

BSSB votes to reorganize, approves 4 executive officers

by Linda Lawson

A reorganization of the Baptist Sunday School Board and reassignment of four employees in vice presidential slots were approved by the trustees Feb. 3.

During six hours of presentation and discussion, board president Lloyd Elder said the reorganization is an attempt to "downsize" the structure of the board and reduce the number of levels of management between the president and the board's 17 programs. "We want to structure the board to say that Bold Mission Thrust and the urgency of evangelism are our heartbeat in service to Southern Baptists," he said.

The revision, which becomes effective Mar. 1, changes the concept of the executive office from a president and executive vice president to an executive officers' team that includes the president, five vice presidents who report to the president and an assistant vice president for communications reporting to the executive vice president.

James D. Williams, associate to the president and director of the office of planning and research since 1984, was approved as executive vice president. Williams, 52, will be the first executive assistant to Elder.

James W. Clark, executive vice president since 1976, will become senior vice president for publishing and distribution. A 32-year employe of the board, Clark, 55, will direct the Broadman, Holman and book store divisions and the Genevox music group.

Jimmy D. Edwards, vice president for publishing and distribution since 1981 and an 18-year employe, moves to vice president for church programs and services.

Edwards, 48, will oversee the family ministry, national student ministries, telecommunications, art and materials services departments and a new marketing department, along with the church services division. That division includes Glorieta and Ridgecrest conference centers and the church media library, church architecture and church recreation departments.

Gary D. Cook, 44, director of the church and staff support division since

1981, was approved for a newly created position, vice president for church program organizations. Cook will oversee the Sunday school, church training, church music, church administration and special ministries departments.

The vote on the four personnel recommendations came after an effort to vote on each individually and a motion that Cook not be reassigned as vice president for church programs organizations.

Rick Forrester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lilburn, Ga., questioned Cook's lack of experience related to the Sunday school program.

"There is nothing wrong with Gary or his commitments to the Lord and Holy Scripture. . . . As great a fellow as Gary is, his qualifications are not in that background (Sunday school)," said Forrester.

Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., said Cook, an Oklahoma native, "has an excellent grasp of administrative skills. He is forthright and has a deep sense of personal piety."

The motion not to reassign Cook was defeated in a secret-ballot vote, 51-22. The four personnel recommendations



Approved by the trustees of the Sunday School Board for reassignment on the executive officers team are (l to r) Gary W. Cook, James W. Clark, Jimmy D. Edwards, and James D. Williams.

then were adopted with four dissenting votes.

The structure revision was approved with two opposing votes after attempts to postpone a vote to the next meeting. Elder was also asked to study the possibility of raising the Sunday school department to a division.

In the reorganization, three divisions—Bible teaching, Christian development and church and staff support—were deleted. Ralph McIntyre, director of the Bible teaching division, will become special assistant to the president

until his retirement after August 1987. Howard Foshee, director of the Christian development division, will become director of planning services, a new post.

Also, Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications, becomes assistant vice president for communications. Robert Turner, director of the conference center division, becomes director of an expanded church services division. E. V. King, vice president for business and finance, continues as the chief financial officer of the board.

Trustees authorize inerrant commentary

by Jim Lowry

A new multi-volume Bible commentary reflecting the views of biblical inerrantists was approved during the semi-annual meeting of Baptist Sunday School Board trustees Feb. 2-4.

In addition to the new commentaries, trustees approved a total of 15 recommendations, including new music publishing guidelines.

With approval of the new Bible commentary, in response to a motion made by a messenger at the 1985 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, the board will spend an estimated \$1.5 million to develop and publish the new product. Broadman division director Dessel Aderholt estimated the break-even point on sales would be approximately 200,000 volumes. The first volume is expected to be released in 1990.

The vote to publish the commentary came after the trustee Broadman publishing committee had recommended to

trustees that no commentary be published. The committee cited extensive research which revealed a weak demand for another commentary set at this time and concerns by some respondents that a commentary would be divisive in the current climate in the denomination.

After hearing the report, however, several trustees said they felt such a commentary could have a healing effect on the controversy in the denomination.

Jodi Chapman, Wichita Falls, Tex., a member of the SBC Peace Committee, said during the discussion that publishing the commentary would speak a positive word to a lot of unhappy people in the denomination by being responsive to the grassroots people.

After several minutes of debate, trustee Joe Courson, pastor of Cinco Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., offered a substitute motion that the board proceed with haste to produce a commentary.

Two amendments were then voted to

the substitute motion. The first, made by trustee Dean Mathis, pastor of Taylor Memorial Baptist Church, Hobbs, N. M., called for the commentary "to reflect a strong, scholarly defense of the traditional authorship of the biblical books, the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch and a presentation of an apologetic for Creationism in the introduction to Genesis."

The second amendment, by Roland Maddox of Memphis, Tenn., specified all writers who contribute to the commentary "hold to the position of inerrancy." The substitute motion and both amendments all passed by a wide majority.

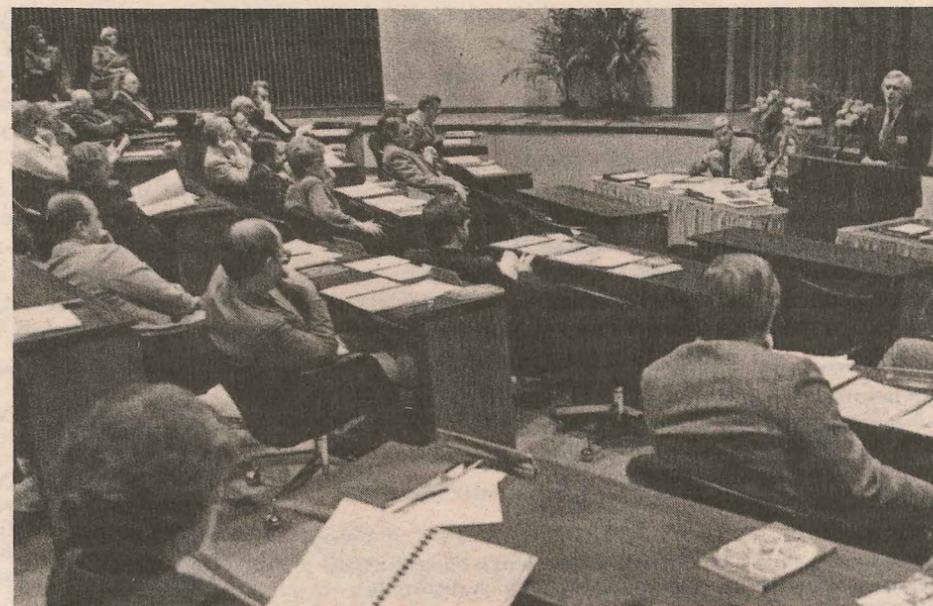
In publishing the bible commentary the board will employ the advice of the past five presidents of the SBC representatives of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas and Mid-America Seminary in Memphis to find appropriate contributors.

Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder responded to the trustees by saying the agency will publish the commentary "in service to Southern Baptists. I think the decision to publish the commentary is a step forward in acting responsibly to the denomination."

In another matter, publishing guidelines for the board's new Genevox Music Group also were approved unanimously. Discussion centered on whether guidelines are too broad regarding the types of music to be published and the choice of authors and composers.

Fes Robertson, director of Genevox, said the local church is the principal target for Genevox products, though attention may later turn to the home and devotional markets.

Lloyd Batson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pickens, S. C., was re-elected chairman; Robert H. Bible, a layman from Morristown, Tenn., was re-elected vice chairman and chairman of the executive committee; and Lynn Moench, a layman from Nashville, was re-elected secretary.



During the recent meeting of the trustees of the Sunday School Board, Jimmy Edwards gave his testimony prior to being approved for reassignment as vice president for church programs and services.

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Reaching the Homeland



Jack D. Sanford

No nation on earth has been more blessed than the United States. Our nation is rich in natural resources, has been the beneficiary of the best political system known among man and we are endowed with strong religious foundations. In spite of these profound blessings, our nation is separated from God.

Reliable estimates discovered through recognized pollsters declare more than half the people in our country do not have any sustained relationship to any organized religious body in spite of the strong religious foundations upon which our nation was founded. This alone does not constitute separation from God, but it is a strong indicator of what many of our people think of religious faith.

Escalating crime statistics in every newspaper and on every television news program, plus the reports of increased drug abuse in every city and town in the nation together with rising child and spouse abuse make even the most doubting person convinced America is in serious spiritual trouble.

Against this background of spiritual darkness, God has called Southern Baptists to the kingdom for such a time as this. We have a word of soul competency, a word of freedom, a word of personal faith, a word of redeeming love that could set our nation free from sin and death.

Surely no serious Christian would question the need for just what we Baptists have to offer, not only in our nation but throughout the entire world.

Then why have we not seen our nation brought closer to God? Why does the darkness seem to grow?

A principal reason is our preoccupation with self. We Christians have been looking inward for so long we seem to have forgotten the world of sin and darkness is out there waiting for spiritual light.

We use our energy to criticize each other and use our intellect to build personal little power bases rather than uniting in one great effort to win the land to Christ.

Another reason we have not brought our nation closer to God is our lack of concern for lost people. We do preach a gospel of salvation for all and we do profess to believe Jesus died to save all who would trust him as savior. But we have failed miserably to reach the great cities of our land with this message of personal redemption and we have had only modest success in small towns and rural areas.

Our weakness in evangelism is clear when we note that 6669 Southern Baptist churches did not record a single baptism in 1985 and that our total baptisms that year were the third lowest in the past 35 years.

There are exceptions among us, and thank God for that.

There are churches which go the second mile in true ministry to ethnics, to people caught in poverty and to people whose lives have been blasted by such sins as drug and alcohol abuse.

There are churches which go a second mile in reaching out to other less fortunate, struggling congregations. They do this by using tithes and offerings for mission churches, where the gospel can be proclaimed. They also graciously give up good church members who are sent out to start

new work where the gospel can be proclaimed among unchurched people.

There are churches which do not spend on self until they have made generous missionary commitments and supported those commitments with tithes and offerings.

There are churches in our Baptist family where evangelism is the top priority and has the support of the entire congregation through the personal witness of lay people and church staff.

This is as it should be, for all of us who name the name of Christ are called to be missionary evangelists. We are called to use what resources God has given us to spread the word of his kingdom and lead sinners from darkness to light.

There are many ways to carry out this commission from the Lord, but one of the most readily available and one in which every Baptist can share is to give strong support to the Home Mission Board of our convention.

This includes offerings to expand this ministry as well as volunteers who seek a career in missions in the homeland or volunteers who have time to give in short term ministry for Christ.

The emphasis next month, March 1-8 to be exact, is on offerings to strengthen the arm of our home mission agency. This is the time for gifts to missions through the Annie Armstrong Offering which will be used exclusively in our beloved America.

The theme for this annual emphasis is, Who Will Win America? And we must ask, who indeed? Is it the task of the 3700 home missionaries we support? Is it the responsibility of every person and every church in our convention?

The task is part of our calling from God and none of us is exempt from that call. We have the word of salvation, we have been commissioned by God to be witnesses and we have the resources to do the job.

The Home Mission Board is seeking \$37.5 million dollars during the week of prayer for home missions.

Will we respond as people who believe what the Bible teaches about personal responsibility? Will we be generous in providing the means for sharing the word of salvation with less fortunate people across our land? Will we demonstrate by our actions that we truly are a people of the Book who do the word of God rather than merely hearing it? A glance at part of the record provides a clue to the answer.

Through 1985 we are short of the Bold Mission Thrust goal of starting new churches by 179. We are short of the baptism goal by 383,295. We have exceeded the goal of appointing new home and foreign missionaries by 273.

Our goals are merely targets but they represent the need for renewed dedication and self-giving by all of us. We can reach our goals and make an impact for Christ on our homeland if each of us is willing to work with fellow Baptists and if each of us is willing to go a second mile in offerings to support our mission activities.

The day is far spent and the night approaches. We must be about the Father's business as never before. Let it begin with a generous offering during the Home Mission Week of Prayer.

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baptist forum

Inconsistency in Baptist Forum

There seems to be some inconsistencies between the printing of letters in the Baptist Forum and your rules concerning such. Your rules state in part, "maximum length, 300 words. Longer letters will be edited or returned for revision." It seems ironic that the letter just above your rules was over 400 words long. Not only that but Mr. Dunaway also made personal attacks on the motives and character of Paige Patterson and others who are involved in the new Genesis Commission.

In the past I have had one letter returned for being too long and one returned because it was not signed. I'm made to think that a person has to have a certain amount of clout to get the rules bent. If this is not the case and the above mentioned letter was just an oversight, then please accept my apology. However I would like to see a fair, objective and unbiased state paper. There are liberal Baptist papers and there are conservative Baptist papers, but our state paper should be for all Kentucky Baptists.

As for the Genesis Commission if God is in it why would we want to fight against God? And I can't believe that God is against saving souls and building New Testament churches regardless of who does the work. Some of those folks who are against it should heed what Paul said in Phil. 1:18, "... Christ is preached and I therein do rejoice."

I feel there might be some men who God has called to be missionaries who are Baptist and who have a good solid Baptist education but cannot be ap-

pointed because they got their education from the wrong Baptist seminary. This is a shame and if the Genesis Commission can correct this error then praise God for it.

Clark A. Brown, pastor
Grapevine Baptist Church,
Madisonville

Editor's note: *It takes no clout to appear in Baptist Forum. Western Recorder accepts the apology of pastor Brown and is happy to print his letter.*

Conservative entity 'heretical'

Having just returned from a tour of Kenya as a mission volunteer, my first issue of Western Recorder greets me with an article, "Conservatives Start Mission Entity." There are three quotes which captured my attention: (1) "Both Darnell and Patterson declined to name other board members. . .;" (2) "Darnell . . . declining to cite the specific source or sources of the money and its exact amount;" (3) "We are very open, Darnell said."

As I reflect on these comments, some questions come to mind. Would I be able to find out who directs the work of the Foreign Mission Board without knowing an insider? Is it possible to discover the source of funds spent by the FMB to carry the gospel of Christ and plant new churches around the world? The answer to these questions is YES, JUST ASK. Or you could read them in the SBC annual.

It is increasingly clear the leadership of the SBC elected and appointed over

the past eight years are not Southern Baptists. From behind closed doors they proclaim an openness and special wisdom.

No longer are Southern Baptists seeking a way to deal with different theories of interpretation. We are dealing with heresies and with heretics who will not be satisfied until every vestige of openness and freedom, and every expression of Christianity, have been smothered.

Gary Sharp, pastor
Berean Baptist Church,
Elizabethtown

Genesis Commission may hurt FMB

I have just returned from two weeks in Kenya where I worked as a volunteer in the three year Kentucky-Kenya missions partnership.

I must offer words of praise for some of the very special people working in Kenya. These include James and Wilma Whaley, serving as hosts to Kentucky Baptist volunteers, and Southern Baptist missionaries Marshall and Julia Duncan with whom I worked in Kericho. These and others are carrying on the work of Jesus Christ with great patience and love. As Southern Baptists and Kentucky Baptists, we are well represented by these gracious and capable individuals.

Sadly, I returned home to read in a recent issue of Western Recorder that a group of conservative Baptists has created a new missions organization under the name, "Genesis Commission." This organization seems unnecessary in that it duplicates the work of our

Foreign Mission Board. It also appears that receipts to the SBC Cooperative Program and the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering could be negatively effected by this new "commission."

It causes me grave concern to think that anything might hinder the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in foreign countries. My experience in Kenya has given me a greater desire than ever to support Southern Baptist mission endeavors through our Cooperative Program and our Foreign Mission Board.

Larry S. Burcham, pastor
Stanford Baptist Church
Stanford

Abortion is our national sin

When asked when an unborn child becomes a person or a human being, Larry Baker, the new executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, stated, "I don't know."

The Bible is very clear on this issue. A reading of Psalm 139:13-17 and Jeremiah 1:5 should remove any doubt about when a baby becomes a person. Life begins at conception. A baby is a person, a human being from the moment of conception.

About 20 million people have been killed in their mother's wombs during the last 14 years. This is our country's national sin—a tragedy of tragedies—an abomination in the sight of almighty God.

William R. Hagan
Taylorsville

christian education

Kentuckian appointed as Reagan's adviser

A Georgetown College 1968 graduate, Gary Bauer, native of Newport, was appointed by President Ronald Reagan as his chief domestic policy adviser, according to Friday, Jan. 30 dispatches from Washington, D. C.

Bauer, 40, was already the highest ranking Kentuckian in the administration as under secretary of education.

In the department of education he has been a leading administration advocate for prayer in schools, education "vouchers" and improved school discipline.

He said after a White House ceremony, where announcement of his appointment was made, that he would start his job right away, after clearing up some details at the Department of Education.

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NOBTS graduates are 'on call to Jesus' daily

"You're called to minister," Jim Henry told winter graduates of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. "You don't have an eight hour day, you don't have a 12 hour day, you don't really have a vacation. You are on call to Jesus Christ."

Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. said, "That doesn't mean that you have to burn out, but I have never seen a man who put Jesus first, appropriated his time for his family, walked with the Holy Spirit and loved his job who ever burned out."

"Remember also that you will be criticized by other church members," he said. "One of the shocks of your ministry, if you haven't already had it, is you'll find out not everybody loves you." Henry said if a minister learns to evaluate criticism and takes it with a sense of humor, "you can learn from your critics, and it will make you a better person."

Henry said ministers should be sure of their calling "because there will be times when all you have to stand on is the fact that God called you." When those times come, "the fact that God sent you will give you courage," he said.

"And wives, husbands, stand by your

spouse. Don't you get tired. If you do, stand together," he said. "When (your spouse) can come home, and know that he's got a light there, he'll go back to the battle."

Ministers have "a holy commission," Henry said. "You're a handful of people in the world that the Holy Spirit has said, 'I want you only to bear witness to the light.'" (BP)

Student springs up educational ladder

A little more than seven years ago, Harry "Nick" Spring had only a high school diploma. Today, he holds four degrees and "Dr." precedes his name.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary conferred on Spring the Doctor of Education degree during December commencement exercises. His major was psychology and counseling.

Spring first came to the seminary in October 1979 as a 33-year-old student in the associate of divinity degree program. Before, he was a bivocational minister involved in insurance, real estate, and swimming pool sales, bringing in a sizeable income.

From the start, Spring knew he would work toward a doctorate, although he did not know in what field of study. Spring believed God wanted him to be "the best servant" he could be, and advanced education would better prepare him.

"After my first counseling class, that was it," Spring says, noting he then knew his primary studies would be in psychology and counseling.

Today, at age 40, Spring holds three

positions. He is director of counseling at Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; director of the non-traditional academic program at Mobile College; and counseling consultant at Alpha House in Gautier and Biloxi, Miss.

During the past seven years, Spring has earned the A.Div. degree in pastoral ministries from New Orleans Seminary, a bachelor's degree from Mobile College, and the MRE and Ed.D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary. (BP)

Valentine lauded with Baylor alumnus award

Foy Valentine, Nashville, retiring executive director of the Christian Life Commission, was named by Baylor University as a distinguished alumnus for 1987.

Valentine, along with three other distinguished alumni, were presented the awards at a dinner on campus Jan. 30.

To become a distinguished alumnus, one must have made a distinctive contribution to his particular profession, business or vocation and must have a degree from Baylor. Valentine is a 1944 graduate and received a doctor of laws degree from Baylor in 1979.

President Carter appointed Valentine to the President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties. He is a member of the Baptist World Alliance's Commission on Christian Ethics and has been chairman for five years. The author of several books and commentaries, Valentine has been a guest lecturer around the world.



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clear creek comment

Clear Creek's Time

Throughout the Gospel of John our Lord stated at various occasions, "My time has not yet come," or "My hour is not yet come" (for example 7:6). However, in John 17:1 he "lifted his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour is come.'" The context and subsequent events demonstrated Christ was speaking of the hour of his death when he would die for the sins of the world.

I am convinced all of life progresses through steps and stages. Not only did Jesus' life move as though guided by an unseen hand, but our lives as Christians move the same. Also I am persuaded churches, institutions and schools parade across the stage of history in specific ways at specific times to accomplish goals far greater than can be imagined. I have an unshakable conviction that Clear Creek is one of these unique and indispensable schools.

February is the month Southern Baptists recognize the contributions and value of their educational institutions. Our six seminaries are important to Southern Baptists. Our liberal arts colleges contribute greatly to our churches and their mission work. But there is no school more important to Kentucky Baptists' mission than Clear Creek.

Our school was born in 1926 as an encampment and Bible conference site. It later became the Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's School, then the Clear Creek Baptist School and, as of 1987, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Throughout the years since 1926, however, our purpose has not changed. We exist for the one purpose of training God-called servants and their families to do the work of the ministry in local Southern Baptist churches. It is a golden purpose and I am convinced that it is Clear Creek's time.

It is Clear Creek's time of opportunity. Never has the need for a strong minister's school, standing firm on the Word of God, been more obvious. We must provide an opportunity for every God-called preacher in our mountains to learn the Bible better and train himself for God's ministry. Shakespeare said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

*Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries:
And we must take the current when it
serves,*

Or lose our ventures."

We must seize the opportunity to serve the Lord while we have opportunity and while there is time.

Montana visit is Murray tradition

by Pauline Stegall,
Staff Correspondent

"I never thought we would still be going to Montana after 14 years," mused Mike Outland, First Baptist Church, Murray, Blood River Association. "But God blessed our efforts and multiplied our efforts many times over."

Outland was a member of the first mission team Murray First sent to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana, in 1973. Since that time a group of some 30 youth and adults have gone every year.

A new church building, dedicated this year, attests to the success of the ministry.

The project began when Richard Walker, pastor, made arrangements with former home missionary R. L. Mefford to bring three van loads of Kentuckians to Montana. Upon arriving at the mission, which was housed in a trailer, the team divided into four units and held simultaneous vacation Bible schools at Birney Village, Ashland, Muddy Creek and Lame Deer, tribal headquarters.

In addition, Walker preached in an old yellow Mennonite church building at night. The "Murray impact," which was to be a long effective union, had begun.

There were primitive living conditions in an abandoned parsonage. Some slept on the floor. They prepared their own food in poor circumstances. Work was done in heat and rain.

Outland tells of taking some children home and being invited in to see a pet pig. It was being kept in the family bathtub.

Three of the younger men wandered out one evening to watch a house burn. They encountered three drunk Indians. Realizing they were in a dangerous predicament, they just stood and waited for help. They were eventually discovered by Walker and other leaders, and were sent back to the house, leaving the older men to deal with the Indians.

More seriously, Outland speaks of two brothers, Tim and Orne Cottonwood, who looked up with tears in their eyes saying, "Mike, will you ever come back to see us?"

"I told them we would. I shall never forget the look on their faces when I drove up to their house in 1974 and got out of the van. They came running out and threw their arms around me and said, 'Mike, you did come back!' Oh, the warm feeling I had at that time!"

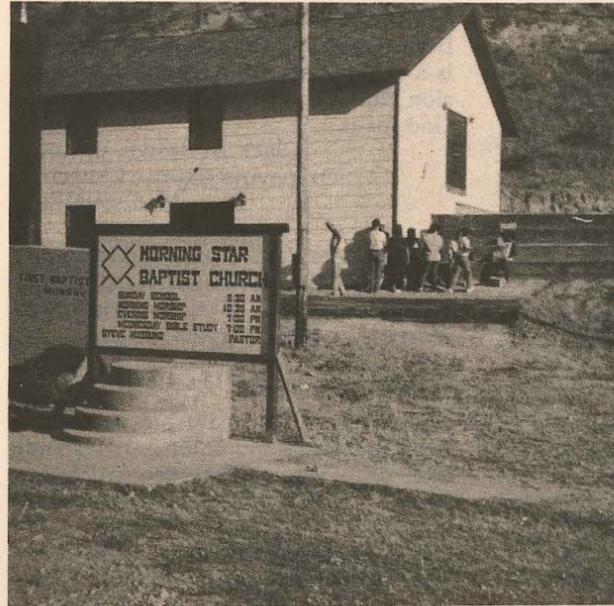
Walker told the first group that "response would be slow and difficult," but later he said, "I was wrong. Go next year expecting something."

Church members remaining at home would go to the church and pray while the team was gone. Walker challenged them to pray specifically some men would be saved and take positions of leadership. Now there are a number of saved, baptized, active men.

"Each trip was a success story," reminisced former missionary Mefford, who is now pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Rapid City, South Dakota. "The 'Murray kids' were always well prepared and they met each situation with determination. I remember the eagerness with which the Indian children anticipated the group's arrival, and the hurt they always felt when the Kentuckians went back home."

He also mentioned Donnie Williams, a Murray youth who drowned while in Montana. "But his sister was a part of the team the next year."

Later partors of Murray First have



Morning Star Baptist Church is located in Lame Deer, Montana. The marker in the foreground pays tribute to the people of Murray First, who helped.

continued to lead in the Cheyenne ministry. Bill Whittaker, present pastor Greg C. Earwood, and associate pastor G. T. Moody have been active through the years.

"There is now an organized Baptist church at Lame Deer," Moody said. "This year an attractive two-story building was completed. It was built by crews from Murray and the Indians, as well as crews from other churches."

Moody talked of obstacles.

"The main obstacle is indifference. Here at home, people are supported and affirmed by the church, family and community. With the Cheyenne, there is no support or affirmation.

"We take the vans and pick up the children. We knock on doors and wait for them to get ready. They don't know what being on time means.

"Another obstacle is liquor. There is lots of excess and this disrupts home life.

"There is not much Indian worship on the reservation. What there is is mostly cultural—a little ritual, nothing with regularity. Maybe a festival once or twice a year. There is a Mennonite church, which is weak, and a Catholic church, which is stable. Morning Star Baptist promises to be one of the strong Baptist churches in that area."

Moody enumerates three highlights of 1986: the dedication of the new church building, baptism of five Indian adults in the Tongue River and the profession of faith of seven young people at the close of VBS.

The Murray group has been able to have influence because of the consistency of the mission trips, Moody be-

lieves. "The Indians say the Kentuckians come and want to give rather than exploit. This has helped make the work acceptable.

"Some of our deacons have been skeptical at first, but once they have gone, they have come back firmly believing that the church should continue in the plan."

LaVerne Ryan of Murray, a "first-timer" this year, was elated. She speaks of the beautiful hilly country. "We could stand on the hill and see children coming from every direction to VBS.

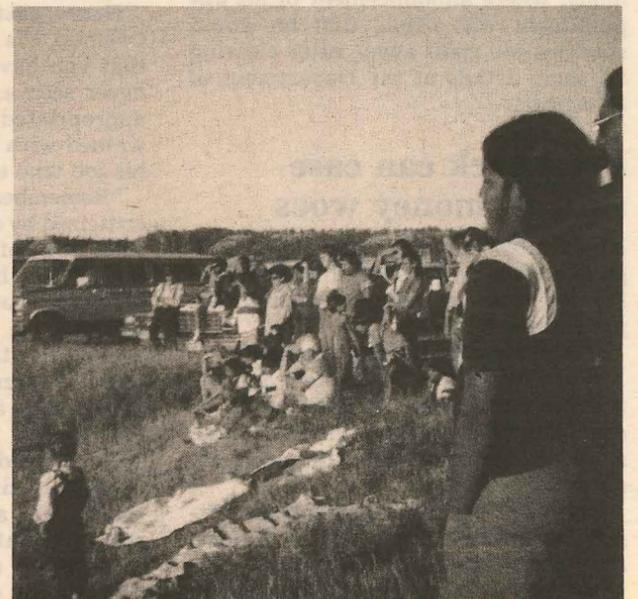
"Some of our young people have gone for seven years. The rapport between them and the Indian youth is great.

"The friendship of the people is outstanding. I was in two or three homes. One lady gave me some hollyhock seed."

Sometimes there were amazing disclosures. "I sat with a little girl, Gardenia, on the bus. I discovered her father was a solar engineer. I met the mother of another child. She was attractive, a member of the tribal council, and she told me she was being baptized at the next service."

Steve Hussung, the present pastor, grew up in Murray. As a youth, he went as part of the team. Later he felt a call to go to Montana to live. He and his wife, Lisa, who teaches music in the school, are extremely happy in their work. More growth is attributed to Hussung than to anyone else. Murray First supplements his salary.

Miss Ryan quotes Timmy Redbird, an outstanding Christian on the reservation, as saying, "The Hussungs really fit in."



The Lame Deer congregation watches a baptismal service. Members of Murray First have worked in Montana for

Mountain RA run buys books for Manila seminary

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Royal Ambassadors from Hosman Baptist Church, Bell Association, were challenged recently to "run for the master." Their missions project helped send library books to the Philippine Baptist School of Theology in Manila.

While attending a World Missions Conference in Bell County, Gerald and Glenda Davis, missionaries to Manila, were asked if there was anything that a Royal Ambassador chapter could do for missions. Davis indicated that they could pray and give through the Cooperative Program.

"But what else could a small group of

RAs do for missions?" replied the RA leader.

After praying about the matter they came up with the idea of "Running for the Master" to raise money for books for the Manila theology school. So, with the eagerness of ambassadors for Christ, the RA group ran and the pledge results are now in the library of a small Baptist school in the Philippines.

Bill Whittaker, a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor in Murray, is pastor at International Baptist Church, where the Manila school holds its classes. The congregation loaned their largest classroom for the school's new library.

Harold Matthews, a native of Warren County and a 30-year veteran missionary to the Philippines, is the only full time professor at the Manila school. Matthews and his wife are now on furlough and serving as missionaries in residence at Georgetown College until June.

Most of the 90-plus students are male, college graduates. These bi-vocational students work in Southern Baptist churches or in metro Manila where there

are some 74 Bible study groups.

The Royal Ambassadors of Hosman are continuing their missions support through their gifts and prayers. "The ministry of their labor will continually bear fruit through the students who attend the Philippine Baptist School of Theology in Manila," Matthews says.

"And who knows," he continues, "God may also call one from their church to go and personally tell others that Christ has risen."

Kenya letter revitalizes pastor

by C. Michael Watts, Pastor
Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church
Northern Kentucky Association

The day started as many others with the promise of possibility but with no real expectation. It was soon changed by the arrival of a letter from Kenya. Almost a year had passed since being a part of the Kentucky-Kenya partnership and the life-changing experience of working with the people of Kariobangi.

The letter was from Frank and Snow Serda, our missionary hosts in Nairobi. Hicks Shelton and I had come to love them as our own family.

I quickly opened the air mail letter and a picture fell to the floor. I picked it up and recognized the Kariobangi Baptist Church, but it had changed. The front entrance had been torn open and an extension was being added. Serda told of the people working to enlarge the sanctuary to hold 200 more people. It formerly held 450 but we had packed it during our services there. How good it felt to read of the vision of the people we had come to love.

The level rose to new heights upon reading that the church was paying some of the youth to do some of the work so they would have money to attend a youth conference at Brackenhurst. These young people were the ones who inspired us so much with their commitment and faith.

While Shelton and I ministered in Kariobangi, we were able to work with the youth. They were off from school during December and the Lord blessed us in so many ways. Over 30 young men

and women gave themselves for the Lord's work as they visited, witnessed, led sessions, prayed, sang, conducted services and studied the Bible together. We would meet with them for hours at a time to study and they still called for more.

Tears still come as I recall the day they walked 10 miles to Thombe to sing and witness and then walked back home singing for Jesus. Several of the young men got up at 6 a.m. that morning, broke a loaf of bread between them, walked to the village and witnessed all day before we drove up at 3 p.m. We found them in prayer in a coffee field. They had run into Satan's work and had prayed for the village. A bar had closed because of their effort.

We walked into a village where no church services had ever been and saw a table and chairs set up in the middle of the village. The people had allowed us the honored place for services and soon 150 or more gathered to hear the youth choir sing.

Serda shared about the youth work in Kenya and that 117 were present at the first rally. I looked again at the picture. It seemed I could recognize the individual workers, but I really couldn't. Surely there were some of those I had worked with.

Four young men had surrendered to the call to ministry. When I think of Kenya I see the young people and how that nation rests in their hands. I thank God for our Kentucky-Kenya partnership.

If you can go do so for God will bless you beyond measure and you will be able to experience love shared.



B. Bill Whittaker, Glenn Davis, director F. Montenegro, student body president Edwin del Pilar and Harold Matthews look with pride at the gift of library books donated by a Kentucky RA group to their school in the Philippines.

Shalom Church lives its name by working out racial harmony

by Susan Shaw,
State Correspondent

Shalom. The Hebrew word for peace signifies harmony. And for a church in Louisville, Shalom symbolizes commitment to reconciliation between blacks and whites.

Shalom Baptist Church, although only constituted in May 1986, has a long history of ministry through race relations.

Shalom's history begins with Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. Twenty-third and Broadway was located in a typical urban community. When many of the affluent residents moved to the suburbs, a socio-economic and racial transition began.

Still the church determined to stay in the community and minister to its needs. In 1968 the church voted to integrate racially, and as its pastors worked for civil rights the church won respect among the black community.

In the 1980s the church's financial situation worsened. The church eventually disbanded in 1985.

A group of members, however, were still interested in continuing as a church. They began to meet in the chapel of Baptist Tabernacle, and asked Steve Fox, who had been interim pastor of Twenty-third and Broadway, during its disbanding, to continue as pastor.

At this point, the group chose the name "Shalom" because they felt it represented the type of church they wanted to be.

Fox resigned at the end of 1985, and for the next three months Asby Scott and Ken Casey filled the role of

preacher. In March 1986 Wes Lites, a Southern Seminary student from Pine Bluff, Ark. was called as pastor.

In May the church formulated its constitution, and in June the church moved into a house on South First Street. Later that summer Jane Lites, also a seminary student, was called as associate pastor.

Rene Schuler, a church social work student from Bonneau, S. C. joined the staff as minister of social work in the fall. Two other seminary students will join the church staff as interns for the spring semester. Keith Merkey, a student from Bedford, Va. will be minister of the arts, and Blake Gooch, Jasper, Ga. will work in community outreach.

Lites explains the church is working to build its ministries on the gifts of its members. "We see all persons as ministers," he says.

The church, which now has 16 members and around 20-25 in attendance on Sunday morning, continues to be distinctive in its focus on maintaining a diversity of persons in terms of race, education and socio-economic levels.

Lites notes the members of Shalom have "heard the word that the Gospel breaks down barriers and distinctions. No longer is color noticeable; it's the normal thing." He says that a strength of the church is the diversity among persons.

He lists several specific target ministries: alcoholics, runaways at the nearby Shelter House, University of Louisville students, and senior adults.

The church's members are its resources, Lites says. "The people who choose to be members here carry their load," he notes.

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baptist news in brief

Darnell defends worth of Genesis Commission

The leader of Southern Baptists' newest missions organization has responded to "not factual" statements that have linked his effort to the "resurgence of the conservatives" within the denomination.

The Genesis Commission, formed by two Southern Baptist pastors and a layman late in 1986, has come under attack by people who do not understand the purpose and function of the organization, executive director Bill Darnell told Baptist Press.

The Genesis Commission will recruit and finance pastors to start Baptist churches, primarily in foreign countries. It has drawn criticism from some Southern Baptists who maintain the commission will compete with the SBC Foreign Mission Board, particularly for funds.

"In no way is the Genesis Commission a foreign mission society. There is no anticipation of appointing missionaries," Darnell countered. "No effort

will be made to secure gifts which would have gone to our SBC Cooperative Program of world missions.

"Every attempt is being made to avoid interfering with other evangelistic organizations," Darnell promised. "However, the founders believe there is an imperative need for an aggressive, dynamic effort to begin hundreds of new churches." The commission particularly is targeting Mexico, where the need for churches is apparent, he added.

Darnell said people who would like further information about the Genesis Commission can write him at the organization's offices: 515 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 500, Houston, TX 77027.(BP)

Texas laymen's group calls for arbitration

A group of laypeople have called for an arbitration panel to hear grievances against Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

About 100 participants at a meeting of Laity for the Baptist Faith and Message heard a call for the "appointment of a non-aligned tribunal to hear evidences and render judgments" of what was called "slandering assaults" on the seminary and its personnel. The call was issued by Babs Morrison of Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex. during a Feb. 3 meeting at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas.

Morrison said the group plans to

explore the "conflict of interest" of Southern Baptists connected with Mid-America Seminary, Criswell College and Luther Rice Seminary—all composed of Southern Baptist people but not formally affiliated with the convention—who over the last eight years have been named to Southern Baptist boards, commissions and agencies.

Another program leader, John Baugh, a member of Second Baptist Church, Houston, said the idea will be taken "through the right channels of the convention so seminary personnel can be treated fairly."

Also during the meeting, Baugh called for a second "Glorieta Statement" from the SBC Peace Committee. The first such statement, issued at the Peace Committee's October meeting in Glorieta, N. M., was a document written by the SBC's six seminary presidents aimed at restoring harmony within the convention. Baugh said a second statement, aimed at alleviating power struggles in the SBC, would "effectively and rapidly" end the nine-year controversy.

Baugh said he believes the second statement must deal with the political power structure of the SBC presidency, changes in the format of meetings held prior to the annual session of the SBC and political practices over the past nine years.

"We believe the Southern Baptist people will not tolerate the ongoing political misdeeds that have so severely

damaged the credibility of our Christian witness," he added. He said the controversy could end at the SBC annual meeting in St. Louis in June with such a statement.(BP)

Lebanese Baptists want missionaries to remain

Lebanese Baptist leaders have expressed "deep concern and utmost disapproval" of the U. S. government order that Americans leave their country. The Jan. 28 order gives Americans in Lebanon 30 days of valid passport privileges before they must leave the country.

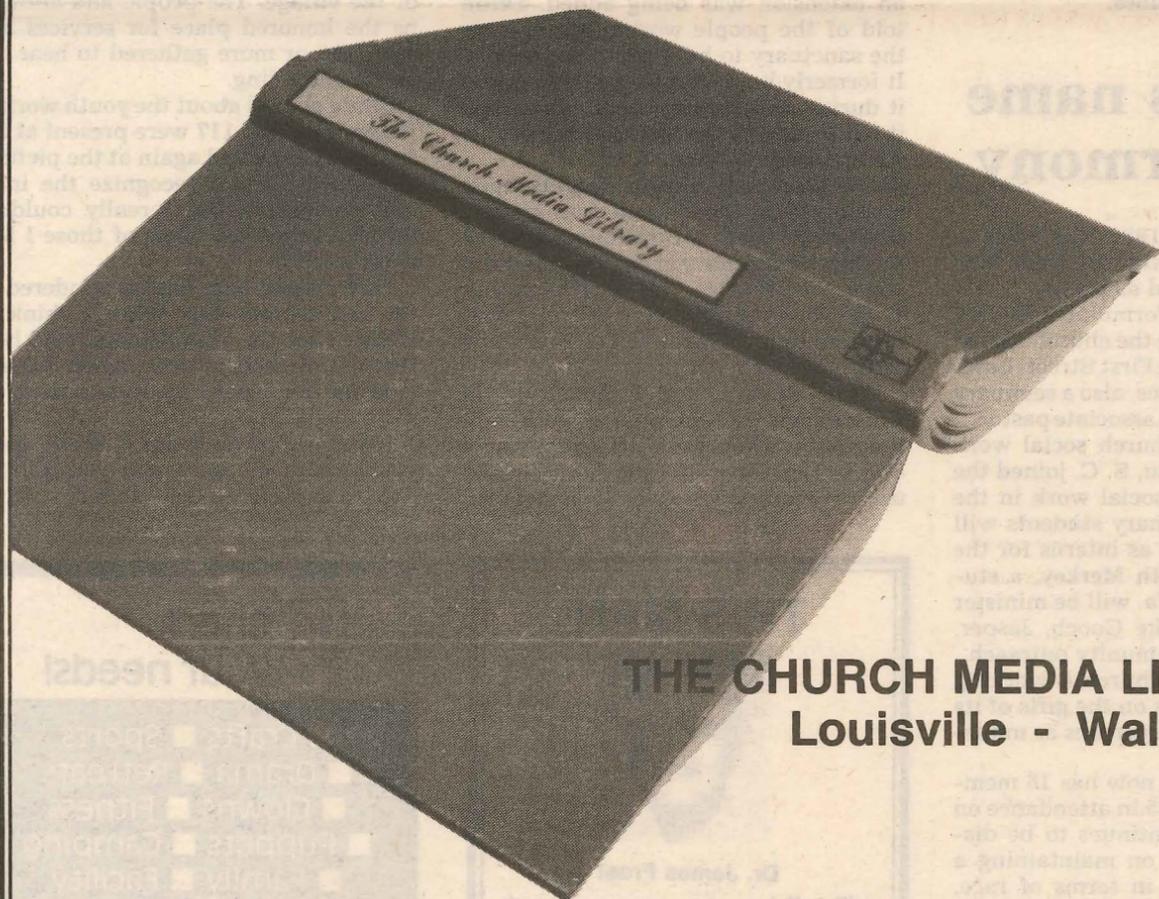
The Lebanese Baptist Convention's executive committee has asked the U. S. Department of State to exempt Southern Baptist missionaries from the order. At least four Lebanese Baptist congregations have made similar pleas.

The vast majority of Lebanon's 2.7 million people "feel that they are a part of the free world," Ghassan Khalaf, a former president of the Lebanese Baptist Convention said. "They are people of good will. We hope that the (American) government will understand our situation and not withdraw from Lebanon but help and support Lebanon."

The Lebanese Baptist executive committee's plea, adopted Feb. 4 in Beirut, argued the order "would result in the disruption or freezing of many . . . projects that are of benefit both to our local churches and to our convention."(BP)



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The convention consists of 11 Baptist churches in Lebanon.

Soon after the Jan. 28 State Department order, a group of Lebanese Baptist pastors met to urge prayer "morning, noon and night" that the missionaries could remain in Lebanon. Also, Feb. 6 was designated a day of fasting and prayer.

Khalaf was a program speaker at the 1985 Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina. He said then that he and his family would rather die in the Middle East than see "Christianity abolished from the land (region) where our Savior was born." Just as Muslims look to Mecca, Christians in the Arab world look to Lebanon, he said. "When Christianity in Lebanon is safe and free, the morale of all Christians in the area is high." (BP)

BJCPA protests INS infiltration in Arizona

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has joined a broad coalition of religious bodies in a legal protest to the infiltration of four Arizona churches by agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service during 1984.

In a friend-of-the-court brief filed Feb. 2, the religious bodies asked the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to review a federal district judge's finding that they had no legal standing to bring the case.

The religious groups had asked Judge Charles L. Hardy to rule the INS and its agents violated the constitutional rights of a Lutheran church and three Presbyterian congregations involved in the sanctuary movement. These and numerous other churches across the country have declared themselves places where political refugees may find refuge, or sanctuary.

In their brief asking the 9th Circuit to review Judge Hardy's decision, the religious bodies—led by the National Council of the Churches of Christ—insisted they were entering the case not because they approve of the sanctuary movement but out of concern for the free exercise of religion and other constitutional rights, which were abridged, the brief stated, when INS agents posing as worshipers repeatedly entered the four churches to tape-record worship services and Bible classes through the use of "body-bugs." The agents also took down license plate numbers in the churches' parking lots, the brief charged.

"Our case has nothing to do with the sanctuary movement," Oliver S. Thomas said. "It has everything to do with how government investigates churches. . . . The free exercise clause requires that government utilize the least intrusive means of investigation. The INS didn't do that. This powerful government agency leapfrogged over the traditional methods of fact-gathering, such as examination of witnesses and use of subpoenas and search warrants. Instead, it infiltrated churches with undercover agents and paid informants." (BP)

Annuity Board reaches \$2 billion in assets

Total assets of the Baptist Annuity Board exceeded a record \$2 billion, trustees learned during their first meeting of the year.

Board president Darold H. Morgan told the trustees total assets increased to a record \$2.03 billion on Jan. 31, after closing the calendar year at \$1.95 billion.

Total net income reached a record \$199 million for 1986. Member contributions to retirement plans totaled \$125 million, up 9.3 percent over 1985. The surge in

the stock market boosted earnings in the variable fund, which closed the year with a 15.8 percent annualized yield. The balanced fund was the next most-productive fund, earning 12.86 percent. The board paid a record \$48 million in retirement benefits to 16,375 annuitants last year, Morgan said, noting about 4000 of these are widows. Total insurance benefits paid were \$50.9 million, up \$8 million over 1985.

The trustees elected W. Gordon Hobgood Jr., executive vice president of InterFaith Bank, Dallas, as trustee chairman. Hobgood succeeds Willis L. Meadows, Shreveport, La., who has been chairman since 1985. (BP)

Baptist schoolteacher withdraws complaint

A Southern Baptist schoolteacher whose firing led to a Supreme Court ruling has withdrawn her complaint against her former employer.

Linda Hoskinson, who lost her job with Dayton Christian Schools in 1979, recently informed the school board and attorneys for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission of her decision not to pursue litigation against the school system.

Hoskinson, a member of Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh., taught for five years in one of the schools operated by the independent Dayton Christian Schools. In early 1979, the school system refused to renew Hoskinson's teaching contract after learning she was pregnant and then dismissed her for consulting an attorney for legal advice.

After Hoskinson filed a complaint

with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Dayton Christian Schools filed a federal lawsuit challenging the civil rights panel's jurisdiction on church-state grounds. A U. S. district court ruled in Hoskinson's favor, but the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision. Ohio's attorney general then appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

Hoskinson attempted to appeal the decision within the school system, she wrote, but was informed no means to do so were available. She added she was unaware the school system would consider her consulting an attorney a violation of her contract, in which she had agreed to abide by the doctrine of the "biblical chain of command." The doctrine required teachers to take grievances only to their immediate supervisors and to acquiesce to the final authority of the school board. (BP)

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Christian ethics prof advises youth in book

Anyone who has lived nearly a century and gained the wisdom and knowledge serving God can award deserves the right to bestow a bit of advice on others. In "God's Will: A Dynamic Discovery," author T. B. Maston, professor emeritus of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., gets a chance to do just that.

Christian youth and their church leaders comprise the majority of people who benefit from the 89-year-old Maston's information on discovering God's will. His book will be released in April.

The book is a remake of his 1964 book, "God's Will and Your Life," which will go out of print with the circulation of the new book. With 72,530 copies sold, "God's Will and Your Life" is considered the most popular of the 25 books

Maston has written to date.

In the first part of his book, Maston offered advice on seeking God's will in vocation, a marriage partner and making daily decisions. In the second half, Maston described how finding God's will comes from personal resources, counsel of others, studying the Bible, praying, responding to the Holy Spirit, having a willing heart and looking beyond the problems.

'PrayLine' adds news; 2749 call in first week

The Foreign Mission Board's new toll-free "PrayLine" telephone number is adding another service: the latest missions news. Each Saturday and Sunday listeners can dial 1-800-ALL-SEEK (1-800-255-7335) for a two-minute report on missions news from around the world.

Already, hundreds of churches have used PrayerLine, organizers reported. More than 2700 people called during the first week of operation.

The 1800 who called over that weekend got the latest word from Lebanon, where missionaries are grappling with the U. S. government order to leave the country within 30 days. Such updates on crisis situations calling for prayer will continue to be a feature of PrayerLine, said Minette Drumwright, who heads up the board's intercessory prayer emphasis.

Monday through Friday, "PrayLine" offers around-the-clock taped prayer requests from missionaries in 109 countries. The weekend news report also will focus on stories and information highlighting overseas prayer needs. The report will be taped by the Foreign Mission Board's news department, which also is the foreign bureau of Baptist Press.

Enrolment on rise at Baptist schools

Predictions of declining student enrolments failed to materialize once again at Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

Last August the U. S. Department of Education's Center for Statistics forecast college enrolments would decrease by 83,000 students. Instead, a recent federal survey of colleges indicated enrolments grew by 151,000 students, a 1.2 percent increase.

Southern Baptist colleges and universities, however, saw their enrolments increase two percent, from 95,539 students in 1985 to 97,453 students during the 1986 fall semester.

Arthur L. Walker, Jr., executive director of the Education Commission, attributed the overall increase to more aggressive recruiting procedures by Southern Baptist colleges. (BP)

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Tuesday morning, June 16, 1987

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration, Bellevue Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra, Jim Whitmire, director, Memphis, Tenn.
- 8:50 Call to Order
- 9:00 Congregational Singing, John McKay, convention music director, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 8:55 Prayer, Paige Patterson, president, Criswell College, Dallas, Tex.
- 9:00 Registration Report and Constitution of Convention
- 9:05 Committee on Order of Business
- 9:10 Welcome, John Ashcroft, governor of Missouri
- 9:15 Response, Wallace E. Jones, pastor, Fee Fee Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.
- 9:20 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions and Tellers
- 9:25 Theme Interpretation and Prayer Time, Manley Beasley, evangelist, Bedford, Tex., "Know Him in Prayer"
- 9:40 Executive Committee Report (Part I), Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:45 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:15 Congregational Singing, John McKay
- 11:20 Music, Bellevue Baptist Church and Orchestra
- 11:25 President's address
- 12:00 Benediction, David Rogers, Memphis, Tenn., student, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Tuesday afternoon, June 16

- 1:00 Evangelistic Singers, Pat Roper, evangelistic music director, Greenville, S. C., moderating
- 2:00 Congregational Singing, Pat Roper
- 2:05 Prayer, Ernie Eudy, evangelist, Ft. Myers, Fla.
- 2:10 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 2:20 Report of Nominations, Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees, T. C. Pickney Jr., retired Air Force general, Alexandria, Va.
- 2:35 Theme Interpretations and Prayer Time, Sam Cathey, evangelist, Oklahoma City, "Know Him Through the Word"
- 2:50 Election of Officers (First)
- 3:00 Executive Committee Report (Part 2), Harold C. Bennett
- 3:55 Congregational Singing, James Bursell, First Baptist Church, Geyer Springs, Ark.
- 4:00 Messenger Information Survey, Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary, manager, research services department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:10 Business—Report of Nominations, Committee on Committees, Miscellaneous Business
- 4:45 Election of Officers (Second)
- 5:00 Benediction, Roy Moody, director of evangelism, Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, Topeka, Kan.

Tuesday evening, June 16

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration, Choir and Orchestra, Denny Dawson, director, First Baptist Church, Dallas
- 7:00 Congregational Singing, John McKay
- 7:05 Prayer, David Spriggs, pastor, Eastside Baptist Church, Haines City, Fla.
- 7:10 Election of Officers (Third)
- 7:25 Bold Mission Prayer Launch
- 7:45 Congregational Singing, Bob Wolley, director of church music, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo.
- 7:50 Foreign Mission Board Report, R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, Va.
- 8:50 Peace Committee Report, Charles G. Fuller, chairman; pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 9:20 Benediction, Mary Wilson, realtor, Falls Church, Va.

Wednesday morning, June 17

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration, Choir, Rick Stone, director; and Orchestra, Camp Kirkland, director, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 8:50 Congregational Singing, Steve Taylor, evangelistic music director, Greenville, S. C.
- 8:55 Prayer, Stephen Rogers, minister of music, Riverside Baptist Church, Ft. Meyers, Fla.
- 9:00 Election of Officers (Fourth)
- 9:15 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Roy L. Honeycutt, president, Louisville, Ky.
- 9:25 Education Commission Report, Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:35 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Russell H. Dilday Jr., president, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 9:45 Theme Interpretation and Prayer Time, Eddie Martin, evangelist, Lancaster, Pa., "Make Him Known"
- 10:00 Christian Life Commission Report, N. Larry Baker, executive director, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:10 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans

- 10:20 Brotherhood Commission Report, James H. Smith, president, Memphis, Tenn.
- 10:30 Congregational Singing, Bill Cole, San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas
- 10:35 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report, William Crews, president, Mill Valley, Calif.
- 10:45 Woman's Missionary Union Report, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.
- 10:55 Southern Baptist Foundation Report, Hollis E. Johnson III, executive director, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:05 Annuity Board Report, Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas
- 11:20 Business—Election of Officers (Fifth), Committee on Resolutions (First Report), Miscellaneous Business
- 11:55 Congregational Singing, Gary Mathena, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.
- 12:00 Music, Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Convention Sermon, Jerry Vines, co-pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville
- 12:30 Benediction

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Wednesday evening, June 17

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration, The John McKay Family with Vernard Johnson, evangelistic musician, Ft. Worth
- 7:00 Congregational Singing, John McKay
- 7:05 Prayer, Gerald Taylor, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark.
- 7:10 Business—Election of Convention Sermon Preacher and Alternate and Music Director, 1988
- 7:20 Introduction of Local Arrangements Committee
- 7:25 Presentation of Past Presidents
- 7:30 Presentation of Newly Elected SBC Officers
- 7:35 Sunday School Board Report, Lloyd Elder, president, Nashville, Tenn.
- 8:05 Planned Growth in Giving Report
- 8:15 Congregational Singing, Pat Roper
- 8:20 Home Mission Board Report, Robert Banks, acting president, Atlanta
- 9:20 Benediction, Ruffin Snow, pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Thursday morning, June 18

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration, Choir and Orchestra, Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., Mike Burt, director
- 8:50 Congregational Singing, Dick Thomassian, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.
- 8:55 Prayer, Byung Kook Ahu, president, Council of Korean Southern Baptist Churches in North America, Annadale, Va.
- 9:00 Business
- 10:00 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, W. Randall Lolley, president, Wake Forest, N. C.
- 10:10 American Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Arthur L. Walker Jr.
- 10:20 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Milton Ferguson, president, Kansas City, Mo.
- 10:30 Report of Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group
- 10:40 Congregational Singing, Dick Thomassian
- 10:45 Historical Commission Report, Lynn E. May Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report, James M. Dunn, executive director, Washington
- 11:05 Recognition of Outgoing Officers
- 11:10 Message, Billy Graham, evangelist, Montreat, N. C.
- 12:10 Benediction, Stephen A. Davis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark.

Thursday afternoon, June 18

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—the Powell Brothers, Enid, Okla.; the Don Baltzinger Family, Griffin, Ga.; and Jane Green, Morristown, Tenn.
- 2:25 Congregational Singing, John McKay
- 2:30 Prayer, Harold Finch, retired businessman, Mission Hills, Kan.
- 2:35 Introduction of Fraternal Representatives
- 2:40 Committee on Denominational Calendar Report, Fred Powell, chairman, senior associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta
- 2:50 Denominational Press Report
- 3:00 Radio and Television Commission Report, Jimmy R. Allen, president, Ft. Worth
- 3:10 Baptist World Alliance Report, Gerhard Claas, general secretary, McLean, Va.
- 3:20 Stewardship Commission Report, A. R. Fagan, president, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:30 American Bible Society Report
- 3:40 Business
- 4:30 Benediction, Joe McKinney, pastor, Gracemont Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.



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homes for children

Deep Creek cares

Deep Creek Baptist Church in Mercer Association is located between Harrodsburg and Mackville. Pastor Everett Priddy invited me to be the pulpit guest on Baptist Men's Day. He wanted me to share with his people information about the children's homes. However, his special request was that I help them realize that the ministry of child care is an every day work and support is needed throughout the year, not just one time.

I was delighted to accept the invitation. Although I had not been to Deep Creek Church, the pastor gave good directions and my wife and I arrived ahead of time. The church building is no longer on Deep Creek. Rather, the lovely brick building is on a hill overlooking a wide expanse in all directions. It was a beautiful Sunday and the view from the church was wonderful.

The service was led by the men. There was a warm spirit of worship and fellowship. We felt welcomed and at home. At the appointed time I read the scripture and spoke about the ministry of Baptist Homes for Children. Although I had not expected what the pastor did during the invitation, it was a most inspiring experience.

Pastor Priddy said although this was Baptist Men's Day, he was going to give a chance for women as well as men to respond. Then he asked for the following to come and stand with us at the front: all who had gone to the Glen Dale Children's Home and participated in a work day at the campus. Several went forward. Next he asked for those who participated in a walk-a-thon to raise money for Glen Dale to come forward. A number of young people as well as adults joined us. Then he asked for those who had helped sponsor two boys at Glen Dale to come, then all who worked in the food roundup, also all who participated in the Thanksgiving Offering. They kept coming. The front of the church building was filled.

When the service was over, people expressed appreciation for our coming and said, "We should have done more." They were obviously filled with the joy of service. We left thanking God for a people who care so much about children.

Have you made Uncle Sam the primary beneficiary of your will?

Most of us are acquainted with the pressure and self-denial we experience through a lifetime of providing the essentials of life. For the majority of us, the savings we have accumulated seem very small, but some part of our savings usually remain. Because these savings represent our life's hopes, and our achievements we should be concerned that they be used to the greatest of their effectiveness.

If the statistics are correct, a very large number of individuals have not made any provision for directed use of their savings. Everyone has good intentions, but so often they keep putting off making a will.

It is sad, yet true that 56 percent of those with good intentions neglect acting on those good intentions until it is too late. Then the intestacy laws (laws that go into effect concerning your life's savings when you die without a will) take over and the state distributes your possessions as prescribed by these laws.

Without a will, the state will divide your property as follows:

1. When the death of husband or wife takes place and there are no descendants, parents, brothers, sisters or their descendants, all property goes to the surviving spouse.

2. When the death of husband or wife takes place and they have one child, all property is divided equally with one-half going to the surviving spouse and one-half going to the child (descendants of a deceased child taking the deceased child's share.)

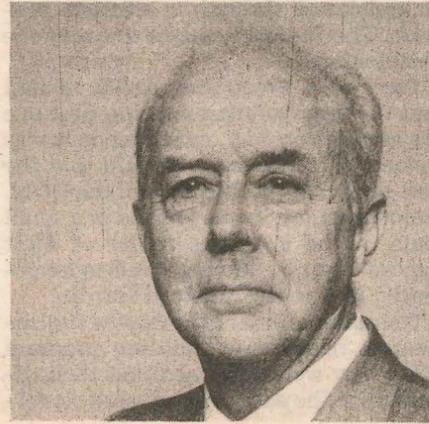
3. When the death of husband or wife takes place and they have two or more children, one-half goes to the surviving spouse; one-half is divided among the children (descendants of a deceased child taking the deceased child's share.)

4. When the death of husband or wife takes place and there are no descendants except mother and father, one-half goes to the surviving spouse; one-quarter to the father, one-quarter to the mother. If only one parent survives, then one-half goes to the surviving parent.

5. When the death of husband or wife takes place and they have no descendants and no parents but have brothers and/or sisters, one-half goes to the surviving spouse; one-half is divided among brothers and sisters with descendants of deceased brothers and sisters taking his or her share.

6. When the death of a widow or widower or single person takes place and they have no descendants other than father or mother, one-half goes to the father; one-half to the mother unless only one parent survives in which case, the entire estate goes to the surviving parent.

7. When the death of a widow or widower or single person takes



by Tom Moore
Director of Development

place and no parents or descendants other than brothers or sisters exist, all property goes to the brothers and sisters with descendants of deceased siblings taking that share.

8. When the death of a widow or widower takes place where there is a child or children, the estate is divided equally among the children.

9. When the death of a widow, widower, or single person takes place and there are no descendants, parents, brothers, sisters or their descendants, all property goes to the next of kin.

The following may give rise for thought as you consider whether your will needs revision:

1. Changes in Estate Values.
a. Change in property holdings
b. Fluctuations in property holdings.

2. Changes in Income Requirements.

a. Those properties, securities and monies held in trust for income purposes should be examined in light of the returns from these investments and new tax implications.

b. What was deemed as adequate five or 10 years ago for your spouse, children or other beneficiaries will be found to be inadequate later.

c. During this time of re-evaluation of such trust, one might wisely choose to explore the benefits of a charitable trust.

3. Changes in the Family Situation.

a. Any alteration in the family structure will alter the nature of the gifts to be made.

b. New beneficiaries may need to be named.

4. Changes in Tax Laws

a. It very well might be that changes under the tax laws may call for changing the entire estate plan.

b. Due to the changes that have been made in the charitable field, you may wish to change your existing will to include charitable trusts as an advantage to your family's future.

Other changes requiring possible revision are:

1. Changes in the state of owner's residence.

2. For various reasons, the executor or trustee of the estate can no longer serve and should be replaced.

To write your will or bring it up-to-date may be one of the most important things you will do for yourself and your family this year.

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Ohio Builders repay Blood River Baptists

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

Blood River Baptists turned out in great numbers for the open house, even though it was a dreary January day. They reaffirmed their support of missions by walking through the new associational building, located at Hardin, admiring the floor plan and decor.

The structure is near the Marshall-Calloway County line, centrally located for all Blood River churches.

"We're very, very proud of it," layman John Dyke, Briensburg, stated. "And we're grateful for all the volunteer labor that went into it."

Dyke explained that most of the labor had been donated by local Baptists. However, the Buckeye Builders, a Baptist construction group from Ohio, came Memorial Day weekend and joined the workers. The Builders, composed of about 16 men of various trades and

skills, travel wherever there is a need for churches or related buildings.

Blood River Baptists have given the Scioto Valley Association in Ohio a lot of assistance through a mission program. The Builders sought to repay the Kentuckians.

Terry Sills, Blood River DOM, related that the new building was the first one the association had owned since it was formed 117 years ago. He said that the first office was in the home of the DOM. Following that, it was located in a small room in the activities center of First Baptist Church, Murray, and more recently, in a rented room in Hardin.

The associational officers saw the immediate need for a building program when they were informed that their office was in the path of a proposed cloverleaf.

A recommendation was made at the yearly associational meeting to study the needs. Larry Salmon, Murray, was

the chairman of the committee that was formed.

"We sought diligently to draw up a working plan," Salmon said. "Finally, a year later, the plan was drawn up and accepted. The committee was divided into three areas: finance, building and construction. Then we encouraged the churches to donate. We are so thankful to have this facility, one that we feel will be adequate for our needs for years to come."

The building is located on two acres of ground. Cost of the materials totaled \$100,000. There is an office for the DOM, a media center and library, and a committee meeting room which is set up for educational purposes. There is a secretary's office, a work room and an office to be used in the future for part time Christian counseling. A large assembly room will seat 100 people at tables. There is a "prophet's room," which is a large motel-type suite to be used by vis-

iting missionaries and workers.

In conjunction with the open house, the media room and library was dedicated to Earl Warford, the immediate predecessor to Sills. Warford, the first Blood River DOM, was in that position for 16 years. Prior to that time, the associational work was limited to the colporteur program. The colporteur, an employe of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, distributed Bibles.

In the dedication ceremony, Greg Earwood, Murray, said, "The words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant,' should be applied to Warford."

Cloys Bruce, moderator of BRA and pastor of New Bethel Church, thinks the association is in an era of progress.

"This project carries the association into areas of ministry we have not had before. We think it is a step for the Baptists of West Kentucky and a model for West Kentucky associations," Bruce stated.



After 117 years Blood River Association owns their own building. The Buckeye Builders donated time and labor to the project.

Chain of events pulls two from Kentucky to Hawaii

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

"Our church prays for a home missionary every Wednesday night," stated Frank Queen, pastor of Bandana Baptist Church, West Union Association. "We call the Home Mission Board and get a name or a prayer request. One night last February there was a request for volunteers in Hawaii."

"This was the beginning of a chain of events that led two of our members, Carma Lee and Leonard Chandler, to go to Hawaii as Service Corps Volunteers."

About that time, Mrs. Chandler read an article about volunteer missionaries. "I had always thought of missionaries as being professional people—doctors, teachers—but this article told about their doing handyman work," Carma Lee smiled.

"Also, in February we had two Foreign Mission Board volunteers from Reidland visit our church. Pat and Lee Malloy were an inspiration."

"We were planning a Hawaiian vacation in April and thought it would be a good opportunity to review the situation. So our pastor set up a meeting between us and the leaders of Puu Kohea, the conference center that was asking for help. We met, were mutually agreeable, and were asked to return to Hawaii in July."

Puu Kohea Baptist Conference Center, "The Echoing Hills," was established to serve the people of the islands. During the period the Chandlers were there, 725 campers were in residence.

The Chandlers spent almost seven weeks in Waianae doing maintenance, mowing, cleaning, cooking and serving meals to campers.

Others assisting in the camp were a couple from Southern California and two women, both in their 70s, from North Carolina.

The focal point of Puu Kohea is an old sugar plantation mansion over 100 years old. Palms, pines, mangos and bananas are common on the 11½ acres, which is located on the sea.

The Home Mission Board purchased Puu Kohea in 1949. It was another year before an attempt was made to reach

the people of the surrounding community for Christ. The door was opened when a group of boys came to the supervisor's home to ask for mangos. They were invited to come each week and bring their friends for Bible study. From these humble beginnings, Waianae Baptist Church was eventually organized. Today it is a growing church, but recently has had financial problems to the extent that the camp directors, Betty and Ralph Glenn, have had to lend the church money.

The Chandlers had the opportunity to look beyond the glamour and observe the great needs of Hawaiian Baptists.

It is estimated that less than three percent of the 1,000,000 island people are Christian and less than one percent are Southern Baptist. There are only 43 SBC churches and 16 missions.

In view of the growing population, new church sites must be available. Cost of suitable land varies from \$150,000 an acre on Kauai to between \$400,000 and \$500,000 on Oahu.

The prevalent attitude toward religion in Hawaii seems to be, "You have your religion, I have mine."

Travel brochures picture Hawaii as a paradise, but Don Holliday, pastor of the Waikiki Baptist Church, Honolulu, laments the fact that "within blocks of our church, this tropical Garden of Eden is for many people a living hell of drugs, prostitution, ungodly living and personal rejection." The needs of his church are great. The membership is small and the area of ministry is so large. Sometimes visitors at the services outnumber members by as much as eight to one.

Sue Nishikawa, executive WMU secretary of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention from 1954-1980, is an active member of the Waikiki Church. She expressed to the Chandlers her desire that more missionaries be sent.

The Chandlers had opportunity to work with West African missionaries, Mark and Ann White, and Oran and Cathy Roberts, temporarily in Hawaii.

Cathy Roberts pleads, "We need prayers for first generation Christians with traditional beliefs that are hard to break. Your prayers have a direct effect on our work."

Bingham means ministry

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

In Bell County and the tri-state area the name Binghamtown and W. B. Bingham are synonymous.

The church was not named for Bingham as many think. It was constituted as a missionary Baptist church in 1943 with 33 charter members. The name was derived from the community. "The Bingham family that settled in this area were my ancestors and I did preach my second sermon here," W. B. smiles. "But the church was not named for me and at that time I had no idea I would ever serve as its pastor."

Bingham is partially blind. "I lost one eye when I was chopping kindling," he recalls. "The other was damaged in 1942 when a group of boys was playing."

Called to preach in 1946, he served as pastor of Midway and Cannon churches through 1947 and Dewitt during 1948-49, all in North Concord Association. He accepted the Binghamtown pastorate in 1949 and preached his first sermon as pastor the first Sunday in 1950.

Bingham has served as Chaplain of the Day in Congress, and was presented the Mountain Minister of the Year award in 1978.

The first sermon he preached, "Trust in the Lord and Do Right," is the theme of his life. He has no plans to retire and says the work is the best it has ever been.

"We have lots of hooks out—bus ministry, television and radio, mission churches, choir and Christian school—to name a few," he said. About 100 are brought in on buses each week. Average

Sunday service attendance is 1000.

The early 60s saw the people outgrowing the building. Sunday school classes were conducted in homes and on buses. Bingham admits that at the time the Lord began giving him the plan for the new sanctuary and it was not until 1971 that the church voted to build. Ground was broken for the new facility on July 18, 1975 and occupied in 1977. The cost was estimated at about \$3 million, but it was built for \$1¼ million with donations of supplies and labor.

Sunday morning services have been broadcast live over WMJK radio for 36 years. A television program on local cable and a Sunday evening radio program complete that ministry.

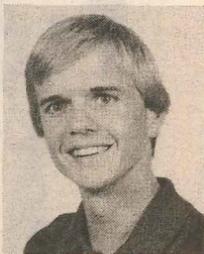
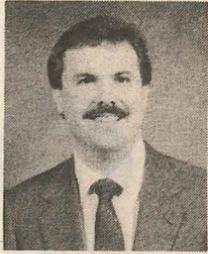
For the past 37 years Binghamtown has averaged a baptism a week, baptizing at least 60 per year.

Two mission churches in Bell Association and three mission churches in India are sponsored by the congregation.

Gateway Christian School is one of the more recent endeavors. One hundred twenty students are enrolled beginning with three year olds and going through fourth grade. The school is housed in the renovated building the church outgrew. Twenty-eight pupils and parents were saved through this ministry last year. "We minister to the soul, mind and body," Bingham proclaims.

A \$600,000 Family Life Center is due to be completed in 1987. It has been named the W. B. Bingham II Family Life Center and will be located between the church and Gateway School, and will be available for both organizations.

mountains to the mississippi



Top (l to r):
Toole
Sutherland
Ellis
Shults

Left:
Morse

personnel

G. Todd Toole (see picture) has resigned as pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, to become pastor of Great Crossings Baptist Church in the same association.

Toole is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and a senior in the MDiv program at Southern Seminary. He is also an intern in the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Gene Sutherland (see photo) recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as minister of music at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Sutherland went to Walnut Street the first week of February 1967 from First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

In honor of his service the congregation presented him a \$2000 travel certificate, granted an additional week of vacation in 1987 and held a reception in his honor.

Jon Stubblefield is pastor.

David A. Dills is the new pastor at Thixton Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. A Georgia native, Dills is a student at Southern Seminary.

Glenn Ellis (see photo) was recently called to be minister of education at Berea Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Ellis comes from Clarksville, Tenn., where he was pastor of Excell Baptist Church. He is a graduate of the Univer-

sity of Tennessee and North American Baptist Seminary.

John Chapman is pastor at Berea.

Tim Adams resigned the pastorate of Island Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Cumberland, Upper Cumberland Association.

Dallas Riggs has accepted the pastorate of Hart Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. He was ordained by the church in January.

Kenneth Hollis was called as pastor of Plum Creek Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Long Run Association. His ministry there began Dec. 15, 1986.

He received the BS degree from the University of Louisville and will receive the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in May.

Hollis, a native of Florida, was associate pastor and minister of education at Valley Station Baptist Church, Louisville, where he met his wife, Doretta.

John Atkins is the new pastor at Buena Vista Baptist Church, Mercer County Association. He previously was interim pastor there.

Lester Tirey, pastor of Shawnee Run Baptist Church, Mercer County Association, has resigned to move to a church in Ohio.

Ralph Hodge resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. He will begin as pastor of Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., Apr. 1.

Hodge is a native of Corbin, a graduate of Cumberland College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has pastored five Kentucky churches since 1964.

Richard Savage and **James Outland** have joined the staff of Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Christian County Association. Savage has been called as minister of education/activities and Outland is minister of music.

congregations

Vest Mission Church, Three Forks Association, received a gift of \$5000 Dec. 21 made possible through Cooperative Program gifts and the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.

The gift, presented by Phillip E. Rosenbaum, associational director of missions, was allotted by the KBC's Mission Kentucky new church starts program.

Vest Mission in Knott County resulted from the spiritual guidance and financial provisions of First Baptist Church, Hindman. First Hindman has for many years, under the leadership of assistant pastor J. S. Bell, been a leader in eastern Kentucky in starting mission churches.

The gift went toward the purchase and set up of a mobile chapel. Vest Mission has been meeting in the home of Jody and Mae Turner, who have since become members of First, Hindman. The mission has had as high as 52 in attendance and several decisions have already been reported.

Odell Beauchamp is pastor at Vest.

First Baptist Church, Lone Oak, West Union Association, honored Willis W. Henson for 15 years service as pastor. At a reception in their honor, he and his wife Beatrice were given a silver tea ser-

vice and an extra week of vacation.

In his 15 years Henson has seen the church grow from a membership of 992 and Sunday school attendance of 402 to its present membership of 2039 and Sunday school attendance of 705.

Henson has served Kentucky Baptists in many ways, including president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and chairman of the special committee to study the relationship between the KBC and its institutions.

missions

Two Kentuckians were among the 50 young adults approved by the Foreign Mission Board as journeymen.

Justin Shults (see photo) of Murray has been assigned as a church youth director in Tamuning, Guam. Born in Louisville, he attended Murray State University where he was international chairman of BSU.

Shults was also a summer missionary to Kenya, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Shults, Southern Baptist missionaries in North Brazil.

David Morse, (see photo) a native of Georgetown, has been assigned as a communications assistant in Nairobi, Kenya.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Morse of Georgetown, he also lived in Lexington while growing up. Morse attended Baylor University and the University of Texas. He was also a Foreign Mission Board volunteer in Kenya.



A happy pastor, Odell Beauchamp (center) of Vest Mission is presented a check for \$5000 by director of missions Phillip Rosenbaum (r). Church treasurer and missions chairman Willie Prater and assistant pastor J. S. Bell of First Baptist Church, Hindman, the mother church, look on.



Bill Leonard

A projector that will talk

In early 1941 the executive board of Long Run Association purchased its first motion picture projector. Clarence L. Jordan, superintendent of Long Run mission board, had requested \$800 for a second hand silent movie projector. Instead the board surprised Jordan by allocating \$400 for a modern sound projector and other film equipment. By summer 1941 Jordan had taken the projector into Louisville streets, showing religious films outdoors to large crowds who escaped the heat in the cool of the

evening. Short sermons were preached from reel changes. Jordan acknowledged on one occasion that the crowd was so large police raced to the gathering fearing a murder or some other crime had taken place.

A week long showing of "The Life of the Apostle Paul" at a vacant downtown theater produced attendance of over 9000 persons and numerous conversions.

During the winter and spring of 1941, the equipment was used in the week day religious education classes at the Baptist Fellowship Center for blacks and at the Union Gospel Mission for whites. Films provided basic instruction in Christian faith and Bible teaching.

Jordan urged all Kentucky churches to invest in projectors as a tool for evangelization. He commented: "A good sound projector (be sure it will talk) will cost less than two or three average revival meetings and it will do 10 times as

much reviving." If pastors would get excited enough and talk enough about buying a projector, their churches would approve the purchase just to keep the preacher quiet, Jordan insisted.

The films were not primarily for entertainment, but for instruction and evangelism. No film should compose an entire worship service or provide the only reason for gathering a group together. It was merely a supplement to effective preaching and constructive leadership.

Jordan warned Kentuckians a projector was no "cure-all." It would not save dying churches but would enhance an already effective ministry. Movies could be used "intelligently and consistently" to help congregations grow in their faith and knowledge of the Lord.

Forty-five years later, as sound projectors turn to computers and VCRs, cable equipment and satellite dishes, Jordan's observations still have merit.

Glimpses
of our
heritage

Church Training brings love and long-distance courtship

by Kima Jude, State Correspondent

As a pastor, Everett Priddy can attest to the benefits of Southern Baptists' Church Training program.

It's been uniquely instrumental in helping train workers and leaders in the church.

It even works as a matchmaking service. Doesn't it?

According to Priddy, it does. More correctly, for Priddy it was.

Priddy, pastor of Deep Creek Baptist Church, Mercer County Association, met his wife Linda as a friend of a friend. That initial friendship was instigated through the Church Training program.

When Linda was 13 and growing up in Big Springs Baptist Church, Forest City, N. C., the back cover of the books used in her Training Union class had a list of potential pen pals. She always wanted to visit Kentucky, so she chose to write Gwen Mayes of Sonora, Ky.

They corresponded and became friends. Years passed. Finally, in 1977, Linda visited her friend in Kentucky, and made a return trip in 1980.

While planning that trip, Linda realized her friends wanted her to meet a friend of theirs, a widowed Baptist minister. She wasn't interested and managed to stay in Kentucky two weeks before meeting Priddy.

He wasn't really looking for a wife

any more than Linda was looking for a husband. Widowed some months before, Priddy was left with two daughters, Tamra and Tanya, then aged 12 and 6, to raise alone. His first marriage had been a good one, and he was satisfied with that.

However, his congregation in Hart County was not. "I became reconciled to their matchmaking efforts, and to remaining single," Priddy says. But, bowing to pressure, he prayed about the subject. Then he met the friend of a friend and realized they would marry.

Linda did not realize it. She, too, was reconciled to remaining single. However, about the time she turned 30, it did occur to her that if she wanted a family of her own, she needed to marry soon. So she prayed about the possibility.

Although she had been told she would make a good pastor's wife, she had no desire to marry a minister. Presumably they walked around the house quoting scripture, acted perfectly and never lost their temper.

Preconceived ideas fell by the wayside. She told Priddy she couldn't play the piano and cooked only when forced.

Despite that, the couple talked a couple of more times before she returned to North Carolina. She went home with the notion they'd keep in touch with cards or letters. She made plans to re-



The Priddy family includes Everett Priddy, his wife Linda and daughters Tamra and Tanya.

turn to Kentucky the next summer.

Instead, they wrote each other notes. She called him occasionally. Thanksgiving provided the opportunity for Priddy and his daughters to visit her in North Carolina. When her guests left, Linda found herself relieved—and talking to Priddy nearly every day by phone.

Her visit to Kentucky at Christmas gave him the opportunity to ask when she intended to marry him. "Whenever the time's right," she replied, thinking that would put him off for a while.

When he asked again, she said yes.

"It had to be the Holy Spirit," she says now. Even after she agreed to marry

him, she wasn't sure why.

"I thought, 'What have I done?' But it never occurred to me to call it off, either."

And in July five years ago the couple married in her home church in North Carolina.

Having a ready-made family handed to her fulfilled not only her dream of the perfect family, according to Mrs. Priddy. At 33, not surprisingly, she had to adjust. And so did they.

The family meshed. "That's the beautiful part of any family. Tamra, Tanya, Linda and I are friends," says Priddy. "The Lord literally put us together."

Kentucky prayers gain answer in Alaska serviceman



Brian House, Pastor Paul Brewer and Billie Wright stand in the pulpit of Mill Street Church. The building has been re-opened as a mission of First Baptist, London, after being closed for several months.

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

"Why is Mill Street Church closed?" That question was voiced at a prayer meeting at London's First Baptist.

J. Bill Jones (who has since retired as pastor) reported he had been told it was due to serious financial problems in the small black congregation.

Exemplifying their mission-minded practices and true to Baptist fashion, they appointed a committee composed of Jones, DOM Billie Wright and layman Brian House. They contacted Bill Jaggers of KBC and Lincoln Bingham of General Association of Baptists.

After meetings with Mill Street members it was decided that Mill Street

would become a mission of First Baptist and would be dually aligned with the KBC and General Association of Baptists. This action reopened doors that had been closed for almost a year.

The congregation asked Wright and Bingham to help them select a pastor.

They heard a number of men before Paul Brewer came from Louisville. It was 'love at first sight' for Paul and the people. He accepted the pastorate in July 1986.

Brewer is a native of Hopkinsville but left for the Air Force in 1966. Marriage to his high school sweetheart, three children and nine years later he completed his tour of duty—all of it in Anchorage, Alaska.

In 1975 the children were in the outreach program of New Hope Baptist. Through this ministry Paul accepted Christ and united with New Hope. He compares his time there to Timothy with Paul. He was a deacon and the youngest director of deacons in the history of the church. For a period of time he was second vice president of the Alaska Baptist Convention. All this and still something was missing.

The church was a teaching church. He was privileged to hear many authors and noted key speakers. Each year Emmanuel McCall of the Home Mission Board came for revivals and he credits his preaching with the inspiration that led him to surrender to the call to the ministry on Christmas Eve 1983. One week later his beloved pastor died.

With his limited education and zeal for knowledge he sought out McCall and John Allen, Executive Director of Alaska Baptist Convention. Though he was not eager to have Paul leave, he was helpful in his selection of a school in Kentucky and helped gather funds for the move.

Still undecided about what school to attend, the family made a visit to Kentucky. The day they arrived Paul heard of a revival at the neighborhood church and walked that way that evening. A passerby asked for directions to Moore's Baptist and that was Paul's first meeting with Lincoln Bingham, the evangelist for the meeting. Nothing has been the same since.

"We knew we were going to school and had even been told about Southern but it was not until Bingham explained about Boyce Bible School that we knew where.

The Alaska convention paid for transporting the family car and various churches and friends contributed to the 'Brewers to Kentucky' fund.

During his school days they attended West End Baptist where Paul was minister of youth and associate pastor.

During a Monday morning rap session

with fellow students last summer he expressed an interest in being able to preach each Sunday. One brother took him at his word and offered him the pulpit he had been filling the next Sunday. That began the relationship with Mill Street.

"I knew from the moment I walked in the door that this was where I was supposed to be and some of the folks voiced the same sentiments," he stated.

Sunday school is special to Paul and he says he is where he is because of that organization. He has organized a Sunday school at Mill Creek.

Sometimes labeled Mr. Evangelist on the street, Paul witnesses to all he meets. His goals are to see Sunday school growth and others trained to be disciples for Christ. His one regret is that he did not accept Christ earlier and urges others not to make his mistake.

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Kentucky Builders aid wind-damaged church

by Betty Anderson,
State Correspondent

Bob Simpkins was not Christmas shopping the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Instead, he and several men from South Fork Baptist Church, Magnolia, were in Owensboro helping in the rebuilding of Tenth Street Baptist Church's sanctuary.

According to Herman Floyd, pastor of the church, strong winds on July 1, 1986 collapsed the walls and trusses that had been erected. And so, in late November Kentucky Baptist Builders came to the aid of the black church. Earlier help in money and cleanup had come from Hall Street, Temple, and Cedar Street Baptist churches in Owensboro. Temple pastor Mike Crain, whose church had sponsored the newly constituted Cedar Street, also black, was the liaison between Tenth Street and the builders.

Kentucky Baptist Builders, of which Simpkins is coordinator, is a follow-up to disaster relief, which he also directs. These two activities are in addition to pastoring South Fork Baptist Church.

The group was formed in cooperation with Brotherhood. Many volunteers are members of Baptist Men, but anyone who possesses construction skills and has the desire may become a part of the group. Simpkins hopes to develop teams in various regions throughout Kentucky to provide assistance in their own areas.

In addition to help in times of disaster, Kentucky Baptist Builders are to be an arm of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in constructing new churches and missions. Simpkins points to a need to build 400 churches and preaching points as part of KBC's Bold Mission Thrust emphasis.

Kentucky Baptist Builders from Grangertown Baptist Church, Sturgis, had assisted Tenth Street the Saturday before, putting up half the trusses needed for the roof. The group from South Fork finished erecting the trusses and putting on the roof. Simpkins and volunteers also constructed a building last year in Danleyton, near Ashland, in Greenup Association.

On that November day Tenth Street

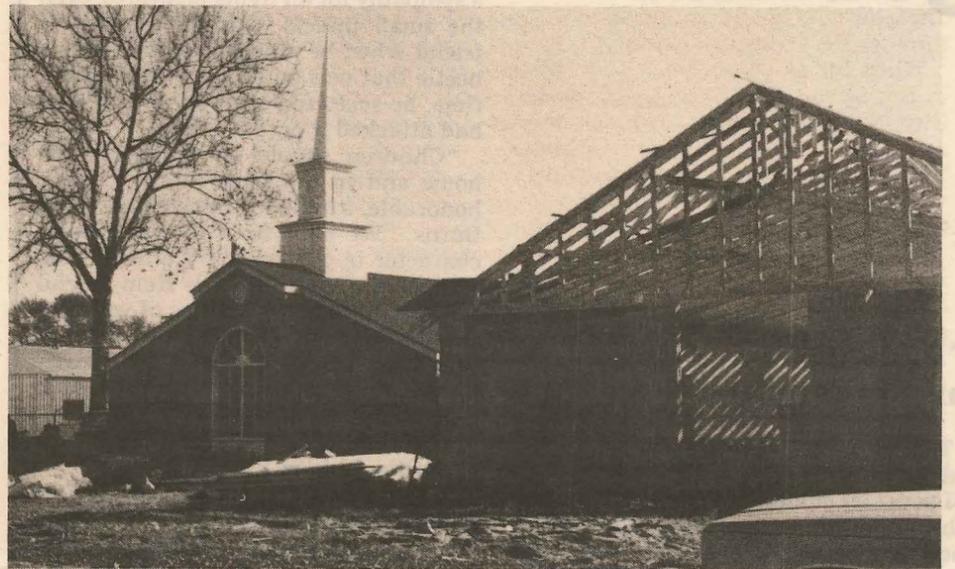
reached the same building point they had been in July. While contractors had built the walls, the Builders put on the roof, aided by a crane and supervision from W. Duke Smith of Bill Smith Outdoor Advertising Co. and Crane Service, Owensboro. His help was enlisted by Mike Malone, regional director, SBC Brotherhood Department. Simpkins said further help could be given if Tenth Street requests it.

"How grateful we are to receive assistance from the Kentucky Baptist Convention!" Floyd said. "Enthusiasm is building again. This is the Lord's plan. This makes the difference between can

and can't. A special thanks to Simpkins, who's been on top of this since it (the collapse) happened."

Tenth Street's new sanctuary is to seat 335. The present building, now multi-purpose, will become educational and fellowship space. It was erected in 1980. "However, we are not projecting a completion date," Floyd said.

Tenth Street (located at 1213 East Tenth Street) was founded 76 years ago. It presently has 200 members. It is part of the Green River Valley District Association and the Kentucky General Baptist Convention, a black convention cooperating with KBC.



Tenth Street Baptist Church is recovering from a summer wind storm.

Balance is key to success for outstanding teachers

by Richard R. Hale
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"Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins possess the sincere love for teaching that so many teachers of today lack. They really care whether their students learn." With these words Michelle Bush, a recent graduate of Warren Central High School, Bowling Green, expressed the feelings of many of her classmates.

One does not have to talk with this couple very long to see why they have such an outlook on teaching. Their feelings about teaching coincide with their approach to all phases of their life.

"Having the right balance in your own life helps when it comes to teaching others," said Mr. Jenkins. This balancing begins at home for the Jenkins family. They believe balancing their school and church responsibilities with their family obligations has given them a good outlook on their jobs.

With two sons, Dennis, 15, and Daniel, 12, this balancing has not always been easy. Schedules have been juggled so the boys have not been neglected. This past summer was the first time since they began teaching that they both have been free from educational responsibilities. It gave them more time to spend with the family than usual.

Linda views her biggest responsibility to be rearing their sons. "They are not the church's or school's responsibility," she said. The practice of "doing" with Dennis and Daniel carries over to their teaching. They are avid supporters of the school's athletic teams, especially the boys golf team which Jenkins coaches.

They encourage their students to attend school functions and do so themselves. This "out-of-classroom" tie with the students helps them to earn their respect, something they see as important in discipline.

"Discipline requires respect. If you gain their respect, discipline is easier to maintain," Jenkins remarked. Discipline is easier to maintain if you make

the subject matter interesting too, and both of them are noted for that.

Cindy Hunt, a student of Mrs. Jenkins commented, "She was the first teacher I ever had that made math interesting." In describing the Jenkins and their teaching, students often use the words exciting, unique and enthusiastic. "I'll never understand how she gets so excited about math!" commented one student.

They make class fun and break the monotony of school," remarked another. "It is pretty amazing how their enthusiasm never seems to run out, even on the worst of days," he continued.

Doug Wiles has had both as teachers for two years, and said, "They have had a profound effect on me, not only in the knowledge I've gained from their classes, but also through the positive attitude about education both have instilled in me."

When asked about his philosophy of teaching, Jenkins said, "You have to be positive. The Bible says much more about being positive than negative." He then got his Bible and turned to Phillipians 4:8

"This is my motto for teaching: 'Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.'"

Both teachers have an appreciation of humor, especially as it relates to the subject material they teach. The friendships they establish help them to understand the students as individuals and thus they are able "to teach students" instead of just teaching material to a class.

They are willing to spend extra time with a student who may be having a particular problem. This individualized attention is also apparent as Mrs. Jenkins helps her students prepare for the annual Third District Education Association Math Contest. She spends many hours with them after school.

This extra effort pays off in dividends for both her and her students. Last spring she had eight students entered in the geometry contest. All eight placed in the top 20, six of them in the top 10. These results are indicative of how her students score on the test each year.

Judy Brooks, co-head of Warren Central's math department called Mrs. Jenkins "one of the best math teachers in the area." She based her evaluation on "her genuine concern for her students, her innovative ideas in the classroom, and her hard work."

In response to being called an exceptional teacher by her students and fellow teachers, Mrs. Jenkins remarked, "I'm not an exception. I just enjoy what I do."

The Jenkins have made their teaching a team affair. They help one another by their mutual support. Because of being involved in the same work, when one is frustrated the other one understands. "And when one of us is 'high' the other helps to bring them down," explained Mr. Jenkins.

Many of the same things that Mrs. Jenkins' students have said about her have also been said about her husband who is called "Dr. J" by most of his students and fellow teachers. Doris Morton teaches Senior Seminar, a class for the top seniors, with Jenkins. She calls him "a very intelligent man who has a deep commitment to teaching and to his students." She also noted his excellence in the classroom, something that has been recognized by others many times. His classroom walls hold many plaques and certificates for the honors he has received. He has been Warren County Teacher of the Year on more than one occasion. He has been selected as Kentucky Teacher of the Year. Recognition has come from various local and re-

gional groups outside the field of education.

The most significant of these awards, and the one he cherishes the most, is the Presidential Award of Excellence in Science Teaching. The entire Jenkins family went to Washington to receive this award. "It is the most meaningful award, not because it came from the president, but because my whole family was involved in receiving it," Jenkins said.

When talking about the numerous awards and other kinds of recognition he has been accorded, Jenkins was quick to add, "The real award is seeing results in your students. That's the real reward of teaching." These rewards have been great for the Jenkinses also. At least three of the students he taught last year are now college students majoring in physics.

In addition to their teaching responsibilities at Warren Central, both have also served as part time instructors at Western Kentucky University. Jenkins also serves as boys golf coach and they are actively involved in local youth golf tournaments. This is a family venture as both boys are golfers, Dennis playing on his father's team at Central.

The balancing of their activities around things that are fun for the whole family is carried out in their commitment to church. They are active members of Greenwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, where their positive influence is felt by many.

Their dedication to family, school and church, and the balancing of these into an everyday living, each one supporting the other, has given this couple many opportunities to be an influence for good in an area where many can see only the negative side.



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"Fads, frills and fanaticisms"

"Though I am often penniless," Burns remarked to Thomas L. Britton one day, "I never let money matters worry me. In the undertaking I shouldered I have needed men and women of daring more than I have needed money. I have needed individuals who knew no such word as can't. I have worked with people who push ahead when others turn back, who stiffen up when others retreat. With collaborators like these, the money has been and will be forthcoming. The forces of God work like that."

This resolute man often climbed down off the train at East Bernstadt without a dollar in his pockets. A few days before, he may have been addressing huge crowds of people in one of the nation's largest cities. Any money he may have made had already been sent ahead to Oneida to keep it going financially. Taking a firm grip on his heavy suitcase he started on his long walk to Oneida. Across the mountains and valleys and over the streams he traveled. Through the summer heat, drenching rain or winter snow, he made his way.

The primary purpose of education,

felt Burns, was to produce character and ideals in people who would regard moral and spiritual qualities as superior to mere material things. Because of this philosophy of education the school chapel program always loomed as a major daily event at Oneida. The Bible was read, hymns were sung and usually a message was delivered by a faculty member. Through the years former students wrote back to Oneida that the greatest values they found at Oneida were the moral and spiritual ones.

Burns insisted on order and proper conduct on the part of his students.

"Burns was a stickler for ironclad discipline in his school rooms," said James W. Jewell.

"Yet in many ways Burns was much like his great ancestor, the poet Robert Burns," continued Mr. Jewell. "He had a sympathy for all living creatures, even the small insects. Once he amazed a friend when he stopped to turn over a beetle that was on its back. At another time, he scattered a group of ants that had attacked a big fat grub."

"Children should be taught in the home and in the school to be honest, honorable, kind and industrious," said Burns. "We have tried to build moral character in our school. We have tried to save our boys and girls from fearful consequences and penalties of youthful passions uncontrolled. We have tried to save them from fads, frills and fanaticisms. Above all we have tried to teach them about the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and the meaning of the Golden Rule."

"I sometimes wonder why some of us give our lives to Oneida Institute," wrote Burns in an editorial, "I find the most concrete and conclusive answer when I attend chapel exercises. I look into hundreds of pairs of bright eyes and happy, hopeful faces. Oneida Institute exists for them to bless their young lives and make them a blessing to others. This is why we give our lives to such an institution."

After looking over a large graduating class one year, and observing that every boy in the class was over 6 feet tall, Burns remarked, "I wish you could see those young mountain giants, 6 feet and over, who are clay in the hands of a potter, willing to be moulded into their better selves. Is it any wonder that I am the happiest man in the world?"

(The above paragraphs are excerpts from *MOUNTAIN RISING*, written by Darrell C. Richardson. Published only four months ago a second edition has already become necessary. The book is being reprinted in our shop now.)



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sunday school lessons

LESSON FOR FEB. 22, 1987

Life and work series

Caring for others

Luke 10:25-29 A man versed in the law presumed to test Christ with the query, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Their discussion revealed to the man he could not earn eternal life by works. Attempting to justify himself, the man asked Christ, "Who is my neighbor?" Christ told the man a story.

Luke 10:30-35 A man was going along a dangerous road between Jerusalem and Jericho when robbers sprang out from behind the rocks and beat him until he was almost dead, stripped and robbed him and left him wounded.

A priest approached the man and, with an attitude of indifference, "passed by on the other side" of the road. He, like multitudes today, was an expert at passing personal obligations to others. A Levite, with an attitude of sheer curiosity, gazed at the wounded man and passed down the road. Then a Samaritan approached the man, "had compassion on him," treated the man's wounds, lifted him into his saddle and walked until they reached an inn. He looked after the patient, then made provision for his future care.

Love ministers to the needy, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, gives drink to the thirsty, visits the sick, entertains

the lonely and comforts the sorrowing. Love forgets self and sacrifices for others.

Luke 10:36-37 Christ asked the lawyer which man acted like a neighbor. The man answered correctly by saying, "He that shewed mercy on him." Then Christ said to him: "Go, and do thou likewise." Thus Christ taught, and those who read this passage of scripture, that the cultivation of this neighborly spirit is the duty of all. Let every Christian demonstrate his faith in God and his surrender to the divine will by proving his love by his actions.

International series

Encouragement for troubled times

Revelation 1:4b-8 John's experience is a splendid illustration that God does not forsake his children when they suffer because of their testimony for Christ. In his reference to Christ as "him which is, and which was, and which is to come," John implied Christ was and is both unchangeable and eternal. After receiving his vision of Christ John proceeded to sing a song which had welled up in his heart. He praised Christ. Christ's love was and is unmerited and unending. One wonders how anybody can resist, Christ's great love.

When Christ came forth from the grave the way was opened for us to have direct access into the presence of God, where we may enjoy wonderful fellowship. Let us glorify God.

Revelation 1:9-11 To John Christ presented himself as deity in the words: "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." God sent Christ into the world to loose or liberate believers from sin. Let us be faithful in sharing Christ's gospel with all.

Revelation 1:12-18 Upon hearing the voice John turned to see the speaker and there he beheld Christ walking in the midst of seven golden candlesticks, which were representatives of the seven churches in Asia, and holding the stars (pastors) in his hand.

This remarkable vision overwhelmed the beloved apostle. He fell at the feet of Christ as if he had died. Christ immediately raised him to his feet. Christ gave John the blessed assurance of his presence and blessing throughout his life. The glorious promises in the Bible should ease the mind and heart of every believer who has trusted Christ. The promise of God's presence, protection and power should enable every Christian to master fear.



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on mission together

Celebration '87: the first event

It is appropriate that the first event in the Celebration '87 series is the Evangelism Conference scheduled for February 23-24 at Severns Valley Baptist Church.

It is appropriate because the purpose of this annual event is to sensitize Baptist leadership to the importance of and need for evangelism in the mission of the church. If there were a single objective for this event, paid for by Cooperative Program funds, it is to inspire, encourage, and strengthen the participant in the task of evangelism.

This past year, Kentucky Baptist

churches "evangelized" and baptized 16,769, slightly over the previous year's 15,575.

The year was marked by the tireless efforts of Jay Brown and the many who assisted in helping Kentucky Baptists participate in the national evangelistic campaign entitled **Good News America**. Jay and his team deserve affirmation.

Though the national effort did not reap the immediate results which were hoped for, the estimated number of baptisms did exceed the previous year, thereby halting a continuing downward trend. From that perspective alone, **Good News America** deserves affirmation.

However, **Good News America** may have revealed a "truth" that needed to be told but lacked a convincing "teller." The event has itself become the "teller of the truth."

That truth is:

"That even with the best of organizational planning and unusual resource support, reaching people for Christ in

America is difficult."

The challenge of an ever-diminishing Christian America cannot be ignored by serious, evangelical Christians. Kentucky Baptists are more serious than ever about the problem and the difficulty.

While the **Good News America** campaign has ended, Kentucky Baptists are just beginning **Mission Kentucky**, an effort to start 400 new churches, missions and preaching points as soon as possible. **Mission Kentucky** affirms the principle that one of the best ways to reach people is to start new churches. In every sense of the word, the starting of new churches is a continuing statement of "Good News, America: God loves you!"

With the task of reaching people in America so difficult and challenging, the inspiration and hope which can be generated during a Kentucky Baptist Evangelism conference makes Celebration '87's first event worthy of the journey.

I'll see you there!

Adventure recreation builds trust, hope, faith and group unity

by Terry Lackey

Adventure recreation builds self-confidence, trust, hope and unity without the high risk of activities such as hang-gliding or parachuting, a rec lab seminar leader said in Lake Yale, Fla.

Adventure recreation, which includes games, exercises and an obstacle course, is exciting and thrilling, but a little less dangerous than its title suggests, said Brad Smith, minister of youth and recreation at First Baptist Church, Morrow, Ga.

Several of the nearly 400 church staffers, denominational workers and seminary students who attended rec lab, sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's church recreation department, attended adventure recreation classes to gain a better knowledge of the sport and to consider incorporating it into their recreation programs.

Joe Palmer, coordinator of special services in the church recreation department, said adventure recreation is relatively new to churches.

"We learned about it in the church recreation department about four years

ago through a program called Project Adventure," Palmer said.

According to him the church recreation department then took the basic Project Adventure program and adapted it for churches to incorporate spiritual values such as faith and trust.

One example of an adventure recreation exercise is the trust fall, Palmer said. Several students in parallel lines join hands, making a human net for one student who is above them on a table or a wall.

The student, with his back turned to the group, must fall backward into the others' hands, trusting them to catch him.

"Talk about having to have faith," Palmer commented. He said the exercise is good not only for the student who must trust the others to catch him, but for those who are doing the catching.

Palmer said the spiritual lesson which comes from this exercise is that of trusting God. It makes trusting a tangible concept.

The five basic steps of adventure recreation, Palmer explained, are getting acquainted individually; mixers, where



Perserverance and teamwork eventually prevail as players successfully lift a team member through the web at a Lake Yale (Fla.) rec lab.



Wayne McEntire, a New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary student from Westlake, La., is passed through the holes of a spider web, one of the many initiative games which make up adventure recreation. The object is to get all participants from one side of the spider web to the other without touching the web.

the entire group gets to know each other; games and fun activities such as tossing balls; initiative games such as the trust fall which require group participation; and the ropes course, the obstacle-course exercises.

Palmer said after each game or exercise, a debriefing period is held where the group "talks about what just happened."

"The debriefing sometimes takes as long as the activity itself," Palmer stated. "It is important to know what just happened, to get participants' reac-

tions and to apply the spiritual meaning to the activity."

Palmer advises against starting an adventure recreation program without fairly extensive training. He said an outdoor leadership lab on adventure recreation is scheduled for May 17-23 in North Carolina.

For more information on adventure recreation, write Palmer at the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave. North, Nashville, TN 37234.

Disbanded church lives at Southwestern

The end of the Oklaunion (Tex.) Baptist Church was just the beginning for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

The end was the disbandment of the 75-year-old church. The beginning was a seminary scholarship fund given by the seven remaining members after the sale of the church parsonage.

Those seven last members desired to continue "the influence of Oklaunion Baptist Church to reach out to spread the good news of Christ in the future as it did in the past.

Marion Gruhlkey, who attended the

church since 1933, said Southwestern was the ideal place for the church's influence to continue. Through the years, the church had been served by student pastors from the seminary.

In the late 1950s the church had more than 150 members. But people began moving away from the small town and the school was consolidated.

Gruhlkey said the church continued, but with the declining attendance members were not receiving proper teaching. So the church disbanded and the remaining members transferred their membership to nearby Vernon.

Seminary students get hooked on witnessing in classes

by Scott Collins

Amber Chapman couldn't understand how sin separated her from heaven, and her father, a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student, had tried every approach to explain it.

Then one day during Larry Chapman's personal evangelism class, Roy Fish, professor of evangelism, presented the plan to Amber and the grade-school child accepted Christ.

"A lot of things in the class have been helpful, but this has been the best because it hit me where I was," Chapman said.

Chapman is not the only Southwestern student who has taken the responsibility to witness seriously—both in and out of the home.

"Our first calling is to minister to others at the point of their personal needs," said Fish. "And the nature of

our calling is to share the good news with other people."

Since its early days with B. H. Carroll and L. R. Scarborough, Southwestern has stressed the importance of personal evangelism. "God has joined evangelism and education in holy marriage," Scarborough is quoted as saying.

James Eaves, professor of evangelism, said he requires students in his personal evangelism classes to submit three witnessing reports each semester. But students don't receive a grade for the reports, because "you shouldn't witness for a grade," he said.

But witnessing helps students see the joys of winning people to Christ, Eaves said. "I see students catch the vision and joy, and years later they write and thank me."

Jerry Froidi said his personal evangelism class challenged him to witness in the things he does each day, like

long-distance running. Froidi designed a gospel tract using Scripture verses about running.

Now when he runs in races on weekends Froidi hands out copies of the

"Your final grade is one you receive from the Lord for how well you do it in practice."

tract and witnesses to other runners.

Eaves said students are also involved in street ministries throughout Ft. Worth which provide opportunities for

witnessing. The seminary also offers special opportunities for witnessing.

Last Thanksgiving weekend students visited the prison in Huntsville, Tex. Eaves said "hundreds of conversions" were recorded.

Students are involved in partnership evangelism mission trips overseas during the summer. And the annual Operation Penetration effort in newer convention areas involves personal witnessing.

However, Eaves said most of the witnessing students do is related to the local church. That is of "utmost importance because that is where they are involved," he said.

"I usually say, 'Remember that in this class your final grade is not what you receive from the registrar,'" Eaves said. "Your final grade is one you receive from the Lord for how well you do it in practice."

Behind the scenes

It takes many to make Campbellsville College work

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Campbellsville College's Mary Houk, Spencer Parker, Sarah Anglin and Rick Benningfield aren't always in the spotlight.

But they're people Campbellsville College depends on to help make the College run.

Mary Houk of the College's cafeteria; Spencer Parker of the maintenance staff; Sarah Anglin, the campus nurse, and Rick Benningfield, the College's security guard, perform jobs which are "behind the scenes."

They're on campus from about 6:30 a.m. when the campus awakens until Benningfield "closes down" the campus on the graveyard shift from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m.

A typical working day starts early at Campbellsville College. Mary Houk, cafeteria breakfast cook and snack shop attendant, arrives at work at 6:30 a.m. She and the other cafeteria workers immediately start cooking breakfast for the students. After breakfast, Mrs. Houk readies the snack shop and opens it for business.

Mrs. Houk has been working at the College cafeteria since September 1981. She says the most enjoyable aspect of working in a college cafeteria is meeting and getting to know the students.

"I haven't had any problems with any student. I think they treat you like they would like to be treated."

She says her favorite food to cook is bacon because "The kids like bacon better than anything else. They like bacon for breakfast and BLTs for lunch."

She said she really likes getting to know the students. Some just come to talk to her and some ask her advice on all kinds of topics.

"I really miss them when they graduate. They're just like your own kids after you've been with them four years. I get cards from all over."

Most everyone has a bad day, but Mrs. Houk gets help. "I have those days, but the kids help a lot. They'll write their orders or pour their own drinks. I've even had teachers help me."

Mrs. Houk isn't the only person who's been helped by the students. Spencer Parker, a maintenance worker at Campbellsville College, said he has been helped by students "many times."

Parker also begins his day early, at 7 a.m. His principle responsibility is keeping the campus clean. Every morning, he can be found sweeping, washing windows and cleaning restrooms. He said he's not bothered by early work. "Sometimes you come to work and you really don't feel



Mary Houk



Rick Benningfield

like being here, but I think it gives you a lift to be friendly."

Parker has been employed at Campbellsville College 20 years. He said there have been several changes over the years. "We had some big improvements over the years. We've come a long way." He has seen the Athletic Center built, the addition of the Gosser Fine Arts Center, the Montgomery Library, Stapp Hall and South Hall, women's and men's residence halls, respectively.

He said he likes working with everyone. "I like working with Dr. (W.R.) Davenport, Dr. (Robert S.) Clark and Mr. (Al) Hardy. They've done a lot for the College, and I think they deserve a lot of praise."

Working with students, Parker said is "the most important part of my job. It's like a ghost town around here when they're gone, and I really miss them."

Parker also said the other maintenance staff members are great people with whom to work. "Well, what would I do without them? I couldn't do anything without them. They're great, and I enjoy working with them."

By 10 a.m., there's another person on the College work scene who's concerned with the students. The campus nurse, Sarah Anglin, arrives



Sarah Anglin

Benningfield has worked at the College for more than six years.

His basic duties include locking doors, insuring the security of the buildings, writing parking tickets and making rounds. He said there's always something to do to keep busy.

"I enjoy it at times, but about 4 to 6 o'clock you kind of get bored," Benningfield said. "I just try to get over it (boredom). I sometimes talk to myself, but I never do talk back," he smiled.

Benningfield said the biggest disadvantages of his job are his loss of sleep and occasionally making people angry. He said the biggest advantage of his job is making new friends, and "meeting students from all over."

"My wife, Beverly, doesn't like my job, but she doesn't complain. She mostly hates to stay by herself at night," Benningfield said.

Dealing with practical jokers is also part of Benningfield's job. He told of incidents where people would string toilet paper around campus, and he would try to get rid of it before anyone could see it.

Benningfield's job, however, is not all fun and games. There is some danger in his work. He doesn't carry a gun; he relies instead on physical and mental attributes.

He has had one encounter with a youth from the community who was drinking and trying to get into the women's dorm. "I tried to get him to leave. He got mad and hit me."

Benningfield said if he were to encounter a hostile person with a weapon, there wouldn't be much he could do. But he said, "I would try to keep him occupied until the police could get here."

He said he mostly stays out of the way and lets professionals handle incidents like break-ins, fires or bomb threats.

Benningfield has gotten used to a potentially dangerous job after six years. But he still remembers the long, dark halls when he first became a security guard.

Parker's "Fine, how are you?" is a familiar sound in the College hallways. As are Benningfield's footsteps and cigar smoke. And Mrs. Houk's smell of bacon and burgers cooking often reaches every nose on campus.

Those are sounds and smells Campbellsville College graduates take with them as they depart into the world for which they prepared four years.

Mary Houk, Spencer Parker, Sarah Anglin and Rick Benningfield are a few of the people who make Campbellsville College work.



Spencer Parker

on campus with stethoscope in hand and a genuine interest in the health needs of the College family.

"My first responsibility is to the entire student body, faculty and staff, to promote and maintain wellness," Mrs. Anglin said.

Mrs. Anglin has been working with the College since 1985, and she estimates seeing about 60 students weekly. It's not unusual to see her visiting one of the dorms to check on a student unable to come to the office in the Student Union Building.

She says she's been most impressed with the students' attitudes. "I think the Christian spirit and unity of the students and willingness to help each other is the most impressive aspect of my job," she said.

Her main duty is administering first aid, but she also advises students on diet and nutrition. She also helps students get in touch with organizations, such as churches, if they have a medical emergency and have financial difficulties.

The end of Campbellsville College's normal working day is only the beginning of a work day for Rick Benningfield, the campus security guard. He begins work at 10 p.m. and provides security for the campus until 6 a.m.