

## FMB appoints area directors; Winston Crawley retires

Trustees of the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC voted to study the need for a vice president of communications and public relations, elected three new area directors, appointed 32 new missionaries and reappointed two, and honored Winston Crawley, who is retiring after 40 years' service.

Crawley and his wife, Margaret, worked as missionaries to China and the Philippines before he was elected secretary for the Orient in 1954. From 1968 until 1980 he was director of the overseas division and since 1980 has been vice president for planning. During his first year of retirement, he will teach missions courses at Southwestern seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., with tentative plans to teach at two other seminaries in the following years.

Study of the need for a vice president for communications resulted in action instructing the communications and public relations committee "to give at-



Crawley



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Richardson

tention to this matter in concert with the strategy committee," which has worked closely with president R. Keith Parks in a major staff reorganization.

The new area directors are Joe Bruce, Middle America and Canada; William Richardson, Brazil and the Caribbean; and Jerry Rankin, Southern Asia and the Pacific.

Bruce, a native of Clarkton, Mo., and his wife, the former Shirley Plumlee of Clarendon, Ark., have been missionaries

in Central America since 1971. He became associate to the director for Middle America and the Caribbean in 1981. In his new role he will direct the work of 300 missionaries in seven Central American countries and Canada.

Richardson, from Tulsa, Okla., has been associate director for Eastern South America since November 1986. He will live in Brazil and coordinate the work of more than 400 missionaries in Brazil and the Caribbean.

He and his wife, the former Kathryn Mallory of Springfield, Mo., were appointed in 1964. They lived 20 years in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, where he directed the department of evangelism and missions for the Minas Gerais State Baptist Convention, was president of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Minas Gerais and was professor of New Testament at the seminary.

Rankin, from Clinton, Miss., has been administrator for Southern Baptist mission work in India, working out of Bangkok, Thailand. He and his wife, the former Bobbye Simmons of Lincoln County, Miss., became missionaries in 1970. Rankin was first assigned as a field evangelist in East Java, Indonesia, where he worked with new groups of Baptist believers.

From 1982 to 1986 Rankin was associate area director, acting as a liaison between the board and missionaries in India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Brunei.

The board appointed Earl and June Martin, 26-year veterans of mission work in eastern Africa. Martin, missions professor at Southwestern seminary since 1982, will direct a new institute of World Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. (BP)

## 65 attend KBC discipleship workshops

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Sixty-five pastors and lay persons from Kentucky and neighboring states gathered in Middletown May 25-28 for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's largest MasterLife and MasterBuilder workshop.

Normally the study courses require 26 weeks of two-hour sessions for completion of each. But, in four days 56 people in MasterLife and nine in MasterBuilder sessions assiduously worked through the material, attending classes from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The workshop, sponsored by the KBC's Church Training Department in conjunction with the Baptist Sunday School Board, is the fourth annual MasterLife leader training program and the first MasterBuilder session for the state.

"The objective is to give these people an overview of this new Sunday School Board material to enable them to teach the actual study courses in their home churches," explains Doug Strader, director of the KBC's Church Training Department.

"MasterLife is an indepth discipleship training program that attempts to

lead people to the place where Jesus Christ is master of their life," he continues. "MasterBuilder stresses multiplying leaders. The focus is on helping people define their spiritual gifts and take their place of leadership in the community."

The leaders for this year's conference, Ron and Sharon Heddle of Salisbury, N. C., are a testimony of the success of discipleship courses.

"Through a series of lessons one learns how to abide in Christ, live in the word, pray in faith, fellowship with other believers, witness to the world, and become involved in ministries of service. Participants are encouraged to write their personal testimony, define spiritual goals and work on improving relationships," Mrs. Heddle claimed.

She and her husband Ron led their first workshops three years ago, but they have been involved with the MasterLife programs for five years. After taking the course at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly in 1982, they wanted to share what they learned.

Heddle takes his three weeks of revival time and two weeks of vacation to do workshops across the nation annually. They have conducted them in Illinois, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky.

"The study courses are to be implemented in churches to train new believers and leaders by utilizing small group sharing experiences. A facilitator

helps participants learn the teaching process for the actual 26-week courses," Mrs. Heddle said.

Randy Thomas, minister of youth and education at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, was a participant in the MasterBuilder program. "I particularly like the focus of finding what God wants one to do in the local church and involving others in that ministry."

Ken Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bay, Ark., and a layman from the church, Sherman Morrison, plan to teach what they have learned at the Baptist seminary in Zimbabwe at the request of the Foreign Mission Board. The two will leave this week.

Both Ron Spencer, minister of youth and education at Beechland Baptist Church, Louisville, and Don Flanigan, pastor at Round Top Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, had high praises.

Spencer commented, "The materials give inspiration and direction for spiritual growth in a useful format."

"The course has given me some great ideas to use in the pulpit in addition to starting the small group discussions," Flanigan added.

Facilitators for the conference, chosen by the Church Training Department, were Ray Gilliland, Graham; Dora Lofland, Central City; Kizzie Owen, Mt. Vernon; Bill Lynch, Cumberland College; Cheryl Prose, Knoxville; Tenn.; Neal and Kathy Gresham, Wing, Ala.

### Parks sees tough times ahead at FMB

The man who leads the world's biggest program of overseas Christian missions said he foresees some tough, risky times ahead for missions but believes the potential results are worth the risk.

At any given time missionaries in some countries are working with a degree of risk and occasionally the missionaries have no choice but to leave. When the missionaries feel led of God to stay, concerned Southern Baptists sometimes question whether the board should allow its missionaries to remain in places of risk, Parks declared.

"I simply remind us that the stakes we are seeking to gain are more valuable than anything else God has created," he stated. "Jesus defined one soul as of greater value than the entire created universe."

He reiterated the board has a policy it will not pay ransom if any of its representatives are taken hostage—"not because we do not value the individual taken hostage but because we do value all our missionaries so much we would not dare jeopardize all the rest in trying to save one.

"With more of the world's nations becoming hostile toward Christianity, Parks said, "I can't help but believe there will be some tough times ahead—that we will face crises we've never faced."

Missions research indicates there are between 60 and 70 nations inaccessible to traditional missionary approaches today, he stated. If trends continue by the year 2000 there could be as many as 100 nations hostile toward the gospel. Their populations would include about 83 percent of the unreached world that Southern Baptists are committed to reach. (BP)

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Jack D. Sanford

# sanford's perspectives

## A hard choice for Kentucky voters

The die is cast and the battle is on.

The victory of Wallace Wilkinson in the primary election last week sets before Kentucky voters a hard choice in the gubernatorial election this fall and demands we take sides, whether we want to or not.

Wilkinson campaigned hard for a lottery instead of increased taxes and there is the rub for all of us who value our Christian conviction and our responsibility as citizens.

Do we, as professed Christians dedicated to a moral lifestyle, vote for a man who would put Kentucky in the gambling business?

Do we bite the bullet and vote for someone who opposes a lottery but would increase our taxes to fund state business?

According to pollsters across the state more than 70 percent of Kentuckians endorse a lottery. Wilkinson has merely reflected what the majority opinion appears to be if the pollsters are correct. The primary vote would indicate the poll takers are right on target since Wilkinson received strong support in every section of the state.

Can a Christian vote for a lottery?

Can Christians endorse a man for public office who says he will fight for a lottery as the best way to fund state programs?

Will Baptists particularly endorse a lottery as the way to run the state and compromise what we have held to be a biblical lifestyle free from gambling?

These are hard questions and only time will give us the answers. In the meantime, consider:

No one wants his taxes increased, but more money is needed in the state. Where does the money come from? Will we vote ourselves into the gambling business by endorsing a lottery as the

way to get additional money? Or will we vote to increase our own taxes to support government programs and services by voting for someone who does not favor a lottery?

The results of the primary election seem to say, yes, Kentuckians want a lottery and are willing to elect people to public office who will give them what they want, even though the experience of states with our demographics have proven lotteries are not the answer.

This endorsement of an avowed lottery supporter is hard to understand since many churches, several associations and practically all our Baptist leaders have spoken out against a lottery. This is very strange because Baptists constitute the largest evangelical religious group in the state. Apparently many Baptists voted for the lottery when they went to the polls last Tuesday and cast a vote for Wilkinson.

It remains to be seen who will be elected to the highest office in the state this fall. But for now the lines seem clearly drawn on at least one issue. The Democratic candidate will be a man who has declared his intent to push for a lottery as the best means of financing state government. The Republican candidate may also find this the most expedient path to follow. If so, we will have no choice in November. We will either have to vote for gambling or not vote at all. Either way we lose.

As it stands now all of us are called upon to examine our own conscience and determine whether or not we can support anyone who would establish a lottery in our state, regardless of the political party label of the candidate.

It is a hard choice but it is what we face and it is what we must deal with now. Speculation is over, reality is here and we must face up to it.

## Madisonville plans special days in June

James Madison Days will be celebrated in Madisonville, Kentucky June 19-27.

Included in the activities in celebration of the bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution will be a patriotic rally with James Dunn, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, as principal speaker. Dunn is probably the most outspoken supporter of the separation of church and state in the Baptist family today and has distinguished himself in his leadership position in Washington.

Also planned are an antique car show, gospel sing, fish fry, talent contest, country band duel, ice cream party, an appearance by the Fort Campbell Band, dramatic presentations by the Footlight Players, numerous sporting events and contests and a day-long "James Madison Symposium" in the First Baptist Church, June 19. It sounds like an old-fashioned county fair to celebrate the greatest document in existence except the Bible.

The town of Madisonville honors its namesake for his many contributions to America. Surely all Baptists will want to take note of this event and

remember James Madison for the contribution he made to the concept of religious liberty and his belief in the restraints of government which were written into the Constitution.

Through the influence and tireless efforts of Madison, Thomas Jefferson was able to incorporate the principles of religious freedom into the document which forms the basis of our nation's governmental system. To these men we Baptists are grateful.

It is a special honor to Kentucky Baptists that one of our own has been chosen to highlight the patriotic celebration and that one of the great churches in our convention has been chosen as the site for the James Madison Symposium.

We rejoice with James Dunn on the opportunity given him to speak in our state a word of support of religious freedom. We rejoice with Pastor H. Garrison Coltharp and the people of First Baptist Church that they were chosen and were willing to accept the honor of hosting such a momentous event.

A tip of the hat to the people of Madisonville for planning such an exciting summertime celebration.

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## Alliance talks 'supplement' not 'split' from SBC

Southern Baptist Alliance members talked more of supplementing the work of their denomination than splitting from it during their first national meeting May 14-15 at Meridith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Widely criticized as a potential vehicle that could carry disgruntled moderates out of the Southern Baptist Convention, the alliance voted without dissent to create four task forces to look into "problem" areas of Southern Baptist life. Three of those can have direct impact on denominational organizations:

1. Educational literature. The alliance forces will study the feasibility of producing Christian educational materials to be used within local congregations. If developed, these products would be in direct competition with materials produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

2. Women in ministry. This task force particularly will study ways the alliance can help mission churches who call women as pastors.

3. Religious liberty. This group will work to secure separation of church and state from encroachment by both religious groups and government. This endeavor currently is the responsibility of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a coalition of nine Baptist bodies, including the SBC. The BJCPA has been under fire from conservative Southern Baptists, particularly for not opposing the School Prayer Amendment and for not supporting anti-abortion measures.

4. Placement. This service will help like-minded ministers locate in congregations which generally share the al-

liance's views. It also will help moderate Southern Baptists who move to locate sympathetic congregations in their new home communities.

Unlike the other three task forces, the placement group does not overlap responsibilities with any Southern Baptist organization. Alliance members affirm its value, however, citing the need for "networking" among ministers and laypeople seeking to affiliate with Southern Baptists of similar viewpoints.

The alliance's four officers, selected by the founding temporary board of directors this spring, were elected to one-year terms. They are Henry Crouch, pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., president; Susan Lockwood

Wright, pastor, Cornell Baptist Church, Chicago, first vice president; Richard Grooves, pastor, Wake Forest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., secretary; and Bruce Morgan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., treasurer.

A constitution and bylaws for the new organization was approved without dissent. Alliance members gathered in state or regional groups to select members for the organization's first permanent board and to make plans for organizing the alliance on state or regional levels.

The alliance has 800 individual members from 28 states, Crouch said, noting 70 percent of those members are laypeople.(BP)

## Moderates criticize Rogers' appointments

Nearly two-thirds of the members named to a key Southern Baptist Convention committee by SBC President Adrian P. Rogers are aligned with the fundamental-conservative faction, three Southern Baptist moderate-conservative leaders have charged.

The 1987 Committee on Committees includes only one identifiable moderate-conservative, but 43 identifiable fundamental-conservatives, one leader claimed during a news conference in Richmond, Va., May 20.

James H. Slatton, pastor of River Road Baptist Church, Richmond, told reporters the 66 persons appointed to the Committee on Committees include one moderate-conservative, 43 fundamental-conservatives, 11 "non-aligned" members, six persons the group was unable to check and five persons who reportedly are unknown to leadership in the state from which they come.

Slatton was joined in the news conference by Norman Cavender, a layman from Claxton, Ga., and John H. Jeffers, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala., in announcing the results of an informal survey of the 66-member committee.

Slatton said, "We had been hoping against hope that there would be in Rogers' appointments this year a move away from politics, a move toward including people rather than trying to shut them out. We expected a preponderance of fundamentalists, but not a committee with only one identifiable moderate."

## Bullitt Co. RA wins 'Speak-Out' contest

Tony Carney, Mt. Washington, recently won the state Baptist Pioneer II Royal Ambassador Missions Speak-Out Contest.

Carney, a member of Kings Baptist Church, Taylorsville, spoke on sharing Christ with others. "The main idea in my speech is, what convinces people the most that you are a Christian is the way you live your life, not what you say. I try to be a good example that influences people," comments Carney.

He won a certificate and scholarship, along with an expense-paid trip to the Brotherhood convention Oct. 1-2, where he will deliver the speech again. A video tape of his speech was sent to Memphis, Tenn., for the national competition this month.

Carney is a member of the Don Jones Pioneer Royal Ambassador Chapter in his church. "Royal Ambassadors taught me how to relate to other people and

Rogers told Baptist Press, "These appointments have been carefully selected from loyal, active, and qualified Southern Baptists."

"The churches from which they have been selected have an average Cooperative Program percentage of over 12 percent and the pastors have an average tenure of over 11 years," he said. "Many of these selected are direct recommendations of state executive secretaries, and many others have been approved by these executive secretaries. Still others were chosen from recommendations that came from the broad spectrum of denominational life."

"These appointments have been made in consultation with the two vice presidents. I have every confidence these good and quality people will serve Southern Baptists well," Rogers added.(BP)

## FMB trustees regret lack of women

Trustees of the Foreign Mission Board voted May 20 to express "regret" no women have been slated for nomination for election to the board at the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention and to ask the SBC Executive Committee to "note this inequality in future years" and address it.

Mary Strauss, who completed her second and final term as a Foreign Mission Board trustee at the May meeting in

## Registration set for 28,000 messengers

Some 400 volunteers will be on hand in St. Louis June 14-18 to help register an estimated 28,000 messengers expected to attend the 1987 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Our goal is that every messenger be registered in approximately five minutes," said Lee Porter, Nashville, the SBC's registration secretary. Registration will open at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 14, in the registration area on the second floor of the Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis. Registration will close at 9:30 p.m. Sunday. It will continue from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (June 15-17) and from 8 a.m. until the close of the convention at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Porter said persons wishing to register should have the registration cards, available from state convention executive officers, and, in some states, from associational directors of missions. The cards should provide the necessary information and be signed by either the moderator or the clerk of the congregation.

Porter added that only messengers may register.

Messengers will receive a messenger badge, which will allow them to enter the convention hall. Messengers also will receive ballots to be used in voting. "These are to be used only by the registered messenger and are not to be given to anyone else. The convention prohibits proxy voting," Porter said.(BP)

## Texan to nominate Jackson as president

A Texas pastor, Charles Redmond of Sulphur Springs, says he will nominate Richard Jackson for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention when the SBC holds its annual meeting June 16-18.

Redmond told the Baptist Standard, newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, in mid-May he decided to nominate Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church after reading in the Standard April 19 that Jackson had indicated he would serve if asked.

"For the past two years, perhaps three, I have prayed that God would raise up someone who would be a new person to guide and lead us," Redmond said. "I really feel that Richard Jackson represents the mainstream of Southern Baptists and will give a balance of leadership that will represent the majority of us."

Jackson, who in April told Baptist Press he believes the office of the presidency of the SBC should seek the man, not the man the office, said he is "not a candidate for anything," but will allow the nomination. "If anybody feels I can help the denomination and wants to nominate me, they have my permission," he said at the time. He added he would not give individuals permission, but "anyone" who wished to nominate him had the "freedom" to do it.

Redmond, who has been pastor of Sulphur Springs First Baptist Church for seven years, is pastor of the church where Jackson served from 1964-67, prior to accepting the pastorate of the Phoenix congregation.(BP)

Richmond, made the motion after reading the list of nine pastors and one full time evangelist who will be nominated to the agency by the Southern Baptist Committee on Boards in June.

"I stand before you as a member of a vanishing species—a woman serving on one of the Southern Baptist Convention's boards or agencies," Strauss told her fellow trustees. "The women of this denomination are beginning to feel disenfranchised, second-class and second-rate as they continue to be bypassed for positions of leadership."

Since the April 28 Baptist Press news release she based her comments on, another pastor has been nominated to the Foreign Mission Board. Two vacancies are yet to be filled. Ten women elected in earlier years remain on the 85-member board.

The Committee on Boards will suggest 142 new trustees and 104 renominations to messengers to the SBC annual meeting. Currently there are 892 people serving on the governing boards of 24 Southern Baptist entities. Annually about one-fourth of the trustee terms expire and one-half of those are people eligible for reappointment.

Nine women were included in the April committee report, including one each on the Executive Committee, the Sunday School Board, the Annuity Board, the Radio-Television Commission and, pending a bylaw change, the Public Affairs Committee. The Historical Commission and the Christian Life Commission each had two women nominees listed.(BP)

# baptist forum

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## Las Vegas needs Baptist witness

In reading Western Recorder I noticed objections to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. in 1989. I must say, when I first learned of the plans to meet there, I was somewhat surprised but my reaction was not negative.

I have recently returned from Las Vegas where I was a speaker for the World Missions Conference conducted by the Southern Nevada Baptist Association. I spoke in 10 churches and found people almost oblivious to the gambling side of Las Vegas, but most concerned about the lost in that city where approximately two-thirds of Nevada's population lives.

The SBC annual meeting has become so large that few cities can accommodate an influx of 40,000 people. Las Vegas will have no trouble accommodating the messengers with rooms and food.

The main objection seems to be the gambling in the city and that some messengers would be enticed to gamble. As one minister said, "If a Baptist will gamble here he would gamble at home."

Baptists in this part of our convention need encouragement and our meeting there will be most helpful.

Bob Covington  
Fulton

## Presidents contradict Glorieta

Many on either side of the SBC controversy rejoiced when the Glorieta statement by the seminary presidents accepted the Baptist Faith and Message, which says the Bible is truth without any mixture of error.

Since then the seminarians make clear they reserve the right to teach as they wish in their institutions, a blatant contradiction, a gigantic loophole, that permits instructors to continue denying the virgin birth, eternal security, *et cetera*.

That calls to mind the story of the dying saint whose pastor called to see him, offered to read and pray with the aged patient, who handed his Bible to the visitor. The minister leafed through it and asked, "Don't you have a better one?" "No," replied the old gentleman. "When you said something was untrue I tore it out. That's all that's left."

It remains pure and simple, not politics, but a question of theology.

Mrs. Edgar R. May  
Langley

## Pastor urges SBA, KBA to disband

It was with great concern that I heard of the organization of an official group of Southern Baptists calling themselves the Southern Baptist Alliance. You can imagine my deeper shock upon learning that some in our own state had officially organized under the title Kentucky Baptist Alliance.

A few weeks after hearing of the KBA I received a letter from James Watkins, encouraging me to become a part of this new group. I feel it is important for me to express two important reasons why I will not become a part of the SBA or the KBA.

In the first place, I am already a part of several alliances: the Poplar Grove Baptist Church, the Ten Mile Baptist Association, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. I am supportive of each of these alliances and feel another is unnecessary.

Secondly, I do not wish to be a part of a splinter group whose organizational purpose seems to be to create a separate system to promote their own agenda.

I would urge the members of the SBA and KBA to disband and work within the system already in place in our convention.

Timothy L. Waits, pastor  
Poplar Grove Baptist Church  
Glencoe

## No 'official interpreter' needed

At the Inerrancy Conference I heard speculation in the corridor that there may be an effort at the Southern Baptist Convention this year to establish an "official" interpretation of Article I (Scriptures) of the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

This speculation centered around the statement the Bible "has . . . truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter."

There are many reasons why Southern Baptists, in my opinion, should not adopt or impose an "official" interpretation—including the following:

1. If Southern Baptists believe one has a right to interpret God-inspired Scriptures for himself or herself, they should also trust one to interpret a man-made confession.

2. The quoted language has served Baptists well since the New Hampshire Confession first used it in 1833. It has served Southern Baptists well since the convention adopted it in 1925 and 1963, and reaffirmed it in 1981. For over 150 years there has been no "official" interpretation. We don't need one now.

3. Any "official" interpretation would tend to supplant what it purports to explain, thus moving Southern Baptists away from our historic language to some new language.

4. As the convention stated in 1925 and 1963, and reaffirmed in 1981, "confessions are only guides in interpretation," and "the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the Scriptures." "Official" interpretations take on a different character.

5. Southern Baptists should not go the way of Roman Catholicism in establishing an "official" interpretation of the Bible—the magisterium, consisting of bishops, with the pope as the ultimate interpreter. If we perceive error in Roman Catholicism's way of pursuing truth, we should avoid moving toward anything which requires "official" interpreters or, ultimately, one interpreter.

G. Hugh Wamble  
Kansas City, Mo.

## Dramatist lauds Kentucky WMU

It was my privilege to speak at the annual WMU meeting held in Elizabethtown recently. I was honored to be on the platform with our national president Marjorie McCollough, as well as missionaries like Bill Marshall and many other servants of God. That was quite an impressive program put together by Peggy Hicks and Dee Gilliland! They make a great team with the support of their wonderful staff. You are indeed fortunate to have them.

Miss Lottie Moon may have chosen to work in Kentucky after the Civil War because it was a border state, but there was nothing borderline about the hospitality of Severns Valley Baptist Church, pastored by J. Howard Cobble. He and his staff, hostesses and hosts could not have been more helpful. They worked like slaves with a wonderful spirit of service.

I knew that I would have a good time in Kentucky, but the WMU ladies overwhelmed me with their gracious compliments and tremendous response, making my experience far more memorable than I ever expected. I certainly look forward to returning to Kentucky with Miss Eliza Broadus, Miss Lottie Moon, Miss Annie Armstrong and my other special friends.

Freddie Marcia Neel  
Nashville

## Let God lead you; read Bible

The Bible is God's word. The devil tells people it is not God's word. All the way from creation the devil said it was not God's word and you don't have to do it.

Read the New Testament about Christ's teaching.

Paul, Peter and others preached Christ's teaching in places. The people accepted it and worked together as one group. When they left for other places, the ones with the devil leading them taught against Christ's teachings and tore the people apart.

We are doing the same thing in our convention. Everyone will have to answer to the Lord for his teaching.

Are you letting God or the devil lead you?

Please ask the Lord to draw you closer together in his work. The devil is taking over our country too fast.

Ella H. Hollander  
Louisville

## viewpoint

by Karen Smith,  
Assistant Professor of Church  
History, Southern Seminary

The Joint annual meeting of the Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Commission was held on April 21-22 at the WMU National headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. The Society has always tried to plan its meetings to discuss topics which are timely and pertinent to SBC life today and this year was no different. The theme for the meeting was "Women in Southern Baptist History."

I was glad to have the opportunity to attend the meeting this year. It was planned in conjunction with the celebration of the Woman's Missionary Union centennial in 1988 and the work and ministry of women through that organization was especially noted. As the ministry of women in and outside the Woman's Missionary Union was discussed, I recalled the many women who have encouraged me to seek God's will for my life and then demonstrated by word and deed their commitment to God and to the church. As a member of the Girl's Auxiliary I learned the importance of telling others the Good News of the gospel, though no one told me at the time that Southern Baptists place restrictions on the way women may proclaim God's love.

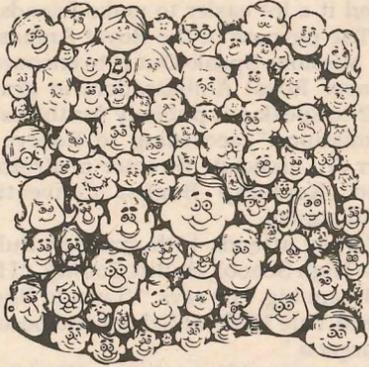
In a denomination where women were excluded from serving as voting messengers until 1918 and the

first presentation by a woman on the convention floor was not until 1929 (men read the WMU reports to the convention for the first 40 years of its existence), it is hard to believe that an entire meeting of the historical society could be given over to the history of women in the denomination. However, for me the meeting was significant not simply because "the role of women" was discussed, but more importantly because it provided an opportunity for men and women representing the varied and diverse viewpoints toward women in ministry within the denomination to meet together. No attempt was made to coerce participants to accept a particular viewpoint, but there was opportunity for discussion and reflection.

As we prepare to celebrate the centennial of WMU in 1988 perhaps this would be a good time for each local church and association to focus on the ministry of women in our denomination. Work groups could be organized which would include men and women in their own particular church and association. Discussion should include topics such as the leadership of women as deacons and pastors and church staff members.

What better way to celebrate the very fine work of the WMU and to recognize all women past and present who have contributed so much to our Southern Baptist life than to consider again the gifts women have to offer through ministry in every area of church life.

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# baptist news in brief



In the library of the American Bible Society in New York, Dan Eules (l), Director, Promotion Department, and Oscar I. Romo, Director, Language Missions Division, of the Home Mission Board, inspect an authentic replica of Johann Gutenberg's press on which in 1456 the world's first printed Bible was produced.

## Jackson steps aside on 'Baptist Hour'

Richard Jackson has been replaced as the preacher of the Baptist Hour, aired on the ACTS television network, until after the Southern Baptist Convention, June 16-18, because of speculation he will be nominated for president of the SBC.

Jackson, who has been the Baptist Hour preacher since the program became part of the ACTS format in March of 1986, said he requested the change to avoid any criticism of ACTS or the Radio and Television Commission.

Two Baptist Hour programs are telecast by ACTS. Jackson preached for the evening program broadcast each Sun-

day at 9 p.m. central time; Peter James Flamming, pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., preached for the other broadcast, at noon Central time.

Jackson will be replaced by Joe Ford, co-pastor of the North Phoenix congregation.

Of Jackson's decision, RTVC and ACTS President Jimmy R. Allen said: "I am pleased that Richard Jackson has the kind of integrity that allows him to step aside as the speaker on the Baptist Hour while he is being discussed as a possible candidate for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Texas house rejects lottery referendum

Gambling opponents won an important battle when the Texas House of Representatives rejected a proposed state lottery May 14, but a Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission spokesman warned the fight is not over.

The lottery bill by Rep. Ron Wilson of Houston called for a constitutional amendment to do away with Texas' 142-year ban on lotteries. In addition to two-thirds approval in the House, the proposal needed Senate passage and voter approval in a statewide referendum. In the House, lottery proponents tallied only 72 of a needed 100 votes, while opponents registered 73 votes to kill the measure.

"We were enormously pleased with the vote outcome," said Phil Strickland, director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. He said a motion to reconsider is possible in the regular session, which is scheduled to end May 27, but not likely. The motion would have to be initiated by a legislator who originally voted against the proposal. A simple majority vote could then approve reconsideration of the lottery, but the bill would still need a two-thirds majority on the final vote.

Sources in Austin have said that a special session appears increasingly probable as Texas lawmakers struggle to adopt a balanced budget during a time of drastically decreased revenues from

oil, gas and agribusiness.

"We consider the lottery to be a priority," Strickland said. "The lottery is bad public policy, and I feel Texas Baptists share this concern about turning their state into a bookmaker and giving the state a vested interest in making as many gamblers and as many losers as it can. That is not responsible taxation, and that is not responsible government."

## 363 children win Bible drill titles

This spring 393 children won state titles in the State Children's Bible Drills, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training Department. This year 431 children participated, a 16 percent increase from 1986.

State winners are those who completed the drills with four or fewer mistakes. Sixty-one participants received plaques for becoming state winners for three consecutive years.

The state competition is open to children in Southern Baptist churches who have won Bible drills at the church and associational level. They must be 9 to 11 years old or in grades four through six. The purpose of the drill is to help children increase in knowledge of the Bible and develop memory skills.(KBC)

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### St. Louis blues

We Southern Baptists must be having a love affair with Missouri. Our gathering there June 16-18 is the 14th time we've met in the Show Me State this century. It will be our eighth meeting in St. Louis this century, more than anywhere else.

Many will remember our last visit there, in 1980. We were one year into the fray. It was about as dismal a meeting as I recall. The battle lines were drawn: it was "them" vs. "us," the "establishment" attacked by the "new right," the "moderate" and "fundamentalist" labels were applied and there was vigorous determination to ferret out Baptists who didn't believe in inspiration of scripture.

Sadly, I recall 1980 as the ugliest demonstration of Baptist behavior I ever saw. People of both persuasions hooted and howled, chanted, ridiculed and booed speakers they disagreed with; they stomped their feet, stood and thunderously applauded those they liked.

Some accomplishments that year:

- Bailey Smith won over five opponents on the first ballot for president, succeeding Adrian Rogers.

- 13,808 registered as messengers. While this year's crowd isn't expected to come close to 40,000 plus the last two years, 13,808 looks puny now.

- Joyce Rogers, Adrian's wife, said Rogers allowed his name to be placed in nomination a year earlier to speak for inerrancy of the scriptures. "He has accomplished what he wanted," she added.

- New rules for accrediting messengers were applied after voting irregularities in 1979. Each messenger was required to register in person. Voting by proxy was disallowed.

- 46 resolutions were submitted.

- The SBC opposed attempts to "circumvent the Supreme Court's decisions forbidding government-authored or sponsored religious exercises in public schools."

- Two Louisvillians, Claudia and Tom Riner, were disqualified as messengers when the credentials committee contended their church, Logos Baptist, was not a cooperating SBC congregation.

- Second vice president Don Touchton stoked smoldering coals by mailing a letter decrying "creeping liberalism." Touchton sent an eight-page "Cry of Concern" to 8500 pastors, trustees and denominational executives days before the St. Louis meeting.

While apathy is probably the wrong tag to put on moderates' hopes to turn things around, reality has set in. Thousands who appeared at the last two meetings are skipping St. Louis. This assures less friction and larger fundamental-conservative victories, perhaps interpreted as a "mandate" for certain causes.

# christian education

## Georgetown selects scholarship winners

Sixty-three high school students have been selected from 180 candidates to receive Pastor's Christian Leadership Scholarships from Georgetown College for the 1987-88 freshman class, said David Forman, dean of admissions at the school.

Three were singled out to receive half-tuition scholarships from Georgetown College. They are: Kathryn Atchison, Winchester; Doug Morrow, Bedford; and Nancy Van Arsdale, Bowling Green.

According to Forman, "Nominations were received from 13 states and two foreign countries. While most nominees are Baptist, six percent are members of the Christian Church, and five percent are Methodists. Nominations were also received from pastors of Assembly of God, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Catholic churches."

President W. Morgan Patterson stated, "We are beginning to realize a growing national interest in this eight year old program. The quality and versatility of the recipients attracted by it bode well for the college."

All of the scholarship beneficiaries have been active leaders in church, school and community service.

## NOBTS grants diplomas to Kentucky natives

Two Kentuckians received degrees at the May 16 commencement at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.



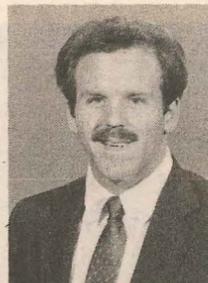
Cobb's home church is Central Baptist, New Orleans, La.



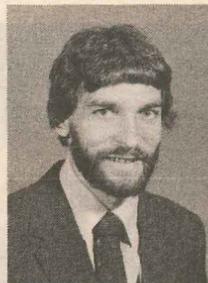
Edward's home church is First Baptist, Hodgenville. He holds the BS degree from Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky.

Bruce Downing Cobb, from Georgetown, Ky., received the MDiv degree. He is married to Trini Lynn Posey of Mobile, Ala., and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Cobb of Chanthaburi, Thailand.

Thomas Randall Edwards of Hodgenville, Ky., received the MDiv degree. He is married to Robbie Formhals of Lyons Station, Ky., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Edwards of Hodgenville, Ky.



Lambert



Brown



Gaddis



Hill

## Cumberland awards degrees, promotions

Cumberland students, faculty and friends received a variety of degrees and awards this spring.

At the May 9 commencement exercises, held in Gatliff Gymnasium, 280 undergraduates and graduate students received diplomas.

John Murdoch Harbert III, chief executive officer and founder of the Harbert Corporation, Birmingham, Ala., received the honorary DDL.

Elmer Whitaker, president of Whitaker Coal Corporation, Hazard, and Whitaker Farms, Inc., Lexington, received the honorary DDL.

Jim Taylor, president of Cumberland College, said, "We are highly honored to recognize these two outstanding individuals for their accomplishments and for their many contributions to all of society. We believe that these two men can be held in high esteem as role models for our Cumberland College students."

Taylor also announced two promotions at the college.

Emily "Cookie" J. Murray Meadors has been promoted to the position of registrar and Lois Wortman has been promoted to head librarian.

Mrs. Meadors earned the BS degree from Cumberland College and the MA degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

She has been assistant registrar since 1981. Prior to that, she was the Admissions Office supervisor from 1972-1981.

Mrs. Wortman earned a BA from Sterling College and the MS in Library Science from the University of Kentucky.

She came to Cumberland as a part time clerk in the circulation department of the library. She was circulation librarian in 1980-81, head reference librarian from 1981-86, and acting library director from 1986 until recently.

LayChoo Lee, a Cumberland College senior from Selangor, Malaysia, has been awarded a graduate teaching assistantship in chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

While a student at Cumberland, Miss Lee completed a normal four-year college program in only two and a half years, majoring in both chemistry and data processing.

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Rogers



Todd

## Southwestern confers degrees on Kentuckians

The largest graduating class in the history of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary included six from Kentucky.

John Curtis Brown received the MARE degree. He is married to Susan Cartwright Brown of Princeton, Ky. After graduation, Brown will be a teacher at Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District in Ft. Worth, Tex.

James Todd Gaddis received the MDiv degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Gaddis of Owensboro, Ky.

Steven Ronald Hill received the MDiv degree. He is married to Joan Faye Brewer of Hodgenville, Ky. Hill will pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Gary Lee Lambert received the MARE degree. He is the son of Irene and the late Clyde Lambert of Cumberland, Ky.

David Eades Rogers received the MDiv degree. He is originally from Kentucky.

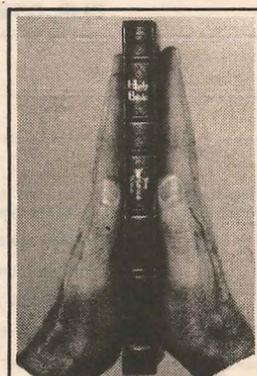
Linda Sue Todd received the MARE degree. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todd, Bowling Green, Ky.

In spring commencement ceremonies May 15, Southwestern graduated three times the number of students enrolled in the average American seminary.

President Russell Dilday conferred 503 degrees, making the spring class Southwestern's largest ever.

Southwestern's spring class included 259 in the school of theology, 206 in the school of religious education and 38 in the school of church music. Twenty-two earned doctoral degrees.

Thomas Corts, president of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., delivered the address on the "mantle of accountability" graduates must carry in ministry.



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# christian education

## Trustees okay budget, add faculty at GGBTS

Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a \$5.7 million budget for 1987-88 and elected two faculty members during their spring meeting in Mill Valley, Calif.

The budget is a 9.1 percent increase over the current budget, president William O. Crews Jr. said.

For 1987-88, CP gifts should total more than \$2.5 million, representing only 44 percent of the budget, Crews noted. The balance will be met through fees and income from other sources. In addition, \$1.2 million is expected to be raised through the seminary's annual fund toward support of the budget.

The current financial status of the seminary was pictured as having suffered from the transition of administrations during the past year. Frank Polard resigned as seminary president in March 1986, and Crews was elected to succeed him in December. The seminary is short \$657,000 in income from its annual fund for the year, which ends July 31.

As a result, the trustees voted to refinance an off-campus 32-unit apartment complex, which trustees were told could bring about \$1 million in equity to be put into an emergency operating general fund. The complex, appraised at more than \$2 million, is expected to be collateral for a \$1.2 million loan.

In other action, trustees unanimously elected Leroy Gainey and Barry A. Stricker to the faculty.

Gainey was named associate professor of religious education. He is the first black trustee-elected, full-time faculty member of a Southern Baptist seminary.

Stricker, son of Jesse Stricker, Kentucky Baptist Convention stewardship director, will be associate professor of theology and Christian philosophy.



Johnson

## Johnson leaves post at Campbellsville

Patricia Ann Johnson has resigned her position as assistant professor in education at Campbellsville College.

She has accepted a position in the Education Department at Pikeville College, where she will teach educational psychology, human growth and development, learning theories and classroom management.

She received her EdD from Northern Illinois University in 1986. She also holds a MA in psychology, a MRE and a BA in secondary education.

## Sames graduates from Southeastern

Jeffrey Alan Sames, Midway, Ky., received the MDiv with languages degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary May 9.

Sames is the son of Joseph and Shirley Sames of Midway. He is a graduate of Woodford County High School and Georgetown College. Sames is married to Michelle Dipboy Sames of Louisville.

He is currently pastor of First Baptist Church, Rowland, N. C.



Sames

## Edwards leaves RTVC for Union University

James W. Edwards, senior vice president for finance of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission, became vice president of academic affairs and dean of Union University, effective June 1.

Edwards, who for three and a half years has been the senior vice president of finance and, for 15 months, chief operating officer of the RTVC, also will be professor of economics and finance in the business department of Union, a 1500 student undergraduate college affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

At the RTVC, he was instrumental in

helping the Ft. Worth, Tex.-based agency launch a national television network, ACTS, and in keeping the fledgling network financially viable during its most critical periods.

Edwards will continue to be a part-time consultant and vice president of development services for the ACTS Satellite Network, a subsidiary of RTVC.

Hiran Barefoot, Union's president, said Edwards will be in charge of the academic program, faculty and curriculum at Union, as well as teaching and helping to establish a business school, which trustees approved in February. (BP)

## \$400,000 gift boosts scholarship fund

Georgetown College is beneficiary of a \$400,000 gift from the estate of the late Jackson B. Morris, Akron, Oh.

Morris, an attorney, was a 1919 alumnus of the college.

"The gift has been added to Georgetown College's endowment fund, where it will provide income for the school's scholarship aid.

"The principal will be invested and only the earnings will be spent," according to president W. Morgan Patterson.

He added, "The college is deeply grateful for this enduring expression which will meet many essential needs of our promising students."

Morris, the donor, had a lifelong interest in Georgetown College, where he "developed many skills" pointing toward a career in law.

## Elderhostel provides taste of college life

Georgetown College will host its seventh annual Elderhostel program this summer and fall, it was announced by Carolyn Hale, dean of student life at the school.

The 1987 summer edition of the educational emphasis for older adults will last four weeks.

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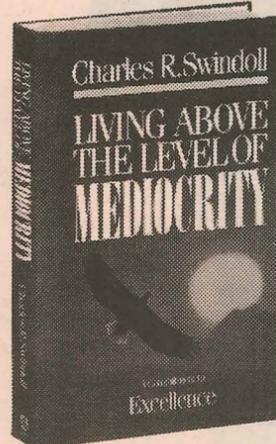


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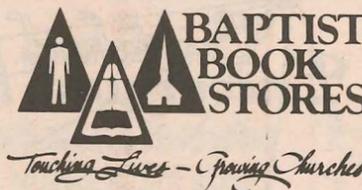
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The expanded Church Annuity Plan, effective Jan. 1, 1988, is administered by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the denomination's official pension agency, which for 69 years has been helping Southern Baptist servants reach their retirement goals.

Many churches are already contributing to their staff members' retirement income accounts in the current Church Annuity Plan. Some churches make the full contribution; others share that responsibility with the staff member.

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In order to give Baptists an opportu-

nity to learn more about the Board's ministry, the Southern Baptist Convention has designated June 28 as Annuity Board Sunday.

June 28 would be a good time for Southern Baptist churches to **recognize and thank the Lord for retired ministers and their widows**. Many of these retirees remain active and effective in ministry, free of worry about financial needs because they—with the help of their churches—made adequate preparation for retirement.

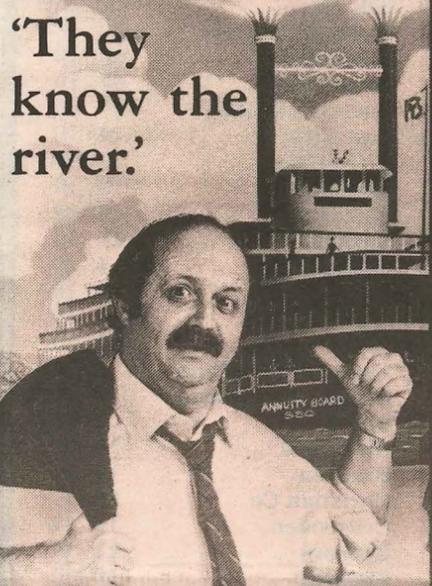
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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$ 67,135,000	37%
Cooperative Program	61,289,000	34
Investment Income	30,007,000	17
Designated and Special Gifts	10,476,000	6
Hunger and Relief	8,503,000	5
Other Income	2,411,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179,821,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

### How it was used

1986		
Missionary Support	\$ 86,212,000	47.9%
Evangelism and Church Development	12,672,000	7.0
Leadership Development	6,021,000	3.3
Media Ministries	2,948,000	1.6
Health Care Ministries	2,542,000	1.4
Human Need Ministries	663,000	.4
General Foreign	6,225,000	3.5
Other Field Activities	7,576,000	4.2
Special Gifts Disbursed	3,034,000	1.7
Hunger and Relief	8,510,000	4.7
Home Administration and Promotion	18,014,000	10.0
Endowment Transfers and Additions to Property Funds	20,542,000	11.4
Funding of Employee Benefits Programs	2,500,000	1.4
Available for Designated Use in Subsequent Year	3,500,000	2.0
Available for Appropriation in Subsequent Year	(1,138,000)	(.5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179,821,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# clear creek comment

## Summertime at Clear Creek

Not too long ago, I was asked, "What do you do at Clear Creek during the summertime?" I'll tell you how I answered this question at the end of this article. Summer is an unusual season. As Shakespeare says, it "hath all too short a date." It is gone on swallow's wings before we know it. It is always hot (the eskimos call it 'the season of inferior sledding') and it always has flies! It is 'the time of year that children slam the door they left open all winter.'

We speak of 'the good old summertime' and 'Summertime and the living is easy.'

*All laborers draw home at even,  
And can to others say,  
Thanks to the gracious God of heaven  
Who sent this summer day.*

Summertime at Clear Creek is a relief from the hectic pace of the year. While we teach three three-week sessions, no professor teaches more than one session. Our students take a lighter load (some work all summer instead) and it is a time for rest and recreation.

We also celebrate during the summer. The joy of the Lord is our strength (Neh. 8:10). We have singings, fellowships and family meals. We spend more family time and sometimes squeeze in a vacation.

We find more time for reading and learning at Clear Creek during the summer. Our 700-acre campus accommodates all kinds of outdoor activities (picnics, nature walks, playing in the creek, fishing) and group sports predominate (volleyball and softball for the youth and adults, little league baseball and T-ball for the kids).

Summer affords new opportunities for us. Some attend the Southern Baptist Convention, others stay 'close to home'. We visit our extended family and friends by letter, phone or in person. We are able to make time and take time for things that are important to us.

Oh yes, my answer to the lady's question. I just smiled and responded, "We keep busy." Indeed, we do! We are remodeling several homes this summer and preparing for a wonderful new school year. Please pray for us at Clear Creek that we will keep busy for the Lord!

## Top Kentucky churches in per capita baptisms

The following is a list of the top churches in the state in per capita baptisms (1985-86) by church, association, recorded baptisms, and per capita ratio:

1. Brushy Fork	Enterprise	50	2	54. Rocky Ridge	Little River	23	9
2. Pink Ridge	Russell Creek	11	2	55. Ellers Memorial	Mercer	34	9
3. Emmanuel	Caldwell-Lyon	12	4	56. Corn Creek	Mt. Zion	7	9
4. Victory	Christian Co.	5	4	57. Watson Chapel	Mt. Zion	25	9
5. South Main	Wayne Co.	13	4	58. Kenton Boo	Northern Ky.	59	9
6. Lewisport, 1st	Blackford	35	5	59. Virgie	Pike	21	9
7. Eastview	Christian Co.	9	5	60. Berean	Severns Valley	20	9
8. Carpenter	East Union	35	5	61. LaGrange Heights	Sulphur Fork	21	9
9. New Life	Graves Co.	44	5	62. Bennetts Fork	Bell Co.	39	10
10. Tidal Wave	Mt. Zion	8	5	63. Old Straight Creek	Bell Co.	7	10
11. Dekoven	Ohio Valley	16	5	64. Hardin	Blood River	32	10
12. Fairview	Union	7	5	65. Lyttleton	Booneville	40	10
13. Charity No. 2	Bell Co.	11	6	66. Macedonia	Booneville	37	10
14. Camp Pleasant	Franklin	63	6	67. Pleasant Memorial	Daviess-McLean	21	10
15. Emmanuel	Laurel River	15	6	68. South Summersville	East Lynn	14	10
16. Stites Station	Long Run	16	6	69. Jack's Creek	Enterprise	7	10
17. Hill Top	McCreary Co.	26	6	70. Wayside	Greenup	12	10
18. Dry Branch	Mercer	19	6	71. Blackburn Ave.	Greenup	9	10
19. Pleasant Run	Rockcastle	11	6	72. Poplar Spring	Liberty	17	10
20. Saloma	Taylor Co.	29	6	73. Shady Grove	Ohio River	7	10
21. Red Bud	Upper Cumberland	10	6	74. Meta	Pike	65	10
22. Garmead	Bell Co.	5	7	75. Faith, 1st	Pike	8	10
23. Jenson	Bell Co.	13	7	76. Oakwood	Union	33	10
24. Martin, 1st	Enterprise	9	7	77. Black Mountain	Upper Cumberland	3	10
25. Topmost	Enterprise	10	7	78. Locust Grove	Upper Cumberland	10	10
26. McDowell, 1st	Enterprise	24	7	79. Tuggleville	Bell Co.	9	11
27. Cornerstone	Mt. Zion	10	7	80. New Springs	Bracken	12	11
28. Waltons Creek	Ohio Co.	18	7	81. Lewisburg	Bracken	15	11
29. Faith	Red River	17	7	82. Oak Grove, 1st	Christian Co.	26	11
30. Tannery Hollow	South Union	13	7	83. Short Creek	Crittenden	16	11
31. Valley View	Tate's Creek	13	7	84. New Hope	Elkhorn	11	11
32. Evarts	Upper Cumberland	55	7	85. Richardon	Greenup	10	11
33. Dunlap	Bell Co.	14	8	86. Van Buren	Long Run	15	11
34. Patesville	Blackford	17	8	87. Merrimac	Lynn Camp	4	11
35. Garrard	Booneville	21	8	88. West Covington	Northern Ky.	12	11
36. Trinity Southern	Crittenden	18	8	89. Feds Creek	Pike	29	11
37. Revelation	Elkhorn	14	8	90. Gilead	Severns Valley	37	11
38. Branham Grove	Freedom	18	8	91. Tunnel Hill	Severns Valley	39	11
39. Fairland	Freedom	10	8	92. First Korean	Severns Valley	28	11
40. Grace Union	Liberty	24	8	93. Emmanuel	Tate's Creek	20	11
41. Olive	Lincoln	15	8	94. Verda, 1st	Upper Cumberland	20	11
42. Trigg Co.	Little River	9	8	95. Putney	Upper Cumberland	7	11
43. Meadow Grové	Mt. Zion	4	8	96. Andrew	Warren	11	11
44. Rockholds, 1st	Mt. Zion	10	8	97. Dedicated	Warren	8	11
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46. Cedar Grove	Simpson	29	8	99. Lerose	Bonneville	6	12
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48. River Ridge	Upper Cumberland	5	8	101. Indian Creek	Casey Co.	6	12
49. Lily Grove	Booneville	8	9	102. Tatesbrook	Elkhorn	18	12
50. Eddyville, 2nd	Caldwell-Lyon	6	9	103. Matytown, 1st	Enterprise	12	12
51. Oak Ridge	Crittenden	15	9	104. Mt. Pleasant	Green Valley	21	12
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## ordinations

**Craig Hunter** was ordained to the ministry by Mossy Gap Baptist Church, East Union Association.

**Mark Webb** was licensed to the ministry May 13 at Harmony Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**Paul Robinson**, minister of education, and **Jeffrey K. Story**, minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, were ordained to the ministry May 3.

Richard Bridges is pastor.

**Tom Ellis**, **David Corum** and **Danny Gamblin** were ordained deacons May 10 at Park Avenue Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

## personnel

**Stanley Williams** was called to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Cannonsburg, Greenup Association.

**Bill Kisner** resigned as minister of youth and activities at First Baptist Church, Lone Oak, West Union Association, to become minister to students at First Baptist Church, Millington, Tenn.

**Rodney Wallace** has been called as associate pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, West Union Association.

**Mike Morris** has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Wickliffe, West Union Association.

**Calvin Hibbard** has been called to pastor Laurel River Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Patrick Elliott** has resigned as associate pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Greenup Association, to become pastor of Spring Valley Church, Huntington, W. Va.

**Clifford Huddleston** resigned as pastor of Sandstone Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

**Lynn Dotson** has been called as associate pastor of East Bernstadt First Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Claude Maggard** has accepted the pastorate of Greenmount Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**John Dodson** has been called to pastor Knob Lick Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association.

**J. R. Bullock** is interim pastor of Wolf Creek Baptist Church, South Union Association.

**Billy Agriopoulos** resigned as pastor of Sinking Valley Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

**Tilmon Bargo** resigned the pastorate of River Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

**Mike Berry** has resigned his position as minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Middletown, Long Run Association.



Mrs. Lasley

Mrs. Chatham

**Margaret Lasley**, Louisville, and **Betty Jean Chatham**, Shelbyville, will be among featured program guests at the Woman's Missionary Union meeting June 14-15 in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Lasley, a missionary associate and director of weekday ministries at the Baptist Fellowship in Louisville, will participate in a missions panel discussion during the two-day meeting.

Mrs. Chatham, a concert pianist and organist who has toured the country, will provide music for the WMU program.

The conference will be a primary event leading up to the celebration of WMU's 100th anniversary May 13-14, 1988, in Richmond, Va.

**Wesley Haley** has resigned as associate pastor in music and youth at Southside

**Wendell Rone Sr.**, a retired pastor from Owensboro, is greeted by **Arthur L. Walker Jr.**, (r) director of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, during the agency's annual meeting in Nashville. Rone, who was elected to the commission during the SBC in Atlanta last June, was attending his first meeting. ABTS commission members also act as trustees of American Baptist College, a black Bible school cosponsored by the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.



Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

## deaths

**Sue McGinnis Ivey** died May 10, in Knoxville, Tenn. after a stroke on Mar. 3.

She was the wife of John A. Ivey, former director of missions for Greenup Association for 23 years. They also served churches in Shelby County, Louisville, Frankfort, Princeton, Hopkinsville and Utica, and Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Marilyn Ivey, Knoxville; two brothers and four sisters, including Ruth Beeler, Pikeville, and Anna Glenn, Guthrie.

Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Knoxville. Memorials may be sent to the student scholarship fund at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.

**Elvis H. Egge**, 78, Corsicana, Tex. died May 12 after a stroke.

He pastored numerous churches in Texas and Kentucky. He was a graduate of Baylor University in Texas and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was professor of Bible philosophy at Georgetown College from 1947-50.

He was vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1956 and was on the executive board for two three-year terms. He was president of the Kentucky Alumni Association of Southern Seminary in 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Huis Coy Egge, Corsicana; a son, Elvis Ford Egge, Houston; a daughter, Martha Egge Prince, Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Velma Farris, Houston; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at First Baptist Church, Corsicana, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to First Baptist Church, Corsicana, for the Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland.

**Norman Lyons**, 21-year-old son of David Lyons, director of missions for Lynn Camp and North Concord Associations, was electrocuted May 24 while helping a friend put up a CB antenna.

Services were held at East Barbourville Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

**Mrs. Howard Colvin**, mother of A. B. Colvin, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, died May 21.

Services were held at Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home, Williamstown, Ky.

**J. W. Hansen**, who pastored Kentucky churches for 64 years, died April 29 at age 80.

He attended Oneida Institute, pastored churches in the Ohio River Association, was pastor at Salem church for 27 years, and at one time was pastor to five churches simultaneously.

His widow, Mrs. J. W. Hansen, resides in the Salem Nursing Home, His son, Maxie Hansen, is pastor of Birdsville Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

## missions

**Gerald and June McNeely**, missionaries to Spain, will furlough in Louisville from June 18 to September 16. Their address is: 10605 Ledbury Ct., Louisville, KY 40243; (502) 244-1460 or (502) 245-0024.



Leonard

## Glimpses of our heritage

by Bill Leonard

### Dinner on the ground

On a summer Sunday in 1942, Stithton Baptist Church held its annual "outing" for friends, members and soldiers. The church, only one mile from the center of Fort Knox, dramatically expanded its ministry to soldiers during the war years. Free will offerings for "camp work" from the Baptist State Board of Missions provided a 61-passenger bus for transporting servicemen to the church.

The church worked closely with chaplains in coordinating ministry to the many men who all too hurriedly passed through the fort on their way to distant fronts. Hundreds of soldiers were transported to the church during the war.

A worship service specifically for soldiers was held each Sunday evening prior to the regular evening worship service. The summer "outing," held on Otter Creek, included Sunday school under the trees, outdoor preaching and,

of course, dinner on the ground. The soldiers' class, made up of chaplains, officers and enlisted men, was particularly well attended. The servicemen were invited to be the church's "guests" for the day. Other visitors from as far away as Texas and Massachusetts were present. At 11 a.m. an outdoor worship service was conducted by the young pastor, Carlyle Marney. Marney, of course, would become one of Southern Baptists' best known preachers.

Following worship, long tables were spread with mounds of fried chicken, assorted salads, pies, cakes and "plenty of ice cold lemonade." One participant noted that "this part of the day, most heartily entered into, was made possible by the planning and preparation of the Woman's Missionary Society." After lunch, the children played games or waded in Otter Creek while the adults visited together and "were just good neighbors again."

A Mr. Williams, 87 years old, recalled another war when Morgan's raiders

came storming into Kentucky. He recounted numerous details of the Civil War from his own childhood memories. "Swinging his cane, he moved from group to group," one church member reported.

C. L. Nicely, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vine Grove and former pastor at the Stithton Church, led a vesper service, concluding an entire day with "a wonderful message to the host assembled." Writing of the occasion, Mrs. Sallie Brown observed: "Surely all will want to live a better life after hearing such messages, and enjoying for a whole day the sweet fellowship of old friends."

There seems something very sane about that day in a congregation full of soldiers in the middle of a terrible war. For however brief the time, a congregation of Kentucky Baptists provided fellowship, worship, community and "plenty of ice cold lemonade" for people torn apart by the reality of war. It was a moment of grace amid chaos. What better sign of the Good News?

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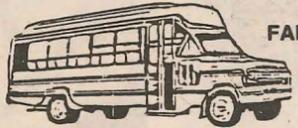
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Red River Association has only eight Kentucky Baptist churches, covering the area of Powell, Menifee, Morgan, Wolfe, Lee and Breathitt counties. But the people have a mind to help children.

Ray Rogers, a businessman at Stanton, and Mrs. Pam Drake, of Stanton, assumed major leadership for the campaign. They personally have gone to most of the churches to tell the story of Baptist Homes for Children. The director of missions, Ray Redden, all pastors and many lay people have joined hands to help one another help children.

A dinner was held at Natural Bridge State Park on May 21. It was well attended with enthusiastic people who are determined to help each other help children. Our friends of children left the dinner meeting committed to make a sacrifice to be a part of the Beyond This Time endowment campaign. They also are committed to encourage others to help minister to children.

God bless Red River Association for showing us how to help each other help children.

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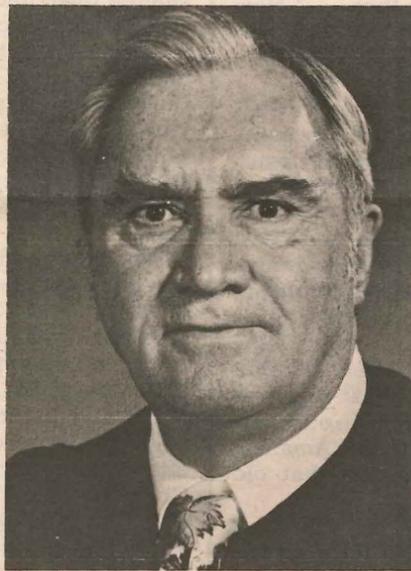
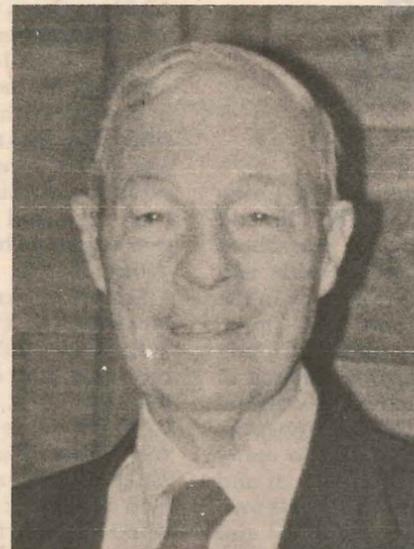
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## oneida journal

### Useful lives

Several hundred friends of Dr. Caleb Hung Yi Chu and Dr. Priscilla Chu had a potluck dinner together in our school dining room recently. Fifty years ago this year Hung Yi was a houseboy in the household of the president of China, Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. For his faithfulness, Hung Yi was rewarded with a medical education. Becoming a Christian, he was given the name of Caleb. He ministered to many wounded in the war against Japan and subsequently the communists of his own country. He was on their death list and fled with the nationalists to Taiwan.

The Lord led him and his wife Rebecca, a registered nurse, to our village of Oneida and the Oneida Mountain Hospital in 1956. Dr. Chu was the only surgeon in our county for 15 years. My mother was one of his first three nurses. He became known as "The Little Doctor" and was honored on the nationally broadcast Ralph Edwards' show "This Is Your Life" in 1959. His much loved wife, Rebecca, was killed in a car wreck near Oneida in 1964. In 1968 he returned to Taiwan to marry a medical doctor, Dr. Priscilla Chu, who has worked at his side since.

The Chus are active friends and financial supporters of the work of our school. Theirs is a well-earned retirement from medical practice.

On the morning after the Chu dinner, several of our school staff and I worshipped in the Manchester Baptist Church. That congregation is filled with generous friends of our Oneida work. We went to hear a 20-year-old converted Moslem preach. "Butch" Canner's father is of

Turkish descent but his mother is Swedish and he was born in Sweden. Born into the family of God through his faith in Christ, "Butch" has a tremendous testimony.

Accompanying our Oneida group was Amir, a graduate of our school who has now finished one year of college. Fluent in three languages, on the dean's list of Cumberland College, Amir accepted Christ last fall. Daily hearing the gospel preached while a student in our school, he accepted Christ several weeks after going to college. He wrote me and I was privileged to be present for his baptism.

A blood descendant of the prophet Mohammed of the Moslem faith, he is descended from generations of Moslems. Amir was born while I served as a Peace Corps volunteer for six years in Gonbad Kavous, Iran. I knew him while he was a baby in his mother's arms. I have been in contact with his family all the years since. It makes me very happy that I was one of God's instruments leading to the salvation of this wonderful young man. I am sure God is preparing Amir for a great work as he is so many of Oneida's young people.

Seated by Amir, converted from the Moslem faith, I recalled looking into the eyes of our 1987 class as they sang after receiving their diplomas: "Take my life, lead me Lord, Make my life useful to thee; Teach me Lord, Make my life useful to thee; Here am I, send me Lord, Make my life useful for thee..." How God does work, in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform when we allow ourselves to be used of him.

In early afternoon, we traveled to Sexton's Creek to a spot hallowed by many baptisms, to see Dennie Campbell, principal of Manchester Elementary School and nearing retirement, baptized. A 1939 Oneida graduate, he married a first cousin of mine who died three years ago. I'm sure Catherine was smiling from her heavenly home. His second wife is Oneida's beloved "Miss Imy." She taught me and two generations of other Oneidians. Also my first year as president of Oneida, she returned to our campus to serve as dean of girls. "Amazing Grace" sang the crowd and that old hymn says it all.

Then we drove past a spot where I went nearly 40 years ago for a picnic, old Dolly pulling the family wagon. From there we drove to my family's cemetery where four generations of loved ones are buried. I placed flowers on my brother's grave, and visited assembled relatives near the old homeplace.

It was a full and pleasant day.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JUNE 7, 1987

### Life and Work Series

#### Peter, willing to change

**Acts 10:9-16** Because Peter was so prejudiced against Gentiles that he considered them unclean, it became necessary for God to convince him he should go beyond the barriers of nationality and minister to Cornelius. Peter went to the housetop to pray. There he fell into a trance. He beheld a vision, the purpose of which was to convince Peter the Gentiles were admissible to the privileges of Christianity, as certainly as were the Jews.

When the Lord said: "Rise, Peter, kill, and eat," the apostle protested saying, "Not so, Lord." Peter's refusal to obey the divine command was due to his natural inclination and opposition to preaching to the Gentiles, who were not of his kind. In those strange words, "Not so, Lord," is an odd jumble of self-will and reverence. If a Christian gives Christ his title, he should not deny him his rights. At the house of Cornelius, Peter told those awaiting his arrival of his former prejudices, and then confessed he had learned "God is no respecter of persons," but saves both Jews and Gentiles.

**Acts 10:28, 34-35** Peter acknowledged he had been convinced God would not justify a guilty Jew simply because he was a Jew, and he would not refuse

a Gentile a place in his fellowship simply because he was a Gentile. The gospel of Christ was and is for all, regardless of race or clime. No race or group is to be treated contemptuously by any follower of Christ.

Peter deserved commendation because of his willingness to change when the Lord revealed to him that he should do so. We, too, should be willing to change our opinions when they are contrary to his teachings.

### International Series

#### Paul and the Romans

**Romans 1:1-7** In Romans 1:1 Paul made three statements about himself. First, he rejoiced in the privilege of being a bondservant of Jesus Christ. A bondservant should be ready to go where the Lord sends, do what he commands, and proclaim what the Lord is and has done.

Second, Paul received a divine call to be an apostle.

Third, he was separated from the world to the glorious ministry of Christ. Paul recognized he had been saved and set apart by God to preach the good news that God is striving to save men from doom.

**Romans 1:8-15** Paul declared his desire to visit the Christians in Rome that he might impart to them spiritual help. He was convinced a visit would be mutually beneficial. He believed that, if he were permitted to go to Rome, he could reach people in all parts of the empire with the gospel. Paul did not hesitate to acknowledge his indebtedness to all without respect to color, character or condition of life.

**Romans 1:16-17** Concerning the only available resources for meeting his spiritual obligation, Paul wrote: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." The facts which constitute the gospel are—Christ died for our sins, was buried, and arose from the grave. These facts should increase our faith in Christ, our love for him, and our devotion to him.

The power, purpose and product of the gospel kept Paul from being ashamed of it and should prevent us from being ashamed of it. When any God-called man preaches the gospel of Christ in love, the Holy Spirit will use his message to convict the unsaved of their sins and persuade them to repent toward God and to believe on Christ.



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## on mission together

### Last of a thousand lunches

Most any weekday morning, Alice will have been in the kitchen 20 minutes before Shawn and I make our way there.

Sipping her coffee, she is usually half-through the paper by the time we join her at the table.

But Monday, May 25, was to be different. As I poured grapenuts and rounded out a mug of hot coffee, Alice was still at the counter working on Shawn's lunch.

"Aren't you going to sit down with me?" I asked. After a long pause, she replied, "This is the last lunch I'll fix for Shawn." Then, another pause.

I got up again from the table and knew from her eyes that she wasn't saying that

gladly. She was trying not to cry but I was no help at all. We hugged and cried as silently as we could.

We scrambled as Shawn came in but she was still too much in that early morning stupor to notice.

There she sat—18, and in a few days, a high school graduate.

The same girl who at 18 months, in Beirut, Lebanon, experienced the first of three major surgeries before she was six. She seldom talks of that now. But her mother will always remember those five weeks at American University Hospital, rarely leaving the room where her tiny daughter struggled to recover. And it was this same mother who was always there, twice more, when surgery was essential. The same mother who watched a now-strong, beautiful young woman win most of her high school tennis matches. Whatever bond is born between mothers and daughters, this one is strong and sure.

"Well, Shawn," I said, "this is your last full day of school and Mom just

fixed your last lunch." She looked at me and said, "Daddy, you're not going to get sentimental this morning, are you?" I backed off.

I would have missed the occasion. It was her mother, not I, who had lovingly prepared over a thousand lunches in the course of Shawn's life. And this was the last.

In a few minutes, Shawn was back upstairs, putting on a girl's finishing touches. Alice walked to the front hall, and as she has done for the four years we've lived in Shelbyville, placed the brown paper sack by the door.

Inside the sack—a ham sandwich, an apple, and a piece of German chocolate cake. Later Shawn would find inside something else—a note from her mother. Included in the note: "Train up a child in the way she should go and when she is old, she will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6)

I have the feeling that God tucked himself inside that brown paper sack that day.

# Kentucky Baptist Convention celebrates 150 years of ministry

While all Kentuckians celebrate the Commonwealth's 200th anniversary, Kentucky Baptists will celebrate another anniversary: 150 years of organized cooperation in Christian ministry. In 1837, the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, now called the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was formed. Since then, the denomination has grown from 500 to almost 2300 churches. Membership has jumped from 35,000 to nearly 800,000. But the Convention developed amid great conflict.

In the early 1800s Alexander Campbell, a convert to the Baptist denomination, published a newspaper that was widely circulated in Kentucky. It slowly became apparent that Campbell was using the paper to attack everything practiced by the Baptists which had no biblical mandate, such as Sunday schools, paid ministry and missionary work.

## 'All things' adapted as witnessing tools

by Ken Perkins

What do oxen, rabbits, grain, metal freight containers and Bibles have in common?

They are all ways and means missionaries use to share the love of Christ.

Humility and joy returned with me from a recent trip to Harare, Zimbabwe, where I attended a conference with missionaries from 19 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa.

My dad used to say there are many ways to skin a cat and many in the Southern Baptist missionary family have taken that saying to heart. To hear and see the diverse ways the primary goal of sharing Christ with the lost, lonely—and oftentimes hungry—people is being accomplished is both heartwarming and humbling.

Take the crates in Kenya. Faced with a critical shortage of meeting space a missionary is taking 8-by-20 steel sea shipping containers, cutting openings in them and stacking them like so many building blocks to form structures that numerous small fellowships are meeting in for Bible study and worship.

Or the grain in Ethiopia. While "traditional" missionaries are not allowed into the country by the government, Christian agriculturalists, veterinarians and nurses are teaching folks there more productive ways to raise cattle, grow grain and perform simple health care. Long-range aid as well as short-range emergency help is winning the hearts of many.

Then there are rabbits in Rwanda and oxen in Uganda.

A cheap, readily available source of protein is found in most countries of the third world. Rabbits have "multiplied" the witness of missionaries in Rwanda as they teach people the simple care of these prolific creatures.

In Uganda missionaries labor alongside Ugandan friends to teach the use of oxen in farming in a land where 200,000 people have died in the last 20 years of civil war. Sadly, over 200 of these missionary-trained oxen have been rustled by raiders in the past few months.

Missionaries are using helicopters in Ethiopia, tracts in Malawi, mailouts to prisons in Namibia, orphan shelters and food stations in South Africa, 6 a.m. Bible studies in Swaziland and agricultural farms in Zambia and Tanzania to share with those lost in spirit, mind and body that God through Christ Jesus does

Baptists took sides on the issue, and from 1830 through 1832, nearly 10,000 of their 45,000 members renounced traditional doctrine to adopt Campbell's views. In many churches, giving to missions was denounced as a breach of fellowship. Many ministers were excluded from their own churches.

Several Baptist associations sprang up throughout Kentucky. They tried to communicate through circular letters and publications, however, they found it almost impossible to maintain close contact.

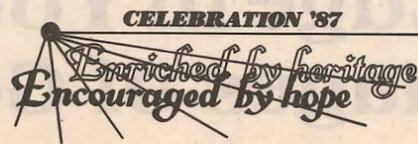
Unity among Baptists was absolutely necessary to withstand the threat of Campbellism. In 1830 the idea of a Kentucky Baptist association began to surface. Auxiliaries formed, the first of which was the Frankfort Association in 1831. The following year, three auxiliaries and several churches sent a total of 34 messengers to Bardstown, to form

care for them.

And how the world needs such help. Recent reports say 48 countries of our world are currently at war. Race wars, tribal wars and ideological wars rage all about our planet—vividly so in our part of the world. New tanks, armor and weapons pour off assembly lines daily and are thrust into the hands of a 13-year-old child.

How do we, as Christians concerned with Jesus' command to go into all the world and make disciples, combat this multi-billion dollar business which deals in death?

... with rabbits, oxen, grain, metal freight containers—and Bibles and a big chunk of faith which believes the love of God will win out and, eventually, be all that eternally remains.



the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The Convention messengers raised almost \$200 and adopted a constitution. Seven months later they met in New Castle to adopt some rules.

Although several more meetings were conducted, by 1837 the Convention members realized something more was needed to unite the denomination in Kentucky. They saw a need for supplying preachers to areas where they were in short supply, for raising and distributing funds, and for embarking on missionary endeavors. Unfortunately, anti-mission sentiment begun by Campbell had taken its toll. The fledgling Convention faltered and failed.

Undaunted, the Baptists regrouped. On Oct. 20, 1837, they met in Louisville to form the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky to replace the Convention. Twenty ordained ministers, one licensed preacher and 36 laymen representing nine of the 43 independent associations in the state attended the organizational meeting. Despite the low number of associations represented, each major district of the state sent a delegate, with Long Run (Louisville) and Russell Creek (Greensburg/Columbia) showing the strongest representation.

This General Association of Baptists adopted a constitution with 12 articles (later reduced to 10). They also passed a resolution to encourage the financial support of pastors, induce harmony among the churches, encourage more preaching in destitute areas, tap into the

energy of the denomination, build educational facilities for future ministers, and support foreign missions.

Schisms in the Convention, the lack of emphasis on missions and skepticism about paid ministers created a bleak situation. Of the 500 churches in the state, only 200 had any preaching at all. Of the 200 preachers, a mere one-third preached on a regular basis. Only one church in the entire state had a full-time pastor on a regular salary. Pastors usually held a week-day job to support themselves. They had little energy left on Sundays to preach. One man who pastored four churches reportedly worked so hard he had time to read a chapter in his Bible only once every two months.

At first the association encouraged churches to pay their ministers so they would stay in the area, but the anti-missionary Baptists continued to oppose them. Mission funds decreased from 1838 through 1842.

In 1837, however, a great revival broke out in Louisville. The revival spread throughout the state until 1843. In one church alone, 637 people were baptized. Due to this revival, the association survived its crisis years and the mission-minded Baptists carved out a permanent niche for themselves.

A pattern began to form in which independent Baptist movements would undertake a cause; when the work grew too large for the local body to handle, they turned it over to the association. In this manner the work of the association grew while the independent efforts turned to new programs.

The association that so began has since been renamed the Kentucky Baptist Convention. It serves a variety of functions for its 765,000 members who will celebrate 150 years of service in Kentucky this year. (KBC)

## Kentucky-Kenya connection

### Whaleys, volunteers share missions experience

Setting 17 plates at the dinner table has become routine for Kentuckians James and Wilma Whaley.

No, that's not the size of their family. The Whaleys' job is playing host to volunteers from Kentucky Southern Baptist churches in their Nairobi, Kenya home.

Baptist nationals and Southern Baptist missionaries in Kenya have asked for more than 700 Kentucky volunteers to participate in projects ranging from preaching to irrigating.

Since 1985 about 350 Kentuckians have helped in the joint project between the Kentucky and Kenya Baptist conventions. Their goal is to share the gospel of Christ with that part of the world.

One key in the partnership has been Kentucky Baptists' relationship with the Foreign Mission Board, a Southern Baptist agency through which the denomination maintains nearly 3800 missionaries in 110 countries.

The Whaleys, of Louisville, are spending several years in Nairobi to coordinate the Kentucky-Kenya partnership. They receive the volunteers into their home, send or take them to work stations throughout the nation of 21 million, help meet any

needs they might have, and, if time permits, arrange a bit of shopping or sightseeing.

On a typical evening in February, 11 volunteers gathered around the Whaleys' table.

Ray Edward Provow of Sedalia tells of preaching in Nakuru in open-air services. Provow glows as he recalls visiting "hut-to-hut," and tells of one home where all six family members professed faith in Jesus Christ after he talked to them.

Donald H. Gowin, pastor of Green River Memorial Church, Campbellsville, tells of preaching in one service where 46 people committed themselves to Christ and immediately began organizing a church.

Two laymen from Green River Memorial Church, Doug McCubbin and Larry Parrish, worked with their pastor. They showed Christian films to crowds that started with as few as four people but grew to 80. They also spoke in boarding schools with 600 to 800 pupils.

By working 12 to 14 hours a day the three men spoke to 11,000 people in two weeks and saw 574 Kenyans profess faith in Christ.

Another volunteer, Harold Barnes, who directs mission outreach in the Liberty Association of Baptist

Churches in the Glasgow area, and Larry Noe, pastor of Grace Union Baptist Church, Edmonton, worked in Embu, Kenya. They preached and trained Kenyan pastors in personal witness during the week. The teams they trained covered 25 square miles visiting door to door.

Morris Nacke, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, tells of performing 50 eye operations in the few days they were there—including 15 in one day. At one point the ophthalmologist had to operate by the light of a nine-volt flashlight—equivalent light, he says, to operating in a hospital parking lot.

Southern Baptist churches from throughout Kentucky have sent teams of workers like these to Kenya during the past three years. Several have made great sacrifices to go.

One state patrolman, Steve Duff, waited several months for a request to come from Kenya that he could fill. Finally he heard the Bracken-hurst Baptist assembly grounds of Kenya needed a security guard. Once there, he seized upon the chance to play a part in the conversion of three Kenyans. Now his influence is leading his pastor at Evarts Baptist Church to make the trip.

# Getting an Edge in Your College Education: The Advantages of Georgetown College

by W. Morgan Patterson

The following message was delivered to Georgetown College's 1987 class of Pastor's Christian Leadership Scholars during the annual spring luncheon giving special recognition to these outstanding prospective freshmen entering the School this fall.

One hundred eighty-eight candidates were considered by a carefully chosen committee.

According to Dr. David Forman, Dean of Admissions at Georgetown, "The choices were difficult to

**I** want to tell you what Georgetown College can do to give you a quality education for the years ahead and to give you an edge in the competition to succeed in life. We do have something distinctive to offer, and I want to tell you what it is.

(1) First, we give you an emphasis on academic excellence. We think it is important to urge you to study, to learn as much as your minds will absorb, and to uphold high standards. That gives you something to aim for and provides a sense of fulfillment when one works hard. It also gives you a pride in the school that educated you.

(2) Second, we offer you a heritage of Christian values. The Bible is studied at Georgetown College; our faculty and staff are committed Christians; and we seek to uphold Christian ideals and principles. Teachers are encouraged to share their convictions and faith with students as that is appropriate. It is education in a Christian setting which we offer.

(3) Third, Georgetown College is a school of such size where you can get to know your teachers and fellow students. In schools of 5,000, 10,000, 20,000 or more, such an opportunity is virtually non-existent, and the student is little more than a number. On this campus, a student is recognized and respected as a person, and there are numerous opportunities to fill roles of leadership. Furthermore, our Faculty does the teaching in the classroom, not their assistants or graduate students.

(4) Fourth, this school has an outstanding record of achievement in its graduates. Georgetown College has produced 39 college presidents, five Rhodes scholars, over 125 doctors in the last 30 years, congressmen and legislators, pastors and missionaries, businessmen and educators. Our graduates have distinguished themselves in a wide variety of fields.

(5) Fifth, we can offer you a competent and caring faculty and staff. Our faculty and staff are well qualified for what they do, and they are screened carefully before they are employed. Furthermore, I have seen in them a compassionate and caring quality as they relate to our students and try to help them.

(6) Sixth, our compact 52-acre campus provides a good and convenient environment for a residential college. Everything on campus is within a 3-minute walk (no problem with taking a bus to the other side of the campus or needing to drive your car or ride a bike). Also we have all of the facilities and equipment necessary to support our academic and athletic programs.

(7) Georgetown College offers a strong liberal arts background to prepare persons for a profession or for additional study beyond college, or to appreciate the best in our history, in our civilization, and in our Christian heritage. Dr. Herbert Anderson is a well-known and widely honored surgeon in Southern California. He is also a Kentuckian and a graduate of Georgetown College. He wrote me not long after I arrived here and said: "I do not have to tell you that it is a superlative school. Georgetown, with its liberal arts curriculum, is exactly what the medical schools prefer. They do not want students poor in courses of English, history, and mathematics, and yet overloaded with courses in various sciences.

The overloading of college graduates, with with too many science courses, and too few liberal arts courses, is why numerous graduates are rejected by the better medical schools. Georgetown is the answer to that problem."

(8) Lastly, I believe that Georgetown College can offer you a vision of what it means to be a good citizen, a committed Christian, and a mature person.

These are some of the things we have to offer you as a student at Georgetown College. In this mix of characteristics and assets and ideals is a formula for achievement which our students have found, for they have gone forth from this place to make their mark in government, in business, in medicine, in education, in the ministry, and in many other areas.

Let me urge you to invest four years of your life here, because I know it will pay off for you. It will pay off in helping you to

make. The quality of the nominees was very high."

This is the eighth year of the program which enjoys a growth of interest since the beginning.

Steve Cook, Director of Church Relations, has coordinated the P.C.L.S. program since its inception.

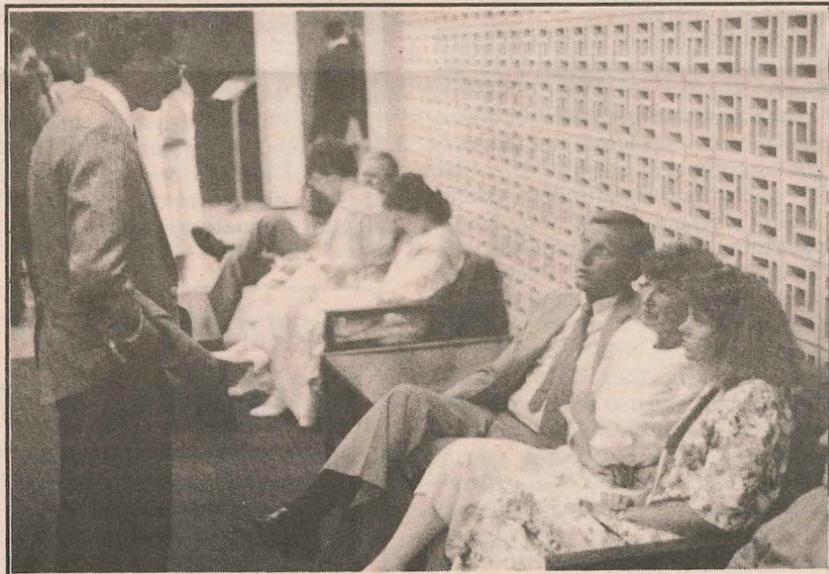
We commend to your reading the Counsel given by President W. Morgan Patterson to more than 100 attending the recent luncheon. Those attending included nominees, pastors, parents, and College personnel.

find a sense of direction for your life (and sometimes to find a wife or a husband).

It will pay off in making friends who will be your friends for life. It will pay off in acquiring an education which will make life more understandable and more enjoyable. I think I can add: it will pay off in making you more employable. Finally, it will pay off by exposing you to finest things in life: love, faith, justice, duty, and service to our fellowman.

The motto of Georgetown College is "A Christian Climate for Achievement."

In conclusion, let me tell you that



Dr. David Forman (l.) is pictured greeting and chatting with Gary, Ruth and daughter Linnea Sharp, just before the annual Pastor's Christian Leadership Scholarship luncheon. The Sharps are from Elizabethtown.

Georgetown is well suited to your needs.

(1) It is large enough to provide a well-rounded liberal arts education in 32 major fields, and yet small enough to enjoy a student-faculty ration of 14 to 1.

(2) It is large enough to offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities and programs, and yet small enough for the whole college community to gather in the chapel for a weekly convocation.

(3) It is large enough to have all of the resources and facilities for a fine residential school, and yet small enough for the faculty and staff to know the students personally and to help and encourage them in their studies here.

I thank you, students and parents alike, for coming today, and I hope this begins a long relationship we will have together, and that you will have with this historic and greatly loved institution.