

## Indiana leaders resign in funds dispute

by Dan Martin and David Simpson

The executive director and the director of state missions of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana have resigned as the result of a dispute over the misuse of domestic hunger funds.

Executive director-treasurer R. V. Haygood and state missions division director Glen W. Ray resigned Mar. 20 during a called meeting of the SCBI executive committee. Although the committee did not request the resignations, it did accept them—effective immediately—during the 12-hour marathon meeting.

The executive committee Mar. 23 named Lew Reynolds, director of the church growth division, and David Simpson, director of the communications division, as interim "co advisors." B. J. Watts, Haygood's administrative assistant, was named interim treasurer.

Don Moore, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville, and chairman of the executive committee, said the "co advisor" arrangement was agreed on "until we can get on track for a new executive director. Two men resigned and we had a big vacancy with no one in charge."

He added Reynolds will continue to supervise the church growth area and Simpson will take on the supervision of the missions division. "They will work



Haygood



Ray

together and I will meet with them on a weekly basis," Moore said.

Moore said he regrets the resignations of Haygood and Ray and said he believes the "whole matter could have—and should have—been settled before it ever got to the executive committee. It could have been handled quietly and easily in staff relationships. But because he (Haygood) chose to handle it in a differing arena, it became public and so did some other issues," Moore added.

During the Mar. 20 called meeting the executive committee reviewed "a large bulk of materials" on the controversy and called Ray and Haygood in separately for "questions and answers." Both men offered their resignations, Moore said, and the committee "accepted them, with modifications." Moore said the committee decided to accept the resignations "effective immediately" and to grant Ray and Haygood full salary and benefits through September 1987.

The resignations are the result of a three-month controversy over the diversion of \$8850 in domestic hunger funds to supplement the Church Pastoral Aid budget.

According to Indiana records missions director Ray requisitioned CPA checks for \$19,700 Dec. 5, 1986 to pay the salary supplements of pastors receiving assistance. Of that amount, \$8850 was covered by diverting funds

from the designated hunger relief fund account.

Domestic hunger funds are designated gifts distributed by the Home Mission Board as part of Southern Baptists' program of combating hunger around the world. Church Pastoral Aid provides funds for small congregations to be able to have a full time pastor in order to facilitate church development.

Haygood brought the diversion of funds to the executive committee at a regularly scheduled meeting Jan. 23. During that meeting Haygood presented and the committee adopted without opposition a strongly worded resolution which called the expenditure of hunger funds for pastoral assistance a "direct violation of the guidelines from the Home Mission Board," and put the committee "on record as strongly opposing this misuse of funds."

Moore said Haygood told the committee Ray had seen and was in agreement with the resolution. "I realized it was a hard statement and it would have a tendency to scar his (Ray's) ministry, but we accepted it because we were told he (Ray) had seen it. When we went to tell him about our action, I found out he had not seen the resolution."

Subsequently, Ray asked to speak at the Mar. 2 meeting of the 33 member executive board. He was allowed to speak and told the board: "In retrospect, I probably should have requisitioned other available limited funding instead of domestic hunger funds. . . ."

Haygood disagreed with the board's decision to hear Ray. He quoted from the SCBI constitution and from the employe policy guidelines which say staff members shall report to the executive director-treasurer and "not directly to the executive board or its committees."

"Protocol has been seriously violated. The staff of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana has always worked for the executive director, not the execu-

tive board. Unless it stays on that keel we will let the bottom fall out of what we have," Haygood told board members.

Following the Mar. 2 meeting the executive committee met and rescinded the strongly worded resolution, substituting one which only says the use of hunger funds was a "direct violation" of HMB guidelines and instructing Ray and Haygood to work together to transfer funds to the hunger fund, "making up the difference for the mistake which has been made."

Haygood's resignation says: "Due to recent events and because I feel I no longer have the full support of the executive board, I do not feel that I can lead this convention any farther. I do not wish to damage it with further strife. Therefore I am submitting my resignation."

Haygood told Baptist Press he resigned "simply because I was too tired of fighting the battle of polarization . . . polarization between the conservatives and moderates. I was just too tired to wrestle with it. I had already considered leaving. I felt like the convention could solve its problems better without me on the scene than it could with me (present)."

"This has absolutely nothing to do with the SBC controversy," Moore said. "That is not to say people in our state office do not have feelings one way or another, but this has nothing to do with that."

Haygood, 57, went to Indiana in 1969 as state director of missions. He became associate executive director in 1973 and became executive director-treasurer Jan. 1, 1981. Before he moved to Indiana, he was associational director of missions in Little Rock, Ark.

Ray, 51, went to Indiana from Ohio in 1983 to become state director of missions. Previously, he was director of associational missions of the Cincinnati Baptist Association.(BP)

### Parking available at Rupp Arena

Parking is available adjacent to Rupp Arena for those attending the Foreign Mission Board Appointment Service April 7.

Time Schedule: 6 p.m. EDT doors open to general public; 7:15 p.m. pre-session music; 7:30 p.m. appointment service begins. A reserved section will be available for the deaf, with interpreters provided.

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## BHI relocates in consolidation move

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

The movers began unpacking the boxes and furniture Mar. 23 as Baptist Hospitals Inc. moved into its new home on the third floor of the hospital system's office complex, adjacent to Baptist Hospital East in Louisville.

Beneath them, on the first two floors, sits Health Data Network, a division that keeps track of inventory, supplies, patient account records, departmental billings and budgeting for the entire Kentucky Baptist hospital system.

"The move represents the first time that Baptist Hospitals Inc. has had all of its corporate offices in one facility," explains Chuck Cox, director of development for Baptist Hospitals Inc.

All of the divisions of BHI will be housed in the Kresge Way corporate services complex: data processing, finance, purchasing, risk management, development, legal counseling and the Baptist Hospitals Foundation.

"Basically what this means is that we can now provide all of the decision-making process in one house. Theoretically, that translates to a better quality of service from our corporation performed faster for the hospitals and, thus, for the patient," Cox says.

BHI can accomplish this objective

through group purchasing power which allows it to buy for an entire system of hospitals rather than for just one facility. Group purchasing reduces the net cost for some projects and brings better interest rates on loans.

"As a part of the BHI system, when one hospital gets ready to finance a project we put that project with projects planned at other hospitals to get a lower rate of interest on a bond by financing a larger sum of money," explains Cox.

For example, with Western Baptist Hospital's cancer center, BHI included the woman's care plaza at Central Baptist Hospital dedicated solely to woman-related services and procedures, and Highland Baptist Hospital's 60-plus care program exclusively for the mature adult and a health awareness program for the heart patient.

"I like to think of us as a network of resources for the entire Baptist Hospital chain. Someone in Paducah who does all the research for a project can share the benefits of the knowledge with someone in Lexington who is considering a similar project," comments Cox. "By helping each other we can reduce expenses and save time."

In Corbin, BHI provided management for the community's hospital but soon

learned that a larger facility was needed. So, BHI built a \$36 million hospital last year to bring services to that area that previously were only available in Knoxville, Lexington or Louisville.

Ben Brewer, who has been president of BHI nearly two years, started at Western Baptist Hospital 30 years ago and has been senior executive officer at all of the hospitals, with the exception of the one at Corbin which opened last year.

Brewer is also enthusiastic about the move because the new BHI corporate office will give ability to react faster by providing a focal point for future planning.

"The move has provided the opportunity for expanded support services to the present entities of BHI and the opportunity whereby additional hospitals and health care services may become a part of our family," he claims.

Before, BHI was on Barret Avenue in space occupied by the Louisville Baptist hospitals, where other health-related services could be located. The marketing and planning division of the Louisville Baptist hospitals, which is presently located in tight quarters at Baptist Hospital East, will move into their former space.



Jack D. Sanford

## sanford's perspectives

### Is the Kentucky alliance necessary?

Last week about 25 churches in Kentucky had representatives at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, for a meeting of the Kentucky affiliate of the Southern Baptist Alliance. Spokesman for the group is James Watkins, pastor of Elk Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Just as we did with the organization of the Genesis Commission, we must raise a valid question: is this group necessary?

Those who came to the information meeting last week thought so. Those in other states who have affiliated with the organization think so. But, as it is with most everything in our Baptist life today, that is not an opinion shared by all Baptists.

Many Kentucky Baptists think this new organization is one more step toward deeper division in our ranks. The potential for separation rather than unity is present here just as it is with the Genesis Commission.

Those who have identified with the alliance say they have joined the group because they feel disenfranchised by the conservatives who are now solidly in control of the appointment process in Southern Baptist life. As disenfranchised members of the body they feel isolated and powerless to help shape the programs and ministries of the SBC. Thus they are looking for a support group with whom they can work to preserve what they believe is now under threat.

These are the same arguments we have heard from the conservatives who feel they were disenfranchised for years. They are convinced they were left out of the decision-making process and were isolated from the main stream of Baptist life. As a result the conservatives organized themselves and gained enough power to call the shots as they see fit and elect the people they believe will carry out their agenda. In the process they helped create a climate of disunity rather than unity.

The irony of the situation is that both the moderates and the conservatives are correct. Each has tasted the bitter pill of disenfranchisement. But that is the way it is in democratic organizations. Someone is "in" and someone else is "out." It just so happens the moderates are now the "outs," while the conservatives are the "ins." A few years ago it was just the other way around.

It is tragic we feel we must fight fire with fire. That is what moderates are doing in the Southern Baptist Alliance. They use the same acceptable words and phrases the conservatives used to describe their motives, but the bottom line is they want to share in the decision-making process as equal partners with the conservatives.

This is exactly what created the present situation in our common life. In 1979 the conservatives began a planned program to gain access to the power spots in convention life. They organized, they worked for their positions and they gained the upper hand through majority vote at succeeding conventions.

The end result of all this activity is a weakened fellowship where distrust and suspicion are the order of the day. Another result is a decreasing interest in winning lost people. Finally there is a sharp decline in acceptance of our claim to integrity by the world outside our Baptist circle.

Do we need the Kentucky affiliate of the Southern Baptist Alliance? You realize this is the opinion of only one member of a Kentucky Baptist church, but the answer is NO, we do not need the alliance in Kentucky.

Western Recorder has provided a means for all Kentucky Baptists to be heard on this subject. Baptist Forum is open to those of you who have something to say about this matter. Let us know your feelings, but follow the guidelines printed at the top of the Forum page and we will give you your chance to be heard.

## A great missionary experience awaits us

Rupp Arena will be filled with missionary-minded Baptists from every section of Kentucky the night of April 7. That is the time for a foreign missionary appointment service to be conducted by the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC.

Anyone who has ever been in such a service knows how moving and inspiring it can be. Good things happen to those who are present, not the least of which is a renewed commitment to Christ and a new resolve to give even more to support the work of winning a lost world to Jesus.

We will have the opportunity to hear young people tell how God moved in their lives to bring them to the point of surrender, and our own commitment will come under personal review.

We will see the joy and feel the spiritual power of these choice people whom we will have opportunity to support for years to come in foreign

fields, and we will pledge even more cooperation in support of our own people across the world.

We will see once again the diversity among Baptists as missionary appointees from big churches, little churches, city churches, rural churches, rich churches and poor churches relate their experience with Jesus the Lord who makes us one in the faith, and we will renew our own vows to him.

A foreign missionary appointment service is the closest thing to a state-wide revival. It will be a time of spiritual refreshment and a time of rededication to Christ.

If you have not made plans to attend then do so by all means. Our Foreign Mission Board has honored Kentucky by bringing this service into our state. Let us acknowledge that honor and respond to it with a great host of our people in the arena Tuesday evening, April 7, 1987.

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# Stanley declines spot on PTL board

Former Southern Baptist Convention president Charles Stanley first accepted, but one day later declined, membership on the board of directors of the PTL Club in the wake of the resignation of Jim Bakker.

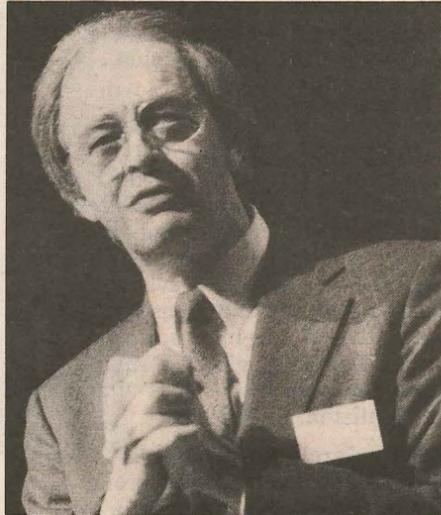
Jerry Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., and new chairman of the PTL board, had announced Stanley had agreed to serve on the board of directors along with five others.

Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, issued a statement to news media the next day saying he could not be a member of the PTL's board.

Fred Powell, senior associate pastor of the midtown Atlanta church, acknowledged that Stanley had told Falwell in a telephone conversation he was willing to serve.

"However, after consulting with advisors at the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, it was determined that in light of Dr. Stanley's previous and prolonged involvement in SBC activities and the growth and demands of his present ministry, it was best not to do so," the statement said.

Bakker, an Assemblies of God minister who founded the television ministry



Stanley

and Heritage USA center near Charlotte, N. C., resigned after public disclosure that he had been blackmailed over a sexual encounter with a 21-year-old church secretary. Bakker claimed he was the victim of a hostile takeover and "conspiracy to betray me into a sexual encounter" by "treacherous former friends." Bakker's attorney, Roy Grutman, New York, charged that Assem-

blies of God evangelist Jimmy Swaggart was behind "the religious corporate takeover," but Swaggart denied the allegation.

The Sunday evening following massive media coverage of the controversy, Stanley preached a sermon to his Atlanta congregation broadcast later in the evening on Pat Robertson's CBN network, entitled "When a Fellow Christian Stumbles."

Although Stanley did not mention Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker by name, he said that when "spiritual leaders fall, it is a warning signal to the nation" and a "call to self-examination" to other Christians.

Stanley pointed out when Jesus was asked about a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery, he told the religious leaders of his time that the person who is without sin should cast the first stone. Stanley brought to the pulpit a large rock to demonstrate his point, throwing it to the floor and saying: "A person could kill you with that."

Stanley concluded by saying Christians have an opportunity to demonstrate to an unbelieving, criticizing, mocking, jeering world that they are going to love persons who fall no matter what. (BP)



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## homes for children

### Living stones

When one thinks of home for dependent, neglected children, several mental images appear. Probably the most common one is that of the buildings where children live. In the case of Baptist Homes for Children it is a picture of brick cottages, each home for 10 youth. Another mental picture that is likely to appear is that of happy children playing in the yard, enjoying a healthful meal around the large table, or just relaxing in the security of a Christian, homelike environment.

But the neat, attractive cottages do not make a place home. Those bricks and mortar are cold and dead. Although we picture the children in our minds, yet even they do not make the place home. Then what makes the difference? The difference is to be found in the men and women who serve as houseparents (child care workers) and the faithful social workers who help guide troubled youth. These staff members are the living stones in our homes for children.

Can you remember coming home from school in the afternoon? I remember walking across the field from the school I attended. Getting home was something to which I looked forward. But it wasn't so much the house I wanted, as it was to get home and find my mother who was expecting me. She knew I would want something to eat and had prepared a snack. She listened as I talked about the day. She made me feel secure, loved and safe. My parents and family were the living stones of home. If the house was empty, even temporarily, it did not seem like home.

In our Baptist Homes for Children, dedicated Christian social workers and houseparents are the living stones that make it home for the children. They plan for and work with lonely, rejected, disturbed, frightened and even angry children, helping them put the pieces of life together. Children in our care never come home to an empty house. Houseparents always are waiting for them. They are ready to listen to the children talk, and to give guidance, encouragement and love. Their love and concern make the difference in young lives.

Children in our care will not remember the cottage in which they live nearly as much as the houseparents and other staff who love them. These are the living stones in Baptist Homes for Children.

## Surgeon General responds to criticism

Faced with the gravity of the AIDS crisis, American Christians who are concerned about AIDS education in the public schools should consider "the weight of scientific evidence" rather than the criticism of "a few people who seem to have as their life goal the genocide of homosexuals," U. S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop told a Southern Baptist conference on family issues.

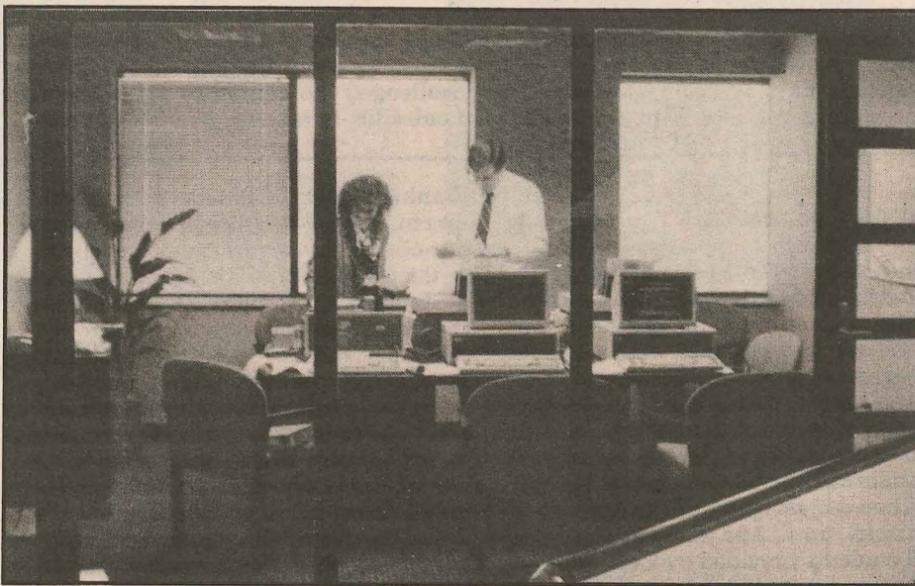
Koop responded to his critics during an address and a question-and-answer session at a national seminar in Charlotte, N. C., sponsored by the Christian Life Commission. Koop, a conservative Presbyterian, has been attacked by some conservative religious leaders for his advocacy of stepped-up sex education in the face of the AIDS problem.

"Before some of my critics even knew what sex was, I was decrying the kind of sex education that somehow has gotten off track," he said, stressing his "sincerest wish is that parents be the primary teachers of children about sex." The problem, he said, is that many parents "default" on that important responsibility, leaving children to learn about their sexuality from the media and other sources.

The need for increased sex education is critical, Koop said, because of the unique threat of AIDS. More than 32,000 AIDS cases have been reported in the United States, and more than half of those victims already have died, he said. The Public Health Service has predicted that more than 250,000 Americans will have AIDS by 1990.

Koop has drawn criticism for his recent stands by the Coalition for Teen Health, headed by Phyllis Schlafly, founder and president of the conservative activist organization, Eagle Forum.

"If you regard homosexuality as a sin, then please teach that the sin must be separated from the sinner," Koop said. "The sick and dying require our care and compassion, no matter how the disease was contracted." (BP)



ABOVE: Baptist Hospitals Inc. moved Mar. 23 to its new home on the third floor of the hospital system's office complex, adjacent to Baptist Hospitals East in Louisville. BHI was formerly located on Barret Avenue, where it has been since Highlands Baptist Hospital, the first of the five-member Kentucky Baptist hospital system to be established, was built in 1924. BHI finds its roots there, but it did not become a multi-hospital chain until 1951 with the addition of other entities.

BELOW: Office Automations Center consultants were on hand to introduce BHI administrative assistants to a new word processing package Mar. 23 as BHI moved into its new headquarters. BHI is the largest nonprofit hospital system in Kentucky and the 13th largest not-for-profit system in the nation.

# mountains to the mississippi

## ordinations

**David Acuff and Jerry Adkins** were ordained as deacons by Concord Baptist Church, Owen County Association, Mar. 1. **Jesse Bourne** brought the charge to the candidates, and **Dale Adkins**, brought the charge to the church. Ralph Bourne is pastor of Concord.

**Kevin Ezell** was ordained to the gospel ministry at First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, Mar. 15.

**James Thomas Biliter** was ordained a deacon Jan. 4 by First Baptist Church, Phelps, Pike Association. Brent Thompson is pastor.

**Rex Speake** was ordained as a deacon of Lancaster Baptist Church, South District Association.

**R. Craig, W. Hines and L. Meacham** were ordained deacons Feb. 8 at Belleview Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

## personnel

**James DeSpain** has accepted the pastorate of Leatherwood Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

**Larry Scholtz** has been called as minister of music at Yorktown Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**Larry Brown** has accepted the call to pastor Immanuel Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**Eddie Russell** has been called as minister of music at Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

**Dan Kiser** has become the pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association.

**Harlan Avera** resigned as pastor of Long Branch Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Don W. Dixon** has been called as pastor of Waddy Baptist Church, Shelby County Association.

**Steve West** resigned as minister of youth at Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Mercer Association.

Pleasant View Baptist Church, Waynesburg, Lincoln County Association, has called three new staff members. **Lewis Colyer** is minister of music, **Jim Meeks**

is minister of youth and **Jim May** is minister of education.

**Bill Chase** has been named minister of music at Marion Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

**Gene Corbin** has been called as minister of youth at Little Mount Baptist Church, Shelby County Association.

**Mitch Holbrook** has joined the staff of Baptist Region Medical Center, Corbin, as associate chaplain.

**Russell Cook** of Piedmont, Mo. has been called as minister of music and youth at Lancaster Baptist Church, South District Association. He began his work Mar. 22.

## revivals

The 1986 report for **Kentucky Baptists** shows that we baptized 16,769 last year. This is 1194 more than the 15,575 baptized the previous year.

**Second Baptist Church**, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association, held revival with Don Short as evangelist. There were 17 additions by baptism and 5 by letter.

John R. Christian is pastor.

**Lancaster Baptist Church**, South District Association, is holding revival services this week. The revival team consists of Bob Rush, evangelist, and Russell Cook, music evangelist.

Rush is the pastor at Lancaster.

## missions

**Eldon and Jo Ann Sturgeon**, Baptist representatives to Mexico, have arrived in the States for furlough (5028 Sonora-Hardin Springs Rd., Sonora, KY 42776).

He was born in Milton, and she is the former Jo Ann Ferguson of Sonora. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

**Jeff and Cathy Pound**, missionaries to the Philippines since 1981, resigned from missionary service. The Foreign Mission Board approved their resignation at its February meeting.

The Pounds served in Davao City, Philippines, where he was a general evangelist and she was a church and home worker. He is a native of Ohio.

The former Cathy Swaffer, she was born in Louisville, Ky. and considers Columbus, Oh. her hometown. Their address is 11729 Durbridge Dr., Columbus, OH 43229.

**Doug and Debbie Williams**, missionaries to Zambia since 1981, resigned from missionary service. The Foreign Mission Board approved their resignation at its February meeting.

They served in Lusaka, Zambia, where he was a general evangelist and she was a church and home worker. He is a native of Virginia, and she is the former Debbie Bogie of Danville, Ky. Their new address is 1054 Woodland Dr., Williston, S. C. 29853.

South Carolina native **Davis L. Saunders** has been elected the Foreign Mission Board's vice president for Africa. As a key part of his job, Saunders, 61, will team up with others on a strategy group to plan global evangelization.

Saunders was the Foreign Mission Board's first field representative for Eastern and Southern Africa from 1969 to 1973. He became area secretary (later area director) for the region in 1973, serving as a personal link between the Foreign Mission Board and missionaries.

Appointed as missionaries to Nigeria in 1951, Saunders and his wife were one

of three couples to survey East Africa for possible places to begin mission work. In 1956 they were Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya. They moved to Tanzania in 1964.

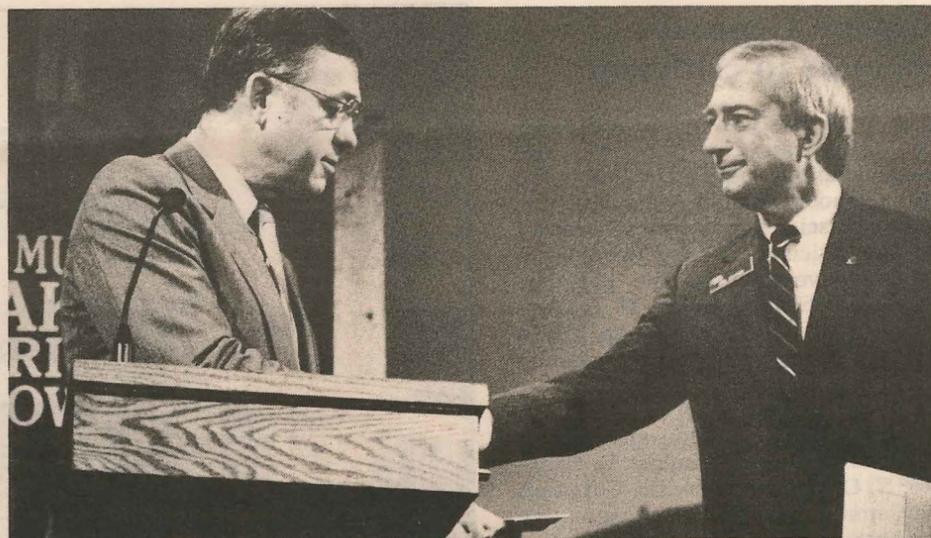
Saunders received his bachelor's degree from The Citadel, Charlestown, S. C., and his BDiv, ThM and PhD degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Editor's 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 don't have your current address. Please help our missionaries. Notify those who write you about all address changes.

## congregations

**Palestine Baptist Church**, Campbells-ville, Taylor County Association, celebrated member Willie Rose's 91st birthday with a potluck meal following the morning service on Mar. 1.

Rose has had perfect Sunday school attendance for 17 years, and has attended every meeting of the church's senior citizens group since its establishment eight years ago.



**Bill Hancock, (l)** a Foreign Mission Board trustee from Louisville, presents a \$717.07 check to the board's vice president for finance, **Carl Johnson**. The check was from **Eagle Heights Baptist Church**, Shepherdsville, a new church that voted to give foreign missions its first offering after the church was constituted. Hancock, who challenged the church to make the commitment, led his own church, **Highview**, Louisville, to take an offering to help the new congregation.



**Bill Leonard**

## Glimpses of our heritage

### Tornado! 1974

On April 3, 1974, a series of powerful tornados struck Kentucky. Many church buildings throughout the northern and central areas of the state were severely damaged or completely destroyed.

Even a partial list reveals the severity and extent of the storms.

Southern Seminary: numerous buildings damaged, over 200 trees down, over a million dollars of repairs required. No electricity until Apr. 8, food for over 1000 students provided by local Baptist churches and area fast food outlets.

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Brandenburg: sanctuary completely demolished, educational building still standing but not salvageable, parsonage destroyed. Following the storm, the church met for over a year in the high school gymnasium. Pastor Billy Marcum confessed he had great difficulty preparing "a gym-seat length sermon."

Evergreen Baptist Church, near

Frankfort: only a few sections of the sanctuary wall left standing, parsonage demolished, two church members killed in the destruction of their homes.

Stamping Ground Baptist Church: the front columns were blown into the sanctuary, the roof caved in, church parsonage damaged by wind, rain and hail.

Union Baptist Church, near Cynthia: roof and walls suffered extensive damage. Difficulty in settlement with the insurance company extended for over a year after the tornado.

Mt. Carmel Church, Nelson Association: declared a total loss after the tornado. A newly constructed educational facility was knocked off its foundation.

In spite of insurance all the churches confronted unexpected financial needs and interruption of certain ministries and programs.

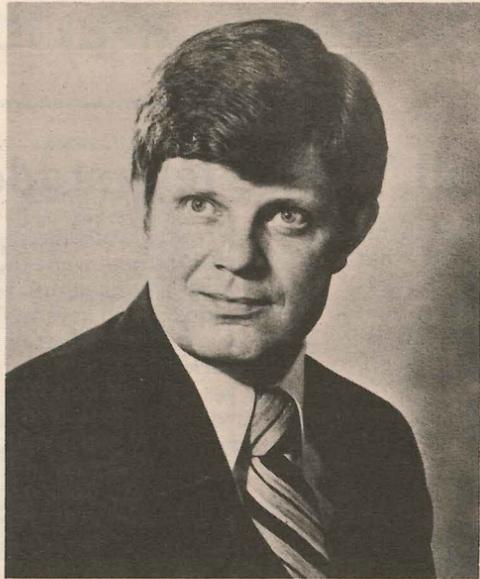
The response was immediate and meaningful. Southern Seminary students hit the streets clearing debris and searching for injured almost immediately after the tornado passed.

Civil defense coordinators declared the students provided the "backbone" of relief efforts. Such early efforts from the seminary and local churches began hours before formal rescue plans were put into action. WMU Hall, undamaged by the storms, became a refugee center providing food and shelter for the homeless.

Campbellsburg Baptist Church became a relief center for the Campbellsburg region. Its members rallied to the support of their community.

Broadway Church, Louisville, opened its facilities to citizens and Army rescue teams. Teams of Mennonites from Indiana arrived and remained for days helping clear away rubble.

Whatever the lessons of such disasters they are profound reminders that the church must be ready to serve at a moment's notice when the unexpected realities of life overtake us. No matter how thorough our plans and programs we can never fully anticipate the directions life and history will take.



**"Academic excellence in a Christian context is not a contradiction in terms."**

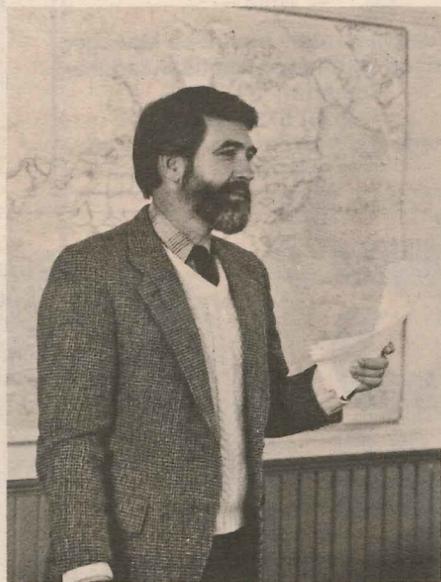
**Dr. Jim Taylor, President  
Cumberland College**

# We want to give students a piece of our minds for another 100 years!

As Cumberland College approaches its Centennial, many people will take the time to reflect back over the years and remember their days as students at the college. Since 1889 there have been several new developments at Cumberland — especially in the last few years! A marching band, a football team, new dormitory buildings, the renovation of historic classroom facilities, and much, much more have all been added.

One thing, however, that has not changed since the college's founding is the commitment of the school's excellent faculty. In its nearly 100 years of growth, Cumberland College has been dedicated to providing all students with strong academic programs firmly grounded in Christian values. Now more than ever, the Cumberland faculty believes in the merits of a quality liberal arts education.

Each year Cumberland ag-



gressively recruits nationally for qualified professionals who believe in our philosophy of a quality liberal arts education in a Christian



context. Many of Cumberland's professors have published major works in their chosen fields.

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## Southern MSW program receives accreditation

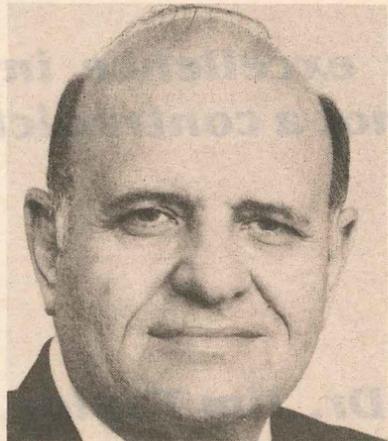
The master's degree in social work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been awarded accreditation by the national Council on Social Work Education.

The accreditation, the first to be granted by the council to an educational institution other than a college or university, comes 75 years after the establishment of Southern Baptists' first social work program.

C. Anne Davis, dean of Southern Seminary's school of social work and a Carver School graduate, welcomed the accreditation as "a recognition of what the church is doing in terms of ministry to people."

Accreditation is important, she said, because "you can't do social work without interfacing with the world. We are trying to bridge the gap between the church and the world, so we have to meet the requirements on both sides of that bridge."

Currently more than 100 students are involved in the seminary's social work program.



Parks

## Campaign nets Union record \$10 million

The most successful financial campaign in Union University's history was officially concluded at the regular meeting of the school's board of trustees in late February.

Gifts and pledges total \$10,146,619. That total includes the first two \$1 million gifts in school history.(BP)

## "Seek God's will," Parks tells students

Southern Baptists have "conned themselves into believing God expects what they expect," Keith Parks told participants at the 38th annual student missions conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Parks, president of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, spoke to more than 700 college students from the South and Southwest who attended the conference Mar. 6-8.

All Christians are called by God Parks said. "He has called us to be the people through whom he completes that work Christ came to do. Most of us would like to see the world saved without it costing us. The Lord does not invest the price of redemption simply to save that soul from destruction, but to reach out to others."

Even though Christians are called, it is not unusual to ask where, when and how to serve, Parks said. That question causes a "gnawing" and "searching" to know God's will. "If you really wanted to, you could know God's will," he said.

"But we're afraid of what it would be."

Many Christians want to know God's will before they commit to doing it," Parks added. "God says 'Will you do my will?' and we say, 'What is it?'"

But Parks said God wants Christians to say yes first. "You can trust the man who died for you to lead you in the best way," he affirmed.(BP)

## Georgetown names two as emeriti trustees

The Georgetown College board of trustees named two of its former members, Samuel Flowers, Middlesboro physician and Vinson Pierce, Ft. Thomas physician, trustee emeriti following 16 years of service by each of them, it was announced by the school's president W. Morgan Patterson.

They join two other former trustees of lengthy experience, Clyde Sparks, Ashland and Ira Porter, Louisville, as emeriti members of Georgetown's board of trustees.

All four of the honorees are graduates of the college. Flowers graduated in 1923, Pierce received his B.S. degree in 1925, Sparks finished at Georgetown in 1924 and Porter was a member of the class of 1920.

## Midwestern to hold annual SBC luncheon

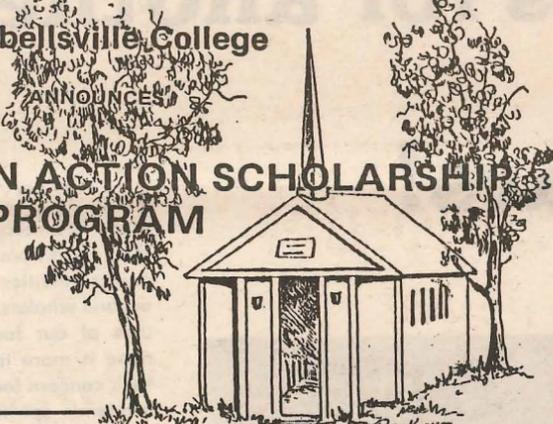
Alumni and friends of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will gather for the school's annual luncheon and meeting during the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

The luncheon will be held at the Days Inn Hotel in St. Louis at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 1987.

Luncheon tickets are available from Midwestern's alumni office. Cost of the tickets is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the convention.

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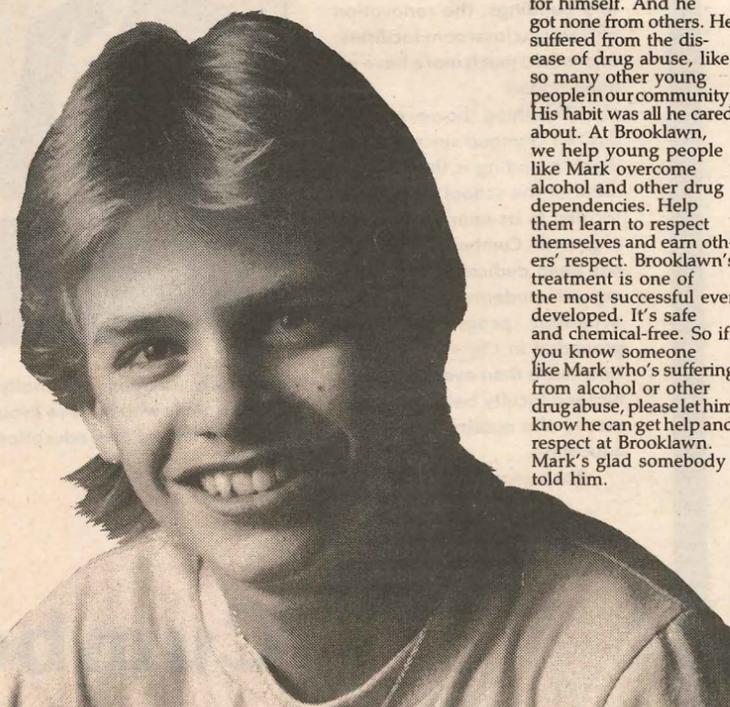
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All Southern Baptists are not alike. But we all agree Jesus is Lord, the Bible is the word of God and every person in the world should have the opportunity to hear the good news of salvation.

The Cooperative Program enables us to express our common mission concerns through a unified giving plan. This plan works through a loose, non-federated cooperative arrangement involving local churches, associations, state conventions, SBC agencies, etc.

Southern Baptists have seen the weakness of the old "society plan" of mission giving. Each board or agency had to make its own separate appeal. The Cooperative Program transcended these difficulties. The various agencies of the Convention make a unified appeal; the funds are collected centrally and distributed equitably according to the wishes of the Convention; financial stability permits long-range planning and advances in sharing the good news.



**Leon Simpson**  
President  
Clear Creek Baptist School  
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## clear creek comment

### Spring is here

There will be no more cold weather this year and that's no April Fool! When I think of April 1, I think of our students at Clear Creek (some people are convinced that I think of nothing else!). I think of one in particular.

Mrs. Sue (Richerson) Rafferty was born on April Fool's Day (April 1, . . . let's just say a few years ago). She and her husband J. T. were reared in and near Campbellsville, Ky. Except for four years in California (when J. T. was in the service) they have lived in the heartland of Kentucky all of their lives.

J. T. was saved in the Campbellsville Baptist Church at the age of 12. For many years he worked at a clothing firm in Campbellsville. He served as a deacon, Sunday school director and as treasurer of the Saloma Baptist Church. He always felt the Lord had something more for him to do. In 1985, when J. T. was 40 years old, he heard and surrendered to God's call to the ministry.

J. T. and Sue Rafferty are typical of the student families God leads to Clear Creek. They were good church people and served the Lord for years. They were deeply dedicated to missions and to service for Christ. J. T. remembers Clear Creek from the early '50s when his father studied at Clear Creek for a time.

And yet there was a tremendous struggle to 'break loose' and come to Clear Creek to train for the ministry. Sue says, "When J. T. decided to come to Clear Creek I was reluctant to go mainly because we had lived in our house for 14 years and I just couldn't give it up.

"I just wasn't ready to make the commitment to Clear Creek when J. T. did. He came on to school in August, and I didn't come until September. At that time I was ready to make that commitment—the house sold in a week and I was ready to come. Then I had to wait three weeks until a trailer became available.

"I was slow to commit myself, but once I did, I did wholeheartedly and I have given my all to it. And I have never regretted it."

Please pray for our student families at Clear Creek. They have many problems of adjustment as they train at Clear Creek to follow God's call. And pray that the Lord will call out others who are already serving but could be used so greatly in the ministry. Happy birthday, Sue . . . May God bless all of our Clear Creekers like you!

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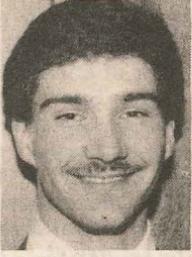
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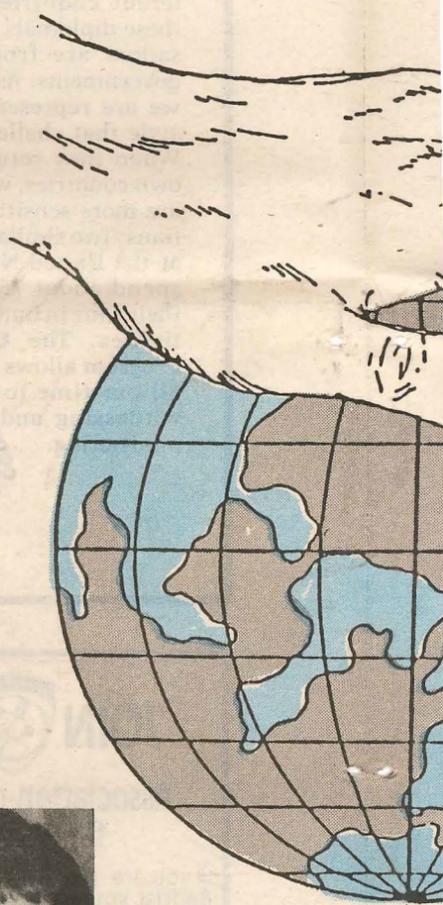


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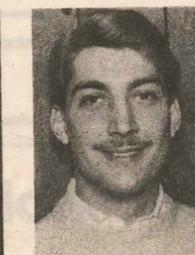


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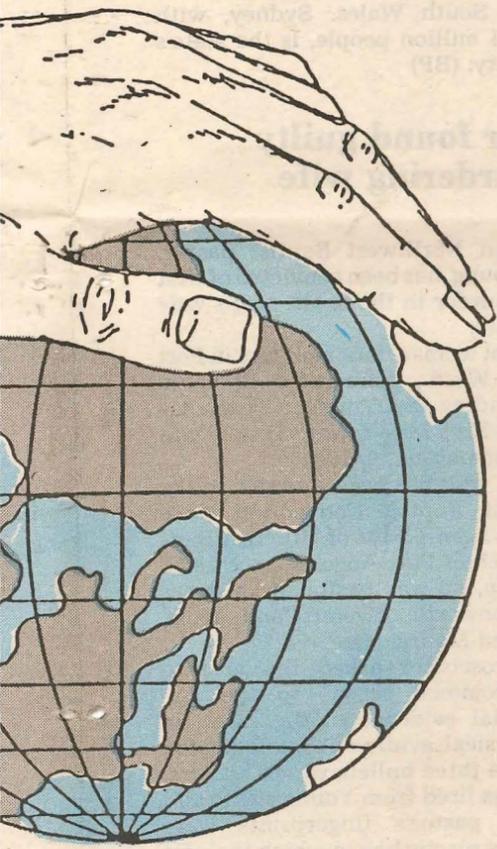
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# baptist news in brief

## HMB, Direct Missions Dept. help Kentucky Baptists meet hunger needs

Last December, the 35 members of Brushy Fork church, Enterprise Association, fed 77 needy families. Members personally delivered gifts of canned goods and other foods.

How were the members of Brushy Fork able to provide for these families? Through cooperative Kentucky Baptist efforts. Brushy Fork is one of many churches in the state feeding the unemployed, the homeless and the needy. Large and small churches alike in 15 Kentucky associations spent over \$70,000 feeding hungry people from July 1985 through January 1987, according to a recent report released by the direct missions department, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Home Mission Board allocates hunger funds raised by Southern Baptists directly through state conventions to local churches and associations. The churches and associations then use the money to feed people in their areas.

The direct missions department gives guidance to churches, associations, and individuals as they seek to use the money most effectively. In return, most report their work to the KBC.

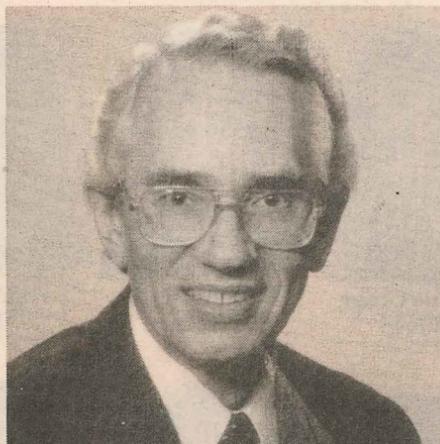
According to Ed Richardson, Christian Social Ministries intern working with the KBC by agreement with the

Home Mission Board, churches and associations request certain amounts of money for this ministry. Richardson estimates a 60-70 percent increase in these requests last fall. He attributes this growing interest to the Human Needs Conferences held in four churches across the state last August.

Sponsored by the special ministries department, KBC, the conferences featured Nathan Porter, national consultant on domestic hunger, Home Mission Board, and Robert Parham, director of hunger concerns for the Christian Life Commission.

Because of these funds, many different people received help last year. The Infant Resource Project at East Baptist Center, Louisville, used funds to care for homeless expectant mothers; Cumberland College students provided food for over 155 families last Christmas. International students at Clear Creek Baptist School received assistance and Elkhorn Association helped feed 300 people daily as sponsor for the Community Kitchen.

Richardson sees hunger as a vital ministry in Kentucky and hopes more Kentucky Baptists will respond to the needs around them, becoming more involved in caring for the needy. (KBC)



## Brown named editor of Baptist Messenger

Glenn A. Brown, associate director of planning and promotion for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma since 1973, was elected editor of the Baptist Messenger by state convention directors March 17.

Brown succeeds Richard McCartney who resigned in January to become executive vice president of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, Tex. (BP)

## Wideman selected Missouri director

Donald V. Wideman was unanimously elected executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention Mar. 17 during a called meeting of the convention's executive board.

Wideman, 59, currently is the pastor of First Baptist Church of North Kansas City, Mo. Scheduled to assume office May 11, he will succeed interim executive director Tom Nelson, who has served since Nov. 7, 1986. Nelson was elected following the Nov. 6 death of Rheubin L. South, the convention's executive director from 1975 to 1986. (BP)

## Texans lead conference in "land down under"

Texas Baptists reached across 10,000 miles to join hands with Australia Baptists in the first statewide evangelism conferences in the "land down under."

The conferences in Melbourne and Sydney Feb. 19-25 drew about 1200 people with about 200 of them making public commitments to share their faith in Christ and to lead their churches to experience revival.

Only about one in four Australians attends church weekly. "There are about 60,000 Baptists among the national population of 16 million," said Bill Gray, Texas Baptist coordinator of Partnership Missions, "but they are determined to reach their country for Christ and have invited Texas Baptists to be their partners."

Australia Baptist leaders said the evangelism conferences helped prepare church members for the partnership crusade in the state of New South Wales July 20-Aug. 2, 1988, for which 1000 Texas Baptist volunteers have been requested.

About one-third of all Australians live in New South Wales. Sydney, with about 3.4 million people, is the state's largest city. (BP)

## Pastor found guilty of murdering wife

A veteran Northwest Baptist pastor, Grady Young, has been convicted of first degree murder in the death of his wife of 38 years.

An eight woman, four man jury in Port Angeles, Wash., deliberated 12 hours before finding that Young, a Texas native, shot Elva Mae Young, 55, to death at their home Aug. 9, 1986.

Young, who has been a pastor in the Northwest Baptist Convention since 1954, has been pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church of Port Angeles since 1983. Previously, he was pastor of churches in Leavenworth, Everett and Lacy, Wash., and Madras, Ore.

The prosecutor asked the jury to "apply common sense" to the circumstantial evidence in the case. He cited physical evidence that indicated one of the three bullets which hit Mrs. Young was fired from Young's rifle and that the pastor's fingerprints were found on a plastic bag in which the rifle was later found hidden.

The defense cited the lack of conclusive evidence as well as the absence of a clear motive. (BP)

## Oklahoma cuts CP gifts at national level

Oklahoma Baptists' board of directors voted unanimously March 17 to adjust division of Cooperative Program gifts between state and national ministries.

The change, recommended after study by a committee, increases the amount utilized for Oklahoma missions to 56 percent and reduces the amount forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention to 44 percent effective Mar. 1, 1987.

For two years, Oklahoma has been one of only two state conventions to divide Cooperative Program gifts evenly, 50-50, between state and national conventions. Florida is the other state convention. (BP)

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## Senter's witness brings healing in Liberia

A few months after the murder of his wife and daughter, Southern Baptist missionary George Senter is struggling to pick up the pieces of his life and go on.

Senter and his 15-year-old son, Philip have no plans to leave Liberia. Back from a short visit to the U. S., the missionary has plunged into a busy schedule of preaching, teaching and training Liberian Baptists to start churches throughout Nimba County.

Liberian Baptist seminary graduate Benjamin M. Morris, 32, was convicted March 6 of the murders of Libby Senter and her daughter, Rachel. But people still are talking about Senter's public expression of forgiveness toward Morris when the two met face to face at a police station following Morris' arrest.

The missionary's determination to stay in Liberia and his gentle treatment of a disturbed man who had wronged him have become a powerful Christian witness across Liberia.

One Nimba County church had split over internal dissension. But the two sides reunited after a woman said of Senter, "This man has forgiven a man who wiped out his family. Surely we can forgive each other and patch up our dif-

ferences."

In the village of Ypain, a young man Senter had been working with was at the point of quitting the ministry because of the difficulties. But when he saw Senter staying in Liberia, he resolved to stay with his ministry.

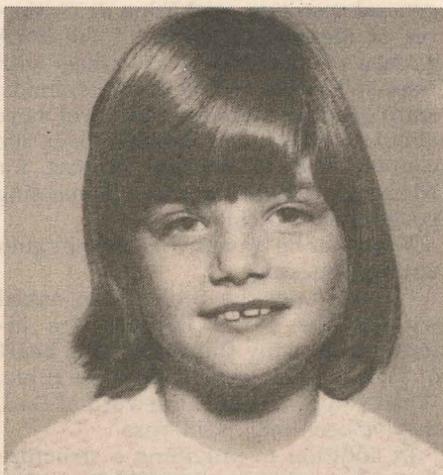
Senter admits he fights bad feelings about Morris, whom he and his wife tried to help by giving him a place to

stay. But he realizes it will do him no good to harbor bitterness: "I had to talk to God, and I have to talk with him every now and then about it. You have to deal with it.

"I happen to be a missionary, and my wife was a missionary, but it could have happened as easily if we weren't. When you become involved with people, you become vulnerable." (BP)



**Southern Baptist missionary Libby Tarlton Senter, 47, was found stabbed to death Nov. 26 in her home in Yekepa, Liberia. Her 10-year-old daughter, Rachel, also was murdered. The Senters have been missionaries in Liberia since 1980. Mrs. Senter's husband and son were out of town when she and her daughter were killed.**



### Airport closing changes conference transportation

Resurfacing of runways at the Asheville, N. C. airport will necessitate routing air travelers to the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy through less convenient facilities.

Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., announced the airport closing of runways from 11 p.m. May 1 until 6:50 a.m. May 5. The conference is scheduled May 4-7 at nearby Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Ridgecrest has scheduled shuttle service from both Greenville/Spartanburg, S. C. and Charlotte, N. C. airports on May 3 and 4, and will provide hospitality rooms at both locations.

The 700 people already registered for the conference will receive more detailed travel information in the mail. Other transportation questions should be addressed to Betty Hicks, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770, (704) 669-8022. (BP)

### Barefoot named Union president

Hiram E. Barefoot, 59, vice president for academic affairs at Union University, has been elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention-affiliated school.

Barefoot has been interim president of the 1500 student university since former president Robert Craig resigned in June 1986, to become president of East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Tex.

Barefoot, a native of Mantee, Miss., has been associated with the school for 30 years, serving as teacher, department and division chairman, academic dean and, for the past 10 years, vice president of academic affairs.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and holds an earned doctorate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done post graduate study at University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; University of St. Andrew, Scotland; and Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland. (BP)

## Church libraries learn about growth

How can church libraries grow and advance with the times? Nearly 100 church media librarians found out at the 1987 Church Media Library Retreat held at Walnut Street church, Louisville, Mar. 13-14. Sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Media Library Association and the media department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, the retreat offered instruction for library improvement.

The number of participants reflects growth and expansion of church media libraries in the past several years. Within the Southern Baptist Convention, 19,147 media libraries lend books and resources, according to Mancil

### Baptists cooperate in aiding Ecuador

More than 65,000 pounds of food and clothing donated by Southern Baptists departed March 24 for earthquake-stricken Ecuador.

About 40,000 pounds of cargo from Winterhaven, Fla., arrived March 17, reported Cameron Byler, national disaster relief coordinator for the Baptist Brotherhood Commission. More than 25,000 pounds had already been unloaded at Ecuatoriana Airlines cargo center in Miami.

A Boeing 707 has been donated to transport the cargo for the four-hour flight to Quito, the capital of Ecuador. Airlines officials have requested anonymity for their company. Cost of transporting the cargo has been estimated between \$15,000 and \$17,000.

Food was bought with money provided by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Florida Baptist Convention and Florida Baptist churches. Four state Brotherhood departments have donated funds: Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and South Carolina. The total contribution of Southern Baptists is expected to exceed \$25,000.

The Ecuatorian government is paying for the plane's fuel, while their national airline, Ecuatoriana, is providing labor to load the Boeing 707 in Miami and unload it in Quito. (BP)

Ezell, director of the church media library department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Most of these libraries, however, need to expand their ministries further, providing a wide variety of uses.

The retreat offered five conferences for library improvement: "Promoting the Media Library," "How to Process Media," "How to Administer a Church Media Library," "Media Education Uses" and "Preserving Your Church History." Conference leaders included: Ezell; Barbara Freese, Church Media Library Department, BSSB; James Rose, consultant, Church Media Library Department; Keith Mee, supervisor, program and field services section in the department; and Doris Yeiser, consultant to the Executive Office and archivist for the KBC. (KBC)

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### Morris to hang for two Senter murders

A sentence of death by hanging was pronounced Mar. 9 for Benjamin M. Morris, a Liberian found guilty of murdering Southern Baptist missionary Libby Senter and her daughter, Rachel.

But Morris has appealed and has been granted another trial during the October term of the Supreme Court, said Bradley Brown, chairman of the 67 Southern Baptist missionaries working in Liberia.

In pronouncing the sentence, Circuit Judge Timothy Swope said the evidence was overwhelming against Morris, and in keeping with Liberian law Morris should be hanged from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 6, Brown reported. Swope directed the sheriff to prepare for hanging proceedings, awaiting a death warrant to be issued by president Samuel K. Doe.

Morris, 32, was arrested Nov. 27 near the Liberian border with Ivory Coast after Mrs. Senter, 47, and her daughter were found dead in their Yekepa, Liberia, home. He later confessed orally and in writing that he killed the two after Mrs. Senter tried to prevent him from molesting Rachel. Mrs. Senter was from Shelby, N. C.

A 15-member jury convicted Morris Mar. 6 after hearing five days of testimony from nine prosecution witnesses and Morris. Morris admitted in court to the murders. But departing from his confessions, he claimed Mrs. Senter's husband, George, had hired him to commit them. Under further questioning, Morris contradicted himself on the dates involved. Jurors returned a verdict in less than 30 minutes, indicating they dismissed Morris' accusation, Brown said.

The Senters had lived in Yekepa since they became foreign missionaries in 1980. (BP)

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## Bible is heart of Baptists, says Vose

Whether he is worshipping with 19 members of a Christian church in China, giving a Russian man his first Bible or taking \$50,000 in relief funds to Baptists in Nicaragua, the president of Baptist World Alliance carries the message that a larger Baptist family loves and prays for them.

Less than 24 hours after returning from a five day trip to Nicaragua that included a 45-minute session with president Daniel Ortega, G. Noel Vose spoke during an employe chapel service at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Vose reported that Ortega told him religion represents "one of our sources of renewal" in war-torn Nicaragua. He described the 7000 Baptists in his country as "good citizens."

Learning from Vose that he would be speaking at the board on his arrival in the United States, Ortega appealed, "pray for us; pray for our country."

Vose, also founding president of the Baptist Theological College of Western Australia, notes Baptists in Nicaragua have gained acceptance in the country through medical, educational and social work. He said the \$50,000 in BWA aid

was received "warmly and gratefully. I only wish we could have been taking \$250,000."

After seeing overwhelming needs in countries like Nicaragua, Vose said his message to Baptists in affluent parts of the world is "live simply and share."

He said the purpose of the trip to Nicaragua with Gerhard Claas, BWA general secretary, and Edna de Gutierrez of Mexico, president of the BWA women's department, was to meet with Baptist leaders and deliver aid funds, learn of additional needs, discover more about church-state relationships in the country and to express support for Nicaraguan Baptists through meeting government officials.

Wherever he travels, Vose said he goes with one message.

"I have only the Bible. I am naked without the word. Baptists are interested in many things, but the heart of their interest worldwide is the Bible. When you give people the word of God, they've been fed," said Vose.

In addition to providing a structure for a worldwide family of Baptists that includes 134 national groups and 35 mil-

lion people, Vose said the BWA provides relief funds to help Baptists in parts of the world that some individual groups might not otherwise know about.

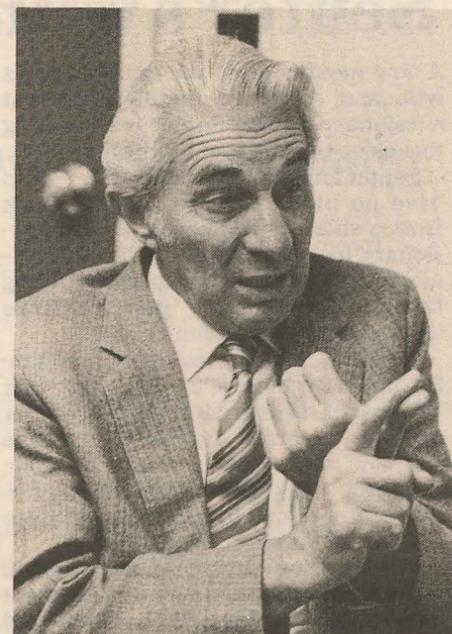
"I only wish we had \$10 or \$20 million to give each year instead of \$1.5 or \$2 million," he said.

The BWA is also a clearinghouse where individual groups can receive help or expertise from others in areas such as education. For example, he said a major contribution of Southern Baptists to Baptists worldwide is "your enormous emphasis on evangelism."

Also, he said the BWA fills a unique role in church-state relationships and he hopes it will increasingly have a part in "missionary evangelism" in areas where no member bodies have contacts but where the alliance does.

"Baptists are individualists; that is both our strength and our weakness," said Vose. "Individual Baptists need the larger community to maintain balance and health and growth."

Vose will continue as president of the BWA until the 16th Baptist World Congress in Seoul, South Korea, in 1990.(BP)



G. Noel Vose finds the Bible is a unifying interest for the more than 35 million Baptists in 134 national groups which make up the Baptist World Alliance. Vose, president of the Baptist World Alliance, delivered a plea from Nicaraguan president Daniel Ortega for Baptists to pray for his country.

## Missionary brings Kenyan woman's greeting to Kentucky



by Karen Langford

As soon as she walked in, it was obvious she was different from other women. Dorocus Harriet Murungih had walked about 10 kilometers up steep, narrow, mountain paths to reach the Kathiri Baptist Church by 10 a.m. Early that morning she had taken care of her children and husband and prepared fresh uji (a porridge of millet and soured milk) before she began her long walk.

Harriet was introduced as my interpreter for the next three days in Meru, Kenya. Her clothes were spotless, her hair in place and unlike the other local women, she wore shoes. She had an air of confidence and held herself proudly. As we walked and worked together I learned that she had every reason to be proud. Despite the fact that she lives in a remote area east of Mount Kenya, she had succeeded in becoming a nurse and an educator in the family planning center at Mithene. At 35 years

of age, she speaks English, Swahili and Kimeru—skills normally seen only in a few of the men in the Meru area. Education is a privilege afforded few of the rural women.

Harriet's education, however, did not exempt her from the domestic duties expected of all women. Each day she helped in the kitchen to prepare food for the wananchi (guests). The "kitchen" consisted of a piece of burlap stretched around upright poles to form a small enclosure around the cooking fires built in shallow pits. Over these open flames Harriet taught me how to make chai—a tasty, thick brew of tea, milk, water and lots of sugar. Chai was followed with a heaping plate full of stew made of potatoes, carrots and cabbage served with ugali—a stiff mixture of boiled white cornmeal. The staple diet of ugali and stew is supplemented with mangoes, bananas, roasted corn, beans and occasionally boiled eggs.

Life for these rural Kenyan women is difficult. They traditionally gather and carry the firewood and tend the family shamba (farm). Most of the cultivation, planting and harvesting is done by hand by the women and children. Insufficient water adds to the difficulty of the daily tasks of cooking and cleaning. Many women walk several kilometers to the nearest water supply and carry the water home in five gallon containers tied to their backs. Most often the water is impure and creates frequent illnesses. Harriet described how she viewed the woman's role in this patriarchal society, "The women, they must work until the last minute and if, sometime, there is no food, they are slapped. The men do little to help with this work." In the past, the man's role was to hunt and to defend the home. Hunting is outlawed in Kenya

now and inter-tribal conflicts are settled in ways other than physical conflict. The men have been left without a niche in the culture but they have not yet adapted to doing "women's work."

Despite that fact Harriet had to meet many demands of her family and job, she felt it was important to come to Kithiri and work with the church. Daily, we walked with four or five other Meru women to the thatch-roofed huts scattered up and down the steep mountainside to tell them about Jesus and his love. Harriet understands that the physical needs of the people will take time and effort to improve but the spiritual needs can be filled immediately. Her love for her people and her Lord was demonstrated one day as we walked down a path to visit homes. We met a young man who had cut his hand with

a sharp panga (a large knife). Immediately, Harriet found medication and bandages in her bag and administered first aid. She sent him to the clinic for further treatment and told him about a movie describing the life of Jesus that was to be shown that night.

My assignment had been to teach church leaders like Harriet how to witness effectively. Harriet taught me more than I could ever presume to have taught her. She is a living lesson of determination, graciousness and strength. In a letter she placed in my hand as we left Harriet said, "When you will go back to AMERICA-KENTUCKY which is your mother country, say (MUGA) hello to your beloved people." So, "MUGA" from a proud Kenyan woman who will probably never come to America any other way except in my heart.

## Baptists overlook internationals

As Southern Baptists make inroads into evangelizing America's ethnic population, they should not overlook the growing number of internationals who visit the country each year, Southern Baptist language missions leaders were told.

"More than 14 million international tourists, sea and air crewmen, diplomats, students and professionals came to the U.S. last year. An additional 163 million tourists and visitors not requiring visas entered the country legally from Canada and Mexico," said Oscar Romo, director of the Language Missions Division for the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Romo said the denomination can make a global impact by sharing God's love with internationals who return to their home countries, many of which are closed to missionaries, Romo said. Often the new believers return to their homelands and begin churches, he added.

The 200 participants attending the 30th annual language missions leadership conference in New York explored methods of reaching internationals in their states, including ministries to seamen, military personnel, diplomats, professionals and tourists.

Ted Mall, national ethnic missionary and director of Christian ministries to the United Nations, said such ministries can produce beneficial rapport for Southern Baptist world missions enterprises.

"On the foreign mission fields, many of the internationals have influence in formulating their countries' governmental and legislative policies that can affect our mission efforts," said Mall, who ministers among diplomats on a daily basis.

Romo called on Southern Baptists to acknowledge the growth of ethnic congregations in the denomination and to accelerate their efforts while the ethnics are responsive to the gospel. The receptiveness probably will cease as ethnics settle into American society.

"Although missiologists have stated Southern Baptists are probably five to 10 years ahead of most denominations in reaching ethnics, and others have indicated Baptists are not only the largest Spanish-speaking convention but the most assimilated, we are still reaching less than one-half of one percent of all language-culture persons in our nation," Romo said.(BP)

# Retirement opens new vistas for beloved professor

by Lisa Cummins

"We never wallowed in self-pity, or felt inferior to others who had more than us," reminisced L. D. Kennedy.

"From Christian teachings at home and at church, I knew that God created me and I was someone special."

In May, 1987, Kennedy is retiring from Campbellsville College, where he has taught English and journalism for 22 years.

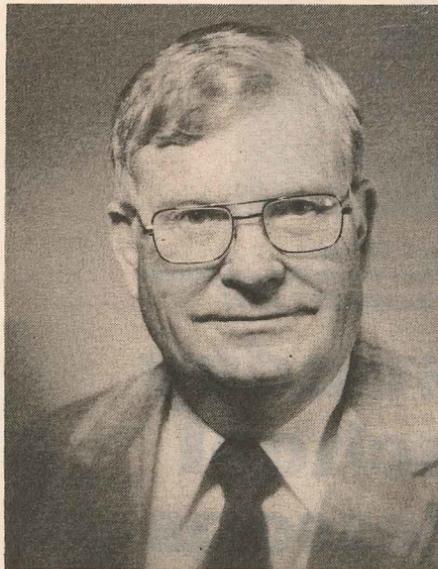
In 1967, Professor Kennedy became chairman of the Department of Literature, Languages, and Library Science, the college's largest department.

"It was an exciting challenge to develop dozens of new courses as well as a new minor in journalism," he related. "Also, as a member of the academic council, I worked with colleagues in clarifying the purposes of Christian education and improving the total curricula of the college."

Kennedy's ministry has been three fold in nature. Not only has he ministered to students as a professor, but he has ministered to young and old alike as evangelist and pastor. For nearly 13 years he was bivocational pastor of Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church, Taylor County.

His writing is a ministry. He has hundreds of articles, poems, and sermons published in 50 periodicals including Christianity Today, Home Life, Baptist Bulletin Service, Grit, Baptist Program and Home Missions. From 1981-83 he was a stringer for Western Recorder.

According to Kennedy, "Regardless of the media, the message is Christian in nature. Because I know God as a God of love and grace, I like to point others



Kennedy

to those qualities that will inspire their lives."

In the classroom this encouragement often comes across as a challenge to students to set goals and to relentlessly work toward reaching them.

"Any young person who wants it badly enough can have a great and successful life. Of course, this doesn't necessarily involve becoming rich or gaining recognition as a celebrity," states Kennedy. "Rather, the truly successful life is one effectively spent in glorifying God and serving one's fellowman."

"Outside the Bible, the fable about the tortoise and the hare has been one of my greatest sources of inspiration. Persistence pays off." Matter-of-factly he

added, "The one who aims at nothing usually hits it. Aimlessness is the number one detriment to a student living up to his capabilities."

"Another detriment," he emphasizes, "is wasting time. No one can do everything, but anyone has enough time to do what he ought to do. One should make wise use of present moments to advance the ultimate purpose of his whole life."

Kennedy has always tried to challenge his students to study for the glory of God. "One who does that will do his best and never regret the results," he promises.

Reflecting over some of the highlights of his teaching career, Kennedy relates that learning about successes of his former students and sometimes being told he had made certain contributions to those successes has been very rewarding.

Over the years he has encouraged many students to stay in school after they encountered difficulties. He recalls one such student from an East Kentucky mining community who, because of poor social and academic background, decided to withdraw from college. Unashamedly, Kennedy shared his own background with the surprised youth. He related how after completing the eighth grade he planned to drop out of school and work. But a concerned Red Cross woman from town drove out to his house, and in L. D.'s words, "talked some sense into my head."

She helped him find work to pay for his books and other expenses, while at the same time protecting his self respect. Inspired by Kennedy's account, the student decided to stay in school. He

graduated with honors and went on to get a doctoral degree.

Just because L. D. Kennedy is retiring from college does not mean that he has lessened his goals—in fact, much to the contrary.

"Mainly," he explains, "I am giving up the job at the college so I can do some other things more freely: writing, traveling, preaching and ministering." He insists that he is not retiring in the conventional sense of withdrawing from work because of age or health. "I'm only 62," he reveals with a smile, "and my health is still good."

Kennedy is certified to work in state workshops in discipleship programs known as MasterBuilder and MasterLife. In the past, he has had to turn down many invitations due to conflicts with his college schedule. Soon he hopes to accept more of these invitations and possibly some overseas assignments. He also expects to preach in more revivals and conferences.

When asked, "What one attribute would L. D. Kennedy want most to be his legacy?" he replied:

"I don't care whether people remember what courses I taught at the college or the titles of sermons I preached in churches. Rather, I would like for them to remember me as a man who loved everybody—the children as well as the adults, the blacks as well as the whites, the simple people as well as the educated, the poor as well as the privileged. I hope God will be able to say, 'L. D. was faithful.'"

"If these things be so," Mr. Kennedy concluded, "then my life will have been truly successful."

# Richmond trailer mission proves early success

by Beth Warf

In spite of rain and wind, 23 children returned to Dixie Plaza Trailer Park, Richmond, Mar. 1 for the second week of Sunday school at the new First church mission. This mission represents one more step toward the Mission Kentucky goal to establish 400 churches, missions and preaching points before 1991.

Hurstle Laxton, director of missions for Tates Creek Association and Curtis H. Warf, pastor of First church, dis-

cussed mission possibilities several months ago. Laxton observed the trailer park one Sunday morning and noted no one left home around Sunday school time.

When Warf later visited some of the people in the park, he received positive response, signifying that a mission in the trailer park would be successful. Although summer is the most common time to begin a mission, Warf felt conditions seemed ripe to begin right away.

Members of the church conducted a census of the park. Results showed approximately 260 trailers and 750 people in the park. Evidence supported the need for a mission and the KBC presented First church with a \$1750 check in January, providing most of the \$2000 needed to get work started.

A Southern Baptist layman in Tates Creek Association saw the need and possibilities, too. Rick Neff, owner of First American Homes, Richmond, provided a trailer, set it up and prepared it for use free of charge.

Church leaders asked for volunteer workers. More people volunteered than were needed.

Eight church members now teach at the mission, four of whom are college students.

Workers opened the mission Saturday, Feb. 21 Refreshments, balloons and clowns highlighted the event and participants received information about Sunday school. According to Darrell Nimmo, director of the mission, approximately 40 attended.

Nimmo says workers expected about 12 or 13 to attend classes the next morn-

ing. When 37 arrived, "it was quite a moment of enthusiasm," he recalls.

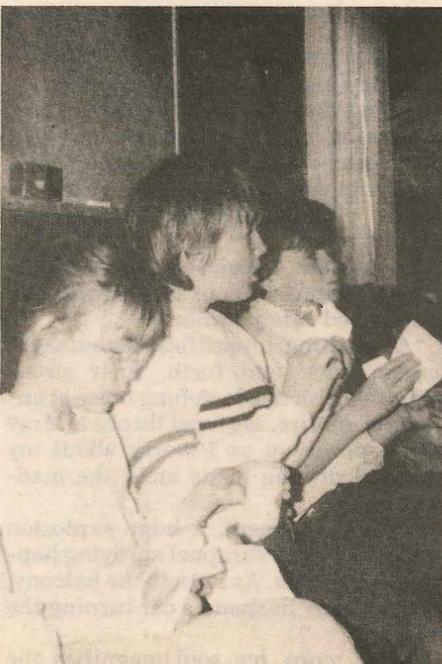
Nimmo fully believes in missions. His involvement in the project revolves around his conviction that, as Christians, we must "take the work of God to those who don't have it. Many times people won't go to a church and we have to take the word to them."

He carefully soft-pedals human achievement: "We give God all the credit for it," he says. "It's his mission."

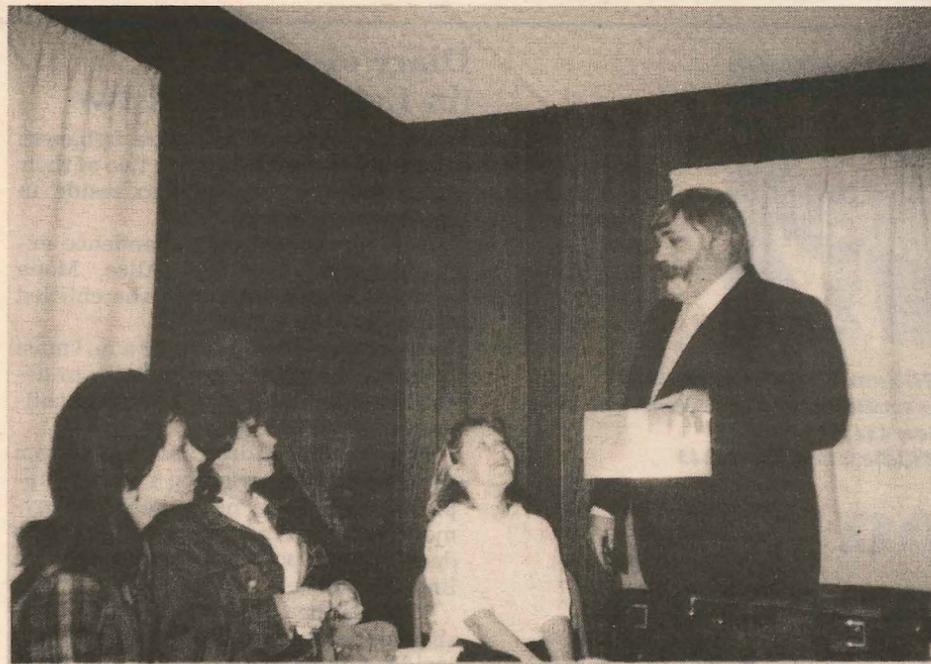
Although the mission, thus far, at-

tracts primarily children and youth, it includes a class for every age group. Nimmo drives a van through the park every Sunday morning, providing transportation for all those wishing to attend.

Warf expects the mission to grow and reports future plans to encourage growth. The church intends to employ a full time worker this summer. Lisa Davis, a student at Eastern Kentucky University, will direct a daily children's program consisting of Bible study and other activities.



These youngsters enjoy a snack while at the mission at Dixie Plaza Trailer Park.



Darrell Nimmo, director of the mission, shares a moment with some of the young people.



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## oneida journal

### Hope to the Hopeless

What has Oneida Baptist Institute been since it was born in the heart and mind of James Anderson Burns in 1899? Encompassed about as we are by many witnesses, by many who once labored here and have gone to a heavenly reward, let us call upon them for answers.

Saul Houchell, a 1911 graduate, principal 1916-32, president 1941-46, would tell us, "Oneida Baptist Institute is . . . all the friends near and far, living and dead, who have shared, and all those who have worked at the school, from the first faculty to the present one and all the student bodies who have attended through the decades and gone out all over the world.

"Oneida is a Christian institution doing an outstanding work in Christian evangelism and education, in developing Christian character and personality. Unless it were that, it would be worse than nothing, presented and supported as it is, and would have no right to existence. The friends who give money to Oneida give it on that basis and with it give their prayers and a part of themselves. So every student who shares in these benefits accepts an obligation, whether he understands it or not, to be fine and worthy and most of them measure up. And every teacher and worker, each on the same level as every other, if

he belongs on the staff at Oneida, has sat at the Master's feet and got up to follow him, knowing the full requirements of discipleship. "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

Professor Burns himself would tell us, "Oneida was first a vision, then a hope, then a prayer, then a determination to build."

Oneida is more than buildings. Every step forward through the years, though taken with complete trust, has been accomplished only through struggle and sacrifice. There never has been an easy year, nor should there be. One has but to know the history of Oneida to understand that faith and prayer are the most powerful forces within human reach. Day after day, year in and year out, right down to the present hour, God's care, manifested through his people, has kept the work of Oneida going and growing. But always at the inevitable cost of precious human life and sacrifice. But then the way of Christian sacrifice is the only way to great and lasting and eternal achievement.

What is Oneida Baptist Institute? It is people. It was founded to help people. It was founded to minister to sinners. The great emphasis at Oneida has been, should be, on individual development—mentally, physically, socially, spiritually—on Christian character, on high ideals of service, on the dignity of labor and the necessity of all of these for human happiness. Take this emphasis out of Oneida and Oneida would cease to exist. But so long as we remain true to these basic principles and so long as the world stands in need of Christian education, so long will Oneida live and serve.

To love is to serve and Oneida was founded on love, cemented by faith, in the words of our Lord, "not to be ministered to, but to minister." James Anderson Burns said, "A loving heart with a throb for suffering humanity makes the hardest yoke easy, the heaviest burden light, the longest day short and the hottest sun set too soon."

Christian education gives hope to the weak and ambition to follow the ray of hope and exercise the power given.

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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR APRIL 5, 1987

#### Life and work series

### The Kingdom: reality and hope

**Luke 17:20-21** Unwilling to regard Christ as king, either to satisfy their curiosity or to engage him in a controversy, the Pharisees challenged him to state when the Kingdom of God would come. Christ informed them it would not come in such a manner as they were expecting, nor would it appear in a form visible to them. The question as to the time and manner of the coming of the kingdom was not to be asked either to satisfy their curiosity or to create a controversy.

God's kingdom does not relate to geographical location. Rather it relates to the reign of God in the hearts of those who believe in him. It is to be known and appreciated as a result of submission to God's reign through faith in Christ.

**Luke 17:22-25** Christ turned to the disciples and spoke to them concerning the future hope. He wanted to prepare them for difficult times which they would have. They should expect a long period during which they would yearn

for a single day of the coming of the splendor and glory which would be theirs when Christ would return. Prior to this great event, Christ would experience terrible suffering and death. While his coming again is a certainty, the time for this great event is known to God alone.

**Luke 17:26-30** At the time when Christ shall come again, the conditions will be very similar to the days of Noah and of Lot. In those days the people were devoting themselves to external and earthly things, and totally ignoring spiritual realities. Their response to the preaching of God's messengers was that of mockery, as they continued to ignore God and reject the truth of impending judgment. Doing things without any awareness of God's requirements resulted in judgment. This sort of conduct is never justifiable.

#### International series

### Condemned, but not guilty

Pontius Pilate, the procurator or governor of Judea, wanted to satisfy both the enemies and the friends of Christ by adopting a "middle-of-the-road" policy, but he found such a course impossible.

**Luke 23:1-5** Unable to inflict capital punishment on anyone, the members of the Sanhedrin, believing Pilate would grant their wishes, brought Jesus before him and demanded he pronounce the death penalty. They charged him with trying to get the people to revolt against the government, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar and claiming Jewish kingship.

Pilate had Christ brought into his palace and there asked him privately: "Art thou the King of the Jews?", whereupon he replied, "Thou sayest it," thereby admitting the fact.

**Luke 23:13-22** Pilate concluded he was only a harmless enthusiast, and not a rival of Caesar. Pilate announced that the accused was not guilty. His verdict, "I find not fault in this man," met with howls of rage. Pilate suggested he chastise Christ and release him, but the rabble gave vent to their disapproval.

**Luke 23:23-25** Pilate cast aside all sense of justice and "gave sentence that it should be as they required." Without an awareness of the sense of responsibility for the protection of the rights of the innocent, his effort to prove his innocence by washing his hands was in fact an evidence of his consciousness of guilt.



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## on mission together

### Diary of a day (in Lebanon): Part two

Fadlo and Mona Khauli are Lebanese Christian friends who, with two of their three children, continue to reside in war-ravaged Beirut.

In a very recent correspondence exchange with my wife, Alice, Mona shared a statement which she entitled "Diary of a Day."

"The alarm goes off at 6:30 a.m. I must listen to the early news bulletin to decide whether it is safe today for the children to go to school.

"I wake the children, pull bread from the freezer where we keep a week's supply. Bakeries are never reliable anymore. Hardly a month passes without a daily 16 hour power failure because the lines are shelled.

"We see the children off with a blessing for safety and instructions to stay inside if the shelling starts, and away from windows.

"As I sit briefly with my husband for

morning coffee, I hear water running in the pipes. I hurry and fill all the gallon jugs I can while the electricity is on.

"My husband leaves me to hear the next news flash before he ventures off to cross the risky demarkation line to his work. As we kiss good-bye, I commit him to the Lord for safekeeping. Daily his route is threatened with sniping, kidnapping and large shells which often close the crossings, preventing people from getting either to work or back home.

"I finally start my daily walk to work, making it a point to avoid streets that house foreign embassies—now constant targets. So many innocent Lebanese have been killed or maimed for life just by being near a target.

"I reach the office only to be welcomed by the noise of rockets being fired from the next door parking lot. I pause to smooth my countenance before going in. With so many things to be done, Tel-exes to be answered, appeals to seek help for the newly displaced, a sem-

blance of normalcy just has to be maintained.

"About noon, sporadic gunfire echoes a warning of impending danger. All must rush home before the counter shelling starts. As I run home, I rush a prayer for the children's safety—all children not just mine.

"Breathless, I reach the threshold of our apartment anxious to find out who has arrived safely at home.

"As shelling intensifies, ambulances scream back and forth, their sirens mingling with the deafening noise of automatic gunfire. My head throbs and my heart speeds up as I worry about my husband driving home amid the madness.

"At that moment, a huge explosion rocks the block, shrapnel spraying hapless pedestrians. As I run to the balcony, I glimpse my husband's car turning the corner.

"Once more, my soul magnifies the Lord with praise and thanksgiving for another Passover."

# Myriad of volunteers live gospel at home, abroad

by Jim Burton

Mission Service Corps volunteers are self-supporting volunteer missionaries. They may be young, old, single, married, with a vast range of gifts and limitations. They can be found in the Midwest, or in sunny Puerto Rico. But they share the common bond of feeling called to share the gospel with a hurting world.

T. R. Henry is a mechanic, retired General Motors factory worker, truck driver and motorcycle rider. He is also a volunteer missionary.

Henry made his commitment to missions in 1981. Soon, he and his wife, Reba, became Mission Service Corps volunteers assigned to do disaster relief for the Kansas-Nebraska Southern Baptist Convention.

It's a commitment that has strengthened their 43 year marriage.

"She was not at church the night I made a commitment to missions," says Henry. "I made a commitment and then came home and told her what I'd done.

She said, 'When do we start?'

"Because I was retired, there was no reason why I couldn't go full time," continues Henry. "I don't have a lot of book learning, but I can work with my hands and it has been a tremendous outlet for me."

Their start in missions actually came almost 15 years ago when Henry was chairman of deacons at First Baptist Church, Bethel, Kan. He led the church to begin stocking enough food for two or three food baskets. What began in a small church closet evolved into Wyandotte Southern Baptist Ministries. The ministry currently supplies food to approximately 1200 families each month.

When the Henrys began their work as MSC volunteers, most of their ministry was spent taking the Kansas-Nebraska disaster relief tractor-trailer to fairgrounds and truck stops. Once there, the air conditioned trailer would be opened to folks who needed a cold cup of water and a place to rest.

"We've had a number of professions

of faith in the unit at the fairgrounds," says Henry. "We worked truck stops for quite a while doing the same thing, hospitality work, using the CB to get travelers to stop for literature and a chance to share."

During this time, Wyandotte Southern Baptist Ministries' growth opened the door for the Henrys to become more involved in the domestic hunger program. Transportation and delivery of the food was becoming a problem, so the disaster relief vehicle was put into service as a transport.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Henry was instrumental in establishing ministries to three senior citizen high-rise complexes. Many of the people living there are unable to go to the ministries center for their food. So food is delivered to them.

"When we first started taking commodities to the high-rise, I took them myself in the saddlebags on my motorcycle," says Henry.

Today, it takes a van and a truck to deliver the food to approximately 216

senior adults each week.

MSC volunteers are assigned by the Home Mission Board and are responsible for their own support. The opportunity to minister as MSC volunteers has given purpose to the Henrys at a time in life when many people have lost hope.

"I know a lot of people who are getting to the senior adult age or are already into it who say, 'I don't have anything to do, life is boring,'" says Henry. "There's certainly no excuse for that.

"I feel God has a job for everybody to do. I think man is saved to serve and when he runs out of something for me to do, he's probably going to just call me home."

David and Marsha Mitchell, MSC volunteers from Seymour, Tenn., lead the deaf mission congregation of Glenview Baptist Church in Ponce, the largest Southern Baptist Church in Puerto Rico.

Glenview's work with the deaf was the first among churches in this predominantly Catholic city of 250,000. But it took MSC volunteers to get it started.

The Mitchells first became involved in deaf work 20 years ago after allergy problems began to impair David's hearing. He had served as a bi vocational pastor in churches throughout Tennessee and Kentucky, dividing his time between his church and barbering.

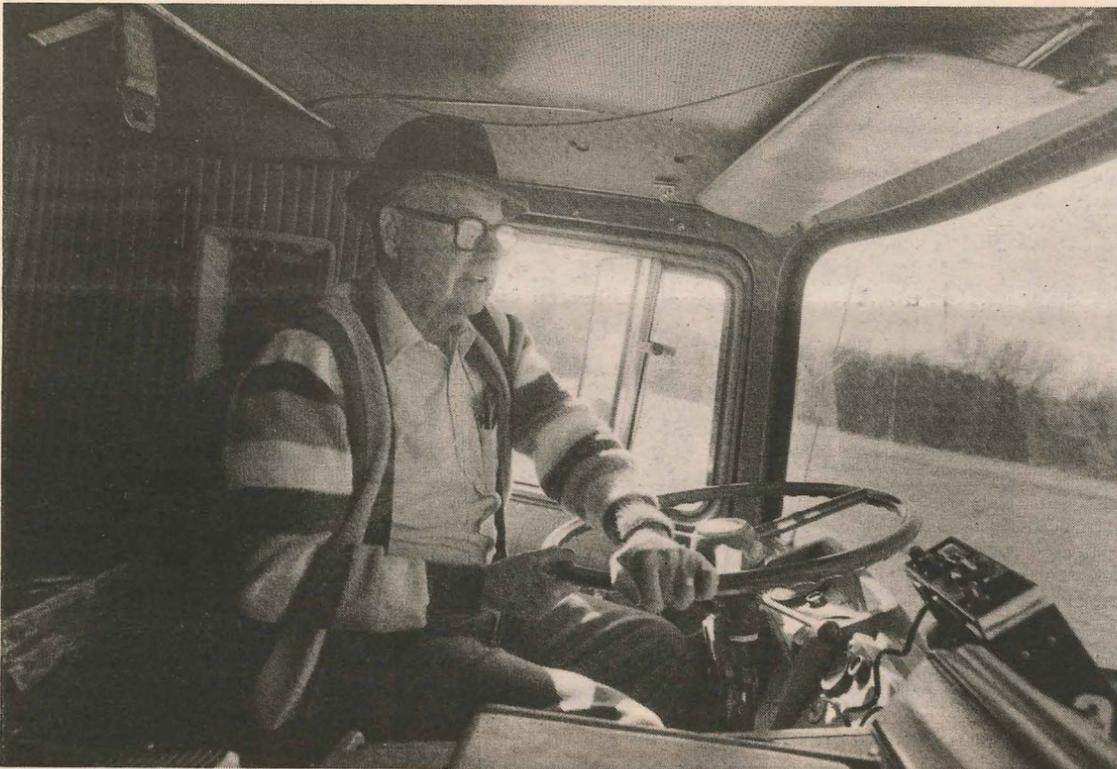
But the allergies made it impossible for David to continue in barbering and made it increasingly difficult to serve hearing churches.

After the Mitchells overcame their initial bitterness concerning David's hearing impairment, they began to realize ministry opportunities, states Jerry Seale, deaf minister at First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

"It moved them into an area that proved to be the providence of God," says Seale.

David was a volunteer chaplain to the deaf at Harrison-Chilhowe Academy while learning sign language. In addition, prior to their assignment with MSC in May 1985, he served part time on the staff of First Baptist, Knoxville, ministering to families with deaf members.

Today, services are held in the new Glenview Baptist facility with between 50 and 55 attending three Sunday school classes. According to David, over 35 professions of faith have been made as a result of the ministry. In addition, they have begun a drama class and a Bible class for more serious students.



Mission Service Corps volunteer T. R. Henry drives a disaster relief tractor-trailer rig to deliver food in Kansas City, Kan.

## Retiree finds fulfillment in Mission Service Corps

When people come to Wyandotte Southern Baptist Ministries in Kansas City, Kan., they're looking for help and a friendly face.

Mission Service Corps volunteer Hilda Wilson, 70, is often that friendly face.

In the dark basement of Fellowship Baptist Church where Wyandotte is housed, sunlight streams through a window over Mrs. Wilson's shoulder, filling the dark shadows of despair that accompany the faces she sees.

"I ain't got no job," says a single mother with two children. "My social security check isn't enough to pay the utility bill," laments a senior adult.

Wyandotte distributes food monthly to approximately 1200 people. Others receive assistance with utility bill payments and housing.

The former juvenile court officer listens to their needs, then begins the paperwork that leads to assistance.

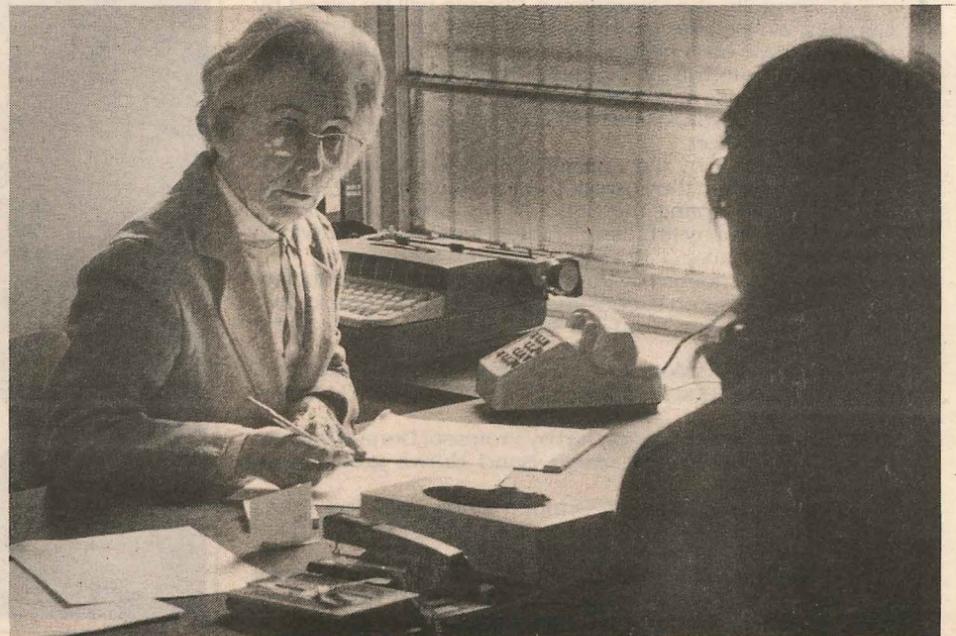
"There is great joy in knowing you have touched lives for Christ," says Mrs. Wilson.

For two years, she has served as a self-supported MSC volunteer assigned to the Christian Social Ministries Department of the Home Mission Board. John Hopkins directs the work in the Kansas-Nebraska Southern Baptist Convention.

Twice each week, she spends half a day at the ministry center. Wednesdays find her volunteering at the Wyandotte County Juvenile Center.

A member of First Southern Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kan., she says her interest in missions has been lifelong. As a young woman, she was unable to realize her dream of becoming a foreign missionary.

Mrs. Wilson sees Mission Service Corps as her opportunity to fulfill her missionary calling. "The past two years have been very fulfilling . . . knowing your life counts for Christ."



Mission Service Corps volunteer Hilda Wilson interviews a young mother seeking food assistance from the Wyandotte Southern Baptist Ministries Center in Kansas City, Kan.

## Georgetown College Plans Music for Home and Away ... Spring and Summer

The Georgetown College Chorale, under the direction of Prof. Tony Whitfield, opened its spring concert tour on Sunday, March 29th at 10:50 a.m., with a televised performance at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

The program at this great and historic Baptist Church will be a featured part of the Church's Artist Series for 1987.

Following the Walnut Street opening, Georgetown College's varsity choir will sing for a Southern Baptist missionary commissioning ceremony on Tuesday, April 7th, in Lexington's Rupp Arena. The choir will be joined by hundreds of church musicians from the region for the event that marks the naming and "setting apart" of the Southern Baptist Convention's new class of foreign mission appointees. This is the first such event in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Georgetown Chorale has two full concerts on the following Sunday, April 12th. They will sing at the morning worship hour at the Eminence Baptist Church in Henry County, Kentucky.

Host to an evening concert will be Columbia Baptist Church in Kentucky's Adair County.

A seasonal highlight for the Chorale on Tuesday, April 23 is the performance of Dietrich Buxtehude's Cantata, "Every Word and Thought" at 8:00 p.m. in the College's John L. Hill Chapel. The event marks the 350th birthday of the world-renowned composer.

Prof. Daniel Tilford, well known Central Kentucky organist on the Georgetown College faculty, will accompany the performance of the Buxtehude cantata.

A recently appointed small chorale group of 15 members called Schola Cantorum, formed last semester at the College, will sing a group of Elizabethan Madrigals at the spring concert.

The Schola Cantorum name, borrowed from the 15th century, will feature some of the Chorale's more experienced musicians.

The madrigal group's sopranos include: Andrea Royalty, a junior from Lawrenceburg; Margo Martens, a MATAOCA, Virginia junior; Cindy Price, Georgetown junior, and Maria Stotz, sophomore from Nicholasville.

Four altos selected for the choir are: Amy Peterson, a senior from Spring Valley, Ohio; Robin Noble, a Union, Kentucky sophomore; Kim Hensley, a sophomore from Middletown; and Marilyn Minch, a Shelbyville, senior.

The trio of tenor voices include: Brent Collins, a Norton, Virginia senior; Ken Downs, senior from Bardstown, and Chris Wade, an Olmstead, Ohio freshman.

The basses are: David Stone, a Winchester Senior; Carl Peters, Hillsdale, Michigan senior; Todd Allen, a senior from Salvisa; and Philip Depp, junior from Columbia.

The popular spring concert will also include: opera choruses from Tannhauser; Il Trovatore; Die Fledermaus; American spirituals; and "pop" tunes.

Additionally, the Georgetown Chorale will be joined by Georgetown College alumni and friends for a five-country tour of Europe on June 22 and continuing until July 7, 1987.

The Chorale will offer concerts at several churches and cathedrals across the continent. They will visit such cities as Brussels, Paris, Lyon, Milan, Zurich, Munich, Tischenreuth, Bamberg and Frankfurt.

The last tour by the College choir, alumni, and friends was in 1984 when they traveled across Bavaria and Austria.

Earlier this spring the School's seventy-voice Oratorio Chorus, directed by Professor Hunter Hensley, has provided one cultural gem. . . . Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

The Chorus, joined by the Community's Chorale Society and U. of K.'s Concert Orchestra, gave Central Kentucky two sterling performances on Tuesday evening, March 3 and Thursday, March 5.

Georgetown College's Concert Band will give its last concert of the 1986-87 school year in the Hill Chapel on Monday, April 27, 1987.

The concert will be directed by Professor Donald Barnes, whose work with the College Band draws greater and greater interest.

Georgetown College's Oratorio Choir will sing Franz Joseph Haydn's *Missa Sancti Nicolai* at an 8:00 p.m. concert on Thursday, April 30 in Hill Chapel.

Professor Hunter Hensley will direct this, his third major Choral production of the year by the Oratorio Choir. It is the last major musical event of a very busy year.



Pictured is the 15 member Schola Cantorum, a new choral feature at Georgetown College, directed by Prof. Tony Whitfield, front row center.



Georgetown's Chorale is seen in a pre-concert warm up.



Georgetown College and community singers, joined by U of K's Concert orchestra perform Beethoven's Ninth.