

Lewis named president of Home Mission Board

by Dan Martin

By a vote of 52-15, Larry L. Lewis of Hannibal, Mo., was elected president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during a special called meeting April 10.

Lewis, 52, president of 800-student Hannibal-LaGrange College, was the unanimous selection of the seven-member search committee that presented its recommendation at the two-hour called session of the 84-member board.

Lewis, a former home missionary and church planter, will assume office June 1, succeeding William G. Tanner, who left the HMB presidency in June of 1986 to become executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

The college president, who also has been a pastor and staff member for a state Baptist convention, was elected on a roll-call vote after efforts to cast a secret ballot had failed 38-20.

Troy Morrison, search committee chairman and director of church-minister relations for the Alabama Baptist Convention, called the unanimity of the diverse search committee "a miracle."

Morrison said the seven members, plus HMB chairman Clark Hutchinson, who functioned as a voting ex-officio member of the search committee, met 12 times for more than 600 hours in their search to seek a successor to Tanner.

"We received 100 letters recommending 65 persons," Morrison told the board members. "We seriously considered every one." He said the group interviewed eight people and finally interviewed Lewis on three occasions: "On March 27, the committee took a secret ballot. We were elated when Larry L. Lewis received the unanimous vote of the committee."

Not all members of the board, however, greeted Lewis' nomination with enthusiasm and support.

Marvin Prude, a retired oil company executive from Birmingham, Ala., and a former vice chairman of the board, said the presentation was "magnificent . . . one of the most astute jobs of selling I have ever seen . . ."

Prude said the board was "taking a man from a place with a \$3 million

budget and asking him to be in charge of a \$70 million one and from a few staff members to 365 staff members. I say we don't want this man to head up the HMB." Prude also was critical of the search committee, saying it was named to bring a person who "was not leaning one way or the other. I think we have been betrayed. You (the search committee) have done what the other committee was accused of doing."

O. S. Hawkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., objected to Prude's remarks, saying they are "not the opinion of this board." When Hawkins referred to Lewis's selection as "a miracle," he was interrupted by amens and applause.

Lewis was questioned by six trustees on his relationship with the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, doctrinal integrity, the direction he would lead the board, his relationship with the seminaries, his views on women and on charismatics.

He told Beth McGhee, a former president of the Arizona WMU from Tucson, he is "an enthusiastic supporter of the WMU," and added, "Any church that doesn't have a strong WMU is missing something very important."

Lawanna McIver, a pastor's wife from Dallas, asked Lewis if he would "attempt to implement" a doctrinal statement at the HMB similar to one employed on the faculty and staff at Hannibal-LaGrange College, in which persons employed on the faculty must attest to their belief in a personal devil, a literal hell and "the actual existence of a primeval couple named Adam and Eve."

Lewis, who was framer of the resolu-



Lewis

tion adopted by the Missouri Baptist Convention that required such a statement by faculty and staff of Missouri institutions, said he believes the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, "which is in use now" at the HMB "is adequate."

"I was impressed with the standards that we already have in place, and I see no reason to change them," he added.

Tom Sneed, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hannibal, Mo., quoted a newspaper interview in which Lewis said it was "doubtful that there is a single inerrantist on the faculty of some (SBC) seminaries."

"I am wondering how you will relate to the seminaries," Sneed asked.

Lewis responded, "I do love the seminaries, and I am anxious that their

commitment to the inspired word of God be certain and sure." he also said: "I am a conservative, and I do not apologize for that one moment. I do believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible word of God."

James Strickland, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cartersville, Ga., asked Lewis if he supports the ordination of women and if a woman were called as pastor of a Southern Baptist church would the president-elect "support unconditionally the right of the church to call as pastor who it feels led to."

Lewis replied he believes in the role of women in ministry. "I hate to think of where the denomination and the churches would be if it were not for the women who have, throughout the years, done so many effective ministries

He commented he has a "strong belief" in the rights of the local church. "If a church feels led on the local level to elect a woman as pastor or deacon, I don't see it is the purview of the Home Mission Board to try to interfere with the autonomy of that local church."

Lewis referred to recent actions by the trustees that prohibit pastoral aid for churches that call women as pastors and noted the convention in 1984 passed a resolution opposing women as pastors: "The convention has very emphatically and very explicitly expressed their feeling that they do not favor women serving in the role of pastors. So I do not feel that the Home Mission Board should implement a policy which would be contrary to the expressed will of the convention."

He said he believes the HMB "exists to serve our churches. (BP)

FMB drops SBC seminary requirement; Mid-America, Dallas, Fuller, others can qualify

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted Apr. 8 to drop its longstanding requirement that career missionary candidates must attend one of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries for at least one year.

The new missionary qualifications policy, which will be reviewed every six months for the next two years, will open the door to qualified candidates from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., and other accredited seminaries without further attendance at a Southern Baptist Convention seminary.

Board president R. Keith Parks said the new policy "grew out of a desire on the part of growing numbers of board trustees" to appoint graduates from Mid-America Seminary without requiring this additional year of study. He said the board's staff, while dealing with the question, decided the "whole qualification matter" needed review.

"The crux of the matter is the appropriate Southern Baptist identity of the missionaries representing the SBC," Parks emphasized. He said the new requirements maintain "an insistence on Southern Baptist identity by focusing more on the local church and less on seminary education."

A year ago the board's committee on human resources, after considerable discussion, reaffirmed the policy requiring one year's study for 26 semester

hours at an SBC seminary. But the issue of whether Mid-America graduates should be required to take this extra study has continued to be debated in the denomination during the past year. In February members of the committee asked that the Mid-America matter be brought up again for consideration.

Proponents of Mid-America have said it was unfair to require their graduates to study an additional year at an SBC seminary. They said the seminary's faculty and trustees, and 97 percent of its students, are active members of Southern Baptist churches. They also pointed to the strong missions and evangelistic emphases of the seminary, as well as its regional accreditation.

In changing its policies, the board pointed to the "demanding and limitless" opportunities of world evangelization. "Our human resources must be mobilized as effectively as possible, without compromising quality," said an introduction to the new qualifications document.

At the same time, the statement added, "We affirm our own denominational educational institutions and encourage any and all Southern Baptists to utilize these educating, equipping centers."

In defining "SBC identity," the qualifications continue to require a "record of meaningful membership and participation in a Southern Baptist church."

But to this, they add "commitment to and identification with Southern Baptists through fellowship, prayer support, giving, cooperation and service."

Other changes in the general requirements state candidates must give evidence of "a sound biblical faith" and "conviction of truth as held by Southern Baptists." The latter phrase is lifted almost directly from wording of Article IX of the SBC Constitution on missionaries' qualifications.

The Baptist Faith and Message statement will continue to be the test of missionaries' doctrinal beliefs. This statement, adopted by the SBC in 1963, has been the standard applied in screening of missionary candidates.

Harlan E. Spurgeon, vice president for mission management and personnel, noted the new requirements place greater responsibility upon overseas missions to write job descriptions that define the exact educational and other qualifications needed to fill each particular missionary need.

Spurgeon said the guidelines also allow more flexibility. Not all church planting assignments may require a seminary graduate, he explained. For some church starting needs, the board in recent years has been willing to consider a person with two years' seminary study plus five or more years' pastoral experience in Southern Baptist churches. (BP)

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The Foreign Mission Board changes the rules

In the April meeting of the SBC Foreign Mission Board the educational requirements for appointment as a missionary under the SBC were changed. (See page 1)

The board now will consider for appointment persons who have received theological education from any seminary which is accredited by the same agencies which accredit Southern Baptist seminaries.

The exclusive requirement that theological education from a Southern Baptist seminary is necessary before appointment is now dropped. Southern Baptist theological education is no longer the required standard in appointments which require theological education.

This new rule opens the door for consideration for appointment of persons who received theological education at such places as Yale, Princeton, Harvard and any other seminary which has been accredited by the same agency which accredits our own seminaries.

And just what is accreditation? First of all the accreditation agency says, "Tell us your purpose and show us how you fulfill it."

Such items as student-faculty ratio, number of volumes in the library, staff development, curriculum, student counseling and the percentage of faculty with PhDs are what make up most of the accrediting process.

Accreditation has nothing to do with commitment to Jesus Christ as Son of God; nothing to do with commitment to the Bible as the word of God; nothing to do with loyalty to the local church; nothing to do with acceptance of soul competency and soul liberty; nothing to do with missionary commitment; nothing to do with evangelism.

Accreditation does not equip ministers to minister nor does it strengthen the denominational identity of the school being accredited. Yet accreditation is the only requirement placed by the FMB upon schools who will train future missionaries.

This action says plainly our own seminaries no longer hold exclusive right as the training ground for our own missionaries.

This editor was present when the FMB made this decision and there was not one voice of strong protest raised by any member of the board. Several words of caution were spoken, but no strong word of protest was heard.

William Hancock, a Kentucky member of the board and pastor of Highview, Louisville, told Western Recorder he voiced opposition and voted against the proposal in the committee which presented the matter. He also voted against the action in the board meeting and told this editor, "We have gone too far."

If this action came because of the pressure to

permit consideration of Mid-America Seminary students as possible appointees, a pressure which has been on members of the FMB for several years, then why not address that situation? The fact is the FMB staff was prepared to consider Mid-America students for appointment but our own SBC seminary presidents raised such strong opposition the matter was dropped.

Now the door is open for all sorts of problems with persons who have no loyalty to Southern Baptists, no concept of how we do missions and no reason to honor what we have cherished for years.

Among the requirements for missionary appointment are rules which say a candidate must show a record of meaningful membership and participation in a Southern Baptist church and a commitment to and identification with Southern Baptists through fellowship, prayer support, giving, cooperation and service as well as a conviction of truth as held by Southern Baptists.

The emphasis is on experience rather than theological education and FMB President Keith Parks told Western Recorder the board would "look for evidence they are real Southern Baptists." There is no real argument with this since experience is essential for the hard grind missionaries face.

The only consolation is the policy will be up for review every six months. Perhaps at some point in the review process we will discover this is a mistake and return to the practice of training our own missionaries in our own schools.

A strong tie among Southern Baptists is our common commitment to foreign missions. We support this effort with great enthusiasm from one end of the convention to the other and seldom find fault with the FMB. It is painful even now to take our brothers and sisters to task for what appears to be bad judgment.

It would be ironic indeed if the one thing we seem to be most in agreement about proves to be the very thing which drives us further apart. That possibility exists if we accept for missionary appointment persons who are educated in theological schools whose only point of acceptance with the FMB is their accreditation.

The deep commitment to Christ of our foreign missionaries, the administrative staff of the FMB and members of the board itself is not under question. They deserve our best support and encouragement, especially now when world conditions make foreign service more difficult than ever before.

What is under question is the wisdom of even considering persons from non-Southern Baptist schools for appointment as SBC missionaries. It does not appear to be a good idea.

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At Southwestern Seminary Carter dropped due to political objections

The nomination of a Ft. Worth, Tex. pastor to become professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has been withdrawn because of what the school's president called "denominational political objections."

James Carter, pastor of University Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, was nominated to become professor of preaching by Southwestern president Russell H. Dilday Jr. during the Mar. 9 meeting of seminary trustees. Questions arose, however, in the trustees' academic af-

fairs committee and the nomination was not presented to the full board.

Mar. 31 Dilday and Carter issued a joint statement to trustees saying Carter's nomination to the faculty would be dropped.

Dilday told the Baptist Standard, newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, that one of the trustees, Ken Lilly, a medical doctor from Ft. Smith, Ark., had told academic vice president John Newport that 18 of the board's trustees opposed Carter's nomination before the board meeting began. Five more joined in opposition after the meeting started.

Dilday said the kind of questions raised in the academic affairs committee sets a new precedent for the questioning of a prospective faculty member.

Dilday said: "Faculty members have always been chosen because of their theological position, the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, which is our doctrinal guideline; spiritual and moral

character; and the academic, intellectual capabilities and qualifications. Those things were not the bases of objections of those who opposed Carter's election. They moved aside for the first time to other issues which are outside those parameters."

Carter is "solidly conservative," Dilday told the Standard. "But it boiled down to just the practical matter of which side of this controversy Carter was considered to be on.

"It has become more and more clear that the issues before us are no longer, if they ever were, basically theological," Dilday said. "They are indeed political."

In his reply to trustees, Carter said he understood questions raised about his nomination did not concern character, commitment, credentials or confession of faith—"what the academic affairs committee usually considers when recommending an individual to the faculty." (BP)



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homes for children

Thanksgiving in April!

Most Kentucky Baptist churches promote and receive a special Thanksgiving offering around Thanksgiving each November. This offering, the oldest special offering taken by our churches, is for Baptist Homes for Children. At a time when we pause to count our blessings and give thanks to God, it is also appropriate to make a special gift to help children—children who have been deprived of so many things we take for granted.

Through many years Baptists have responded to this offering in a positive way. Open to everyone who loves and cares for children, this offering provides an opportunity for all to participate. The small children bring their offering, widows and others living on fixed incomes bring sacrificial gifts, others according to financial ability bring an offering.

The Thanksgiving offering flows into the local church treasury. It is then sent directly to Baptist Homes for Children or to the Kentucky Baptist Convention office. The KBC office then sends the Thanksgiving offering to Baptist Homes for Children. Most of this offering gets to the children's homes in December and January. However, some is still being sent as late as February and March. We keep our record books open on this offering until April 1.

With the total figures in on the Thanksgiving offering, it is now time for Thanksgiving in April! We have just recorded the best Thanksgiving offering in history. The goal was \$710,000 and Baptists surpassed the goal with a total offering of \$716,614. This is a marvelous affirmation of your child care ministry and is a mighty good reason for thanksgiving to God and to Kentucky Baptists.

Many pastors have reported that their church surpassed their Thanksgiving offering goal. With so many being faithful in giving for your children, we can continue the quality child care that these children deserve. Without the Thanksgiving offering this ministry could not continue. So, "Thank you," Kentucky Baptists for your strong, generous support of mission work to children.

A few churches choose to take the children's offering at another time. Those gifts will come to us later. Our thanks to all who support us at any time.



Dilday

CLC head testifies on lottery advertising

The head of the Christian Life Commission urged a House subcommittee to reject proposed legislation that would loosen federal restrictions on advertising of various forms of gambling.

CLC executive director Larry Baker testified Apr. 2 before the House Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations on the proposed Lottery Advertising Clarification Act of 1987 (H.R. 1568). The bill—sponsored by subcommittee chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass.—would amend federal law to allow additional advertising of state-operated lotteries, casinos and charitable gambling.

"The most troublesome part of this legislation is its removal of interstate advertising prohibitions," Baker testified. "The argument that the federal government should not be concerned about regulation fails to acknowledge the possible entanglements which would result if gambling activities in one state could legally advertise their activities in other states which do not have legalized gambling."

Baker said present federal law provides the best assurance of neutrality since it strikes a balance between allowing states that want legalized gambling to have it and providing states that do not want it the opportunity to avoid the consequences associated with legalized gambling. Interstate advertising of legal gambling operations also could influence laws in other states, he added.

"Advertising for state-operated lotteries could become a powerful force for changing the laws of other states," he testified. "This advertising, conducted by an agency of one state, would become a form of government-subsidized propaganda in another state. The neutrality required by present law better serves the interest of state self-determination." (BP)

1000 expected at inerrancy conference

Although accommodations for the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center May 4-7 are nearly full, thousands of other Southern Baptists will view the event at their churches.

The conference's general sessions will be offered to subscribers of the Baptist Telecommunications Network through a delayed transmission, said Joe Denney, manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board's telecommunications department.

A \$75 fee will be charged to cover cost of production and transmission. Videotapes made at the conference center will be sent on a commercial flight to Nashville, Tenn., for satellite transmission from the Sunday School Board.

All BTN subscribers should receive a letter detailing the offer, Denney said. The enclosed reply card must be returned to the telecommunications department by April 24.

Current estimates are for at least 1000 people to attend the conference, said Gail Mashburn of the Ridgecrest staff. Lodging at the conference center is al-

most completely reserved, she reported.

More space could become available if people requesting single rooms would accept roommates, Mashburn said. Anyone registered for a single room who would accept a roommate should contact Ridgecrest immediately.

Even if the conference center books all its rooms, lodging still is available in surrounding areas, Mashburn said. (BP)

Long-time pastor Tallant dies in Louisville at 70

Harold D. Tallant, 70, died in Louisville Friday, April 17 after a long illness.

Tallant had been minister of evangelism at Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, for 15 years.

Previously Tallant has pastored several churches. Among them were Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville; First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Fla.; First Baptist Church, Madisonville; and First Baptist Church, London.

Tallant had been in the gospel ministry for 52 years. Besides his church staff positions, he served as moderator of Long Run Association, and as a member of the association's finance and nominating committees.

He was on the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Kentucky Baptist Administrative Committee, and was a trustee of Georgetown College. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club.

"I think it's safe to say he was on almost every committee in the Southern Baptist Convention. He was so very involved in Southern Baptist life," said Norma Morrow, secretary at Highview Baptist Church.

Tallant is survived by his wife, Rhoda Haun Tallant; a daughter, Marilyn Friel; a son, Harold D. Tallant Jr.; three grandchildren; two sisters, Laura Jane Thompson and Rosa Jo Smith; and one brother, Francis R. Tallant.

A memorial worship service was held at Highview Baptist Church Monday morning, April 20, followed by a graveside service and burial in London.

'Presidents' pastor' dies; Pruden was 83

Edward H. Pruden, 83, pastor of First Baptist Church, Northwest Washington, D. C., from 1936-1969, died of congestive heart failure on Apr. 3 at his home in Richmond, Va.

Pruden was known as the "presidents' pastor" because he pastored both Harry Truman and Jimmy Carter.

Pruden was a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also attended Yale Divinity School and received a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh.

He was an author, a former president of the American Baptist Convention and head of the Washington Federation of Churches.

From 1947 to 1969, Pruden was on the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. He also served on the administrative subcommittee, the finance committee and the commission on Baptist doctrine.

baptist forum

KBA necessary to keep freedom

I think you have been unfair to Baptists by making assumptions about the Alliance that are untrue. A few comments about your "perspective":

1. You admit "in 1979; the conservatives began a planned program to gain access to the power spots in convention life." The fundamentalists have said this was their purpose, have made plain their intentions—that they were "going for the jugular." The Alliance has made it clear this is not, nor has ever been its intention, yet you state "they (the Alliance) use the same acceptable words and phrases the conservatives used to describe their motives." I fail to see how you equate the *stated* intentions of two different organizations which plainly say they are not the same.

2. You have confused the issue by comparing the Alliance to the Genesis Commission. The Genesis Commission was set up to carry out a specific agenda in competition with our Foreign Mission Board. The Alliance is not in competition with our Foreign Mission Board. The Alliance is not in competition with any existing Southern Baptist organization.

3. You state "the conservatives organized themselves and gained enough power to call the shots . . . and carry out their agenda." Then you say "that is the way it is in democratic organizations." But what you fail to do is inform Kentucky Baptists that fundamentalists have formed an organization which insures no one has a voice in any matter except them. And this organization is anti-Baptist because it is dedicated not only to keeping other Baptists quiet, but ultimately to push them out. That is not "democratic." That is a dictatorship.

Yes, the Kentucky Baptist Alliance is necessary. Necessary because Baptists are being strangled by hands that will suffocate any voice not consistent with fundamentalist dogma. They may have our jugular, but they don't have our vocal chords. As long as real Baptists can speak they will cry out for freedom—freedom to be their own priests before God. Freedom to be Baptist.

Stafford Durham, pastor
Woodland Baptist Church
Middletown

Watkins responds to editorial

Thank you for the excellent coverage of news events within Southern Baptist life. In response to your Mar. 31 editorial "Is the Kentucky Baptist Alliance necessary" there are several points regarding the founding of the Southern Baptist Alliance (SBA) that need to be clearly defined.

1. The SBA is organized as an auxiliary within the SBC (like the WMU) with a specific purpose and program.

2. The SBA purpose is to keep our historic Baptist principles in the forefront of the SBC dialogue.

3. The SBA program is to provide a public platform for these principles and a structure that can support these principles in tangible ways (money) when necessary.

4. The SBA is not an attempt to begin a new denomination. We are Southern Baptists determined to stay in the convention—not leave.

5. The SBA does not advocate the withholding of Cooperative Program funds or other regular SBC mission offerings.

6. Comparisons with the recently announced Genesis Commission are unfounded. The SBA is not in competition with the work of any SBC agency.

7. Suggestions that the SBA should have waited any longer to organize are ridiculous considering the sweeping "takeover" of the SBC by a militant fundamentalist political party.

Our next (KBA) informational meeting will be Thursday, Apr. 23, 7:00 p.m. at Deer Park Baptist Church. All interested ministers and laity are invited.

James W. Watkins
Acting Chairman, KBA

Baptist Alliance not a danger

In response to your recent editorial about the Baptist Alliance, let me say I feel we need to do something to offset what the so-called fundamentalists have done in seeking power and control of the SBC.

The Alliance as I see it is not going to fight fire with fire, but rather is going to try to woo the fundamentalists to a goal where both respect each other and work together to win souls and the world for the Lord.

We are, I'm sure, united in the belief in the three absolutes, the virgin birth, the death on the cross for the remission of sin, and the resurrection.

A difference of one's opinion on the interpretation of many places in the

scripture is very understandable but we should still honor and love each other with all Christian love and understanding and not try to control everyone's thinking.

We should always keep in mind the one goal we should all have and that is the winning of the lost for the Lord Jesus Christ.

W. F. Goodell
Louisville

KBA not representative of Kentucky

The recent editorial, "Is the Kentucky Alliance necessary?" implied that the Southern Baptist Alliance, and its Kentucky counterpart, is representative of moderates in our state. May I simply say the overwhelming number of moderates in Kentucky are not affiliated with the Alliance and have chosen by conviction to work within the process of the Southern Baptist Convention. Moderates in Kentucky agree with your editorial and support active participation within traditional forms.

While it may be true the membership of the Alliance contains persons who are moderates, that organization does not speak for the rest of us who believe peace will come only through a coalition of moderate and fundamentalist pastors and lay persons who are committed to the effectiveness of the Southern Baptist Convention. The key to peace is a coalition of concern, not a fragmentation of commitment.

Richard W. Bridges, pastor
First Baptist Church
Bowling Green



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Puppy love

I was amused when Bill Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, wrote a couple of columns about his beloved Strock, a family pet. As a lifelong lover of dogs, that spoke to my heart.

My experience in maintaining a dog in the city has not been marked by longevity. Seven dogs came and went at our house in my youth, most in a matter of months. Accidents and being lost or stolen were the largest liabilities. Later, we adopted pups for our kids, but their stay, too, was short lived. For one who developed strong ties with every pet he owned, it was tough on the old man each time we lost one.

At last I took a tough stand. No more dogs. It was just too much to lose them. The kids were disappointed, but I prevailed. For awhile.

I was gone to a state convention meeting several days. On my return, out of the house came our youngest carrying a scroungy little grey and black mutt with a black nose and the most beautiful brown eyes I have ever seen. Two of the kids and their mother had been to the "pound" while I was away. The boy picked out the pup; the girl named her Frisky. And it was a female! Would I let her stay? Please, Daddy?

My inclination was to say "no." But those brown eyes beckoned me. After years without a pet, I relented.

Frisky gained the respect of every family member. The kids trained her to do tricks, and she soon learned to obey. She idolized our son. When he went off to college, she turned her affection toward me. Do you know what I learned? Every human being with whom we have sustained contact is capable of hurting us some time. But if you genuinely love a dog, it will never withdraw its affection from you, no matter what.

Suffice it to say that the end finally came for Frisky. A healthy animal, she died abruptly one recent spring evening, apparently the victim of poisoning or an obstruction in her esophagus, according to a vet.

In the moments shortly after her death, I was able to say, "Thank you, God, for these years with Frisky, for the hours of love and joy that she brought into each of our lives."

My layman daddy didn't know much theology. But he knew a great deal about important things. When I was 12, together we buried another dog which had been struck by a car. I asked, "Do you thing Lucky went to heaven?"

"Animals don't have souls like we do," he answered, "so they can't go to heaven when they die."

He let me take that in for awhile. Then he added, "But if dogs had souls, I know Lucky would be in heaven now."

And I know Frisky would be there, too.

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Alliance seen as best choice

The editorial on the need for the Southern Baptist Alliance reasonably described the current atmosphere of distrust and suspicion in the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as the well-organized activity of one group which has produced it. While negatively reflecting on the need for the Alliance, the editorial offers no positive alternative for dealing with the situation. The alliance may not be a perfect vehicle for making our voices heard but many of us feel it is the best alternative derived thus far and is far better than doing nothing.

The bottom line for many of us who support the alliance is not merely a desire to "... share in the decision-making process as equal partners with the conservatives." In my estimation the current situation is not so much a reflection of the normal ebb and flow of the political fortunes of one group or another. Rather it is the direct result of the efforts of one group to seize control of the boards and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention. The actions of this group over the past eight years clearly demonstrate they have no intention to share the decision-making process with anyone who does not subscribe to their world view. The current president of the convention attempts to legitimize appointing only so-called conservatives by arguing that 90 percent of Southern Baptists agree with him; a claim not supported by the facts.

Principally, the Alliance is an attempt by some of us to earnestly contend for the essential principles of Baptist life delivered to us by courageous men and

women and now facing extinction. I wish it were not necessary to organize the Alliance, but in the face of this serious threat to the Baptist way of life, as one Kentucky Baptist, I stand with it.

James F. Holladay Jr.
Louisville

Teen wants more from newspaper

I read Western Recorder every Wednesday. I truly enjoy reading it. There are articles about almost everything under the sun. Yet, there is something missing.

While most people are satisfied and often challenged by your paper, I am not. Please, do not get me wrong, it is very informative. I feel there are too many "adults" having their say.

As a teenager, I feel my needs are not being met. By having a weekly, or even monthly, column written by a teen, you could increase my generation's awareness to Christianity.

If you could get teens interested today, just imagine what they could do tomorrow.

I await your reply. Thank you.

Robin Elise Ham
Louisville

SBC fragmentation will increase

Your editorial, "Is the Kentucky Alliance necessary?" evokes the following response. First, readers will recall you also offered a negative response to the organization of the so called "Genesis Commission." In my view, both of these organizations reflect the increasing fragmentation of the Southern Baptist

Convention. Both indicate the SBC, as we have known it, is fast passing away. The Southern Baptist Alliance and Genesis Commission are merely symptoms of increasingly irreconcilable differences within the convention. On the whole many Southern Baptists seem unwilling to acknowledge that the convention is fragmenting under their feet. We do not have to have an obvious "split" to disintegrate as a denomination. The Genesis Commission and the Southern Baptist Alliance did not create such fragmentation. They are merely signs that it is taking place. Such organizations will surely proliferate before it is all over.

Second, it is less that one group is "in" and another "out" than that the definition of what it means to be a Southern Baptist has been changed radically. A few years ago both moderates and conservatives were appointed freely to boards and agencies of the convention. There was never a time when conservatives were left out of such appointments. Rather, the interchange of a diversity of views created a healthy tension and middle way of consensus. Ideologues on the right or the left were unable to impose their will exclusively on the denomination. These days moderate Southern Baptists are generally not considered acceptable candidates for boards of trustees of convention agencies. That represents a dramatic change from the way the Southern Baptist Convention has functioned in the past. As long as the exclusion remains, the fragmentation will continue.

Third, the president of the SBC could put an end to the Southern Baptist Al-

liance tomorrow by simply appointing a balance of conservatives and moderates to convention boards and agencies. Unless that reconciling action occurs, and soon, the fragmentation of the Southern Baptist Convention will continue unabated.

Bill J. Leonard
SBTS, Louisville

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congregations

Graefenburg Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, is preparing for its second annual walkathon to generate funds for the Grady Nutt Scholarship Fund.

The "Dollars for Scholars" walkathon is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9 a.m. in the church parking lot. The walk is 6.3 miles round trip.

Contributions to the scholarship fund may be made and sent to Graefenburg Baptist Church, Route 2, Waddy, KY 40076.

The **Crescent Hill Baptist Church** arts mission group performed the musical *Godspell* Apr. 14, 17 and 18 at the church in Louisville. Tickets were free but a donation was taken to defray production costs.

The arts mission group is comprised of trained artists who strive to share the gospel through the arts. They have also been involved in reader's theater, a radio show theme and monologs.

Cast members of *Godspell* include Darrell Adams, John Ballenger, Christopher Boyer, Kim Christman, Cynthia Clawson, Phil Howell, Bonnie Lancaster, Susie Schoeff, David Smith, Suzanne Stigler, Cyd Styron and John Styron.

Choreographer was Ginger Brasher, stage manager was Rhonda Nash and set designer was Dwight Cobb. Vicki Ragsdell of Story Source directed.

Mayfield First Baptist, Graves County Association, has completed a revival led by Robert G. Witty, Jacksonville, Fla., and Kent Jackson, minister of music, First Baptist, Paducah.

There were 14 additions by baptism and 12 by statement or letter.

Roger D. Willmore is pastor.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Franklin Association, has begun worshipping in its new sanctuary. The 267-seat sanctuary, designed and built by Louisville Trinity Corporation, features a fan shaped seating arrangement.

Allansville Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, is planning its 100th anniversary celebration.

Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville,

Long Run Association, recently added Mayfield Chimes to its organ. The chimes were dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Velma Brady and Mrs. Lou Epting on Mar. 22. Thomas Poole is minister of music at Beechwood and Joseph R. Estes is pastor.

personnel

Steve Watkins has been called as youth director at Ghent Baptist Church, White's Run Association.

H. B. Kuhnle, former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, has been called as interim pastor at North View Baptist Church, Lexington. He previously served this church in the same capacity in 1978-79. Kuhnle began his services with the church Apr. 12.

Mark Thomas began his duties as minister of youth Mar. 8 at North View Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association. Thomas is a native of Lexington and a student at Georgetown College.

E. Michael "Butch" Caner was called as minister of music and youth at Manchester Baptist Church, Booneville Association, in February. He is a Cumberland College junior and was born in Stockholm, Sweden.

Caner came to America as a young boy in 1980 and accepted Christ. Two years later he acknowledged a call to the ministry and decided to stay in America and go to college and seminary. He was ordained to the ministry in Columbus, Oh., Mar. 15.

Greg Fauls has accepted the call to be youth and recreation director at Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association. Fauls is a native of Louisville and a student at Western Kentucky University.

associations

Taylor County Association has extended a call to William R. Beard to become director of missions when Henry Parrott leaves that position.



Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, broke ground Apr. 5 for a 1200 seat sanctuary. Pastor Jim Haskell stated construction of the building will make it possible for the congregation to worship together, rather than in dual worship services which they have had since September 1985. Projected completion date is May 1988, at a total cost of \$1.2 million. Pictured are (l-r) Tom Poole, Larry Boyles, Bill Rogers, George Diamond, David Owens and pastor Jim Haskell.

The churches of **Breckenridge Association** celebrated the opening of a new associational office with an open house Mar. 29. After four years of occupying space in the Hardinsburg Baptist Church, the association announced its new rented facility.

Rick Robbins is director of missions.

deaths

Claud A. Turpin, 62, died at Humana Hospital Suburban, Louisville. Turpin was a former director of social work with the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care. He was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Kentucky Commission on Crime and Delinquency and Beechwood Baptist Church.

Turpin is survived by his wife, the former Wilma Baker; two sons, Michael and Mark Turpin, Covington; a sister, Margie Francis, a former secretary in the Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Training Department; three brothers, Edward Turpin, Asheville, N. C., Jesse Turpin, Somerset, and John Turpin; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Louisville Apr. 10. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the American Heart Association or J. Graham Brown Regional Cancer Center.

missions

Terry and Kathy Sharp, missionaries to Brazil, have completed language study and arrived on their field of service Caixa Postal 1041, 88.001, Florianopolis, SC, Brazil).

He is a native of LaFollette, Tenn., and she is the former Kathy Chapman of Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

Hugh and Norma Young, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough (314 W. Main St., Cartersville, GA 30120).

He was born in Cartersville, Ga., and lived in Orlando, Fla. The former Norman Lucas of Kentucky, she was born in Meade County and grew up in Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.



Leon Simpson
President
Clear Creek Baptist School
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clear creek comment

The spirit of Clear Creek

I received an interesting letter recently from someone I have never met. To me it demonstrates the spirit of Clear Creek.

"Dear Bro. Simpson,

"To my knowledge you and I have never met. Clear Creek has had a place in my heart for many years. I was on the campus for the Summer Preacher's School when Kelly Hall was being built, also was there for R. A. Camps, etc.

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Aldridge. I am enclosing \$100 for the water system.

"I am retired now but perhaps I can send a bit more later.

"May God bless your endeavors."

The Apostle Paul spoke of the selfish attitude of many people in Philippians when he wrote, "For all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ's" (Phil. 2:21). He gave good advice to all Christians when he admonished, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory (NIV—"selfish ambition or vain conceit"). . . . Look not every man on his own things but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 2:3-4).

Gladstone long ago called selfishness the greatest curse of the human race. Selfishness was involved in the sins of Eli's sons and was at the center of Haman's life. The prophet Nathan told King David a parable to help him see his selfishness. And the rich young ruler selfishly held onto his great possessions.

Some people justify selfishness by saying, "If I don't look out for old

number one, who will?" Others state, "It's the only way I can survive." However, Sydney Harris asserted, "Stop justifying selfishness because 'the world is a jungle.' It can also be a garden, depending on whether one wants to plant and water, or to plunder and uproot."

Barbara Ward advised, "Don't get stuck inside your own ego, because it will become a prison in no time flat. And don't think that 'self-realization' will make you happy. That is the way you will end in your own hell."

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baptist news in brief

Drill champs go to Ridgecrest, Glorieta

Winners of this year's state Youth Bible Drill are Loyd Bastin, Pulaski County Association and Johnna Ramsey, Little Bethel Association. The competition Mar. 27-28 was conducted at two locations, Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek Baptist assemblies.

Runners-up in the drills were Marcia Overhults, Grayson County Association, and Angela Pehm, West Kentucky Association. All 67 contestants won seals as

state winners for making less than four mistakes during the drill.

Bastin won an expense paid trip to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center and Miss Ramsey won an expense paid trip to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center during Church Training Week.

Participants qualified for the drill at the church and associational levels. The competition is open to youth in Baptist churches. They must be 12-14 years old or in grades seven through nine. The drill is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Training Department.

Missionaries named Kentucky Colonels

Harold and Clara Matthews, missionaries in residence at Georgetown College were named Kentucky Colonels at the school's convocation Apr. 7.

The awards from Kentucky Governor Collins were presented by a college and seminary colleague, Earl Bill, Frankfort, who cited the lengthy and faithful service by the Matthews in the Philippines, where they have been on assignment for almost 30 years.

Mrs. Matthews, the former Clara Lee, is a resident of Scott County and a 1950 alumna of Georgetown College.

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Kentucky boosts baptisms

"Stress evangelism," says Brown

Kentucky baptisms totaled 16,769 in 1986, an increase of 1194 over 1985.

Highview Baptist Church and Ninth and O Baptist Church in Long Run Association and Central Baptist Church in Mt. Zion Association all baptized over 100 persons.

Brushy Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise Association, and Pink Ridge Missionary Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, both enjoyed a per capita baptism rate of one to two.

Jay Brown, speaking for the Evangelism Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, noted total and per capita baptismal rates have decreased "significantly" since 1951. In 1951 it took 20 Baptists to baptize one person, while last year it took 45 to baptize one.

Brown pointed out several ways to increase baptisms: utilize Sunday school, motivate and train church members to evangelize, conduct evangelistic worship services and promote intercessory prayer.

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baptist news in brief

'Think about money' Board tells women

A recent Annuity Board promotion aimed at wives of Southern Baptist ministers seems to have gotten attention of women, according to Darold H. Morgan, president of the denomination's pension agency.

Titled "Money Matters for the Minister's Wife," the publication was sent last month to every pastor's wife in the convention. It is part of the Annuity Board's effort for the expanded Church Annuity Plan which will be activated next January 1.

Accompanying the pamphlet was a letter from Elizabeth (Mrs. Darold H.) Morgan, wife the the Annuity Board president. Mrs. Morgan wrote with humor about the financial problems of the minister's wife, but warned, "Pov-

erty in old age is nothing to laugh about!"

The answer to the potential problem, says the Annuity Board, is for ministers to make percentage-of-income contributions throughout their careers to a retirement plan such as the expanded Church Annuity Plan.

Church secretaries meet at Georgetown

The steering committee of the Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries met in a planning session Mar. 27, 1987 to finalize details of the summer meeting of the association July 30-Aug. 1, 1987 at Georgetown College.

Overnight accommodations are available at Georgetown College. Fee for the conference is \$58 for overnight participants and \$36 for commuters.

For further information, contact Jennie Smither, First Baptist Church, P.O. Drawer Q, Frankfort, Ky. 40601 or Paula Collingwood, Kentucky Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, Ky. 40243



Scholarships go to winning speakers

Winners of this year's state Youth Speakers' Tournament are Marisa Smith of Grayson County Association and Joy Hinton of Christian County Association. The competition Mar. 27-28 was conducted at two locations, Cedar-moore and Jonathan Creek Baptist assemblies.

Runners-up in the tournament were Kristy Robinson of Elkhorn Association and Jeff Rafferty of Daviess-McLean Association.

Misses Smith and Hinton won expense paid trips to either Ridgecrest or Glorieta Baptist conference Centers during Church Training week this sum-

mer.

Both the winners and the runners-up received scholarships worth several thousand dollars from Kentucky's three Baptist colleges; Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown.

The 37 participants qualified for the tournament at the church and associational levels. The competition is open to youth in Baptist churches. They must be 15 to 17 years old or in grades 10 through 12.

The tournament is sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Training Department.

Coverage is issue in Social Security

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 permits ministers who previously elected out of Social Security coverage to make an irrevocable election back into Social Security coverage. Filing Form 2031 is required.

"The central issue," said Thomas E. Miller Jr., director of communications for the Board, "is the number of quarters of coverage required for the various benefits of Social Security."

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'Minnie' shares Christ with Belmont students

Sarah Cannon, known to millions as the beloved Minnie Pearl, spoke at Belmont College in March. The 74-year-old genteel, educated woman presented a bit of Minnie's wit and humor.

Mrs. Cannon expressed her concern for the welfare of the students and young people in general. "From the time you were born and lifted your tiny voice singing, 'Jesus Loves Me,' you felt safe. That's the best song in the world," she said. "As simple as those words are, they mean more than anything else." (BP)

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Pastor's school plans July preaching festival

The 58th Annual University of Richmond Pastors School is scheduled for the Westhampton College campus Tuesday, July 10, and is headlined "A Festival of Preaching III," again in response to popular request. Four speakers will make presentations and have their emphasis on preaching. They are: David Read, William Hull, Walter Shurden and David Thomas.

William E. Hull has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., since 1975.

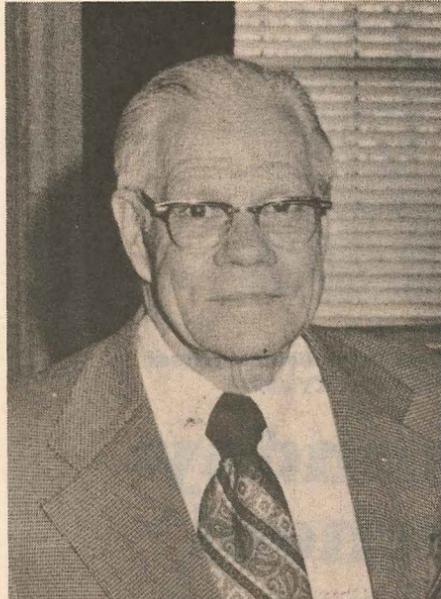
Walter B. Shurden became Callaway Professor of Christianity and Chairman of the Department of Christianity at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in August 1983.

David A. Thomas is Associate Professor of Speech Communication and Director of Forensics, University of Richmond.

In charge of the music ministry this year will be L. Milton Hankins. He is the pastor of Flat Creek Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.

Pastors invited to preside for program segments this year are: Ronnie R. Blankenship, F. E. (Pat) Patterson, W. Guy Webb, Ronald J. Arflin, John P. Elliott Jr. and R. Bruce Griffith Jr.

Further information may be obtained from Linwood T. Horne, Associate Chaplain, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173. Phone: (804) 289-8500.



Boswell

Boswell honored with education award

James M. Boswell, president emeritus of Cumberland College, has been chosen by the Educational Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as the 1987 recipient of the Charles D. Johnson Outstanding Educator award.

This award is given annually to the individual who has made very significant contributions to Southern Baptist higher education.

In announcing the award, Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Education Commission stated, "It was the conviction of the members of the Administrative Committee that no better person could be chosen for 1987 than Dr. Boswell. He has taught and served as an administrator across many years. He has also served very effectively in

the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools."

Cumberland College president Jim Taylor said, "We are pleased that the Southern Baptist Convention has chosen to honor Dr. Boswell. He has served Southern Baptist education for many years and his work at Cumberland College gave us a foundation upon which to build. He is deserving of this honor."

Boswell came to Cumberland College in September 1931 as a teacher of mathematics and physics.

After Boswell's first year at Cumberland as a teaching staff member, he was assigned the task of coaching the basketball team in addition to his teaching. He held this extra assignment until he went on active duty in the Navy in World War II. During World War II, from mid-July, 1942, to mid-October, 1945, he was on active duty in the United States Navy as a lieutenant and as a lieutenant commander.

He was acting president of Cumberland College from October 1945 through June 1947. He was president from June 1947 to 1980. Upon retirement he was made president emeritus by the Board of Trustees of Cumberland.

While Boswell was chief administrator of Cumberland College, the institution grew from a junior college with a pre-World War II enrolment of 200 to a senior college with an enrolment of 2070.

Southern adds second major to music program

The National Association of Schools of Music has accredited a program in church music drama as a second major toward the master of church music degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The seminary is the only school in the United States which offers a second major in church music drama.

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said Mozelle Sherman, professor of church music, "and church music drama is a way of developing the Christian life in a practical way."

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Their son, Harold, has experience and a consequent maturity far beyond his years. He graduated from Hurst High School in Loveland, Ohio and then Sinclair College where his major was

automotive technology. He also had two years of training in the Automotive Excellence Service Program of General Motors. From the time he was a small child, he worked in his parents' Western Auto store and 13-bay garage. Also, his family owned three tow trucks and he drove those in many emergency situations.

Mr. Harold teaches two hours of welding each day, two one-hour classes of first year students in power mechanics, and then two hours with the more advanced students in automotive technology.

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Seeing the disciples filled with wonder and fear as they related their experiences, Christ appeared and said, "Peace be unto you."

Christ showed them his hands and feet. The disciples beheld the print of the nails. He invited them to touch him that they might be sure it was his real body. He ate a piece of broiled fish and some honey before their very eyes.

Luke 24:45-48 After teaching his disciples the great significance of his death, burial and resurrection, he let them know that because he died and rose again remission of sins was made available to all who would believe on him. Beginning in Jerusalem, where they were at the time, they were required to be witnesses for him, to preach repentance toward God, faith in Christ, and remission of sins to all. Jerusalem was to have the first opportunity to hear this gospel, but it was to be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth.

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The Emmaus encounter

Luke 24:13-19 Two disciples, Cleopas and his unnamed companion, went from Emmaus to Jerusalem, a distance of seven and one-half miles, to observe Passover. While they were in Jerusalem, Christ was crucified.

As these two disciples trudged along the road together, discussing their blighted hopes, a stranger overtook them. At length he asked, "What are the words that ye are exchanging with one another as ye walk?"

The disciples answered by telling him about Jesus of Nazareth and their own disappointment. Beginning with the writings of Moses and continuing through the prophets, the stranger expounded the scriptures and authenticated the events which had taken place. Their hearts were warmed but before he had finished they arrived at Emmaus.

Luke 24:27-35 They said, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

At the evening meal, "He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave it to them." They recognized him as the Lord Jesus Christ and he vanished. They departed for Jerusalem to bring to the other disciples the good news they had seen the Lord. The secret of the burning hearts of those disciples was a personal fellowship with Christ as he opened to them the scriptures. Note that it was when Christ talked to them that their hearts were aflame and not while they were doing the talking.



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on mission together

Vulnerable

I was leaving the Baptist Building enroute to southern Kentucky for an associational executive board meeting that evening.

Walking across the parking lot toward the car, I ran into a pastor friend who had hoped to find Guy Futral, our Minister/Church Relations consultant, in his office. Guy was on the road and my friend was disappointed. He was hurting.

The spring wind ruffled his prematurely gray hair as we stood and talked. It seems to me that so many of my friends have gray hair. I can't decide whether it's because my friends are simply getting older or whether the pastorate has

a way of aging my friends faster. Maybe it's a little of both.

A few people in his church had let him know that they thought it was time for him to leave. Several months before, when he had picked up some early signals, he had let a few friends know he was "open" to change.

As I listened, I realized I was hearing a story so familiar to those who serve the church as paid ministers. He knew he had made a few mistakes, reflecting some valuable insight into his own personality. But those mistakes had not been "major" in his mind, and based on what he said, I would agree. No group had asked him to leave. A few individuals were, in various ways, letting him know they thought it was time for "a change."

They had gotten to him and his preoccupation was with the critics. What joy in ministry he might have savored was rendered tasteless by the pain of criticism by a few. Only a pastor understands the pain of trying to preach a

message from God with identifiable persons in the congregation who have let him know they want him to leave.

An increasing number of pastors accept churches with far less than a unanimous call. Pastors who accept such a "call" should know that they will have to earn the title "pastor", especially from those who did not vote affirmatively.

Such was not the case with my friend. He had experienced a strong call from the church in the beginning. But his critics had already succeeded in creating discomfort for him and his family and in stimulating his initiatives to consider other churches. At the moment, nothing had opened up.

He had unloaded and I had listened. I could identify with letting a few critics "spoil the joy" . . . I've done that before but I'm getting better at handling that. I hope I encouraged him.

As I drove off to my engagement, I felt uncomfortably protected, and he seemed so painfully vulnerable.

YouthPlus engages teens in church ministry and witness

by Frank M. White

Involving youth in the ministry and witness of their church pushed them beyond a Sunday morning relationship to a realization they are an integral part of church life, according to an Atlanta area minister of youth and activities.

Using the design of YouthPlus, a plan for leading youth to apply Bible truths they learn in Sunday school, has unified youth at First Baptist Church, Roswell, while involving them in the work of the church, said Mark Seanor, minister of youth and activities.

Seanor literally built a church with YouthPlus. Using scriptural themes as the foundation, with the cornerstones of youth Sunday school and other elements of YouthPlus symbolized on building blocks, Seanor, with the help of an architect in the church, designed a six foot high church model.

He used the model to explain YouthPlus in a seminar at the Baptist Sunday School Board and will use it in his church to promote awareness of youth Sunday school.

For the past nine months Seanor has used YouthPlus as a plan for the youth program of the church.

"Eliminate poverty," Fuller urges

by David Wilkinson

Southern Baptists, heirs of a missions-rich heritage, were challenged "to get involved in a new mission field—building houses for the world's poor and homeless."

Millard Fuller, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, preached the "economics of Jesus" during an address at the Christian Life Commission's seminar in Charlotte, N. C.

Declaring that Habitat "wants to make the right to shelter a matter of conscience for American society," Fuller urged fellow Southern Baptists to take the lead in helping "to eliminate poverty and homelessness in the name of Jesus."

"The U. S. has a policy as a society that we don't accept starvation," Fuller said, "but we're not willing to make a similar commitment about housing."

"Baptists," he added, "are big on building churches. That's good. But not only does God need a house, people do, too."

Founded by Fuller in 1976, Habitat is a nonprofit organization that builds "simple, decent places to live" for people without adequate shelter. Habitat has sponsored housing projects in 170 U. S. cities and in 15 other countries.

Recipients of homes are involved in building their new houses and help defray the cost of the home through monthly payments based on their income. Habitat charges no interest.

Indeed, ministry to the poor gives credence to Christians' claim to be followers of Christ, Fuller said. "You can teach a parrot to say, 'I believe in Jesus,' but those who really believe in Jesus are those who try to line up their lives with him."

Although America lives in abundance by global standards, Fuller noted "at least 300,000 and maybe as many as three million" people in the United States are homeless. "These are people like you and me—people made in the image of God—but forced to live like animals," he said.

He has used the Sunday school curriculum as a "springboard to move the youth from the Sunday school sessions to a ministry involvement," said Myrtle Veach, youth Sunday school program section manager at the Sunday School Board.

For example, during a recent study in the Life and Work curriculum on a concern for cities, youth wrote thank you notes to service workers in the community such as school teachers, police and firefighters and city officials. They then visited some of those individuals.

In the final week of the unit, youth Sunday school class members visited homebound persons and taught a Sunday school lesson.

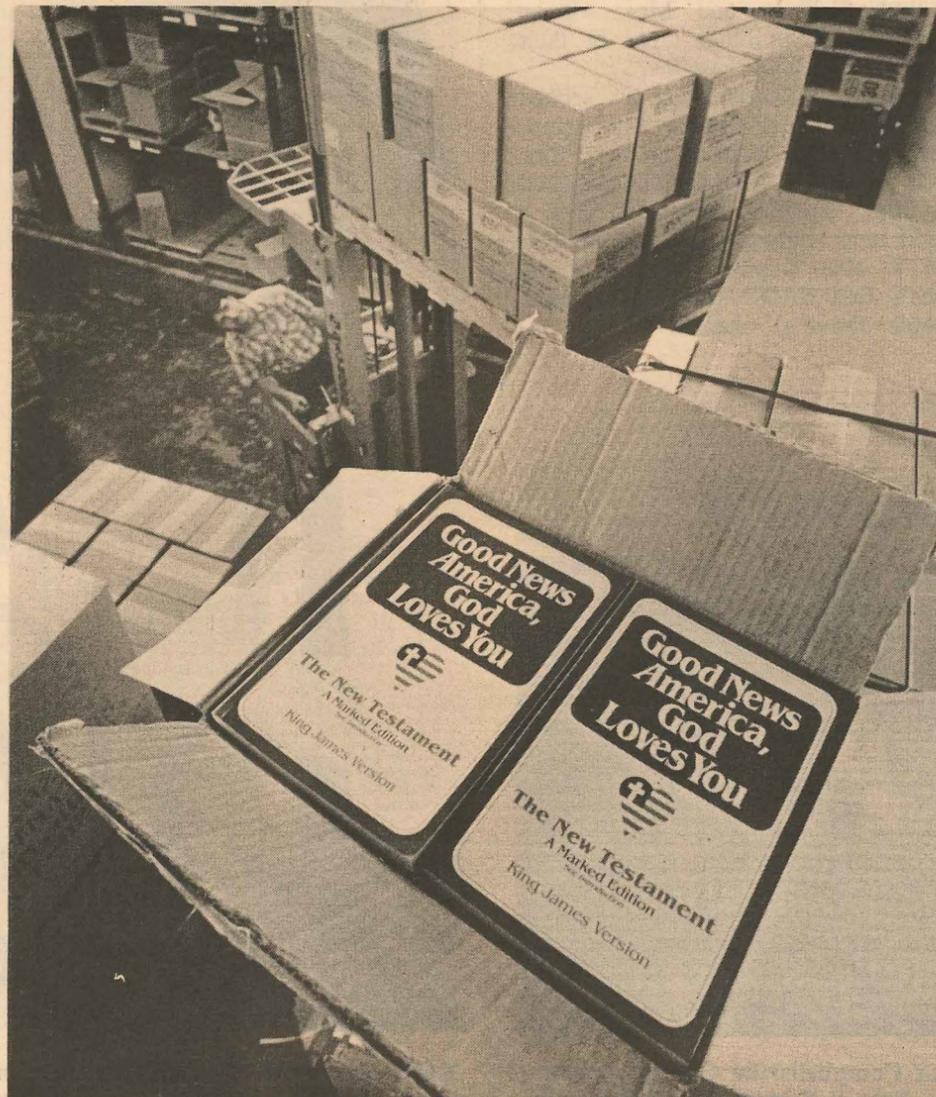
Making the Sunday school the starting point for other activities has helped involve youth quickly, Seanor said.

The frequent transition of families in the high growth community near Atlanta makes it important to involve youth as quickly as possible, he pointed out.

"YouthPlus is a catalyst to pull the youth together," he said.

Emphasis areas of YouthPlus are gathering, standard check, celebration, class leader actions, revivals and scrip-

In addition to the 'visible homeless' who live on the streets and crowd into urban shelters and rescue missions, "up to 30 million" more Americans live in crowded, substandard housing without adequate sanitation, insulation, heating and other needs, Fuller said.



Good News America New Testaments in the Sunday School Board warehouse are sold below cost for use by churches in scripture distribution and missions efforts.

Mark Seanor, left, minister of youth and activities, First Baptist Church, Roswell, Ga., Myrtle Veach, youth Sunday School program section manager, Sunday School Board, and Pat King, youth division outreach director, First Baptist, piece together the church model designed with the elements of YouthPlus. Seanor uses the model to develop an awareness of the elements involved in youth ministry.



ture distribution, advance and care.

Using the celebration emphasis, youth division workers at the Roswell church developed a session with all the youth from the 270-member division meeting together once a quarter. The session always is tied to the curriculum, Seanor said.

Revival and scripture distribution encourages youth to take an active part in church revivals and scripture distribution projects. Advance involves youth in backyard Bible clubs, mission vacation Bible school and outreach Bible study.

Class leader actions encourages youth workers to take an active part in Sunday School leadership.

Gathering is an annual planning session involving youth and leaders. Care is outreach in the witnessing and ministering activities within the Sunday school. Standard check is a means to evaluate the effectiveness of youth Sunday school.

Good news: testaments available below cost through BSSB orders

Some 500,000 paperback New Testaments prepared for the 1986 Good News America revivals are now available at prices below cost for use in churches and special missions emphases, according to Johnnie Godwin, director of the Holman division of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Approximately 9.5 million copies of the special editions of the New Testaments were sold last year. Copies remaining are primarily in the King James Version with a limited number in the New American Standard Version, Godwin explained.

Copies may be purchased at 24 cents each plus freight and handling with an order of at least 10,000, Godwin said. For smaller orders, the price is \$16 per box of 50 copies plus freight and handling.

"Churches are continuing to use these New Testaments in prospect discovery, witnessing, hospital and prison ministries, visitation, worship and Sunday school," said Godwin. "Our desire now in making them available below cost is to see the scriptures put in the hands of people whose lives can be changed as a result."

For example, he said the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina recently purchased 10,000 copies for West Virginia churches to distribute.

Godwin said Good News America New Testaments may be ordered by writing to: Materials Services Dept., Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, TN 37234.

'Make the College proud'

Campbellsville College produces teachers school systems want to call their own

By Pam Hardy-Durham
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"I was fully prepared to teach when I graduated from Campbellsville College," said Ray Story, principal of North Hardin High School in Radcliff.

Story, a 1963 graduate of Campbellsville College, said, "Those graduates of Campbellsville College who come to North Hardin to teach now are also prepared to teach when they get out. They really make the College proud."

Donald Skaggs was able to attend classes at Campbellsville College during the day and work evenings at Union Underwear until he finished his degree requirements and began his career in education. He graduated from Campbellsville College in 1967.

"Campbellsville College is doing a good job in the teacher education field," said Skaggs, principal at Taylor County High School in Campbellsville. "They are producing well-trained and qualified teachers."

Ron Rafferty, a 1969 graduate of Campbellsville College, is in his 18th year of teaching. The last 15 of those have been in the Taylor County School System.

"I really liked the personal attention I received from the professors," said Rafferty. "Those ties and kinships I developed back then have lasted all these years."

Rafferty, a physics, chemistry and

"Campbellsville College graduates are just good people," said Larry Ennis, principal at Campbellsville Elementary School.

math teacher, commented on Campbellsville College's academic strength. "They have a good reputation in graduate schools, pre-med and pre-pharmacy too."

"I probably would have never been able to attend college if it wasn't for Campbellsville College," said Marilyn Altman, a 1971 graduate of Campbellsville College. "I already had a family, and the people at the College started encouraging me to take some classes. That first semester I only took six hours, but I went on and finished."

Mrs. Altman, who teaches fourth grade in the Campbellsville School System, agreed with Rafferty on the preparedness of Campbellsville College graduates in the education program.

"I believe that Campbellsville College has a good training program for their teachers. They have a good education program."

Both Rafferty and Mrs. Altman are involved in other areas of their respective school systems.

Rafferty is working on his second year with Taylor County and Campbellsville High Schools on the "Project Graduation," a program designed to show students they can have a good time without drugs and alcohol. He is also helping to develop the area's first SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) chapter.

He said students are now required to have a 2.5 grade point average in professional studies as well as in their education classes in order to student teach.

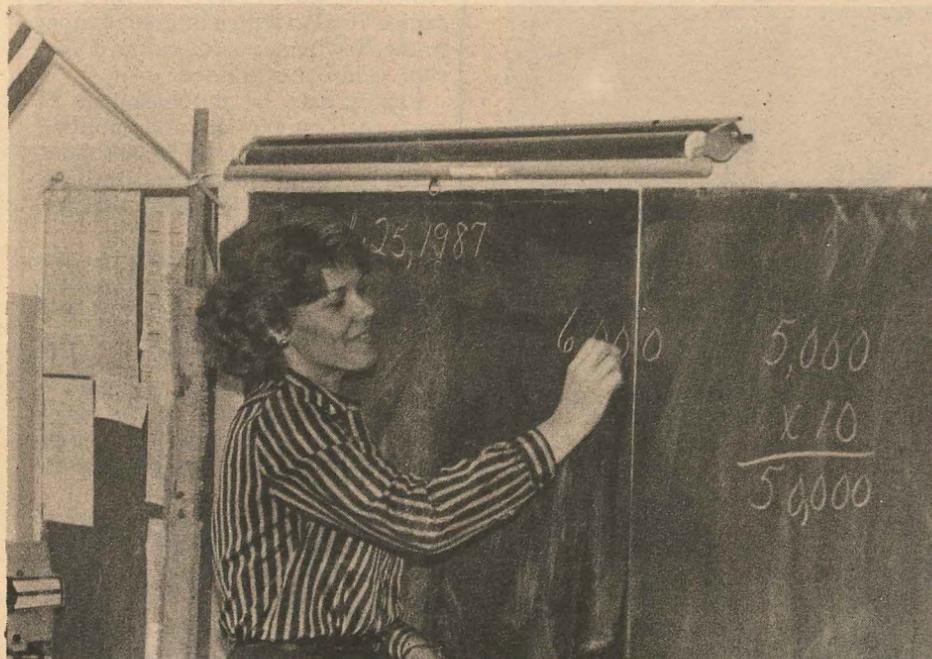
"I just finished supervising an intern who recently graduated from Campbellsville College who had very good training," said Mrs. Altman.

Sue Story has taught English at North Hardin High School for 22 years. She is a 1964 graduate of Campbellsville College.

"After doing my student teaching through Campbellsville College, I knew I was prepared to teach. I had received practical training and the background that I would need when I started teaching."

"Looking back I would say the personal attention and the caring professors are what I remember the most from Campbellsville College," said Rafferty.

"Campbellsville College graduates are just good people," said Ennis. "All-round good people."



MARILYN ALTMAN, a 1971 graduate of Campbellsville College, teaches fourth grade in the Campbellsville City School System. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)



RON RAFFERTY, right, a teacher at Taylor County High School, helps Andy Chambers, a senior from Campbellsville, with a chemistry experiment. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)