunday School Board

Editor expresses experience through preschool material

by Frank White

Saundria Keck has found that the job of an editor involves a lot of give and take.

As editor of the foundation series of Sunday school and Church Training materials for babies, creepers and toddlers, she is able to share her experiences with Southern Baptists across the nation.

Miss Keck became an editor at the Sunday School Board in 1985 and now is responsible **Preschool Bible Teacher A**, an accompanying resource kit, extended session materials for babies and toddlers and **Beginning** magazine.

Editing preschool materials represented an extension of what she had been doing for more than 10 years as a preschool worker at Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville. She continues her church involvement now, using the materials she edits.

Experience with preschoolers has been the most valuable training for becoming an editor," she said. "When she reads manuscripts, she can vis-

ualize how the teaching suggestions will work with preschoolers.

Teaching preschoolers seems to come natural to Keck because she believes it is a calling from God.

While attending a conference at Ridgecrest several years ago, Miss Keck said she decided to attend preschool sessions led by Florrie Anne Lawton, a preschool consultant who now is her fellow employe at the board.

I knew then that God had a place for me working with younger preschoolers," she said. "I knew I wanted to do something to help develop the spiritual dimensions of younger preschoolers."

Because of her own commitment made during a conference center session, Miss Keck said summer experiences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta are special to her. "It puts me on the



Saundria Keck, an editor of preschool Sunday school materials, finds working in her church and at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers is essential in helping her keep in touch with workers and helping preschoolers learn about God.

spot to practice what I preach. It challenges me to do the things included in the materials I edit," she said.

Seeing others work with preschoolers allows Miss Keck to spot persons with special talents who might be potential writers for the curriculum materials she edits.

She is concerned that many people don't think there is much teaching to be done in the preschool area, especially with younger preschoolers. But

babies are developing language and learning associations, she said.

In church they can learn to experience love and reality. They can associate God with love and creation, she added.

"We know they are learning many things. Let's introduce God and the Bible to them along with the other things they are learning," she said.

For Miss Keck, being an editor is an opportunity to share those beliefs with others.

Hughes sees bright future as editor of *The Student*

by Frank White

When Milt Hughes offered a college coed a copy of *The Student* magazine, he was surprised to hear her say she didn't read magazines.

Hughes wants to change that. He wants to make *The Student* something that college students will look for and pick up first when they see a selection of magazines.

"We want to reach students for Christ. We want to help them find places of service through the Baptist Student Union and the church," Hughes said.

Hughes, who has been a consultant in national student ministries since 1970, was named editor of the magazine Oct. 2 after a 13-month search that involved a review of more than 20 nominations.

Hughes is not new as a writer of materials for college students. He has written numerous publications and articles including the "Spiritual Journey Notebook," "Share Seminar Workbook" and "A Master Plan for Christian Growth."

"I'm not coming in cold as a writer. This is an expansion of my student ministry," Hughes said. "God has opened an opportunity to build on my past student work to get more into the lives of students."

He said the magazine will have a redefined focus on students and their needs. "Students will be the single focus of the magazine. But we'll be building on the tradition of excellence

the magazine has had over the years," Hughes pointed out.

Initial changes in the magazine will begin with the October 1987 issue.

A second phase of redesign will take place beginning with the October 1988 issue and will include Life and Work Series Sunday school lessons developed specifically for college students by the Sunday School Department.

Those materials will not stand alone, Hughes said. Some articles in each issue also will relate to the topics of the Sunday school materials.

Other articles will address evangelism, discipleship, Bible study interests and other specific needs of college students, Hughes said.

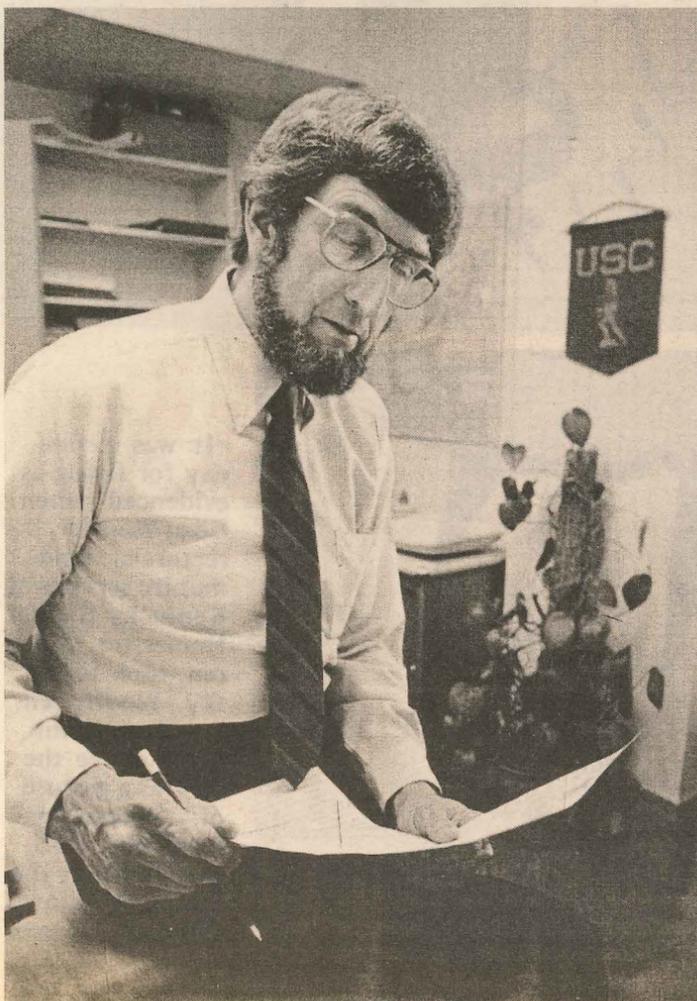
A key to making the magazine interesting to students will be assessing their needs, Hughes said.

"We want to assess student needs and concerns on an annual basis to see what their interests are," he said.

Hughes said he also hopes to be able to find more student writers for the magazine. "There are good student writers out there. We want to find them and put them in print," he said.

Prior to joining the Sunday School Board in 1970, Hughes was student director at the University of Southern California and the University of California-Los Angeles for eight years.

He previously was a pastor in California for six years. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Georgetown (Ky.) College.



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Winchester church finds 'missions' project in backyard

Members of Central Baptist Church, Winchester, recently volunteered their time and energies to upgrade Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Eastern Regional Office at Winchester.

According to Joanna Hawthorne, office secretary, church members plastered and painted rooms and in-



stalled a new roof on the facility.

Joey Williams, interim associate pastor of education, notes the project was to promote the concept that "missions is where we are."

"More than 50 persons participated in the event," he adds. The weekend demonstrated "real beautiful relationships. Meals were prepared, labor shared. It was a beautiful time."

Williams, a foreign missionary to Botswana on leave-of-absence, said the church plans to complete painting the office and to take care of other needs the facility might have in the future.

A product of a Baptist Children's Home in New Mexico, Williams believes aiding Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children proved a positive project for the church's first backyard mission effort.

The church has also participated in home mission efforts in Ohio and Michigan and had members take part in the Kentucky/Kenya partnership, Williams adds. Dan Francis is pastor of Central Baptist.

Hawthorne says the house "looks great" thanks to the volunteers. She



Members of Winchester's Central Baptist Church recently upgraded the plaster and paint and repaired the roof on Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Eastern Regional Office there. Dan Francis is pastor at Central.

adds that Central Baptist Church owns the facility and lends it to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

KBHC has operated its Eastern Regional Office at Winchester for three and a half years. It screens clients requesting KBHC help from counties east of Interstate 65, Hawthorne notes.

"We handle referrals, campus placement and foster care in the area. Hawthorne adds that the office is in need of foster parents in the Winchester-Lexington area.

Persons interested may contact Hawthorne or Harold Holderman, region coordinator, at (606) 744-6857 or in Lexington, (606) 254-7230.

Spring Meadows' Children's Home gives agency director big lift

As an expression of appreciation, the staff and youth at Spring Meadows Children's Home gave Edna Woofter, director of community services, a ride in the sky.

Woofter, who was interim director for 14 weeks at the Middletown campus, enjoyed a sunny afternoon balloon ride around Louisville. Paul Semonin Realty of Louisville supplied the balloon for the ride.

According to Marilyn Beverly, Spring Meadows spokesperson, the ride was "something we knew she wanted to do. It was a gorgeous

day and all the youth turned out to cheer her on."

The staff treated Woofter to a dinner at Hioe-Kow's after the hour ride.

Woofter called her trip a "fantastic experience. I've a fascination with balloons. It's something I always intended to do. It was tremendous, exhilarating."

Eldred Taylor, executive director at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, said the gift displayed "a great deal of love and appreciation on Spring Meadow's part."



It was a fine day for flying as evidenced when Edna Woofter, director of community services at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, took to the sky. Woofter enjoyed an hour flight above the city as a gesture of appreciation from the staff and youth at the Spring Meadows Children's Home.