

## Larry Lewis to be recommended to HMB post

by Jim Newton

Larry L. Lewis, president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., has been nominated for possible election as president of the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Lewis, 52, will be recommended to the position by a seven-member search committee during a called meeting of HMB directors Apr. 10.

Letters with a resume of Lewis were mailed Mar. 30 to the 84 directors of the HMB and to editors of state Baptist papers by the chairman of the board and chairman of its search committee. The letters asked that the information be kept confidential until after the election Apr. 10. News of Lewis' nomination broke publicly in the Apr. 1 issue of the Atlanta Constitution.

The nomination was confirmed by Troy L. Morrison, Montgomery, Ala., chairman of the search committee recommending Lewis for the position, saying the committee was unanimous in its choice.

Lewis, contacted in Hannibal, Mo.,

said he felt the secular press stories describing Hannibal-LaGrange as "a tiny fundamentalist college whose teachers are required to affirm their belief in the existence of a personal devil and a literal hell" were negative and "perjorative."

Lewis explained that the doctrinal statements and staff at Hannibal-LaGrange are asked to support actually is a resolution which was adopted by the Missouri Baptist Convention, which owns the school, and contains minimum standards of conduct and morality.

"We ask our faculty and staff to refrain from use of tobacco, alcohol and other harmful drugs, that they be active in the church of their choice, that they be clean, upright, Christian examples in daily life and that they be born-again believers in Jesus Christ," Lewis said.

"We also ask that they support a resolution adopted by the Missouri Baptist Convention in 1978, which requested faculty and staff of all four colleges owned and operated by the MBC adhere to certain Baptist doctrines," said Lewis.

The resolution requested that faculty

members of the four Missouri Baptist colleges "believe in the inspiration of the whole Bible, the inerrancy of the original manuscripts, the existence of a primeval couple named Adam and Eve, the literal occurrence of the miracles as recorded in the Bible, the virgin birth and bodily resurrection and the personal return of the Lord Jesus."

Hannibal-LaGrange, said Lewis, employs about 30 full time faculty and 40 staff members, has an annual budget of about \$3 million and an enrolment of 759 students.

Before assuming the college presidency in 1981 Lewis was pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis. Previously, he had served the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey as director of religious education, was pastor of a New Jersey church in suburban Philadelphia, and a church in Columbus, Oh.

Morrison acknowledged that Lewis is not well known in the denomination. Lewis was one of 64 candidates for the position to succeed William G. Tanner, Oklahoma City, who resigned last June.

Morrison said the committee interviewed 10 candidates and felt Lewis was best qualified for the nomination.

"After an interview with Lewis Mar. 9, we became convinced God was leading the committee to nominate him as president," said Morrison. He stressed

the committee voted unanimously to recommend Lewis during its last meeting Mar. 27.

"Larry Lewis is deeply committed to missions and evangelism and comes with a background of both state convention experience and service as pastor of three fast-growing churches in urban settings," said Morrison. "We believe he can give creative direction to the Home Mission Board's emphasis on reaching America's great cities with the gospel."

While pastor of the largest Southern Baptist church in Missouri, Lewis was first vice president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and president of the Missouri Baptist Pastors' Conference. At the 1985 Southern Baptist convention in Dallas he was chairman of the resolutions committee. He also was a member of the SBC resolutions committee in 1980.

A native of Missouri who grew up on a family farm near Centuria, Mo., about 50 miles from the college he now heads, Lewis said he understands both the problems of reaching the cities and the needs of rural people.

A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., with BD and MRE degrees, Lewis also is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange and the University of Missouri. He has a DMin degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. (BP)

## WMU sets Apr. 24-25 session at Elizabethtown Severns Valley

by Cathy Butler, Staff Writer

"Missions: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" is the theme of the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, this month.

The two-day event begins Friday, Apr. 24 at 9:30 a.m., with more sessions at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. that day. The meeting continues Apr. 25 with 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. sessions. Adjournment is set for 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

In addition, a number of special interest luncheons and dinners have been slated.

The new WMU executive board will meet Apr. 25 at noon at the Stone Hearth Restaurant, while the Baptist Young Women luncheon will be held at the

same time at College Heights Methodist Church. Baptist Nursing Fellowship will meet Apr. 24, 5 p.m. at Severns Valley Baptist Church, as will the Acteens dinner.

Parents of foreign missionaries, furloughing missionaries and home and retired missionaries will hold a luncheon Apr. 24 at Holiday Inn North. The associational WMU directors, DOMs and spouses, former WMU executive directors and former state presidents will have their luncheon Apr. 24 at Holiday Inn South.

Mrs. Peggy Hicks, Louisville, president of Kentucky's WMU, will preside at this year's meeting. Other officers include vice president Kay Trisler, Harrodsburg; secretary Ruby Gisler, Danville; and executive director-treasurer Dee Gilliland, Middletown.

The program is composed of messages, prayer times, music, panel discussions, theme interpretations, business matters, testimonies and features on WMU age level groups.

Sherri Lawhon will direct the music. A Korean choir and Unity Nkosi, the son of a South African national attending Southern Seminary, will provide special music.

Principal speakers include Melody and David Graham, missionaries to Dominica, where he is a dentist and she is a church and home worker; Mrs. Mary Saunders, a registered nurse and former missionary to Africa whose husband, Davis, is the FMB's area director of Eastern and Southern Africa; Wendell Belew, the Home Mission Board's associate vice president for missions and strategy interpretation, Missions Section; and Mrs. Marjorie McCullough, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

Freddie Neel will give dramatic monologs as the characters of Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon and Eliza Broadus. Miss Neel conducts a full time ministry of sharing the gospel through drama, comedy and seminars.



Opal and Thurman Reynolds, members of Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, visit a homebound neighbor, Mrs. O. J. Stroud. Mrs. Reynolds is president of the seniors organization at Eastwood. "Coming of Age: Senior Adults and the Churches" is theme for Senior Adult Day May 3, sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department. "Coming of Age" emphasizes the need for senior adult church members to become involved in outreach activities.

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## sanford's perspectives

Guest editorial by Tal Bonham, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, in support of Cooperative Program Day on the denominational calendar April 12.

### Lifeline to the world

"Take this and put it where it will do the most good," he said as he pushed a check into the hand of a Southern Baptist missionary who had just preached on missions at his church.

"My wife and I thought about this request," the missionary recalled later, "and we decided that mission money does the most good and goes farther when given through the Cooperative Program."

The Cooperative Program actually serves as the denominational budget for Southern Baptists. When you realize how it works, you also realize how very practical it is. Each Sunday, individual Christians in almost 37,000 Southern Baptist churches all over this nation drop coins, checks and bills into offering plates. These individual churches alone could not afford to support a worldwide mission program. But with each church giving a proportionate percentage of its income to our denominational budget, we are able to carry out the greatest mission program known to man since Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world."

Each church decides what percentage of its income will be given to our denominational budget. Each state convention has a budget for state, national and world missions. The local churches send their part of that budget to the state where it is divided according to the instructions from the state convention.

Each church actually helps formulate this budget by sending messengers to the annual meeting of the state convention. From this budget a predetermined percentage of the money is sent to world missions.

How is the money spent? It helps support over 3500 foreign missionaries in 106 countries where over 13,000 churches baptize as many as 146,000 people each year. It operates six seminaries in America where more than 12,000 students are enrolled. It supports more than 3700 home missionaries across our nation and each week 12 radio programs are produced and replayed over 6000 times as well as many other worthy worldwide ministries.

Our way of doing mission work is based on the Bible. Those who prayerfully recommended the Cooperative Program in 1925 were people of the Book.

When God created he created the whole world. When God loved he loved all the people of the world. When Christ died on the cross he died for the sins of everyone in the world. When he commissioned his churches he sent them into all the

world. When a church gives to mission causes through the Cooperative Program it encourages its members to deny themselves in behalf of a lost world.

An authentic New Testament church trains its members to go two-by-two, door-to-door, leading lost people to Christ while at the same time teaching its members to pray and give sacrificially to reach a lost state, nation and world. It neither focuses exclusively on Jerusalem nor the uttermost. It is in the business of missions and evangelism in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth—all at the same time.

The Cooperative Program has "Baptist" written all over it. While there is nothing holy about our nature, I am not ashamed to be called a Baptist. Two basic Baptist principles are proclaimed in the Cooperative Program: (1) the ministry of the local church and (2) the priorities of missions and evangelism.

My prayer for Southern Baptist churches is that all give on a percentage basis and increase that percentage each year.

Churches should give through the Cooperative Program because it is easy to understand and promote this method. The more money people give each Sunday the more money goes to mission causes around the world.

Churches should give through the Cooperative Program because it is equitable. Churches of all sizes are on the same level. On a percentage basis the smallest church can actually give as much as the largest church.

Churches should give through the Cooperative Program because money given to missions increases when it is given on a percentage basis.

But how much should a local church give through the Cooperative Program? That decision is strictly up to the local church. A few of our churches give 20 percent or more while others give a lesser percentage. We have a slogan in Ohio that says "One to 10 and one-half to 20."

That slogan means that churches now giving less than one percent through the Cooperative Program are encouraged to increase their giving by at least one percent a year until 10 percent is reached. Churches now giving 10 percent or more are encouraged to increase their giving by at least a half percent each year until they reach the 20 percent goal and beyond.

The Cooperative Program is our lifeline to the world. May that lifeline be strengthened in your church.

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# baptist news in brief

## Ministers' wives choose luncheon theme

"Blooming Where You Are Planted" is theme of the conference of Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives luncheon during the St. Louis meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Featured speaker for the meeting will be Susan Baker, wife of U. S. treasury secretary James Baker.

The luncheon will be held in the Sheraton St. Louis ballroom at Convention Plaza Tuesday, June 16 at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12 if ordered in advance, \$14 at the door.

For advance ticket reservations order from Karen Hayner, 203 Whitehall Way, Cary, N. C. 27511.



Smith

## Smith named to PTL board

by Bob Terry

Former Southern Baptist Convention president Bailey Smith has accepted a position on the board of directors of the PTL television ministry following the resignation of president Jim Bakker.

Smith, a full time evangelist, said he was offered the post after Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and immediate past president of the SBC, declined appointment to the board.

Smith explained he accepted the position, in part, because he did not want to see the "PTL giant fall into the wrong hands." He said this was an opportunity for Southern Baptists to influence the future direction of the PTL television ministry.

"We should be grateful to Jerry Falwell for giving Southern Baptists this opportunity," he said. Falwell is chairman of the PTL in a private being given the ministry in a board meeting by PTL founder and former president Jim Bakker.

A change in PTL programming is in the works if Smith has his way. "I don't want to say too much," he said, "but I agree with Jerry Falwell that anything takes on the stance of its leaders." After noting it will take time to make the changes, Smith added, "If Baptists have questions about this, I hope they will just be patient."

Smith noted the new PTL board rep-

resents a wide range of evangelical leaders including Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians. Only one new board member, former Secretary of the Interior James Watt, comes from the Assemblies of God, the denomination of the former PTL leader.

Smith compared his service on the new board to local community service where Southern Baptist pastors serve alongside other religious denominations: "The only negative thing about serving on this board would be if there were a change in me and that is not possible. I have strong doctrinal differences with charismatics, and I'm not going to back off that.

"If I thought for one second I would have to compromise traditional Baptist values, I would resign immediately." (BP)

## BJC committee nears final report

The report on a study of Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is almost complete, the chairman of the special committee conducting the study said.

The nine-member fact-finding committee was appointed in September by the SBC Executive Committee. It has been charged with studying the relationship between the denomination and the Baptist Joint Committee, a religious liberty advocacy organization composed of representatives from nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada.

The fact-finding committee was formed in response to an effort at the 1986 SBC annual meeting to sever ties between the convention and the Baptist Joint Committee and establish an "exclusive Southern Baptist presence" in Washington.

The study committee drafted its final report during a meeting Mar. 27 in Nashville, said chairman Gary Young, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. As soon as the report is typed, a copy will be sent to each member of the fact-finding committee, and that group will hold a telephone conference call to secure its final approval, Young said. Then the report will

be sent to members of the executive committee and released through Baptist Press.

"We hope this final release will take place before May 1, which is 45 days before the SBC annual meeting," he said.

The final report "will include an introduction, a description of our meetings and procedures, the scope of our research, information relative to the SBC Public Affairs Committee and our recommendation concerning the revision of Bylaw 18, a report of our committee findings and our committee's recommendations," Young said. (BP)

## Missionary couple robbed at gunpoint

Two men who gained entrance on the pretense of asking for food robbed Southern Baptist missionaries Jimmy and Peggy Bartley of money and others items valued at \$1600.

The Bartleys, from LaGrange, Ga., and Harlingen, Tex., were in their home in Montevideo, Uruguay, preparing to leave for their church's Wednesday night service Mar. 18 when the robbers appeared.

After gaining entrance, the men displayed a gun and a knife, demanding all the money in the house. Included in the money taken was \$75 in offerings from the previous Sunday service which Bartley was taking to the church treasurer and \$250 in funds from the Baptist Theological Seminary where he is the administrator.

The robbers also took Bartley's car and house keys, two tape recorders he uses to record a daily radio program, four pairs of tennis shoes and Mrs. Bartley's jewelry. Then they locked the couple in the bathroom. (BP)

## Reach the Lost: Give

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## 'Concern' expressed over RTVC finances

Members of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee have expressed "concern" over the financial future of the SBC Radio and Television Commission after being told efforts at fund raising and syndication are below expectations.

The Radio and Television Commission is required to make monthly reports to the Executive Committee under terms of a September 1985 agreement which allowed the Ft. Worth, Tex.-based agency to borrow \$10 million with a 10-year payback and to launch a five-year \$10 million fund raising campaign to repay the loan.

The Executive Committee created a committee to study the financial affairs of the RTVC. The committee, which has been chaired by Harmon Born, an Atlanta automobile dealer, will cease to operate in June 1987 and its functions will be assumed by the business and finance subcommittee. (BP)

## Supplements tell story of HMB missionaries

The Baptist Home Mission Board has announced plans to tell the stories of the agency's 3637 missionaries by producing *Missions/USA* supplements to Baptist state papers.

The new effort of increasing Southern Baptist awareness of missions in their midst was unveiled by Bob Banks, interim agency president, during the March board meeting in Atlanta.

To reach a larger audience, Banks said the agency would begin in September a pilot project involving three Baptist state papers. Stories and photographs from *Missions/USA*, the board's magazine, will be printed and distributed as supplements in the state papers.

During a five-month test period, the supplements will be produced in the Baptist Standard in Texas, the California Southern Baptist and the Biblical Recorder in North Carolina and reach a combined readership of 477,000.

The supplement is part of a four pronged approach to tell the home missions story, Banks told the board's directors. (BP)



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# clear creek comment

## Things I plan to do

Planning should be a vital part of our lives. Nelaton, the great French surgeon, once said that if he had four minutes to perform a lifesaving operation, he would take one minute to consider how best to do it.

There is substance to the cliché, "To fail to plan is to plan to fail." An old Japanese proverb states, "When you're dying of thirst it's too late to think about digging a well." And Richard Cushing said, "Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark."

Moses better served the needs of his people (and preserved his own sanity!) when he wisely appointed helpers and planned out strategy. A problem arose in the early church because of lack of planning (Acts 6:1ff) and our Lord taught, "which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28). Cervantes said that to be forewarned means to be forearmed; "to be prepared is half the victory."

I am convinced that most of us as Christians go through life without plan or design. We are more like the grasshopper than the ant. An anonymous author has said, "without plans we shall be jostled and confused by events. . . . We shall be like the paramecium, which progresses through life by taking 'avoidance' action. It bumps into an obstacle, backs up, and goes off in a new direction."

I am convinced that a Christian should be prepared both for life and for death. April is Volunteer Month. It is a time for us to examine our lives to see if we have committed them to the highest values in life, to check our commitment to God's will and to consider God's call to full time Christian service. Our Lord commanded us to take up the cross and follow him. This is the most important thing in life.

I think a Christian should also prepare for death. Isaiah told Hezekiah, "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live" (Isaiah 38:1). If the Lord tarries his coming, I will die some day. I must be prepared for this eventuality. I must plan for everything I want to be done when I go home to be with the Lord and I must put it in writing. In short, I must draw up a will.

Someone has wisely stated that he who is not prepared today will be less so tomorrow. Therefore, the things I plan to do for my Lord, for my church, for my family or for Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, I had better plan to do today. No one is promised tomorrow. Things I plan to do . . . I will do today!

# baptist forum

## SBA upholds Baptist principles

Thank you for the excellent article regarding the beginning of the Kentucky chapter of the Southern Baptist Alliance by Cathy Butler.

There are several points that need to be made repeatedly until we Kentucky Baptists have them fixed firmly in our minds.

1. The SBA is not an attempt to begin a new denomination.
2. The SBA does not advocate the diversion of Cooperative Program funds or other regular SBC mission offerings.
3. The SBA is organized as an auxiliary within the SBC (like the WMU) with a specific purpose and program.
4. The SBA purpose is to keep our historic Baptist principles in the forefront of the SBC dialogue.
5. The SBA program is to provide a public platform for these principles and a structure that can support these principles in tangible ways (money) when necessary.
6. Comparisons with the Genesis Commission are unfounded. The SBA is not in competition with the work of any SBC agency.
7. The SBA is organizing around our principles for the "long haul" within the SBC. This does not mean we do not recognize the worth of those quieter activities aimed at generating a representative turnout of messengers at the '87

St. Louis SBC meeting. We pledge our support for such efforts. But regardless of the outcome of the '87 St. Louis convention meeting the SBA will continue to organize and hold up Baptist principles of freedom.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Apr. 23, 7 p.m. at Deer Park Baptist Church. All interested pastors and laypersons are invited.

James W. Watkins, acting chairman  
Kentucky Baptist Alliance

## We don't need more organizations

It's hard to believe. My wife just received a letter inviting her to join the "National Fellowship of Baptist Men." According to their goals they will be doing what our mission organizations are already doing: "Helping Churches Involve Men and Boys in Missions."

But this is the first effort to organize Southern Baptists according to their special skills and interests. Isn't that great! Another way to divide us!

We don't need another organization. We need to surrender our will to God and maybe he will work through the organizations we have.

E. D. Helton, pastor  
Edgewood Baptist Church  
Hopkinsville

## God is still calling women ministers

It is a difficult challenge to live out one's calling in the best of times and under normal conditions, but if one happens to be a Southern Baptist woman, the call of God can become a battleground encompassing friend and foe alike. I choose the word "rape" to describe how my convention makes me feel. The Model Penal Code defines rape as one compelled to submit by force or threat. Women in Southern Baptist life who have been called to ministry such as myself, are being told to stay in our places. A societal myth concerning rape is that if women dress and act like ladies, traditionally that is, they will not be raped. Women who get raped ask for it, so they say. I stayed in my place as a minister's wife 25 years. I finally realized my calling was as valid as that of my spouse.

Do Southern Baptists really think they can whip God-called women back into submission? If God calls, surely he reserves the right to choose whomever he pleases. If agencies such as the Home Mission Board plan to keep victimizing women, perhaps someone should inform God to quit calling us. It is obvious God is not keeping in line with SBC policies these days, but goes right on fulfilling the prophecy of Joel 2:28. As a recovering victim who refuses to be a part of the travesty I ask you, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than God . . ." (Acts 4:19).

Jane Ferguson, student  
Southern Seminary

## Do Baptists publish too much?

Years ago I read a story about why the sea is salty. A mill, activated and stopped by secret words, would grind out salt in unlimited quantities. A greedy merchant went to England and bought the mill. As he headed back across the ocean, he uttered the word to start the mill grinding. It turned out salt until his ships were filled and the lives of his sailors were threatened. He had forgotten the magic word to stop the mill. He had to throw it overboard, still grinding. Salt continued to pour from the mill. That is why the sea is salty.

A myth, we know. But there is a parallel in the amount of literature Southern Baptists grind out. Each year it proliferates as employees of the Sunday School Board attempt to "publish or perish." We have a quarterly, brochure or "module" for every aspect of our work. Each year costs go up. I notice the Executive Board recently voted to compile a new Bible commentary that would reflect the "inerrantist view." Do we need such a commentary at a cost of \$1.5 million? Why is most of our literature dated, even though it is written far in advance of publication?

We venture to say if we did a survey of Southern Baptist buildings around the world we would find a considerable amount of unused literature. The ironic thing about this is there are many rural churches that do not have enough literature to have, for example, vacation Bible school. Is our problem over publication or under distribution?

Has someone forgotten the secret word to stop the Southern Baptist "salt mill" from continuing to grind unless it is actually needed? If we continue to "publish" at an accelerated rate, we may find ourselves "perishing" under the weight of paper and words.

Oscar Davidson  
Somerset

## What is a "cooperating" church?

Over the past few years, Southern Baptists have made a habit of labeling people. If one believes one way, he is this; if another believes the opposite, he is this. Two words that get tossed around are "cooperating" and "evangelistic." It amazes me how we tend not to hold to the true meaning of either.

The word "cooperating" means working together for a common goal. Yet in our convention, it has taken on a whole new dimension. To be a "cooperating" Southern Baptist church you must give 10 percent plus to the Cooperative Program, buy all materials from Southern Baptist material services and support everything that comes from Nashville. Is the church that gives 20 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program yet does not use the SBC Sunday school material "cooperating" or "uncooperating?" Is the church that uses everything

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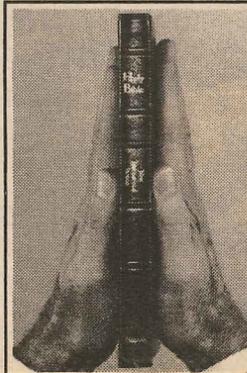
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the SBC puts out, gives to associational missions and others and supports every program but gives only six percent of its budget to Cooperative Program "cooperating" or "uncooperating?" According to the true meaning of "cooperating" both are!

The second word is "evangelism." Does not evangelism mean reaching out to the lost and winning them to Christ? What makes a Southern Baptist church evangelistic? Is it because it is part of the SBC, or is it because it pours thousands of dollars into missions? The "evangelistic" church is one that steps out of its doors and evangelizes its community. Is a Southern Baptist church "evangelistic" if it does not save a soul or just a few? Is this a "cooperating" Southern Baptist church?

I guess the solution to these questions would be that a Southern Baptist "cooperating" "evangelistic" church is one that gives 10 percent to Cooperative Program and makes their goals for baptizing 10 percent of their present church membership.

Wayne Lipscomb, pastor  
Fairlane Baptist Church  
Alexandria

**Female pastors, deacons rejected**

As a Bible believing people we are concerned that the Bible doctrine of Southern Baptists is changing. The scripture found in II Tim. 3:16-17 should control our philosophy of thinking concerning scripture-based doctrine.

Today some Southern Baptists are changing the Bible doctrine concerning qualifications of pastors and deacons. I

Tim. 3:2-12 and Titus 1:6 clearly define these qualifications.

These scriptures tell us the pastor or deacon should be the husband of one wife. Standing firm on these scriptures a woman cannot be ordained as a pastor or deacon.

As a church that desires to be grounded in Bible-based doctrine, we feel portions of the Holy Bible cannot be disregarded. We must accept the whole Bible as truth. As a local church body, we want to remain faithful to the word of God by declaring we do not accept the ordaining of women to the offices of pastor or deacon.

Stan Milby, pastor  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Russell Springs

**Editor's note:** The above letter from pastor Milby was also signed by several deacons and trustees of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

**Boycott Las Vegas convention**

Whereas, a great concern regarding the choice of Las Vegas as a convention site for the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention was expressed by messengers to the 1985 and 1986 conventions;

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Conventions meeting in Dallas (1985) and Atlanta (1986) approved by a narrow margin the recommendation to retain Las Vegas as a convention site;

Whereas, over \$9 million was spent by messengers to the 1986 Southern Baptist Convention with similar, if not larger, amounts likely to be invested

into the economy of the Las Vegas business community in 1989;

Whereas, this move by the Southern Baptist Convention has already been misunderstood and misinterpreted by the secular press;

Whereas, Las Vegas, with its emphasis upon sex and gambling, is not the kind of atmosphere conducive to a Christian gathering in which families, including children, are traditionally present;

Whereas, the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting is not an "evangelistic enterprise" but a business meeting ill suited to convey the kind of witness that would justify meeting in such a city as Las Vegas; and,

Whereas, the cumulative effect of the aforementioned concerns would greatly hinder both the Southern Baptist Con-

vention and its messengers from the biblical command to "abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thes. 5:22).

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of Southside Baptist Church meeting in regular business meeting on March 11, 1987, refuse to participate in the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada by appointing no messengers to that convention; and

Be it further resolved, that we encourage our pastor in his decision to boycott the 1989 convention and support his efforts to enlist others in this boycott; and

Be it finally resolved, that we call upon officials of the Southern Baptist Convention to consider finding a new site for the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention even if such action should involve a forfeiture of money or the threat of a law suit.

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## ordinations

**Gary Martin** was ordained a deacon by Erlanger Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Mar. 22.

**Neal Prather** was licensed to the ministry by Broadway Church, Bates Creek Association.

**Jackie Hoke, Tommy Hoke and Johnny Prescott** were ordained as deacons by Scott's Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

**Maxie Young** was ordained a deacon by Maxwell Avenue Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, Mar. 29.

**Jack Brooks** was ordained to the ministry Mar. 29 by Florence Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

## personnel

**Gary Emberton** has accepted the pastorate of Rock Bridge Baptist Church, Monroe Association.

**Archie Bullington** has resigned as pastor of Rough Creek Baptist Church, Allen Association.

**Mike Elliot** will leave Jefferson Street Chapel, Long Run Association, Apr. 20 to become executive director of Coalition for the Homeless, an organization of about 75 members from various social service agencies in Louisville.

Elliot, a native of Savannah, Ga., has served at Jefferson Street Chapel since his graduation from Southern Seminary in 1979. He is a graduate of Georgia Southern College and holds both the MDiv and MSW from Southern.

**Norman Douglas** has accepted the call to pastor Barren Run Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

**Ed Hubbard** resigned as pastor of Okalona Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, to accept the pastorate of Gamaliel Baptist Church, Monroe Association.

**Rick Fory** has resigned as pastor of Butler Baptist Church, Union Association to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, Nelson Association.

**Robert Lee Mills**, chancellor for nine years and president of Georgetown College over 19 years, has been named pres-



Mills



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ident emeritus by the school.

Mills, chosen Georgetown's 20th president in early 1959, came from the University of Texas where he had briefly been professor of educational administration and chairman of that department.

Mills was widely known for his work in public education finance.

Mills was honored twice by his alma mater, the University of Kentucky. He was named to a distinguished alumni award in 1963 and the university's Centennial award in 1964. He was granted an honorary doctor of laws degree by William Jewell College in 1971.

**Ben Brewer**, president of Baptist Hospitals Inc., Louisville, was elected chairman of the American Protestant Health Association during its 67th annual convention.

Brewer has been a member of the board of trustees of APHA since 1983. Prior to his election to the board he was a member of the Council on Association Development and Education.

He served a term on the honors committee and the chairmanship of the program committee for the 1982 Protestant Health and Welfare Assembly which was held in Louisville. He was on the task force which recommended the formation of the American Protestant Health Corporation and has been active in APHA's government affairs program.

Brewer has been with the Baptist health care system in Kentucky since 1958.

**Earl Lee Barnett** has been called as pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association.

**Walter Robinson** resigned as pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association.

**Doug Surber** resigned as pastor of Hosman Baptist Church, Bell Association, to go to Miami Shores Church, Dayton, Oh.

**Steve Boyd** has been called as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

**Ron Roberts** has accepted the call to pastor Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

**George Price** will retire from the pastorate of Greensburg Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, Apr. 26.

A graduate of Georgetown College, Price has pastored Glen's Creek Baptist Church near Versailles; First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction; Berean Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kan.; and has been interim pastor at several churches.

Price was business manager of Western Recorder from 1966-72.

He and his wife Betty Lou will reside in the Summersville community of

Green County. Price will be available for supply preaching, revivals and interim pastorates.

**Don Spencer**, director of the KBC Annuity Department, was honored by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for innovative work. Spencer was one of two state annuity representatives honored by the marketing division of the board.

"Don Spencer is a gifted champion of the needs of God's servants. I would add my congratulations to the honor given by the marketing division," said Darold Morgan, head of the Annuity Board.

**Roger Wolfe** has resigned the pastorate of Concord Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

**Wayne Mills** has accepted the call to pastor Dripping Springs Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

**Lloyd Mahanes** is interim pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

## deaths

**D. A. Meador**, director of missions for Blackford/Breckenridge Associations from 1945-69, has died.

The funeral was at Hardinsburg Baptist Church, Mar. 28.



**Brotherhood leaders from seven states met for a regional skills conference at Cedar-moore Baptist Assembly Mar. 13-14. Sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, the meeting focused on Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men and Royal Ambassador programs going into effect in October. Attending the conference from Kentucky included (l-r) Rob Carr, KBC Brotherhood Department; James Coffey, Farmdale Baptist, Louisville; Paul Shaffer, Little Bethel Association; Bill Kaufman, KBC Brotherhood Department; William E. Jones, western region; John Lott, Warren Association; Bob Simpkins, Lynn Association; Forrest Chilton, Owen County Association; David Shannon, Elkhorn Association; Matt Sugg, Morganfield; and Randall Rogers, Greensburg.**



**James H. Cox**  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### Time begins opening day

If there's a Kentucky Baptist who loves baseball better than yours truly it surely must be A. B. Colvin of Middletown, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Make that *two* who love the game, for A. B.'s wife Irene follows every pitch. Even when he's away on speaking engagements, Irene attends the home games.

My prediction is that Friday night (Apr. 10), when the Louisville Redbirds open their 1987 quest to capture the pennant in the American Association, A. B. and Irene will be in their traditional eighth row seats behind home plate. In the course of the season, they'll be there 50 or 60 more nights to watch their favorite triple A team. Since

baseball returned to Louisville six seasons ago the Colvins have purchased four season tickets each year. Two grandchildren, a boy 15 and girl 12, have priority on the two extra seats. But on any given night, other adult friends of the Colvins may be found beside them. (They frequently dispose of all four tickets on Sunday and Wednesday nights, in case you're wondering.)

A. B.'s white hair contrasts neatly with his red Redbirds cap. Irene often wears earphones tuned to the play-by-play radio announcers describing the game she's watching, her hands in a popcorn container at the same time.

The Colvins are such regulars at the games they have become friends over the years with other season ticket holders seated nearby. Because of their proximity to home plate, they have also developed on-going relationships with some of the players, coaches and their families.

While other folks are home watching TV or working in the garden on long

evenings still lit by the last rays of sun, the Colvins enjoy the company of friends and the live drama played out in the ball park nearly every night the home team is in town.

A. B., a Kentucky Baptist Convention staffer for 27 years until his retirement in 1985, likes baseball because "an individual has an opportunity to do a good job. It's a team sport; you win a game and enhance your own standing."

Baseball's opening day (Apr. 6) is history. The Redbirds were in Louisville that day, home from spring training in St. Petersburg to face their parent club, the St. Louis Cardinals, in an exhibition game.

Some time ago, my wife and I visited Irene Colvin in her hospital room where she was recuperating from back surgery. Despite some discomfort, Irene raised up in her bed as we were leaving to remind me, "See you Apr. 6."

For baseball aficionados like A. B. and Irene Colvin, the game simply isn't over until it's over.

# 'Fields & Stream' time for retiring journalist

by Marv Knox

Wilmer C. Fields has known thousands of interesting people during three decades in Southern Baptist journalism. Now he'd like to meet a lot of nice fish.

Fields retired Mar. 31, after almost 28 years as vice president for public relations of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, preceded by three years as editor of the Baptist Record, newsjournal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. His journalistic career followed pastorates in Louisiana, Kentucky and Mississippi.

But his career has been identified with his executive committee post, where he has been "Mr. Communications" for Southern Baptists. He has been press representative for the convention and directed Baptist Press, the convention's news service. For almost half his tenure he also edited The Baptist Program, the executive committee's magazine.

When he took over Baptist Press in the late '50s Fields and one professional editorial assistant in the Nashville office were "it." News staffs of Baptist agencies were small, understaffed and, for the most part, poorly trained. Furthermore, the process for disseminating news to Baptist state papers and the sec-

ular media was feeble.

Upon Fields' retirement, Baptist Press has five bureaus plus its central office, with a combined staff of more than 30 journalists. The press service is distributed to more than 400 subscribers, including 37 Baptist state papers, several hundred secular newspapers, magazines and TV and radio stations, the major wire services and scores of Baptist leaders worldwide.

Fields continually has been interviewed on television and radio and quoted by newspapers and magazines. For gratis, he wrote an article on Southern Baptists for the Saturday Evening Post that sold more than one million reprints. He has presided over the newsroom at 27 SBC annual meetings that have drawn hundreds of reporters to scrutinize Southern Baptists for a week each June. He has been national president of three major religious news and public relations organizations. His "summer seminars" have introduced denominational journalists to leaders of secular and religious news organizations around the world.

Along the way he has maintained a strong sense of churchmanship and commitment to young people. That has been evidenced by the 20 years he and



Wilmer C. Fields examines a new fishing pole as he contemplates life following his career as a Southern Baptist journalist.

his wife, Libby, have served in the college Sunday school department of First Baptist Church of Nashville.

Incurably curious, Fields has traveled in 96 countries. (That's why he's known worldwide as W. C., although in the Orient its Wubble-Yu-Si; in Germany, Vublsee; in West Texas, Dub Cee.) His home is a museum of social anthropology; the walls covered with hundreds of memorabilia, from a 1000-year-old Crusader's helmet to an African tribal spear to almost 200 Raggedy Anns and Andys to a wooden airplane propeller.

The latter is appropriate for Fields has been a pilot since his college days. He has flown everything from a Pan American Airways DC-4 to a Sweitzer 232 glider. An adventurer, he and his wife and children, Randy, Christy and Becky, have camped and hiked in forests from Baja California to Labrador, from Key West to the Pacific coast of Canada.

Fields' curiosity and penchant for words and images, as well as his depth of travel and acquaintances, have made him an inveterate storyteller. An evening in his home or in a restaurant on one of his journeys is filled with tales of travel, from Alaska's Bering Straits to China's Great Wall to a mission church in Africa to the bayous of his native Louisiana.

But in all his stories the people he has known shine through. His love for and interest in people stand out as he spins his yarns. The stories are filled with names, and not just cronies and big shots. He's as apt to recall the name and characteristics of a taxi driver or bellboy as he is the president of the Baptist World Alliance.

That's because people matter. "The thing that comes to my mind most are the friendships—people I've come to know in all kinds of places and circumstances," Fields reflects.

As much as he's been a people person, Fields says that's the area he would work on most if he could pursue his career again: "I'd be more concerned about the personal qualities involved than about institutional relationships. I think I'd try to see the individual in clearer perspective among the throngs of people."

Fields apparently has done a better job of that than he gives himself credit, for the "throngs" have recognized him. Both his alma maters have honored him—Louisiana College with an honorary doctorate and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with an alumnus of the year award. The Baptist Public Relations Association, over which he presided in 1970-71, voted last year to name its annual awards competition for him.

He has turned down five offers to work and plans to heed friends' advice not to get "too deeply involved" in projects immediately following his retirement. But wherever he roams, the roads in Fields' future most likely will lead him back to people.

Like the Apostle Paul, he says, he appreciates all kinds of people. "I'm a debtor to the Greeks and the barbarians, the wise and the unwise," he quotes.

And if all goes as planned, Fields will have a special sense of gratitude to some guide who introduces him to a really nice mess of fish. (BP)

## Winners: sharing selves, gospel in literary event

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The response of a group of Kentucky Baptist Men to a natural disaster, a retired couple's experiences as mission volunteers in the west and a first person account of sharing the gospel in Kenya have become prize-winning subjects of Western Recorder articles.

Each was declared a winner by a panel of recognized communications leaders in an annual writing competition among the Baptist paper's state correspondents.

The Wilmer C. Fields Incentive Writing Competition, established in 1984, signifies excellence in writing. It was named for the vice president for public relations of the SBC Executive Committee, who retired from that post Mar. 31 of this year. (See adjacent story.)

Entries in the annual competition named for him are based on 10 criteria. A Western Recorder staff committee recommends to the judges writing done by state correspondents which, on a point system, has reached a certain level of achievement. The judges then select three winners.

Judges this year were Louisvillians Denise George, prominent freelance writer, speaker and Broadman Press author; Greg L. Hancočk, director of the Communications Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention; and Robin Oldham, assistant director of communications, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. All three have been state correspondents for Western Recorder earlier.

The first place entry selected by the judges was contributed by Mrs. Charles M. Darland of Elizabethtown, who lived in Independence, Ky. at the time of writing. She had captured third place in the competition a year earlier.

Her winning entry, for which she received \$75 from Western Recorder, was a front page report published Mar. 18, 1986 of the state Brotherhood disaster

team's response to a tornado which touched down in northern Kentucky earlier that month.

Through words and pictures, Suzanne Darland captured the human pathos of people helping people in a time of need, according to judges.

She recounted her observation of one woman, her hand black with mud from picking up bricks and pieces of the roof of her house, carrying lunch back for her husband. "Just one sandwich," she told the Brotherhood relief team, when offered two. "There's plenty other people who need it."

**Ironically, both second and third place prizes in the writing competition were captured by one person, who had also won the first prize a year ago.**

For her second place entry, "Two Kentuckians share in Utah missions work," published Mar. 4, 1986, Mrs. W. T. Stegall of Salem, Ky. received a \$50 prize.

The third place entry, "Mission team, Kenya pastor work together," published Oct. 21, 1986, brought Pauline Stegall an additional \$25.

The story of Nancy and Bill Childress, Kentuckians who reached retirement and decided to offer themselves through the Home Mission Board's Mission Service Corps, is chronicled in the second place entry. Active in First Baptist Church, Smithland, the Childresses—



Darland



Stegall

he, a soil conservationist; she, a home ec teacher—felt God had "more in store for them."

They applied to MSC, were accepted, and went to Richfield, Utah, a mile high city of 6000 with 95 percent Mormon population. Their exciting adventures as they share the gospel with people of all walks made "interesting reading." At the close of the story, they urged Kentucky Baptists to support the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

"We've seen it working," they allowed, after their face-to-face encounter in the American west.

Mrs. Stegall's other winning entry is a first person account by Kuttawa, Ky. evangelist Don Short concerning his trip to tell the Good News on the Indian Ocean coast of Kenya.

At Mombasa, the second largest city, he found 700,000 people, growing at the rate of 3000 per day. Because Mombasa is on an island, it is approached in one direction by a ferry boat. Short set up a PA system in the back of missionary Ralph Bethea's dilapidated truck and began to preach.

"Every 20 minutes the ferry arrived bringing anywhere from 500 to 2000 persons," he recalled. Speaking through an interpreter, Short led dozens to receive Jesus.

The story ends with Short telling how his interpreter became a friend. "Any credit for success doesn't go to the preachers from Kentucky," he intones. "It goes to a native pastor who sincerely prayed" (for success).

All three of the winning entries in the Fields Incentive Writing Competition detailed Kentuckians giving of themselves to help others. One story was in the state, one was in home missions, one was in foreign missions. A judge suggested that people reaching people is what "most people may really want to read about."

# "How does the Cooperative Program work?"

In the Southern Baptist Convention there are over 14 million church members in more than 37,000 churches located in all 50 states. These churches, like First Baptist Church, Owensboro, and Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, are committed to carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord to evangelize the world. The

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Cooperative Program monies remaining within each state support a variety of ministries. Last year, the Kentucky Baptist Convention retained 63.125 percent of \$16,900,000 in Cooperative Program funds it received from nearly 2300 churches in the state. The KBC distributed these funds, according to its adopted budget, to meet the mission needs in our state.

The state convention budget provides for all those ministries and indicates what percentage of the Cooperative Program funds received from the churches will be forwarded to the SBC.

The Cooperative Program is the way state conventions and the SBC work together to extend the ministry of the local church around the world.

Cooperative Program Day will be observed Apr. 12 as a time of special emphasis on the mission ministries and missionaries supported through the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program, a plan adopted in 1925 by Southern Baptists, is the primary method of underwriting the financial needs of the agencies of the SBC.

It is a time to confront ourselves as individual church members with the many mission needs and opportunities around the world. It is a time for each church to accept the challenge to increase the percent of its income to be

given through the Cooperative Program.

Extensive suggestions for the promotion of this special day may be found in the booklet, *Planning for Lay Involvement in Cooperative Program Day*. A copy of this booklet can be found in the March issue of *The Baptist Program* and in the April-May-June issue of *Dimension*.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Reach the Lost: Give." It is based on Luke 24:47. This theme directs our thinking to the dream of "Sharing the gospel with everyone on earth by the year 2000."

## Baptist missionaries continue Ecuador relief

Baptists in Ecuador are preparing to distribute about 30 tons of Southern Baptist provisions for Ecuadorians stricken by earthquake last month.

A cargo jet packed with food, blankets, clothing, building materials and tools landed in Quito Mar. 24. Although the provisions were unloaded that evening, a nationwide strike caused a two-day delay in distribution, said Larry Doyle, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Ecuador.

Missionaries are working with Ecuador Baptists in a relief program they planned together the week after two powerful earthquakes jolted an area east of the capital city in early March

and destroyed sections of the region's most important roadway and the country's most important pipeline.

After meeting immediate needs, missionaries may ask for volunteer work teams from the United States to rebuild schools and public buildings, Doyle said, stressing such action would occur only in cooperation with the government's education department.

The food, clothing and building supplies were purchased with money provided by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Florida Baptist Convention and Florida Baptist churches. State Brotherhood departments from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and South Carolina also gave funds. (BP)



**TRUDY JOHNSON**  
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The Cooperative Program is how we do missions. Our associational theme this year is "Doing together what we can't do alone," which I think sums up what the Cooperative Program is all about. In my work, the Cooperative Program provides personnel, materials and conferences for us to minister to the people of Phoenix. But more than that, it connects us to a network of people with the same commitment of winning our land for Jesus Christ. The Cooperative Program means that my tithes and offerings are being used in a unified manner to help fulfill the Great Commission.



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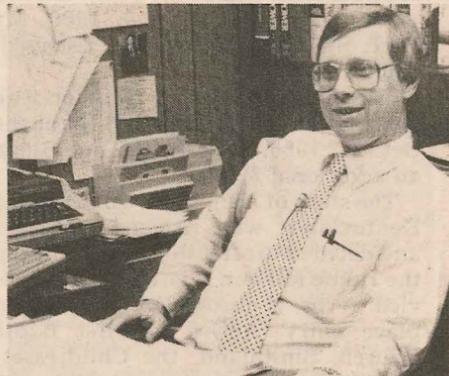
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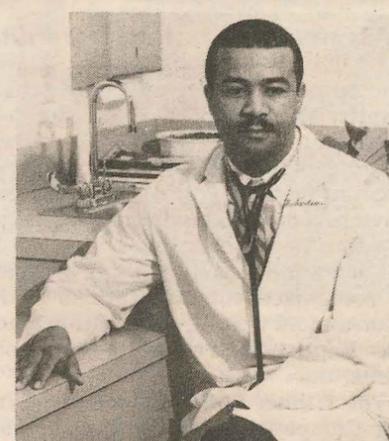
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## Nevada, HMB plan Las Vegas witnessing

Sponsorship of 25 church-type missions, statewide simultaneous revivals, scripture distribution, house-to-house witnessing and other similar activities are projected for implementation prior to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., in 1989.

More than 30 pastors from across Nevada met Mar. 12-13 with representatives of the Baptist Home Mission Board to discuss plans for evangelistic and church starting efforts and to highlight positive results of the SBC's decision to hold its meeting in Las Vegas.

Messengers chose Las Vegas as the 1989 SBC meeting site during the 1983 annual meeting in Pittsburgh. An evangelistic emphasis in connection with the annual meeting was included in the vote to go to Las Vegas.

The central evangelistic emphasis will be simultaneous revivals held across the Nevada Baptist Convention, using the theme, "Here's Hope: Jesus Cares For You." The Nevada revivals will be a pilot for SBC-wide simultaneous revivals in 1990 using the same theme.

Nevada Baptist Convention Executive Director Ernest B. Myers said of the impact of the planned activities: "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Nevada Baptists. When the plans become reality, it will put the work of Southern Baptists in Nevada ahead by years, while reaching thousands of people with the gospel of Jesus Christ." (BP)

## Baptists top \$9 million in hunger gifts

Southern Baptists gave more than \$9 million to worldwide hunger relief in 1986, the second-largest amount ever given through the Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

The 1986 total of \$9,089,279 was 23 percent less than the record \$11.8 million given in 1985, but nearly a \$2 million increase over the amount given in 1984. The 1986 total is more than \$8 million above 1977 contributions.

For 1986, the Foreign Mission Board reported receipts of \$7,790,128, compared with \$10,625,897 in 1985 and 1984 receipts of \$6,548,901. Thirty-four percent of the 1986 receipts came during the last two months of the year after the observance of World Hunger Day in October.

Unlike the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board's hunger contribution climbed slightly to \$1,299,151 in 1986 from \$1,204,249 in 1985. The 1986 figure was more than twice the \$617,817 received in 1984.

"The increase in domestic hunger giving, beginning in 1985, reflects in large measure the implementation of the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention recommendation that undesignated contributions to world hunger be divided, with 80 percent going to the Foreign Mission Board and 20 percent going to the Home Mission Board," explained Robert Parham, director of hunger concerns for the Christian Life Commission. "Several state conventions, however, still send almost all their hunger receipts to the

Foreign Mission Board," he said.

"In spite of financial hardships in many of the oil- and farm-based economies, and in spite of a dearth of U. S. media coverage about overseas hunger, Southern Baptist support for world hunger programs administered by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards remains strong," Parham said. "Southern Baptists, however, still are giving less than \$1 per person each year to feed the hungry and to help them to feed themselves. We must continue to be generous with our energies and financial resources in support of Southern Baptist domestic and overseas hunger programs." (BP)

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### Kentucky springtime

Spring in Kentucky truly is a special time. From east to west and from south to north the whole state seems to come alive in the spring. To me it is a very uplifting time. It is cause for a new spring in one's step and a new enthusiasm in life.

Recently I have had occasion to be in much of the eastern half of Kentucky. It is so enjoyable to see the whisper of green, pink and red beginning to show in the tree tops. It gives the appearance of little soft clouds on the mountain sides.

Next I traveled to speak at a church not far from the Mississippi River in western Kentucky. Spring in the western part arrives a little sooner than in the rest of the state. Again the flowers are so bright against a background of emerald green grass. Fruit trees with their white and pink blossoms highlight the beautiful landscape. Creeping phlox, redbud trees, tulips and red japonica all add color to the scene. One has to realize that spring in Kentucky is special.

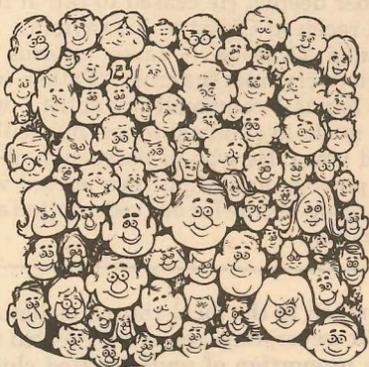
This year Easter comes in April. How significant that this special celebration of the resurrection of our Lord comes in the spring. Of course we celebrate the resurrection every Lord's Day. But once each year, at the time known as Easter, our celebration of the resurrection is highlighted in special ways. With the fields becoming green again, the flowers bursting forth, and birds singing it seems that all of nature around us is celebrating the resurrection, too.

Our Lord's resurrection is so important because it makes possible our salvation and our resurrection. That means that in Christ we have a second chance. Isn't it wonderful that our Lord loves us enough to forgive our sins and save us.

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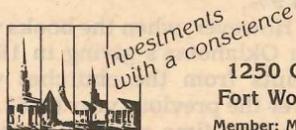
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## oneida journal

### The Oneida Rocket

There it sat. Blue and white. The great motor pulsating with power, built for 500,000 miles of travel—yes, half a million miles. Countdown. Two minutes to 7 a.m. and holding.

The door closed. No one could be seen about the vehicle. Though I could not see inside nor could I hear, I knew from past experience what was happening. All heads were bowed in prayer preparatory to a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Then at 7 on the nose, there were three great revs of the engine and they were off.

The Oneida Rocket?

No, just our old faithful former Greyhound bus off on another senior trip to Washington, D. C. with a bunch of excited seniors and staff chaperones.

Breakfast at Oneida, lunch in Abingdon, Va. and supper in a suburb of Washington. Checking into their motel rooms that Friday night, they then toured the Jefferson Memorial, the Marine Corps Memorial, and reportedly some wept at the Vietnam Memorial, America's own wailing wall, that has such a powerful effect on the many thousands who see it by day and by night. Then there is nothing more majestic than walking up the lighted steps and seeing the brooding Lincoln seated in his chair.

Day two began with breakfast and arrival at the White House at 8 a.m. for a specially arranged V.I.P. tour. Then up in the elevator of the Washington Monument, and a tour of the Museum of Air and Space. The group afterwards picnicked at Haynes Point, an island in the Potomac River.

Following this our students had the privilege of being on the maiden voyage of a new tour boat, the "Mt. Vernon," down the Potomac to Washington's famous home and tomb. True to the tradition of nearly 200 years, all boats who pass that famous house salute it with the ringing of their bells or the blowing of horns.

Then it was an evening at the theater, Ford's Theater, to see the hilariously funny play "Nunsense." But as the lights dim one cannot help but look upward to the very box where Lincoln sat that fateful night.

Sunday found our group in Arlington Cemetery for the ever solemn hourly Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. That ceremony is always one of the unforgettable memories of anyone's trip to Washington. It was made even more so for our group this year. Students from another school included two young people whose father had been killed in Vietnam. Again there were many tears from watching onlookers and classmates as they were permitted to place a wreath.

Our group saw the new monument just dedicated to the seven Challenger astronauts. Also they visited the gravesites of John and Robert Kennedy, saw the eternal flame, and straight up the hill is the home of Robert E. Lee.

Morning worship was at the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Md. These mission-minded people warmly welcome our students each year. Several are longtime supporters of Oneida. A former missionary to Ethiopia spoke fluently with some of our Ethiopian students, who were delighted to hear an American speaking their native tongue.

Then followed a picnic in Rock Creek Park where Teddy Roosevelt romped and Woodrow Wilson courted his second wife. A delightful Sunday afternoon was spent with the animals of the National Zoo and a glimpse of the famous pandas.

The day ended with a leisurely supper, window shopping, and all the ice cream everyone could eat, a yearly tradition. New records were set.

The story of Oneida's 39th annual pilgrimage to Washington continues in next week's column.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APRIL 12, 1987

Life and work series

### Rejecting God's authority

**Luke 20:9-12** In this parable Christ introduced an absentee landlord who owned a tract of land far from where he resided, planted a vineyard, rented it to tenants, and withdrew from it, fully expecting the vineyard to be productive.

When the proper time had elapsed, the owner sent his servants in turn to get some of the fruits from the vineyard, or to bring some of the profit from the harvest. One by one each of the servants received violent mistreatment, and was sent away without a portion of the harvest.

**Luke 20:13-16** Finally the owner of the vineyard decided he would send his son to collect the portion which belonged to him. Reasoning that by killing the heir of the vineyard, they would possess it the tenants slew him.

**Luke 23:20-25** The leaders of Israel did everything within their power to turn the crowd against Jesus and clamored for him to be put to death. Since they could not put a person to death, because the Roman rulers alone had that authority, they brought Jesus before Pilate and demanded he pronounce the death sentence on Christ. In light of the specific charges which they made against Christ, Pilate decided he would give him a personal examination. Pilate concluded Christ was only a harmless enthusiast, and not a rival of Caesar.

Pilate not only announced Christ not guilty of the charges, but declared: "I find no fault in this man." Pilate actually wanted to satisfy both the enemies and the friends of Christ, but that was an utter impossibility.

Instead of releasing Christ Pilate cast aside all sense of justice and "gave sentence that it should be as they required." His release of the guiltless prisoner, and his sentence based entirely upon the demands of the hostile mob resulted in the death of Christ.

International series

### Death on the cross

**Luke 23:38** Of all methods of putting people to death, crucifixion was the most horrible and shameful. In a further effort to disgrace him, Christ was crucified between two robbers.

After removing Christ's garments, his executioners laid him on his back on the cross, which was lying on the ground, drove the spikes through the palms of his hands, fastening them to the ends of the crosspiece, and nailed his feet to the upright piece. The cross was lifted on end and dropped into a hole in the ground, leaving Christ to suffer a painful death as the blood dripped from his head, hands and feet. Christ prayed: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

A superscription, which contained the accusation against Christ, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS," was placed above his head in Hebrew—the language of religion, in Greek—the language of culture, and in Latin—the language of government. The religious leaders challenged him to: "save himself, if he be Christ," but had he done so the scriptures would not have been fulfilled.

**Luke 23:39-43** At first both of these robbers, who were crucified with Christ, showed the baseness of their character by reviling Christ. As the day wore on one of them observed the wondrous bearing of the saviour and listened to his matchless words. The perfect innocence of Christ touched this robber deeply. He ceased to rail at him and received Christ as his saviour.

**Luke 23:44-48** Luke informs us Christ's cry from the cross, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," was not made in subdued tones, but with a loud voice. He was in possession of all his powers, and of his own accord was giving up his life for our redemption and salvation.



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## on mission together

### Growing & groaning

Times are tough for Oklahoma Baptists. Their executive board voted unanimously Mar. 17 to cut temporarily their Cooperative Program giving to the SBC.

Just two years ago, Oklahoma and Florida became the first state conventions to achieve, simultaneously, a 50-50 distribution of Cooperative Program funds. The board's recent action moved the SBC portion back to 44% and the state's portion to 56%.

Some observers would suggest that the cut would have needed to be even more drastic if Oklahoma had more institutions to support. Oklahoma has only one college—Oklahoma Baptist University.

Why did such an action become necessary? Most Oklahomans would probably give a one-word reply: **economics**.

In those years when the convention boldly planned for a 50-50, they enjoyed healthy growth of the previous year:

1980 - 15.3%, 1981 - 16.3%, 1982 - 14.9%.

However, when the books were closed on Oklahoma's giving in 1986, the receipts from the churches were down over the previous year by \$2.5 million—the first time since 1933 that Baptists in Oklahoma contributed less than the previous year.

When the "fuel" that spawned the 50-50 division sputtered, they took the only sensible action they could. They put the matter in the hands of a responsible executive board committee last November who between then and now, did their homework on their recommendation.

What they discovered in their research is more than an economic downturn. What they discovered is of growing concern to those who watch Cooperative Program growth.

True, the economic impact is staggering in that state of wheat and oil revenues. On the bottom line, people without jobs, or who have reduced incomes are simply unable to contribute

as much to the local church as before.

However, their research revealed that the proportion of undesignated church offerings going to Cooperative Program has fallen in 10 years from 10.2% to 8.9%. While Cooperative Program dollars have increased (until last year) each year for 10 years, the proportion of undesignated offerings going for the Cooperative Program has decreased. (In 1986, Kentucky Baptists contributed through the Cooperative Program 11.6% of their undesignated offerings, well above the 10.6% SBC average in 1985-86.)

Oklahoma Baptists have "regrouped." They will still try to achieve a 50-50 distribution, but their action pegs such growth on the growth of giving from the local churches. Arkansas Baptists took a similar action recently.

Kentucky Baptists are headed for a 40-60 distribution. We'll have to grunt and groan to get there. Beyond that, a new kind of generosity—not just hope—will have to take us.

# Missionaries start nomadic churches in Africa

by Faye Burkwall

Tall, thick, rainy-season grasses sometimes overlapped the pathway as we trekked single file through the savannah land.

I, the only woman, trailed along behind partly because of custom, but also because the Fulani people walk fast. Ahead of me were Adam, Sani, Jobo, Yohanna, my husband Paul, and our teenage son David.

We were going to a camp site of the Fulanis to help them organize a church. This is a seminomadic clan that stays in one place long enough for its cattle to deplete the grass and water. Their houses are made of grass mats. If they are Christians they set up a church wherever they make camp.

A typical Fulani clan has less than 50 people and many are related to each other. Moving about with their cattle is their whole way of life. Their diet consists of corn, cow's blood and milk.

Southern Baptist missionaries in recent years have been able to talk to these shy people camped along roads in the bush or near towns and get them interested in Jesus Christ. Eventually some become Christians and a nomadic church is started.

As we walked, a cluster of round grass huts came into view. I saw a bare, carefully swept yard dotted on one side with stakes for tying the cows after a day of roaming for grass and water.

An old man—thin but somehow strong looking—sat on a goatskin mat under a shea nut tree, weaving strips for a straw hat. We had a lengthy greeting

## BSSB intensifies its evangelism emphasis

Helping Southern Baptists understand the urgency for reaching lost persons for Christ is a critical role for the Baptist Sunday School Board, according to board president Lloyd Elder.

Speaking in a Challenge 10/90 Update panel discussion to be transmitted in April on the Baptist Telecommunications Network, Elder said an emphasis on Sunday school enrolment and evangelism "is a powerful tool for the local church."

The Sunday School Board is emphasizing evangelism by committing resources to the Challenge 10/90 effort to reach a Southern Baptist Sunday school enrolment of 10 million by 1990, Elder said.

Another way the board is emphasizing evangelism through the Sunday school is to begin printing the plan of salvation on the inside front cover of all Sunday school literature, Elder said.

Elder said focusing on evangelism and "reaching the lost masses" will be needed for Southern Baptists to experience breakthroughs in church membership and Sunday school enrolment.

Also speaking on the Challenge 10/90 update, Sunday school department evangelism consultant Tom Lee pointed out that increasing Sunday school enrolment is crucial for a church to increase its baptism rate.

"We need to refocus our attention on reaching adults. All Sunday school workers need to have witness training to equip them to lead Sunday school members and parents of children who are members to Christ," Lee said.

The Challenge 10/90 update will air on BTN April 8 at 11 a.m. and April 14 at 2 p.m. (CDT).

and walked to the first grass hut to speak to an elderly woman lying on a straw mat inside. A woman and girls inside were pounding guinea corn.

Another woman was poking a cooking fire. She was beautiful despite her missing front teeth. She wore six necklaces, rings on her fingers and toes, and brass and silver bracelets. Ancient coins were visible in three-inch earrings hanging from greatly stretched earlobe holes.

A boy was sent to nearby villages to summon others to our meeting to organize a church. He found a few men digging weeds in a corn field. Cattle herders came, along with Daniel and Samuel, whom my husband had baptized four years earlier.

Daniel, Samuel and 15 others baptized by Paul had become members of Nigeria's first Fulani-speaking Baptist church, Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Now Daniel, Samuel and their young wives had moved on with their cattle to an area that had no church or Christians. They wanted a church.

Another young man, Buka, wanted to become a Christian. At first, his father, the straw hat weaver, opposed his son's intention. But he approved when the boy vowed he would respect his father and continue working for him.

Twenty-four of us sat on mats as the sun sank and we planned the church that would be born the next morning—Sunday morning.

There were problems. The group probably would have to move soon to a new place. But all agreed that a portable grass structure would be built and carried from place to place.

What about a leader? They decided Sani would travel 10 miles from his village to meet with them on Sunday mornings.

They chose a plot for the church shelter between the villages. A few trees were cut to signify plot ownership, and we prayed for the Lord's blessings on this venture.

Amid a Sunday morning misty rain, we spread the mats in Daniel's yard,

which was close to the church plot. His wife brought out a calabash of hot porridge. Chickens pecked around and two young goats played nearby. I wondered if anyone would be attending other than Buka, Daniel, Samuel and their wives.

Then, five other women with babies and trailing children joined us timidly. They sat on overturned pots, and about 10 other men rested on mats. We sang "My God Is So Big and Mighty," and there was a sermon. The congregation lingered after the service. Daniel and Samuel beamed with excitement because a church had formed.

The next Sunday there was even more evidence of a new church. In the forest clearing with a shady mango tree for a roof, stood Nazareth Baptist Church. The pews were forked stakes driven into the ground with poles stretched across. The pulpit and pastor's chair were made of stakes and poles. Soon there would be woven mats and a grass roof.

Best of all, this church would move with them and their cattle.



Paul and Faye Burkwall visit with some Fulanis in a village near Kaduna, Nigeria, where the Burkwalls are Southern Baptist missionaries. The Fulanis are a seminomadic clan who live in many parts of Nigeria.

## Cherry Chang's ministry continues among Asians

by Elizabeth Watson

Although Cherry Chang was born in the Chinese year of the tiger, she attributes her boldness to Christ alone.

With that boldness the graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has spent the past 25 years leading the Asian community in Los Angeles to Christ. Because of her great impact, the Committee of Southern Baptist History of the California Baptist Convention presented Mrs. Chang with its Heritage Award last year.

Mrs. Chang and her late husband, Yung Kiang Chang, began the Mandarin Baptist Church in Los Angeles in 1961.

"Whenever Yung and I would drive by a bus stop and see Asians, we would offer them a ride home and share the gospel with them," Chang said. At other times she would pore over a phone book looking for Asian names and call people and invite them to church.

But Mrs. Chang doesn't have to do that anymore. "People just walk in to Mandarin Baptist Church; no need to knock on doors, or search for people. They just come," Mrs. Chang said.

Mandarin Baptist Church began with only seven members. It was the first

Southern Baptist church established in Hollywood. Today the 800-member church has sponsored three missions which are now self-supporting churches.

Mrs. Chang came to America with her husband in 1948 to study at Southwestern. The Chinese Baptist Seminary sent the Changs to Ft. Worth to secure doctoral degrees in theology and religious education.

"We chose Southwestern because it was the only seminary which allowed women in its doctoral program at the time," Mrs. Chang said. "My husband wouldn't go to America without me."

One year after the Changs left China, Communists seized control of the Chinese government. "We prayed about returning to China, but were convinced it wasn't God's will for us to do that," she said.

In 1951 the Foreign Mission Board invited the Changs to teach at the new Baptist seminary in Taiwan. They worked there until May 1961, when they moved to Los Angeles to start Chinese Baptist work.

"God burdened us with the thousands of Mandarin-speaking Chinese flooding America," Mrs. Chang said. "There was

no Mandarin-speaking mission anywhere in the United States. Most immigrants were settling in Los Angeles, so we decided to begin a ministry there."

The work grew quickly. The church reached out to Mandarin-speaking Chinese, Laotians, Koreans, Vietnamese, Japanese and Indonesians.

Since her husband's death in 1975, she has carried on the Asian ministry in Los Angeles. She served as assistant to church ministry at Mandarin Baptist Church from 1975 to 1978. The Home Mission Board appointed her associate missionary and church growth consultant to Asians from 1978 to 1981.

Mrs. Chang also served as a member of the Foreign Mission Board from 1975 to 1983. In her spare time she substituted at California Baptist College, directed the Chinese School of Theology for Golden Gate Seminary and served as language coordinator of WMU for the California Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Chang is just as bold at 72 as she was in the year of the tiger.

"I am accused of having a naive faith," Mrs. Chang said. "But it is my source of strength and courage. With it, I am full of joy and optimism for today and tomorrow."



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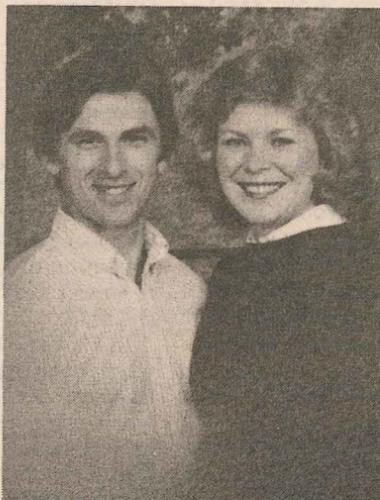
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