

## 49 get overseas duty before largest crowd ever

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The largest crowd ever to witness the commissioning of new Southern Baptist foreign missionaries thronged cavernous Rupp Arena in downtown Lexington, Ky. Apr. 7.

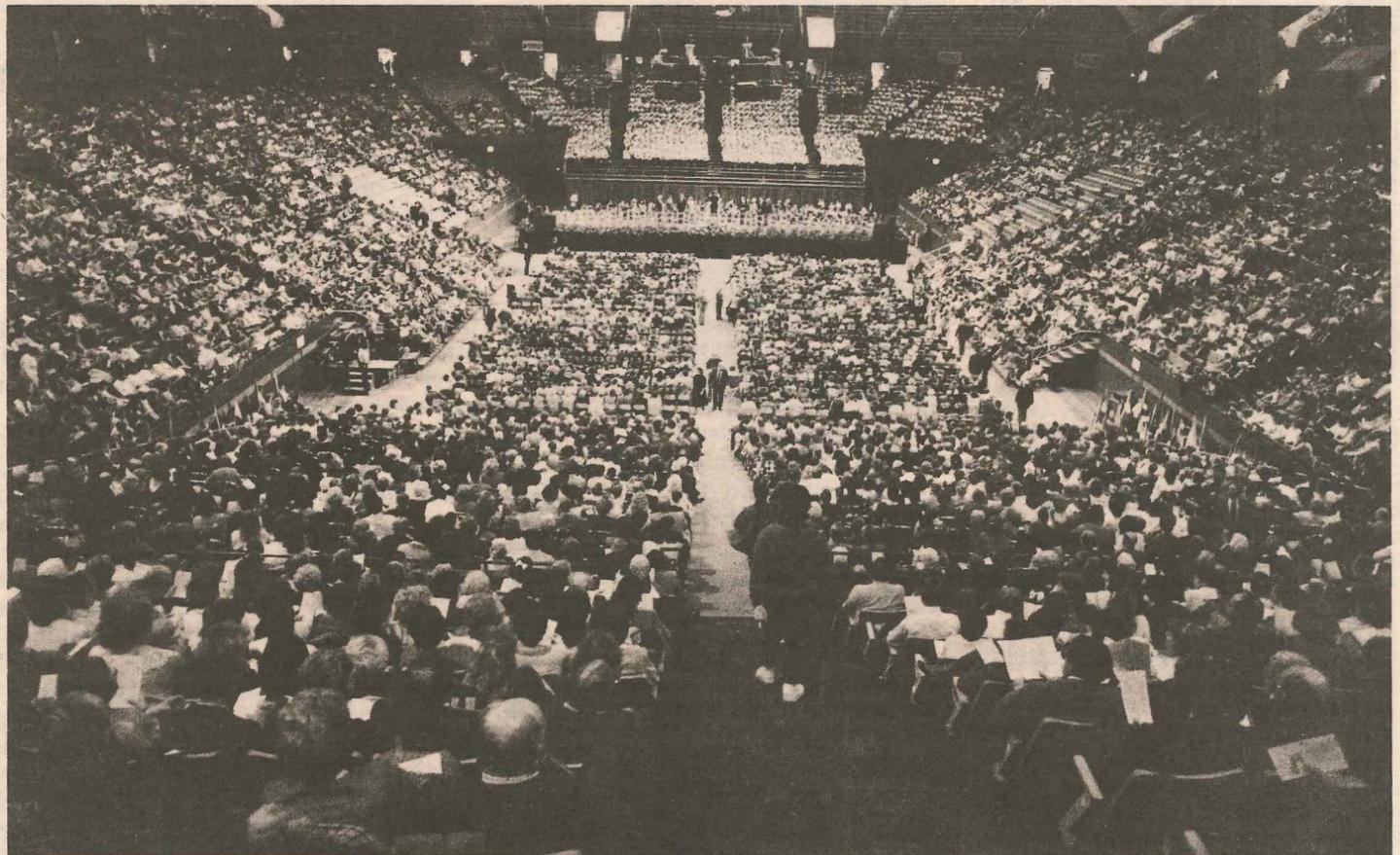
Spectators were variously estimated between 13,500 and 15,500. They were designated "the largest gathering of Kentucky Baptists in history" by William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, who welcomed them.

R. Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board president, responded that Kentucky is in the "midst of Baptist life," being the "oldest Baptist association west of the Alleghenies." Referring to a record attendance at a previous appointment service in 1977, Parks acknowledged, "If anybody could do it, I knew Kentucky could."

Participants witnessed the naming of 49 candidates to overseas service in 24 nations, from the orient to the American hemispheres to the Dark Continent. The new appointees bring to 3813 the missionaries presently under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board, an all time high.

Included in the new group are five couples and a single person with Kentucky ties:

Bryan and Karen Galloway, pastor and wife at Corydon (Ky.) Missionary Baptist Church, who will serve in Malaysia; Becky Girdler, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and native of Somerset, appointed to Nigeria; Asa and Lydia Greear, pastor and wife at North Benson Baptist Church, Frankfort, who will go to Benin; Charley and Becky Hood Jr., minister of education/evangelism and wife at First Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, Mo. (she was born at Louisville), going to Colombia; Mark and Stacey Pennington, Baptist campus ministers at Charlotte, N. C. (she was born at Louisville and lived in Munfordville and Georgetown), named to Mexico; and Larry and Edwina Rowell, pastor and wife at First Baptist Church, Lyons, Ga. (she was born and raised in Guston, Ky.), and they will serve in Burkina Faso.



Thousands attended the Apr. 7 service at Rupp Arena where 49 newly-appointed foreign missionaries were commissioned.

A widowed grandmother who had felt the urge to go to the foreign mission field four decades ago testified at Lexington that she had now reached the conclusion that "life is time, and time is life." Prevented from going overseas earlier by her husband's poor health, Anda Littleford is fulfilling a lifelong dream as she prepares to move to Swaziland.

Louisiana pastor Dudley Simmons, who with his wife Sherry will go to South Africa, said he had preached to his congregation for 12 years about following the Lord's will in life. It took God "about 10 years to convince me I should do what I was telling everybody else to do," he acknowledged.

Native Tennessean James Hampton claimed, "I saw the movie, I heard the call, I'm ready to go." He and his wife Barbara will be missionary associates in Korea.

Board president Keith Parks claimed that obedience to God's will "is not grim faced" but the "greatest joy" in life.

There are people, he admonished, who "cannot hear (of Jesus) unless someone tells them," who "cannot be saved unless someone goes."

He observed that several of the new appointees made a commitment to foreign missions in a previous commissioning service elsewhere. As thousands sang "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go," 67 persons offered themselves for counseling as possible future missionary candidates. During the singing, several newly appointed missionary women wiped their moist eyelids with handkerchiefs held in one hand as they firmly clasped their husband's hands in their free hand.

A Foreign Mission Board spokesman noted that a spontaneous standing ovation by the audience for the candidates

occurred after certificates of appointment were presented, "the first time we have ever witnessed that."

An 1800-voice choir accompanied by a 225-member orchestra followed the appointment with "Take My Life, Lead Me Lord." William B. Williams, minister of music at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church, conducted.

The service highlighted a three-day meeting of the Foreign Mission Board's 85 trustees at Lexington. The board has scheduled appointment services and trustee meetings away from its Richmond, Va. headquarters since 1969 in an attempt to involve more Southern Baptists in its ministry.

The event in Lexington was one of several Kentucky Baptists are experiencing in this 150th year since the founding of their state convention.

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## Area directors named by FMB

The Foreign Mission Board has named the following men area directors.

John Faulkner was named area director for Eastern and Southern Africa; G. Keith Parker, area director for Europe; Dale G. Thorne, area director for the Middle East and North Africa; and Billy Bullington, area director for West Africa.

Faulkner will move to Nairobi, Kenya where he will be responsible for approximately 550 missionaries in 21 countries.

Parker will direct the work of 230 missionaries in 12 European countries from a home base in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Thorne will direct the work of 170 missionaries in seven countries from his home base in Cyprus.

Bullington will supervise the work of approximately 450 missionaries in 14 African countries from a base in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

All the appointments were made at the FMB meeting in Lexington.



Bullington



Faulkner



Parker



Thorne

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September-March Gifts

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Mar. 87	1,218,499	9,140,064
Mar. 86	974,659	8,331,594
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Jack D. Sanford

## sanford's perspectives

### High drama in Rupp Arena

We did ourselves proud as Kentucky Baptists last week in Rupp Arena by gathering the largest crowd ever assembled for a commissioning service for foreign missionaries.

Several thousand Kentuckians, estimated all the way from 13,500 to more than 16,000, gathered for the commissioning service of 49 people to serve in 25 countries of the world as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

People of all ages came from every section of our state in buses, vans, automobiles, even pick-up trucks. One example will demonstrate the kind of dedication and determination which was put forth to share in this hour of high drama.

Pastor Tony Stinnett and the people from La Center First Baptist Church, a congregation in the extreme western end of Kentucky, came to the service and returned home the same day, as did many others. However that trip from the far west to Lexington and back lasted from noon Tuesday until about 3 a.m. Wednesday and is typical of the sacrifice made by many of our people to be part of the largest commissioning service in the history of the Foreign Mission Board.

North Carolina had been scheduled to host this particular commissioning service, but they graciously surrendered the date to Kentucky so we could have this event as part of our sesquicentennial celebration. We thank North Carolina Baptists for their generous gift.

Beginning with the magnificent music of a 1500 voice choir and several hundred orchestra

members under the direction of William B. Williams of Immanuel church, Lexington, to the stirring testimonies of the appointees themselves, this event was a rare gem in our celebration of 150 years of work through the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Keith Parks, president of the FMB, proclaimed a challenge to all Baptists to be on mission for God and the response, more than 67 decisions from the congregation, was a fitting climax to a wondrous time of fellowship and praise.

It was a time to be proud of our heritage of missions and evangelism. It was a time to be proud of our closeness as fellow servants of the living Christ. It was a time to be proud of what Kentucky Baptists can do when we set our face toward high goals. It was a time of high drama in a place where drama is commonplace. But the drama this time was not a game. The drama was centered in the dedication to service of fellow Baptists who have answered God's call to a lost world.

A \$3 million check was presented to the FMB by Executive Secretary Bill Marshall which symbolized our commitment to a lost world. That sum represents Kentucky's contribution to the foreign mission effort of Southern Baptists last year.

We did ourselves proud because we responded with enthusiasm to a dramatic moment in missionary history. All of us who had a part in that wondrous moment will long remember it as a high point in our pilgrimage of faith.

### The freedom to respond is important

One of the cherished freedoms in Baptist life is the opportunity to respond to someone who expresses a different point of view.

In order to preserve that freedom for all Kentucky Baptists we have established Baptist Forum in the pages of Western Recorder. Many of you have taken advantage of that opportunity and have written responses to many things in our common life.

You will note the recent response to the editor's comments about the Kentucky Baptist Alliance as an example. Many people have felt the need to write to Baptist Forum and express agreement or disagreement with the editor's point of view. That is as it should be and none of us wants that to change. We hope you have taken note of this since we have printed several letters which took exception to the editor's position.

We hope you have noticed the effort by the editor to present all sides of the issue. Not a single Kentucky Baptist is denied the right to Baptist Forum simply because he disagrees with the

editor. People are denied space in Baptist Forum because what they write attacks other Baptists or because what they write is not pertinent to any issue of importance or because they write in exaggerated and insignificant. These decisions to deny space are made by the editor since that is his job.

But not a person is denied a voice in the state paper simply because he disagrees with the editor. This is stated again as clearly as possible because the editor is sometimes accused of closing the paper to only one point of view. Persons making that accusation are grossly unfair and bigoted in their outlook.

Again we repeat, if you have something of substance to say and meet the guidelines for Baptist Forum established by the Western Recorder Board of Directors we will print your point of view even when we disagree.

This paper belongs to Kentucky Baptists, not the editor, the editorial staff, not the directors. It is your paper and you have the right to its pages.

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## Peace Committee sees first draft

by Dan Martin

The Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee worked on the first draft of its report to the 1987 annual meeting of the SBC during its 14th meeting April 2-3.

The 22-member committee, which was created in 1985 to find the sources of the controversy in the convention and to make recommendations on ways to solve them, sent the draft back to the subcommittee and set what is hoped to be the final meeting, May 4, in Atlanta.

"It was uncertain as to whether we would have to meet again, but it became quite apparent early that another meeting would be necessary before any report could be released to the convention," said chairman Charles Fuller, Roanoke, Va.

"Most of our time in this meeting was divided three ways: composing a premise for the theological recommendations in the report, composing a premise for the political recommendations and evaluating the structure of the preliminary draft submitted by the drafting subcommittee," Fuller said.

He noted a "lion's share" of the work in formulating the preliminary draft was done by the drafting subcommittee chairman Bill Poe, an attorney from Charlotte, N. C. He added Poe and the other five members of the subcommittee "must now work through the next three or four weeks to have a revised and refined draft for the full committee to review May 4."

Despite the additional meeting, Fuller said he hopes the committee will be able to release the report "soon after May 4. We continue our hopes to give Southern Baptists a month to study our report before being asked to act on it June 16 in St. Louis.

"We acknowledge that politics is going to be there," he said. "You can't have a denomination of this magnitude without politics. We're looking at what's been appropriate in the last seven to nine years and what's appropriate now and from this point on."

On theology, Fuller said the committee is not attempting to "replace or amend the Baptist Faith and Message statement. It's an adequate statement of what Baptists believe. Ours is an attempt to interpret it.

"We're trying to put down something basic and clear enough for the average Southern Baptist to understand what is being said," Fuller said.

The March issue of Baptist Laity Journal was express mailed to all Peace Committee members on the eve of their April 2-3 meeting. An article therein makes allegations the "Fundamen-

talists" on the Peace Committee are "stonewalling," and participating in a "coverup." The article also is critical of the Peace Committee's decision to seal its minutes for 10 years.

Fuller told Baptist Press the Peace Committee "has identified no attempted 'coverup' or 'stonewalling' designed to keep information from Southern Baptists at large." Fuller added: "Whatever confidentiality we have exercised has been a good-faith effort to allow and encourage a free, open exchange of discussion and debate within our committee."

Fuller also commented on "name-calling" in general in the SBC.

"One of our great disservices to each other has been to recklessly label one another as 'the Liberals' and 'the Fundamentalists.' When we reduce each other to a verbal caricature, we seem relieved of much responsibility to deal with each other as Christians.

"In fact, in recent years, some of us probably have been kinder to the enemies of God than to our own kin in Christ," Fuller said. (BP)

## Professor calls for 'divorce' in SBC

by Kathy Palen

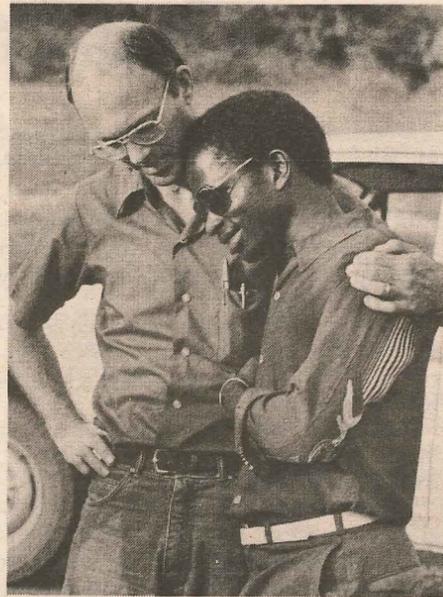
A Southern Baptist seminary professor called for a "divorce" between the two factions within his denomination during a lecture at a Catholic university in the nation's capital.

E. Glenn Hinson, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, said he sees no way to resolve the controversy in which the SBC has been engaged for more than 25 years.

"Two groups are hopelessly polarized," Hinson said. "We have a marriage that is broken down irretrievably, and I'm now convinced it would be more Christian and serve Christ's kingdom better if we got a divorce. If we do not, we will merely continue to violate one another's conscience and to blaspheme Christ and darken whatever light shines within us."

Hinson made his remarks while delivering the Wattson Lecture at the Catholic University of America, where he has taught during the spring semester while on sabbatical from Southern Seminary. In addition to being selected for the annual lecture, Hinson was awarded the school's Johannes Quasten Medal for excellence in scholarship and leadership in religious studies.

In the lecture, Hinson discussed an assigned topic, the influence of fundamen-



Missionary George Senter shares a moment of grief and hope with Baptist layman Mike Gono. Returning to Yekepa, Liberia from study abroad, Gono had just heard of the November killings of Libby Senter and her daughter, Rachel. Mrs. Senter taught him both Bible and how to read the Mano language.

## Baptist hospital sold to Jordanian government

The hospital that inaugurated Baptist work in Jordan 35 years ago closed March 1 but is expected to reopen soon under the direction of the Jordanian government. The Foreign Mission Board completed the \$1.5 million sale of Baptist Hospital at Ajloun to the Jordanian government in March.

It was the only hospital capable of full emergency care in Ajloun, a city of 6000 people. But government officials have said they intend to reopen the hospital as quickly as possible, probably sometime in April, said Isam Ballenger, the board's vice president for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

The hospital had been suffering from a declining patient load. Its capacity was pared down from 50 to 30 beds in 1978. Even so, the average inpatient load was 15 to 20. Last year, the hospital treated nearly 2500 inpatients and 9750 outpatients. Contributing to the drop in patients is the Jordanian government's policy of providing free health care, although the nearest government hospitals are more than an hour away. (BP)

## Church tax plan fizzles in Florida

Florida's attempt to force churches to collect sales tax apparently has fizzled.

Following the lead set in Gov. Bob Martinez's proposed budget, the Florida House Finance and Taxation Committee is expected to propose that the state retain the law that exempts churches and other non-profit groups from charging sales tax on services they provide.

The sales-tax exemptions for churches and other non-profit groups were cancelled late last year when the Florida legislature voted to raise revenue by forcing accountants, dry cleaners and most other service-oriented professions to charge customers sales tax.

But a special study commission, which since December has been re-evaluating the exemptions, has recommended that churches not be included in the new law. (BP)

## baptist forum

### Supports HMB decision on women

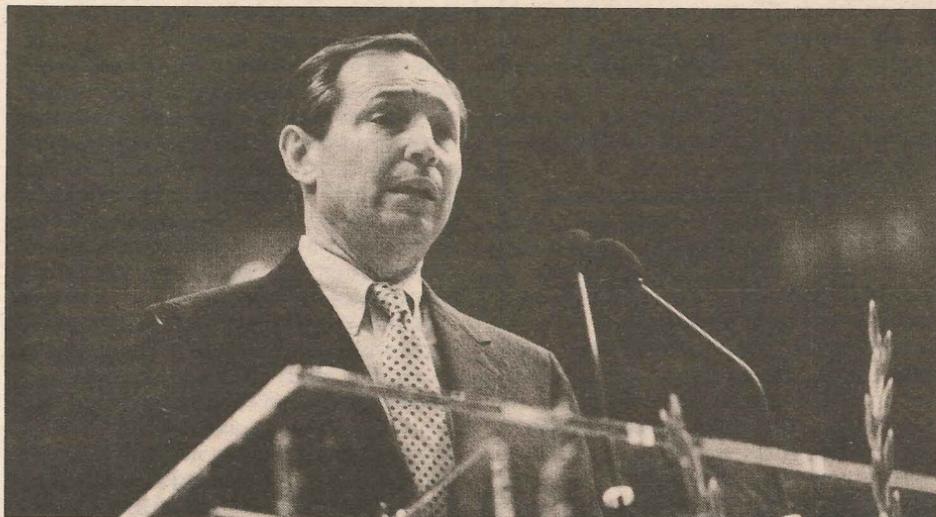
I would like to respond to a recent letter concerning the failure of the Home Mission Board to continue to support women pastors in mission churches. I am concerned to see a prayerfully considered decision of one of our agencies compared to the act of "rape." Such intemperate language does nothing but fuel the fires of controversy. I would hope the dear sister will search deep in her heart and find enough Christian love to repent of such language.

I do not believe the Home Mission Board was condemning the ordination of women but was attempting to avoid forcing churches that do object to support such an act. There are a large number of churches within the Southern Baptist Convention who believe on biblical grounds that God does not call women into the ministry and that any women who claim otherwise are in error. Many of these churches are strong supporters of the Cooperative Program. Is it fair to force them to support something they find wrong? Would we rather they stop supporting the Cooperative Program?

The Home Mission Board did not prohibit any church from supporting a woman in a mission pastorate or any other pastorate. They simply said Cooperative Program funds will not be used for this purpose. Instead of using this decision as a tool to create more dissension within the SBC, I would like to urge everyone to commend the Home Mission Board for their difficult decision and continue to support the Cooperative Program. Then, if you disagree with this decision or any decision of our boards and agencies, as autonomous churches you are free to raise additional funds to support any other missions you wish. That is what both the Southern Baptist Alliance and the Genesis Commission have been established for.

The same people who are so upset with the Home Mission Board for their decision would not want their Cooperative Program funds to be used to support programs they feel are biblically wrong so why do they want to force the fundamentalists to do so?

D. R. Zickefoose, pastor  
First Baptist Church, Hickman



William Marshall, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, welcomed throngs of Baptists at the Apr. 7 commissioning service.

# mountains to the mississippi

## ordinations

**Larry England** and **William Gupton** were ordained as deacons by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. Bob E. Martin is pastor.

**William Comley, Terry Grammer, Cecil Hays** and **Marvin Welch** were ordained as deacons Feb. 1 at South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. James E. Shaw is pastor.

**Andrew Tufano** was licensed to preach at Sligo Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, Mar. 8.

**Bill Helton** was ordained to the ministry at Everts Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association. Bruce G. Walser led the interrogation and Nasby Mills delivered the ordaining message.

**Roger Dale Polston** was ordained to the ministry by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Anchorage, Long Run Association Mar. 15. The ordination sermon was given by Larry E. Petty, pastor.

Polston is a graduate of Boyce Bible School and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was recently called as pastor of Sanborn Baptist Church in Indiana.

**Bobby Milburn**, pastor of Rough River Baptist Mission, was ordained to the ministry by Hardinsburg Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association, Mar. 22. Pastor Harry Dooley preached the ordination sermon. Bruce Butler, church deacon, served as council moderator.

## missions

**Terry Sharp** and **Kathy Chapman-Sharp** announce a change in address: Caixa Postal 1041, 88.001, Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Sharp is a native of LaFollette, Tenn. Kathy Chapman-Sharp is a native of Louisville. They are the parents of one daughter, Rebekah.

**Mrs. Ruth Lampe Crabb**, mother of Stanley Crabb, missionary in Europe, died Feb. 17 in Louisville. Crabb is director of European Baptist Press Service.

Crabb and his wife may be addressed at Gheistrasse 31, 8803, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

**Edith Killip** has returned from an overseas assignment with the Baptist Foreign Mission Board in the auxiliary personnel program.

She was interim mission office secretary in Japan from June 1986 to February 1987. She has also been a volunteer to Kentucky.

Miss Killip was administrative secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention, from March 1960 to April 1984.

Under the auxiliary personnel program, Southern Baptist church members from many walks of life can work overseas for several months to a year or longer assisting Southern Baptist missionaries.

Miss Killip may be contacted at 616 E. Liberty Dr., Wheaton, IL 60137.

## deaths

**Mrs. Mary Lou Niceley**, 94, died in Madisonville Mar. 18. She was the

widow of H. O. Niceley, who pastored almost 50 years in Kentucky.

Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Frances Beard, Campbellsville; Mrs. Nellie Woodburn, Madisonville; and Mrs. Helen Wise, Columbia, S. C. The funeral service was held Mar. 19 in Madisonville. Burial was in Columbia, S. C. Mar. 21.

## personnel

**Mark Waters** has been called as pastor of Ballardsville Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

**Eddie Russell** has accepted the call to Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Mercer Association, as minister of music.

**Billy Joe Foster** has been called as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

**Chuck Queen** has been called to pastor Fellowship Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

**Jerry Douglas** (see picture) was honored by Westport Road Baptist Church, Long



Douglas



Brown

Run Association, on his 10th anniversary as the church's minister of music.

Douglas came to Westport Road from Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville. He is a graduate of Murray State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

James B. Lewis is pastor.

**Dwight Lamar Lyon** is interim pastor at Liberty Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

**Lester Watson** has accepted the call to pastor Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

**Ron Burden** resigned as pastor of Jeffersontown Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**David Johnson** is the new pastor at Manly Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**Bruce Watts** has resigned as pastor of Hardmoney Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

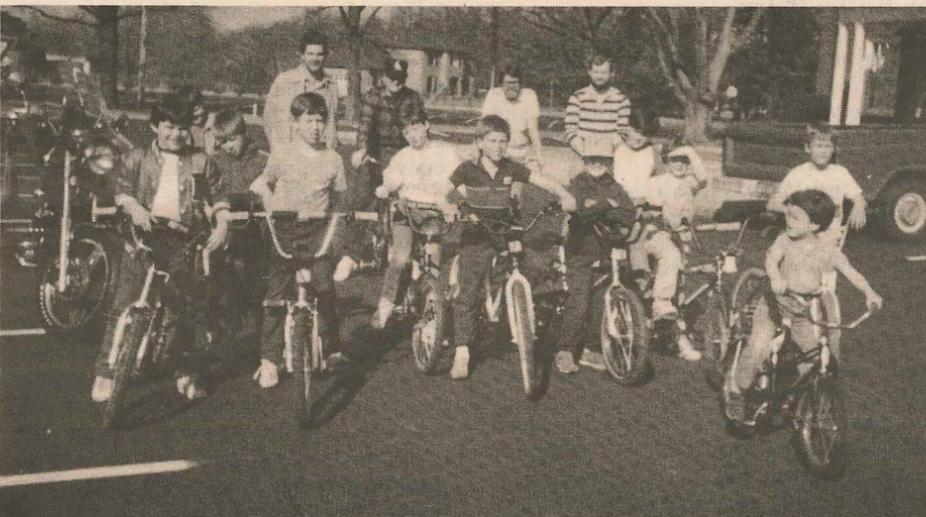
**Otis "Tad" King** has resigned as pastor of Redbud Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, and the church has called **Delbert Jones Jr.** to be pastor.

**Mike Tichenor** resigned as music minister of Cave City Baptist Church, Liberty Association, to become pastor's assistant at Jackson Street Baptist Church, Scranton, Penn.

**Miller (Butch) Brown Jr.** (see picture) has accepted the call to Beechwood Baptist Church, Long Run Association, as minister of education.

**Bob Fox** has been called as part time minister of youth at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, South District Association. He is a native of Louisville and is currently a student at Centre College.

**Billy McDowell** resigned as pastor of Emmaus Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. He has been called as pastor of Lola Baptist Church in the same association.



**The Ken Roberts Chapter of Royal Ambassadors at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Long Run Association, conducted a "Bike-Hike" Mar. 7 to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Eleven RAs (grades 1-5) participated with three dads and two "adopted dads" (Seminary students) as chaperones. The RAs rode five miles after taking pledges for each mile and raised over \$250. RAs pictured include John Rucker, Chris Chance, Robby Stewart, Lance Bell, Brian McSwain, Chad Jones, Greg Livingston, Clay Gatterdam, Scott Urquhart, Jason and Kevin Troubeaux. Dads and "adopted dads" are John Rucker, Phil Chance, Bob Stewart, Russ Cole and Gene Reece.**



**Leon Simpson**  
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## clear creek comment

### Increase our faith

I am convinced my faith is not strong enough. The Bible says Abraham was strong in faith (Romans 4:20), but many of us identify with the apostles when they said, "Lord, increase our faith" (Lk. 17:5).

Faith is "the existence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Some people can see

at a glance what others cannot see without searchlights and telescopes. Only those who can see the invincible can do the impossible.

Does our faith move mountains, or do mountains move our faith? Someone once said, "All the strength and force of man comes from his faith in things unseen. He who believes is strong; he who doubts is weak. Strong convictions precede great actions."

Faith is indispensable. James said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mk. 9:23). Faith was defined by William James as "Belief in something concerning which doubt is theoretically possible." G. A. Buttrick calls faith "the response of our spirits to the beckoning of the eternal" and long ago Blaise Pascal speaks of "God felt by the heart, not by reason."

We as Baptists have been thinking much about faith this year as we have studied James. He reminds us of a working faith. Someone compared believing to wishing. "A wish is a desire without any attempt to attain its end. There is

no greater obstacle in the way of success in life than wishing for something to turn up, instead of going to work and turning something up. The only faith that will work for us is the faith that we put to work."

James also speaks of the testing of our faith. As Lyell Rader says, "Faith grows only in the dark. You've got to trust him where you can't trace him . . . You just take him at his word, believe him and grip the nail-scarred hand a little tighter and faith grows." Ernest Wadsworth advised, "Pray for a faith that will not shrink when it is washed in the waters of affliction."

William A. Ward says "Faith in God makes a person undaunted, unafraid, undivided and unflappable. Faith is continuing to run the race, assured that you will get your second wind."

"So I go on, not knowing,—I would not if I might—I would rather walk in the dark with God/Than go alone in the light;/I would rather walk with him by faith/Than walk alone by sight."

Mary Gardner Brainard



Wendell Rone

## Glimpses of our heritage

### Progress in the "fifties" 1850-1860

Kentucky Baptist progress went on unabated into and through the 1850's. More churches and associations followed the advice of the General Association and strove to reach the spiritual destitution within their own bounds and aided the state body to reach out and help those areas unable to do so. Revival fires, which burned in 1847-1852, did so again in 1858-1860.

As a result, missions and Bible societies were liberally supported, far beyond anything ever done before. In 1850, the General Association adopted as its policy: (1) The awakening anew of general interest among the Baptists of Kentucky; (2) The representation of every district association; (3) The establishment of a Baptist church in every county town, and the sustaining of missionary labor in destitute places; and, (4) The circulation of Baptist literature. To accomplish this, the General Agent was to visit the associations and endeavor to secure their cooperation; survey the destitution and recommend missionaries.

The Foreign Bible Society and Foreign Mission Society disbanded; their funds were turned over to the General Association. Elder V. E. Kirtley became the General Agent, serving from October 1851 through May 1854.

In 1850 John L. Waller resumed the editorship of the Baptist Banner and Western Pioneer. In May 1851, its name was changed to Western Recorder. It soon became one of the leading papers in the denomination. His death on Oct. 10, 1854 left Kentucky Baptists bereft of one of their greatest men.

From 1843 to 1853 the Board of Managers for missions was located in Georgetown, but a resolution was adopted moving the headquarters to Louisville. The name was changed from Board of Managers to Executive Board. After 1855, missions in Kentucky was designated by the term "State Missions."

Christian education leaped forward in this period. J. J. Reynolds of South Carolina was president of Georgetown College, 1850-1852. He was succeeded by Duncan R. Campbell, who secured a good faculty, had an excellent curriculum, netted \$50,000 in endowment for the school.

Bethel Men's College (1854) arose at Russellville in western Kentucky, as did Bethel Female College at Hopkinsville.

In 1860, missionary Baptists in Kentucky numbered 44 associations, 880 churches and a total of 84,403 members.

## Music school performs St. John Passion

A fully staged, acted and costumed version of Bach's *St. John Passion* will be mounted in Alumni Chapel of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Tuesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 7.

The presentation is produced by the combined organizations of the School of Church Music—Oratorio Chorus, Church Music Drama Workshop, and Seminary Orchestra. With nearly 200 personnel, the story follows the dramatic trials and suffering of Jesus Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane through his condemnation, crucifixion and burial.

Intended for use by churches on Good Friday, this may be the first time *St. John* has ever been fully staged. Clark

Measels, tenor, will portray the Evangelist; Lynn Packwood, Jesus; and Lewis Washington, Pilate.

Highlights of the evening disclose the showing of 170 projections of great Passion Week art from across the centuries. Also, producing director Mozelle Clark Sherman has included contemporary characters, thrust by faith, into active participation in the event.

John Dickson will serve as conductor and Lloyd Mims is conductor of the Seminary Orchestra. Lucile Paris is costume coordinator; Cliff Berek, light designer/director; Randall Harmon, set designer/technical director.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. each evening and admission is free.

## Campbellsville plans fall football program

The Campbellsville College Board of Trustees has approved a non-scholarship football program, according to W. R. Davenport, college president.

Plans for the football program include fielding a team and playing a limited schedule in 1987. Campbellsville College will become part of a newly proposed conference composed of schools throughout Kentucky, eastern Indiana and northern Tennessee.

The presidents of all interested schools met Mar. 28 to determine the criteria of the conference and those schools participating in it.

"I'm thrilled," said Don Bishop, assistant professor of physical education and athletic director. "This has caused adrenaline to flow and added new excitement at Campbellsville College."

## Georgetown presents Haydn oratorio Apr. 30

The Georgetown College 60 voice Oratorio Chorus will present the "Missa Sancti Nicolai" by Joseph Haydn on Thursday, Apr. 30 at 8 p.m. at Georgetown Baptist Church.

The oratorio will be under the direction of Hunter Hensley of the Georgetown College music faculty.

Soloists will include: Karina Lumbatis, soprano; Kim Hensley, alto; Rodney Norvell, tenor; and Carl Peters, bass.

Professor Daniel Tilford, well known central Kentucky organist and Georgetown College music teacher, will accompany the chorus. The public is invited.

## Summer studies offer preaching sessions

This year's Campbellsville College Summer Studies July 14-17 will focus on Christ-centered, people-oriented gospel preaching, according to H. E. Coker, chairman of the college's Christian studies division.

This year the Center for Small Church Ministries at the college will offer a Summer Institute for Bivocational Ministers, July 14-16. This portion is being coordinated by Jerry Kibbons, professor of Christian studies at Campbellsville.

Registration fee for the summer studies is \$25 per family. Room and board includes dorm room, three meals per day and linens and is offered at \$12 per day for adults and children over 12, \$6 per day for children 3-12 and free for children under three years.

For more information contact Coker or Jerry Kibbons at (502) 465-8158.

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## homes for children

### Staying by the stuff

The Mississippi Baptist Church in West Kentucky Association is located in the country about three miles west of Bardwell and about three miles east of the Mississippi river. The pastor, David Stevenson, asked me to speak to his people on a recent Sunday morning. He said, "I want you to come and tell our people about Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children."

One of my joys is to speak on our ministry to children. I have a car and message and will travel, so just ask me. I am delighted to go to any church or group anywhere in the state and share this ministry.

Arriving at the Mississippi Baptist Church, my wife and I found a very alive church with a solid leader as pastor. This pastor, located 250 miles from Middletown, wants the people of his church to know about Kentucky Baptist ministries and how their mission money is used. The Mississippi church has been involved in supporting their Baptist Homes for Children long before this time.

Kentucky Baptists purchased the property of the Lynnland College at Glendale in 1915 and opened the Glen Dale Children's Home. In 1918 the Mississippi Baptist Church collected \$100 to buy an acre of farm land for the children's home at Glen Dale. One man in the church told us that he was present and remembers contributing to the fund to buy that acre of land.

The church is still deeply involved in supporting this Baptist ministry to children. Each year they receive the Thanksgiving Offering. Without that offering from the churches the children's homes could not continue.

The Mississippi church goes a step further in caring for children. They wanted to do more than the Thanksgiving Offering and the small amount received from each Cooperative Program dollar. On their own they decided to give a percentage of their undesignated offerings to Baptist Homes for Children. So an extra check comes to us each month from Mississippi Baptist church.

In the Old Testament days part of Israel went out to defend the land while others stayed by the stuff to keep the supplies coming. I am glad the Mississippi Baptist Church and hundreds of other churches stay by the stuff so we can keep on caring for dependent, neglected children.

## Carson-Newman launches program on ACTS

This spring Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., will make the leap from "What's Happening," a half-hour nightly news program, premieres on the American Christian Television System

### National missions team commissioned at retreat

Eleven students were commissioned as the first National Baptist Student Union summer missions team at the recent national BSU retreat in Birmingham, Ala.

The singing and witnessing team will work in Jamaica June 10-22, said John Corbitt, national director of the retreat. Students attending the conference donated more than \$1000 to fund the team. Corbitt said about \$7000 will be needed.

The commissioning service was part of the 42nd annual retreat, primarily held for black Baptist students. This year the retreat was attended by 1738 students from 144 campuses and nine churches.

Another 22 students were commissioned as BSU summer missionaries for involvement in summer mission projects through the Home Mission Board. (BP)

(ACTS) satellite network.

Last fall Carson-Newman, a Baptist college with an enrollment of 1700, broke into television production with a cable newscast for 3600 homes in the Jefferson City area. On May 18, the college will begin producing "What's Happening" for nearly 14 million potential viewers across the country every evening.

Utilizing video clips, studio reports and phone interviews, "What's Happening" will focus on topics of national and international interest, with special emphasis on news about Christianity and the Southern Baptist Convention. The program will be produced in studios on the Carson-Newman campus and will air on the ACTS satellite network at 7 p.m. EST every Monday through Friday. ACTS also will telecast repeats of the show at 12:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. EST.



"What's Happening" producer Jerry Brittingham reported the newscast will make use of several news resources. People who wish to submit announcements and news or coordinate personal interviews should write to Brittingham, Producer Director of External Affairs, P. O. Box 1986, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 37760.

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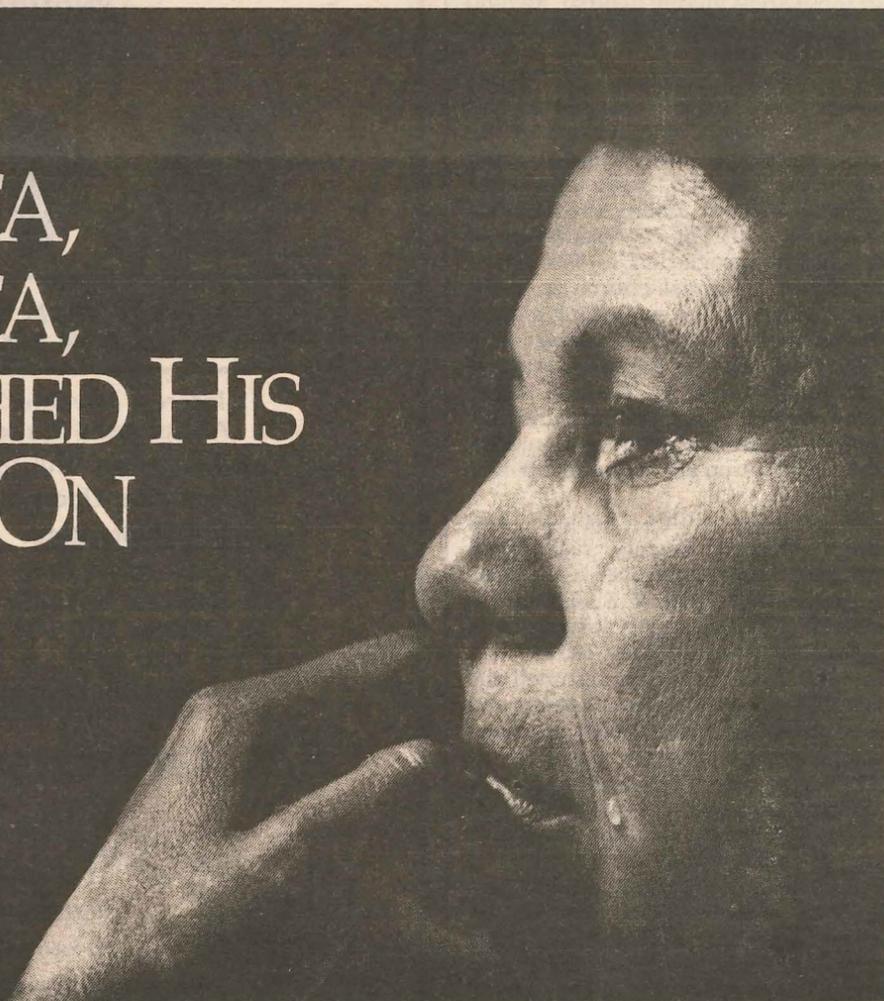
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## oneida journal

### A long tradition

Day four of Oneida's 39th annual senior trip to Washington began with watching money being printed at the Bureau of Engraving. Then followed an exciting time at the FBI headquarters seeing its many exciting exhibits, the shooting range, etc.

The afternoon was spent in the Capitol building itself. Following this the group split into four differing groups seeing either the Museum of American History or the Museum of Natural History, the National Art Gallery and the National Archives where the American Constitution is attracting more than usual interest in this 200th anniversary year.

Supper was eaten in historic Fredericksburg, Va. and then on to Colonial Williamsburg to spend the night.

Day five began with the usual morning devotional. Jon Coyle, president of the class, was responsible for arranging for the daily devotional. With us four years, Jon's home is in Louisville and he was active in Baptist Tabernacle before coming to Oneida. He has been selected to serve as a summer missionary after his graduation May 17. Jon is a modest young man, very solid, very stable, a mature Christian. He doesn't make a show of his beliefs. He simply LIVES Christ.

We have so many in this class who are simply outstanding. Nearly half of them will graduate with our Advanced dip-

loma, by far the largest number ever to do that at Oneida.

The day was spent in touring wonderful Colonial Williamsburg. One has to have seen that old American town to understand what it means to walk the streets, visit the shops and eat in inns where our colonial fathers lived their lives or at least visited if at all possible. This is the sixth time that Colonial Williamsburg has been an important part of our annual trip.

A side trip, a first, was a visit to Jamestown, the first white successful settlement of the English colonies. Seeing replicas of the thatch-like homes of those earlier settlers was interesting. But most exciting was seeing the seaworthy exact replicas of the ships "Godspeed" and the "Susan Constant." These ships have made the same voyage that our national forefathers made over 380 years ago. Our students and staff climbed around over the ship and posed for their only full group picture of the entire trip. Several thousand individual pictures were made during the week to be treasured a lifetime.

There followed shopping at Williamsburg Pottery and an evening meal of all the pizza one could eat. Then back on the bus for a trip to Charlottesville.

Day six began with a full morning at beautiful and historic Monticello, beloved home and revealing monument to the genius of Thomas Jefferson.

After a pleasant but uneventful day of travel, the weary yet excited travelers arrived at Oneida at 10:30 p.m. approximately two hours ahead of schedule.

Everyone testifies to a wonderful trip. Before school is out seven weeks from now, the travelers plan to assemble once more to share a dinner and relive their trip in the slides and pictures each one took.

I still remember vividly my own trip to Washington with the Class of 1958. No matter how many times one might visit Washington, there is nothing like doing so with one's classmates. Knowing that you are soon to separate along life's many differing destinies, never all again to be together, makes it singularly special.

It is heartening to know there are still young people like those who go on Oneida's senior trip year after year. In nearly 40 years of students going to Washington from Oneida we have never had a serious incident that would make us unwelcome to return to a hotel or motel or a restaurant.

The annual trip is one of Oneida's oldest and most valuable and cherished educational traditions.



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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR APRIL 19, 1987

#### International & Life and Work Series

### Raised from the dead

The lessons for this Sunday focus on the master miracle of the ages and the great foundation truth of the Christian faith, the resurrection of the physical body of Jesus Christ.

The International Lesson includes Luke 23:55-56, from which we learn that after the crucifixion Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus prepared his body for burial. Joseph provided the fine linen in which Christ's body was wrapped, and Nicodemus supplied the spices. Together they laid their Lord in a cave-like tomb. Certain women from Galilee watched the burial and returned to their lodging places and purchased expensive spices and ointments with which to anoint his body after their return to the tomb.

Luke 24:1-11 appears in both series; therefore, the following comments are appropriate for either series.

As it began to dawn on Sunday, a group of godly women, including Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, Joanna and Salome, hastened to the tomb for the purpose of anointing Christ's body with spices and perfumes as an expression of their love for and

devotion to him. As these devoted women hastened to the tomb, remembering the stone had been rolled into its groove to shut the entrance to the sepulchre, they were wondering how they might remove it. When they arrived at the tomb, they were amazed to find their concern had been unnecessary because the stone had been rolled away. Thus it is in life, so often dreaded difficulties are never encountered.

Not realizing the significance of the open tomb, these astonished and dedicated women entered to perform their ritual only to discover that the body of Christ was not there. Possessed with mingled fear and perplexity, they were too frightened for words when they saw the two heavenly messengers in shining garments and heard the question, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Trying to allay their fears, the messengers urged the women not to be looking back to one who had died, but to look forward to one who was alive. Fortunately indeed were these women in hearing the announcement of the heavenly messengers that "He is not here, but is risen." It is truly marvelous how much consolation and encouragement were concentrated in that brief declaration. That short and simple statement constituted the first sermon about the resurrection of Christ.

"He is risen" is the most momentous and meaningful announcement that was ever made. The fact of Christ's resurrection is the most comforting and joyous fact known by the children of men. To those who loved him so much, Christ's resurrection brought the removal of doubts, the relief of distress, and triumph over defeat. Moreover, his triumph over death and the grave is the blessed guarantee of our victory over the same things.

The women were reminded that repeatedly Christ had foretold the glorious fact that he would rise from the dead. Immediately after this reminder, instead of lingering about the tomb in wonder about what had taken place, the women went and told the disciples the good news about the glorious victory of Christ over death and the grave. They were, therefore, the first human heralds of the glad tidings that "He is not here, but is risen."

The apostles refused to believe the report which was contained in the excited talk of the grieving women about the resurrected Christ. It is tragic that some still do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us never allow the denial of the glorious truth of Christ's resurrection to cause us to stop proclaiming it.



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## on mission together

### A night to remember

I have never been prouder to be a Kentucky Baptist than on Tuesday evening, Apr. 7 in Rupp Arena.

Even as early as 4:30 that afternoon, I had the feeling that the crowd would be large. Hundreds of youth had already appeared in the arena and hundreds more were milling around the hotel complex.

When Alice and I returned to Rupp at 6:45, it was obvious that at least our minimum hopes of attendance would be realized.

But by 7:15, as I joined Keith Parks and other Kentucky Foreign Mission Board members to walk to the rostrum, folks were already spilling over into the upper tiers of that 24,000 seat giant.

As the 1600 voice choir, supported by the 160 piece orchestra bathed the assembly with the most magnificent music I have ever heard in Kentucky, I knew that God had honored the many efforts of countless Kentucky Baptists who

deeply wanted this to be such a special event in our Celebration year.

Estimates of the crowd range from 13,000 to the 16,000 reported in the *Lexington Herald Leader* the following day. If the crowd exceeded 15,000, it was the largest appointment service ever conducted in the Southern Baptist Convention.

At least two Kentucky Baptist history buffs have indicated that it was the largest gathering of Kentucky Baptists in our 150 year history as a convention. **What a way to mark our Sesquicentennial!**

Elsewhere in this issue we have attempted to identify and express our abiding appreciation to those who had special assignments for the occasion. Mrs. Julia Woodward, who served as chairperson for the local arrangements committee, indicated later to me that **every person she asked to help agreed to do so.** That spirit of cooperation deserves the attention and affirmation of all the rest of us.

The associational directors of missions voluntarily became an effective team of cheerleaders throughout the year, providing a base of promotion throughout our convention. A number of associations provided buses along with those of the many churches.

Hundreds of pastors, whose faces I have seen in so many other settings, lovingly interspersed that vast gathering, reflecting their support and involvement in the event.

I am especially grateful for the strong leadership provided by Woman's Missionary Union, who accepted the primary responsibility for promoting and providing support for the appointment service.

And, to Vernon Cole, my associate, our **Celebration '87** coordinator who provided the special support for the other activities of the Board's three day meeting.

It was a night that thousands of Kentucky Baptists will never forget. It was a night I shall always remember.

# Kentuckians appointed to global service as st

by Cathy Butler, Staff Writer



Church buses were a major mode of transportation for those attending the appointment service in Lexington's Rupp Arena.

## Rebellious teen matures into evangelist

Bryan Galloway describes his teenage years as "characterized by rebellion, inner turmoil, unrest and unhappiness," because he would not yield to God's calling to foreign missions.

That once-rebellious youth is now a Foreign Mission Board appointed career missionary to Malaysia, where he will be a general evangelist and his wife Karen will be a church and home worker.

Galloway was born in Illinois Jan. 26, 1957. He recounts that at age 18 he submitted to God's will and began preparing for ministry by attending Samford University in Alabama, where he met his wife. They married in 1979.

The couple moved to Ft. Worth, Tex. in 1980 where he earned an MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

After graduation the Galloways worked in the house church ministry of

Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, and Galloway was interim pastor at Living Water Baptist House Church.

In February 1985 Galloway was called as pastor of Corydon Missionary Baptist Church in Kentucky. While there he has also administered the seminary extension program in the Green Valley Baptist Association and taught Greek and church history.

Karen Gully Galloway remembers her call to foreign missions coming when she was 13, and says she received great encouragement from her family from the very beginning.

After graduating from Samford she held several secretarial positions, and completed 28 hours of graduate study at SWBTS.

The Galloways have two children, Charissa, age two, and an infant son, Seth.

## Seminary challenge leads to foreign post

"Conversion was a natural outgrowth of my life as I saw Christ emulated and served by my parents, my pastor, and other Christians in my church," said Larry Rowell as he described his spiritual journey.

Rowell was converted at age 12 at Trinity Baptist Church in his home town of Moultrie, Ga. He left Moultrie after high school and earned degrees in criminal justice at South Georgia College and Valdosta State College.

While attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, he took a missions course taught by Bryant Hicks.

"I was challenged to see if God could possibly be calling me to full time Christian service on the foreign mission field," he recalled.

Through volunteer missions in Brazil and talking with foreign missionaries, Rowell feels God has confirmed that call.

Edwina Mills Rowell is a native Kentuckian, born in Guston. She has a BM degree from Murray State University and a MRE from Southern Seminary. She has been a summer missionary in Michigan and Hawaii, and a choral director at two Christian academies.

She met her husband while she was a minister at Trinity Baptist Church in Moultrie. She returned to Louisville when he entered Southern.

"Missions has seemed to be a part of my life since I can remember," she stated. She said she was "thrilled" to



find two of her seminary friends have been appointed to Taiwan. "But I also want to be with them," she added.

The Rowells have one son, Parker, age 4.

## Former journeyman returns to Nigeria; will wed missionary to that country

Becky Girdler's assignment as a career missionary will be to teach special education at the Baptist high school in Jos, Nigeria.

Born in Somerset, Miss Girdler became a Christian at age seven in the church where her father, William B. Girdler, was pastor.

Her family later moved to Indiana and Miss Girdler attended Ball State University, Muncie. She majored in elementary education.

Nigeria as a journeyman nursery school advisor.

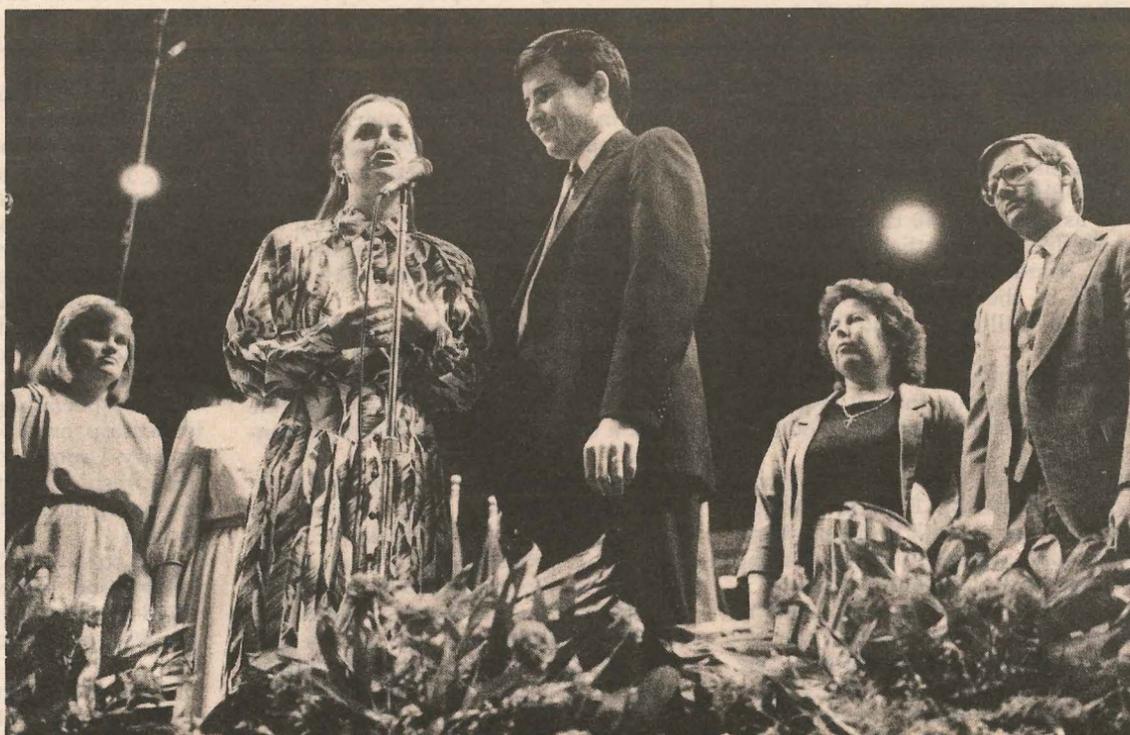
"Upon my return home from Nigeria I felt that was all God had in mind for me to do overseas as a missionary," she recounts.

In August 1986 she earned a master's degree in elementary education and special education at Ball State. At this time she was struggling with God's call to foreign mission service. She was unsure if God wanted her to go as a single missionary.

During 1985 she met Michael Stonecypher, a missionary on furlough from Jos, Nigeria. They became engaged and will marry Jan. 2, 1988.

"I feel, as does Mike, that God has led us together in this timing to fulfill his purpose in both our lives," Miss Girdler said.

When she was approved in October 1986 by the human resources committee as a special education teacher to the Baptist high school in Jos, she resigned her teaching position and went to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to complete the course work required of missionary appointees. She is currently living on campus.



Mark and Stacey Pennington are preparing to go to language school before beginning service in Mexico as student workers. Mrs. Pennington is a Kentucky native. Her husband was born in Tennessee.

## state Baptists attend commissioning service



(l-r) Yanda Shecter, Ft. Wright; Ginger Barnett Cantrall, Burlington; her niece Robbie Lynne Speer, Elizabethtown; and Ginger's parents Virgil and Betty Barnett, Cleveland, Ohio, watched as the newly-appointed missionaries were commissioned to share the gospel of Christ throughout the world. The missionaries from Kentucky are going to Africa, Asia and Latin America.



R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, presides over the invitation (above.) Edwina and Larry Rowell (lower right) will be church planters in Burkina Faso.

### Church planter in Benin says wife introduced him to Christ

Asa Greear says the reason he witnesses now is because no one witnessed to him when, as a 14-year-old boy, he almost died of appendicitis.

Greear and his wife Lydia are taking their Christian witness now to the nation of Benin. In this African country they will plant and develop churches, disciple converts and train leaders.

Greear credits his wife with introducing him to his need for Christ. "She shared the gospel with me and would bring her Bible with her on our dates. I saw something in her life I did not have, Jesus Christ," Greear states.

Greear was saved at Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, where he became a

member. He married Lydia after one semester at Ashland Community College in 1975. During this time he was a Kroger employee.

Lydia Patton Greear felt called to foreign missions when she spent a summer with missionaries in Peru after finishing high school.

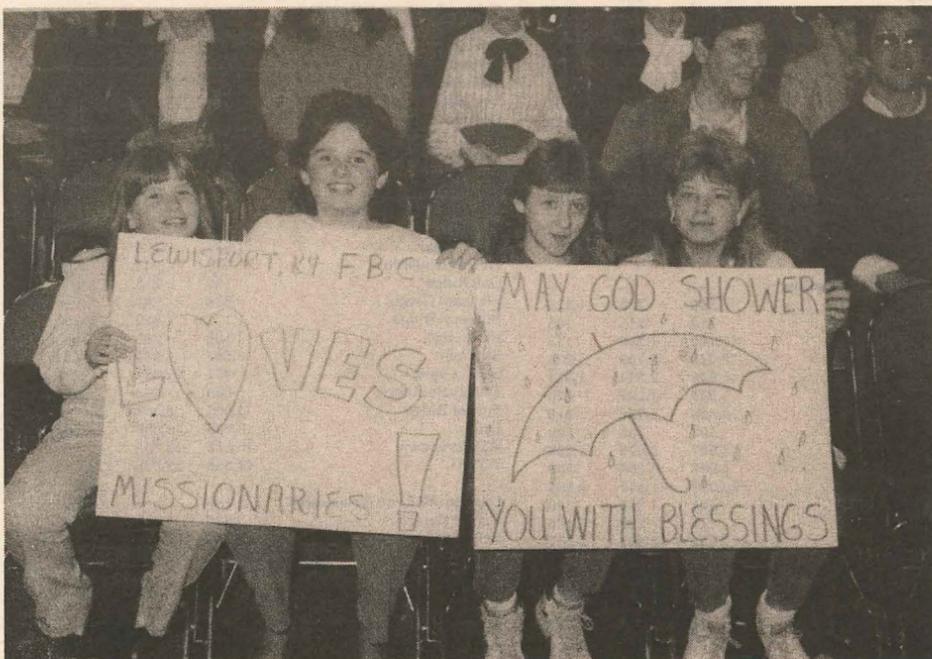
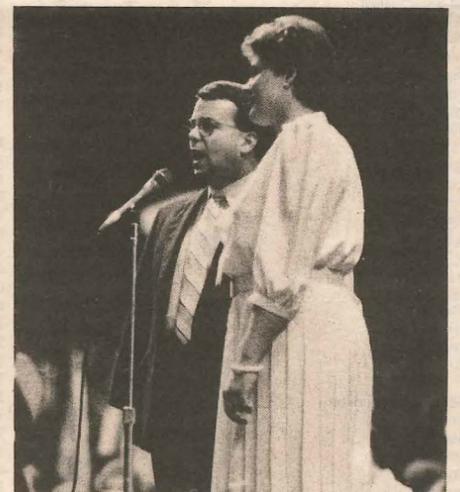
After earning a degree in economics at Morehead State University Greear moved his family to Louisiana where he attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and accepted the call to missions.

Greear has worked in and pastored several churches. He is now a statistician for the state of Kentucky.

Lydia Greear has worked as a Mary Kay beauty consultant and studied religious education and child development.

"The Lord has instilled in me an eagerness to learn," she says. "Both through formal education and experience, he has used many opportunities to teach me."

The Greears have three children, Thaddeus, Jeremiah and Jessica.



(l-r) Annie Harper, Donna Hamilton, Hope Cook and Faith Cook helped show Lewisport First Baptist Church's support of foreign missionaries. These Girls in Action (GAs) have been studying about the importance of missionaries.

### Student workers join oldest Latin mission

Mexico was the first Latin American country entered by Southern Baptists. Career missionaries Mark and Stacey Pennington are now preparing to join the corps of Southern Baptist missionaries to that country. They have been assigned as student workers.

The Penningtons will study Spanish for a year at Guadalajara and will continue to do so when they move to Mexico City.

Mark Pennington was born in Columbia, Tenn. He accepted Christ at age nine at a Royal Ambassador camp. He responded to God's call to the ministry when he was 14 and later was a Baptist Student Union president, youth minister and minister of music.

Pennington graduated from Union University in 1977. While at Union he felt called to foreign missions and became a journeyman to Kenya.

"The experience of being a jour-

neyman in Nairobi was a powerful experience in my life and confirmed for me that God had called me to foreign missions," he stated.

Pennington graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1984 with an MDiv degree. He recalls the most important part of his seminary experience to be meeting and marrying Stacey Cruse.

Stacey Cruse Pennington is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. She was a summer missionary to North Brazil, a campus minister and a chaplain. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, are missionaries in South Brazil.

"I have always felt more Brazilian than American," Mrs. Pennington stated.

The couple is now working in Charlotte, N. C. as campus ministry associates for missions and ministry.

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The following report is for the period Sept. 1, 1986 through Feb. 28, 1987. A comparison of Cooperative Program receipts from the previous year is being reported to provide additional information. The first column of figures contains the 1986 Cooperative Program gifts; the second column contains the 1987 Cooperative Program gifts; and the third column contains other financial donations given in 1987 through the KBC Accounting Services Department, and prepared by the KBC Computer Services Department. If you have any questions, please call the KBC Accounting Services Department, (502) 245-4101, extension 228.

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Allen Association	—	—	—
Bays Fork	—	1,632	545
Bethel	25	—	190
Bethlehem	—	—	400
Big Spring	—	—	—
Dover	—	—	100
Hanging Fork	—	—	86
Harmony	—	—	755
Holland	335	268	313
Hopewell	—	—	100
Liberty	1,381	951	548
Mt. Gilead	—	—	—
New Bethel	—	—	—
New Hope	669	607	518
New Middle Fork	—	—	204
New Salem	—	—	200
Rough Creek	—	—	150
Scottsville	21,014	16,984	5,057
Trammel Fork	—	—	216
White Plains	661	552	—
TOTAL	24,085	20,994	9,382

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Anderson Association	—	—	100
Alton	3,317	2,586	1,760
Ballard	1,072	606	323
Fellowship	135	319	220
Friendship	113	—	314
Glensboro	1,526	1,147	978
Goshen	272	291	264
Lawrenceburg	26,979	27,713	6,063
Mt. Pleasant	637	1,317	230
Pleasant Grove	—	—	—
Sand Spring	25,180	15,452	6,131
Tyrone	651	665	194
Van Buren	200	140	250
TOTAL	60,082	50,236	16,827

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Bell Association	—	—	—
Arjay	—	—	150
Bennetts Fork	90	470	200
Bethlehem	590	1,328	85
Binghamtown	1,000	1,250	—
Blue Ridge	—	—	—
Callaway	715	—	245
Antioch	—	—	—
Charity No.2	—	—	—
Clear Fork	—	—	—
Dunlap	75	—	—
East Cumberland Ave	4,263	4,660	294
East Jellico	710	896	400
East Pineville	—	—	224
Ferndale Southern Mission	202	263	102
Pineville First	15,657	19,420	12,809
First Blackmont	175	300	100
Fonde	281	353	849
Fuson Chapel	—	—	—
Garmeda Mission	—	—	—
Harmony	—	—	115
Pine Grove	—	26	—
Chenoa Mission	265	10	—
Hensley Chapel	—	—	—
Hosman	1,404	1,230	290
Insull	—	—	100
Jenson	—	—	348
Kettle Island	—	—	50
Meldrun	—	—	—
Mill Creek	—	—	—
Millers Chapel	—	—	—
Moss Chapel	150	120	313
Mt. Mary	—	—	—
Newtown	54	68	—
North Side	—	—	500
Old Cannon Creek	—	—	—

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Old Salem 1	—	—	—
Old Salem 2	—	—	—
Old Straight Creek	—	—	—
Old Yellow Creek	4,609	6,011	6,287
Pathfork	437	519	74
Pleasant Grove Missionary	—	—	—
Red Oak	—	—	—
Richardson Chapel	—	—	—
Riverside	1,733	1,329	953
Riverview	434	403	2,300
Southside	860	869	1,248
Mt. Hebron	152	46	25
Stoney Fork	323	351	76
Tracy Branch	—	—	—
Tugglesville	—	24	94
Varilla	—	—	144
Victory Missionary	339	568	58
Wasioto	130	140	654
West Cumberland Ave	611	752	633
West Pineville	1,154	1,435	561
TOTAL	36,413	42,841	30,281

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Bethel Association	—	—	—
Adairville	7,736	7,569	2,334
Auburn	10,517	8,848	2,908
Calvary	3,998	1,827	3,002
Dripping Springs	1,521	1,968	1,529
Elkton	8,666	9,417	4,730
Russellville First	26,632	28,313	8,784
Forest Grove	1,860	1,553	1,061
Grace Southern	621	1,218	732
Guthrie	3,842	3,955	1,665
Keysburg	1,145	1,334	124
Mt. Gilead	2,148	2,012	1,190
Mt. Zion	380	498	390
New Union	4,991	5,774	3,659
Post Oak	7,861	7,552	2,786
Russellville Second	10,761	11,653	3,105
Sharon Grove	2,135	1,764	450
Spring Valley	242	236	86
Tiny Town	600	600	377
Trenton	6,050	4,789	2,104
Walnut Grove	5,844	4,352	1,986
Whippoorwill	1,996	2,143	715
Southern Heights	5,964	4,284	1,162
Woodlawn	2,212	1,694	2,274
TOTAL	117,722	113,353	47,153

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Blackford Association	—	—	—
Blackford	6,588	6,882	2,282
Central	432	538	—
Chestnut Grove	1,505	1,147	1,455
Dawson Memorial	239	250	214
First, Lewisport	1,058	970	657
Friendship	—	—	50
Hawesville	17,385	17,029	7,474
Lewisport	15,546	19,523	4,334
Mt. Eden	1,329	1,497	233
Newton Springs	1,296	1,730	528
Old Panther Creek	967	1,314	1,743
Patesville	—	—	—
Pellville	12,307	10,441	3,067
Roseville	—	—	50
Union	1,811	2,365	463
West Point	145	1,164	369
TOTAL	60,608	64,850	22,919

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Blood River Association	—	—	—
Altona	4,423	5,047	4,663
Bethel	7,923	8,767	2,706
Bethlehem	646	771	96
Blood River	579	780	164
Briensburg	23,224	30,904	6,284
Calvert City First	10,841	12,325	6,537
Calvary	72	72	250
Cherry Corner	6,762	6,730	2,444
Coldwater	—	—	372
Dexter	1,329	657	500
Elm Grove	8,251	7,292	2,299
Ferguson Springs	150	350	1,501
Murray First	56,512	57,826	32,871
First Benton Missionary	6,006	6,692	3,698
Flint	3,822	3,764	2,180
Benton First	19,195	18,756	8,447
Gilbertville First	3,666	3,803	834
Grace	4,121	4,073	6,718
Hamlet	2,348	2,106	72
Hardin	3,438	3,042	195
Hazel	11,489	10,540	3,563
Kirksey	2,542	2,903	466
Lakeview	1,875	1,451	587
Ledbetter	344	417	484
Locust Grove	6,128	5,954	1,666
Lighthouse	15	15	—
Memorial	11,693	12,646	2,388
New Bethel	1,200	2,100	7,058
New Harmony	9,065	8,601	814
New Providence	125	91	85
New Mt. Carmel	1,223	1,176	1,507
New Zion Missionary	3,477	4,307	618
Walnut Street	150	175	—
Oak Grove	846	1,000	185
Hill Top	193	161	27
Olive	6,276	7,426	1,938
Owens Chapel	1,286	952	300
Pleasant Hope	—	—	—
Poplar Spring	2,326	2,733	1,562
Pleasant Valley	330	275	—
Salem	4,424	4,995	606
Scotts Grove	1,561	1,574	1,465
Sharpe	1,327	1,521	1,121
Sinking Spring	660	660	980
South Marshall	120	120	123
Spring Creek	1,000	1,000	583
Sugar Creek	400	400	97
Union Ridge	1,141	847	499
Vanzora	2,180	2,214	391
Westside	979	1,737	2,433
West Fork	8,960	2,587	2,422
Zions Cause	5,214	5,863	384
Northside	2,401	2,237	685
TOTAL	254,258	262,435	117,868

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Boone's Creek Association	—	—	—
Allansville	2,856	2,869	2,810
Beech Grove	258	342	49
Boones Creek	7,800	10,050	8,226
Calvary	2,579	2,787	1,316
Central	44,417	46,373	27,469
Clay City	221	463	289
Corinth	2,937	4,598	1,928
Cow Creek	963	1,404	300

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Emmanuel	534	645	150
Ephesus	4,400	2,998	1,390
Faith	66	55	116
Irvine First	1,277	1,067	496
Friendship	2,401	3,221	680
Greenbriar	113	137	50
Heidelberg	207	218	90
Howards Mill	1,137	1,142	1,445
Ivory Hill	404	658	354
Jeffersonville	1,344	1,257	745
Kiddville	175	125	300
Macedonia	1,824	2,398	508
Mt. Olive	604	750	63
Northside	2,450	4,919	2,077
Panola	661	784	401
Powells Valley	252	327	428
Providence C.C.	1,361	1,383	597
Providence E. C.	1,117	1,379	665
Reid Village	300	300	366
Salem	608	556	353
Spring Street	575	540	101
Thomas	562	668	65
Valley View Mission	245	154	171
Williams Memorial	1,053	1,384	363
TOTAL	85,701	95,951	54,361

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Booneville Association	—	—	—
Big Creek	1,125	1,224	590
Booneville First	1,242	1,493	1,119
Crane Creek	—	257	—
Garrard	412	326	277
Gray Fork	—	—	—
Horse Creek	20,756	22,894	15,558
Hopewell	—	—	—
Island Creek	895	1,426	4,247
Lerose	—	490	45
Lilly Grove	—	228	100
Lyttleton	3,352	3,501	1,201
Macedonia	2,310	2,238	1,810
Manchester	9,280	7,784	7,271
Muddy Gap	—	—	—
New Home	—	—	150
New Hope	—	—	138
New Prospect	676	759	242
New Zion	148	200	200
Oneida	1,838	1,715	1,616
Pleasant Point	240	—	624
Pleasant Run	2,091	2,164	962
Second Black Water	516	439	49
Vincent	—	20	13
White Hall	—	—	—
Zion	639	450	569
TOTAL	45,520	47,608	36,781

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Bracken Association	—	—	86
Aberdeen	2,549	3,470	761
Augusta First	629	504	110
Calvary	204	100	45
Central	4,965	5,461	4,656
Dover	—	20	138
Ewing	775	850	1,001
Carlisle First	6,009	7,025	2,239
Morehead First	3,718	3,870	5,455
Irvingsville	—	—	50
Flemingsburg	2,220	2,354	826
Foxport	—	—	296
Germantown	711	548	3,503
Hesilton	—	—	932
Lewisburg	826	837	200
Locust Grove	583	564	1,075
Mays Lick	1,050	1,255	2,952
Maysville First	1,686	1,560	1,998
Mt. Olivet	1,513	1,654	687
Mt. Pisgah	—	35	50
Oak Ridge	197	271	349
Union	461	283	475
Owingsville	2,226	2,483	715
Plainview	1,078	156	21
Vanceburg First	3,050	2,925	580
Sharpsburg	300	300	450
Slaty Point	63	86	40
Stonelick	584	364	107
Washington Street Mission	—	—	—
TOTAL	35,397	36,975	29,797

Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Breckenridge Association	—	—	—
Bewleyville	275	325	25
Black Lick	—	35	50
Cloverport	4,960	4,252	988
Corinth	3,106	3,599	2,411
Dry Valley	—	300	—
English	250	350	294
Friendship	600	600	152
Garfield	135	244	292
Goshen	350	500	



Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87	Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87	Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87	Association/Church	CP '86	CP '87	Other '87
Siloam	—	—	168	Fourth Avenue for the Deaf	—	—	—	West Broadway	6,978	5,673	4,949	Hopewell	—	—	350
South Fork	32	60	248	Arcade	2,039	1,506	42	New Life	112	187	25	Indian Gap	—	—	—
Three Springs	203	281	162	Ashby Lane	800	100	285	West End	—	—	—	Level Green	—	—	59
Walnut Hill	90	75	288	Auburndale	4,904	5,120	3,694	West Side Portland	108	133	730	Main Street	9,351	11,053	5,812
Zion	45	45	100	Audubon	6,680	6,924	3,285	Westport Road	22,551	28,400	6,329	Meadow Creek	—	—	193
TOTAL	68,634	65,986	33,815	Baptist Tabernacle	4,892	4,682	2,719	Woodland	4,585	6,317	6,535	Mossy Gap	86	197	134
<b>Lincoln Association</b>	—	—	—	Bashford Manor	2,745	1,536	1,955	TOTAL	765,296	809,894	441,673	Meadow Grove	—	—	—
Blue Lick	827	1,052	547	South Watterson Trail	300	300	3,775	<b>Lynn Association</b>	—	—	—	Mt. Pisgah	—	—	200
Calvary Hill	250	300	1,122	Baxter Avenue	1,602	1,664	247	Aetna Grove	3,882	4,076	3,169	New Mount Zion	—	201	20
Crab Orchard	1,625	1,615	2,819	Beargrass	—	—	—	Aetna Union	—	76	19	Oak Grove	1,139	1,284	183
Double Springs	2,206	2,344	598	Beechland	13,725	12,028	4,050	Bethel	—	—	75	Park Hill	727	1,248	425
Drakes Creek	689	718	771	Beechmont	17,000	14,100	6,118	Boiling Springs	1,391	1,819	460	Pleasant Grove	479	671	269
Fairview	3,120	4,644	1,798	Beechwood	9,260	10,205	17,503	Bonnieville	600	600	3,380	Rockhold First	—	—	—
Friendship	140	196	185	Bethany	4,023	9,250	4,883	Falling Springs	—	—	60	Sandstone	420	—	—
Geneva	193	196	475	Bethel Flock	75	75	132	Friendship 1	—	—	110	Southside	—	—	304
Harris Creek	—	—	64	Bethlehem	4,235	4,326	12,437	Friendship 2	389	320	22	Tidal Wave	—	—	185
Hustonville	1,800	1,830	3,419	Broadway	35,007	46,460	16,823	Hiawatha Missionary	—	—	—	Watson Chapel	—	467	100
Locust Grove	520	600	380	Brooks	1,285	1,583	1,641	Knoxes Creek	493	757	40	West Corbin	3,533	4,627	3,090
McKinney	1,702	1,930	1,728	Brookview	667	—	266	Leitchfield Crossing	444	617	527	White Oak Mission	90	—	—
Mount Hebron	—	—	1,238	Buechel Park	10,424	11,178	7,166	Lincoln Memorial	—	—	141	Wofford	219	217	477
Mount Salem	3,059	2,275	483	Carlisle Avenue	9,583	11,500	7,440	Lucas Grove	1,596	1,715	1,042	Woodbine	295	200	300
New Hope	174	217	115	Cardinal Hill	1,280	1,651	2,278	Mt. Moriah	4,094	3,634	1,086	TOTAL	106,681	120,235	57,235
New Salem	—	1,213	—	Cedar Creek	5,995	8,095	8,118	Mt. Olivet	25	—	120	<b>Muhlenberg Association</b>	—	—	—
Olive	465	440	72	Chenoweth Park	—	1,123	561	Mt. Pisgah	180	468	25	Beech Creek	586	375	175
Parlor Grove	601	840	193	Chapel Park	4,166	3,917	4,371	Mt. Tabor	1,500	1,500	1,873	Beechmont	2,980	2,516	3,859
Pilot	653	588	213	Clifton	3,500	3,500	586	Munfordville	11,330	8,791	2,507	Bethlehem	8,120	8,225	2,069
Pleasant Point	1,006	1,151	529	Clifton Heights	661	116	—	Oak Hill	1,980	2,320	—	Browler	1,728	2,238	75
Pleasant View	4,706	4,734	1,694	Cove	2,927	2,847	1,084	Pike View	200	200	51	Calvary	2,873	3,835	739
Polly Ann	686	206	136	Crescent Hill	24,880	23,660	18,371	South Fork	5,016	4,165	3,127	Carter Creek	390	390	1,013
Pond	492	525	837	Davis Memorial	3,624	3,740	3,454	Three Forks Bacon Creek	600	600	843	Cedar Grove	600	600	1,157
South Fork	37	—	116	Deer Park	19,600	7,616	2,102	Upton	4,585	5,779	1,267	Central City First	23,722	29,778	6,577
Watts Chapel	175	175	1,026	East Audubon	2,262	2,783	929	TOTAL	38,305	37,437	19,944	Cherry Hill	3,192	3,258	472
TOTAL	25,126	27,789	20,558	East	1,076	1,025	1,576	<b>Lynn Camp Association</b>	—	—	—	Cave Springs	617	408	—
<b>Little Bethel Association</b>	—	—	—	Eastern Gate	1,281	4,263	1,014	Calvary	4,173	5,132	585	Drakesboro First	5,619	5,399	2,669
Charleston	3,296	4,370	2,297	Eastern Parkway	5,212	1,971	2,176	Candle Ridge	—	—	286	Dunmor	3,022	3,199	2,262
Concord	3,089	3,802	1,654	Eastwood First	1,686	1,433	568	Horse Creek	342	343	53	East Union	6,540	6,523	2,768
Corinth	150	125	194	Ebenezer	—	—	—	Indian Creek	645	—	648	Ebenezer	3,204	2,515	354
Dalton	371	505	125	Eighteenth Street	3,583	3,613	2,293	Keck	208	194	341	Greenville First	40,551	36,285	11,127
Diamond	366	361	287	Elk Creek	1,495	1,875	377	Liberty Missionary	179	136	150	Forest Grove	450	450	22
Dixon First	1,633	2,533	1,167	Fairdale First	3,774	3,429	340	Grays	243	648	2,024	Forest Oak	1,582	1,226	—
Dunn	1,459	1,453	645	Fairmount	1,572	465	100	Lynn Camp	2,792	2,849	1,158	Friendship	2,765	2,735	919
Dawson Springs First	5,340	5,632	3,812	Farmdale	24,538	24,682	9,457	Merrimac Missionary	—	—	—	Graham	2,168	2,316	828
Earlington First	23,458	29,820	17,839	Fern Creek	1,148	1,949	1,726	Mt. Ararat	—	—	—	Hazel Creek	3,374	3,249	1,411
Madisonville First	64,285	64,805	25,006	Jeffersontown	4,719	3,916	5,440	New Bethel	257	237	124	Macedonia	300	385	—
Grapevine	5,686	5,803	2,671	Prospect First	385	515	322	North Corbin Missionary	569	691	1,407	Martwick	2,320	2,224	1,026
Green Grove	150	150	100	Taylorville First	4,604	6,781	5,716	Paint Hill	—	—	110	Mercer	1,001	964	419
Hanson	4,017	2,295	2,236	Middletown First	11,901	12,188	2,561	Piney Grove	2,867	2,858	3,053	Mt. Pisgah	25,323	21,166	8,459
Providence First	7,529	10,507	5,181	Fisherville First	2,154	4,200	2,253	Pleasant Ridge	210	210	156	Nelson Creek	6,014	6,264	2,053
Harmony	656	508	1,585	Foster Avenue	3,607	3,058	405	Poplar Grove	379	522	550	New Cypress	7,131	5,274	2,298
Johnson Island	308	404	650	Fourth Avenue	510	510	739	Robinson Creek	978	831	—	New Harmony	4,325	4,128	2,004
Lafayette	—	—	100	Franklin Street	200	—	—	Sunrise	—	—	—	New Hebron	1,289	1,173	—
Liberty	8,739	8,277	6,632	Garfield Avenue	—	—	28	TOTAL	14,461	14,651	11,544	New Hope	379	319	406
Lakeview Missionary	300	250	1,245	West Buechel	—	—	—	<b>McCreary Association</b>	—	—	—	New Prospect	200	300	223
Manitow	75	90	210	Gethsemane	5,588	3,951	1,546	Whitley City First	3,955	3,908	2,456	Oak Grove	1,220	1,310	981
Mortons Gap First	1,849	2,119	793	Grace	333	400	70	Bethel	470	455	481	New Paradise	2,328	1,757	35
Mannington	401	438	—	Green Acres	4,114	4,330	2,101	Bethel	150	75	—	Penrod	1,688	1,336	682
Nebo	1,972	1,783	687	Cloverleaf	4,127	3,824	2,210	Pine Knot First	—	—	—	Pleasant Hill	—	—	—
New Hope	683	175	340	Harmony	2,512	2,504	3,157	Greenwood Missionary	—	—	100	Powderly	836	688	350
New Salem	3,238	3,551	712	Hazelwood	4,365	4,886	2,377	Hill Top	42	51	—	Riverside	—	—	—
Nortonville	3,369	2,199	985	Highland	20,620	23,325	4,166	Jasper Bend Missionary	29	—	20	Roland Memorial	6,726	6,659	1,294
Olive Branch	3,357	4,198	1,037	Highland Park Second	—	—	100	Marshes Siding First	29	—	—	Greenville Second	25,598	31,946	13,636
Park Avenue	3,389	4,769	2,190	Highland Park First	5,046	3,982	1,319	Stearns First	9,216	12,373	4,732	South Carrollton	878	1,003	—
Pleasant Grove	2,189	2,449	1,394	Highview	—	—	1,850	Walkers Chapel	427	409	311	Temple	3,230	3,905	973
Pleasant Valley	3,649	3,471	12,788	Hillsdale	2,295	5,535	3,073	TOTAL	14,289	17,284	8,100	Unity	826	990	210
Pleasant View	644	516	500	Hillview	2,999	6,630	1,220	<b>Mercer Association</b>	—	—	—	Vernal Grove	1,689	843	148
Pond River	—	—	506	Hopewell	2,461	3,084	977	Benton	3,246	3,416	1,900	Woodland	10,110	10,191	1,638
Prospect	345	598	235	Hurstbourne	45,595	48,922	21,447	Bethel	9,723	10,505	4,161	Woodson	1,483	1,167	941
Providence Second	4,519	4,452	945	Immanuel	2,500	110	881	Bruners Chapel	14,771	20,515	5,518	TOTAL	218,977	219,512	76,272
Richland	2,449	2,680	1,454	Korean	—	—	—	Buena Vista	120	183	68	<b>Nelson Association</b>	—	—	—
Salem	5,819	9,798	10,650	Kenwood	500	1,450	1,507	Burgin	32,970	26,199	3,963	Bardstown	11,081	17,819	6,028
Madisonville Second	17,661	16,871	3,211	Keys Ferry	429	465	112	Calvary	2,860	3,367	1,583	Bardstown Junction	6,728	—	—
Mortons Gap Second	2,288	1,917	1,786	Kings	8,982	10,001	4,033	Cornishville	1,050	900	885	Beech Grove	152	208	53
Silent Run	455	549	2,706	Milton Avenue	385	275	—	Deep Creek	1,402	1,841	4,559	Belmont	242	52	525
Slaughters	2,452	1,906	3,552	Kosmosdale	750	592	—	Eller Memorial	4,775	6,715	631	Bethany	1,782	1,796	741
Slover	534	489	500	Bicknell	—	—	—	Fellowship	2,208	2,872	496	Bloomfield	6,336	11,023	5,204
Suthards	1,437	854	416	Lake Dreamland	874	849	294	Harrodsburg	57,638	68,047	17,408	Bullitt Lick	13,436	13,982	1,196
Victory	12,245	7,853	4,731	Hillcrest	1,334	1,180	112	Hopewell	4,327	6,705					



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Forks of Dix River	3,419	2,412	1,643	Ten Mile Association	—	—	—	Bowling Green First	55,420	34,146	48,980	Schneidman Road	150	150	265
Calvary	15,976	14,656	8,581	Ten Mile Association	—	—	2,129	Forest Park	6,308	7,103	2,699	Southside Missionary	—	—	146
Doctors Fork	3,073	3,141	1,025	Clarks Creek	171	182	110	Friendship	385	601	850	Spring Bayou	2,567	3,150	190
Bryantville First	—	—	—	Concord	120	120	76	Glen Lily	—	34	52	Strathmoor	252	683	225
Danville First	21,678	18,498	17,711	Elliston	466	806	364	Glendale	255	280	1,137	Temple	246	471	100
Friendship	170	—	154	Glencoe	3,181	3,134	2,561	Greenwood	8,697	11,755	2,004	Calvary	—	—	—
Gethsemane	9,772	10,097	4,250	Macedonia	5,364	4,043	1,140	Halls Chapel	—	—	—	Trinity	6,242	6,401	3,369
Gravel Switch	415	522	99	Mount Zion	3,072	2,918	803	Highland	157	172	218	Twelfth Street	7,915	11,600	2,097
Hedgeville	792	961	413	New Bethel	9,279	9,233	3,644	Hillvue Heights	687	2,221	1,834	Washington Street	120	120	—
Hyattsville	3,333	5,122	1,619	Oakland	588	615	348	Iva	—	—	100	West End	7,285	6,670	6,565
Immanuel	1,350	1,419	993	Paint Lick	2,801	636	300	Jackson Grove	1,075	523	303	West Memorial	—	—	404
Junction City First	6,240	11,960	3,234	Pleasant Home	3,045	3,011	1,044	Lawrence Chapel	—	—	—	Wickliffe First	2,083	2,500	288
Lancaster	17,413	17,248	7,141	Poplar Grove	1,673	1,845	1,536	Living Hope	10,350	13,468	5,310	TOTAL	234,808	271,824	126,103
Lexington Avenue	25,333	22,908	11,893	Stewartsville	678	712	138	Martinsville	—	—	—	White's Run Association	—	—	75
Mitchellsburg	606	889	1,132	Ten Mile	1,138	3,355	1,643	Mount Zion	467	508	948	Bramlett	304	323	374
Mount Freeman	499	585	154	Vine Run	5,816	5,841	2,108	Oak Forest First	27	71	1,192	Cove Hill	634	679	291
North Rolling Fork	661	990	137	Warsaw	5,203	4,999	3,390	Oakland	2,056	3,122	1,476	English	754	968	619
Parksville	1,422	1,499	581	WALSAL	42,595	41,450	21,334	Plano	717	668	481	Carrollton First	4,417	4,617	4,947
Perryville	6,930	9,388	4,834	Three Forks Association	—	—	—	Pleasant Grove	170	137	1,120	Ghent	2,659	1,358	1,984
Pleasant Hill	1,221	866	119	Airport Gardens	447	511	768	Plum Springs	10	—	60	Jordan	311	481	430
Pleasant Run	10	103	86	Berean	100	80	200	Providence Knob	3,175	3,428	540	Mount Hermon	295	760	1,123
Salt River	360	360	2,436	Big Creek	5,603	5,802	1,262	Rich Pond	5,854	6,277	2,329	Sanders	1,500	1,808	1,628
Southern Avenue	218	83	565	Bluegrass	65	47	—	Richardsville	868	942	285	Whites Run	1,165	1,387	1,279
Willow Grove	2,969	2,809	545	Caney	355	383	270	Riverview Missionary	—	—	—	Worthville	900	1,007	1,156
TOTAL	125,956	128,604	70,130	Confluence	60	60	200	Rocky Hill	—	33	35	TOTAL	12,939	13,388	13,906
South Union Association	—	—	—	Dwarf	120	120	380	Rocky Springs	759	858	378	Miscellaneous	—	—	—
Alsile	—	37	—	Combs First	119	—	788	Smiths Grove	2,242	2,096	2,455	Cedar Cross	—	—	—
Big Cane Creek	—	—	—	Hazard First	14,451	14,526	5,360	White Stone Quarry	709	521	215	Elm Grove	—	—	—
Clay Hill	50	—	—	Hindman First	4,500	5,790	3,097	Woodburn	—	3,604	2,070	Faith	—	—	260
Fairview	—	—	—	Wooton First	660	925	956	TOTAL	146,613	139,398	96,008	Grove	—	—	66
Gum Fork	—	—	—	First Creek	432	—	188	Wayne Association	—	—	—	Grace	—	—	—
High Cliff	60	64	66	Hardburly	—	—	60	Big Sinking	—	—	1,128	Athens	—	—	443
Kentucky Hill	240	240	—	Hyden	1,136	1,002	751	Cedar Hill	—	—	—	Kerby Knob	270	210	—
Jellico Creek	314	347	88	Jeremiah Missionary	—	—	2,059	Concord	—	—	75	Dripping Springs	—	—	—
Mount Ash	—	—	263	Leatherwood	444	68	23	Cooper	150	150	450	Briar Creek	—	—	100
North End	—	—	—	Lone Pine	595	300	666	Elk Spring Valley	2,419	2,183	2,108	New Hope	—	—	—
Oswego	300	300	1,193	Lothair	1,964	1,992	1,395	Gap Creek	369	307	500	Shawhan	—	—	89
Patterson Creek	40	60	—	Middlefork Mission	—	—	—	Lower Turkey Creek	—	—	—	Rock Spring	—	—	225
Piney Grove	80	120	—	Montgomery	2,391	2,279	500	Meadow Creek	300	300	300	Restoration	—	—	25
Pleasant Hill	139	205	169	Mousie First	336	196	352	Missouri Hollow	—	—	—	Pine Flat	—	—	50
Red Bird	380	154	—	Muncy Creek	303	230	100	Monticello First	9,000	7,500	5,013	Stoney Run	—	—	25
Ryans Creek	213	200	70	Petrey Memorial	2,783	2,718	3,124	Mount Zion	2,172	1,772	2,110	Unity	397	385	50
Sulphur Springs United	—	—	—	Red Hill	180	180	526	New Charity	153	156	731	Ky Baptist Foundation	98,904	93,545	—
Tannery Hollow	25	25	357	Jeff Missionary	150	95	—	New Salem	1,198	1,312	2,845	Various Ind.	39,593	36,067	—
Wolf Creek	1,256	1,059	382	Rockhouse	597	732	439	Newtown	275	307	576	W. Ray Moss Trust Fund	—	—	64,346
Youngs Creek	168	112	—	Upper Second Creek	860	869	100	Oak Grove	240	240	200	Margaret Moss Trust Fund	—	—	247
TOTAL	3,265	2,923	2,588	Short Creek	—	—	50	Parmley's Grove	—	—	160	TOTAL	139,164	130,207	65,926
Sulphur Fork Association	—	—	—	Smithsboro	5,195	8,959	2,903	Rectors Flat	92	214	423	Special Grouping	—	—	—
Antioch	136	—	389	Typos	—	—	150	Sandusky Chapel	600	600	500	Cross Life	—	250	—
Ballardsville	10,406	12,380	11,692	Vicco	384	359	—	South Main	—	—	37	Heritage	493	544	—
Bedford	2,726	—	544	Whitesburg First	20,766	21,306	3,692	Spann Hill	108	107	139	Bee Springs	—	—	100
Buckner	3,793	3,380	903	Yerkes	—	—	—	Steubenville	580	915	649	Cornerstone	—	100	—
Corn Creek	—	820	100	TOTAL	64,996	69,529	30,359	Zion	—	—	—	Dover	—	—	484
Covington	193	251	—	Union Association	—	—	—	TOTAL	17,656	16,063	18,145	Fellowship	—	340	—
Crestwood	11,628	17,995	9,203	Beaver	2,300	2,008	1,097	West Kentucky Association	—	—	—	Brich Lick	—	—	—
DeHaven Memorial	14,451	26,717	5,846	Berlin	50	86	240	Antioch	231	442	209	Fellowship Chapel	197	209	215
Eighteen Mile	189	257	270	Berry	—	—	—	Bardwell First	9,781	11,297	2,111	Emmanuel	5,008	1,879	496
Goshen	2,835	2,862	—	Blanket Creek	1,665	1,857	1,226	Cayce	650	750	—	Faith	—	—	—
Harrods Creek	2,376	683	990	Brooksville	3,249	3,651	1,436	Burkley	515	—	—	Gatliff	—	—	—
LaGrange Heights	—	—	30	Butler	1,748	2,012	307	Bethlehem	5,412	5,193	3,175	Gethsemane	—	1,050	275
Liberty	619	864	104	Cynthiana	14,570	14,619	4,482	Bethulah	3,699	3,383	1,500	Hill Grove	—	—	—
Milton	2,424	2,674	1,565	Fairview	—	—	15	Crutchfield	1,362	855	649	Moreland First	2,934	4,030	1,373
Pleasant View	129	157	141	Falmouth	3,400	4,664	2,219	Columbus	2,051	1,893	325	Holly Springs	—	—	—
Poplar Ridge	250	—	100	Forest Hill	—	—	25	Davids Chapel	—	—	458	Heaven Bound	—	—	175
Providence	1,303	1,788	438	Lenoxberg	—	—	173	East Hickman	390	490	690	Cub Run	—	—	100
Sligo	3,093	5,287	686	New Zion	120	120	588	Arlington First	2,071	2,700	1,912	Springfield	—	—	404
Union Grove	196	60	282	Oakwood Avenue	1,072	1,062	194	Clinton First	12,239	13,479	7,676	First Middlesboro	8,360	2,152	3,729
Westport	6,632	6,951	2,003	Powersville	1,020	1,190	459	Hopewell	130	111	860	Eagle Heights	—	150	422
TOTAL	63,379	83,126	35,286	Richland	492	—	269	Fulton First	16,158	18,347	10,276	Faith	—	100	848
Tates Creek Association	—	—	—	Union	644	724	2,120	Kirbyton	514	568	897	Hopewell	—	—	100
Berea	10,998	10,991	7,130	Willow	833	1,112	777	Hickman First	2,540	1,710	830	Lighthouse	—	843	—
Bethel	983	538	373	TOTAL	31,163	33,105	15,627	Milburn	1,751	1,463	40	Big Laurel	250	67	583
Bethlehem	300	300	380	Upper Cumberland Assoc.	—	—	—	Mississippi	3,620	4,353	5,387	Freedom	—	—	1,005
Blue Lick	83	213	17	Ages	880	985	141	Liberty	1,298	1,200	1,552	Lovell	—	—	—
Broadway	1,031	1,266	1,328	Bethel	—	—	—	Mount Moriah	3,269	3,479	1,159	Faith Mission	—	—	—
Calvary Chapel	276	245	266	Black Mountain	104	87	100	New Bethel	1,306	1,454	254	Little Obion	—	—	100
Clarksville	—	—	—	Brittians Creek	—	—	—	New Harmony Missionary	—	500	—	Liberty Hill	—	—	—
Emmanuel	1,847	1,682	1,675	Calvary	400	700	1,500	New Hope	—	—	—	Little Hope	—	—	100
Unity	653	693	1,284	Central	4,540	4,867	2,801	Mt. Carmel	120	135	628	New Heights	—	200	1,350
Richmond First	28,410	32,594	16,423	Chevrolet	244	364	200	Oak Grove	1,331	1,500	1,500	New Grove	—	—	—
Freedom	100	100	420	Cloisplint	300	—	269	Oakton							

# Christian Life seminar focuses on family issues

by Marv Knox & David Wilkinson

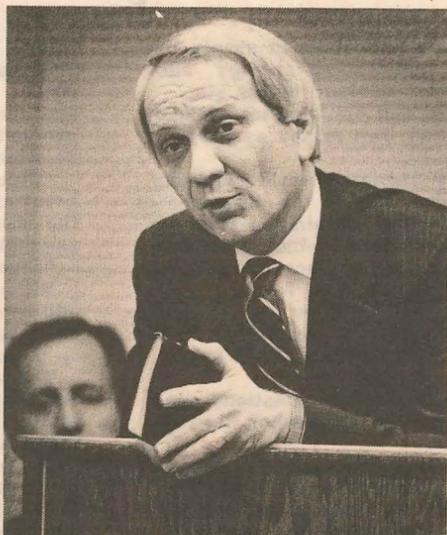
Southern Baptists must build stronger families by "consulting the Architect," Larry N. Baker urged at the conclusion of the Christian Life Commission's annual seminar March 23-25 in Charlotte, N. C.

Baker—who was installed as the commission's fourth chief executive during the opening session of the seminar—used the Bible as a "plumb line" to urge churches to provide a supportive, caring environment for building families according to God's design.

"Let the church be brave enough and bold enough to care for the family in all its seasons and circumstances—and all who are in the family," Baker exhorted in the meeting's closing message. He urged the church "to be there" at the pivotal points for every family—marriage, parenting, illness, death.

"When dreams are shattered and hopes are dashed, when the heat of life's midday toil and pressure beats intensely on the family, let the church be a 'rock in a weary land' and give its coolness and shade as gifts to weary travelers," Baker said. "Let the church walk with our people through life's calm and storm, and in the end our families shall stand together, singing doxology for the journey."

Baker's message wrapped up three days of addresses dealing with some of



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the thorniest issues confronting today's families: pornography, domestic violence, teenage suicide, homelessness, aging and various public policy concerns. More than 550 participants also heard a sobering description of the country's growing AIDS crisis from U. S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop.

During his installation service, Baker, who succeeded Foy Valentine a week earlier, proclaimed the Christian Life

Commission stands on the threshold of a "grand new opportunity" during an age of moral crisis and dissatisfaction.

"The day in which we minister differs from others before," he said. "We will strike out in new directions in response to our call and under the impetus of God's Spirit. . . . We will not be enslaved to a past; rather, we will do our best to live in faithfulness to God in our new day, to deal with issues current and to forge approaches that make it possible for Southern Baptists to respond effectively and to act responsibly in our world."

Baker's installation address was given by Bob R. Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, who called for a "new agenda for the church" to correct the crisis of integrity that plagues America. He exhorted Southern Baptists to "renew our zeal, our commitment to be a strong, clear voice as representatives of our Lord in the midst of our nation's moral and ethical confusion."

Presenting the seminar's keynote address, "The Crisis in Today's Family," Joel Gregory pointed to two unique factors he said have destroyed modern

American families: divorce and TV.

Divorce is the one contemporary problem that didn't become major until after World War II," said Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. "The responsibility of our church is to sound as never before the clear teachings of Jesus concerning the marriage union," that it belongs to God's created order and is exclusive, effective and permanent.

After citing flaws of television programming and use, Gregory called for "absolute discipline in the lives of parents and children concerning the influence of television."

Surgeon General Koop enforced previous statements he had made regarding the need for AIDS education in American schools. AIDS victims are doubling annually and will number 250,000 by the 1990s, he said, urging Americans to observe faithful monogamy with a faithful partner as the only certain precaution against the disease.

Koop challenged Southern Baptists to "write the definitive sex education curriculum. No one is better equipped to be in the vanguard of this important initiative than you are."

## Pornography not mere fantasy

by Marv Knox

Americans have been brainwashed to believe their country does not have a problem with obscenity, a veteran smut-fighter told participants in the national ethics seminar.

"You have been brainwashed to be negative on this issue," Paul C. McCommon III, general counsel for Citizens for Decency Through Law, said during the Christian Life Commission's seminar.

While material that is pornographic is not necessarily illegal, obscenity is, McCommon said. He described the three-part test for pornography to be considered obscene and consequently illegal: It must appeal to a prurient—or "shameful, unhealthy and morbid"—interest in sex; it must depict patently offensive types of sexual conduct; and it must lack serious literary, artistic, political and scientific value.

McCommon cited four reasons why the laws have not been enforced: "ignorance—the problem is so hideous we just don't want to look at it," the "extremely

shallow" and biased press coverage of the issue; the size and power of the pornography industry; and the "one-case syndrome" in which a prosecutor loses his first obscenity case and feels he "can't do anything about it."

Problems of enforcement are tragic in light of the size and scope of America's obscenity problem, the attorney said. He noted adult bookstores are "cruising areas for people seeking casual sex" and pose public health problems, harm the well-being of minors, create zones of increased drug use and violent crime and deflate the value of property.

But the cause of decency is not lost, McCommon said. He urged Christians concerned about obscenity to maintain a positive attitude, confident that U. S. and state laws support their case; to control the fear of obscenity that immobilizes them; to "support your public officials and let them know you appreciate their efforts"; and to "educate yourselves and others" about the means for fighting obscenity.

## Americans asked to overcome challenges to their families

by Marv Knox

If American families are to flourish, they must resist two current responses to social pressures—one that surrenders itself to society's values and another that hides from society behind a wall of fundamentalism, sociologist Robert N. Bellah charged.

Bellah, professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, urged families to adopt a third response to societal pressures that "neither surrenders to those pressures nor imagines that one can simply erect a wall to keep them out."

***A sociologist suggests "A common meal at least once a day, common prayer, a Bible reading and discussion of spiritual matters."***

Speaking at Christian Life Commission's annual ethics seminar, Bellah said the first response "is essentially to surrender and allow the family to be buffeted by whatever waves from the larger society sweep over it."

"This indeed does not take much effort," he noted, "but we can hardly be surprised if it produces broken marriages and neglected or abused children."

The second response, which Bellah called the "fundamentalist response," is

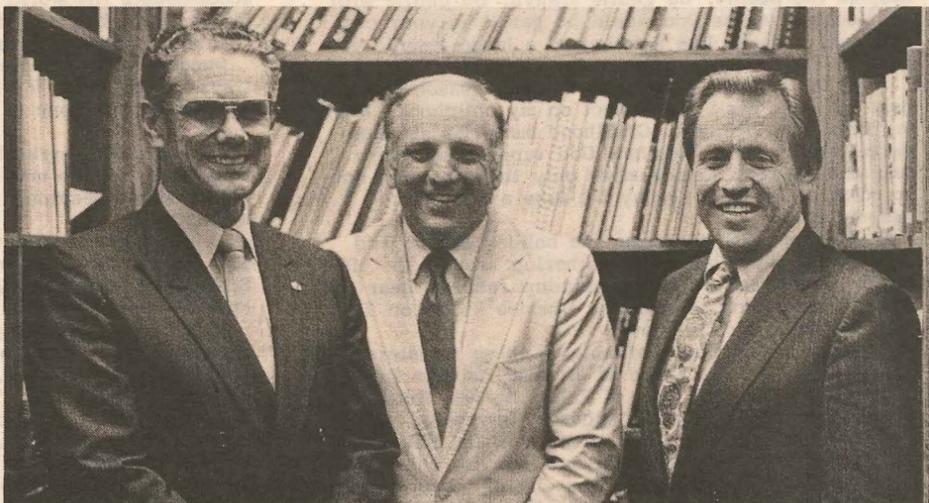
one that "attempts to create a separate culture in the family with as little penetration from the larger society as possible."

"The trouble with this solution is that it is indiscriminating with respect to what it keeps out and ultimately with respect to what it lets in," he said. "It settles for easy absolutes. And it accepts stereotypical views of 'traditional values,' 'traditional morality' and the 'traditional family,' which turn out to date back only to the 19th century, or even to the 1950s, and there's nothing necessarily Christian about that."

Bellah's alternative response "involves a much more active process of discussion and discrimination." He offered suggestions concerning how that alternative might be fulfilled.

"To begin with, I think we have to realize that the idea of Christian marriage is not very well understood in our society," he said. He advocated an understanding of marriage based on Christian love rather than romantic love, noting romantic love diminishes as the intensity of feelings wanes, while Christian love is permanent and lasts "not for as long as the excitement lasts, but until 'death do us part.'"

Concerning families, Bellah said: "The only way for the family to have a formative influence is for it to create a common culture with common symbols and practices. The core of common practice is ritual, what we might call family sacraments." He suggested "a common meal at least once a day, common prayer, a Bible reading and discussion of spiritual matters "as part of the daily discourse of family life." He also advocated family participation in recreation, Sunday worship and observance of holidays.



Christian Life Commission 1986-87 officers are, from left, secretary Roy T. Rhodes, attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; vice-chairman Coy C. Privette, executive director of Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc., Raleigh; and chairman Lynn P. Clayton, editor of Baptist Message, newspaper of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

## It Is Always The Best of Times; It Is Always The Worst of Times

Following are excerpts from a commencement address given December 19, 1986 at Boyce Bible School, Louisville, Kentucky, by James H. Taylor, President of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

It was Charles Dickens who said, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." He said it in his book, *A Tale of Two Cities*. He said it over one hundred years ago. How clever he was. Surely Dickens saw as he wrote what I see as I read. The words are forever applicable: It's always the best of times; it's always the worst of times. We decide by faith the way it will be for us.

Tonight it is the best of times for those of you who are graduating from Boyce. As you pass through the halls of Boyce Bible School, you have been equipped to minister to a hurting humanity. As the late, great Edgar Dale mentioned: You know the goals of a meaningful ministry which reflect a hunger for kindness, gentleness and fair play. You are men and women whom we admire because you will put more in than you take out. You are cooperative where others may be narrowly competitive. You see life not as a ladder but as a spiraling, circular, staircase with room enough for everyone to reach a high level. You are "we" centered not "me" centered. You have bifocal vision since you see both the present and the future. You look forward, not backward. You will plant trees under whose shade you will never sit. You will become mentors for the unloved, the dispossessed, the homeless, the walking wounded, the underrepresented.

You won't humiliate other people but instead will patiently and wisely and lovingly help them to learn to respect themselves and to respect others. You will help others think better of themselves and like the late great Charles Kettering you realize that no great edifice ever rose to meet the sky unless someone thought it could, someone believed it should and someone willed it must.

Yes, Charles Dickens was right: It is the best of times, it is the worst of times.

You are entering a world that needs affirmation, not condemnation.

As you pass through the halls of Boyce you are entering a world which is far more complex than the world I entered as a boy. Your world will call for an even greater degree of faith and knowledge and understanding and patience than the world I entered as a youngster.

In this world which is filled with all of its ambiguity the answers are not quite as clear and concise and crisp as when I was a boy. Yet we know in whom we have believed and we are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him until that day. Recently I had the opportunity to talk at some length with a 93-year-old gentleman who had served as a prominent pastor here in Kentucky for most of his career. I asked him: "If you had it to do all over again, what would you do differently?" He replied: "I would love them more. I would love them more."

Surely this minister was correct in his assessment. When it comes to the Gospel, all you need to do is to proclaim it in love. You don't need to defend it, justify it, rationalize it, or be apologetic about it. All you need to do is to proclaim it in love, not in hatred or bitterness or through cynicism or vindictiveness.

It is the best of times. It is the worst of times. We decide how it will be by faith.

As a minister or leader you soon learn that one of your greatest missions will be to absorb hostility vented your way by a hurting humanity. Don't despise the people. Be gentle always. Be gentle with the people even as you would be gentle to your own children, because like a father of a large family, you have a responsibility to your flock.

It is the best of times. This holiday season I can't help but look back and reflect on my childhood. What joy Christmas brought. Childhood memories are wonderful aren't they. Somehow God wipes away every tear and we tend to remember only the good and not so much of the bad. Today I'll take a trip down memory lane.

I remember with fondness the holiday season and then I remember the family gathering around the old large, round, tall, wooden, standup radio to hear the dynamic preaching of men like Charles Fuller on *The Old Fashioned Revival Hour*.

Somehow I remember listening to these ministers long before I'd ever heard of an Oral Roberts Prime Time Special, or The City of Faith, or Rex Humbard's Factory, or Jerry Falwell's Liberty University, or Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral or Jim Baker's Amusement Park or Pat Robinson's run for the Presidency. Now I'm not condemning any of these fellows. I'm only mentioning that somehow the simplicity of the Gospel I heard as a boy did not have the glitter of a 700 club or a PTL Club or a Crystal Cathedral.

Somehow I do not believe the ministers I heard as a boy had honed their skills in fund raising. Rather,

as I recall, they had honed their skills in simply presenting the Gospel in love and without apology, allowing the Holy Spirit to convict mankind of his sin.

I do not believe the radio and TV ministers I heard as a boy were as preoccupied with money as they seem to be today.

Yes, we live in a rapidly changing world. Einstein speculated that the fifth dimension is the dimension of change. Everything is changing. Nothing is standing still. For instance, a religious world which once condemned radio and television now embraces it as it has learned how to use high tech and high touch.

Television is an effective and efficient way of meeting the masses even if it encourages passivity. And Baptists should be proud of Southern's OVACTS initiative.

As ministers we must all admit that questions confront us today which didn't even exist when I was a boy.

It is the best of times. It is the worst of times.

This Christmas season, I could tell you a tale of woe. Today, hard questions are being asked about euthanasia, about the ever increasing gap between the haves and have nots, about the emerging minorities who will soon constitute the largest segment of our population. Questions are being asked about the economy, about mortgaging our children's future through the ever increasing national debt. Strange sounding names such as Kabuto, Mitsubishi, Toyota and Seiko are becoming household words.

This Christmas season I could tell you a dark, gloomy story. An array of advocacy groups of various shapes, shades, sizes and persuasions are clamoring to be heard with or without justification. We continually hear about women's rights, the empowerment of minorities, substance abuse, the yuppie movement, genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, the problems in Central America and the Middle East. All of these issues are given nightly visibility by television: Dope is going into the veins and brains of increasing numbers of people. And each group presents its own unique agenda at our doorstep during the 6:00 p.m. news. You see we have barrels of beliefs to live by but few convictions to die by. For instance, let's take, for example, the subject of life support systems. Today life is commonly prolonged through incubators and life support systems which in prior ages would have been terminated. And today life is being tempted when in prior ages it would have been prolonged.

It is the best of times. It is the worst of times.

Today the media is having a tremendous impact. For instance, in Lebanon and during the Vietnam War television brought fighting into our living rooms nightly. This had never before been true in the history of warfare. The nightly blood bath of a war in our living room presented interesting political, moral, and ethical questions which are not simple.

Not only have there been secular changes but the same is true for the sacred.

In my lifetime I've seen a good deal of the evangelistic messages and media move from the tent to the tube.

I've found some of the messages to be uplifting, therapeutic, redemptive and instructive. On the other hand, I've discovered that some ministries which started out with high ideals and noble purposes, soon become ensnared in the system and soon they are not discernably different from the world's definition of success.

C.H. Dodd reminds us--The Church is in the world where it ought to be. The world is in the Church where it ought not to be.

Too many times the Church in its willingness to accommodate the world becomes like the world. We are in the world but not of the world.

It is the best of times. It is the worst of times.

Success often corrupts. She is a seductive mistress. A minister, for instance, if not careful can assume he has none of the foibles or faults others have.

If we are not careful we can worship man rather than God. But no man can stand the weight of worship without becoming arrogant, calloused and insensitive.

In our success-oriented culture which parades before us on the tube, we can confuse the fruits of the Spirit such as peace, joy, long-suffering, with the kind of car a person drives, the clothes he wears.

If we aren't careful we can reduce God to some type of Sugar Daddy by saying if you follow God you'll have the clothes, the home, the car. You'll be like us, not like Him. This high gloss living has a very thin veneer. Success is not inherently evil but it can lullaby us into apathy and insensitivity.

To serve God without high gloss and without luster is too much to ask, we are told. To serve God in abstraction is too much of a burden to bear.

The people cried: "Give us a TV personality. Give us a plastic king with all of its glitter and tinsel. Give us someone like King Saul." They cried. "Give us a graven image. Give us someone to tell us every-

thing. Let him tell us what to think and what to do. Give us a hero. Give us a religious hero. Don't bother us with the ambiguity of faith. Make it plain and simple. Don't give us a preacher or a teacher, a prophet or a prince, a publisher or politician. Give us someone we can worship."

"Give us someone who will stand in as our proxy: a great charismatic personality who will address all of the issues of life whether it be social, political or psychological or whatever.

"Give us a hero." They cried.

Without a hero on a white horse how then do we address all of these issues, the issue of life support, the issue of star wars, DNA, genetic engineering and so on and so forth.

The answer is simple. We don't! We simply proclaim the Gospel in love and in all of its simplicity. This is where the pinch comes in, the dynamic of faith in a world filled with ambiguity.

Lovingly encountering Christ gives meaning and purpose and selfworth on this pilgrimage here below. Christ teaches us there is more to life than the clashing kings of ego and super ego.

If you do not recognize that man is self-transcendently reaching out for other human beings, reaching out for meanings to fulfill, then we will be of all men most miserable.

If there is no mission, no God-given marching orders, no commitment to Christ, it's no small wonder that youngsters will feel they are merely victims of drives and instincts, preconditioning and reaction formations. Do you know what my reaction is to reaction formation? My reaction is that I am not willing to live for my reaction formations and I am even less willing to die for my conditioned responses.

Let me ask you today, do you have a God given dream? Dare to follow your dream against all obstacles, all problems, all difficulties. The greater the sacrifice the greater the reward. For after all without sacrifice life is essentially meaningless. There is no gain without pain. The reward is in exact proportion to the risk. Don't be ordinary; don't follow the crowd. Don't be too quick to do things the way everyone else does them. Don't follow the crowd. If you step back and look you may see the crowd isn't doing all that well. All genuine breakthroughs, all quantum leaps come not from the ordinary not even from the general practitioners but from the extraordinary, from the person who is willing to risk. Dare to do something great in service to others and in glory to God. Be a giver and not just a taker. The greater the service, the greater the success. You are here today because you felt God tugging you away from a life of aimless drift.

My friend, freedom easily degenerates into mere license and arbitrariness unless it is tempered by the cross at Calvary.

I feel you are here today because you have felt the heavy hand of God on your shoulder calling you into a life of full time service which takes precedence over the quest for position, power, or prestige.

Now some practical advice.

1. If you have specific God given goals for life, write them down on paper and prioritize them. Get them out and look at them. Pray about them. With God's help become genuinely interested and involved in accomplishing them. Sit down with the ugly long yellow pad each day and scribble; start making plans and lists and flow charts and surely consult others.

2. Remember that people need affirmation, not condemnation. Become genuinely interested in and concerned about others. Make the other guy the hero. Watch, listen, reflect, become an observer. Be positive. Look for what can be made good even out of the bad. Be a perpetual, incurable optimist. Be happy. Understate rather than overstate, and sufficiently analyze a problem verbally before you go for the closure. Avoid arguments and most importantly think before you talk. Don't answer a question before you've heard it out.

3. Remember that evil boomerangs. Bad people do occasionally prosper, and good people occasionally lose. Nevertheless, it remains true that integrity with the right measure of prudence actually helps you to do well. Commit your action to the Lord, and you will have the balance of freedom and responsibilities. You will sound a clear note of hope in a world which is filled with despair.

So be true to your dream. This Christmas season, I can't overly emphasize: It is the best of times. It is the worst of times. Throughout life we will decide how it will be. Each of us choose for ourselves the way it will be for us. I hope it is the best of times for you.

Tonight I recall other words of Charles Dickens, words associated with this season--words put into the mouth of Tiny Tim, that little crippled boy whose condition and attitude helped melt a heart of stone, let me join him by saying during this joyous holiday season, "God bless us every one."