

FMB plans service in Lexington's Rupp Arena

Kentuckians to be appointed foreign missionaries

About 10,000 Southern Baptists are scheduled to gather in Rupp Arena Apr. 7 for a service in which the Foreign Mission Board will vote on a number of Kentuckians as candidates for missionaries.

Members of 2500 Southern Baptist churches in the state are expected to attend the two-hour foreign missionary appointment service in which 53 Southern Baptists will seek appointment. Among those already serving as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries overseas, 70 couples and 10 singles have ties to Kentucky.

The appointment service will highlight the Apr. 6-8 meeting in Lexington of the mission board, whose 85 trustees direct the largest career foreign missionary force in the United States.

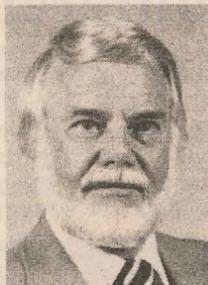
The 7:30 p.m. service will feature music from a 1200 voice choir and a 200 piece orchestra. There will be a parade of young people with flags representing nearly all the 110 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries live and work.

Kentucky Baptist leaders have been planning for the appointment service for more than a year. The service was scheduled in Kentucky for 1987 to tie in with the 150th birthday of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Four of the 85 FMB trustees are Ken-



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tuckians. They are Carolyn Fitch, Paducah; William Hall, Danville; William Hancock, Louisville; and William Rowlett, Hopkinsville.

The FMB has been scheduling appointment services and trustees' meetings throughout the country since 1969 to help involve Southern Baptists who are distant from its offices in Richmond, Va.

The services give Baptists a chance to experience firsthand the tears, joys and laughter as missionaries share brief testimonies and visit with family and friends who have come to witness their appointment. The services also provide an opportunity for people who feel a commitment to missionary service to publicly signify their interest.

Southern Baptists have a goal, known as Bold Mission Thrust, to place 5000

missionaries and 10,000 short-term volunteers in 125 countries by the year 2000 as the denomination does its part in seeing that every person in the world has an opportunity to hear of Jesus Christ.

The FMB, which is 142 years old, coordinates the work of more than 3750 missionaries.

"The primary purpose of the Foreign Mission Board's work is evangelism that results in churches," explained Keith Parks, the agency's president. "We live in a day when more people are responding to the gospel than at any other time in human history."

Statistics show that baptisms by overseas Baptists related to Southern Baptist missions climbed 17.1 percent during 1986. There were 185,689 baptisms in 1986 and 158,626 in 1985.

The 16,699 Southern Baptist-related

churches overseas is 6.8 percent above the 1985 total.

The missionary force grew to 3756, or four percent over 1985, putting Southern Baptists well on target for Bold Mission Thrust.

The number of books printed for overseas Baptists nearly doubled in 1986 to 4.5 million. About 18.5 million tracts were printed.

Media missionaries and national co-workers produced more than 50,000 radio broadcasts for a potential audience of 166 million. They produced 2150 television programs, almost triple the 762 of 1985, for a potential audience of 57 million.

Health care missionaries and national co-workers provided care for 137,000 inpatients and more than 1.3 million outpatients. (KBC)

Firing threats circulate as Baker takes CLC helm

Larry Baker may have only a six-month tenure as head of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, according to commissioners on the short end of a 16-13 vote to hire him earlier this year.

That vote was taken during a called meeting of the commission Jan. 15. That meeting was marked by criticism of the process by which Baker was nominated and his ethical views, particularly on abortion.

In fact, several commissioners have told reporters Baker might be unseated at the next full commission meeting in September. At least five seats on the 31 member commission will change hands in June, when messengers to the SBC annual meeting elect trustees for all SBC agencies.

Baker joined the commission Mar. 15. He has been academic vice president and dean of the faculty of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was nominated for the CLC post by a search committee appointed by and including then-chairman Charles Wade, a pastor from Arlington, Tex. Commissioners who wish to see the CLC take a more conservative position charge the seven member search committee was stacked to favor a more moderate candidate.

Wade defended the nomination process: "It was comprised of the executive committee, which was elected by the board. Then I added to that committee a layman from the east coast, a laywoman from the west and a pastor from the midwest. Not a person on the list is a liberal. Every one is biblical, conservative and had good experience of service on the commission."

Wade said he could understand the frustration of commissioners who said they felt left out of the selection process, but he said they "weren't even on the board" when the search committee was appointed. He also contended commissioners were sent notice of Baker's nomination in advance of the called meeting to elect him.

However, not all of the trustees who voted against Baker's election will vote to oust him, Wade predicted. "Some of those who voted against him will vote to sustain him if he gives strong leadership to the commission. There are fair-minded members of the commission who will give him a chance to give leadership. I don't believe they will fire him in September." (BP)

Baptist Alliance starts Kentucky chapter

by Cathy Butler, Staff Writer

The Kentucky chapter of the Southern Baptist Alliance met for an informational meeting Thursday, Mar. 19 at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville.

Jim Watkins, acting chairman of the organization and pastor of Elk Creek Baptist Church near Taylorsville, described the purpose of the Alliance. "We are trying to create a place where we can stand for the rest of our ministries," he stated.

"I've been in the ministry for 17 years and I feel like the rules are being changed in the middle of the game."

The Southern Baptist Alliance Inc.

was introduced in Charlotte and Raleigh, N. C. and Atlanta, Ga. Feb. 12. Henry Crouch, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, and national chairman of the SBA, stated that the group wanted to be a voice in the convention on behalf of moderates who feel disenfranchised.

That theme was repeated at the Kentucky meeting. Watkins, who had been asked by SBA national leaders to coordinate the beginning of the Kentucky chapter, emphasized the organization's commitment to Southern Baptist life and heritage.

"We are not trying to start a new denomination," he stated flatly.

"If you've got the energy to start a new denomination, you've got the energy to save an old one," he told the chapel audience.

He also assured his listeners, who represented about 25 Kentucky churches, that the Alliance would not curtail monies given to the Cooperative Program or missions endeavors.

"Baptists have always been a people committed to freedom," he preached. He listed the freedoms Baptists cherish as freedom to preach, freedom of a laity guided by the Holy Spirit to judge what is said in the pulpit, freedom of biblical inquiry and freedom within church-state relations.

"But now these freedoms are under attack by a fundamentalist group who first worked behind the scenes," he added.

After Watkins spoke, David Green, pastor, Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville; Berry Dennis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville; and Jim England, pastor, Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville; took turns to explain their dedication to the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Alliance.

Each stressed what they perceived to be threats to Southern Baptist distinctives.

"I'm tired of seeing professors attacked who know more about how to apply Christianity to life than those who attack them," England said.

"We used to be a people who stood for religious liberty," he continued. "Now we want the state to do so much of our work for us."

Watkins opened the floor for comments. J. Keith Garris, a seminary student who described himself as a fundamentalist, stood and suggested the Alliance try to include conservatives in its ranks if it truly wished to be a peacemaking body.

"I feel comfortable here, but many fundamentalists would not," he stated.

A chairman for the Kentucky Baptist Alliance will be elected after the membership has been solidified, Watkins explained. Another informational meeting will be held in Louisville at Deer Park Baptist Church Apr. 23 at 7 p.m.

Sunday schools enjoy enrolment surge in '86

After two years of declining enrolment, Kentucky Sunday schools made a comeback in 1986, according to Chip Miller, director of the Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In 1985 Kentucky Sunday schools experienced a loss of 2031 members. In 1986 there was an overall increase of 1864 members for a total enrolment of 376,714.

"We are very pleased," Miller said. "The increase can't be attributed to one thing but all the work all the churches and state people have done together."

"We commend the churches for their good work," he added.

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The inerrancy conference at Ridgecrest

The inerrancy conference scheduled for Ridgecrest May 4-7 has been organized by the presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries as an effort at reconciliation in the convention.

Differences in how Southern Baptists view the Bible, including inerrancy and the historical-critical method, have been touted as one of the main causes of separation among Southern Baptists and the conference at Ridgecrest is supposed to help bridge the chasm that divides us.

If inerrancy is such a big deal in Southern Baptist life and treasured as the proper method of biblical interpretation among Southern Baptists, as some claim, then why are there no Southern Baptists on the program as experts in this area of biblical inquiry?

Note the main speakers and discover not one Southern Baptist among them. Those speakers include Mark Noll, Wheaton College; Robert Preus, Concordia Seminary; Clark Pinnock, McMaster University; Kenneth Kantzer, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; James I. Packer, Regent College; and Millard Erickson, Bethel Theological Seminary. There is not a Southern Baptist scholar nor a Southern Baptist school represented among the main speakers.

It is true Clark Pinnock once taught for a short time in a Southern Baptist seminary, but he has long since gone another way in service at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and at two Canadian schools, Regent College and McMaster University.

Southern Baptists will be on the program at Ridgecrest, but not as main speakers. They will preside at the meetings, participate in seminars and respond to speeches. This does not seem a very aggressive way to put forth Southern Baptist understanding of the proper method of biblical interpretation. It seems like a reactionary, defensive position for those who host the meeting.

However the seminary presidents may have decided the best way to handle the matter was to allow avowed inerrantists to take the lead while those who are not so committed to that position remain in the background. With reconciliation as the ultimate goal, this may prove to be the best course of action.

Surely Southern Baptists can sit at the feet of Presbyterians, Anglicans and Lutherans, since these denominations are represented in the lecturers. We may learn that the Bible is not the sole possession of Southern Baptists and that other Christians love and honor the scriptures as much as we do. This in itself may be all that is necessary to make this a worthwhile conference.

We hope some good for the average Southern Baptist will come from this meeting. Perhaps our understanding of the concept of inerrancy will be expanded and we will be able to communicate with each other in more constructive terms. Perhaps we will see that though we may use different words to express the same thing we are not as divided in our love for scripture and loyalty to

the Bible as it would appear.

Then again we may also discover that indeed we are further apart than we have imagined. We may also discover that traditional, historic Southern Baptist understanding of the scripture is not subject to simple explanation but is complex and diverse, as we are complex and diverse in expression of our faith in Christ.

We will surely learn that inerrancy is not a simplistic, non-reflective method of biblical interpretation, but is itself complex and demanding of serious study.

In any event the total absence of Southern Baptists in leading positions in this conference makes one wonder. Either we have no Southern Baptist scholars competent to lead a discussion on inerrancy or we have no Southern Baptist scholars who hold this view. It may be there are no Southern Baptist scholars who want to lead in such a meeting though they are competent to do so.

We know there are competent Southern Baptist scholars who hold this view. It also may be there are competent Southern Baptist scholars who would welcome the opportunity to lead in such a conference but were not asked to share their views.

The truth is there are no Southern Baptists in the spotlight for this conference as main speakers regardless of the reasons.

Then why are we having the conference? Is this a straw we are grasping in desperation? Is the conference being held for the benefit of those who hold inerrancy views with such vigor they demand to be heard on the national level? Are we conducting the conference simply because we love the Bible and any effort to discover more light about the Book is worthy?

We take seriously the word of the presidents of our seminaries who have declared they want this meeting in order to "offer Southern Baptists an opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to a high view of Scripture and the authority of God's word."

That seems a fair reason for such a meeting and if reconciliation, or even progress toward reconciliation, comes from it then the effort is worthwhile, even though no Southern Baptist stands in the spotlight.

Western Recorder will be there and will report the actions and discussions for evaluation by all Kentucky Baptists. In the meantime, prayer for good to come from this meeting is in order for all of us.

It may or may not be a straw in the wind, but it is in the national spotlight and it does touch all of us. Prayer is proper at all times, but even more so when brothers are grappling to find a way to get along more peacefully.

If this conference can open even a small channel of communication among us, then praise the Lord. Let us pray to that end and give peace a chance.

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HMB declines to rescind ordination policy

In a 44-24 roll-call vote, directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board defeated a motion to repeal a policy directors adopted in October that prohibits future financial support of ordained women serving as local church pastors.

There was no debate or discussion on the motion, offered by outgoing first vice chairman Marvin Prude, a retired refining company president from Birmingham, Ala.

Prude asked the directors to "repeal the action taken at the October 1986 meeting and return to its former policy of funding all HMB positions based on qualifications of the applicant without regard to gender or ordination." Prude added the motion "is directed toward Church Pastoral Aid support for ordained women."

In another action during their March meeting, HMB directors tabled a proposed policy which would have prohibited the appointment of any missionary who "speaks in tongues" either in private or public prayer.

The policy was proposed by a personnel subcommittee appointed in August 1986 to study the board's guidelines on appointment of people who participate in "glossalalia" or "speaking in tongues."

The recommendation would have prohibited appointment of "any person who is actively participating in, promoting or condoning the modern charismatic movement, including its 'private prayer language.'" It also said "continued participation in the modern charismatic movement" by missions personnel already serving could "result in termination."

After discussion, directors adopted a motion expressing reservations about fund-raising efforts among churches

'Frank exchange' marks FMB, Genesis meeting

Leaders of the Genesis Commission and the Baptist Foreign Mission Board met Mar. 10 in Richmond, Va., for what was described as a "frank exchange" of concerns and ideas.

In a joint statement issued Mar. 13, both the commission and the board indicated each will proceed as previously planned with its work in Mexico, where the commission will begin its evangelistic thrust.

The group has drawn criticism from some Southern Baptists—including Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks—who believe the commission will compete with the board and perhaps cause confusion among Baptists in Mexico and other countries where the denomination already has evangelistic work under way through the mission board.

The statement said the board representatives "shared information about the board's central emphasis on evangelism that results in churches and told how missionaries work cooperatively with National Baptist leadership as soon as such leadership develops."

Genesis Commission leaders Bill Darnell and John Morgan outlined the commission's "dual purpose of soul-winning and church planting and told how it expects to use National Baptist workers in Mexico and other countries where the commission might later work." They told Parks "the commission is in no way an arm of any political group in the convention." (BP)

and individuals by other SBC agencies. The board warned of damage such fund raising does to the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget and to authorized mission offerings.

Directors authorized a request to be submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission that would enable the board to issue \$10 million in church bonds for sale starting in May 1987. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds would be used to finance new loans for new



Newly elected officers of the Home Mission Board are (l to r) Lawson Schroeder, Atlanta dentist, second vice president; Clark G. Hutchinson, pastor, Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., chairman; Barbara Fain, Dunwoody, Ga., secretary; and Bill Viel, Essex, Md., first vice chairman.

Baptists to respond to inerrancy

Southern Baptists identified with both sides of the political spectrum will share the platform at the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center May 4-7.

Twenty-nine Southern Baptists will participate in the conference sponsored by the six Southern Baptist seminaries, said Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The conference's 11 major addresses will be given by evangelical non-Southern Baptists who are considered authorities on biblical inerrancy, Dilday said.

"Those to address the plenary sessions are from the conservative evangelical world," Dilday said. "They come from denominations which have already struggled with this issue of biblical authority. They are convictional inerrantists but represent a wide diversity among themselves."

Richard Land and James Carter will respond to "Biblical Inerrancy in Historical Perspective." Land is on leave from Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas to serve as special counsel on church and state relations for Texas Gov. Bill Clements. Carter is pastor of University Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

William Hull and Paige Patterson will respond to "What is Biblical Inerrancy?" Hull is provost at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Patterson is president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies.

Adrian Rogers and John Lewis will respond to "Parameters of Biblical Inerrancy." Rogers is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Convention president. Lewis is pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.

James Flamming and Ed Young will

church buildings and sites.

Board members unanimously re-elected Clark G. Hutchinson, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., as chairman. Other officers elected by the board were William J. Viel, pastor, First Baptist Church, Essex, Md., first vice chairman; Lawson Schroeder, Atlanta dentist, second vice chairman; Barbara Fain, Dunwoody, Ga., secretary; and Paulina Brown, Shelbina, Mo., assistant secretary. (BP)



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Stanton shares travels with Kentucky listeners

Koreans' zeal for gospel saturates nation

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

"It's an exciting thing to come to Kentucky anytime! I'm really thrilled about what Kentucky Baptists are doing," declared Jack Stanton, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Stanton, who is director of the Institute of Evangelism and special assistant to the chancellor, Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo., recently spoke at Ohio River Association's M-Night, as well as in Salem and Friendship churches.

Stanton has traveled to 68 countries of the world, preaching and teaching in most of them. He recently returned from his first trip to Korea and China.

The largest churches of many major denominations are found in Korea. Stanton preached to 25,000 Koreans in the Yoido Full Gospel Church, where Dr. Cho is pastor. Located in Seoul, the 510,000 member church has an all night prayer meeting every Friday night.

Preceding the service on the night Stanton spoke, 25,000 teachers and preachers had a meeting, then cleared the building for the next meeting.

At many churches, there are prayer services scheduled at 4 and 5 in the morning for people on their way to work.

Stanton spoke with the aid of interpreter Joseph Kim, the son of Billy Kim who translated for Billy Graham during his Korean crusade.

While in Korea, Stanton preached three or four times a day in churches, schools, hospitals, and seminaries. Some factories have schools and provide prayer services for the students. Other schools were religious schools, but not all the students were Christian.

Stanton saw over 600 professions of faith in one school where he preached. The students are becoming Christian at an amazing rate—a more rapid pace



Stanton preaches to an audience of 25,000 in Yoido Church, Seoul, Korea.

than in America. Revival is also breaking out in the military.

The Korean Baptist Convention is extremely strong. At Central Baptist, another church where Stanton preached, an early prayer service is held on Sunday, followed by five other major services. Dr. Oh, the pastor, flies or drives to other parts of the country every Monday, engages in evangelistic services, then returns on Thursday. He does this 42 weeks a year.

Stanton attributes part of the growth to a strong lay program. For example the Yoido Church has divided its huge membership into a pyramid of sections, home cells, sub districts and districts.

The leadership consists of well trained lay people who minister to needs, practice evangelism and teach the Bible.

Other important factors in the religious explosion, Stanton believes, are the commitment of the people to the Lord, persistence in prayer, constant seeking for a closer walk with the Lord, and willingness to bear radiant witness of Jesus. There is a happy expression of the Christian faith in all activities of life.

After leaving Korea, Stanton spent some time with missionaries in Hong Kong, and visited Southern China for one day. He stated that he could comment only on the small section of China which he visited.

In that locality fishermen and farmers

seemed to fare better than most because of the free enterprise involved. Most of the people are uneducated and are poor to the point they considered dog, worms and snakes delicacies. Many had been Buddhist but had lost faith and have no God.

"The night we left China, my wife cried all night at the heartbreak she saw there," Stanton commented.

"However, there are great victories as well as great disasters. They say 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the saints.' In some areas there is evidence that there was a great growth of Christianity during the Iron Curtain years.

"And the government does permit worship now under certain conditions."

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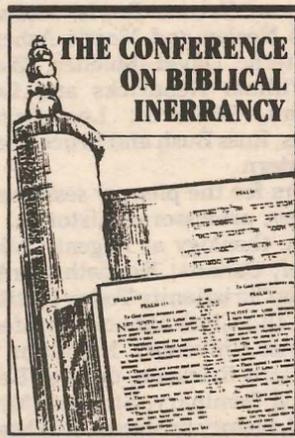
Southern Baptists will sit down together to discuss the scholarly issues of biblical inerrancy at the first national Conference on Biblical Inerrancy May 4-7.

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Speakers include J. I. Packer, Kenneth Kantzer, Clark Pinnock, Millard Erickson, Mark Noll and Robert Preus — all experts on biblical inerrancy. Noted Southern Baptists will respond to each speaker's address. Also, professors from the six SBC seminaries will lead small-group discussions.

Get the facts on biblical inerrancy. Reserve your space today by writing the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

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Stanton doesn't see rift among Southern Baptists

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

"The hope for the future is as bright as the promises of God and the commitment of the people," Jack Stanton stated when questioned about the unity of the Southern Baptist Convention. "I haven't seen the great rift that many people have seen."

He spoke of meeting for prayer with Adrian Rogers, convention president, and Ray Roberts, second vice-president.

"We committed ourselves to pray for each other and to do the will of God and the ministry of the SBC. Our president is open to suggestions for the good of all.

"I see many wonderful signs of working closer together. What the Peace Committee experienced at Glorieta when the seminary presidents met is a strong indication of a deep commitment on the part of important leadership to stay close to the word of God and the will of God for our people."

Stanton believes the great majority of Southern Baptists are committed to the Lord and his word.

"I feel like all of us want to get on with basic things—Bold Mission Thrust, the winning of the world to Christ, the growing of mature Christians, discipling the people of God, becoming more mature in Christ, the covering of our nation with churches where converts can grow. I think there is a growing tendency among the laity (people of God) to stay off the periphery and to get back to a basic love of the Lord and belief in his work."

Stanton continued, "We'll never see everything eye to eye, but we do need to be together on the Lordship of Jesus Christ and on the authority of the word of God, and to have a deep commitment to be obedient to him and the challenge he has given us to win the world to Christ.

"I think when we get about the master's business we will be coming closer together."

Church takes pride in class of Loyall boys

by Beth Wyatt, State Correspondent

What do the county coroner, a World War II veteran, a 70-year-old handicapped man, or a trip to the cemetery have to do with Sunday school? Ask Glenn Durham of First Baptist, Loyall.

"We have a ton of boys in our high school boys class, and our class makes up 10 percent of the attendance in our church. They come in as boys and go out as men," Durham said.

Durham has different members of the congregation give a testimony or illustration, such as looking in the cemetery for someone who took possessions with them or the handicapped man telling how he survived an armed robbery without a scratch. The boys also act out some of the lessons, giving them a better understanding of the subject matter.

The class members include:

Chris Rogers, a Cawood High School senior who says some of the best times in his life have been the last eight years at the Loyall church. He plans to attend University of Colorado and major in business.

Chris Simpson is an honor roll student. He is the youngest member of the class and is active in Little League and church choir.

Chris Herren attends Cawood High School where he is a champion golfer. He placed second in the McDonald's Kentucky Junior Invitational, the youngest ever to qualify from Harlan County.

Tony Saragas is a senior at Harlan. He wants to make himself into a person God can be proud of. In the fall he will be attending college on a 1986 Kentucky Governor's Scholarship.

Todd Whitaker, a freshman, plays golf and football. He has attended the Loyall church all his life.

Eugene Reynolds, a freshman, is the newest member of the class. He is the oldest of four children and sees to it that his younger brothers and sisters are in church and safely home.

Todd Parker, a drummer in Cawood's band, had the distinction of being baptized on Christmas Day 1984.

J. W. Collins, a freshman football player and Boy Scout for six years, is

presently working on the Eagle Scout rank.

Brian Rogers, a Cawood student, enjoys all sports and hopes to become a missionary.

Sophomore Jeff Belcher plays football and baseball at Cawood. After he became a Christian his family followed him in joining First Baptist.

Jeff Ellis is a hunter and fisherman. He plans to join the Army after school. Jeff worked at a grocery store and always made it to Sunday school after working until midnight on Saturday night.

Deano Johnson plays football and basketball. He plans to join the Air Force before college.

Steve Shell helps his dad in his business after school. He is the fourth generation of his family to attend First Baptist.

Todd Shackelford, a sophomore, is a tough football player. He made honorable mention in the SEKC team this past year.

Russel Shoemaker is another product of lifelong membership at First Baptist. He assists his father in the plumbing business.

Scotty Farmer, a senior, is the sixth man on the basketball team and the 12th on the football team. He has one of the highest average of yardage per carry in the area.

John Mink, a junior, runs on the cross country and track team. He describes his two high points in life as becoming a Christian and being named to the all-state team in cross country. He hopes to achieve a scholarship in track.

Senior Bryan Barrett has been in church since he was 10 days old. He has been appointed to the U. S. Air Force Academy to play football and will begin prep school in July.

Durham is proud that these boys lead 'regular' scholastic and extra-curricular lives while maintaining a good Christian witness.

Keith Rogers, pastor, says, "This is a magnificent group of boys, some of whom I have known since fourth grade. A tremendous talent is displayed in the group. I am proud to be their pastor."



Glenn Durham, second row, left, stands with the high school boys' class of First Baptist Church, Loyall. The boys are leaders in school and extracurricular activities yet are faithful members of their church.

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North Central Region: Northern Kentucky, Ten Mile, Owen County, Union, Crittenden, Bracken, Franklin, Elkhorn, and Boone's Creek Associations.

Phase 2

Northeastern Region: Greenup, Red River, Enterprise, and Pike Associations.

Southeastern Region: South Union, East Union, Mt. Zion, Lynn Camp, North Concord, Bell County, Upper Cumberland, Pine Mountain, Three Forks, Booneville, Irvine, Laurel River, and Jackson Associations.

Phase 3

South Central Region: East Lynn, Central, Taylor, Russell Creek, Russell County, Wayne County, McCreary County, Pulaski County, Rockcastle, Lincoln County, Casey County, South District, Tate's Creek and Mercer Associations.

Southern Region: Bethel, Logan County, Simpson, Allen, Monroe, Freedom, Liberty, Lynn, Edmonson, Warren, Gasper River, and Grayson County Associations.

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Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, KY 40977

clear creek comment

The march of time

It is almost the end of March! I remember so clearly the resolves I made as 1987 began and now the year is one-quarter gone.

March is a most interesting month. It begins in winter and ends in spring. William Cullen Bryant wrote, "The stormy March has come at last, / With wind and cloud and changing skies; / I hear the rushing of the blast, / That through the snowy valley flies."

Many historic personages were born in March: Alexander Graham Bell (3), Knute Rockne (4), Michelangelo and Elizabeth Barrett Browning (6), Oliver Wendell Holmes (8), Johan Sebastian Bach (21), Robert Frost (26), and Cy Young (29). Three American presidents were born in March - Andrew Jackson, James Madison and Grover Cleveland.

Many familiar sayings center around March - "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb," "the winds of March," "mad as a March hare," and "beware the ides of March," said to Julius Caesar who was assassinated on that day (March 15, 44 BC).

March reminds us "to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). God works logically in and through our lives. Time marches on and time is the one thing that can never be retrieved.

God has ordained special times in all of our lives. Jesus spoke of a tragic loss "because thou knowest not the time of thy visitation" (Luke 19:44). When God is at work in our lives in a mighty way, we must not respond like foolish Felix who said, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (Acts 24:35).

Our Clear Creek students are older than average college students. (One new student testifies he had run from the Lord 21 years!) They don't want to waste time for it is very precious. They came to Clear Creek because we can give them a foundation for ministry. They are well aware time is fleeting and "the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Someday God will announce "that time will be no longer" (Rev. 10:6). Until then we will serve the Lord in the march of time and preach the eternal gospel!

"So be not sad if time seem long and slow. / Too often man, forgetting light and hope, / Is like a searcher at a microscope, / Whose world is an atomic phantom-show. / The master Workman does not halt nor grope, / But builds, and builds, and subtly builds again, / In ways unrecognized, unknown to men."

Stanton A. Coblentz

baptist forum

Letters for baptist forum: maximum length, 300 words. Longer letters will be edited for space or returned for revision. Writer's signature, address, phone number and church affiliation required. No form letters will be printed. Letters must deal with issues and not make personal attacks.

Play presents great witness

A group called the 18th Street Theatre Company, sponsored by 18th Street Baptist Church, Louisville, visited our church Mar. 14.

This group is composed of energetic and gifted Christian actors and technicians of professional quality who are committed to the use of their theatrical talent and interest for Christ. Their first presentation is a one-act play entitled "Whosoever Believeth." The play, lasting only 30 minutes, is a powerful witness to the life transforming power of Christ.

Such a group, play and ministry deserve the use, interest and encouragement of other churches. Our church was tremendously blessed and highly recommends that your church schedule a performance.

David McManus, their leader and a minister of music at the church, is the person to contact. He can be reached at his home (502) 429-5231 or at the church (502) 778-3016. Call him now while you are thinking of it. You will be glad you did!

James W. Hall, pastor
Arcade Baptist Church

Jordan Center hosts speakers

I want to alert you to the visit of Adolfo Perez Esquivel, who will be speaking in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary chapel on Monday, March 30, at 7:30

p.m. His topic will be "Liberation Theology and Non-Violent Change in Latin America."

He will also be conducting a news conference at the University of Louisville, Room 100 of the Humanities Building at 3:30 p.m. We are inviting all area media representatives to attend that conference.

The Clarence Jordan Conference will be on the seminary campus March 30-April 1. Robert Maddox of Americans United for Separation of Church and State and John Buchanan, of People for the American Way, will be our featured speakers.

Paul D. Simmons

Thanks for dropping labels

Thanks for dropping the Fundamental-conservative, Moderate-conservative labels. I would be identified as "Moderate," but I hate the word. It is so middling, so non-committal, so lukewarm—something Jesus would spew out of his mouth. I would rather be called "fundamental," but not fundamentalist, because that derives from an *ism*, fundamentalism, and Jesus' Lordship calls us from every *ism*.

Jesus himself was maddeningly elusive when it came to labels. Sometimes he was more conservative than the conservatives, other times he was more liberal than the liberals. Maybe that's why both sides killed him. To paraphrase

Paul, labeling (like the "letter") kills but the Spirit gives life.

You are right; every term is offensive in some way to everyone involved. Many moderates see themselves as fundamental in their beliefs and many conservatives see themselves as "denominational loyalists" or "friends of missions" which the other side has called itself.

So how about calling us "Blue" and "Red"—though whoever is called "Blue" doesn't want that name to imply any coolness of zeal and whoever is called "Red" doesn't want that name to imply connection with communism.

Really, all names are signs of the judgment we are bringing upon ourselves. This "party spirit" is of the "flesh," Paul says. Who says we must choose between our sisters and brothers? Who says we must exclude another "group" and fracture fellowship in families, associations, schools and conventions? Only the voice of the Accuser says, You cannot work together. You must choose.

Maybe one sign of repentance would be for us to say, "We do not have to choose" and to reject any leadership that chooses to represent only one "side." Then we would only let ourselves be called **Baptist Christians**.

H. Stephen Shoemaker

Association affirms Southern Seminary

WHEREAS, the churches of White's Run Baptist Association have been blessed for many years with the ministry of both graduates and students of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and

WHEREAS, Southern Seminary has impacted the lives of numerous God-called women and men, and

WHEREAS, president Roy Lee Honeycutt along with the faculty and staff have always stood firm for the heritage of Southern Baptists, and have exemplified in their words and actions the Lordship of Jesus Christ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we lend our wholehearted support to president Honeycutt and the faculty and staff of Southern Seminary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our sincere appreciation for the ministry of the seminary in training those who minister to us, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our thanks to the churches of White's Run Baptist Association for providing the opportunity for these to minister and for assisting in the training process, and

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baptist news in brief

KBHC campaign passes \$1 million milestone

More than \$1 million has been given or pledged toward the \$3 million goal in Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Beyond This Time endowment campaign, according to Mike Bryant, statewide campaign chairman. Bryant made the announcement at a campaign dinner held Mar. 3 in Louisville.

The endowment campaign was launched in November 1986, designed to ensure that KBHC will have the resources to continue meeting the needs of Kentucky's children.

Baptists mobilize relief for Ecuador

Southern Baptist missionaries and Ecuadorian Baptists set up warehouse space to receive about 40 tons of food, blankets, clothing and tools from Southern Baptists as they mobilized earthquake relief.

A three-member disaster relief team headed by Cameron Byler from the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., planned to leave Miami with provisions by commercial cargo jet Mar. 18.

Ecuadorian Baptists and missionaries will distribute food in Quito, where many of the thousands left homeless are living with relatives. They plan to use food distribution as a way to share the gospel.

The disaster team also will work with two missionaries who set up a communications center in Lago Agrio, a town east of the affected area.

Officials said 1000 people were either dead or missing after two powerful quakes shook mountain snowcaps loose and sent water, mud and debris sliding into river valleys Mar. 5 and 6.

Missionary Larry Doyle, chairman of Southern Baptist mission work in Ecuador, said he flew into Lago Agrio Mar. 10 to survey the needs. Accompanying him were Jim Tye, a missionary from Oklahoma City, and Jim Godsoe, Rochester, Ill., on special assignment with the Foreign Mission Board. Doyle, Cave City, Ky., returned to Quito, but left Tye and Godsoe to set up a relief coordination center in the town. (BP)



Draper



Dilday

Trustees elect four; Draper praises Dilday

Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary elected four faculty members, adopted a record \$18.79 million budget and approved a two-track master of divinity degree program at their meeting Mar. 9-11.

The board also unanimously commended seminary president Russell Dilday for his role in the "Glorieta Statement" issued by the six SBC seminary presidents Oct. 20, 1986.

Trustee James T. Draper Jr. introduced the resolution expressing "appreciation to the president for his leadership in the Glorieta Statement." Draper said Dilday had been instrumental in presenting the statement and has "not equivocate from it." (BP)

classified ads

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Woman prof elected by one vote

By a one-vote margin, in a closed door session, trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary elected their first women theology professor.

Elizabeth B. Barnes, Cary, N. C., who has been teaching on an administrative appointment for three years, was elected assistant professor of systematic theology 14-13 during the Mar. 9-10 trustees' meeting.

Prior to the executive session, some fundamental trustees said they opposed Mrs. Barnes because she is a woman and not an inerrantist. W. Dade Sherman, a pastor from Monroe, N. C., told reporters, "She is not an inerrantist. And I do object to a woman teaching theology. I don't think it's biblical."

In contrast to Mrs. Barnes election, Roy E. DeBrand was elected professor of preaching and worship 25-2. DeBrand is considered a conservative scholar.

Southeastern president W. Randall Lolley said he supported the election of both DeBrand and Mrs. Barnes and was surprised by the decision to close the doors to all but trustees, Lolley and academic dean Morris Ashcraft.

In another disputed action during the two-day trustee meeting, board members voted 18-4 to adopt "A Plan of Action," presented by Lolley. The plan pledges to encourage balance and fair-

ness in seminary teaching and to refrain from "caricaturing or intimidating anyone because of their beliefs." According to Lolley, the "Plan of Action" is an effort to address concerns of the Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee. (BP)

Brazilian missionary killed in bus wreck

A pioneer Brazilian missionary to Portugal was killed in a bus wreck Mar. 6 while fund raising for her country's Foreign Mission Board.

Herodias Cavalcante was traveling in Brazil, promoting the Brazilian Baptist counterpart of the Southern Baptist Lottie Moon offering, when killed, said Thurmon Bryant, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board spokesman. She was the sister of Alice de Oliveira, the lawyer who represents the three missions of the FMB in Brazil. Both women had traveled in the United States. In 1980 Ms. Cavalcante spent two months working with Portuguese-speaking people in Massachusetts.

Ms. Cavalcante had commented a few days before her death that she wanted to "die with her boots on promoting missions for Brazil," and "that's what she did," Bryant said. (BP)

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baptist news in brief

HMB search committee 'on schedule'

The chairman of a committee to nominate a president for the Baptist Home Mission Board reported the committee's search is "right on schedule," but the committee has "not yet reached a consensus" on a presidential candidate.

Troy L. Morrison, chairman of the eight member committee and director of church-minister relations for the Alabama Baptist Convention, reported to directors of the HMB during their March meeting that the committee has considered 64 candidates for the position.

Although Morrison did not say when the committee would be ready with a nomination, he added "we will not pressure ourselves, or be pressured, into moving too hastily. Neither shall we take more time than necessary. We feel

we are right on schedule."

The search committee has met nine times in the last five months, and has read, studied and considered more than 100 letters recommending 64 persons for the position. Each person nominated was asked to submit a resume. Some have declined to be considered, he said.

Morrison added the committee plans to continue the interview process "until we find the person whom we believe God would have us recommend to this board. We would not dare recommend any person until we have a clear direction from God." (BP)

Mercer resists urging to expel students

Mercer University has been asked by the Georgia Baptist Convention executive committee to expel any student who poses for *Playboy* magazine.

The appeal came in a resolution passed by the executive committee Mar. 10, despite a statement by Mercer's president R. Kirby Godsey that such an expulsion might be illegal.

Mercer, a 5200-student school affiliated with the Georgia Baptist Convention, has been front-page news in Georgia since *Playboy* listed it as one of the "top 10 party schools" in the nation. Early in March, a *Playboy* photographer went to the Mercer campus in Macon hoping to photograph Mercer coeds for an October issue on students from those 10 schools. Secular news reports indicated 25 Mercer women volunteered to pose, five of them nude.

"We made it clear *Playboy* could not come on the Mercer campus, and they have not," Godsey said. "We cannot control actions of adult students off the campus." (BP)

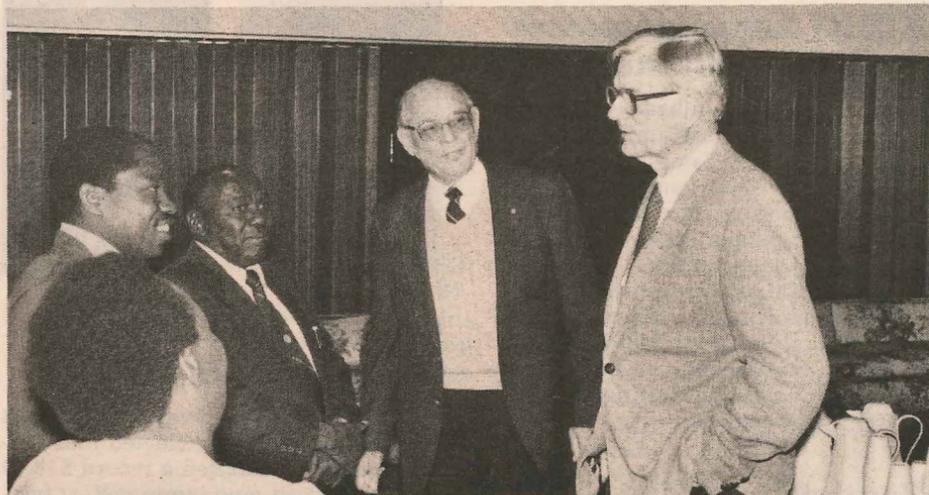
Chapman resigns from Stewardship Commission

Fred M. Chapman, executive vice president of endowment and capital giving promotion for the Baptist Stewardship Commission has announced his retirement, effective June 30.

Chapman joined the Stewardship Commission in 1971 as a Together We Harvest consultant. He was the first person employed to devote full time duties to the TWB program which assists churches in providing capital funds for current and ongoing building needs.

During his tenure with the commission Chapman recruited, trained and developed 16 professional fund raising consultants. The combined efforts led more than 1300 churches in raising approximately \$450 million for building needs.

Chapman is taking early retirement to enter into private business in Madison, Tenn.



When leaders of the Kenyan Baptist Convention visited the Foreign Mission Board, they found Baptists with Kentucky ties are everywhere. William Gaventa (r), director of the medical services department and longtime missionary to Nigeria, was formerly on staff at Louisville hospitals. Visiting with Gaventa are, from left, Mrs. Arthur Kinyanjui; Samson Kasia, director of the Baptist encampment at Limuru, Kenya; Arthur Kinyanjui, chairman of the Kenyan Baptist Convention; and Davis Saunders, area director for Eastern and Southern Africa at the FMB.

SBA 'regrets' HMB policy on women

Southern Baptist Convention moderate-conservative leaders have voiced regret over the 44-24 vote by directors of the Home Mission Board refusing to reconsider a policy that prohibits HMB financial support of ordained women pastors.

Henry W. Crouch, Charlotte, N. C., president of the Southern Baptist Alliance organized by moderate-conservatives Feb. 12, attended the HMB meeting and issued a statement in an informal press conference immediately after adjournment.

"We regret the directors of the Home Mission Board have refused to rescind their Oct. 1986 decision not to fund churches in mission situations who have women as pastors," said Crouch.

He added the Southern Baptist Alliance would be a financial channel to fund qualified mission churches who choose women as pastors if the HMB will not. The alliance, Crouch said, is an organization of individuals and churches "committed to historic Baptist principles, freedoms and traditions."

Crouch claimed the directors of his own state did not represent the views of the majority of North Carolina Baptists: "We have four HMB directors from North Carolina, and three of them voted against the motion to rescind the policy in direct contradiction to a resolution adopted by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina which voted by a 75 percent margin to ask the HMB to reconsider its policy." (BP)

Sunday school retreat slated for May 15-16

The state Sunday school department is planning a retreat May 15-16 for ministers to preschool and children, division directors, and preschool and children's teachers in the small church.

There will be a time of unstressing, inspiration, fun, brainstorming, setting goals and planning how to best meet the needs of preschoolers. Three meals are included.

Write to Jewell Nelson, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Sunday School Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, or call (502) 245-4101.

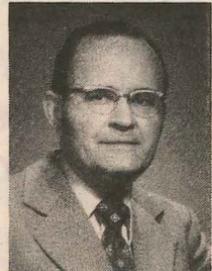
Wilbur Lamm, veteran adult editor, dies

Wilbur C. Lamm, who at one time was the only editor of Southern Baptist adult Sunday school materials, died Mon., Mar. 16, at age 66.

Lamm was editor of Convention Uniform Series Sunday school materials for adults for almost 30 years from 1955 until he retired in Mar. 1984 due to health problems.

He was instrumental in broadening the options for Southern Baptist adults with addition of materials for young adults, senior adults and lessons for the deaf as well as teacher materials. Lamm designed and edited the first adult vacation Bible school materials and helped develop both the Life and Work Series and the Bible Book Series.

Lamm was one of three Southern Baptists to serve as chairman of the interdenominational Committee on the Uniform Series since its inception in 1872. The committee develops guidelines for the International Sunday school lessons used by 24 denominations. (BP)



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missions

Kentucky native **Jerrold Cowan** and wife Keim have been appointed missionaries by the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Cowan, who was born in Winchester, will be pastor of Red Land Bible Chapel in Etters, Penn. For the past two years he has been a church planter in the Pennsylvania community.

A former interim minister of education at Central Baptist Church, Winchester, from 1984-85, Cowan is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Roscoe Miller, father of Mrs. Robert W. Morgan Jr., missionary to Indonesia, died Jan. 13 in Lexington, Ky.

The former Jean Miller, she was born in Ohio, but considers Irvine, Ky. her hometown. Her husband is a native of Smithfield.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1981, they may be contacted at Kotak Pos 1, Kediri 64102, Indonesia.

Linda Dillworth, missionary to the Philippines, has completed furlough and returned to the field (P.O. Box 94, Davao City, Philippines 9501).

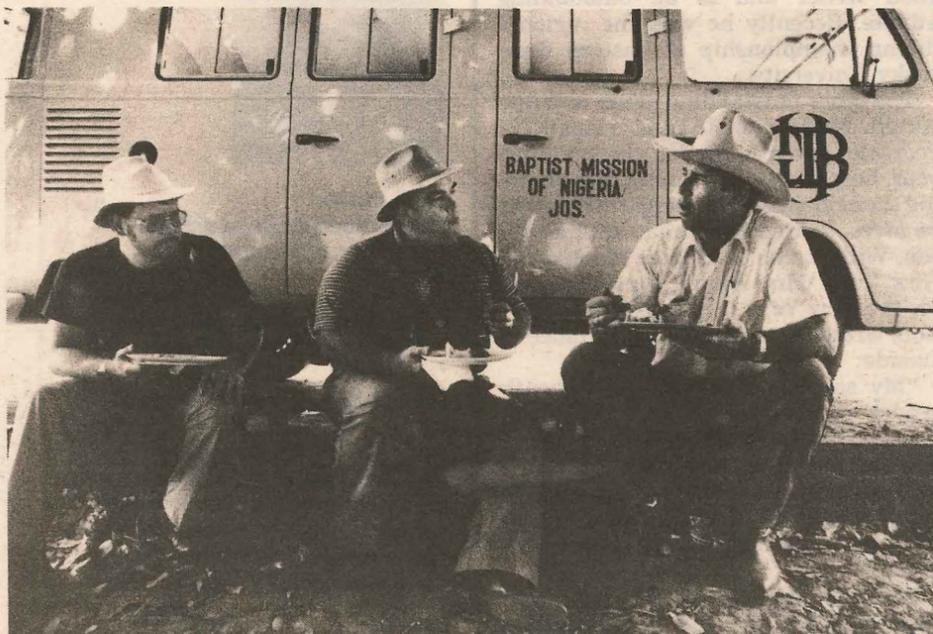
She was born in Ft. Knox, Ky. and lived in Germany as well as Arkansas, Oklahoma and Georgia. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board.

Editors note: We run news about missionary address changes to help you keep up with your missionaries overseas. But some of them have a hard time keeping up with you. Newsletters sometimes return to them months after mailing because they do not have your current address. Please help our missionaries by notifying those who write you about all address changes.

personnel

L. M. Hamilton has resigned as pastor of Acton Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

Hamilton suffered a severe heart attack in August 1986, and his last day as pastor was Jan. 4, his fourth anniversary at the church. He was in his 52nd year



Even volunteers need lunch breaks. Kentucky Baptist volunteers **Jim McKinney (l)** and **Doyle Searcy (c)** join Southern Baptist missionary **Larry Davis** for a picnic at Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria. McKinney is pastor of Rock Lick Baptist Church and Searcy is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, both in Somerset. They, along with **Ernestine and Olin Williams** and **Jewell Hail** of Pulaski County Association, recently participated in revivals in Nigeria.

as a Southern Baptist minister and was beginning his 28th year as professor of English at Campbellsville College.

Don R. Flanningan accepted the call as pastor from Round Top Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. He began his work there Feb. 15.

He was licensed and ordained by Valley Creek Baptist Church in the same association. Flanningan graduated from Clear Creek in 1978 and has pastored two churches in Tennessee.

Elliott Holbrook has joined the staff as youth minister at Hebron Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. He goes to Hebron from Hickory Grove Baptist Church in the same association.

Ray Minardi has joined the Sunday School Board as a part time editor of Sunday school administration materials.

He was a US-2 missionary in Manchester, N. H., from 1981 to 1983 and was minister to single adults at Clifton Baptist Church, Long Run Association, in 1985-86 while a seminary student.

Minardi received a BA in education from the University of Georgia and completed his MA in Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Philip Bradshaw has resigned as pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Liberty Association. He has moved to Williamstown Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. Bradshaw is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Todd Fannin has been called as minister of youth at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Robert Dever is pastor.

Donnie Browning has accepted the position of minister of music at Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Kenneth Dick is pastor.

Elmer Wiley, director of missions for Irvine Association, will retire Mar. 30. A reception in his honor was held Mar. 15 at McKee Baptist Church in the same association.

congregations

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Jenkins, invites all Kentucky Baptists to attend the dedication service for the church's new facilities located on Main Street. The dedication begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday Apr. 5.

A. B. Colvin, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will be guest speaker. Other program personalities include Philip E. Rosenbaum, director of missions, Three Forks Association.

Tony Carson is pastor of Emmanuel.

Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Long Run Association, has announced its production of **Godspell** by the church's Arts Mission Action Group Apr. 14, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.

Featured in **Godspell** are acclaimed folk singer Darrell Adams and Grammy award winner Cynthia Clawson. Directing is Vicki Ragsdale of Story Source, Inc. with Louie Bailey of Crescent Hill Baptist Church as musical director.

Tickets are free but must be acquired in advance. Donations will be accepted at the door after each performance. For Ticket information contact Connie Bayer at 897-4397 or 897-7195 (after 5 p.m.)

deaths

Miss Nellie J. Childress, 103, died Jan. 10 at Auburn (Ky.) Nursing Center, where she had lived for the past 20 years.

She was the oldest member of Auburn Baptist Church, Bethel Association, having been a member since 1894. Her 92 years is perhaps a record among Kentucky Baptists for the most years as a member of a single church.

A retired teacher, she was the daughter of the late James and Louise Maxwell Childress and was born in Logan County Sept. 17, 1883.

She graduated from Auburn Seminary in 1899, then from Cumberland College in Lebanon, Tenn. in 1903. She returned to Auburn that year and began teaching Latin and mathematics at the seminary. She later taught at Auburn High School.

Mason Lewis Beville, A long time active deacon and servant of First Baptist Church, Earlington, Little Bethel Association, died Jan. 26. Services were held at First Baptist Jan. 29 with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Paducah.



Eldred M. Taylor
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homes for children

The versatile crock

Sometimes one word will call to mind many memories and pictures from the past. Recently as my wife and I traveled across the state, we saw the word "crock." Immediately our mind's eye was flooded with pictures of many ways our mothers used the old crock. For indeed, the crock was a valuable vessel in

the farm kitchen.

The old blue crock was sometimes filled with butter. Mother would use the butter paddle to press out the moisture before molding it into neat pounds. At other times the crock was filled with milk. I remember how the cream would rise to the top and I would skim off that rich cream for my cereal.

In the summer time it was not uncommon to see the crock filled with green beans, all snapped and washed, ready to cook for the family and farm workers. The crock was also used when pitting cherries or washing berries before making a cobbler pie or preserves.

In the winter, after hog killing time, I have seen the old crock filled with ground up souse meat. At that time a plate would be placed on top of the souse and a flat iron set on the plate. This served as a weight to press the souse. Then when the meat was cold, it could be sliced for cold cuts. Another pleasant memory of the old blue crock was its use as a mixing bowl for delicious jam

cakes or cookies. I had not realized how versatile the old crock had been for my mother's use until these pleasant memories recently came to mind.

The versatile crock caused me to think of a present vehicle which is very versatile in providing care for children. It is called endowment or trust funds. First of all, when one makes a gift to be placed in our endowment or trust funds, that money can never be spent. It will remain in trust until our Lord returns. However, endowment funds are so versatile because these dollars in trust earn other dollars year after year. The earned dollars are then available for use in the care of children.

Another beautiful thing about endowment funds is that they earn an amount equal to the endowment value about every 10 to 12 years. So, a gift to endowment doubles again and again, providing versatile funds to care or children.

Pray for and be a part of our present Beyond This Time endowment campaign.



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oneida journal

Oneida has spelling, art champs

Oneida sixth grader Gary Goodman is the 1987 countywide spelling champion. There are nine county public schools, the smallest of which is three times larger than our elementary or middle school program.

But this is the third time in the past four years that an Oneida Baptist Institute boy has won the countywide spelling championship, thus ranking first among nearly 5000 county students. The winners of other years have been eighth graders. Gary's win is especially remarkable in that he is only a sixth grader.

Gary stands less than five feet tall and is a very serious young man. He can be very determined. His father works in our maintenance department. Gary not only is a standout in spelling but is also on our middle school academic team.

Now junior Troy Miller was our spelling champion when he was an eighth grader. Soon I plan to take both the current champ and this former one to a steakhouse. A visiting doctor from Elizabethtown who came to do a week of volunteer service on our campus was in chapel the morning Gary's victory was announced. He donated the money for the steak dinner. It was the doctor's first time to see Oneida, but he has assured us it will not be the last time.

Also, the art work of two Oneida students won awards in regional competition and has been forwarded for consid-

eration at the state level.

One of these artists is Stuart Brice. Stuart came to us as a sophomore and is now a senior. He is also outstanding in drama, has an excellent voice, is a good writer and is an outstanding athlete. Recently he won the regional diving championship at Eastern Kentucky University.

The other outstanding artist is Willie Akidil. Willie came to us as a small 12-year-old seventh grader. In his fifth year, he is a muscular young man showing the evidence of the weightlifting that he loves. Reared by a great-aunt as her son, Willie came to us from Manhattan, New York. Mrs. Akidil, a psychologist for the New York City Board of Education, wrote us prior to his admittance to Oneida:

"My son is an 11 year old seventh grader who is bright. His needs are not being met because he needs more attention and communication than he is able to get in his present one child, one working parent home. For this reason I am looking for a good boarding school situation."

She was soon writing: "Thank you very much for your attention to Willie. He likes the school very much." Willie is a very likeable young man. Not only is he skilled in art and weightlifting, but he has a beautiful voice and has been active in our choir. Also he is a very dependable student work supervisor, generally helping to supervise the cleaning and mopping done each night at bedtime in the two dorms for older boys.

Our boys and girls have won many regional championship honors the past several weeks: in art, drama, wrestling and diving.

A laborer in Detroit sending a \$25 donation writes: "This is not much money after I pay income tax. When work picks up we will get you some money every month. Keep up the good work. The U.S.A. needs the young men and women that are being schooled there."

I must agree with this man. Our country does need more schools like Oneida that have quality programs.

Yes, the U.S.A. does need many more young men and women like so many that are being schooled here.

I might add that Oneida school needs more people like this laborer in Detroit willing to invest \$25 in young lives. We need more, many more, such people willing to share a little each month with us.

Yes, even you can help in such a way. It will be some of the best used money you will ever give away. Come see for yourself. Let us show you.



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sunday school lessons

Lessons for Mar. 24, 1987

Life and work series

Obeying the master

Luke 17:1-2 Christ admonished his disciples to be on their guard lest through their words or actions others might be led astray. He forbade his followers to entice or tempt others, especially young and immature Christians, by speaking unkind words or committing thoughtless deeds.

Luke 17:3-4 Christ warned his disciples of joining the ranks of tempters. He taught them it was wrong to return evil for evil. He told them it would be wrong for them not to forgive others who might sin against them.

Luke 17:5-6 Realizing they did not possess adequate strength to measure up to the requirements of Christ, and believing a stronger faith would meet their need, they promptly decided to pray earnestly for an increase in faith. They requested an increase in faith which would enable them to deal with their relationships to others in a victorious and Christlike manner.

Luke 17:7-10 Christ told his disciples, who asked for an increase in faith, they were obligated to commit themselves to him as fully as a slave commits himself to his master. When love for Christ motivates us, we always consider it a privilege and joy to go beyond the call of

duty.

International series

Before the council

Luke 22:54-71 Fully aware of Simon Peter's self-confidence Christ informed him in advance of Satan's attack that he was interceding for him. Knowing he had something in him which was worth preserving, Christ prayed Peter's faith might not suffer an eclipse. After Peter was forgiven and restored to fellowship with his Lord, he was able to strengthen his brethren in Christ and render a far more effective service for the master.

Luke 22:54-62 As the captors of Christ led him to the palace of the high priest, Peter followed in the rear and remained on the outside. John went out and brought Peter into the courtyard of the high priest's house where he mingled with the servants and others in the warmth of the fire. The girl who kept the gate said to him: "Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee." He denied he knew him. Another identified Peter as a follower of Christ, and the apostle replied, "Man, I am not." An hour later another man said Peter was a follower of Christ, whereupon he replied: "Man, I know not what thou sayest," and immediately "the cock crew."

Christ turned and "looked upon Peter," maybe through an open door. When Peter saw the Lord looking at him, he remembered Christ's prediction and was ashamed of himself.

Luke 22:63-65 Members of the temple staff, chief priests and others, all of whom were highly prejudiced against Jesus subjected Christ to extreme cruelty and abuse. After beating him unmercifully, they blindfolded him and challenged him to tell who struck him.

Luke 22:66-71 To the Jews the Sanhedrin was what the Supreme Court is to the citizens of the United States. It was suppose to be a court of justice, but at those hands Christ received callouse injustice.

In an attempt to form charge against Christ which would enable them to carry out the death sentence, with the permission of the Roman government, members of the Sanhedrin asked Christ if he were the son of God. Without hesitation Christ admitted he was. For them his confession was sufficient evidence to justify putting him to death. Since they could not inflict capital punishment, members of the Sanhedrin took Christ before the Roman procurator, Pilate. They charged him with sedition and claiming to be "Christ the King."



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on mission together

The price of war: part one

As spring was breaking twelve years ago my family and I were in Tripoli, Libya visiting our missionaries.

Upon our return to Beirut, tension was everywhere apparent. The airport was in confusion. We heard gunfire on the drive to Mutseitpe, the area where we lived.

The war had begun; the same but now-more-complicated war that has destroyed that tiny nation which, until then, was the only predominantly Christian country in the Middle East.

Some missionaries took early furlough to the states; a few transferred elsewhere; and a number remained. We left in October, some ten months later, for Munich, Germany.

Now all Baptist missionaries are gone from Lebanon. Most are in Cyprus, hop-

ing soon to return, though appeals to our government have been unsuccessful.

But other Baptists remain in Lebanon because it is their homeland. Among them are family friends Fadlo and Mona Khauli.

Through correspondence, Alice and Mona have managed to keep in touch with each other. Mona, an active member of Ras Beirut Baptist Church, has served as President of the Lebanese Baptist Woman's Union. Presently, she is **Executive Director for the National YWCA of Lebanon.**

Her recent letter tells what daily life is like for a Lebanese Baptist. In two parts, I share her story with the reader.

"This year Christmas was a sad and depressing season. Maghdoushi, a peaceful village perched atop the hills overlooking Sidon, was completely displaced. The forced eviction of its people came as a shocking surprise to everyone. An unexpected confrontation between Amal and Palestinian fighters escalated into a house-to-house military chase,

developing into mass kidnappings and killing of innocent youths. Houses were burned and the historic church desecrated.

"Civilians ran barefoot for their lives under the cover of night, clad only in bedclothes, to reach areas of safety.

"Their arrival in Beirut raised a storm of protest and indignation, but to no avail.

"Once again the weight of relief assistance fell on us as individuals and organizations.

"Christmas could provide no festivity for us; rather an occasion to translate the Christmas pageant into compassionate reality by providing shelter, food and clothing to the thousands who had lost their homes.

"On occasions our days reach peaks of terror and violence. But I must also stress the blissful experiences derived from close fellowship with God whose presence is ever near and real."

Mona's "Diary of a Day" (in Beirut) will appear in my next column.

SBC investors tread gently in stock market

Imagine a bull walking on eggshells. That's the predicament of Southern Baptist investment managers.

Wall Street is on an unprecedented "bull" run: The overall value of stocks on the market is going up steadily. The current run began in August 1982 and has continued without any substantial downward correction. Since that time, the Dow Jones Industrial Average—the numerical indicator of the strength of the stocks—has climbed 1500 points, to a record 2245.

And not only has the bull bucked to new heights, but the end of the ride is nowhere in sight. Buyers have climbed on. The smart ones are corralling herds of dollars.

But what if the bull stumbles? The riders—investors who have counted on a higher market climb—could take a tumble. The careless or slow could lose, big.

Therein lies the predicament of Southern Baptists whose jobs are to manage denominational funds, such as endowments, annuities and reserves. Stewardship demands that they make the money work, earning the best returns possible. But millions could be lost in a market crash. Consequently, stewardship also demands they keep the money safe.

Baptist stock managers admit they're like bulls on eggshells—aggressive yet cautious.

"We're bullish," says Hollis Johnson, president of the Southern Baptist Foundation. His agency manages funds, primarily for other Southern Baptist agencies and state conventions.

But Johnson and other managers say security is the harness that keeps the bull in check.

"We emphasize conservative growth and preservation of capital," reports Don Early, director of financial and technical services for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Early oversees management of the board's reserves and the annuity program it operates for its own employees.

Both Johnson and Early, as well as managers from other Baptist financial institutions, note security is a primary concern. Despite the huge profits to be made from the bull market, the agencies continue to balance their assets between the stocks or equities and more stable funds, such as bonds, Treasury bills and short-term loans.

But diversification—and consequently the limitation of equities to a fixed percentage of each institution's assets—is just one element of the security of Southern Baptist money.

"Our emphasis is on quality," Johnson explains. "The big stocks are leading, and that's our kind of stock." The Southern Baptist Foundation ignores "junk bonds," the high-rolling but high-risk stock that makes both princes and paupers overnight. It instead deals with blue-chip stocks such as those on the Dow-Jones Industrial Average.

This practice gives the foundation a more stable base from which to operate. Granted, the prices will not escalate as other types of stock, Johnson admits, but they are not likely to drop precipitously, either.

"The minute you have assets, you become a steward," Early reasons. "Our position has been to aggressively manage funds. That makes everyday management. You've got to be on your toes all the time. Historically, the market value has been underpriced. We will remain fully invested.

"But with each account we are prepared to preserve assets," Early adds. "In some accounts, we can go back to Treasury bills in a day. We want to be nimble. We don't want to lose money."

The key to success in Southern Baptist fund management is to capture the gains made on the stock market, says Tal Roberts, executive vice president of the Baptist Foundation of Texas. As with other Southern Baptist financial institutions, the Texas foundation works to "capture the gain" of rising stocks.

Rather than watch stocks climb and

eventually fall, the foundations' goals are to sell stocks at their highest safe point and then add proceeds back into the permanent Southern Baptist funds, such as reserves, endowments and annuities.

"We have realized several million dollars each year on the sale of common stocks," Roberts says. "And we have plowed that money back into the institutions' funds so they can make more money. Asset growth is meaningless unless you convert it into more realized profits, which give a bigger capital base and increase earnings."

All the talk about stocks is more than just theory for SBC ministers and denominational workers whose retirement funds are managed by the convention's Annuity Board. Actually, less than one-third of the board's assets are in equities, and only annuitants whose retirement accounts are in the board's variable and balanced funds are involved in stocks.

However, people who have put their annuity money in the variable fund have enjoyed a 12-14 percent increase in unit value since Jan. 1, reports Thomas Miller, the board's vice president for com-

munications.

Miller stresses the board does not advise individuals regarding investment funds, noting most annuitants place their money in the fixed fund, which has a guaranteed rate of return and does not involve equities. "We don't give advice," he says. "We tell the philosophy of each fund and give its performance record. Each member has to make his own decision."

Individual annuitants as well as SBC institutions that have had money in the market have done well in recent months, but no one is certain about the future.

"Historically, stocks move from being undervalued to overvalued," Johnson says, explaining the current bull market. "During the 1970s, stocks were terribly undervalued. We've been moving to a fair value, which is where we are now. Stocks still are not overvalued, but they will come down; we just don't know from what point."

"We don't know the future," Johnson says. "But if hard times come and enough money doesn't come in, we'll need big reserves to carry us through."

And that means the bulls can't afford to break any eggshells.(BP)

Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder reviews manuscripts for *Open Windows* with editor Louie Wilkinson. The magazine marks 50 years of publication as a daily devotional guide in April.



Seaman jumps ship to seek freedom

Peter Ling, a Chinese seaman persecuted for his Christian beliefs, jumped ship in the Mississippi River. Now he wants to train for the ministry and return to his homeland as a pastor.

In September 1986, Ling's ship was anchored near New Orleans when another crewman threatened his life. The "second engineer . . . wanted to kill me because I continued to preach the Good News to my countrymen," Ling recalls.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 28, as the second engineer attempted to kick down Ling's door, "I opened my window, and jumped into the river."

"When I was in China, the Christian church in China was increasing rapidly, but no pastor, and so I want to be a pastor," Ling says.

The main reason for the lack of pastors, he explains, is a lack of theological training, especially among people in rural villages. (BP)

Simplicity insures success for *Open Windows*

by Frank White

After 50 years of growth and success, it is unlikely that the Sunday School Board's most widely circulated periodical will change much in the next 50 years.

Editor Louie Wilkinson believes simplicity and relying on basics have been essential elements in the success of *Open Windows* since it first was published in April 1937.

Wilkinson cites as true today a purpose statement in the first issue of the personal devotional guide pledging that the magazine will provide a "message for every day in the month to deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of every person everywhere."

The 50-year-old format includes a daily scripture verse, devotional thought and prayer thought. But the magazine continues to be fresh because "the Bible itself is always fresh," Wilkinson said.

Two of the most significant changes in the publication have been shifting from monthly to quarterly publication in 1941 and adding a large-print edition in 1976. Combined quarterly circulation of the two editions is 1,050,000, with

546,000 of the regular edition sold and 504,000 of the large-print edition.

"I was convinced we were missing much of our audience by not having a large-print edition," said Sam Brents, who was editor of the magazine when the large-print edition was started.

A prayer calendar was added in 1948 listing foreign missionaries on their birthdays. Home missionaries were added in 1959. Wilkinson said about half the mail received by *Open Windows* mentions the prayer calendar.

Missionaries frequently write to say they appreciate the prayer support generated by the calendar listing, Wilkinson pointed out.

While simplicity is a key element of the devotional magazine, planning for it is anything but simple, Wilkinson said. Outlines are developed years in advance with weekly topics developed around an annual theme.

"It may appear that someone sits down and writes a devotional on whatever comes to mind, but that's not the case. They are following a careful plan," Wilkinson said.

But to keep the devotional thoughts interesting to a general audience, writers must take care in writing from a

broad perspective, Wilkinson pointed out.

"We try to have writers who are in touch with people and can help readers see God's blessings and provisions in all situations," he said.

Wilkinson makes a point of answering letters from readers and occasionally calls someone who took time to write. The correspondence and conversations give Wilkinson opportunities to share information with readers about ways to further their Bible study and devotional time.

Wilkinson points out that *Open Windows* is a devotional guide and is not to take the place of more in-depth Bible study.

A schedule for reading the Bible through in a year was added to the devotional reading outlines in October 1974.

In the 50 years of publication, *Open Windows* has printed 18,262 daily devotionals.

"*Open Windows* is simple and brief. We don't try to do Bible exposition. We try to focus on the joys as well as the crisis situations to meet people's needs," he said.(BP)

Excitement mounting Homes for Children Campaign passes first \$1,000,000 mark

One hundred sixty friends of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children attended the agency's first Beyond This Time endowment campaign March 3 in Louisville. Mike Bryant, a Florence, Ky. insurance executive and statewide campaign director, announced that as of March 3 more than \$1,000,000 had been given or pledged towards the \$3,000,000 goal.

Denominational and campaign leaders, members of the children's homes staff, and former residents of Glen Dale and Spring Meadows expressed their appreciation for and support of the Beyond This Time campaign.

Eldred M. Taylor, KBHC executive director, urged listeners to hear the cries of hurting children by supporting this ministry through prayer and financial support.

The campaign received unanimous endorsement of messengers to the 1985 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Following a year of preparation in 1986, the campaign was launched officially on January 19, 1987 and will continue through mid-October. The campaign is being conducted in four phases of ten weeks throughout the state's eight regions.



William Tuck, above, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, enjoyed the evening's fellowship while below, Mike and Donna Bryant, flanked by KBC president A. B. Colvin (l) and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dillihay (r), are introduced at the Louisville Banquet. Mr. Bryant is the campaign's statewide director.



Eldred Taylor, KBHC director, discusses the evening's program with Jim Ratcliffe (seated) chairman of the Louisville area campaign while at right, Donna Reynolds, executive secretary for KBHC, puts finishing touches on the campaign material for the evening.
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