

Patterson, Pressler encouraged by SBC developments

"Current developments in the Southern Baptist Convention" are encouraging to Paul Pressler and Paige Patterson, the two fundamental-conservative leaders say in a statement prepared for the SBC peace committee.

In a three-page, 11-point statement, Pressler and Patterson said they would "like to express appreciation for current developments in the SBC and make certain recommendations for peace and harmony within the convention . . ."

The "statement of appreciation and affirmation" was made in response to a request by the SBC peace committee's political activities subcommittee and subsequently sent to Baptist Press, the state Baptist newspapers and secular religion writers across the nation.

Peace committee chairman Charles Fuller said the report "was distributed at our last meeting (Jan. 8-9), but was not discussed. We were seeking to find out just what the various factions are willing to do and what they think about the current situation. Neither Pressler nor Patterson were volunteering the statement. We asked them for it in an effort to gather the information that will help us write a report with substance."

Patterson told Baptist Press he and Pressler "are encouraged by many of the things that we hear being said, but, having experienced over a long period of time the sometimes vacuous nature of talk, are still waiting to see the implementation of the promises."

In their statement, Pressler and Patterson noted their support for the "Glorieta Statement" of the six SBC seminary presidents. The statement commits the seminaries to seven specific actions, including enforcement of the doctrinal statements and fair treatment of all views of scripture.

The Pressler-Patterson statement also expresses "strong support" for the Cooperative Program; pledges they will "work towards a harmonious convention in St. Louis;" calls upon "those in our institutions and agencies to treat all Southern Baptists with love and concern," and calls on the Baptist news media "to be fair."

It also calls on "all Southern Baptists to work together constructively to correct the problems" in the convention;

disavows "harsh rhetoric, unfounded accusations of disloyalty to our . . . heritage and misrepresentation of the positions of other Baptists," and calls on all Southern Baptists "to discuss the issues openly and honestly without rancor or bitterness and without propagandizing through the press."

It says again the basic position frequently expressed by Pressler and Patterson: "For conservatives the issue in the convention has always been whether or not the Bible contains error or is truly the perfect revelation of God, 'truth without any mixture of error' and 'not errant in any area of reality.'"

"We call on all Southern Baptists involved in the controversy to address the issue and our seminary professors and other denominational employees to address forthrightly and honestly this issue in such a way there are no ambiguous phrases or hidden meanings."

"We are grateful that increasing numbers of Southern Baptists are now recognizing that these problems can no longer be disregarded and that we must have our institutions operate from the predicate that the Bible is 'truth without any mixture of error.'"

"As problems are resolved, unity will return and we will see the accomplishment of the purposes for which we were created, namely missions and evangelism based upon thorough biblical training and equipping of the saints for the ministry to which they are called."

In their statement, Pressler and Patterson note they "greet with enthusiasm the statement of the seminary presidents in Glorieta and appreciate their recognition that there is 'legitimate concern' about the seminaries and that the teaching of inerrancy has not been given 'a fair shake' in the schools."

In the section affirming support for

the Cooperative Program, Pressler and Patterson note they are "distressed that some of those in Southern Baptist life who have raised the loudest hue and cry against a societal approach have now seemingly embraced it by actions such as the Virginia Convention designating funds for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs."

The statement also says efforts to oppose incumbent officers for re-election have "been harmful and polarizing. Never has opposition to incumbent officers who are eligible for re-election . . . come from conservatives. We pledge ourselves to continue to work toward peaceful conventions and urge all others to unite behind those who are eligible for re-election and to support the reports and recommendations of the committees which have been duly constituted and accepted by our convention," says the statement.(BP)

Kentucky ministers start sports evangelism

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Sports evangelism may be the next addition to the line up of annual Kentucky Baptist ministry teams in the Kenya link-up if two state ministers of activities have their wishes.

Robby Spears, Severns Valley Baptist Church, and Larry Pursiful, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, met Jan. 16 with Bill Marshall, state executive secretary-treasurer, and two other KBC department heads to discuss the possibility.

"We are attempting to use the medium of sports to share the gospel," says Spears. "Right now our objective is to create a men's basketball team to send to Kenya May 22-June 6. But, we hope to broaden the scope of ministry to include other sports and women soon."

According to Spears, the Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders, the new evangelism organization, received approval to proceed despite the lack of formal ties with any KBC department.

Pursiful, who will coach the team, hopes to name all of the players by mid-February. "We plan to meet with all the players by early April."

"The first scheduled practice will be May 18, although the location is still uncertain," he says. Pursiful, a former shoestore owner in Elizabethtown, was a 1962 All-American player for the University of Kentucky. He also coached basketball 8 years at Larue County High School in Hodgenville.

Players will complete a witness training program and orientation at the Kentucky Baptist Convention before departure. "Witness training programs will help them piece together their testimony and understand how to use it effectively," claims Spears.

Requirements for the team are that one must be a Baptist, but not necessarily a Southern Baptist—American and National Baptists will also be included. They must also have some type of Kentucky connection to participate on the Kentucky-Kenya partnership team.

"Those going to Kenya must be good ball players. We will play the Kenya national team and other club teams. We must be able to compete to earn their respect, otherwise our witness will not be as effective," says Pursiful.

There will be no tryouts for this year's team, but players are being recruited by scouting teams at state high schools, col-



Larry Pursiful (l) and Robby Spears are hoping to start a sports evangelism team, the Kentucky Baptist Crusaders, this spring. Pursiful is minister of activities at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, and Spears is minister of activities at Severns Valley Baptist Church, E'town.

leges and churches, he claims.

Seven players have already been named to the roster: Kenny Ellis, Southern Seminary, Louisville; Gerald Joiner, Southern Seminary; Terry Patterson, Severns Valley Baptist Church, E'town; Todd Cox, Severns Valley; Scott Day, DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange; Jimmy Fox, Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger; and Spears.

Others accompanying the group include Mike Harris, video technician, Severns Valley; Bob Watkins, public relations, Gilead Baptist Church, Glendale; Larry Smith, team manager, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville; and Pursiful.

The idea originated with Spears, who prompted Pursiful, a Kentucky volunteer to Kenya last year, to check out the possibility of starting a sports evangelism team with Kenya missionaries James Whaley and Jim Richardson.

From there, Spears and Pursiful spoke with Jim Blakely in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department and the idea expanded to include conducting basketball clinics all over the state if the Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders project materializes as expected.

"The opportunity is open for Chris-

tian basketball coaches to volunteer to lead these clinics. There are laymen in our churches who are excellent at teaching the necessary skills," says Spears. "Ideally we would like to get enough volunteers across the state so the same players and coaches won't have to lead all the conferences."

The only major obstacle for the ministry project is finances. The group needs \$34,000 to fund the Kenya trip. "We hope interested people will fund sports evangelism through this organization," comments Pursiful. "Players are expected to raise some of the cost, but donations will be greatly appreciated."

The donations designated for Kentucky Baptist Crusaders will be channeled through Severns Valley Baptist Association.

The group's advisory board members are Ron Meridith, a federal judge from Louisville; Barry Birdwhistle, a Cecilia lawyer; Harry Dooley, pastor of Hardinsburg Baptist Church; Terry Cole, industrial worker, E'town; Hardin McClain, real-estate agent, E'town; Don Bishop, athletic director, Campbellsville College; and Dan Flanagan, Baptist Student Union director, Campbellsville.

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A model for life

More than 25 years ago I heard a man give testimony to a powerful expression of true Christian living. That experience has haunted me these past years and served as a prod to my own weakness. The challenge has lived in my mind as a constant reminder of what we ought to be in this troubled world. I share the story with you in the hope it will somehow be a light for all of us.

In a world mission conference in the church where I was pastor at the time, a young foreign missionary was the main speaker during the week. This person, still active in missionary service, will remain unnamed because he is typical of thousands of missionaries who serve Christ around the world in the same unselfish, dedicated manner.

About the second night of his work with us this missionary began to describe his feelings when he first went to a leper colony to serve as God's representative. He was frightened, timid and aloof, staying as far away from any real contact as possible. He saw other people act this way and so adopted the general standard as his own.

Deep inside he knew his distancing himself from persons in need was a denial of the gospel he professed to believe and the Christ whom he claimed to serve. But he was afraid of the disease and the people who had it and he was afraid of the reaction of non-lepers if he got too close to those with the disease. So he stayed as far away from those broken people as he could.

Finally he was overcome with guilt and shame. As he described his journey from mere professional Christianity to active living Christianity those of us present had chills go up our spine.

Here are his words as I remember them 25 years later: "I saw this man who had open sores on his body pleading with me from eyes that were sad and reflected a terrible loneliness.

"I had never touched a leper and I was afraid. But some powerful force stirred me and I called out to him and extended my hand.

"The man did not know what to do for no person had touched him for a long time, yet my extended hand could mean only one thing . . . I was willing to touch this outcast.

"He arose, walked toward me and we clasped hands. I felt renewed, honest and alive for the first time in my missionary career.

"From that day onward my career became a meaningful life of service to God. Respect and acceptance of me spread over the countryside and people came from miles around to hear me speak of a God who cared. My life became a living witness to my faith and many persons in need found peace through Christ as I shared the love of God."

Seen on this cold page of type it doesn't sound like much, but it has rumbled in my mind for a quarter of a century prodding me to be the same kind of person. Deep inside I know that is what it means to be a Christian, yet the fear and aloofness are often there to block the flow of the Spirit.

Sometimes I cannot do it, even for the most needy. Other times I have been able, as my missionary friend, to cross the barriers and truly live my faith.

The point is that our faith, if it has any validity at all, must be lived out among those who walk in the darkness of sickness and sin.

We do that by the human contact we are willing to have with people in need. The pity is so many of us do it so infrequently.

My missionary friend set before all of us a model for life. Yet how many of us are willing to follow his lead, break down the barriers which separate us from those in need and live out the gospel with courage?

A Warm Church on a Cold Day

The temperature was way down, the streets slick with snow and the wind whistling like mad, but inside the church was warm with Christian love.

Such was my experience last Sunday as I spoke during Layman's Day at Buena Vista Baptist Church in Owensboro.

The happy time began Saturday night with a feast at a local restaurant with pastor Jewel Pruitt, his wife Marilee and their son Adam. These Christian friends extended hospitality and friendship as only Kentuckians can, and it was welcome and received with Thanksgiving.

Sunday morning began with a giant breakfast of smoked sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and country gravy all prepared by men of the church. Needless to say the Buena Vista men did not fall behind their brethren in consuming great quantities of food.

The worship hour was a delight with a house full of folks in spite of the terrible weather. Music was inspiring under the leadership of minister of music William Tiemann. He had a large men's chorus which sang, "Are Ye Able?" with gusto and conviction.

It was a time every one of us who has been called

to preach looks forward to with anticipation. Thanks to Brother Pruitt, who has degrees from Georgetown College, Southern Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He has done an excellent job leading his church into a vigorous program of outreach and ministry in Owensboro and he is a man of warm Christian cordiality which he showered on me last week.

Thanks to the people of Buena Vista Baptist Church are also in order for a good time in the Lord on a cold, snowy Sunday. The gathering of this group of God's people on a cold day was rewarded as a young man moved his church membership to be together with his new bride in serving God.

These kinds of good things are happening in our churches all the time if we could only see it and celebrate it.

One of the fringe benefits of being editor is the opportunity to meet and worship with people from every section of our great state. I am grateful for the privilege and look forward to every opportunity to meet more Kentucky Baptists, even on cold, snowy Sunday mornings.

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Volunteers rejoice over Nigerian mission

by David D. Aker, DOM,
Pulaski County Association

November 18, 1986 and Jan. 18, 1987 were days of rejoicing in Pulaski Baptist Association. On each of those days a team of volunteers in missions returned home from Nigeria.

In each case the team brought home glowing reports of people being saved, preaching points being opened, stories of rededicated lives and church people receiving training.

Olin and Ernestine Williams, a retired couple from Lincoln County supported themselves to travel to Nigeria with team number one. They remained in the country to work, pray, and encourage the career missionary couple, Wiley B. and Geneva Faw, and then return home with the second team of workers.

J. E. Hail Jr., pastor of Burnside Baptist Church, Doyle Searcy, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and Jimmie Dale McKinney, pastor of Rock Lick Baptist church were Somerset volunteers who embarked with the Williams Oct. 31. When this team returned, it was revealed that they were able to teach 36 people in two area-wide WIN Schools and an additional dozen or more church leaders in revival preparation training. This work was accomplished in Northeast Nigeria in the cities of Potiskum and Madugauri.

Before returning home Nov. 18, each man had also conducted a revival meeting in Antioch Association in Bauchi state. These resulted in 202 professions of faith, 196 rededications and much healing of broken fellowship.

While Olin and Ernestine Williams waited in Nigeria, (Olin taught WIN three times and held two more revivals while he waited), another team prepared to travel from Kentucky. They began travel the day after Christmas and arrived in Kano, Nigeria at 4:05 a.m. Dec. 28. Upon arrival the five sleepy-eyed men loaded their luggage on four-wheel drive land cruisers. But they could not travel until daylight—there are too

many thieves along the road. They went to a resthouse to wait for dawn. When morning came they made their six hour journey to the city of Gombe in Bauchi state.

From Gombe, living in missionary Faw's Foreign Mission Board owned housing, these Americans are now going to help with simultaneous revivals in churches of all sizes in a variety of settings. Two of them are fresh preaching points. The Faw's have averaged starting six and one-half such points annually.

At the Faw's house, can you picture Ernestine Williams, by now a veteran missionary hand, slicing the carrots or tomatoes, preparing wheat sprouts, or setting the table, helping Geneva Faw get that first evening meal? The second team of green Americans are at the same time walking, with bed roll under arms—Geneva and Ernestine rolled them complete with pillow, wash cloth, towel and blanket—across the dry brown grass in the compound yard. They are headed toward the 'outback' and a grass roofed round house where they will sleep. The shower room is immediately adjacent. The bamboo walls give a little shade from the blistering 100 degree heat. A bamboo mat laid on the black sandy soil keeps the feet from making a mud puddle. Be it ever so humble, this is home for two weeks.

This afternoon the bed is made before dark falls. Each afternoon between De-

cember 29 and January 10 is going to be used to ready generators, movie projectors and films for the evening services. Some men will travel to a far village which means that they will leave at 3 p.m. and return near midnight.

Ernest Martin, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Danville; J. Chester Badgett, retired pastor who labored many years as pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church in Kentucky; Ronald Shaw, a 19 year old youth worker for Quinton Baptist Church near Somerset; Wiley Faw Jr., pastor of Pollyanne Church near Eubank; and Don Helton, deacon at Calvary Church, Danville, are well oriented to face what they must. Martin, Badgett, and Faw have each worked overseas previously as volunteers. Wiley Faw Jr. spent many of his younger years in Gombe, Nigeria. He is the son of Wiley and Geneva who have amassed 25 years in missionary service.

Upon returning home January 13, these tired but rejoicing men told of simultaneous revivals in 36 churches that had seen 1376 professions of faith, 999 rededications, and other decisions which will need nurture and counseling.

It seems amazing that there are people among Southern Baptists such as Olin and Ernestine Williams, J. Chester Badgett, and others who will pay their own way, wait over extended periods, and give, without thought of remuneration. Praise God for putting volunteerism into the hearts of these people.



Carl Fields

Glimpses of our heritage

Another Great Lady

Miss Agnes Osborne was born January 28, 1847, on a farm in Owen County.

For many years she was an active member of Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, of which her half-brother, J. M. Weaver, was pastor. While there she directed the primary department which was known in those days as the "infant class."

When the Southern Baptist Convention met in Louisville in 1887 (the ladies, of course, met in one church while the men met in another) she was elected recording secretary and in that capacity was a delegate to the convention the following year at Richmond, Va.

The increase in the number of missionary societies in the South created a great demand for information about the missionaries and their work. This prompted Miss Osborne to begin publication in 1882 of a magazine called "The Heathen Helper," published in Louisville and known throughout the South.

At the Southern Union meeting the statement was made that "The Heathen Helper" had become "a bond of union for Southern women," the "voices of scattered societies."

Miss Osborne, editor-in-chief, was aided by 12 editors, each representing a different state. The subscription price was 50 cents a year. Theodore Harris, president of the Louisville Banking Company, agreed to pay the printer's bill "if we did not make money." In 1888, the magazine was succeeded by another called, "The Baptist Basket," edited by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas D. Osborne of Louisville, promoting tithing as the means to support missions.

In 1906, the Southern Union began a publication of its own, "Our Mission Fields," edited by Miss Fannie Heck, and in 1914 the magazine was renamed "Royal Service."

Social work was another interest of Miss Osborne. She worked for a number of years in the Central Baptist Mission, above First Street on Jefferson in Louisville, where she made her home. She opened an industrial school in connection with the mission at 11th and Jefferson in 1905.

She soon realized there was a need for a Baptist settlement, so she opened the building at 1208 West Jefferson in 1916. From that time until her death in 1930, she served as resident director, accepting no salary for her work.

The family of James P. Boyce left a nice sum of money for the work and it became known as the Boyce Settlement House. She lived and worked there for 16 years until her death at age 83.

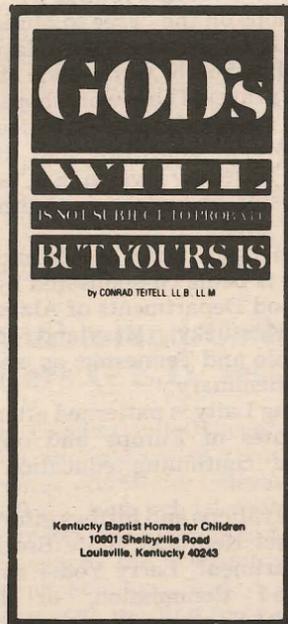
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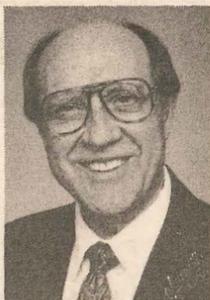
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I often say to an individual or a group, "I'm glad you asked that question," because when a question is asked, there is an interest in the answer. Today, I want to share some information about our financial condition and areas of support because I am often asked questions about these matters.

It is important for you to know that Baptist Homes for Children is a true faith ministry. We care for children by faith. Very little of our financial support is guaranteed. We prepare our budget and move into each year's ministry by faith. Money to provide this ministry, for the most part, comes from free will gifts.

There are a few sources of income which are quite dependable. We receive an allotment from Cooperative Program funds sufficient to run us for one month each year. The Thanksgiving Offering, our largest one source of support, is a life saver. Although we are sure of this offering, we are never sure of how much it will be until it is counted. Usually, it will meet our operational costs for about three months. Then there is some income from very limited trust monies. This will keep us going for another two months. The rest of our budget expenses must come from other sources. This is where we operate by faith—faith in God and in his people, that they will supply our needs.

Occasionally, someone will say in surprise, "I thought the children's homes were heavily endowed and had plenty of money." I can testify that has never been true. Recently, we came to the end of a budget year over \$400,000 short. This was caused by necessary and unavoidable repairs without enough income to pay the bills. To meet this condition, we cut the budget by curtailing some ministries and walked by faith. God and his people did meet those pressing needs. If we had enough endowment to go with the support of friends who send us gifts and who remember us in their wills, this ministry would be greatly strengthened now and Beyond This Time. The pressing needs of children have called us to launch our present endowment campaign.

I'm glad you asked; it is a joy to share information with Baptists about their ministry to children through Baptist Homes for Children. Investing in children is right.

baptist news in brief

'Continue support,' Banks urges WMU

The recent Baptist Home Mission Board policy prohibiting future board financial support for women pastors is "probably the best action the board could have hoped for," said Bob Banks, the board's executive vice president and interim chief executive officer.

Banks spoke to Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leaders during a January session of their executive board meeting.

Banks noted he hopes churches and individuals who disagree with the policy will not withhold their Annie Armstrong Easter Offering or Cooperative Program gifts as a form of protest.

"If churches or individuals withhold funds, they punish 3700 missionaries, provide less ability to reach this nation for Christ and hurt home missions in their state and nation," he said. Refusing to give would be to "opt out of a voice and participation in that part (of home missions) which is good, productive and carries forward the Lord's work."

About 40 churches in the SBC have women pastors, and only one of those receives board funds. That church will not lose funding, since the policy applies only to future requests from churches with women pastors.

Banks reminded WMU leaders the policy neither prohibits the appointment of ordained women as missionaries, nor prevents the use of board funds to employ ordained women in other church or associational staff positions, such as student workers or Baptist center directors.(BP)

Statistics give hope to flagging BMT

Year end statistics offer hope that Bold Mission Thrust goals may not be impossible dreams: Baptisms by overseas

Baptists related to Southern Baptist missions climbed 17.1 percent during 1986.

The 185,689 baptisms surpass the previous record of 158,626 in 1985. The total also more than doubled the number baptized in 1975, the year before Bold Mission Thrust began.

An annual growth rate of nearly 10 percent was envisioned in overseas baptisms and churches when Bold Mission Thrust goals for the year 2000 were adopted during the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention.

But the goals have not been met. In baptisms, the average increase had been about seven percent; to meet Bold Mission Thrust goals, yearly growth of 11 percent will be needed until the year 2000. Thus the 1986 increase in baptisms gives fresh hope.(BP)

Southern Seminary slates laity conference

"Free to Minister" is theme to be explored in the third national series of Emerging Laity Conferences sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and eight state Brotherhood departments. The conference will be hosted April 3-5, 1987, by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The purpose of Emerging Laity is to help the whole people of God identify themselves as ministers and to discuss issues relative to their ministry.

Workshops on the "Free to Minister" theme will cover personal relations, conflict, the church, work, civic structures, and prayer. These workshops will be led by well-qualified and articulate laymen. Major addresses and Bible study will be led by laymen. Bill Leonard, professor of history at Southern, will speak twice.

The Emerging Laity Conference in Louisville is being co-sponsored by the Brotherhood Departments of Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Ohio and Tennessee, as well as Southern Seminary.

Emerging Laity is patterned after the lay institutes of Europe and opportunities of continuing education for clergy.

For reservations and further information, contact Kentucky State Brotherhood Department, Larry Yoder at the Brotherhood Commission, or Ross Brummett at Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky., 40280.

Converts witness to fellow prisoners

Sharing the gospel in the cellblocks of America's toughest prison won't be much of a culture shock for a group of evangelistic witnesses trained by Shady Oaks Baptist Church, Hurst, Tex. They all are prisoners themselves.

The 35 inmates in the Texas Department of Corrections Eastham unit, recently rated "America's toughest prison" by Newsweek magazine, all became Christians while behind bars. Many were converted directly as a result of the ministry of Don Dickerman, associate pastor at Shady Oaks Church.

In the near future, Dickerman and a group of volunteers from Shady Oaks will go to the Eastham unit to train the inmates in the Evangelism Explosion witnessing program. The prisoners will then go into cellblocks on a daily basis with the warden's permission to witness to fellow inmates.

Last year, Dickerman spent about three weekends each month behind bars with volunteer groups, preaching 112 times in prisons. He saw 1500 prisoners make professions of faith in Christ in evangelistic services and many others converted through personal contact and correspondence.

"One very effective evangelistic tool we use is our newsletter, 'The Solid Rock,' which is read by about 50,000 inmates each week," he says.

"I've known a spiritual renewal in prison that I've never seen in the free world," notes Dickerman. "When prisoners experience the grace of God, they fall in love with Jesus. It's an abiding love because they realize more than most of us how far down God reached to touch them."(BP)

Ohio County hosts KBC Day Feb. 8

The next Kentucky Baptist Convention Day will take place in Ohio County Association Feb. 8 in local churches throughout the association.

Members of the KBC organized KBC Days to assist pastors and church leaders in educating church members about Cooperative Program ministries in Kentucky and around the world. These days also provide fellowship with and personal contact between local church members and visiting KBC personnel.

Greenup Association will host KBC Day March 8. Future days are scheduled through 1988.(KBC)

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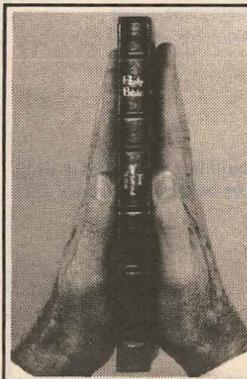
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Robert J. Dean, senior editorial specialist at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said the board uses over 3000 writers each year. "Most of our materials are written by persons other than employees," he added, "and we are constantly on the lookout for persons who want to broaden their witness through the printed page."

While a few of these 3000 writers are professionals, Dean emphasized that most are people who hold other jobs—lay persons, college and seminary teachers, pastors and other church staff.

The board has conducted an annual workshop each summer since the 1940s, beginning at Ridgecrest. Guest leader this summer is Bob Hastings, Springfield, Ill., who specializes in both fiction and non-fiction stories about small town life.

For details, write the Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville 37203.

Dream for literature continues to expand

The introduction of children's Sunday school literature in Spanish in October 1986 was an answer to prayer for Elvia De La Garza.

Now she will become part of the answer to those prayers when she becomes editor Feb. 1 of *Estudios Biblicos para Ninos* (Sunday school for children) and *Exploradores* (children in church training) and the corresponding teachers' materials.

By using the translated literature, Spanish-speaking children can be placed in separate classes or in English-speaking classes. The literature will provide the basis for a cultural understanding, she said.

As an editor, De La Garza will select translators who work from the English materials. She hopes eventually to be able to enlist writers instead of translators.

In addition to De La Garza, Marilyn Redding, who has been a temporary editor since the Spanish preschool and children's materials were first in production, will become a full time editor Jan. 1.

Conference centers seek summer staffers

Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist conference centers are accepting applications for employment on the 1987 summer staffs.

According to George Boswell, Ridgecrest personnel services administrator, applicants for the Ridgecrest staff must be between 17 and 70 years of age and be available to work from May 31 through Aug. 28 with the possibility of working through Labor Day. Some staff persons will be chosen to work for a shorter term or to arrive after the starting day, Boswell said.

At Glorieta, applicants must be between 17 and 70 and be available to work from May 31 through Aug. 22 with the possibility of working through Labor Day, according to Rusty Fulks, personnel services coordinator. Also, some late arrivals who can work through Labor Day will be accepted, Fulks said.

Available positions at both conference centers include food services, day

camp, preschool, recreation, housekeeping, registration, business offices and auditorium and conference operations.

Information may be obtained from Ridgecrest by writing to Summer Employment, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770 or by calling (704) 669-8022.

Information about Glorieta employment may be obtained by writing Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535-0008 or by calling (505) 757-6161.

Chifundo winning against disease

Her faith and her 5-month-old daughter were all the woman had left when Marlyn Upton met her.

Three earlier babies had been stillborn and a fourth had died after seven months because the mother was unable to nurse. After the birth of a fifth sickly child, the husband kicked both of them out, sending them to her brother.

She had named the girl Chifundo, which means "mercy" but physical evidence of God's mercy was slight. The baby cried constantly during the Woman's Missionary Union meeting, screaming even louder when the mother offered her a bottle.

Upton, a Southern Baptist from Missouri, was horrified to see that the nipple on the bottle was rotten. Later she learned the mother received powdered milk from a government clinic, but supplies had run out. For over a week she had been feeding Chifundo water and a thin porridge of cooked cornmeal and water.

Marlyn Upton kept the mother supplied with formula until the government clinic got a new supply of powdered milk. Five months later, Upton reported, Chifundo weighed 16 pounds and was grinningly displaying two teeth.

"The father had taken his wife and daughter back so we praise the Lord for the healing he has brought to their home as well as for the healing of Chifundo's body," Upton said. (BP)

Cumberland College offers G.E.D. testing

The Cumberland College career planning and placement center offers the general educational development test (G.E.D.), high school diploma equivalency test, on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the academic year, except during holidays. Fridays are reserved for anyone needing to finish or retake the test.

Testing begins promptly at 1 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

Requirements for taking the G.E.D. test are: an application from the Board of Education, a driver's license with a photograph, and the \$10 testing fee.

For more information telephone 549-2200, ext. 259.

BSSB artists strive for biblical accuracy

For many Southern Baptists, vivid mental images of scenes from the Bible are based on teaching pictures and illustrations from childhood Sunday school classes.

Making those pictures as historically and biblically accurate as possible is a primary goal of the art department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

For the last six years, art department personnel have stepped up efforts at researching details to ensure the accuracy

of their work. That quest has led to visits to museums in London, Berlin and throughout the United States as well as trips to historic sites in the Holy Land.

Artist-designers call the photo and slide collection developed from those trips the "million dollar file." Its 19,000-plus photos would cost more than \$1 million to purchase, says Jerry Ross, art department director.

A 10-volume cross-reference index describes the artifacts illustrated in the photos. With the index, the collection becomes a valuable tool for illustrators depicting scenes from the Bible. An additional 15 volumes of research material document historical data to aid artists in their work.

"This may be the only collection of research that provides a Bible commentary from an illustration standpoint," notes Jean Bowman, master artist designer, who has compiled the research materials. (BP)

Historical Commission focuses on women

The Southern Baptist story from 1845 to today is filled with accounts of women who have directly influenced the work and ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Women in Southern Baptist History" is the theme of this year's joint annual meeting of the Historical Commission, SBC, and the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

According to Lynn E. May Jr., executive director of the Historical Commission, "Women have played a significant role in the life and work of Southern Baptists throughout the history of our denomination. It is indeed appropriate that the program of the 1987 annual meeting of the commission and the society focus on the contributions and impact that women have had on their churches, denomination and society."

Participants will meet at the Woman's Missionary Union National Headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. on April 21-22, 1987. Reservation information can be obtained by contacting the Historical Commission, SBC, 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203.

Mt. Carmel Church celebrates 100 years

by Jean Green,
Fulton Daily Leader

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Fulton, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary—in the building used by the church since its beginning.

Only minor structural changes have been made in the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church building since its establishment in 1886.

The one-room frame building was constructed by Joe Browder and dedicated in 1887 on a two-acre lot which was purchased for \$100 from E. F. Grief and Elisha Grief. Sunday school rooms and a fellowship hall were added in 1951.

The 100th anniversary of the church's founding was celebrated in all-day services under the leadership of pastor Thomas R. Gorham.

The church, located on KY 94 just northwest of Fulton in West Kentucky Association, has been led by 40 pastors through the years. Church membership has fluctuated with the largest number of members, 292, in 1907. Today the church has 120 members with an annual budget exceeding \$20,000.

The celebration was planned by Mrs. Claris Howell, Mrs. Nola Kimbro, Mrs. Billie Sheehan, Mrs. Charles Bennett and longtime church clerk Mrs. A. B. (Charlotte) Dement.

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Burden of missions is great for West

"My own pilgrimage began a long time ago," G. Allen West says with a twinkle in his eye. As assistant coordinator for the Kentucky/Kenya project, West is once again serving Kentucky Baptists. By the time the project closes in 1987, close to 1000 people will have been sent. That is largely due to the efforts of West, who eats, sleeps and breathes missions.

"Oh, it is simply wonderful," he says eagerly. "The people we send to Kenya are coming back different people. Their lives are being changed."

West describes his "burden" to become a missionary pastor as occurring some time near the end of his high school education. "I've been interested—all my life—in missions," West insists.

West has been through South Africa twice and around the world twice. He has been in over 60 countries in his lifetime, sharing in the mission work there. "And it's been a joy!" he says enthusiastically. West adds that his work with Kentucky/Kenya has been especially rewarding. "It's put me in touch with the state again."

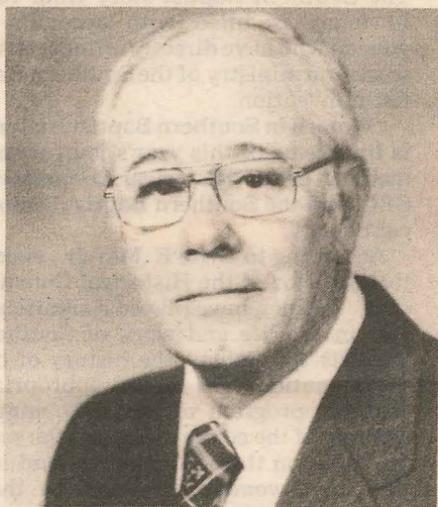
He is quiet for a long moment. "I think one of the great things coming out of it is a heightened appreciation and a deepened understanding of what missions is beyond the local scene."

West's educational background includes a speech and drama major from Stetson University and a ThM from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While in seminary, West led music at

Victory Memorial Baptist Church and worked with their youth. Later, at First Baptist in Shelbyville, he did the same sort of work. His last year in seminary he served Bethany Baptist Church, "just off the pike." During his doctoral work at Southern, he served Bagdad Baptist. After completing his doctoral work, West began a 30-year pastorate at Woodmont Baptist in Nashville, "a rewarding and enriching experience."

"The challenge I want to leave," West said solemnly, "is for pastors and lay people to become missions-minded through prayer, participation and program related work."

—Catherine Edwards



West

A Lyon's share of interest in the arts

Dwight K. Lyons' work as coordinator metropolitan Louisville Baptist campus minister encompasses quite a lot of responsibility.

He works with eight college campuses in Louisville and three in the state which have seminary interns as campus ministers, and he works with international ministries, communications and human needs concerns within student work.

Lyons loved journalism as a youth and wrote for newspapers in high school and college. But he entered seminary, graduated with a degree in theology and became a pastor in Jonesboro, Tenn.

He later returned to seminary to complete an MA degree in Christian educa-

tion and went on to Eastern Kentucky University to be campus minister eight years. He was campus minister at University of Louisville nine years and is in his 26th year with the Kentucky Baptist Convention in student work.

"Student work when I started was either part time or done by women. Since then I have seen it become more central as a ministry," Lyons says.

He manages to keep lots of outside interests. He has no family in Louisville, but says he would own both a cat and a dog if his apartment allowed them.

"I love animals," he says, and this is borne out by the posters of dogs and cats on his office walls.

"I'm devoted to the arts, both visual as well as classical music," he continues.

"I'm active in Kiwanis, Executive Club, Filson Club (a regional historical organization), and the English Speaking Union.

"I enjoy being a part of groups that help people," he smiles.

Lyons also loves reading, and biographies are his favorite.

He has traveled extensively in the United States and in other countries, and would like to someday venture into China and Russia.

Lyons also hopes to see the expansion of student work in Kentucky.

"I think we have several areas we will tap in the future," he says confidently.

—Cathy Butler



Lyons

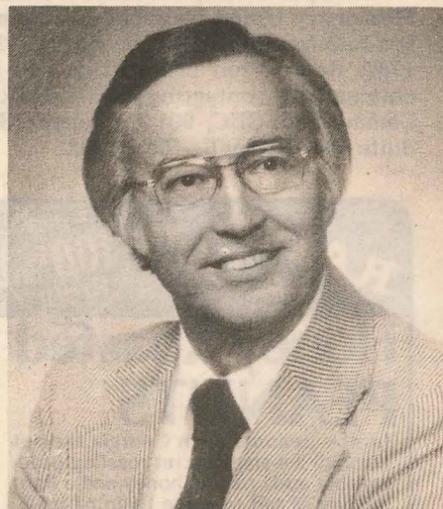
Won't quit at 65, says Jay Brown

As a youngster, Jay Brown's interests lay in country music and artwork and his first vocational ambition was to be a cartoonist. He took commercial art in school and wanted to pursue this career. But "the Lord called me to preach," he recalls. "I forgot country music and cartooning and everything and went into the ministry."

After pastoring, doing full time evangelistic work and completing nearly 10 years in his present position as director of the Evangelism Department, KBC, Brown maintains these interests as hobbies. He plays the guitar and ukelele and has enjoyed getting together with friends and singing. Through the years, he continued to dabble in his artwork and developed his own cartoon strip.

Brown loves to spend time with his family. He has two children, eight grandchildren (who come frequently for visits in his home) and two great-grandchildren. If you think Brown seems too young for great-grandchildren, he would agree with you. "That's what I think. I started young," he explains. He and his wife began dating when he was 16 and married two years later. They became better acquainted as the result of a community revival held one summer.

That community revival had significant impact upon Brown's life not only as a means of bringing him together with his future wife but also as the means

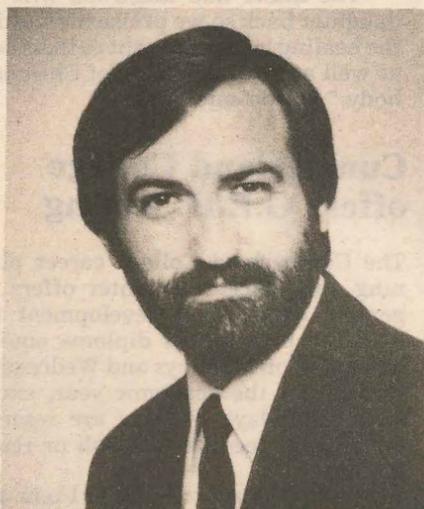


Brown

through which he was called into the ministry. Brown returned from camp one summer to a community experiencing a "spiritual awakening." In one revival service, six young men were called to preach, three of whom were good friends. Brown recounts the experience, "The fellow on one side of me made a Methodist preacher; the fellow on the other side of me made a Christian Missionary Alliance preacher; and I went into the Baptist ministry."

Brown has remained enthusiastic about evangelism, believing that it "ought to be the central thrust" in our churches and in the convention. When he leaves his present position, he plans to go back into full time evangelistic work. "I certainly wouldn't be ready to hang it up at 65," he states.

—Beth Warf



Poe

A poet and doesn't know it? Try Poe

"I was originally planning a career in law and politics," Hal Poe says with a wide grin. "It didn't exactly turn out that way."

After working as a pastor and chaplain, Poe is associate in the Evangelism Department, working primarily with youth. He has joined the KBC staff in the past year, working with department director Jay Brown in "helping associations and churches develop and implement evangelism programs."

"This," explains Poe, "is part of a strategy to work more closely with associations."

"Our work is radically different from what I have done recently. A pastor has

to be a specialist in as many as 12 fields. Here, I just have to be a specialist in one."

Poe sees his job as a challenge, working with Church Training, Sunday school, Brotherhood and church music to develop a comprehensive youth strategy for the state.

He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his doctorate from Southern in 1982. He and his wife, Mary Anne, are expecting their first child.

"Writing is a hobby of mine," Poe says, waving at the shelves full of books in his office, "and I read to inspire myself. I have written two miserable novels, one mediocre play, several unpublishable short stories and some poetry that is quite clever, if I may say so."

Actually, Poe has a long list of publications, ranging from *The Southern Partisan* to *Pulpit Digest* to occasional columns contributed to *The Sentinel News* in Shelbyville. He is presently working on a book on the fruit of the spirit.

Poe is a great admirer of Robert E. Lee, celebrating his birthday every year. "I think he was a great man, and an example for people in the South."

Poe was the first SBTS student to begin the study for a PhD in evangelism, and has a great dedication to evangelistic work.

"I am enjoying the work that I am doing a great deal," Poe affirms. "It is a real challenge."

—Catherine Edwards

Exhilarated feeling in a year—Hancock

Greg Hancock has been director of the Communications Division one year and feels "exhilarated" about his position as its first director. For many years Hancock felt Kentucky Baptists needed some form of organized communication and "wondered who would have the privilege of inaugurating it." Thus, he says the new division "is the fulfillment of a dream for me personally—but on a much larger scale than just my involvement."

As he continues developing the division, Hancock stresses three areas of communication: media, news and public relations. Any plans he has for the division he designates as "subgoals." Hancock emphasizes that, as Christian ministers, we have only one overriding goal: "We are a missionary people. The heart of our mission is the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. If we ever lose sight of that, then we really have no purpose whatsoever."

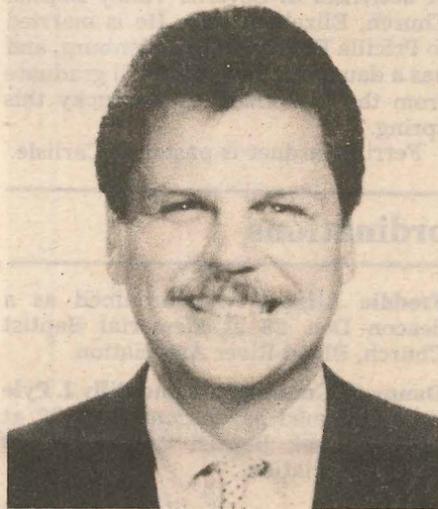
A man who, obviously, is at peace with God and with himself, Hancock sees himself as "very passionate" about the things he believes. However he is also tolerant of people who disagree with him—"that is, if we can agree to disagree," he adds. If others label him, Hancock does not worry. "This is who I am and I really don't have to apologize for that."

Hancock's success, both in his ministry and his personal life, seems to be the result of a total willingness to follow God's direction. Not until he was grown,

however, did he realize his need for God's leadership. Although he grew up in the church and made a public commitment as a boy, it was not until his experience in the military service that he "came to grips" with the fact that he was "very lost." "I recognized that my life up to that point had been completely wasted . . . because it had no purpose." As he faced unanswerable questions in his life, he stepped out on faith, accepting Jesus as savior. At 23, his life had direction for the first time, and he has been following that divine direction ever since.

"You have to let God give your life his direction—not your direction, but his direction—then follow whatever that direction is."

—Beth Warf



Hancock

Don Blaylock: not a frog prince

When Don Blaylock served in student work as associate director for Western Kentucky, some Paducah students presented him with a statue of a frog sitting on a lily pad in a thinking position.

"They gave me that frog because I was always hopping around between the six community colleges in my region," says Blaylock. "When I left to come to Louisville, they said to me, 'Now your going to be in administration and will need to think more.'"

After 13 years, he still treasures that statue of a frog—which, incidently, started a collection of more than 200 frog figurines. But, Blaylock is no longer a frog hopping between places. All that thinking has made him a prince in leading student work for Kentucky Baptists.

"My task is directing the student ministries on college campuses through Baptist Student Union and to lead churches to a meaningful student outreach program," explains Blaylock.

His department does this through programing state events, such as BSU state conventions, short term mission projects, world and domestic hunger conferences, international student meetings, creative ministry and revival teams, and area conferences for pastors with student outreach programs.

"Our main form of outreach is through evangelism," claims Blaylock. "Last year more than 350 students came to know Christ through BSU programs and approximately 1800 were involved in witness training classes. We also saw

more than 1000 commitments to church-related vocations."

But, those figures only reflect a fraction of BSU's total membership, which soars at almost 19,000 statewide.

Blaylock is careful to give praise where it is due. "If God has given me a gift, and I believe he has, it is the ability to build a good team of campus ministers and department staff. I believe I have the finest group any state director would want."

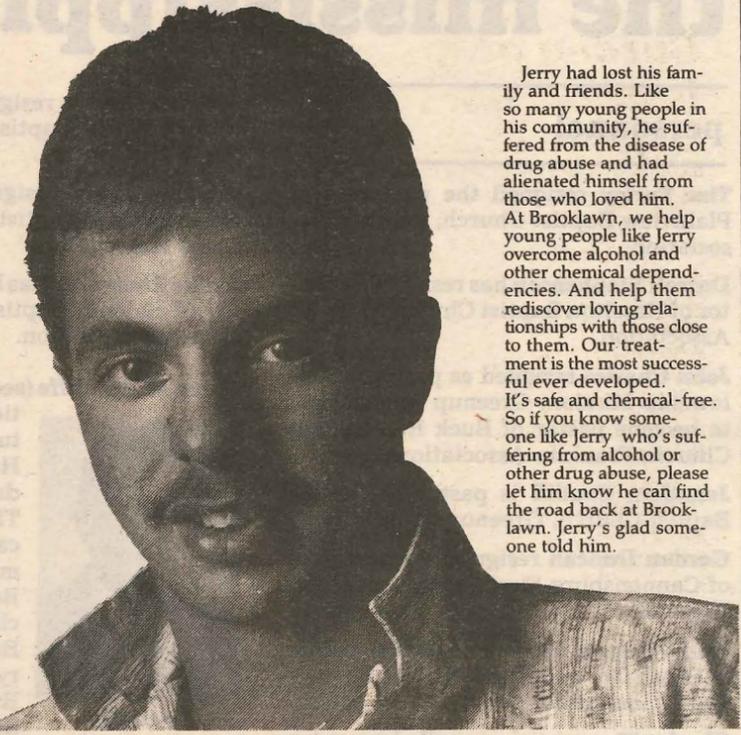
A graduate of Southern Seminary, Blaylock's hobbies include pantomiming, music and writing for denominational publications. He has written two anthems published by Broadman, and his articles have appeared in Student Magazine, Church Recreation and Church Training Equipping Youth.

—Todd Deaton



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personnel

Tim Turley resigned the pastorate of Plainview Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Darrell Stephenson has resigned as pastor of Heselton Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

John Charles resigned as pastor of Fellowship Mission, Greenup Association, to become pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church, Franklin Association.

Jonathan Caudill is pastor of Denton Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Gordon Duncan resigned the pastorate of Cannonsburg First Church, Greenup Association.

Harry Hoover has been called as pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Charles Moore has been called as pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, Bell Association.

Central Baptist Association welcomes **Isaac Ferguson** to Rockbridge Baptist Church.

Guy Deane has retired as pastor of Maceo Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, completing 40 years of pastoral ministry. The congregation presented Deane and his wife gifts of appreciation of his tenure and asked him to remain as interim pastor until his successor could be called to the field.



Deane

Deane is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He has held Kentucky pastorates in Owensboro, Martin, Livia, Campton, Jenkins, Fordsville and Marion. Deane also pastored in Springville, La.

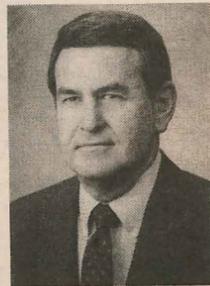
He will continue to live in Owensboro and is available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates and Bible study leadership.

Billy Joe Foster resigned the pastorate of Pink Ridge Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Whitney Starr resigned as pastor of Leatherwood Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Jackie Thomason has been called as pastor of Saloma Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

James M. Ratcliffe (see picture) will participate in the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Beyond This Time endowment campaign, as chairman of the Central Region. Central includes Anderson, Brackinridge, Henry County, Long Run, Nelson, Salem, Severns Valley and Sulphur Fork Baptist associations.



Ratcliffe

Ratcliffe was born in Shelbyville and is a graduate of Centre College, Danville. He is managing partner in the CPA firm of Coopers and Lybrand, Louisville.

Charles Roberts resigned as minister of music, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Severns Valley Association.

Joey Williams has accepted the position of associate pastor/minister of administration at Central Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Robert Grass has been called as pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Bill Castlin has accepted the pastorate of Rockport Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Gary Upchurch has become pastor of Rosine Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

John McKenzie has accepted the pastorate of Watson Lane Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Ray Wilson has accepted the call to East Pittsburg Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association.

Donald L. Cobb has resigned as pastor of Audubon Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Livingston, Tenn.

William Egbert has been called as pastor of Summerville Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Tim Miller and Larry Pursiful recently accepted calls from Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Miller, a December 1986 graduate of Southern Seminary, will be minister of youth. He was recently a minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Springfield, Central Association. He is married to Melonie Suckow from Warren, Ohio.

Pursiful, former University of Kentucky basketball player, recently answered the call to full time Christian service. He will be minister of activities at Carlisle. Pursiful has attended Southern Seminary and been interim minister of activities at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown. He is married to Pricilla English of Brandenburg, and has a daughter, Teri, who will graduate from the University of Kentucky this spring.

Ferrill Gardner is pastor at Carlisle.

ordinations

Freddie Allgood was ordained as a deacon Dec. 28 at Memorial Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Danny G. Cunningham and Billy J. Pyle were ordained as deacons Dec. 28 at Spring Creek Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Eldred Taylor (l), executive director of Baptist Homes for Children, met with former baseball star Doug Flynn (r) to discuss the agency's endowment campaign, Beyond This Time.



James Hamby was ordained a deacon at Dayton Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Jan. 18.

V. A. Mosley and Gerald Aldridge were ordained deacons at Independence Baptist Church, Ohio County Association.

Mark Rasnake was ordained to the ministry at Binghamtown Baptist Church, Bell Association.

A. J. James, pastor of Little Union Baptist Church, Nelson Association, was ordained to the ministry Sept. 21.

Edwin Ellington was ordained to the ministry by Elizabeth Jarrell Church, Greenup Association, Nov. 30.

Bruce E. Kirby, pastor of Clover Bottom Church, Irvine Association, was licensed to preach.

congregations

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association, has been recognized for ranking 18th among churches in the Southern Baptist Convention for Christian Growth and Service awards. Hillcrest had a total of 387 awards presented between October 1985 and September 1986.

Wayne Newby is pastor.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, Long Run Association, has successfully completed a Together We Share capital fund raising program, provided by the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Church members have pledged to give \$1,120,000 over a three year period for retirement of debt on their sanctuary. Carl Hoffman was consultant for the program.

William Tuck is pastor.



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"Winter's way"

Winter is a most interesting season. It is a time of the year when your car won't start running and your nose won't stop. And it is the chief reason why California and Florida boast of high real estate value!

Now that Kentucky has finally experienced some winter weather Shakespeare's words seem appropriate,

"Winter tames man, woman and beast." Winter has a certain way about it that encourages a slower, quieter lifestyle.

Winter's Way involves inconvenient circumstances. In Matthew 24:20 our Lord spoke of a time of terrible tribulation and added these words "But pray ye that your flight be not in winter..." Winter is a time when weather rules. We may not be governed by our circumstances but there are some things we had better not try to do and some days we had better not get out.

At Clear Creek we hold classes no matter what the weather. Most of our students and their families live on our 700-acre campus close to our administrative buildings. However, winter causes us to bundle up, walk carefully, sled a lot and even throw a snowball or two. It's a rough life at Clear Creek!

Winter's Way also involves inner contemplation. Cowper said, "O Winter, king of intimate delights,/Fire-side enjoyments, home-born happiness,/And

all the comforts that the lowly roof/Of undisturbed retirement and the hours/Of long uninterrupted evening, know." It is a time for thinking about the higher values of life and provides an occasion to remember family and friends (Paul urged his two young friends to 'come before winter', II Timothy 4:21, Titus 3:12). We as Kentucky Baptists stress Bible study and preparing our wills as Christian duties during the winter.

Winter's Ways also involves an insistent confidence. God ordained winter (Psalm 74:17) and Shelley said, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Winter is a time for hope. We should realize that God is preparing the future and preparing us for the future. We must cooperate submissively and obediently.

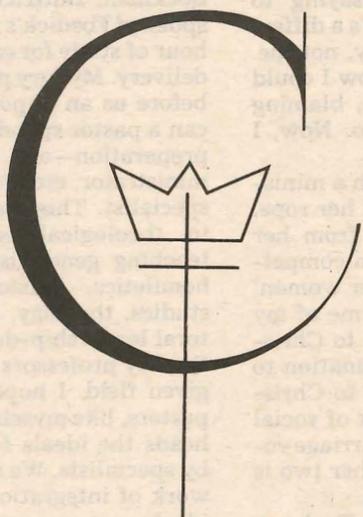
Winter brings a high resolve to our hearts. God intends that we grow, mature, improve and bear fruit for him. We want to follow our savior and be all that we can be for him. Winter's Way is a high way!

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I cried every day

"My son is home for three weeks. I praise Jesus for the change in him, and I want to thank you there at Oneida.

"His dad was a remarkable Christian man who led many to Jesus. He was very successful in our church's bus ministry, and he was a deacon. We were blessed with an ideal family man too. Four years ago he died in his sleep of a heart attack, and we didn't even know he was sick. I was left with four children, the oldest 11, the youngest five.

"This and other things we went through made my son rebellious towards God. He had loved Jesus very much. He is the oldest son and he felt responsible to be the 'dad.' Of course, he was too young for such responsibility, but I depended on him in ways. I had been like a pampered flower when my husband was alive, and I just wasn't mature enough to handle everything. I am really learning to depend on our Lord to help me as time goes on.

"My boy got involved in drugs, and we lived in fear of it. Now I feel like we are getting back the boy we once knew, and I thank the Lord and Oneida so very much."

A father and mother write: "We thank all of you at Oneida for giving our daughter the opportunity to better herself, and learn more about the Lord. Her attitude at home was such we could not get through."

Another mother writes: "Thank you for all you have done for our son. This past year has been a tremendous help to him."

"I have a step-grandson there. I have heard so many great things you have done for others. I do pray for our grandson and your great work there. He is a sweet boy but seems not to be able to control himself when at home or with his local friends."

A father writes: "I'd like to commend your staff for the fine job you have done with my son. If it weren't for the all around great programs offered at Oneida Baptist, I'm sure he wouldn't have done as well as he has. Before he came to Oneida, he wasn't able to achieve anything academically at all. If ever a boy needed academic attention, this one does. He feels academically inferior to his fellow students. This can lead to a lot of problems on down the road if not soon corrected. I thank you for all of your efforts."

The following lovely letter recently came: "My dear friends at OBI, I am Michiko, a former student from the class of 1980. I am from Japan and entered OBI as a sophomore in the fall of 1978. Time goes by so fast. This month I am graduating from Southern California College with a degree in psychology. I am very thankful to all of you at OBI for your help in attaining this goal.

"When I started attending Oneida, I could barely understand English. But the teachers took extra time to help me learn the class materials. My first year in an American high school was very hard for me because I had to learn English at the same time as learning the standard subjects. I cried every day. I got closest to Christ, more than ever before. He was my best friend and the only one I could communicate with. Because of his goodness and your understanding and help, I enjoyed my second year and even finished my high school education early.

"I would like to give much thanks to all of you at OBI who gave me a hand to get through. I would tell the present students at OBI that God truly is good to us and the people at OBI are ones who are willing to help those who need help at any time. Again thank you so much."

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 8, 1987

Life and Work series

Confessing Christ

Luke 9:18-22 Christ asked his disciples whom others said he was. Some thought he was John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets. It is not enough for men to acknowledge that Christ is an extraordinary individual, but he must be recognized as God's son.

Christ then asked, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter replied, "The Christ of God." Christ wanted the disciples to delay that publicity until he had opportunity to give them instruction about the nature of his Messiahship.

Luke 9:28-31 Christ took Peter, James and John to the summit of a lofty mountain to pray, and there he was transfigured before them. His transfigured appearance filled the three disciples with amazement as Christ was joined by Moses and Elijah as the respective representatives of the law and the prophets, who had come to talk with Christ, the representative of grace. Peter was so thrilled there he did not care to return to routine living. He impulsively suggested they remain on the mountain and erect three tabernacles in honor of Moses, Elijah and Christ. Peter's mis-

take was in suggesting Christ be put on the same plane with those who were but mere men. He should have exalted Christ to his rightful place of preeminence.

Luke 9:34-36 Without delay God saw to it that a cloud suddenly overshadowed the apostles, and they were frightened. God corrected Peter's estimation of Christ by declaring both his deity and his supremacy. He instructed them to "keep on listening to him." His words were to take precedence over those of any and all others. Thereafter the apostles were to heed and obey whatever Christ said.

International Series

Set free to love

James 2:8-18 Every Christian is obligated to practice the royal law of love. If a person loves his neighbor, he will respect him, show a spirit of good will toward him and render what assistance he can for him.

Fawning over the wealthy and neglecting the poor in the house of worship is an abomination in the sight of the Lord. It is a sin to show preferment to any person because of his position, possessions or prestige.

It is important to know God's will, but such knowledge amounts to little except to earn God's disapproval unless we do his will. There is no point in talking about what we have learned unless we practice it.

Faith and works are united inseparably. If we claim to have faith, we are under obligation to prove that we do. James certainly challenged his Christian readers to produce evidence of the genuineness of the faith which we profess. Anything which is called faith commended by God and revealed in his children. Love is always demonstrated by helpfulness.

I John 4:7-12 God is the source or fountain of love. To be born of God is to possess his nature. After we have become the recipients of God's love, it should flow through us to others. God loved us enough to give us his only begotten son in order that we might have abundant, abounding and overflowing life through him.

How can we express our love for Christ who did so much for us? We reveal our love for Christ by thinking about him—his will, work and way for us. We express our love for him by speaking frequently and lovingly about him. The best evidence of our love for him is obedience to his commandments.



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on mission together

Going back in: some reflections

Mahan and Janice Siler are special friends with whom Alice and I became acquainted during seminary days. Irregular vacations as families and spontaneous rendezvous as couples have kept the relationship alive through the years though we've never lived near each other.

Mahan recently returned to the pastorate after nearly 11 years as a denominational leader. We touched lives again with them during Mahan's January teaching assignment at Southern Seminary.

In the January issue of the **Review and Expositor**, he reflects through his "journal entries" how it feels to be back in the pastorate.

I hope the following selections will entice many to secure the issue and read the entire article entitled **Leaves from a**

Pastoral Notebook.

"I've heard myself saying to friends lately: This time there's a difference. It's the job that's crazy, not me. Before I believed that somehow I could 'get on top' of the pastorate, blaming myself when failing to do so. Now, I know better.

"I've been talking with a minister's wife. She's at the end of her rope. Tired of receiving leftovers from her husband's caring. Weary from competing with the church, the 'other woman' in her eyes. She's reminding me of my three ordinations: ordination to Christian ministry at baptism, ordination to pastoral ministry, ordination to Christian marriage. Given the lack of social reinforcement, ranking the marriage vocation as important as the other two is swimming against the stream.

"I was furious today. Took me so long to understand why. Along with other local pastors I was listening to a retired Methodist bishop. He was warm, humorous as he reminisced about the

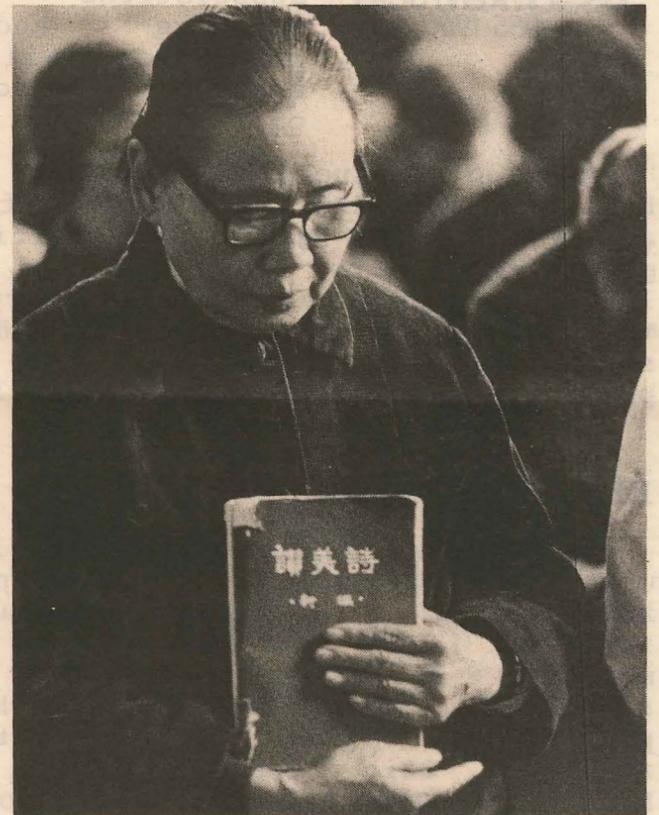
famous preachers he knew: Fosdick, Sockman, Buttrick, among others. He spoke of Fosdick's famous equation: one hour of study for each minute of sermon delivery. My fury peaked. He was lifting before us an impossible ideal! No way can a pastor spend that kind of time on preparation—and still be pastor, administrator, etc. Fosdick was more of a specialist. This may point to a fallacy in theological education—specialists teaching generalists. Each specialty—homiletics, pastoral care, biblical studies, theology, church history, pastoral leadership—develops and expands. Quality professors keep adding to their given field. I hope so. But I fear that pastors, like myself, carry around in our heads the ideals for ministry spawned by specialists. We are left with the hard work of integration. More likely, these ideals remain untransposed, rattling around in our heads, ripe material for self-accusing. The gap between the 'is' and 'could be' becomes almost unbearable at times."

Your Foreign Mission Board reaches out



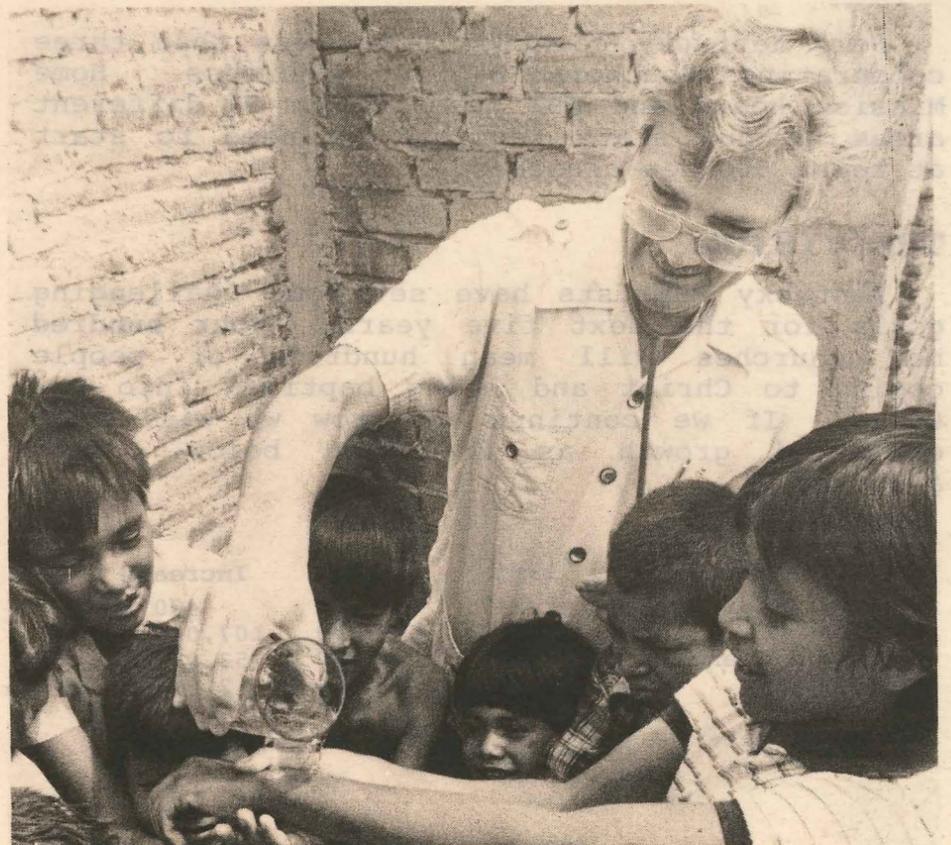
In Shanghai, China, a woman prays during a weekday adult Bible reading class at a city church. (top right) A number of Southern Baptists now are living and working in China. The Cooperative Services International office was formed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1985 to help Southern Baptists express their concern and love to people in China and other "restricted" countries.

Southern Baptist missionary Lee Baggett (bottom right) of Vernon, Tex., helps children wash their hands as part of a hygiene program in the Lazaro Cardenas area of Mexico. Baggett, a physician, works throughout Mexico on evangelistic medical projects involving national Baptists.

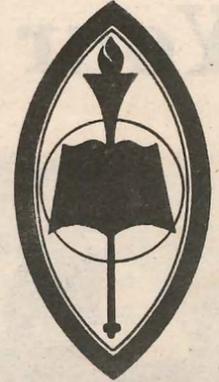


In Salzburg, Austria, a Baptist youth group acts out a Bible drama. (top left) We are one in Jesus Christ despite language or cultural differences. February 1 was Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

Southern Baptist missionary Lynn Smith (bottom left) teaches elementary school in Amman, Jordan. Here she helps a student learn the finer points of volleyball. Miss Smith credits her Sunbeam and GA (Girls in Action) teachers with nurturing her interest in missions.



KENTUCKY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION



Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Association could start at least one new church or mission during the next five years? Some associations with more churches and greater population will want to start or sponsor more than one.

Mission Kentucky: New Work Strategy has been approved by the KBC Executive Board to accomplish the goal of starting **400** new preaching points, missions and churches by 1990. Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union hopes that, as each church starts, WMU work will start as well. This will be accomplished primarily through the Associational WMU Council.

KENTUCKY NEEDS

Kentucky's population nears 3,775,000 and more than one million of that number do not know Christ. In 1985, Kentucky Baptists reported 2,247 churches/missions and 763,658 members. As a result of KBC mission work since 1954, more than 200 churches have been planted and added to the state convention rolls of Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Michigan. Two entire associations grew from their work, as well.

Some Kentucky counties have less than three cooperating Southern Baptist churches. Home Mission Board and KBC research in 20 different areas of our state indicate we need to start at least **400** new churches.

THE VISION

Kentucky Baptists have set some challenging goals for the next five years. **Four hundred** new churches will mean hundreds of people coming to Christ and being baptized into new units. If we continue to grow we will have estimated growth as indicated below. Take a look!

	1985	1990	Increase
Churches/missions:	2,247	2,647	400 (e)
Members:	763,658	870,700	107,042 (e)
S.S. Enrollment:	374,949	428,000	53,051 (e)
Baptisms:	15,575	17,969	2,394 (e) per yr.

(e) = estimate

THE CHALLENGE

Mission Kentucky is designed to use funds available from the **Cooperative Program** and the **Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering**. As Kentucky Baptists increase their giving through the Cooperative Program and the State Missions Offering, we will have funds needed to help churches and associations start new missions, preaching places and churches.

Kentucky WMU strongly supports **Mission Kentucky**. In 1986-87, there is a \$25,000 allocation in the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering designated for this new work strategy. Strong priority will be given to **Mission Kentucky** for the overage of the Eliza Broadus Offering in subsequent years. The Week of Prayer materials for State Missions featured **Mission Kentucky** in 1986-87 and will again in 1987-88.

Below is a copy of a card which you will be receiving from the Missions and Church Services Division, KBC. Your church can play a vital role in starting new churches as you increase your praying for and giving to the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.

**Prayer for New Work and Support for
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Please check each box as applies

I will try to lead my church to double our gifts to the 1987 Eliza Broadus State Mission Offering.

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I will pray for Mission Kentucky and 400 new missions/churches

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THE OPPORTUNITY

We can reach our goal to start **400** new churches, missions and preaching places if Kentucky Baptists are committed to sharing Christ here at home and around the world.

The **Need** is before us

Our **Vision** is clear

The **Challenge** is ours

The **Opportunity** to reach Kentucky for Christ is evident.