

Joint Thanksgiving celebration promotes togetherness in Christ

by Cathy Butler, Staff Writer

Long Run and Central District Baptist Associations celebrated a third joint Thanksgiving service Nov. 20 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Emmanuel McCall, director of the Black Church Relations Department of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, preached. Jerry Douglas, minister of music at Westport Road Baptist Church, was worship leader.

The event is planned by the Baptist Joint Committee of Central District and Long Run Associations. The committee has existed three years.

Central District is a predominantly black association, while Long Run has three or four churches which are dually aligned with Central. The committee's three-fold purpose is to provide a forum for dialog between blacks and whites, increase awareness and understanding between churches and to make known the name of Christ, according to James Furr, director of missions for Long Run Association.

To achieve that purpose the committee has targeted four areas of cooperation: worship, ministry activities, training events and formulation of statements on moral issues. Implicit in all these, said Furr, is fellowship.

The Thanksgiving service has been the main worship opportunity planned by the committee, but Furr said it had generated very good feelings in the past and a good response from churches.

"Usually we alternate the churches and speakers with the associations," Furr said. This year the service was held in the predominantly white association, and the speaker was black.



McCall



Furr

The music for the one-and-a-half hour meeting was provided by the West End Baptist Church mass choir, led by Debbie George, and the Westport Road Baptist Church choir, led by Jerry Douglas.

David Goatley, former director of Baptist Fellowship Center and superintendent of missions for Central District Association, was given a service award in recognition of his three years of work there. He has resigned to pastor a church in Campbellsville, Ky.

Furr then stood to explain the purpose of the committee and service.

"Our goal is to help recognize and affirm that there is a time to be blind and a time to see," Furr said. "We should see our own unique heritage to understand those different from us, and also to see when others are taken advantage of because of those differences," he said.

Furr added that when Christians worship together they should be blind to their differences.

When Thurman Coleman, pastor of First Church, Jeffersontown, stood to pray the offertory prayer he commented on one of those cultural differences. Shivering, he exclaimed, "You all sure like it cold in here!"

Kentucky Baptist Convention staffer William Rogers introduced McCall by reminding the congregation that McCall had pastored Twenty-Eighth Street Baptist Church several years and had graduated from Simmons Bible College, University of Louisville and Southern Seminary.

McCall began by listing three elements necessary for true worship: understanding to whom gratitude is due, an ability to remember one's blessings, and the capacity to be grateful.

He told his audience that sometimes when he visits Louisville he retraces the routes he walked as a student, and he remembers people from long ago.

He walked 33 blocks from Simmons Bible College to Green Street Baptist Church (located on Gray Street, he



January Bible Study can be a time for family involvement in Bible study for families such as the Dinwiddies, members of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville. While Rodger and Suzanne are in the adult study of the Book of James, Joseph, 4, will be studying about God's plan for families. Bible studies in the January Bible Study emphasis for children will focus on worship while youth will be studying I Peter.

pointed out) because the pastor and people there were warm and treated him kindly.

"And as I remember the kindnesses of God, I worship," McCall intoned.

Members of the congregation gave him clothes because they did not want a preacher attending their church "to look bad," he remembered.

From Green Street he went to another church where the people also took him in. "They allowed me to mature and make mistakes," he said.

He recounted the loving way his wife's family treated him during their

courtship days, and the compassion of his congregation at Twenty-Eighth Street Baptist Church.

"And with gratitude in my heart to God, I worship," he said again.

At the sermon's close McCall reiterated the three elements necessary to worship, and read from Psalm 103.

"When these three things are there we do not have to worry God for more faith—faith is a byproduct of a worshipping heart," McCall intoned.

"If I can remember what God has done in the past, I can believe in the future," he ended triumphantly.

'Very best Baptists' sought by SBC president

by Dan Martin

Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian Rogers has issued a call for recommendations of the "very best Baptists" to serve on committees at the 1987 annual meeting.

In an "Open Letter to Southern Baptists" issued through Baptist Press, Rogers said, "The important task of choosing the nominees for the 1987 Committee on Committees, Resolutions Committee, Credentials Committee and Tellers Committee is under way.

"It is my desire to choose the very best Southern Baptists for these positions. This will be accomplished most effectively with your prayerful support and personal recommendations under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"We welcome recommendations from every corner of Southern Baptist work."

Under the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention, the president appoints the Committee on Committees, Resolutions Committee and Credentials Committee "in conference

with" the two vice presidents and the Tellers Committee "in consultation with" the convention's registration secretary.

First vice president is Jack Stanton, Bolivar, Mo.; second vice president is Ray Roberts, Asheville, N. C.; and registration secretary is Lee Porter, Nashville, Tenn.

"There has been a number of recommendations and suggestions made about the appointments," Rogers said. "What I plan to do is to work with the convention-elected peace committee, but ultimately in the appointments I will follow the dictates of my own heart."

During a September meeting with editors of Baptist state newspapers, Rogers said, "I do not intend to make appointments that are overtly political. I'm going to try to make appointments from those that I consider to be the best Southern Baptists."

He added he would not appoint persons to the Committee on Committees who, although believing as he does, would appoint to the Committee on Boards people who believe differently. "I don't see that as political,"

he said. "I see that as consistent."

In his Open Letter, Rogers asked persons to nominate persons for appointment to the committees to provide him with specific information. Name, address, home and business telephone numbers, church name and address, and whether the person nominated is a pastor or a layman should be included.

He also asked that recommendations include information on how long the nominee has been in the state and church, the size of the church, the amount the church gave to the Cooperative Program in the last associational year and what percentage of the total church budget that amount represented.

He also asked that the number of baptisms of the church be included, as well as information on other pertinent matters such as the basic convictions of the nominee.

Rogers encouraged persons to submit the recommendations to him in an envelope marked, "SBC Committee Recommendations," and mailed to Bellevue Baptist Church, 70 N. Bellevue Blvd., Memphis, TN 38104.

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Lottie Moon '86



Jack D. Sanford

It is that time of year and once again Southern Baptists will be called upon to demonstrate commitment to winning the world to Christ. The annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is on the calendar this month and it calls for a \$75,000,000 offering.

In the words of Keith Parks, president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. "Our materialism stands between us and winning the world to Christ. Pennies go to winning the world while we shower dollars on our desires. Why is it we think our own personal comfort is more important than winning the lost world?"

Any casual glance at the per capita giving of Southern Baptists to world missions indicates we do have other priorities and we give our strength and money to those rather than to winning lost people.

It costs \$275 per minute to operate the entire foreign mission program of Southern Baptists, or \$144,623,117 per year. If our 14 million Southern Baptists gave only \$2.00 per week to foreign missions we would cover the cost of the FMB with no trouble.

Can you imagine what would happen if all of us who name Christ as Lord would be faithful stewards for foreign missions? A day's pay from

every Baptist who is active in his local church would more than undergird the entire FMB as well as subscribe the Lottie Moon offering and leave money to expand all the work of Southern Baptists.

But that is wishful thinking for we Baptists are materialistic. We do spend pennies when dollars are needed.

Yet our gifts are staggering and lead us to believe we are doing a good job. We are doing well but it is only part of what we could and should be doing.

Let us join in prayer that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts and pocketbooks of enough Baptists to see the goal of \$75,000,000 met. The needs are surely realistic and the only way to meet those needs is for each of us to give from our hearts

The text chosen as the scripture verse for the Lottie Moon offering declares: "It is for you now to demonstrate the goodness of Him who has called you out of darkness into His amazing light" (1 Peter 2:9 Phillips).

The time for demonstration is here and we must act out our faith in ways the world can understand. One clear way the world understands is by how we use the money we have.

Important milestone in Kentucky

Don Spencer, director of the Annuity Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, announced that over 100 KBC churches have now adopted the expanded church annuity plan, as have 27 associations.

Now at least 101 of our churches have said they want their ministers to have adequate retirement income and have done something about it. In each case the minister has also set aside funds. Every church wants the minister to be free from nagging money problems when he is old. The way to help assure that is to begin participation in this new plan.

What is great about the new expanded plan is that the burden of providing for aged ministers

is shared by the church, the state convention and the minister himself. Heretofore we have heard how poorly the churches have provided for their ministers when all the time many ministers did not do anything themselves.

The expanded program is a great improvement because it gets everybody involved and provides increased retirement benefits, supplemental disability protection and supplemental survivor benefits.

Our congratulations to Don Spencer for the excellent work he is doing to inform, inspire and challenge all of us to take better care of our future. (A list of the churches participating is on page 4.)

Correct an error now

A constant complaint is that when politicians make a mistake they are afraid to admit it and move on to something else. Perhaps they cannot bring themselves to acknowledge error.

Such is not the case with us. Mistakes are painful but they are so obvious we would be foolish not to acknowledge them.

In the issue of Western Recorder published during the KBC a statement was made that the covenants put into writing what was the common practice. That is wrong as everyone knew except us.

The practice among Kentucky Baptists never was that the president of an institution could nominate persons for his board, and keep on nominating until he got whom he wanted. We suggested this had been the case and we were wrong.

The nominating committee of the KBC has always heard nominations from executives, but the nominating committee has made the final choice, and will continue this practice.

In the edition following the convention we said, in a column describing the process of budget reduction, that the goal of KBC was to retain 40 percent of Cooperative Program funds and send 60 percent to the SBC. We reversed the numbers. They should have said 60 percent for KBC, 40 percent for SBC. That is the goal and nothing has changed that goal.

We are embarrassed by mistakes, apologize for them and wish we could tell you we will not make any more.

So pray for us and call attention to our errors because we want to do the best work we can in serving our Lord through Kentucky Baptists.

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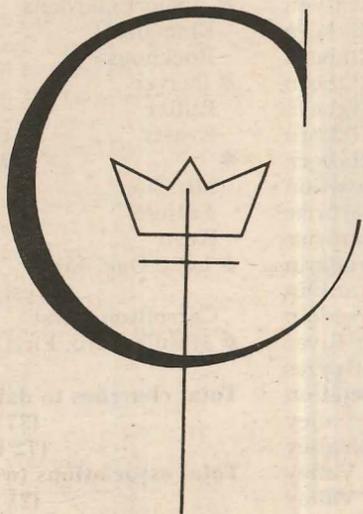
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personnel

Frank J. Kuriger has been called as pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana.

Steve Hamlin has accepted the call as associate pastor: minister of music at First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Three Forks Association.

Ronald Shaw has been called as youth minister at Quinton Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Kimbrough Simmons has been called as pastor of West Point Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

W. L. "Bill" Knight has resigned as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Eugene Powell has accepted the call to pastor Oscar Baptist Church, West Union Association.

James C. Bryant, professor at Mercer University, has written *Mountain Island in Owen County, Kentucky: the Settlers and Their Churches*. The work, published by the Owen County Historical Society, covers the Baptist movement in southeastern Owen County from the late 18th century to the present.

churches

Fourteen men from **Walnut Street Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, participated in a lay-led revival at Riverside Baptist Church, Louisville. Jay Close was evangelist and Leon Heltsley led the music.

Fred Claycomb is pastor at Riverside.

ordinations

Nicholas R. McDonald Jr. was ordained to the ministry Nov. 2 by Oak Grove Baptist Church, Fairdale, Long Run Association.

Dane Snowden was ordained as deacon by Central Baptist Church,

Boone's Creek Association.

Rickey D. Hatley was ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, Little Bethel Association.

He is currently associate pastor, education and youth at First Baptist Church, Marion, Ill.

Jim McConnell was ordained a deacon at Hebron Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Nov. 9.

Jeff Hicks was ordained to the gospel ministry at Grant's Lick Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Nov. 30.

V. B. Travis was ordained a minister Oct. 26 at Graefenburg Baptist Church, Waddy, Shelby County Association.

He has been called as chaplain of the Frankfort Career Development Center.

congregations

Corinth Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, recently held revival with Harry Hargis, pastor of Cane Run Baptist Church, Lexington, as evangelist.

There were two baptisms, nine rededications and one call to the ministry during the Sept. 28-Oct. 4 revival. Keith Tingle is pastor.

Charity Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, held revival Nov. 14-16 with James Casey Jr. as evangelist.

There were 12 professions of faith, one new member by letter and one rededication. O. D. Cooper is pastor.

Bethany Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, had revival Nov. 4-9 with James Casey Jr. as evangelist.

There were three conversions. Marshall Eastham is pastor.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Russell County Association, had revival with James Casey Jr. as evangelist.

There were two professions of faith. Carl Loy is pastor.

Yellow Creek Baptist Church,

Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association, had revival Nov. 2-9 with Henry Linginfelter and Dick Barrett as evangelists.

There were 48 professions of faith, five letters and over 50 rededications. Donald Zuberer is pastor.

Morningside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, held a groundbreaking service for a new sanctuary and educational unit. The service was conducted by Harold Sanders, the former pastor, and John Meeks, the present pastor.

associations

Churches and associations that have adopted the expanded Church Annuity Plan as of December 1, 1986

* Adopted for ministers and all church employees
Without asterisk indicates for ministers only

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| Hosman | Bell |
| Old Yellow Creek | Bell |
| * Guthrie | Bell Association |
| Tiny Town | Bethel |
| Walnut Grove | Bethel |
| * Hawesville | Bethel Association |
| Kirksey | Blackford |
| Salem | Blood River |
| | Blood River Association |
| Kiddville | Boone's Creek |
| Macedonia | Boone's Creek |
| Big Creek | Booneville |
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| * Hites Run | Bracken Association |
| * Kirksey | Breckinridge |
| Salem | Caldwell-Lyon Association |
| Hillcrest | Christian |
| * Hopkinsville, First | Christian |
| LaFayette | Christian |
| * New Barren Springs | Christian |
| Salem | Christian |
| Sinking Fork | Christian |
| * Christian Country Association | |
| * Eaton Memorial | Daviess McLean |
| Karns Grove | Daviess McLean |
| * Owensboro, First | Daviess McLean |
| Pleasant Grove | Daviess McLean |
| Pleasant Ridge | Daviess McLean |
| * Temple | Daviess McLean |
| * Green Hill | Daviess McLean Association |
| * Central, Lexington | East Lynn |
| * Central, Paris | Elkhorn |
| * Durbin Memorial | Elkhorn |
| Gano Avenue | Elkhorn |
| Glens Creek | Elkhorn |
| Millville | Elkhorn |
| | Elkhorn Association |
| Lancer | Enterprise |
| Saylorsville, First | Enterprise |
| * Evergreen | Franklin |
| * Immanuel | Franklin |
| * Albany, First | Freedom |
| Aberdeen | Gasper River |
| Oak Grove | Graves |
| * Dupey | Graves County Association |
| * Henderson, First | Green Valley |
| * Hyland | Green Valley |
| Morganfield, First | Green Valley |
| * Central | Green Valley Association |
| Fairview | Greenup |
| * Kirk Memorial | Greenup |
| Olive Hill, First | Greenup |

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| * Summit | Greenup |
| Worthington, First | Greenup |
| Oak Grove | Irvine |
| Tyner | Irvine |
| | Liberty Association |
| * Calvary Hill | Lincoln |
| * Madisonville, 2nd | Little Bethel |
| * East Cadiz | Little Bethel Association |
| Hurricane | Little River |
| Locust Grove | Little River |
| * New Hope | Little River |
| | Little River Association |
| * Oak Grove | Logan |
| * Beechmont | Logan County Association |
| * Farmdale | Long Run |
| Foster Avenue | Long Run |
| * Fourth Avenue | Long Run |
| Kenwood | Long Run |
| Milton Ave. | Long Run |
| Minors Lane | Long Run |
| Lucas Grove | Long Run |
| * Harrodsburg | Lynn |
| * Central | Mercer |
| * Corbin, First | Monroe Association |
| Park Hill | Mt. Zion |
| * Calvary | Mt. Zion |
| Cox's Creek | Mt. Zion |
| Lebanon Junction, First | Mt. Zion Association |
| Covington, First | Muhlenberg |
| * Newport, First | Nelson |
| Centertown | No. Ky. |
| Hartford | No. Ky. |
| Ridgecrest | Ohio County |
| * Caldwell Springs | Ohio County |
| Friendship | Ohio County |
| * Clay, First | Ohio County Association |
| * Brodhead | Ohio Valley |
| Mt. Pleasant | Ohio Valley Association |
| Northside | Red River Association |
| * Columbia | Rockcastle |
| * Greasy Creek | Rockcastle |
| Macedonia | Rockcastle |
| | Rockcastle Association |
| * Buck Grove | Russell Creek |
| Cecilia | Russell Creek |
| Sonoro, First | Russell Creek Association |
| * Harrods Creek | Salem |
| * Berea | Salem |
| * Unity | Severns Valley |
| White Lick | Severns Valley |
| * Campbellsville | South Union Association |
| Pleasant Hill | Sulphur Fork |
| * Airport Gardens | Sulphur Fork Association |
| Emmanuel | Tates Creek |
| Rockhouse | Tates Creek |
| * Beaver | Tates Creek Association |
| Butler | Taylor |
| Evarts | Taylor |
| * Mt. Zion | Three Forks |
| Antioch | Three Forks |
| Kevil | Three Forks |
| * Lone Oak, First | Union |
| Carrollton, First | Union |
| * Middlesboro, First | Upper Cumberland |
| | Warren Association |
| | Wayne |
| | West Union |
| | West Union |
| | West Union Association |
| | Whites Run |

Total churches to date: 109
(37 for all employees)
(72 for ministers only)
Total associations to date: 27
(21 for all employees)
(6 for ministers only)

Adopting churches and associations represent 52 of Kentucky's 78 associations.



Ministers' Wives Conference Officers met at Woman's Missionary Union national headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., to plan their annual luncheon, the group's national meeting. The 1987 luncheon, held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention, will be June 16 in St. Louis, Mo. Pictured discussing plans with WMU, SBC Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford (r) is the group's president, Ginny Sisk, Lexington (l).



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

Christmas Responses

All right, you caught me! I admit it. I bought two more tapes of Christmas music this year. I must have the largest private collection of Christmas music in existence! From Thanksgiving until Christmas I choose to listen to nothing else than the musical story of how God so loved the world that he gave his only son.

However, I am reminded that not all people respond to Christmas as I do. There were many human responses to God's miraculous event on that first Christmas so long ago (Joseph's response, Mary's, Elizabeth's, shepherds', wise men's, Simeon's, Anna's, etc.). But there were two men who represent all those who respond badly and wickedly to Christ's birth—the innkeeper and King Herod.

I don't want to be too critical of the innkeeper. However, the record indicates he wasted no time and no money on these strangers in need. I personally do not believe he exerted any effort to help them either (the Bible says Jesus was born in "a" manger because there was no room in "the" inn. Joseph may have had to go door-to-door searching for a place before someone offered him a stable).

Herod didn't just ignore the Christmas spirit—he crucified it! He was troubled at the thought of God's Messiah being born (v. 3-4), when he should have rejoiced. He was sinister and sneaky (v. 7-8) and also a liar and a deceitful man (he told the wise men in v. 8 that he wanted to "worship" Jesus!). He was a dispenser of children, an angry man and a murderer (v. 16).

While the innkeeper may represent the spirit of selfishness expressed at Christmas, Herod certainly represents a spirit of meanness and wickedness. How foreign this is to the spirit of love, giving, generosity and sharing which symbolizes the true meaning of our savior's birth.

It is not coincidental that the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer and Southern Baptists' emphasis on missions occurs at Christmas time. God so loved that he gave and sent his son. We must give, share and send God's love to others to properly respond to God's love shown to us.

*I saw the pooriness of the pair
And put them out.*

And I did well.

*Two merchants took the great room
overhead.*

*It is my principle: I buy and sell
And give my pity to the dead.*

christian education

West Va. executive joins Southern faculty

Thomas E. Halsell, executive secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, has been named assistant dean of students and professor of New Testament at Boyce Bible School, effective Jan. 1, 1987.

Halsell was a missionary to Brazil for 14 years. He moved to West Virginia in 1979 from Indiana, where he was director of evangelism.

Halsell succeeds John McCall, who at age 69 was named chairman of the Bible Department at Mississippi College this year.

Boyce Bible School is a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Boyce School includes 10 off-campus centers, including two for training Hispanic church leadership.

Last year 576 students were enrolled in the Boyce program. In its 12 years of existence, Boyce School has had 384 graduates.

Cumberland presents Madrigal Christmas

The Cumberland College Music Department will present the annual madrigal dinners on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 4, 5, and 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the T. J. Roberts Memorial Dining Hall.

The madrigal dinner, an Elizabethan-style celebration of Christmas, includes a banquet-style feast.

Entertainment featuring the Cumberland College Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Harold Wortman, professor of music, will include traditional and contemporary Christmas tunes. Colorful Elizabethan-style costumes add to the cheer of the season.

The public is invited to share in this Christmas celebration. Cost for the dinner is \$12 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the Music Department at (606) 549-2200, ext. 332.

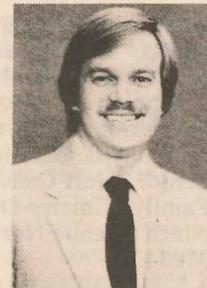
Two join admissions at Campbellsville

Jeff Locke and Jimmy Rowland were both named assistant directors of admissions at Campbellsville College in November.

Locke will be covering the western section of the state.



Locke



Rowland

He is a 1984 graduate of Campbells-ville with a BA in music education. He was minister of youth at Ephesus Baptist Church, Winchester, and minister of music at Fairview Baptist Church, Russell Springs, and Springfield (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Rowland will be covering the east-ern section of the state.

Rowland holds a BA in religion from Union University, Jackson, Tenn. and a MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was campus minister intern at Campbells-ville for the 1985-86 academic year; associate pastor of youth at Westport Road Baptist Church, Louis-ville; and youth minister for two churches in Tennessee.

Dillard memorial will endow chapel

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is currently inviting contributions from alumni and friends to fund the Badgett Dillard Memorial Chapel in the new Student Center/Family Life Complex planned for the campus.

"Badgett Dillard was a beloved member of the Southern Seminary family, and many have asked for some way to pay tribute to his significant role in the life of this institution," explains president Roy L. Honeycutt. "This chapel will be a fitting memorial."

In designating the chapel as a

memorial to Dillard, seminary trustees expressed gratitude for "his 33 years of commitment to the spiritual and professional development of every individual in the community." The veteran seminary administrator also served the Southern Baptist Convention and Kentucky Baptists in a number of roles.

Construction of the \$12-million Student Center/Family Life Complex is projected to begin in fall 1988. Funding is currently being sought for the project, with more than half now collected or pledged.

Contributions should be made payable to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and designated to the Dillard Memorial Chapel. Send to: Capital Funding, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.

"A Southern Christmas" to appear on BTN

"A Southern Seminary Christmas" is theme of a special edition of "Doing the Word" on the Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN) in December.

The monthly video magazine, produced by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be shown on BTN Dec. 10 at 10:15 a.m. (CST), and Dec. 18 at 1:15 p.m. (CST).

"The program will include seasonal music by the seminary choir, Christmas memories and the Christmas story, which will be read to a group of seminary children by president Roy L. Honeycutt," says director Julie Seckman.

Individuals or churches which do not subscribe to BTN may receive a copy of the program directly from the seminary for \$8. Send your check, specifying VHS or Beta format, to: Christmas Program, Communications Office, Southern Baptist Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280.

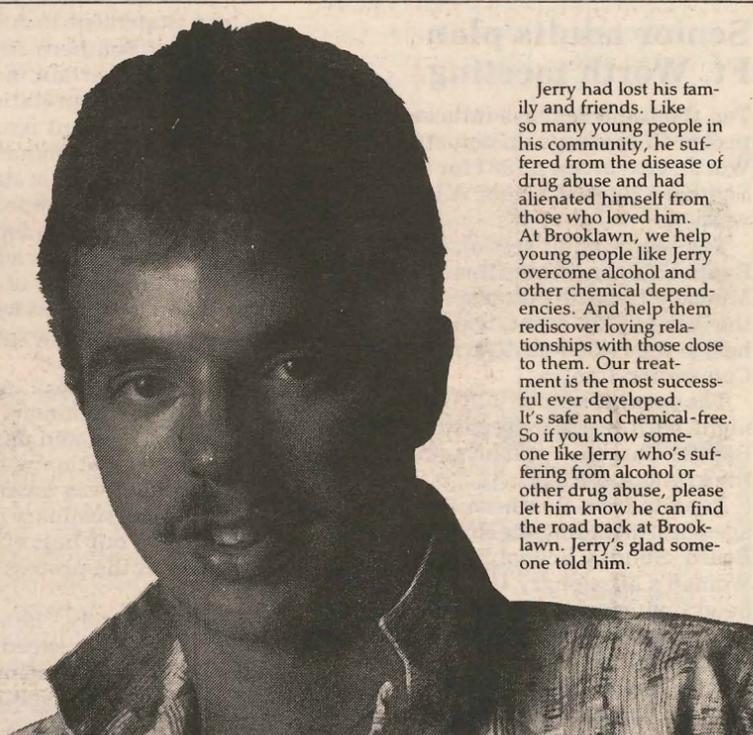
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Volunteers offered Liberian infant

Charlie and Willye Mae Clement, Chamblee, Ga. celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on a mission trip to Monrovia, Liberia, helping construct a church building. While there they received an anniversary present they could not accept. A 20-year-old Liberian mother tried to give them her eight-month old daughter.

The Clements could not believe the mother was willing to give away her baby. "Why would you do this?" Clement asked her. In halting English, the mother explained she felt the baby would have a better life and better chance of survival in America. The Clements explained it was not legally possible to accept the baby.

Clement, 73, said he was overcome by the mother's love for her child. "She loved that baby so much she was willing to give it away," he said. (BP)

Suspect arrested in murder of trustee

Earl Verser, former chairman of trustees for Ouachita Baptist University, was found dead at his Eudora, Ark. home Oct. 31, an apparent murder victim.

Preliminary implications were that Verser died of several blows to the head suffered during a burglary of his home, Eudora police chief Lawrence Webster said. The body was transported to Little Rock, Ark. for an autopsy.

A suspect, Glen Allen, 21, Eudora, was in custody without bond in the Lake Village County Jail on charges of capital murder and theft of property, according to the Chicot County sheriff's office.

Verser, 67, had been a trustee of Ouachita Baptist University for two six-year terms, 1972-77, 1980-85. He was chairman of the trustees from 1982-1985. (BP)

Senior adults plan Ft. Worth meeting

Ten thousand senior adults are expected to converge on downtown Ft. Worth, Tex. in April 1987 for the first Southern Baptist Senior Adult Convention.

The senior adult section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department is sponsoring the April 27-29 event, which will be held at the 14,000-seat Tarrant County Convention Center.

The opening session will be Monday night, with Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, Calif., as the keynote speaker.

Reports from Southern Baptist agencies, including the Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission and the Christian Life Commission will be heard during the convention.

"The convention is a time of awareness-raising and a challenging opportunity for churches to understand

what is happening among senior adults," said Horace Kerr, supervisor of the board's senior adult section.

A brochure providing information concerning hotels, costs, and registration may be obtained by writing: Senior Adult Convention Brochure, Family Ministry Department, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37234.

"Beyond This Time" BHC endowment theme

History was made during the Tuesday evening session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention when Eldred Taylor, executive director of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, announced the start of the agency's Beyond This Time campaign for endowment.

Taylor shared his dream for and the need of a strong endowment to ensure that Baptist Homes for Children may continue to meet the needs of hurting children. A resounding amen was heard when Taylor encouraged messengers to accept the challenge to reach the \$3,000,000 goal.

During his presentation, he introduced Mike and Donna Bryant, members of Florence Baptist Church. Bryant, an agency manager for State Farm Insurance and active Baptist layman, is statewide director of the Beyond This Time Campaign. Taylor also introduced John McBain, a stewardship commission consultant; Buckley Carlin, director of Glen Dale; and Mike Goodwin, director of Spring Meadows.

Taylor announced that, as of November 11, advance commitments to the campaign totaled more than \$700,000.

Honeycutt corrects 'false conceptions'

Roy Lee Honeycutt, president of the SBC's oldest seminary, prepared an "Open Statement to Alumni and Friends of Southern Seminary," in response to "certain inaccurate and misleading interpretations" of the Glorieta Statement issued in October by the six SBC seminary presidents.

Honeycutt, in his statement, also calls on "those in appropriate positions of power" to adopt "equally specific proposals to address the political dimensions of the controversy. The fairness we seek for the classrooms should be sought by others for the boardrooms."

Honeycutt writes: "At Glorieta, N. M. the six seminary presidents initiated a bold and daring step toward reconciliation within the SBC. The proposal was unanimously supported by the seminary presidents and 'represents our best effort to be partners in the process of reconciliation."

"Unfortunately," he added, "certain inaccurate and misleading public interpretations are being made. Some suggest that 'capitulation' has oc-

curred; that the seminary presidents have accepted the inerrantist theory of scripture and are attempting to shift the seminaries toward fundamentalism. Such interpretations are creating false perceptions of Southern Seminary that need immediate correction."

Honeycutt says the seminary continues "to affirm the trustworthy authority of the Bible within its purpose of speaking to the theological concerns of faith and the Christian life, commonly defined in our confessions as 'matters of faith and practice.'" (BP)

Presidents refute 'victory' claims

"We repudiate all 'victory' claims and 'capitulation' allegations as completely foreign to the spirit and intent of our initiative," the presidents of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries said in a statement issued to Baptist Press.

Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and spokesman for the presidents, said the presidents made their statement in response to "apparent misinterpretations and distortions of the intent" of the Glorieta Statement issued in late October and aimed at bringing reconciliation to the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination.

The presidents urged that the effort at reconciliation "move forward on both theological and political fronts," and pledged their support for "all good faith efforts to achieve fairness and balance in the election of our convention leadership, in appointments to convention committees and in nominations of trustees, board members and commissioners."

The Glorieta Statement, made jointly by the six presidents during a prayer retreat of executives of SBC agencies, and the SBC Peace Committee, Oct. 20-22, announced a plan aimed at bringing an end to the seven-year theological/political dispute in the SBC.

The statement was agreed to by the six presidents: Ferguson; Roy Lee Honeycutt, Southern; Russell Dilday, Southwestern; Randall Lolley, Southeastern; Landrum Leavell, New Orleans; and Harold Graves, Golden Gate. Ferguson said William Crews, newly-elected president of Golden Gate, was told of the statement, "but was not asked to put his name on it." (BP)

Book chronicles missionaries' work

Who could imagine one ministry, especially in the bush country of Tanzania, could produce nearly 34,000 baptisms in eight-and-a-half years? Yet that is what happened in the work of Southern Baptist missionaries Doug and Evelyn Knapp between 1978 and mid-1986. They left a prom-

ising career in agri-business 22 years ago to go to Africa to feed the hungry as agricultural missionaries. They stayed to reap a spiritual harvest which revolutionized life and planted 200 churches in a faraway valley at the foot of the Livingstone Mountains.

The story of this amazing missionary couple is told in a new Broadman Press book, *Thunder in the Valley*. The foreword is written by the late Owen Cooper. Robert O'Brien of the Foreign Mission Board assisted the Knapps in telling their story.

Knapp has said, "We feel the book tells the wonderful story of how God has moved here in Kyela Valley these past 23 years. We're anxious for Christians in America to read this inspiring book, but unless word gets out about the book, readership won't be very wide."

The book is available from local Baptist Book Stores.

State musicians needed for FMB commissioning

Kentucky Baptist musicians are needed for the April 7 Foreign Mission Board Commissioning Service in Rupp Arena, Lexington.

Top priority in preparation is to register every possible participant. Churches are urged to sign up all members of adult and youth choirs as soon as possible.

This information is essential in securing music, providing adequate space and sound monitors, and supplying food for everyone.

All band and orchestral instruments are needed and are welcome, but musicians must be competent. Rehearsal sessions are slated from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. prior to the service.

To register contact William B. Williams, minister of music, Immanuel Baptist Church, Tates Creek Rd., Lexington, KY 40502.

Martin apologizes to Winfred Moore

A Baylor University trustee has apologized for being the source of information used to criticize Winfred Moore and said the man who levied the criticism, Lee Roberts, Atlanta, also owes Moore an apology.

Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., and who also is a Baylor trustee, requested the apology from Paul Martin, Houston. Last spring Martin told Roberts that in a January 1985 board meeting Moore had voted to table a motion by Martin instructing the Baylor administration not to allow Baylor Film Society to show movies on campus containing profanity, sexually explicit scenes and taking God's name in vain.

The motion to table Martin's motion was made by W. Dewey Presley, Dallas, and stated the trustees had confidence in the administration and the matter was one the administration could handle. The tabling motion passed.

Martin told the trustees he had been telephoned by Roberts, whom he did not know and told him of Moore's vote to table. All Roberts asked, Martin said, was if Moore's vote were to table. He did not ask if it were a vote to continue showing pornography. Roberts did not say how he had learned of the January 1985 action,

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Martin said, nor did he indicate how he intended to use the information.

Martin apologized to Moore, Reynolds and Presley and said he probably should have told Roberts he didn't want to talk to him.(BP)

White House promises crackdown on porn

President Ronald Reagan pledged his administration will give "new priority" to the problem of pornography, reported Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian Rogers, one of 21 religious leaders who met with Reagan Nov. 14.

Rogers and SBC Home Mission Board language director Oscar Romo were part of a delegation from the Religious Alliance Against Pornography that met with Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese to press for a beefed-up federal crackdown on illegal pornographic materials.

Rogers said the president agreed to speak out personally on the issue and to push for a coordinated effort between the Justice, Treasury and Postal departments to combat obscenity.

Meese outlined plans for a "new offensive against illegal obscenity" during a half-day briefing preceding the Nov. 13-14 alliance strategy conference at the nation's capital. The plans incorporate many of the proposals set forth in the report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography.

At the White House, Meese assured the religious leaders that the government's passive role in dealing with hardcore pornography will soon change. He reviewed plans to establish a Justice Department center for obscenity prosecution and creation of a high-level task force of attorneys who will assist local prosecutors with obscenity cases in addition to working directly with the prosecution center.(BP)

Church-planting lives out priorities

"Just one minute was like an hour" to Samueli Kihuga when he first read aloud from a Swahili Bible during a worship service.

"In about three months, I could preach 10 minutes."

Today, 16 years after becoming a Christian, Kihuga is a Baptist pastor with solid experience in church planting, door-to-door visitation and theological education for lay people.

In unpretentious fashion, the 44-year-old pastor lives in the village of Mwimuto, just north of Nairobi. He isn't satisfied with a church's progress until it can "preach the gospel in another area," starting a new church or helping one in a state of decline.

Mwimuto Baptist Church, the Swahili-language congregation he has led four years, must help others "as we have been helped," Kihuga insists. Thus the church has started a mission in the village of Kangemi, just northwest of Nairobi.

Kihuga has worked with Southern Baptist missionaries to start eight congregations, the first just four months after his conversion. All but two remain active.

He isn't the founding pastor of the congregation at Mwimuto. But he came to the mission when only seven members gathered in one room. Now the church has 100 members and meets in a nursery school.

Michigan's officers reflect SBC diversity

Michigan Baptists maintained the pace of their increasing support of the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program and elected top officers who reflect the country's ethnic and racial diversity during their 29th annual meeting Nov. 10-12 at Harvey Baptist Church in Marquette.

Messengers to the meeting approved a new budget of \$2,512,227, with \$275,124, or 28 percent, of that total designated to the SBC Cooperative Program.

Their action marked the 16th consecutive year Michigan Baptists have increased the Cooperative Program's portion of their budget by one-half percent. Michigan churches are expected to contribute \$982,588, with most of the rest coming from the Home Mission Board and Baptist Sunday School Board.

Rochelle Davis, pastor of Temple of Faith Baptist Church, a black congregation in Detroit, was re-elected to a second one-year term as convention president without opposition. Damon Patterson, pastor of Monroe Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe, was re-elected first vice president without opposition. Isaias Hernandez, pastor of First Spanish American Baptist Church in Pontiac, was elected second vice president.

Hernandez's election marked the first time an ethnic person had been elected to one of the convention's top posts, said Robert Wilson, executive director of the convention. He noted the officers represent the "three largest population groups in our country"—black, Anglo and Hispanic.

Moderates 'dismayed' by Rogers' rejection

Moderate-conservative Southern Baptist leaders have responded with "sadness and dismay" to what they describe as rejection of their proposals for peace in the beleaguered denomination.

Norman Cavender, Winfred Moore and James Slatton offered a "moderate-side proposal" for Southern Baptist Convention peace in late October. Their action followed the six Southern Baptist seminary presidents' Glorieta Statement, a peace document of philosophical statements and commitments presented to and affirmed by the SBC Peace Committee in Glorieta, N. M.

"We have set no conditions, asking only for a system of basic fairness to all our views and room for all our consciences," Cavender said of the proposals. "We continue seeking this spirit of fairness."

Slatton told Baptist Press SBC president Adrian Rogers responded with a letter dated Nov. 10. "Dr. Rogers specifically dealt with only one of the proposals—the one dealing with the appointment of the committee on committees—which he rejected," he said. "The other seven were ignored completely. Dr. Rogers made no offers whatever which would dismantle the political polarization of the presidential elections, committee appointments and annual pastors' conferences."

Slatton added fundamental-conservative leaders Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Paul Pressler, a Houston judge, also wrote letters rejecting the proposal.

Speaking of why his group specifically addressed Rogers, Patterson and Pressler, Slatton told Baptist Press: "The peace committee is powerless to solve the problem singlehandedly. Unless the fundamental-conservative leaders are willing to take the steps to dismantle the politics, the takeover and purge will continue. When we address Rogers, Patterson and Pressler, we are talking to the only people on their side of the aisle who have the power to stop the politics."

"Unless the president will voluntarily commit himself to a structure like we propose for giving up singlehanded control of the appointment of committees, the fight continues, and Glorieta will be meaningless."(BP)

Factions disband during convention

Groups on both sides of Florida Baptists' theological/political battle have disbanded. The fundamental-conservative steering committee, headed by Homer Lindsay Jr., and Florida Baptists for Cooperation, the moderate-conservative group, met during the recent Florida Baptist State Convention in Pensacola.

The fundamental-conservative group voted to disband in a late-night meeting Nov. 11, the second day of the state convention. The moderate-conservative group, which had met earlier in the week, reached its decision Nov. 13, the day after the convention closed.

Lindsay, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, cited two factors in his group's decision—the peace plan offered last month by the presidents of the six SBC seminaries and the repeated request of the SBC peace committee to abstain from political tactics.

Steering committee members, who approved unanimously Lindsay's suggestion to disband, said they would not reorganize unless moderate-conservatives forced them to. "If the situation changes, we can activate ourselves in a week's notice," Lindsay said.

After receiving word of the vote by Lindsay's organization, members of the moderate-conservative group, Florida Baptists for Cooperation, issued a statement of appreciation for Lindsay "in leading his organization of Florida fundamental-conservatives to disband."

The statement, released Nov. 12, said Florida Baptists for Cooperation would consider disbanding also. David Medley, chairman of the moderate-conservatives, later telephoned the group's steering committee members, who agreed Nov. 13 to dissolve the group.(BP)

Utah-Idaho considers hosting SBC meeting

The Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention seated messengers from five new churches, voted to consider the possibility of hosting the Southern Baptist Convention, adopted a record budget and re-elected its president during the convention's annual meeting Nov. 11-12 in Salt Lake City.

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Of the five new churches accepted into the fellowship, one is from Oregon, two are from Idaho and two are from Utah. In addition, one church announced it had voted to disaffiliate with the convention for doctrinal reasons. The changes brought the number of churches in the convention to 94. Those churches were represented by 166 messengers to the convention.

A motion proposing that the Utah-Idaho convention host the SBC annual meeting in Salt Lake City was referred to the Utah-Idaho convention's executive committee. The motion was presented by Bailey Anderson, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Vernal, Utah, who said he believes the convention would be a good witness in the area and it would offer good exposure to pioneer Southern Baptist mission work.

In other business, messengers adopted a record 1987 budget of \$1,489,668, which includes a challenge budget of \$66,438 and reflects a seven percent increase. It calls for contributions of \$403,996 from Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist churches. Twenty-one percent of the budget will support worldwide mission causes through the SBC Cooperative Program national budget.

Andy Hornbaker, pastor of Holladay Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, was re-elected convention president. Other officers are Huron Polnac, pastor of Cherry Lane Baptist Church in Meridian, Idaho, first vice president; Willis Blair, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church in Rupert, Idaho, second vice president; and Mike Gray, pastor of Southeast Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, recording secretary.

Missouri laity unite against controversy

Seeking to "bring things back to what our heritage is" as Southern Baptists, a group of Missouri Baptists in the Kansas City area have founded an organization called "Missouri Laymen United."

Spearheaded by Jo Ellen Witt, a member of First Baptist Church of Weston, the not-for-profit corporation is at least the third such organization to surface in recent weeks. She told Word & Way, newsjournal of the Missouri Baptist Convention, the statement of purpose for Missouri Laymen United is "to seek to preserve Baptist heritage and principles in the Southern Baptist Convention through an informed, concerned laity working together in unity of spirit and faith."

The group held its first public forum at Second Baptist Church of Liberty. That meeting, which attracted more

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than 100 people, featured presentations by Gordon Kingsley, president of William Jewell College in Liberty; Mary Lois Sanders, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil; Wanda Haworth, a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board trustee and a member of Centertown Baptist Church, Centertown; and Bob Perry, director of missions for Clay-Platte Baptist Association.

Future plans for the organization include publishing a newsletter and hosting more public forums. The next two meetings, scheduled for Dec. 9 at Wyatt Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph, and Dec. 11 in the Kansas City area, will feature a discussion of inerrancy. The guest speaker at both meetings will be Ray Summers, retired head of the department of religion at Baylor University, Waco, Tex. (BP)

Rogers says Bible has one meaning

"The Bible has only one meaning but 10,000 applications," Adrian Rogers told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Nov. 18. Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., spoke to an overflow chapel audience at the Ft. Worth, Tex., school.

Rogers told students he always asks three questions of scripture: "What did it mean then? What does it mean now? What does it mean to me personally?" He said those questions should not lead a person to find additional meanings of the passage, but proper applications.

After chapel Rogers and Southwestern president Russell Dilday spoke to news media about the "Glorieta Statement" issued in October by the six SBC seminary presidents. In that statement, the presidents acknowledged there have been problems at some schools and affirmed the Bible as "not errant in any area of reality."

Rogers praised the presidents' statement as "in some ways stronger than the Baptist Faith and Message. 'I'm grateful for the statement that the Bible is without error in any area of reality.'"

"What I thought was a very strong statement at Glorieta has been interpreted," Rogers said. "Baptists will only come together as we come together on a statement of what scripture means. If that (Glorieta) statement begins to erode, the latter state will be worse than the first."

Dilday said the six seminary presidents are "not reluctant to face problems," adding their Glorieta Statement was a "good-faith effort to express what we believe." (BP)

S. C. Baptists elect layman, woman

A layman, a pastor and a woman were elected officers during the 166th annual session of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, which also saw 2296 messengers approve a \$21.1 million budget and voice their opinions on teen pregnancy and lotteries.

Flynn T. Harrell, executive assistant to the state attorney general and a member of First Baptist Church of Columbia, was elected president of the 690,000-member convention. Harrell is a former convention staff member and only the ninth layman to be elected to preside over the state's largest religious denomination.

Another former convention staff member, Jimmie E. Harley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Florence, was elected first vice president. Mary Rome Foster, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Camden, was elected second vice president.

Re-elected secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, were William M. Page Jr., retired minister from Mauldin, and Bobby R. Wallace, pastor of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Bishopville.

The \$21.1 million budget reflects a five percent increase over 1986 in support of colleges, hospitals, benevolent homes and missionary and evangelistic causes in the state.

Messengers approved a resolution recognizing the incidence of teenage pregnancy in South Carolina as a problem of major proportions and affirming "the primacy of the role of the family and the church in the

formation of the principles and patterns of life." Lotteries also were opposed in a resolution that described them as a form of gambling which will bring problems that would cost more than the tax money generated. (BP)

Graduation separates seminary couple

Seminary graduation has finally driven one couple to separation.

John and Karen Rambo both will receive seminary degrees Dec. 19, but they will walk across platforms miles apart. Karen will receive the masters degree in Christian education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; John will receive the M. Div. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

But this house divided isn't in trouble. The two began seminary studies at the different schools while single. Karen says they corresponded during the one and one-half years she was at Southern and he was at Southwestern.

The letters started out as a way to compare the two seminaries. "But over a period of time we realized we were in love," she explains.

They married in May and spent the summer as church planters. The hours John gained through the summer enabled him to graduate, but he missed the July commencement. John now is living with Karen in Louisville while she finishes at Southern. He will return to Southwestern in December for graduation ceremonies. (BP)

Cox links Catholic, Baptist challenges

Similar challenges are confronting the Roman Catholic and Southern Baptist churches, according to Harvard theologian Harvey G. Cox.

Cox visited Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., to deliver two lectures on "Baptists and Liberation Theology." Between sessions, he discussed similar challenges he thinks are facing Catholics and Baptists.

For the past seven years, Southern Baptists have been divided by a conflict between moderates and fundamentalists over whether the Bible is without error in all matters. Recently, Roman Catholics have been stirred by papal attempts to set a uniform standard for the church by silencing dissenters.

Cox said the bottom line was not who controlled the denomination, but what kind of church resulted.

"It's not a question of winning or losing but what kind of church will Southern Baptists be 25 years from now," he said. "Will it be a church with a national and international mission that can find its way into a variety of cultures and social patterns? Or will it be an even more regional church with intellectual and cultural assumptions that are highly provincial?" (BP)

Churches join hands to help in Iowa

It's called Helping Hands. And while it may be just an old building on a side street off the town square in Albia, Iowa, helping hands it is...and they are.

Helping Hands is an ecumenical community food and clothing ministry open to anyone in need. Some might be uncomfortable with the word ministry, or the word ecumenical, but not those involved.

"Originally our church had a clothes closet for about 15 years," says Lonney Hulsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Albia. "And Trinity United Methodist had a food pantry. Together we decided it was time to make it a community thing."

This summer, 26 families—96 people—in August and 14 families—43 people—in June, looked to Helping Hands for food. Fifteen to 20 people a day stopped by for clothing.

"We need to meet people's physical needs before they're awake to their spiritual needs," insists Hulsey. "Jesus didn't always get converts, but he always ministered to the needs of people." (BP)

Smith joins seminary as church historian

Karen Elizabeth Smith has been named assistant professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Miss Smith will join the faculty in the spring semester of 1987.

A graduate of Mercer University and Southern Seminary, the Georgia native is currently completing doctoral work at Oxford University.

Miss Smith was minister of youth at Woodland Baptist Church, Middletown, Ky. and at First Baptist Church, Covington, Ga. She has been a student missionary in Antigua, West Indies and worked on the staff of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Chaplain shares faith with prisoners

Perry Hilton goes behind bars to share his good news.

"A friend asked me in early 1984 if I would be interested in conducting a jail ministry," remembers Hilton, a volunteer chaplain. "I prayed about it, asking God to direct me if this were his will."

"At first I just listened to the prisoners," he recalls. "They asked who I was, what I wanted, why I was coming to the jail. Things were fairly stilted for a while, but I kept going, walking up and down the rows of cells, introducing myself to prisoners, learning their names. Then the distance between us began to disappear. I gave them Bibles and study materials, and most of the men became friendly."

What Hilton did not do was act judgmentally. "I've talked with, prayed with and for murderers, rapists, drug addicts and thieves, but I have never condemned any of them," he says. "That's not the way Jesus ministered. He showed love and compassion."

His advice to people who would start a jail ministry is simple: Pray and seek God's leadership, talk to the jail chaplain and offer services, seek training that might be available and encourage others to get involved. (BP)

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Carlisle Avenue extends vision of ministry

by Beth Warf

As pastor of Carlisle Avenue church, Ferrill Gardner recently saw results of his vision to extend the ministry of the church. On Nov. 9, the church opened its new Christian activities building, only one day before Gardner opened the annual Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference in Elizabethtown, over which he presided this year.

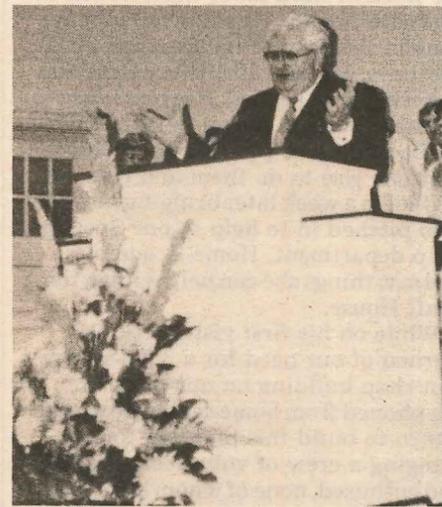
The theme for the conference, "The Pastor's Vision for Bold Mission Thrust," reflected Gardner's earnest leadership in helping the church reach its goal. The dedication observed in the morning worship service marked the completion of the new facilities and the beginning of a new ministry.

David Bridges, representative of Louisville mayor, Jerry Abramson, commended the church for its ministry and positive influence on the community. Strong churches like Carlisle Avenue "might be the only main stabilizing factor in our community," he said.

After a responsive pledge of dedication between pastor and congregation, Frederick Haynes III, a third generation preacher from Dallas, Tex., and a theological student at Southern

Methodist University, brought the message. Haynes used Matt. 9:35-38 as his text, turning the congregation's attention to possibilities of ministry now available with the new building.

"The work is in the fields," Haynes insisted as he emphasized Jesus' search



Ferrill Gardner, pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, celebrates with his congregation the dedication of a new activities building

for willing laborers out in the world. On this occasion of dedication for an outreach ministry, Haynes stressed the need of reaching out to those beyond the walls of the church.

Since 1911, Carlisle Avenue church has served the south end of Louisville. It has started several missions including Auburndale and Shively missions. When it became debt-free in 1978, Gardner began considering further avenues of outreach ministry for the church.

The influx of younger people into the community and a study of other successful churches having activities buildings, prompted the congregation to begin their building project. "The Lord has really blessed," says Gardner, referring to the church's financial situation. The 1900 member congregation managed to finance the half million dollar project by borrowing only some over \$50,000.

In November 1985, ground was broken to begin construction and exactly one year later, the building was dedicated. Only one week after opening, the new Christian activities building has averaged 82 people per day.

After 75 years of service, Carlisle Avenue church continues to reach out.

Baptists adopt growing church

by Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

Once again a Kentucky Baptist church has given birth to a mission. This time, though, the "newborn" is 20 years old!

Beacon Hill church of Pulaski County Association is the proud parent. The child is Cedar Grove Mission, previously Cedar Grove Community Church.

Cedar Grove is located on Highway 1247 in Pulaski County. One look at the building reveals a curious mixture of old and new. Members worship now in the lower structure where they have gathered for two decades. The top section is a new sanctuary still under construction.

Cedar Grove Community Church was founded by Mrs. Ruby Simeck, who is still a member of the congregation. She saw the need for a church in the area, and began inviting people to worship

together. Using her own car and boundless energy, she made contacts and transported people to services.

Cedar Grove only had one pastor in all that time, and his stay was less than a year. One other minister preached there some, but Mrs. Simeck was the group's primary leader. Meetings consisted of Bible study on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Mrs. Simeck came from an Independent Baptist background, but Cedar Grove had no particular denominational ties. Members came from a variety of histories. The congregation used different types of literature.

Her advancing age led Mrs. Simeck to consider the church's need for other leadership and direction. She turned to David Aker, director of missions. Aker stated Mrs. Simeck thought a Southern Baptist church would "provide the best mothering and leadership," and she had been impressed with the consistency she had seen in the denomination.

Aker went to Beacon Hill on a Wednesday night and presented a synopsis of the situation. At the next deacons' meeting two deacons, Jim Reynolds and Demcy Nichols, were chosen to investigate. Reynolds said he and Nichols "saw right away there was a definite need." Soon the deacons recommended Cedar Grove be adopted as a mission, and at least three Beacon Hill families move to the mission to help with the work.

When the church voted affirmatively, the Jim Reynolds family quickly volunteered to attend Cedar Grove. They were joined by the Gary Compton and John McWilliams families. McWilliams was already familiar with his new congregation, as he had recently done supply preaching at Cedar Grove.

While Beacon Hill was working out the details of its involvement, Cedar Grove was calling its first mission pastor. They chose Lawrence Spears, a retired bivocational minister. For 35 years Spears was a businessman and missionary in Ohio. Cedar Grove is the sixteenth new Southern Baptist congregation he has pastored. Originally from Pulaski County, Spears had returned

upon retirement to do evangelism and supply preaching.

Spears is encouraged by the growth he has already seen. Average attendance is 40, and the recent addition of some younger members is promising. At a revival in May there were six professions of faith. These Christians are still awaiting baptism in the new baptistry. The mission hoped to be in the sanctuary by Dec. 1. The basement will then be converted to educational space. Cedar Grove had the project well under way before Beacon Hill became its parent. With the added financial support of Spears and the Beacon Hill families, work is progressing rapidly.

Cedar Grove's goal is to someday be constituted into a church, "but that will take time," reflected Spears. He cited what he believes to be the key to starting a new church. "The main thing is getting qualified leadership." Spears strongly advocates cooperation among associational churches. He is pleased with the support given by Beacon Hill and other Pulaski County churches who have donated supplies and assisted with the sanctuary's construction.

Reynolds agreed leadership is Cedar Grove's greatest need. "We need to teach doctrine." He added the mission is off to a good start, saying, "They've been well trained and are on a solid foundation."

What motivated these three families to serve in such a special way? The entire church was excited about adopting the mission. Reynolds stated the vote was "almost unanimous. Everybody's real enthused about it. I'm thrilled with what's going on." With the church's backing, the families felt empowered to take on this challenge.

The families volunteered to stay at Cedar Grove for one year, but will extend the time if needed. Reynolds said the choice was not difficult. His philosophy is matter-of-fact. "If there's a need someplace, you need to feel like you should do it."

With such a willing spirit in the mother church, her "baby" is sure to thrive.



Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
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National Goal: \$75,000,000



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oneida journal

"A labor of love"

Don Perkins, a semi-retired building contractor from First Baptist, Central City, arrived several weeks ago to do a week of volunteer service. He had never been here before but had heard me speak in his church several years ago.

We have since discovered that Mr. Perkins is a tremendous block layer. He arrived just in time to help our Mike Tyler pour the foundation and lay the block for the first story of a three-story addition to our Craft House. Mike has worked with us full time for nearly three years. He had his 40th birthday some months ago. In the prime of life, he is a master craftsman in bricklaying, blocklaying, carpentry, wallpaper hanging, can do electrical work, etc.

He has ramrodded Oneida's ongoing construction program for nearly three years. He first became aware of Oneida nearly seven years ago when I spoke at his church, Yellow Creek, in Owensboro. Two years later his pastor visited Oneida to preach a chapel service and informed me that a Mike Tyler, a highly skilled man in his church, was planning to come and work at Oneida full time. I was startled. In God's own timing Mr. and Mrs. Tyler did come for a visit, sold their home, took a large loss in income and came to work with us full time. Besides doing a great job supervising our construction crew, he personally lays brick, block, carpenters, whatever. He works. He leads by *DOING*.

Volunteers come and go doing specific projects, or pitching in to help on whatever projects are underway at the time. In recent years we have been averaging about \$400,000 worth of capital improvements per year. Besides our regular crew, Tyler supervises the varying volunteers.

Getting back to Don Perkins. During the week of hard labor here, he fell in love with Oneida. He saw what is being done in the lives of hundreds of girls and boys. He saw all the construction underway and needed. He went home to Central City and began telling others. He had two jobs planned there but got someone else to do them and returned to Oneida a week later bringing his wife who pitched in to help in our Special Help department, Home Economics, and saw things she can help with in the Craft House.

While on his first visit, Perkins learned of our need for a 3000 square foot shop building on our farm. He telephoned from home saying he would return to build this building for us, bringing a crew of volunteers that he had enthused, none of whom have seen Oneida. Did we want him? Did we? You bet we did!

Learning he was coming back the next week, we immediately set to work to move a 40-year old corn crib, filled with this year's corn, as well as another crib built several years ago. They were located on the best spot for the new farm shop building. So we moved them back approximately 150 feet. That was quite an undertaking, but successfully accomplished under the direction of J. L. Burns, a retired state highway foreman. Burns has worked with us full time for over a year and he is a very skilled worker also.

J. L. is a skillful operator of all this equipment as well as our former Greyhound bus, etc.

Having moved the cribs, J. L. then dug the foundation trenches with our backhoe and Don Perkins arrived to pour the foundation. Then Perkins and Tyler laid hundreds of block in one day. The other volunteers that Perkins has told about Oneida will come to work after Thanksgiving.

A group of men from Severns Valley church, Elizabethtown, did a week of construction work two months ago on one of our staff houses that we are enlarging and remodeling. They did an excellent job.

It is people like those written about in this article that the Lord is using to make possible the miracle, an 87-year continuing miracle, that IS **Oneida**.



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Lessons for Dec. 7, 1986

Life and Work Series

God limits nationalistic pride

Genesis 11:1-9 God divided the earth among the sons of Noah and commanded them to "go forth and replenish it," whereupon they journeyed toward the west and settled on the plains of Shinar. The surrounding area had very fertile soil.

God's purpose was to scatter the people for enlargement and replenishment of the earth, but his purpose was not acceptable to the people. They resolved they would stay together and live as they pleased.

Their program called for a united effort (11:3-4). Their desire to build a tower had its origin in their deliberate, determined hostility to the divine purpose. The tower of Babel was an outstanding example of the sin of pride. When people become so sure of their own ability they think they no longer need God's help, he shows them they cannot forget him or rule him out of their calculations.

Because of their inordinate desire

for fame they said: "Let us make us a name." God declared his determination to frustrate the disobedient people and accomplish his purpose by confounding their language. The confusion of tongues at Babel came as a curse upon the people for trying to be independent of God.

Another reason for their failure was they were actuated by selfish motives. To live for self is a sin against self, against others and against God.

A third reason for their failure was defiance of God's will. No one has ever really succeeded who deliberately refused to do the will of God.

International Series

A New Community

Acts 2:38-47 Upon hearing Peter's sermon, the Jews were convicted of their sins. Peter commanded them to repent and be baptized in the name of Christ. After Christ saved them they submitted to baptism. As church members they remained steadfast and accepted instructions from the apostles, and promptly put what they were taught into practice. A faithful teaching ministry is one of the crying needs in our churches today.

Members of that early church were happy in the Lord and in their work together for him. Their gratitude to God for his blessings upon them found expression in praise and prayer to him. Fellowship with those who truly know and love the Lord is one of the greatest and most glorious privileges which God gives to his children. Faithful in their attendance upon the worship services, and being one in spirit, selfishness did not prevail among them.

Instead of indulging in criticism of one another, as do many church members today, they prayed for and encouraged one another.

On the basis of their experience of grace and due to their spirit of oneness they cheerfully shared their possessions with others as their needs arose. Their spirit, conduct and service won the admiration of those who observed them, and resulted in the salvation of many and their addition to the church.

Acts 4:32-35 At every opportunity the members of that church gave personal testimony of what the Lord had done for them. Filled with and energized by the Holy Spirit, they witnessed boldly and faithfully for Christ.



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First Steps: 1837-1987

As we take our first steps into our Sesquicentennial year of celebration, a reflection from our past written by Dr. Jack Birdwhistell will be a good way to begin.

"The Baptists of Kentucky were a feeble folk when our fathers met here, 50 years ago today, ..." noted pastor-historian J. H. Spencer, addressing the jubilee meeting of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, October 20, 1887. "During the eight years of calamity that preceded the constitution of the General Association,"

Spencer said, "the Baptists of Kentucky had lost nearly one-third of their number, and more nearly two-thirds of their prestige and ministerial power." The realization of the need for such a state wide organization has been a long time coming.

As early as 1801, during the Great Revival, the Regular Baptists of Kentucky (mostly from Virginia) and the Separate Baptists (mostly from the Carolinas) had come together at Old Providence Meeting House in Clark County to adopt the name, "United Baptists." Many churches in Kentucky, even in the later 1800's, were organized as United Baptists, but the name has since fallen from usage.

No efforts were made to form a state Baptist organization until 1813, when Silas M. Noel, later to pastor at Frankfort, proposed a "general meeting of correspondence" for Kentucky Baptists. In the years of antimission sentiment however, the idea was not popular." It seemed that its time had

come by 1831, when the intrusions of the Campbellites had led Baptist leaders to see the necessity for a united front. In December, The Baptist Chronicle and Literary Register, published at Georgetown, called for a "convention of the brethren from every part of the state" in order to "rouse the churches from their present dormant state." The response was the formation of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1832 at Bardstown.

The convention met strong opposition from churches and associations which cherished their independence. Its meetings after 1832 were sparsely attended. In June 1837, it adjourned to meet in Louisville in October. The October meeting resulted in the General Association which has served Kentucky Baptists well.

"O Lord, as we begin our celebration of 150 years of Southern Baptist 'togetherness' in Kentucky, strengthen us by reflections from our past."

on mission together

Blind man helps thousands read Christian literature

by Elizabeth Watson

Edwin Wilson couldn't read a single book in Fleming Library when he went to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. in 1945. But it was no fault of his own. Wilson was blind and the seminary had no books in Braille.

Today Southwestern's visually impaired students can "read" textbooks, library books and other Christian literature because of the work of Christian Education for the Blind, a service founded by Wilson in 1946. For forty years, the Ft. Worth-based nonprofit organization has published Christian reading materials in Braille and recorded them on cassette tape.

Currently, three Southwestern students use Wilson's service. Five others help him as volunteers. Two Southwestern graduates serve in full time administrative positions.

While in seminary, Wilson felt a divine leadership to begin a special ministry for the blind. "As a seminary student I often had difficulty finding readers to help me with materials for classwork and other activities," Wilson said. "Braille books were not available and the cassette tape hadn't been invented yet."

Wilson found his personal knowledge of blindness, his years of advanced education and his evangelical

Edwin Wilson, director of Christian Education for the Blind, and Southwestern Seminary graduate T. William Wissore copy master tapes of Sunday School lessons. Wilson's organization serves more than 4000 visually impaired people around the world.



background prepared him for a publishing ministry. He founded Christian Education for the Blind to help students and laypeople.

"When I lost my sight in early youth, there was no Christian literature in Braille beyond the Bible suitable for a lad who was baptized into the fellowship of a Baptist Church," Wilson said.

Wilson's first publication was the *Braille Evangel Magazine*, a 1946 periodical of Christian literature and sacred music in Braille. In 1952 Wilson organized the Texas Church Conference of the Blind and in 1953 the National Church Conference of the

Blind.

With the advent of the tape recorder, Wilson extended his ministry to include Baptist Sunday School lessons on audio tape. Six curricula are currently recorded for teachers and pupils. Wilson recently published *The Evangel Hymnal*, which features both lyrics and music.

More than 4000 people use the blind service. All books and magazines are free. The service is funded by private donations.

"I have a deep sense of satisfaction knowing that much of the ministry is engrained in the lives of blind people around the world and it will continue to live on long after I'm gone," Wilson said.

"This is matched with a deep sense of appreciation for the help of many people, especially Southwestern Seminary students, who have shouldered the responsibilities," he said.

"This ministry is God's answer to a great religious need."

Repossessor knocks on doors to reclaim souls, not money

by Scott Collins

Shutting off water to unpaid customers and repossessing cars for a finance company prepared David Freeman for the ministry.

Now the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student isn't bothered when residents in Ft. Worth's Cavile Place neighborhood aim a shotgun at him. And he can stay calm while talking to a man considering suicide.

Before moving to Southwestern, Freeman worked for a credit company. He and his wife also worked with low-income families and as foster parents. Freeman now works for the Tarrant Baptist Association.

He has been knocking on doors to tell Cavile Place residents he wants to help. Of the first 18 homes Freeman visited, 12 respondents said their main need was to know Jesus Christ.

When Freeman began helping people in the area, "the informal network identified me as a helper," he said. Now Freeman and student Ron Oliver have started a Baptist church in the neighborhood where shootings averaged two a night. After one and one-half years, shootings have dropped to an average of two a month.

The area was so rough that local police would not go into it with fewer than four officers. Seventy-five percent of the residents live below the poverty level. Sixty percent of the residents in Cavile Place Apartments are single mothers. The median family income is \$6281.

In July, neighborhood residents hosted an appreciation dinner for police and city officials. Such progress

has been based on a personal touch to Freeman's ministry. "I've always felt we need to help people physically and then meet their spiritual needs," he said.

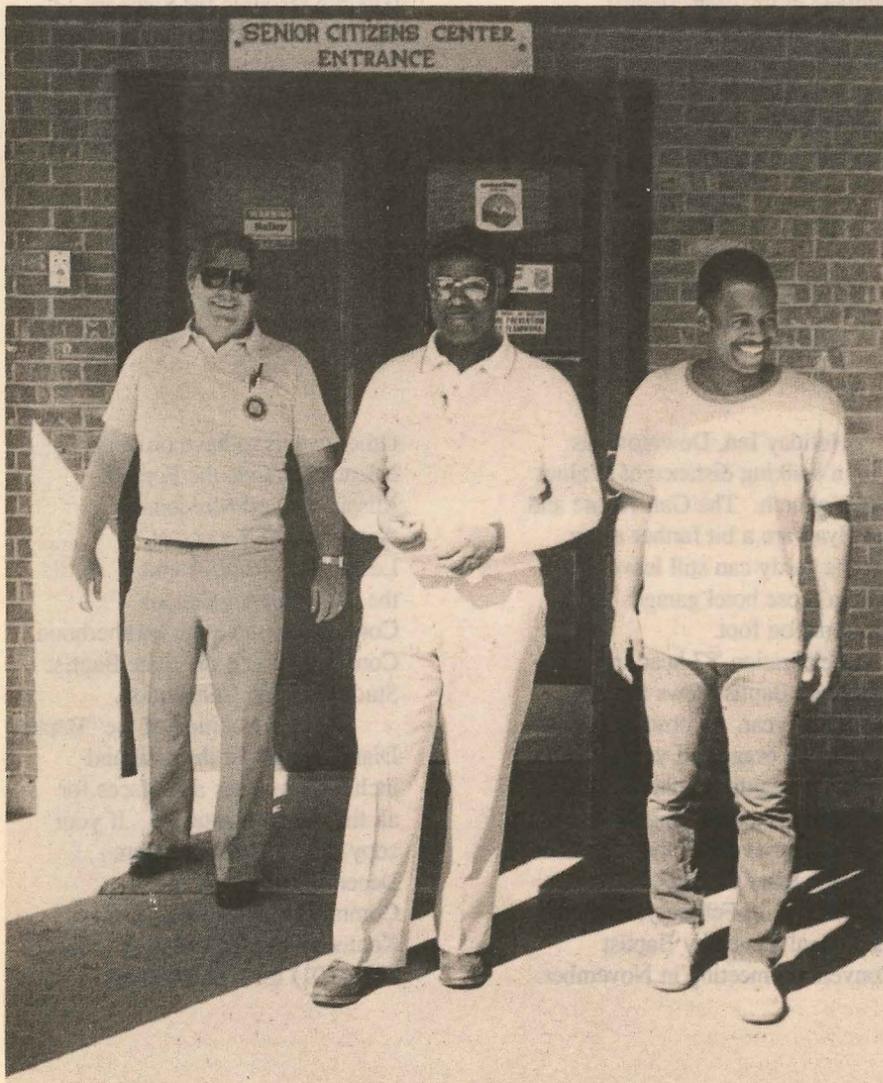
For example, a woman came to Freeman for help paying her rent. He assisted her with the material need and then addressed her spiritual poverty. Later she told him, "I found help to problems I didn't even know I had."

Freeman developed a strategy for assessing the needs of the community, a concept he applied from a seminary class. And through the Tarrant Association's Urban Allies program Freeman has combined classroom experience with "street" experience.

Oliver agrees being pastor of the Cavile church has given him valuable experience. He has also involved four other seminary students in the work. The church, which receives help from Sagamore Hill Baptist Church, recently received its first three adult members. Average attendance is 35-40.

Oliver retired from the military in 1975 after 21 years and went to work for Federal Electric Corp. as an engineer before coming to Southwestern in 1985. He has involved an engineer from General Dynamics, George Abrams, who tutors neighborhood children in mathematics.

These practical efforts have built a bridge between the Cavile community and the gospel which Oliver and Freeman have found as important as their classwork. Seminary training alone will not reach the people, Oliver said. "The only thing they respond to is when you pass their exam."



David Freeman (l), a Southwestern Seminary student who formerly repossessed cars for a finance company, now works with low-income Ft. Worth residents. Ron Oliver and George Abrams linger with Freeman outside the Senior Citizens Center where church services are conducted.

CONVENTION

KBC NEWS

A look back

The Kentucky/Kenya Partnership gained operating speed with nearly 200 volunteers in 1985 and '86. Requests from Kenya for volunteers already number 700 for 1987 and new opportunities appear daily.

The highlight of the partnership year was the conversion of over 4000 persons in the Mombasa area, last July-August.

No word as yet regarding a partnership target for the years 1988 through 1990. Extension of the relationship with Kenya is a possibility but some heads are turning toward South America.

Mission Kentucky made it's debut in '86, challenging Kentucky Baptists to the starting of 400 new churches, missions and preaching stations by the year 1990. Church Starter Strategists--D.M. Aldridge, J. Bill Jones, Harold Wainscott and James Watts--are already on the field and functioning; and project coordinator Bill Jagers of the KBC Direct Missions department sees the work as the key to Kentucky's evangelistic growth in the future.

According to Jagers, "Statistics show most churches demonstrate their most dramatic growth and potential during the first ten years of their existence. New work is a possibility in even heavily churched areas because existing congregations might not be reaching every element of the communities where they are situated."

New personnel added to the Kentucky Baptist resource staff in 1986 include Jewell Nelson, associate in the Sunday School department; John Lepper and Guy Futral, associates in Family Ministry/Church Administration and Minister/Church Relations, respectively; Hal Poe, associate in Evangelism; and Greg Hancock, division director in Communications.

Losses include Fred Halbrooks, Sunday School, and Mark Snowden, Media. Halbrooks has become director of missions in Nelson Association and Snowden has joined the SBC Radio and Television Commission as southeast regional director for the ACTS network.

In spite of embarrassing public failures at an Associational Officer's Briefing and the State Convention Annual Meeting, Media made giant strides as a KBC department during 1986. "SBC Report: Kentucky Edition" became so in demand by associations and local church organizations that extra copies of the videotape had to be made to keep the resource in circulation. Lonnie McNorrill, who served the Media department as a student intern under Mark Snowden, stayed on in a contract relationship when Snowden resigned, and insured production of the winter segment of the "Edition."

With the encouragement of department director Jay Brown, Evangelism associate Hal Poe presented an exceptionally successful Youth Evangelism Conference in '86. Don Blaylock, in Student Work, hosted record numbers at the State Baptist Student Union Convention, too. If youth interest in Convention work seemed on the wane a few short months ago, Poe and Blaylock have prompted Kentucky

Bapists to take another look.

Bill Kaufman announced his retirement from the state Brotherhood department, effective the end of 1987. Kaufman became State Brotherhood director in 1981, following the untimely death of Calvin Fields. With associate Robb Carr, Kaufman not only kept the traditional channels of Brotherhood open and functioning but helped inaugurate the new era in which Disaster/Emergency Services holds a prominent position.

Western Recorder made this back page available to institutions and agencies of the Kentucky Baptist Convention on a rotating basis nearly two years ago. Recently, editor Jack Sanford extended the offer to include the executive board of the Convention, as well. *Western Recorder* continues to be the best possible resource for Southern Baptist news in the state of Kentucky. We encourage churches to subscribe to it for each and every member family.

A look ahead

Few Kentucky Baptists stop to consider the logistics that go into an annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. This year's annual meeting is scarcely two weeks over and already the planning for *next* year's meeting is over a year old.

For those calendaring details in advance, the theme of the 1987 Convention meeting is the same as the sesquicentennial theme: "Enriched by heritage, encouraged by hope. Business sessions will be conducted in Louisville's Walnut Street church, and a gala Wednesday evening celebration will convene in the host city's Convention Center.

Blocks of rooms are already being set aside at Holiday Inn, Downtown, The Galt House and the Hyatt in downtown Louisville. Other area hotels are being contacted and, where possible, reserved for the Convention crowd.

In September, *Western Recorder* will begin advertising the list of possible lodgings for the Sesquicentennial Convention Meeting but early (and wise) planners might want to make a downtown reservation now and reduce the risk of being left out in the November cold, later.

Holiday Inn, Downtown is within walking distance of Walnut Street church. The Galt House and the Hyatt are a bit farther away but the hardy can still leave their cars in those hotel garages and commute on foot.

Celebration '87 headlines the Kentucky Baptist news for the upcoming year. In observance of their 150th organized year in the Commonwealth, Southern Baptists have underlined and highlighted every major event of the year from the State Evangelism Conference, in February, through the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in November.

Other events to have on your calendar include the Foreign Mission Board Missionary Appointment Service at Lexington's Rupp Arena in April; the State Sunday School Conference; the State Brotherhood Convention; and the State Baptist Student Union Convention.

The 1987 edition of the "Baptist Diary" is now in the mail and includes the dates and places for all the above-mentioned. If your copy does not arrive before December 1, phone the Communications office at the Kentucky Baptist Building (502-245-4101) for a replacement.