

17 Kentuckians on St. Louis agendas

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Seventeen Kentucky Baptists have "official responsibilities" on the agendas of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and related groups convening in St. Louis, Mo. this week.

Two hundred eighty-nine different individuals have one or more program commitments during the week, according to Baptist Press in Nashville. They represent 31 states and four foreign countries (Guatemala, Hong Kong, Thailand and Zimbabwe).

With 17 of these from Kentucky, the Bluegrass State is furnishing six percent of all program leaders in St. Louis, ranking it sixth among the state conventions on the list. Kentucky is preceded only by Tennessee, with 41 personalities; Texas, 40; Georgia, 31; Missouri, 29; and Oklahoma, 19.

But among cities, Louisville is supplying 15 program leaders, second only to Nashville with 30. Following are Ft. Worth, Tex., 10; Richmond, Va, nine; and Marietta, Ga. and St. Louis, eight.

Kentuckians, and their specific responsibilities, are as follows:

Darrell Adams, Louisville, Christian songwriter and performing artist, performed Saturday, June 13, at the Southern Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting at Kirkwood Baptist Church.

Ron Boud, Louisville, organist, professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented prelude music at each session of the Southern Baptist Forum annual meeting at Keil Auditorium Opera House Sunday and Monday, June 14-15.

Betty Jean Chatham, Shelbyville, concert artist, pianist, presented pre-session music at all five sessions of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting at the Clarion Hotel Sunday and Monday, June 14-15.

Cynthia Clawson, Louisville, gospel artist, performed Saturday, June 13 at the Southern Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting; presented special music during a session of the Southern Baptist Forum annual meeting Monday, June 15; and performed that evening at the Southern Baptist Church Music

Conference annual meeting at First Baptist Church, Ellisville, Mo.

Ragan Courtney, Louisville, professor of church music, Southern Seminary, performed Saturday, June 13 at the Southern Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting; and Monday, June 15 at the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference annual meeting.

Lewis A. Drummond, Louisville, Billy Graham professor of evangelism, Southern Seminary, speaks Wednesday, June 17 at 3:05 p.m. CDT at the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists annual meeting at Keil Auditorium.

E. Glenn Hinson, Louisville, professor of church history, Southern Seminary, spoke Sunday, June 14 at the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers annual meeting at the Mayfair Hotel.

Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., Louisville, president, Southern Seminary, spoke Sunday, June 14 at the Southern Baptist Forum annual meeting and will give the seminary report at 9:15 a.m. CDT Wed-

nesday, June 17 at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Cervantes Convention Center.

C. L. Huling, Shelbyville, minister of music, First Baptist Church, offered the benediction Saturday, June 13 at the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference annual meeting.

Boyd Jones, Louisville, associate professor of church music, Southern Seminary, conducted interest sessions and performed on the organ Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

Margaret Lasley, Louisville, missionary, spoke Sunday, June 14 at the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting.

Hugh T. McElrath, Louisville, professor of church music, Southern Seminary, offered the benediction Monday, June 15 at the conclusion of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference annual meeting.

Larry McSwain, Louisville, professor

of church and community, Southern Seminary, spoke Saturday, June 13 at the Southern Baptist Research Fellowship annual meeting.

Wayne Oates, Louisville, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, University of Louisville, spoke Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, at the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association annual meeting at the Omni International Hotel.

Robert A. Proctor, Louisville, professor of Christian education, Southern Seminary, led in prayer Sunday, June 14 at the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association annual meeting.

Bill Rogers, Louisville, dean, School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, spoke Monday, June 15 at the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

G. Wade Rowatt, Louisville, associate dean, School of Theology, Southern Seminary, spoke twice Monday, June 15 at the Southern Baptist Church Music conference annual meeting.

Kentucky Crusaders successful in Kenya

by Gregory L. Hancock

Politics was never at issue when 15 Kentucky Baptist mission volunteers calling themselves "The Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders" charged onto the basketball courts of Kenya May 24. Basketball and the gospel were the only two things that mattered.

After two weeks, the men came back to the states with impressive "win columns" in both their priorities.

"It was nice to win all but one of our games," asserts Robbie Speer, minister of activities at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, and co-coordinator of the international sports project, "but what really counts is that we saw nearly 600 decisions for Jesus Christ during that two-week period."

According to Speer, the team's most substantial spiritual victories came in the resort area of Mombasa where, in a single afternoon of witnessing on a ferry boat and near a bridge, nearly 300 decisions were recorded.

According to G. Allen West, associate director of the Kenya partnership in Kentucky, "Those figures are terrific. Mombasa has been one of our most difficult areas to work in." West says the heavy Moslem population in and around Mombasa has made it difficult for Christianity to get a foothold. "There's a desperate need for a solid church start there," he contends.

"The Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders" basketball team ("we chose 'Sports Crusaders' so as not to be confused with the R. A. Crusader program," Speer explains) grew from experience Robby Speer gained as a student at Campbellsville College. In 1975, he was one of a group of athletes at Campbellsville who answered an ad in a missions magazine for a basketball team from America to compete in the Dominican Republic. A few years later, when Speer was a Southwestern Seminary student and minister of activities in Texas, he had the opportunity to go to Brazil twice to play basketball.

Shortly after moving to Severns Valley to direct the activities program he and Larry Pursiful, minister of activities at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, began to share their dreams of organizing a team to represent Kentucky in international sports. Their sharing drew the interest of several former high school and college lettermen who were active in sports on local congregation teams. The men—most of them businessmen and professionals—encouraged Speer and Pursiful to project their dreams more tangibly.

"These weren't kids excited about playing sports," Speer chuckles. "These were grown men who saw the kind of mature ministry that could be offered through a sports program."

"(In Kenya) we ministered to a spectrum of the population that had never been touched before. We reached the people who wouldn't come to church but would attend a sporting event. We witnessed to the 'under 30' age group that is really searching for answers and meaning."

Most of the players who traveled to

Kenya were 25-26 years of age. Three are ministers of activities in Kentucky churches. Of the remaining eight, one is a pharmaceutical salesman, one is co-owner of a steel construction company, one works with a trucking firm, one is an entertainment agent, one has a lawn service, one is an orthodontist, one works for the telephone company and one is an insurance agent.

Larry Pursiful coaches the team; Larry Smith, minister of activities at Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, is manager/trainer and jack-of-all-trades. Speer considers himself a "player/coordinator."

"I'd love to see more of this sort of thing happen," he shares. "I think this is a great way to spread the gospel and I believe there are men and boys throughout Kentucky who would love to make this their own unique form of ministry."

"I could share lots of sports statistics with you: our top scorer was Mark Fothergill, Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown; our top rebounder was Randy Lawless, Campbellsville Church; and David Lowry, Calvary Church, Lexington, averaged six assists per game. But the really important statistics are those that represent people being saved."

Speer admits he'd like to take another team back next year. "It depends on whether people can get time off and also whether they can afford to make the trip."

Most of the men paid their own way, as do most missions volunteers. Some help came from individuals' churches; and Converse and Bike, big names in the sports equipment industry, furnished shoes and travel pants and shirts for the team.

Speer says he'd love to hear from people who are interested in playing on a mission sports team and also from people who'd like to support the team with their time or financial resources. "We don't see this as a one-shot deal," he admits. "We're looking to see how God leads us and what develops in the future." (KBC)

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YEAR	TODATE	PREV YEAR
86-87	-7,379	5.7
85-86	-639,577	5.8
84-85	-376,512	5.6
83-84	-218,636	6.9
82-83	349,047	7.9
81-82	837,235	11.2
80-81	977,324	13.8



Jack D. Sanford

sanford's perspectives

Days of turmoil and stress

"Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you will reap if you faint not."

This admonition from scripture, like many other words from the Lord, becomes more difficult to practice with each passing day. The terrible strife, the constant turmoil and the never ending conflict among Christians in our day is enough to try the patience of the strongest among us and bring weariness to all the rest.

We Christians have allowed the devil to divert us from the abundant life and the duty we have to live the gospel. In the process we have put an ugly face toward the world and Christian influence, in America at least, is at a low point.

Examples of our failure to live like Christ abound. Note the conflict among Lutherans who had two ministers arrested when they tried to register and attend the Lutheran convention at which unification of the denomination was the order of the day.

Note the sexual scandal and economic travesty at the PTL Club and listen to the relentless harping on this unfortunate fiasco in the media and you will know what damage has been done the Lord's work. Many lost people are convinced ministers and church people are all crooks, out to make a fortune any way they can, even if it means cheating the poor, unsuspecting public. And they turn away in droves.

The strife which concerns us most is that among Southern Baptists. We have had excesses on both sides of the theological spectrum and all points in between. Not many among us can claim to have stayed out of the name calling and slanderous speech making which has been with us for a long time. The ways we have attacked each other are legion, but just a few examples to illustrate how far we have strayed from the teaching of scripture should be more than enough.

Note that among Southern Baptists we have had a prominent layman who walked out of a meeting of fellow Baptists because he said he disagreed with the organization's "ungodly creed." To accuse brothers in Christ of ungodliness is a tragic expression of mistrust toward a fellow Christian.

Note again among Southern Baptists the continuing flagellation and slander of seminary professors who are accused by their brethren of disbelief in the Bible as the word of God. In the eyes of some self-proclaimed experts on the Bible, some seminary professors are unworthy of the honor of teaching scripture and should be driven from the Baptist family. Such arrogance has no place in the life of those who profess to follow the Man who "gave his life as a ransom for many."

Note once again the embarrassment and costliness of a law suit brought by members of the Baptist family against other members of the Baptist family. The suit continues in the secular courts and casts an ugly stigma on our witness to the Christian ideal of brotherhood among men.

It is a wearisome time with loud clamoring about the sanctity of the Bible, but with little noticeable practice of what the Bible commands

as a way of life. Our speeches and loud talk are hypocritical, to say the least.

Scripture describes Jesus as The Word, and Jesus himself said, "... turn the other cheek." In light of this passage from the Word by The Word, all our posturing about the infallibility and inerrancy and sufficiency of the Bible and our professed dedication to Baptist diversity is just talk when we seek redress for supposed wrongs from brothers rather than "turn the other cheek" in love and forgiveness.

We don't turn the other cheek, we attack our brothers and accuse each other of ungodliness and pronounce each other unworthy to walk together in the pilgrimage of life. We say the Bible is our authority and is the final authority and is God-breathed and is profitable for all life ... but we don't believe it enough to practice its most basic teaching.

The scripture notes the words of Jesus, "... go a second mile," but we have no ears to hear what we profess to believe is the ultimate source of all authority. We do not go a second mile, in fact we are unwilling to take a single step toward a brother who may see things from a different perspective. Thus we hold in contempt the words of Jesus who acted out his words by not only going a second mile, but also going to the cross for sinners who spit in his face.

It was the brother of Jesus who stated, "Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only," but we do not hear this sacred call to commitment. We have been debaters of the word, defenders of the word, loud supporters of the word. But we have not been doers of the word in our relation to each other.

How do we stop all this foolishness? How do we patiently return to times of trust and love? How do we practice the Word?

Peace has a chance when the president of the SBC confesses his sin toward people of different points of view.

Peace has a chance when committee members, seminary presidents, pastors and laymen from across the convention confess their sin toward people of different points of view.

Peace has a chance when members of the press corps, college professors, students and denominational workers confess their sin toward people of different points of view.

Peace has a chance when confession is made, but peace becomes a reality when the confession is translated into action ... action which goes a second mile and turns the other cheek.

When we have done this, and only then, are we qualified to debate the sanctity and authority of the Bible. All else is "sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Until we take action we will continue weary with the toilsome task of trying to practice our faith in an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust. And we will continue to appear as buffoons to the world which walks in darkness while we hide our light under a bushel.

It is enough to make one weary in well doing.

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baptist news in brief

Tennessee High Court views churches as PACs

The Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled churches that speak out on referenda issues must declare themselves to be political action committees and file disclosure statements.

The 5-0 decision overturned an earlier ruling by the Tennessee Court of Appeals that favored 13 Jackson-area churches accused of operating as a PAC to fight liquor by the drink. Representatives of 10 of the 13 churches subsequently have reaffirmed their decision to appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court.

John Lee Taylor, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church and spokesman for the 13 churches, read a statement prepared by the group that met May 29.

"We have reviewed carefully one of the cardinal principles on which our democracy was founded—the separation of church and state," the statement declared. "The issue for which we contend continues to be of such consequence to the exercise of our religious faith that we have reaffirmed our decision made earlier to pursue it to the highest court of our country.

"We should like to state again in unequivocal terms that we are churches. We are not political action committees. We believe that as churches, we have the constitutional right to exercise our religious faith publicly without interference by the state.

"Morally and doctrinally, we are conscience bound to address issues that may or may not appear on a ballot in an election. Because we confront publicly a moral issue that has become a part of an election process does not transform us from being a church to being a political action committee."

In its decision, the Tennessee high court wrote, "We think that the sole de-

terminative issue is whether the act (the Tennessee Campaign Financial Disclosure Act) violates the free speech clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. We find it unnecessary to address the other issues to resolve this case.

"If any group wished to engage in financing outcome-specific election campaigning, whether involving a candidate election or referendum, the people of the state, including these plaintiffs, have the right to know the extent of such financial involvement during the campaign in order to maintain a balanced and informed view of the campaign," the statement added. "Accordingly, we conclude that the Campaign Financial Disclosure Act of 1980 is constitutional in every respect."

The Tennessee Supreme Court's ruling in effect means that while the case awaits a decision by the U. S. Supreme

Court, churches that spend more than \$250 addressing referenda issues would be considered political action committees and would be required to file disclosure statements. Churches would also be required to provide the names of any individuals who contributed \$100 or more toward the defeat of a referendum.

The decision comes at a time when Tennessee voters are likely to face local referenda regarding the location of horsetracks which will allow pari-mutuel gambling. Ivy Scarborough, a Jackson attorney who is representing the churches, said church members can still fight the pari-mutuel threat without the churches themselves becoming political action committees.

He said "people of like minds" could establish political action committees to raise funds and work to defeat the issue. (BP)

Retired editor OK after two-day ordeal

John J. Hurt, editor emeritus of Baptist Standard, newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was in good condition at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas June 4, after spending two nights in his automobile at the edge of an eastern Dallas County pond.



Hurt, 78, apparently became lost on the evening of

June 1 while returning to his home in northern Dallas from a meeting in Gar-

land of the Dallas County Appraisal Review Board on which he serves. He was found in mid-afternoon June 3 by a man on horseback who summoned police.

Hurt was hospitalized for observation and tests after going without food, water and regular medications for almost 48 hours. He suffered only insect bites and sunburn and was expected to be released soon.

Hurt apparently made a wrong turn on leaving the meeting. Instead of driving west to his home in northern Dallas, he drove northeast toward Rowlett. He stopped at a service station to ask directions back toward Dallas but apparently made another wrong turn and eventually drove into the edge of the pond. Heavy rains in the area raised the level of the water until the car was partially submerged.

His discovery ended a two-day search by authorities, family and friends and members of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, where the Hurts are members. Almost 50 volunteers from the church distributed notices about his disappearance and scoured the area looking for him.

Hurt was editor of Baptist Standard for 11 years, 1966-77, after serving as editor the Georgia Baptist state paper, the Christian Index. (BP)

Russians invite seminary profs to visit

Southern Baptist seminary professors have been invited to teach in Russia by the president of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

Speaking at a banquet with faculty and staff members of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary May 7, Vasily Logvinenko said he would like professors from the six Southern Baptist seminaries to visit the Soviet Union on teaching assignments.

Speaking through interpreter Sergie

Nicholaev, superintendent for Baptist churches in the Leningrad area, Logvinenko said Russian Baptists are concerned about developing theological education. That is one way Southern Baptists and Soviet Baptists could work together, he said.

Logvinenko said Soviet Baptists need translated literature for theological education. Currently 150 Baptist seminary students in the Soviet Union study by correspondence. And Soviet Baptists are in the process of opening a seminary.

More than 500,000 Baptists worship in 5000 churches in the Soviet Union, Logvinenko said. More than 30 percent of the converts in Soviet churches come from people with no prior relationship to the church.

Russian Baptists preach the gospel in 26 languages to reach Muslims, Buddhists and other groups, said Nicholai Kalensnikov, treasurer and director of evangelism for the All Union Council. "It's not easy work, but God is blessing us, and people are coming to Jesus," he said.

More than 100,000 Bibles and 10,000 hymnbooks from the United Bible Society and Baptist World Alliance will be delivered to Russia next year in celebration of the 1000-year anniversary of Christianity in the country, Logvinenko said. (BP)

Celeste Pennington resigns Home Board

Celeste Pennington, editor of book publication services at the Home Mission Board, has resigned to pursue a freelance writing career.

Pennington, who has been employed by the agency for 12 years, served first as assistant editor of Missions USA, then assumed the book editorship in 1979. She has been responsible for producing the award-winning annual home mission study books and the 10-book series, The Human Touch.

During her tenure at the board, Pennington also wrote "American Montage," a Human Touch series book on language missions work, and "Band-Aid Annie," the 1982 children's home mission study book. (BP)

Laramore elected WMU consultant

Julie B. Laramore has been elected by the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the



Kentucky Baptist Convention, to the position of Acc-teens and Campus Baptist Young Women consultant. The announcement of Miss Laramore's selection was made

by Dee Gilliland, executive director-treasurer of the state WMU, June 9 during an assembly of convention personnel in the KBC chapel, Middletown.

Miss Laramore's principal function will be to promote and stimulate the missionary education of college young women and girls in grades seven through 12. She will be responsible for planning and promotion of statewide activities, training leadership and working with the summer camping programs.

A graduate of Campbellsville College, Miss Laramore, 27, is completing a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She is the daughter of Southern Baptist home missionaries Dwain and Dawn Laramore.

Miss Laramore was born in Kansas City, Mo., but moved to Flint, Mich. while in the eighth grade. Having grown up in a new work area, she developed a love for missions and an appreciation of Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program at an early age. Her experience in WMU organizations began in Sunbeams (now Mission Friends).

"She views the consultant position as a means to express her commitment to the Lord and to missions," Mrs. Gilliland claims. Miss Laramore has held numerous positions in Michigan as well as Kentucky. A member of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, she is presently employed as secretary with the state Woman's Missionary Union. She assumes responsibilities as consultant effective June 16.

Inerrancy book available at SBC

A new book containing the major addresses and responses from the Southern Baptist Conference on Biblical Inerrancy will be available in the book store at the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The Proceedings of the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy 1987," published by Broadman Press, contains the major addresses by five outside scholars, responses from Southern Baptists and papers presented in the special interest seminars.

Major speakers were Kenneth Kantzer, chancellor of Trinity College in Deerfield, Ill.; J. I. Packer, professor of historical and systematic theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia; Robert Preus, president of

Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Clark Pinnock, professor of systematic theology at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario; and Millard Erickson, dean of Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

Respondents were selected to represent a wide spectrum of beliefs concerning inerrancy and include SBC president Adrian Rogers; James Flamm, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College, Dallas; and Bill Hull, provost at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

The 576-page paperback book will sell for \$12.95. It will be available in all Baptist Book Stores after the SBC. (BP)



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homes for children

Proper priority: what is a child worth?

Friday, June 5, the University of Kentucky staged the dedication of a \$9 million research center for horses. A June 1 article in the Courier-Journal explained the importance of such a research center, not just for Kentucky but for the world. I was fascinated by the apparent ease and swiftness in raising the funds for the center. According to the article a \$3 million challenge gift was donated by one person. That initial gift was then matched with \$3 million from the thoroughbred industry and by \$3 million more in state economic-development bonds.

In addition to paying for the \$9 million research center, the U. K. Equine Research Foundation now is raising additional money for equipment and the salaries of researchers. To date the foundation has raised an additional \$9 million.

The Courier Journal article set me to thinking about our priorities and wondering about what we think a child is worth. Now, I am not opposed to the University of Kentucky having a world class horse research center. But I believe there is cause for concern about our priorities when one considers the limited dollars available to help care for the large numbers of dependent/neglected/abused/troubled children in our state.

Recognizing the needs children have, Baptist Homes for Children is in a campaign to raise \$3 million for endowment. If children are more important than horses, and they are, perhaps our goal of \$3 million is too low. If \$18 million should be raised for a horse research center, should we do less for children? Much depends on our priorities.

What could be of more importance or have more value than a child. Jesus certainly placed a high priority on children. Jesus also asked what one profits if the whole world is gained and yet the soul is lost. Likewise, what do we gain if we fail to minister to dependent/neglected children?

Children are a priority for me and for thousands of others in Kentucky. Because so many care, we are experiencing success in the Beyond This Time campaign to raise \$3 million for endowment. There still is room and time for someone to step forward and make a \$1 million gift for children. There is room also for many others to make sacrificial gifts of whatever size and prove that children are our priority.

christian education

James Jordan elected Shorter President

James D. Jordan, president of North Greenville College in Tigerville, S. C., since 1981, has been elected president of Shorter College in Rome, Ga.

Jordan, 54, was recommended unanimously to the Shorter board of trustees by its presidential search committee, following review of 58 applicants.

Jordan will succeed George Balentine, who accepted the pastorate of Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, N. C., last October, following four years at Shorter.

Jordan taught at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro for 12 years before going to North Greenville College. He also taught at Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N. C., and the Oxford College of Emory University in Atlanta.

The native of Charleston, S. C., holds a bachelor of arts degree from Furman University, a bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctor of philosophy degree in church history from Duke University.

Campbellsville hires admissions staffer

Jeanette Parker is a new assistant director of admissions at Campbellsville College according to an announcement from W. R. Davenport, president of the college.

Mrs. Parker will be primarily covering the western section of the state, which includes the following counties: Ballard, Breckinridge, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Edmonson, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Livingston, Daviess, Logan, Lyon, McCracken, McLean, Marshall, Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren and Webster.

She will also be responsible for recruitment in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and western United States.

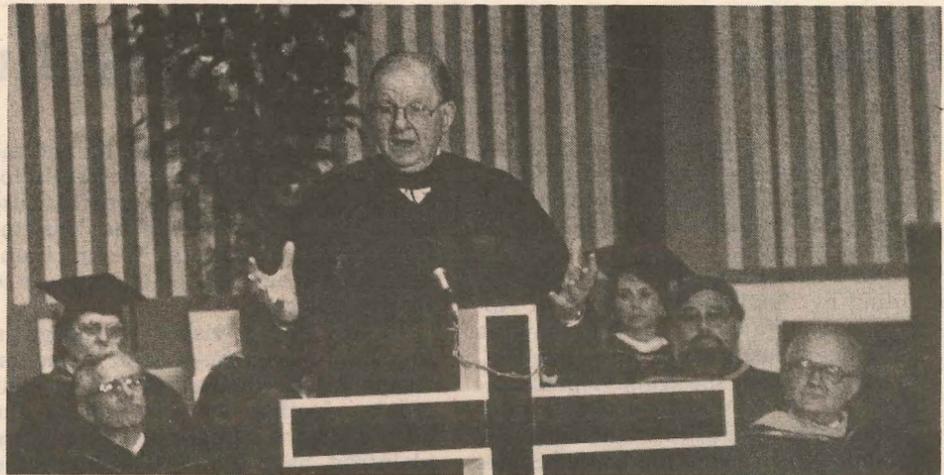
A graduate of Campbellsville College with a BS in psychology and social work, Mrs. Parker is married to Virgil Parker and is the daughter of C. E. and Francis Jacobs of Somerset.

SBTS seminar produces spiritual guide

Students in a doctor of education seminar at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary wanted a "hands on" approach to learning about curriculum development. The result is a book on spiritual growth which the student authors hope will benefit laypersons as well as seminary students.

Once Upon A Time: A Guide to Spiritual Formation in Community provides guidelines for spiritual growth within a small group, explained seminar member Bob Brocius, an EdD student from Ft. Myers, Fla. While the book was originally developed to emphasize spiritual growth among seminary students, Brocius believes it will be an asset to any layperson because it is "practical and experiential."

Guided by seminary professor John



Ray Roberts, second vice-president of the SBC, challenges Clear Creek graduates at their commencement May 8.

Clear Creek awards 51 degrees

Forty-nine graduates of Clear Creek Baptist College received 51 degrees at Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middletown, May 8. The class bears the historical distinction of being the first class graduated after the granting of full accreditation by the American Association of Bible Colleges.

From the initial worship led by the Clear Creek members through the sermon by Ray Roberts, second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention and member of the Peace Committee, a sense of excitement filled the auditorium. Recalling his experience with Clear Creek graduates during 25 years as executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention, he said, "If you're as dedicated to soul winning as they were, I'll take you back with me."

Highlighting the graduation exercises was the presence of Mrs. L. C. Kelly, widow of Clear Creek's founder, and her sister Mary McNeil.

Dungan graduates from Mid-America

Of the 57 Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary graduates on May 8, one is from Kentucky.

Horry Eugene Dungan, a graduate of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield, Ky., received a MDiv degree. Dungan is pastor of Agape Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Georgetown confers 293 diplomas May 9

Georgetown College awarded 293 degrees at its annual commencement exercises May 9 on the lawn of 147-year-old Giddings Hall.

This marks the 14th year the event has been held out of doors.

"We're able to accommodate hundreds of additional guests in this lovely setting," said Joe Lewis, vice president for academic affairs.

ABTS commission adopts record budgets

The Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a record budget and took note of the growing maturity of the educational programs of the institution during its annual meeting.

Commission members approved a budget of \$300,950, most of which goes directly to American Baptist College of American Baptist Theological Seminary, a Black Bible school jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

Meeting later with an equal number of trustees from the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., the Southern Baptist commissioners also voted to adopt a record budget for the seminary. Gifts from National Baptists and tuition income are expected to provide the school with a record budget of \$886,552 for the 1987-88 academic year.

In his report to the commission, Secretary-treasurer Arthur L. Walker Jr. reported the institutional enrollment for the school year 1986-87 reached 162 students on campus and 611 students enrolled in the extension program.

Walker also noted the revenues transmitted to the activities of the seminary during the past year continued the practice of exceeding the amounts received through Cooperative Program unified budget receipts.(BP)



Kentucky records largest gain in S. S. enrolment

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department recently received the J. N. Barnette annual award for the state with the largest gain in enrolment during 1985-86 in category III (conventions with a Sunday school membership between 100,000 and 399,999).

Charles D. Miller, director of the Kentucky department, was presented the plaque by Harry M. Piland, director of the Sunday School Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, while attending the annual state directors meeting in Williamsburg, Va. in May.

According to Miller, Kentucky showed a net gain of 1765 new members in Sunday school, a figure that almost tripled that of the state with the second largest increase, California, which claimed 611 additions. There are seven other state conventions in Kentucky's size category: Illinois, Arizona, Virginia, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

KBC Sunday school records reveal the greatest boosts came from Long Run (558), Warren (421), Laurel River (403), Mt. Zion (362) and Franklin (289) associations.

Miller claims that more churches are not cleaning their rolls by dropping non-

One out of every two lost persons enrolled makes a profession of faith in the first 12 months.

attenders. Instead, they are seeking to minister to them to bring them into the church's fellowship.

"We're not playing the percentage game any longer," he stated. "We're out to reach people for Christ."

The Sunday School Department's objective is to raise awareness that enrolling people in Sunday school is important because one out of every two lost persons enrolled makes a public profes-

sion of faith within the first 12 months, and their spiritual growth becomes the responsibility of a specific group within the church.

Miller gave credit for the leap in Sunday school attendance to the strong work of individual churches, leadership training by associational Assist teams and the KBC's perspective of the Church Training, Evangelism, Church Music and Sunday School departments uniting to encourage church growth and outreach.

"As good as this news is, there is still more work ahead," he asserted. "Our goal this year is 5000 new members. If we accomplish it, we will be second only to Texas, which is in the 400,000 plus category."

The J. N. Barnette Award was named after a former director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department (1943-1957) who was most noted for "A Million More in 1954" SBC Sunday school enrolment drive. During his tenure, the net gain was 3,639,372.



Fields

Glimpses of our heritage

by Carl Fields

Cook commits BSSB to breakthrough growth

by Linda Lawson

One of the first things Gary Cook did after becoming vice president for church program organizations at the Sunday School Board in March was make a formal commitment to the goal of breakthrough growth in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In his newly created position, Cook oversees the work of five departments—Sunday school, church training, church music, church administration and special ministries.

Breakthrough growth would be evident if Southern Baptists were making a major impact in reducing the number of unchurched Americans which is estimated to total 160-180 million persons, Cook said. If breakthrough were being achieved, Southern Baptists could have increased the number of churches from 37,000 to 50,000 and church membership from 14 million to 24 million by the year 2000.

"Our long-range goal is to do our work in such a way that if all factors of breakthrough growth fall into place under the leadership and providence of God, that the church program organizations will make a major contribution," said Cook. Annual SBC increases in Sunday school, church training and church music participation also are part of the CPO goal statement.

Cook believes that grouping the four base church programs (Sunday school, church training, church music and church administration which works closely with pastors) in one office enables them to better coordinate their efforts, work together more like a church staff and give top priority to Sunday school.

"Sunday school is the way we build churches, reach people and get them involved in the life of the church," Cook said.

For example, he said as they work together on the same staff the church administration department will be able to better know how to help pastors be more involved as leaders of their Sunday schools.

Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Department, said, "If the Sunday school, both here at the board and

Gary Cook, vice president for church program organizations at the Sunday School Board, spoke in a class at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



in the local church, sees itself properly, it will enhance and contribute to the church training and church music programs and strengthen pastoral leadership. No Sunday school member should ever feel complete without singing, training and worship."

Roy Edgemon, director of the Church Training Department, said the CPO staff can function in some ways like a church council. "Now we'll work and think more as a pastor and church staff think and work and plan."

Wesley Forbis, director of the Church Music Department, said "the service dimension of all four programs can better be carried out" as we work together to provide the best programing options for churches.

President Lloyd Elder said, "The office of church program organizations was established to express our firm commitment that Sunday school work in the local churches is a top priority of the board. Gary Cook is mentally, experientially and biblically prepared to lead our outstanding program directors as they give team approaches to this spiritual frontier."

Cook, an Oklahoma native, came to the board in 1981 as director of the Church and Staff Support Division after serving four years as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. He spent a total of 18 years as pastor, assis-

tant pastor and youth pastor in six churches.

Joe Stacker, director of the Church Administration Department, said, "Gary's leadership is enhanced by the fact that he comes out of a pastoral background and understands the total work of the church. His commitment is to the Word of God and Southern Baptist churches."

Cook is quick to emphasize that his role as CPO vice president is one of coordination, facilitation and administration while church program leadership is in the hands of Piland, Edgemon, Stacker and Forbis.

Also, through the Special Ministries Department, resources and programing are provided for language and ethnic groups, blind, deaf, and mentally retarded persons related to all four church program areas, Cook said.

Cook views the heart of his work through the church program organizations as daily involvement in helping churches in "reaching, teaching, discipleship, worship and leadership."

"I came to the Sunday School Board out of a definite sense of calling, feeling God was leading me here. Now that challenge has been made larger in a changed structure. I want with all my heart to make a serious contribution to the lives of local churches, moving toward breakthrough growth."

Baptist missions

The State Board of Missions (Executive Board) held its annual meeting in June, 1904, following the adjournment of the General Association. City mission work was undertaken for the first time by employing Miss Emma Leachman to work among the fallen in the slums of the city in connection with the Hope Rescue Mission. The initiative for this action was taken by the Young Ladies Missionary Society of McFerran Memorial Baptist Church under the leadership of their pastor, W. W. Hamilton, who became responsible for one-half of Miss Leachman's salary.

T. T. Eaton, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church and former editor of Western Recorder, was one of the early supporters of the Hope Rescue Mission. W. Bruce, superintendent of missions at that time, recalled that Eaton had preached his first sermon there in 1900 and that night five "depressed and sinful men" were converted, one of these becoming a preacher of the Gospel. In the superintendent's words, "Many hundreds of men have been redeemed from tramps and degraded beings to become truly children of God".

Miss Leachman, an approved worker by the State Mission Board, had wonderful ministry in the Goodwill Center, a program that touched many people. Sunday school had an enrolment of 1000 children. Italians, Germans and other foreigners made up the clientele of Goodwill Center. An Americanization class was taught.

Miss Leachman was a real missionary. Her report for 1917 to the Long Run Association was as follows: 365 visits to institutions, 875 to homes of the poor, 211 visits to the sick, 1000 garments distributed to the needy, 1325 office calls, 140 prescriptions filled for needy. She secured physicians to make 103 calls to homes of the needy.

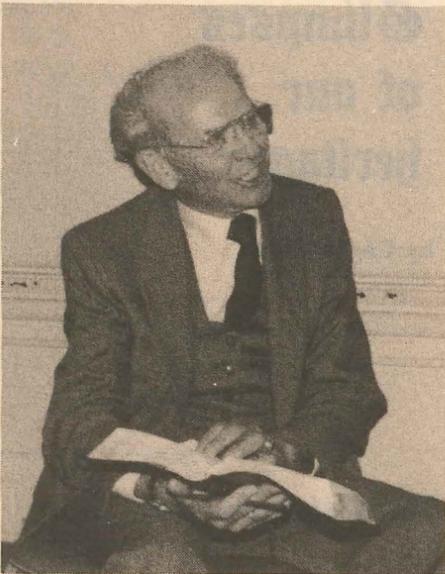
The story of private charities is one of the 1920s. The Depression and the years that followed offered public charities. We have put a lot of distance between the Christian community and human suffering—we are all the losers!

Blackburn prison project nears completion

by Rick Bailey, Religion Writer,
Lexington Herald-Leader

More than a decade ago during a city-wide prayer breakfast (in Lexington) Talmage McGary wrote out a request for a chapel at Blackburn Correctional Complex.

"It was on my heart at the time," recalled McGary, who retired in 1986 after



McGary

14 years as chaplain at the minimum security facility.

After breakfast, the leader offered a special prayer for the requests.

"I spontaneously began God for the chapel," McGary said. "Since then there's been a lot of discouragement, but I've felt all along the chapel will be built."

That dream will become reality if McGary can raise \$100,000 by the end of June. The state has already allocated \$100,000 for the chapel and McGary must match that sum if the building effort is successful. He is about \$40,000 short of his goal.

The alternative would be to put a chapel in an old building which also will be used by Prison Industries.

"The chapel building will say something to the men," McGary stated, "not only about the importance of religious activities but also that they are important enough to have a facility rather than a room tacked on the corner of another building."

Until his retirement last year, after two extensions, McGary, 72, ministered at Blackburn since 1972. He had been in pastoral ministry for several years, then completed his seminary work. He began his work in chaplaincy at La-Grange Reformatory on a part time basis then came to Lexington to take

clinical pastoral education courses at the University of Kentucky and work at Blackburn.

"I'm a volunteer trying to raise money," he said. In doing so many Kentucky Baptist churches and Baptist individuals have made contributions to his work. More funds are needed if the dream becomes a reality, and the funds are needed before the end of June.

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James H. Cox
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More bang from the buck

A retired Southern Baptist college president spent his career attempting "to get the most bang out of the buck." He knew the small private college often exists by prudent use of the funds which come its way.

We hear a great deal about personal stewardship in Southern Baptist churches. The thought occurs that we also have a responsibility to see that our churches manage the gifts which come to them in prudent ways, too. I am thinking of practical methods of getting more mileage out of those dollars which are committed to the Lord's service. I would offer three suggestions to any church seeking a little more gain on its tithes and offerings. Your church may be doing all three. There are some congregations doing none of the three. This is for them.

1. Provide your members with offering envelopes large enough to accommodate unfolded paper bills and checks. At least one supplier of such envelopes to Southern Baptist churches found those providing bigger envelopes receive larger gifts. Some folks apparently won't fold a bill and put it in a small envelope, but will insert it unfolded in a larger one. Why not put this theory to the test in the next fiscal year?

2. Provide offering envelopes for every preschooler, child and youth on the Sunday school roll. Don't skimp on this! Good habits begin early. While not every young person will take advantage of it, many will. Many will want to share of their proceeds, and will begin to think of "their" church in new ways. What a lifetime of blessings will come to those who follow the biblical injunctions on giving.

3. Deposit funds received by the church as soon as possible. Some churches tabulate their gifts but once a week. There are those who do this following the Sunday school and morning worship collections. A tally is completed and a bag dropped in the night depository at the local bank. Sunday evening receipts, checks received by mail and gifts dropped by the church office through the week are placed in the office safe until the following Sunday morning. Meanwhile, interest which could be accruing on receipts going into savings accounts is lost. The church which makes daily deposits can realize hundreds of extra dollars every year it otherwise would not gain.

Simple steps? Yes. Hard to implement? No. Worth doing? No doubt about it.

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personnel

Tony Rose has been called as pastor of Columbia Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association. He will assume his duties July 12.

Kyle Richey Douglas, a Pioneer Royal Ambassador at Versailles Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, is an official page at the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis this week.

Douglas was nominated for the honor by the Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and selected by the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn. He joins 15 Royal Ambassador pages and six Acteen pages in assisting convention personnel in registration, the information center, the convention office, the press room and on the convention floor.

A recent graduate of Woodford County High School in Versailles, Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Douglas.

John Sheppard, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Benton, Blood River Association, received a plaque recognizing outstanding work in training Sunday school workers. During the past year the church earned 48 study course awards from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Six of the Sunday school leaders from Walnut Street have earned Sunday

school leadership diplomas. Each diploma required six courses and each course required five hours of study.

Charlie Simmons, associational Sunday school director for Blood River Association, made the presentation during the association's first Sunday school banquet.

Ron Grace, pastor of New Union Baptist Church, Bethel Association, has tendered his resignation and accepted the pastorate of Trenton Baptist Church in the same association.

Jerry Shelton has resigned at Whiporwill Baptist Church, Bethel Association, and has begun a pastorate in Tennessee.

Stuart Terry is the new minister of music and outreach at Airline Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

congregations

Faith Baptist Church, Mercer County Association, held a dedication service for its new building May 17.

Versailles Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, honored Henry Johns and his wife Norma Jean for 15 years of ministry to the church family.

Tatesbrook Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, broke ground May 17 for a



John L. Smith, left, manager of advanced systems technology for General Electric, accepted a plaque from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt, right, welcoming him as a new member of the seminary's board of trustees. Smith, with his wife, Jane, of Louisville, attended his first annual board meeting this spring on the Louisville campus. The Smiths are members of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Louisville.

new educational building. William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was the morning speaker, followed by "dinner on the ground."

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association, honored Bob and Evelyn Alston on their 50th anniversary, gratefully noting Alston's 13 years as minister to hospital patients, shut-ins and families at times of grief.

Jon Stubblefield is pastor.

Westport Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association has completed the basement for its auditorium. A volunteer team of 40 workers was to arrive from Anniston, Ala. June 12 and spend a week constructing the 56x80 foot brick building.

The auditorium will have space for about 200 persons. There will be 19 classrooms and a full basement. Estimated cost is about \$160,000.

Rick Lucas is pastor at Westport.

East Hickman Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, will celebrate its bicentennial June 27-28.

Saturday activities include a "come as you are—when you can" singspiration and cookout under a big top tent from 3-8 p.m. The 11 a.m. Sunday service will feature William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "Dinner on the grounds" will follow, and a his-

torical marker will be unveiled at the conclusion of the celebration service.

Bedford Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, dedicated its building May 24, one year after breaking ground. Former pastors present for the dedication were: R. N. Burnett, Richard DeBell and David Faulkner. Mike Caudill is the present pastor.

deaths

Charles Holland died May 30, ending a 40-year career as a Baptist minister. Holland studied at Maryville College in Tennessee and Southern Seminary. His Kentucky pastorates included Harmony Baptist Church, Lee's Lane Baptist Church and Porter Memorial Baptist Church. He also spent several years in Washington, D. C. as pastor of Fountain Memorial Baptist Church and chaplain of the U. S. House of Representatives.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lucille Hagan; a daughter, Benm Wodell; three sisters, Marvadeen Jackson and Maxine Belle, both of Owensboro, and Marguerite Hemingway; and two brothers, Robert and Dawson. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Valley View Baptist Church and Highview Baptist Church, both in Louisville.



S. Cornell Snow, left, a retired manager of L & N Railroad, accepted a plaque from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt, welcoming him as a new member of the seminary's board of trustees. Snow, with his daughter, Bertha Stevenson of Louisville, attended his first board meeting. Snow is a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.



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Heroes of Faith

Hebrews 11 lists some of the heroes of the Old Testament and briefly describes how each one served the Lord. Their lives are summarized in v. 13, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

The Bible recognizes heroes. Genesis mentions "Mighty men which were of old, men of renown" (6:4), and Joshua speaks of "Mighty men of valour" (6:2). I am convinced that in our generation we need real heroes. Longfellow states,

"In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, Be not like dumb, driven cattle! Be a hero in the strife!"

We live in a time when people are skeptical of heroes. Someone has said that a hero is one who thinks slower than a coward. An old English proverb says a hero is one who is afraid to run away. And Will Rogers whimsically noted, "We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by."

But I am convinced God gives every Christian (and every church) an opportunity to be a hero for Christ. Let me give you an example. The dear people of Grant's Lick Baptist Church, Alexandria, became aware of some of the special needs at Clear Creek. The RA Pioneers decided to sponsor a 10-mile hike/bike-a-thon. 48 people, ranging in age from six to 67, raised \$498.25 for Clear Creek.

Their pastor is Bill Barnard. Now Barnard is no 'spring chicken' (although his wife Lola is much younger!), but he not

only led the church in this campaign but also led the way on the 10-mile hike. He is a true hero and I wish I knew 10,000 more like him.

Emerson said, "a hero is no braver than an ordinary man but he is brave five minutes longer." Mannes states, "The man who really stands up and is counted, ethically, morally and humanly . . . becomes larger than himself." Heroes are rare because so few people are willing to stand up and be counted. Kipling states that it is a "Thin red line of heroes when the drums begin to roll".

May God give us more heroes of faith who are not content with the lower avenues, but seek the higher ground of life!

Lives of great men all remind us/We can make our lives sublime,/And, departing, leave behind us/Footprints on the sands of time./Footprints, that perhaps another, Sailing o'er life's solemn main,/A forlorn and shipwrecked brother, Seeing, shall take heart again.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Kentucky medical missionaries attend symposium in Malaysia

Missionary doctors Sarah and Don Duvall, assigned to the Kediri Baptist Hospital in Indonesia, joined a group of 15 Baptist medical missionaries attending the eighth International Symposium in Continuing Medical Education earlier this year at Golden Sands Baptist Conference Center near Port Dixon in Malaysia.

Two other couples with Kentucky ties had intergral parts in the medical course Gerald and Bonnye Swim, members of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, served as on-site registrars. Swim

is director of Continuing Medical Education at the University of Louisville's Medical and Dental Schools.

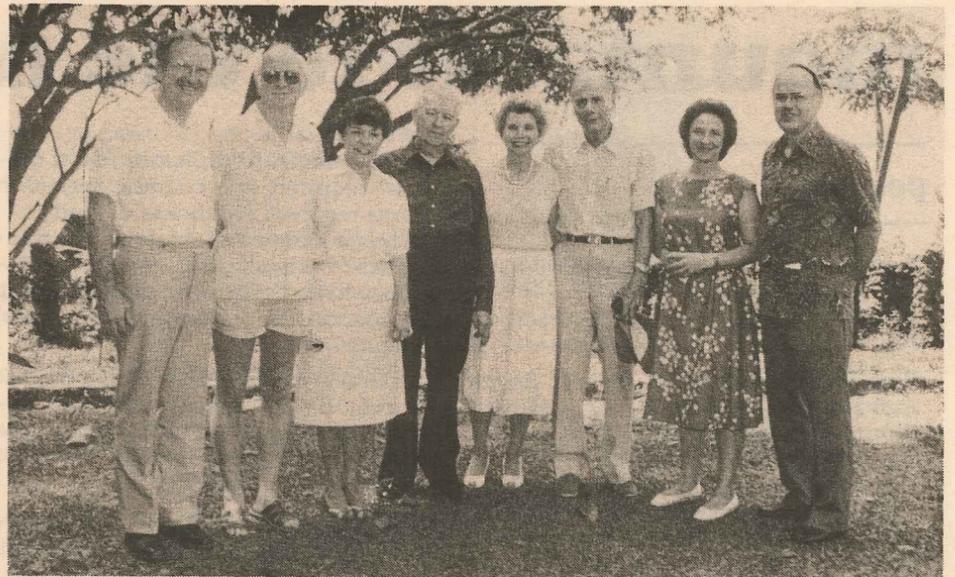
Martha Gilliland and David Stewart, both former medical missionaries to Africa, plan and coordinate the annual symposia. The Stewarts are now in private practice in Louisville—she in OBGYN, and he in psychiatry.

Eighty physicians and dentists from other missionary-sending boards participated in the two-week lecture series.

Sponsored by the Christian Medical Society under the auspices of the University of Louisville's Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, with support from the Medical-Dental Fellowship, the symposium is designed to allow the medical missionary overseas to earn continuing medical education credits—up to 67 of the 150 hours the physician and dentist must accumulate every three years.

For the medical professionals whose interests and callings have taken them to work in developing countries, the two weeks are a concentrated time of learning with lectures from a variety of specialists, including those experienced in medical missions. Medical missionaries, often in isolated areas, have opportunity for professional interchange as well as physical and spiritual renewal in the atmosphere of a retreat.

Henry Love, executive director of Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship, at-



Pictured (l to r) are: Wilbur Lewis, president, Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship; Gerald and Bonnye Swim, Louisville; Henry Love, executive director BMDF; Martha Gilliland and David Stewart, Louisville; and Sarah and Don Duvall, Kediri Baptist Hospital, Indonesia.

tended the Malaysia sessions. Wilbur Lewis, Oklahoma City surgeon and current president of the national organization, served as faculty lecturer.

A former medical missionary in Paraguay, Lewis is a founding member of the fellowship. Begun 10 years ago with a dozen people, membership now exceeds 1700 physicians and dentists who support the fellowship's programs with dues and contributions.

The group finances all of the continuing medical education endeavor for Southern Baptist medical missionaries by paying their expenses to the meeting,

and by stateside doctors paying their own cost to go to mission hospitals to give coverage on the field in order that a missionary doctor may leave for two weeks.

Southern Baptist physicians and dentists desiring more information about the programs of BM-DF may contact Henry Love at the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

John and Marilyn Sanders of Owensboro, Ky. relieved missionaries at Kediri Baptist Hospital for the duration of the conference. He is a surgeon, and she is an internist.

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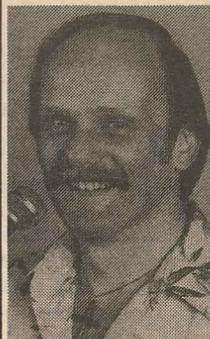
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Campbellsville summer studies feature preaching sessions

Campbellsville College's Summer Studies July 14-17 will focus on Christ-centered, people-oriented preaching, according to H. E. Coker, chairman of the Christian Studies Division and coordinator of the program.

This year the Center for Small Church Ministries at the college will offer a summer institute for bivocational ministers which will take place July 14-16. This portion of the studies program is being coordinated by Jerry Kibbons, professor of Christian Studies.

The preaching sessions of the studies program include:

July 14—Howard Cobble, "Preaching that Encourages the Faint-hearted," Severns Valley Church, E'town;

July 15—David Nelson, "Preaching that Lifts the Fallen," First Church, Owensboro;

July 16—Benjamin Baker, "Preaching that Demands Discipleship," Main Street Church, Lexington;

July 17—Ted Sisk Jr., "Preaching that Magnifies the Master," Immanuel Church, Lexington.

The preaching sessions will be from 9-10 a.m. A feedback session will be from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Afternoons are free for recreation.

The bivocational ministries portion will consist of the following sessions beginning at 7:30 nightly:

July 14—Ernest White, "Christian Leadership Servanthood Model," Gaines S. Dobbins, professor of church administration, Southern Seminary;

July 15—Dale Holloway, "Growing as a Bivocational Pastor," Bivocational Ministries consultant, Home Mission Board;

July 16—Verlin Kruschwitz, "Ministering in Crisis Situations," assistant dean, Boyce Bible School.

The Summer Studies will also include sessions for wives during the sessions for ministers. These sessions will be led by Emily Tuck, wife of William Tuck, pastor of St. Matthews Church, Louisville, and Ginny Sisk, wife of Ted Sisk Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Lexington.

40 volunteers still needed as Kenya link nears finish

The three year Kentucky/Kenya partnership is near the end but continues to move forward, according to Allen West, assistant coordinator of the project for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In November all volunteers from numerous congregations across the state will come home at the completion of the contract between Kentucky and Kenya Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board.

"During the 30 months of the partnership, ending in June, testimonies have been stirring," said West. "Each time a group comes home the story is the same. 'I only wish I could have stayed longer'; 'If I had training and education I would volunteer for missionary service'; and 'It was the grandest and most significant experience of my life.'"

People have returned only to want to

ton.

Mrs. Tuck will address the following topics: "So You're a Minister's wife?—Congregational Expectations," "The Clergy Marriage—Stress and Family Pressures: Time, Money and Friends," and "Taking Control of Your Own Happiness and Fulfillment—Personal Growth."

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sion on "Husband and Wife Relationship."

Coker said that much emphasis is given in the summer studies program to the listeners. "This kind of emphasis by the preacher is conducive to definition and purpose in preaching and also lends itself to variety in ministering to the whole congregation."

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

correction

In a Baptist Press release printed in Western Recorder May 12, C. Richard Dendler was identified as a "real estate company office manager." Brother Dendler is pastor of Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, and has been nominated to serve on the board of the American Seminary Commission. Western Recorder apologizes for the error.

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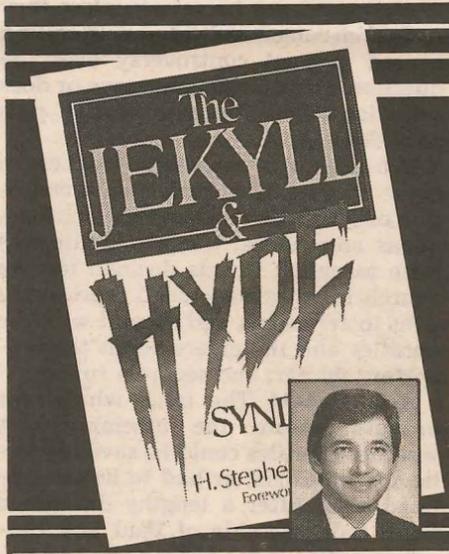
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I was a mess

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We did. Mary returned for a wonderful senior year. Singing in our choir she got to return to Florida and a special concert at Disney World. She got to sing before 5000 people in a televised service of First Baptist, Orlando. Our choir also sang that year before the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the state WMU convention. She was in district and state choir. She was an officer in our Baptist Student Union. She played in the band. She ran on the cross-country team. She graduated.

Just this week I have had a beautiful letter from her.

"As you may remember, when I first came to Oneida I was a mess! But Oneida provided just the right kind of

atmosphere and 'family' I needed to get my life straightened out. (Like four out of 10 American children in their teenage years, Mary was from a "broken" home.)

"I am now nearing graduation from the St. Augustine Technical Center in Word Processing. In September I will start college at the Berry College in Georgia majoring in music. To all who knew me well, can you picture me being a choir director.

"To all the faculty, staff and friends who knew me, thanks for all the great times! French class wouldn't have been the same without Mr. Gritton, who somehow managed to coach four basketball teams and the 'French' team! I'll never forget all those nights sweating blood for Mrs. Pauline's Big, Bad English exams. I sure did admire her ability to have 'organized chaos'. How she taught English, Advanced Placement English, and coached the Academic team, I'll never know. But she sure did a good job of it!

"Civics was really neat because one could express their opinions and feelings openly in that class. Because of Mr. Jenkin, you could catch up on the latest news. He sure cared about the students. He always tried to bring out the best in you. I'll never forget how strong willed he was. As for chemistry and biology, Mr. Mallard made it quite interesting. He had a great sense of humor. He always tried to keep everyone happy, not to mention his compassion and special caring for everyone.

"Anatomy and Mr. Coffey. What a pair! I don't remember one day I was bored. Learning all those long words was good exercise for the tongue!

"Now I have three pairs I would like to comment on. Mr. and Mrs. Rackley, Mr. and Mrs. Mohedano, and Mr. and Mrs. Underwood. You were great "husband and wife" teams. I don't know how you did it! You were able to put up with each other while having such busy schedules.

"Then there's Dean Smith who has to hear everyone's complaints, and Mrs. Hatfield and Mrs. Scott, who took care of the girls dorm. Then Mr. Scott, better known as 'Dad', gave us great advice and took time out to care. I would like to thank Mr. Minor for the great times in choir and band. He was a good friend and worked so hard keeping the music program going.

"All the staff were an inspiration to me! I am thankful for all who are so dedicated to educating the minds of young people. All of you showed me what hard work and dedication were all about!"



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Salvation by grace

From the first time the gospel was preached in Antioch the people had been assured that if they would repent of their sins and believe on Christ they would be saved. Many believed this truth.

Acts 15:1-2 Certain teachers came from Judea to Antioch and bluntly denied the sufficiency of faith in Christ for salvation. They declared believers in Christ could not be saved unless they were circumcised. Their agitation caused a great controversy over the question, Can Christ alone save or does salvation come through Christ plus something else?

The attempt of these false teachers to make the rite of circumcision a condition of salvation aroused Paul and Barnabas and caused them to refute this false teaching. It was decided for the church in Antioch to send representatives to Jerusalem and consult with the apostles and the elders about this important matter, and secure a ruling.

Acts 15:4-11 The issue which was brought before the assembly was whether Gentiles could be saved by believing on Christ or had to be circumcised also. After a lengthy discussion Peter took the side of Paul and Barnabas, appealing to history (vv. 7-9), experience (v. 10) and essential truth (v. 11). His speech prepared those present to

listen attentively to Paul and Barnabas as they described the great things which God enabled them to accomplish among the Gentiles.

After listening to the debate and waiting upon the Lord for wisdom, James, the president of the council, summarized what had been said, taught that Jews and Gentiles are saved on exactly the same terms, namely, by grace through faith in Christ, and then announced the decision.

International series

Goodness is not enough

Romans 2:1 The Jews considered themselves superior to the Gentiles, so they took great delight in exposing their sins and in condemning them unmercifully, while committing the same sins. Nobody has the right to attempt to usurp the place of the divine judge.

Romans 2:17-24 The Gentiles had a God-implanted and instinctive knowledge of right and wrong, but the Jews were more fortunate in possessing a written revelation from God. Instead of being grateful, the Jews were proud of themselves, and the fact God made them custodians of the divine revelation. Such hypocrisy as they exhibited by professing one thing and practicing another displeased and dishonored God. Likewise, the disparity between the profession and the practice of Christians today is causing many to lose faith in them, to ridicule them, and to reject Christ as their savior.

Romans 3:9-12 Paul quoted several Old Testament passages to prove both Jews and Gentiles were under the condemnation of sin and dominion of Satan. Both Gentiles and Jews were lacking in personal righteousness. Apart from Christ, both Gentiles and Jews in their natural condition stand before God under the blight of divine wrath. If any sinner is to be delivered from condemnation, it is because that righteousness which was wrought out by Christ on the cross has been imputed to him.

Romans 3:19-20 The law taught the Jews there was a difference between right and wrong, but knowing that did not prevent them from doing the wrong. It made them aware of the guilt of sin, and of the impossibility of being saved through the keeping of the law, but the good news of the gospel made known to them salvation through the savior.



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on mission together

Stuck at fifty

As with any profession, the ministry has its "ups and downs." A Baptist minister is especially vulnerable to whatever the "trend" happens to be among Baptist church search committees.

There's a growing perception among ministers that once they reach the age of 50, their opportunities for service in another church are greatly reduced. Unfortunately, the perception has been

reinforced by the growing trend of search committees to arbitrarily decide that 50 is too old for consideration. That unjustified and unwise barrier takes its toll on hundreds of very capable ministers in Kentucky whose worst sin last year was to become 50!

Imagine with me that you are a Baptist minister on Monday morning, past 50, and hurting:

"Here I am, Lord, and it's Monday morning again. Hard to believe it's been over two years since a committee came to hear me. They seemed so interested and I really thought they would call us. It really tore up Susan when she got the phone call telling her they had turned in another direction. She hasn't quite gotten over that one.

"Sometimes I wish I were a Methodist. At least they are set up to find another church when it's time to move on.

"Sometimes I get the feeling that some of the folks wish I'd move on. I have been here a pretty long time, Lord. You know that.

"Somewhere back there someone told me when I reached 50 that other churches wouldn't be interested. Maybe they figure we don't have as much energy or that their young people might think we're too old. Maybe they're afraid they'll get "stuck" with someone until they retire.

"I don't mean to feel sorry for myself, Lord, but I don't understand it. I've got years of experience and been through just about every experience people in a church can have. Folks tell me I'm a pretty good preacher. For sure, I've prepared and preached a lot of sermons and taught a lot of Bible. It just doesn't make sense.

"Lord, today I feel stuck—like I'm in quicksand. I don't know if I can stay here another 12 to 15 years. I don't know if they want me to. Today, Lord, I don't.

"Help me, Lord. If it's not possible for me to go somewhere else, then help me feel better about where I am.

"Please, Lord, it's Monday again and I'm past 50."

Harada brothers compare leprosy experience to AIDS

by Jim Newton

Glenn and Paul Harada compared their pilgrimage with leprosy during the last 30 years to the current struggle families face when one member has AIDS.

The Harada brothers told of their personal feelings during a meeting of state and nationwide Southern Baptist missions leaders sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Glenn Harada is director of Christian social ministries for the Hawaii Baptist Convention in Honolulu.

During a three-hour dialogue with 120 Baptist missions leaders, Paul Harada, who has had leprosy since 1941, told of his acceptance by other family members despite having the most dreaded and misunderstood disease in Hawaii.

The Harada brothers urged family members and the church in today's society to love and accept people who contract AIDS, just as their family accepted Paul's leprosy.

Throughout their presentation, the Haradas compared leprosy to AIDS, saying there are striking similarities between the way people respond and react to Hansen's Disease, or leprosy, and AIDS.

"AIDS is a kind of leprosy of the 1980s," said Glenn. The big difference, added Paul, is that drugs have been discovered to control leprosy, and it is now almost a non-disease. The greatest similarity is the way people respond when they learn they have either leprosy or AIDS, they said.

Paul, 61, recalled his family's reaction when he learned he had leprosy 46 years

ago at the age of 15. "I remember how stunned my dad was," Paul recalled. "It was like learning your son had AIDS today."

Paul was quarantined and sent first to a leprosy compound near Hickham Field in Honolulu and later to the leprosy colony at Kalaupapa, an isolated peninsula on the island of Molokai.

"The reality is that all of us will be touched by these kinds of questions at some point in our lives."

"You have to understand that leprosy became rampant in Hawaii about 1865, when King Kamehameha V decided to banish all Hawaiians with leprosy to Kalaupapa," explained Glenn. "Since then, more than 7300 Hawaiians have died of leprosy at Kalaupapa—five times the number of Hawaiians who have died in all wars combined."

Glenn, now 42, was born three years after his brother was banished. He was not told he had a brother with leprosy until he was about 10 years old, shortly before Paul was released from Kalaupapa.

"My father and mother did not understand the disease," Glenn recalled. "They had so many stereotyped feelings based on rumor and misinformation. It

was a dark family secret no one talked about."

In 1954, after he had suffered with the disease for 13 years, Paul tested "negative" indicating he no longer had Hansen's Disease. On Thanksgiving Day, 1954, he was allowed to return home.

The nine other brothers and sisters in the Harada family were sent to live with other relatives when Paul returned. "We were not allowed to eat or sleep in the same house with Paul, or to touch him, even though he no longer had the disease," Glenn recalled.

Paul insists leprosy is not contagious, and like AIDS is not transmitted by normal contact. Of the 10 Harada children, only Paul had leprosy.

When he returned home, Paul said, he was not concerned about himself, but how the family and neighbors would react to his return.

Glenn said he now feels his brother's banishment was "a great sacrifice for the sake of the family. If Paul had not been taken from us, I would not be where I am today as a minister."

Glenn said he felt Paul was a hero of sorts. He admitted however, he was afraid. "I'll never forget how clean I scrubbed in my bath the first day I saw him," he said.

Although Paul's case was described as mild, he suffered some disfigurement, especially on his hands. He lost several fingers, and is only slightly able to use his right hand.

Paul was once told he would not live past age 24. "The disease is horrible, even horrific," he said. "It is very slow, but very sure." By about 1953, his hands, feet and face were a mass of sores. His nose was so infected he could not breathe through it. But by 1956, his sores began to heal. Today, there is only

a slight trace of the disease.

Paul now lives by choice at Kalaupapa in a home provided by the state. About 100 other leprosy patients, their average age 62, live there by choice. The quarantine was lifted by Hawaii in 1969.

His wife also has had leprosy, but like Paul, is now negative. "She is a beautiful person. We fell in love as teenagers at Kalaupapa," he said. They have no children.

Paul and others with Hansen's disease have no objections to the term leprosy, but they react negatively to being called lepers.

Neither does Paul feel angry at God because of his suffering. "Suffering is like testing," he said. "It tests you to see what you are made of. We ought to thank God for our suffering. We thank God for good health and everything else. We ought to thank him for the crosses he gives us. The cross is a very significant thing in the redemption of mankind."

Even though he thought he would die of leprosy, Paul said he was not afraid: "Death was not a thing to be feared. I was almost looking forward to it. We need to remember we are all just guests in this world—we are just passing through. We don't own the world, God does."

Paul urged others to accept people with AIDS, just as his brother Glenn accepted him with leprosy. "We are all children of God," he said. "We are all part of God's family—white or black, sick or well."

"The reality is that all of us will be touched by these kinds of questions at some point in our lives," he added. "I just hope what our family has experienced might help someone else deal with being stigmatized, ostracized and rejected by the rest of society." (BP)

Africa's 'other face' seldom on TV

by Ken Perkins

From a riot in one African country to a four-hour offering in another is a contrast too extreme to ignore.

Several months ago I was among 40 missionaries from 19 countries in Harare, Zimbabwe, for a conference. While downtown one afternoon, I noticed a massive crowd lining up to buy a newspaper.

I also bought a copy of the special edition and read that the president of neighboring Mozambique had died in a plane crash.

The next morning demonstrators gas bombed the very offices we had visited the day before. In the interest of perspective, I hasten to point out that, even as riots took place, at least 10 women missionaries were shopping just blocks away. As long as you use common sense, treat people well and stay out of the vicinity of television cameras, everything is usually all right.

But it was still comforting to clear customs and return to our country of service. An hour and a half after getting back to Transkei I had collected my family and taken off for the "bush." The change from the capital city of one country and Johannesburg's 7 million people to our rural area with a population in the hundreds was, as always, startling.

Soon we found ourselves surrounded by blacks, not those who stage riots for the six o'clock news, but those filled with grief due to a loved one's loss and filled with love for us white folks who had come to assist in the funeral.

We prayed together, sang together, shoveled dirt together into the grave, and ate together. Everything we did, we

did together. The schedule worked out so we found ourselves spending the night in that small town where we were the only whites. As we took our family for an evening stroll we drew quite a following, but it was fun and educational.

The next day we went to a "township" where one of our churches was having a special day to collect an offering to construct their church building. Being the only whites in a township of 15,000 blacks did not cause us a moment's hesitation, for the Lord had prepared the way.

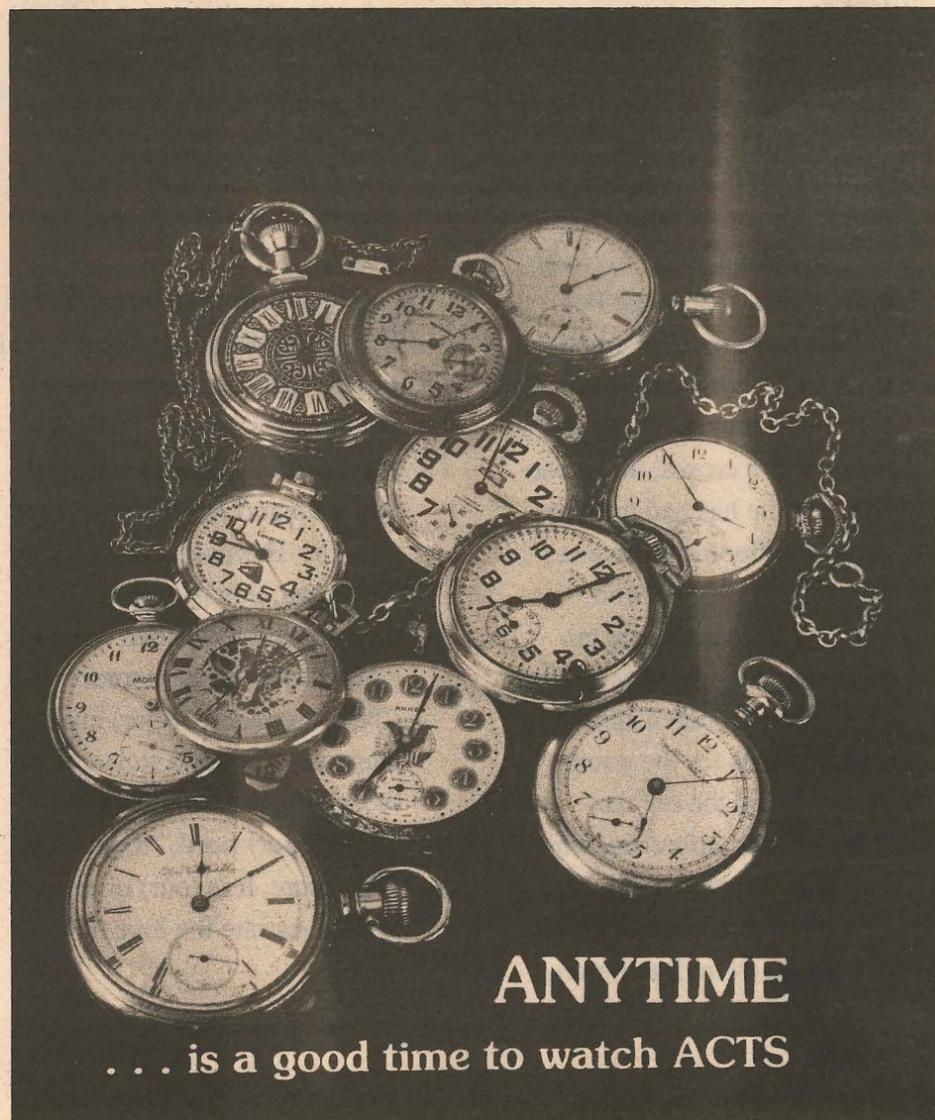
In Harare during the riots, police were everywhere, many other whites were around and everyone knew exactly where we were. I had been quite anxious.

But in that township there were no police, no other whites and no one knew where we were or how to find us. Yet, we were at peace. It was the different reasons that people had assembled.

The rioters were demanding their rights, wanting whatever they could get by whatever means. The church folks of eZebeleni (this is correct spelling) danced and sang for four hours as they gave an offering to build their church. They were concerned only about that which they could give. Some would do without meat the rest of the month because of their sacrificial gifts.

And I wondered, where were the television cameras?

Editor's Note: Ken Perkins has been a Southern Baptist missionary since 1983, first in Malawi and now in Transkei. He is a general evangelist/church developer.



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Look what's happening. . . State Youth Evangelism Conference

A single church is no longer large enough to contain the throngs of young people that congregate, annually, to compose the State Youth Evangelism Conference. Last year, when much of the nation was preoccupied with the highly publicized "degeneration of youth in the '80s," nearly 3000 young people inaugurated their summer break from studies with three days of praise to Jesus Christ, evangelistic preaching, commitment to discipleship and personal witnessing.

This year, Hal Poe, associate director of Evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, projects at least 5000 will crowd Louisville's Broadbent Arena to experience their own unique part of the KBC's sesquicentennial anniversary celebration. Although Poe collaborated with Evangelism director Jay Brown to put together a program that could draw such a crowd, this is the first year he has had primary responsibility for the event. Heretofore, Brown, who initiated the conference ten years ago, shortly after moving to the state Evangelism post, held the reins for the youth, just as he did the regular Evangelism conference, which is conducted each February.

"This is more than just an inspiration event for church

people," Poe contends. "We anticipate many young people coming who are not Christian. For many churches, this is an evangelistic thrust for young people and we hope to see people saved."

Poe believes an annual Youth Evangelism Conference ministers in a special way to small churches and economically limited churches. "(This conference) fills a major need for smaller churches who don't have large youth budgets to put on major programs," he explains.

"The format is different from the Evangelism conference for adults. The entire program is designed to present the gospel in terms that are peculiar to teenagers: their concerns, their language, their music."

Music highlights every Youth Evangelism conference. This year is certainly no exception. Feature presentations will be performed by *Say So* (musical duo Kim and Jim Thomas).

The Thomases, from Newtown, Pennsylvania, believe God has called them to a ministry in contemporary Christian music. "(Our) challenge is to be good stewards of those gifts and abilities given (us) by (our) Lord," they assert. "Therefore, it is (our) objective to demonstrate the love of

Christ and communicate solid biblical principles through live performance, song writing, and personal contact."

Dean Finley, former campus minister at Campbellsville College and minister of youth in Kentucky, before joining the staff of the Home Mission Board as a national evangelism consultant, anchors the preaching responsibilities for the two-day conference. Kevin Landgrave, minister of music at Lyndon church, Louisville, leads congregational singing.

The program also boasts basketball stars Larry Pursiful and Robby Speer; Western Kentucky Speaker's Tournament winner Joy Hinton; Eastern Kentucky Speaker's Tournament winner Marisa Smith; Vocalist Chancie Brown, Evangelism intern Stephen Bowers and, according to Poe, "much, much more!"

Jay Brown Sees the Youth Evangelism Conference as critical to the future of the gospel ministry. At the 1985 State Evangelism Conference he challenged participants to "think what would happen if a single generation should pass without hearing the gospel; if one generation of youth should pass without receiving Jesus Christ.

"One of the things I think the Youth Evangelism Conference does is let the youth know

they're not alone in the Christian experience.

There are some things they can do about evangelism. There are some things they can do about starting a relationship with Christ.

"We're hoping to see 70 or 80 saved. We've had decisions every year and this year should be no exception. If more churches will bring the lost, we, naturally, can reach more.

When Brown put the first Youth Evangelism Conference together in 1978, he called it a WOW (witness training) School and brought 800 young people to Calvary church in Lexington. The very next year he moved to First church, Bowling Green, and packed the auditorium, there. The crowds have been increasing, ever since.

The first session of this year's conference will open at 2:00 PM Friday, June 26. Another session will begin at 7:00 PM following a break for the evening meal.

The sessions draw to a close at noon, Saturday.