

## Faith Channel to begin broadcasting Aug. 1

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

"Faith Channel will officially begin broadcasting programs provided by Louisville's mainline religious groups Aug. 1," Jim Morrison, chairman of the Faith Channel board of directors, told Western Recorder July 19.

The ecumenical channel, the first entity of its kind in the country, is the result of direct cooperation between the city's major denominations. The three leading partners in the venture are the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, the Catholic Communications Center of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville, and the Ohio Valley board of the American Christian Television Service (ACTS), operated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The three groups have agreed to share programming time on the 24 hours a day channel, which according to Storer Communications, Inc. cable systems officials will be channel 30 in the city and 18 in the rest of Jefferson County.

The programming will primarily come from ACTS, the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America (CTNA), the Eternal Word Television Network (also Catholic) and the World Council of Churches' Communications Commission.

Ohio Valley ACTS, the sponsoring group for Southern Baptist programming on the Faith Channel, began seeking four years ago to create an access for ACTS on a Storer channel. "But, those efforts continually failed, because of the lack of interest on the part of the national Storer Communications, Inc. officials," said Morrison, associate pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

"Eventually, Ohio Valley ACTS learned what we could not do by ourselves, we could do by cooperating with other denominations," he explained.

According to Morrison, this agreement comes with some built in advantages. "First, we would not have a Southern Baptist voice in our area without cooperation. And, we have a much larger viewing audience for our witness because people of other faiths in our community are more likely to tune in the channel to see what it offers."

But, the greatest advantage to local



David Schraffenberger, operations manager for Faith Channel, shows board member Andy Rawls the new transmitting equipment.

Baptist congregations is the channel offers a direct media access that they did not have before, he claimed.

Since the announcement of the channel's birth in early February, the directors of the Faith Channel, comprised of five members from each of the three groups, have solidified an arrangement for a minimum of two years with Storer, hired a full time operations manager and purchased the necessary equipment to receive the satellite transmissions from the various sources.

The principal funds for the first year's operational expenses are provided by a \$100,000 grant awarded to the Faith Channel by the Mary C. and Barry Bingham Foundation. Future expenses will be shared by the three religious entities involved.

David Schraffenberger, newly appointed operations manager for the channel, helped the groups organize the channel's headquarters in Mullins Hall of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### Peace Committee course outlined in September

by Dan Martin

Charles Fuller, chairman of the SBC Peace Committee, said he will offer "suggestions" of ways in which the committee will carry out its extended assignment when the SBC Executive Committee meets in September.

Fuller stated two of the committee's recommendations "are most at issue." One is recommendation five, "wherein we called on denominational agencies to build their staffs in the future from persons who reflect the dominant theological convictions of Southern Baptists at large." The other is recommendation ten, which extended the Peace Committee "for the purpose of following up on the recommendations for not more than three years," he said.

The report, he added, is aimed at the future and not directed at the past. "The thrust of the report is to the future, and the wording is very specific that the Peace Committee calls upon agencies, in the future, to build their professional staffs from people whose position on doctrinal matters is in keeping with the positions of Southern Baptists at large."

He also said, "Members of the Peace Committee understand the fear of creedalism and the impropriety of theological checklists. We took great pains to address those fears in the wording of our report. We used the four items in the findings section with great care, and said they reflect what we think most Southern Baptists believe about the Baptist Faith and Message Statement on scripture. (BP)

nary.

"Faith Channel will monitor the delivery systems of the mainline denominations 24 hours a day and select the best programs from these satellite systems to be video taped. Then it will send the programs by a microwave signal link with the Story Avenue office of Storer Cable, Inc. to be transmitted to the local communities," the 1982 University of Louisville graduate in communications explained.

Presently, Schraffenberger, a four year cable operations veteran at Metroversity in Louisville, is looking for four master control operators dedicated to providing "wholesome family and Christian entertainment."

Southern Seminary communications professor Robert Don Hughes, a member of the Faith Channel board, claims the initial programming schedule will be simple, mainly shifting back and forth between ACTS and EWTN programming.

The channel will also broadcast programs from the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, an organization headed by Ken MacHarg of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. KIC represents the

voice of the Christian Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Louisville, the Jewish Community Federation, the Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church, the Salvation Army and the United Church of Christ.

Hughes is enthusiastic about the project, which has brought a full time channel on the seminary campus. "The Faith Channel will provide not only hands-on training for seminary students and an outlet for their productions, it will also provide an opportunity for Baptist churches to get involved in media.

"The channel's success will lie in its ability to become a vehicle of expression for Louisville's community of faith," he commented.

The most significant development, according to Baptist board member Andy Rawls, is that Southern Baptists have formed a good working relationship among a wide variety of religious groups in Louisville.

"The three groups are willing to work together to see their particular message of faith is communicated to Jefferson County residents," he said.

"Faith channel is a common carrier, but certainly it is an uncommon channel," Rawls claimed. "The concept of sharing time is different from other religious channels, which thrive on particular charismatic individuals. Faith Channel offers only the programs of mainline denominations with no solicitation," he allowed.

Morrison emphasized that Baptist churches interested in providing programs for the Faith Channel should contact the Long Run associational office or Hughes at the seminary. He also expressed a hope that the channel's unique concept could become a model for religious programming in other parts of the United States.

## Carlisle Avenue debt free status signified by note burning

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A note-burning ceremony was a highlight of a Louisville congregation's 76th anniversary observance July 12.

Setting a flame to a \$59,000 note on a new Christian activities building left the 2000-member Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church debt free.

Pastor Ferrill G. Gardner, who has served the church 12 years, participated in the note-burning along with present and immediate past trustees.

Three laymen testified to the meaning of the new recreational facility, first occupied Nov. 11, 1986. The church had paid all but \$59,000 on the nearly \$500,000 structure at that point, and took out a loan to cover its indebtedness.

Gardner attested that he had appealed for contributions for that purpose only once from the pulpit, "and you responded generously."

In his sermon, in which he spoke of Carlisle Avenue's illustrious past while pointing toward its future, he said, "We have but one task: lifting Jesus as the answer to the world's problems." Gardner suggested that "we'll only have victory if we make him Lord of our lives."

He spoke of Carlisle Avenue's "unique situation" which "demands that we move (act)," citing two factors—that "so

many (of our congregation) are promoted to the kingdom," while for others, health "removes them from service."

He called for able-bodied members to "work while it is day, for the night cometh."

The morning worship service, during which the note on the activities building was burned, was followed by a traditional churchwide anniversary luncheon, this year in the new facility. Several persons recalled their experiences at Carlisle Avenue following the meal.

The new two-story activities structure is 72 feet by 115 feet. It provides space for basketball, volleyball, tennis, foosball, air hockey, skating, table games, an indoor running track, weight and exercise equipment, a kitchen, fellowship room, rest rooms and showers.

Larry Pursiful, who has been minister of activities at the church since leaving business enterprises in Elizabethtown in January of this year, supervises the facility on a daily basis. He said an average of between 600 and 700 persons participated in the activities program weekly during the winter and spring months of this year.

He estimates that between 80 and 90 percent of this number held membership in Carlisle Avenue Church, but suggested that the building "will be a definite outreach ministry of this church."

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Jack D. Sanford

# sanford's perspectives

## Statistics are revealing

The Quarterly Review for July, August, September has an interesting summary of Baptist life. This survey of Southern Baptist progress has some startling numbers related to our work this past year.

For example, nearly one-third of the people baptized in Southern Baptist churches last year were children under age 12. There were 109,567 of them in fact. What is truly alarming about this figure is that almost 3000 of those children we baptized were preschoolers.

I breathed a sigh of relief when I discovered Kentucky Baptist churches had only 62 preschoolers among the 5163 children we baptized. I felt relief because preschoolers, people usually under age six, do not seem to be the most pressing area for evangelism.

Another interesting fact from the statistics is this one: 62.5 percent of all Southern Baptist churches have less than 300 members. It was not surprising to learn that 29 percent of those people on the church books are nonresident. In fact I would have thought more Baptists were out of touch with their churches than the figures indicate.

Southern Baptist churches average 48.8 percent of their enrolment in Sunday school on any given Sunday and their average gifts were \$262.97 per year to all causes through the local church.

The Quarterly Review lists Kentucky with 2244 churches in 79 associations with a total church membership of 763,550. All these Kentucky Baptists contributed to all causes through their churches \$162,239,385 in 1986.

Kentucky Baptist churches average 353 members, have 176 average enrolment in Sunday school and average nine baptisms per year. Average Church Training enrolment is 71, music enrolment is 48, WMU enrolment is 43 and Brotherhood enrolment is 27.

A very disturbing fact is that Kentucky Baptist

churches invested an average of \$5149 for missions through their Cooperative Program gifts but spent an average \$53,492 for new building construction.

Even with this disproportionate missions/building fact staring out at us, Kentucky ranked 11th among the 37 state conventions in total Cooperative Program gifts with \$5.6 million in 1986 and was seventh in total membership, exceeded only by Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida.

Kentucky's per capita mission expenditures last year were \$34.23. Every state bordering Kentucky, except Indiana, gave more per capita to missions than our state. Ohio gave \$39.26; West Virginia, \$50.70; Virginia, \$43.97; Missouri, \$39.57; Tennessee, \$38.17; and Indiana, \$31.32. Yet only Tennessee of those neighboring states gave more dollars through the Cooperative Program than Kentucky.

Statisticians delight in numbers and it has been said you can make anything out of numbers. What I make out of these numbers is that we have much to do before we rest on any laurels.

We have not won our state to Christ.

We do not shape the communities where we live.

We have not lived sacrificially to advance the kingdom of our Lord.

I also know the spirit of cooperation and fellowship among Kentucky Baptists is at a high point. I also know we have some of the best people in the world serving God in our churches. The numbers are not as good as we would like, but God has blessed us with good leadership, faithful members and white harvest fields.

It is good to be a Kentucky Baptist and the future is bright with God's promise of victory to those who are faithful.

May each of us be faithful to the calling we have from him and savor the victory he will give as we improve the statistics.

## Strong challenge from a new president

Larry Lewis, newly elected president of the Home Mission Board has set a strong challenge before Southern Baptists.

He has declared his intention to lead the denomination to win and baptize one million new converts by the year 2000. That challenge puts before us a call for stronger emphasis on soul-winning and commitment to the first item of business in the life of the churches. Thank the Lord our HMB has set such a high goal.

Lewis has said the need is to establish at least 1000 new churches each year, because new churches reach people faster than older churches. Those churches which reach people most rapidly are language churches and establishing new language churches is a high priority for the new HMB president.

Lewis is well qualified to speak of new church establishment because during a 14-year span as a pastor he started 13 missions. In one 10-year period while serving in Ohio and New Jersey, he led churches to begin nine new missions.

Lewis' priority for new work coincides with the emphasis of our own Kentucky Baptist Convention. We have a goal of at least 400 new preaching points, missions and churches by the year 1990 as the major thrust of our "Mission Kentucky" program. Our efforts are designed to reach the more than one million unchurched people in our state.

The challenge of president Lewis and of our own Direct Missions Department places heavy responsibility and wondrous opportunity upon each of us to do our best in what matters most. It is time for each Baptist and each Baptist church in our convention to get on with the important business of winning lost people to Christ and establishing new churches.

That is our first task and unless we heed and respond positively to the challenge before us we will be "put on the shelf" and God will turn to others to bring light to our dark world.

Congratulations to Larry Lewis for his stirring challenge. May we hear and heed before time runs out.

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# baptist news in brief

## Fletcher Allen to be Tennessee news editor

The Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board unanimously elected W. Fletcher Allen editor of the Baptist and Reflector during a called meeting of the board June 26.

Allen, editor of the Baptist True Union, the Baptist newsjournal of Maryland/Delaware for the past four years, will begin his new duties Aug. 17. He succeeds Alvin C. Shackelford, who left Mar. 15 to become vice president for public relations of the SBC Executive Committee.

Fred Isaacs, a layman from Cosby, Tenn., and chairman of the state executive board's administrative committee which also is the board of directors for Baptist and Reflector, introduced Allen as "a journalist with a pastor's heart" who is "subservient to nobody but Jesus Christ."

During the called meeting, board members asked about Allen's beliefs regarding the Bible, his commitment to fairness and his goals for the newspaper.

"I believe the Bible, I believe all the Bible. I believe everything in the Bible," Allen responded. "I believe it is perfectly trustworthy. It is my authority for not only what I believe but how I live. I promise, with all the integrity I have . . . to be fair," Allen said.

Before becoming editor of the Maryland/Delaware paper, Allen was associate editor of the Baptist Courier, South Carolina's state paper, 17 years.(BP)

## CP, inflation even out at end of third quarter

The economy's tortoise has caught the Southern Baptist Convention's hare.

After racing ahead of inflation for months, the SBC Cooperative Program is locked in a dead heat with the consumer price increase—about four percent annually.

Southern Baptists contributed \$11,851,554 to the fund during June, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

Contributions to the Cooperative Program at the end of three-quarters of its fiscal year are \$98,114,965, or four percent ahead of the same point last year, Bennett said.

That gain compares to a U. S. inflation rate of about 3.8 percent, said Tim A. Hedquist, vice president for business and finance of the Executive Committee.

The race between inflation and the Cooperative Program has evened out because the inflation rate has speeded up while the CP's increase has slowed. For example, inflation swayed down to below two percent for periods when the CP grew at a 4.5 percent to six percent pace.

If the 4 percent rate of increase holds through the final quarter of the fiscal year, the Cooperative Program should receive about \$130 million of its \$136 million goal.(BP)

## Southern Baptist leaders to meet with Pope

Two Southern Baptist leaders will meet with Pope John Paul II when the Roman Catholic pontiff visits the United States this fall.

Harold C. Bennett and Carolyn Weatherford will join a small group of U. S. Protestant leaders who will meet privately with the pope Sept. 11 in Columbia, S. C. Bennett is president and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and Miss Weatherford is executive director of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

The pope will greet each leader indi-

vidually during the meeting, to be held during the afternoon at the home of University of South Carolina president James B. Holderman. Twenty-four non-Catholic leaders have been invited to participate in the private meeting.

"I am pleased Southern Baptists will be represented in the small meeting with Pope John Paul II," Bennett said. "It will afford me the opportunity to express a personal welcome to one of the religious leaders of the world."

Miss Weatherford added: "I have accepted the invitation and am delighted

to be included in the dialog. Southern Baptists have work in so many countries where Roman Catholics are in a missions relationship with us. We need to be talking with each other more."

She also expressed pleasure that the group includes a woman. "Simply because there are a lot of women who are Roman Catholic, I think the pope is wise to include a woman in the discussion," she said. "If he is seeking to understand religious life in the United States he certainly needs to include the perspective of women."

SBC president Adrian P. Rogers also has confirmed he will not participate. During a press conference shortly after his reelection to the presidency in June Rogers declined to give his reasons for not meeting with the pope, saying "they are best not expressed in public media."(BP)

## Bork-for-Powell switch means changes in law

If President Reagan's new choice for the U. S. Supreme Court, District of Columbia Court of Appeals Judge Robert H. Bork, is confirmed by the Senate, some changes in church-state law can be expected, especially in cases testing aid to parochial schools.

Evidence exists to suggest he would look favorably on federal and state laws aimed at providing financial assistance to sectarian elementary and secondary schools or to parents who send their children to such schools.

Because the man Bork would replace—retired Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr.—accumulated a mixed record in such cases during his nearly 16 years on the high court, a Bork-for-Powell switch likely would mean advocates of parochial aid would gain a stronger ally. And since a number of recent key cases in this field have been decided on 5-4 votes, some of which have struck down provisions for such assistance, the change could make the crucial difference.(BP)

## T.W. Hunt to begin prayer training unit

As part of a major Southern Baptist Convention effort to train church leaders in establishing and conducting comprehensive prayer ministries, T. W. Hunt has been named to a newly created position as prayer consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department.

Hunt, 57, has been professor of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., 24 years. He is the author of the 1987 adult Baptist doctrine study textbook on prayer and a 13-week lay institute for equipping course, PrayerLife, to be released in January 1988.

Roy Edgemon, director of the Church Training Department, said the new position will develop a nationwide network of prayer groups undergirding Southern Baptist efforts to share the gospel with every person in the world by 2000. He described Hunt as a "leading prayer warrior" in the convention.

The department will utilize a newsletter and Baptist Telecommunication Network programing to provide regular information to prayer groups.(BP)

## Churches can continue hiring practice

The Supreme Court ruled June 24 that Congress did not violate the Constitution 15 years ago when it exempted churches from complying with a federal ban on job discrimination based on religion, even when the contested job is non-religious in nature.

The high court decision overturned an earlier ruling by a federal district court striking down the 1972 exemption, one of numerous amendments passed that year to the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under the 1964 law, religious employers could restrict employment to "individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with . . . (their) religious activities." But in 1972, Congress deleted the single word "religious" from the exemption, thus enabling churches to discriminate on the basis of religion in hiring for any job, religious or not.

Many religious groups, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs had asked the court to uphold the 1972 exemption. BJC general counsel Oliver S. Thomas praised the court's ruling.

The legal challenge to the 1972 amendment came in the form of a lawsuit by several former employees of organizations owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church. The workers were fired when they failed to qualify for a "temple recommend," a term that refers to a special status within the Mormon Church achieved by

meeting certain religious demands, including regular church attendance, tithing and abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, coffee and tea. Achieving the status means a faithful Mormon is entitled to attend the church's temples, where certain secret rites are performed.

One of the fired workers, Frank Mayson, persuaded the lower court to declare the 1972 exemption unconstitutional and to award back wages, fringe benefits and pension contributions. The court also ordered Mayson reinstated in his old job as building engineer at the Deseret Gymnasium in Salt Lake City. The non-profit facility, which is open to the public, is owned and operated by the Mormon Church.(BP)

## House Committee votes to continue postal subsidy

The House Appropriations Committee has voted to maintain current levels of postal rates for non-profit mailers through fiscal year 1988.

The committee passed an amendment to the Postal Service Appropriation Act of 1988 to appropriate \$556.5 million in federal funds to subsidize reduced postal rates for non-profit publications, including Baptist state papers and some church newsletters, through September 1988.

If approved by the full House, the appropriations bill will go to the Senate for action.(BP)



T. W. and Laverne Hunt prayed with Roy Edgemon (r), director of the Sunday School Board's Church Training Department after Edgemon announced that Hunt would become a prayer consultant at the board, training church leaders in establishing and conducting comprehensive prayer ministries.



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## clear creek comment

### Anyone can!

From time to time I share some outstanding feature of Clear Creek in this column. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College is the most unusual school in the world. Occasionally I write about one of our unique characteristics.

This column is dedicated to our new three-day, two-day schedule of classes. Following this new schedule anyone can arrange to attend Clear Creek.

Under our previous system classes were offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (as in most colleges). However, we felt a need to better serve our pastors who lived too far away to drive in for classes and return home each evening. So we rearranged these three days of classes into a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday schedule.

Under this schedule a pastor (or anyone else who wants to prepare himself for the Lord's work) may leave home on Monday morning, attend classes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, (staying in a Kelly Hall room Monday night and Tuesday night) and return to his home Wednesday in time to conduct prayer meeting.

Because we also now offer classes on Monday evening and Tuesday evening, a student may earn up to 16 semester hours of credit under this system. He is able to carry this load and remain where he is without uprooting his family.

The old Tuesday-Thursday schedule of classes has been revised to Thursday-Friday classes. By adding in classes on Thursday evening, a student may earn up to 12 semester hours of credit, staying in Kelly Hall on Thursday night.

The reason this new schedule was developed is that for the last 10-15 years we have not had enough housing for those who feel led to attend Clear Creek. When a man is older and trying to answer God's call to prepare for the ministry, it is a shame to tell him to wait another year.

We feel that Clear Creek should be able to meet the needs of anyone called of God. However, we have not been able to meet their housing needs. This three-day, two-day schedule makes it possible for anyone serious about preparing for the Lord's work to attend Clear Creek.

Clear Creek has long operated on a policy of not saying "No" to anyone called of God. We are dedicated to helping men and their families as they prepare for the ministry. Yes, the answer to the question of who is now able to attend Clear Creek is, "Anyone can!"

# baptist forum

### Can't we make good news?

I wish Western Recorder would feel, as do many pastors and especially grass roots members of our churches, that there should be less or an end to the paper concerning (itself with) "political factions."

This was recommended at the SBC and the pastor's conference and when groups get together. I feel our spiritual and doctrinal ministry is important.

The headline by Roy Jennings, "Conservatives prevail as Rogers is re-elected," could have been written just to say Southern Baptists elected a president. Can't we make good news? Can't we get back on track with missions and evangelism as the real news?

Guy M. Deane,  
Owensboro

### AAEO drop due to promoting women

In the June 23 issue of Western Recorder there is an article reporting a decline in giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering this year. The article speculates the decline in giving is a result, in part, of some churches withholding contributions as a protest against the Home Mission Board's decision not to fund women pastors.

I wish to suggest another reason for the decline in support of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. A reason

that could result in the complete collapse of WMU if it is not addressed. That reason is some of us in the local churches are unhappy with what we perceive as an effort by some of the national leaders of WMU to force the unscriptural ordination of women upon us.

It is time that WMU get out of politics and get back to missions or WMU support will drop even lower.

Brenda Zickefoose  
Hickman

### Kenya cites 4325 baptisms already

I wish you and the hundreds of Kentucky volunteers who have been to Kenya could have been with us these last three days. The missionaries serving as church developers (similar to directors of missions) were meeting. In the sessions as work was shared and evaluated credit for the many successes was given to Kentucky volunteers.

Missionaries have many visitors from time to time. They say one of the almost unbelievable characteristics of the Kentucky volunteers has been their desire to work.

The result of this desire to serve is very evident. Even with some CDs not present to report when the reports received were totaled, it was a time of rejoicing. There had been 4325 baptisms during the first six months of 1987. There is an average of over 180 people

baptized every Sunday. This is a new record in Kenya. It was stated over and over as reports came in that God had used the work of Kentucky volunteers in a mighty way to bring about a continuing revival in the area.

Of equal cause for rejoicing was the fact that over 190 churches have been started in the first six months of this year. That is an average of one church per day. The volunteers were again given much credit for directly and indirectly helping in this phase of the work.

Another aspect of the volunteers' work that was appreciated was the training they have given pastors and church members. Most of this has been "on the job training." Nationals have seen what the volunteers have done and the results. This created the desire to learn and they did. Now many churches have members who are going from hut to hut sharing Christ. This is an entirely new idea for the nationals.

We thank God daily that he, through the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has allowed us the privilege of being in Kenya to witness the changes in individuals and churches. We have also been able to witness the changes in the lives of the men and women who have given of themselves as volunteers.

James and Wilma Whaley,  
Missionaries to Kenya

### Layman concerned about Boy Scouts

Because of an occurrence in West Virginia where a Boy Scout would not subscribe to God as a supreme being when asked by a member of the troop review board for Life Scout Badge, the following statement was later issued by the chief scout executive and printed in our NESAs (National Eagle Scout Association), "The definition of God as a supreme being will be removed from scouting literature."

We have requested this action be rescinded and have written many letters to interested people. We have met with a representative from the National Council office and others, but our request has not been granted. From recent correspondence indication is that there will be no compliance with our request.

We plan to contact news media, religious groups who believe in God as a

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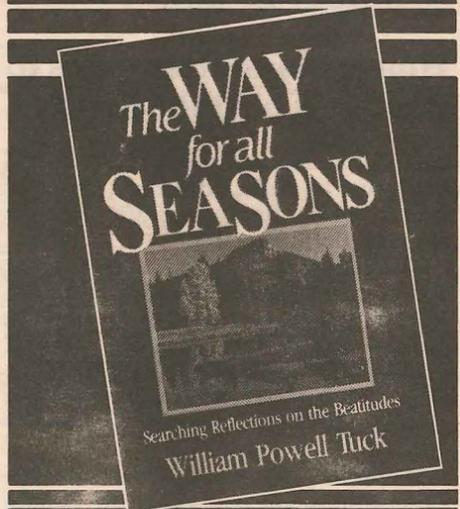
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#### Orwell's novel realized in SBC

In George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty Four* we are presented with the horrifying portrait of a well-established totalitarian regime. Every movement and every sound of every individual is monitored by "telescreens" which cannot be switched off. The organization responsible for this constant surveillance is called, appropriately, the "Thought Police." Anywhere Orwell's characters go they are reminded of their inescapable scrutinizing by huge posters of a man "so contrived that the eyes follow you about when you move." The caption beneath these posters reads, "Big Brother is Watching You."

The lifestyle portrayed by Orwell has yet to become a reality on a world-wide basis. However, the parallels with the current situation in the Southern Baptist Convention are startling. Our St. Louis meeting saw Southern Baptists adopt a Peace Committee report that does more to suppress scholarly thinking than to bring peace. It calls for one and only one view of biblical interpretation (the inerrantist, fundamentalist view). Trustees of Southern Baptist

agencies are requested to hire only those who hold to this view.

Most frightening of all is the fact the Peace Committee has had its work extended for up to three years "for the purpose of observing the response" (to their report) and "to encourage compliance."

What we have is the transformation of the Peace Committee from a research group into a monitoring organization. It now serves as the doctrinal watchdog of our convention. The Peace Committee has become, in the terminology of George Orwell, the "Thought Police" of Southern Baptists. Historic Baptist principles such as soul liberty and the freedom of conscience of the individual seem to be long gone.

Obviously, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* has arrived in the SBC. Be careful what you think, say and do. "Big Brother (alias the Peace Committee) is watching."

Larry S. Burcham, pastor  
Stanford Baptist Church

#### Friends needed to start churches

I was scheduled to make a presentation of "new work" at Sulphur Fork Association Executive Board.

I arrived early to set up the overhead projector and screen. While I waited for the board members to come, I became occupied with a study of the stained-glass windows. Most all of them contained the name of the donor. However, the one back of the pulpit contained no name. It simply read, "A Friend."

When this building was built in 1921 Jesus had a friend in Sligo. I wondered who he/she was and why the preference to omit the name. It is apparent the donor simply wanted to be remembered

as "A Friend."

Now, 66 years later, Kentucky Baptists are engaged in a commitment to start 400 new churches and missions by 1990. If we do then Jesus is going to need a lot of "friends" across the state. In fact, churches are started only by his "friends." I do not know of any started by his "enemies."

He said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." We sing, "What a friend we have in Jesus." I wonder how he sings that song.

Harold Wainscott  
church starter, KBC

#### 'Berlin wall' erected in America

The Supreme Court continues its relentless resolve to halt all state recognition of America's God in American schools. It now bans any state recognition of the creator in the teaching of creation. Simply asking a respectful hearing of "the viewpoint that a supernatural being created mankind" is outlawed as unconstitutional.

My concern here is not with conflicting speculations on man's origin. My growing concern, as a professor of education, is the mounting effort to erect and maintain an ugly "Berlin wall" in children's minds between their humanity and their divinity. The outcome has been a forced flight by millions seeking religious freedom in private schools. Other millions feel compelled to remain in public schools which they now feel reflect the Humanist Manifesto more than the Constitution.

Ironically, the very foundation of democracy as set forth in the Declaration of Independence is now in jeopardy.

It avows the historic faith in our creator professed by our forefathers who signed the Constitution from the same ink well. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal (and) are endowed by their creator with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

What now will the Supreme Court do with that revered document which declares: (1) There is a divine creator. (2) There was a divine act of creation. (3) The creator gave us life. (4) Man's freedom comes from "the laws of nature and of nature's God." That is now an unconstitutional establishment of religion a state may not promote in its schools.

Yes, a "Berlin wall" is an ugly thing whether designed in Moscow or in Washington, or whether it divides a city or severs the mind and soul of a child.

Sam B. Peavey  
Louisville

#### Son Share drama team commended

Our church was recently blessed by a retreat featuring the Baptist Student Union Son Share drama team. The five young people who served with us are to be commended for their faithfulness and dedication to the Lord in their missions work this summer.

So, to Linette Comley, Dean Whitaker, Laura Harris, Beth Bale and Sonny Hatfield we express our thankfulness. We also say thanks to Kentucky Baptists and the Student Work Department. We also recommend the Baptist Student Union groups to other churches in Kentucky.

R. Tommy Tucker, pastor  
Olivet Baptist Church, Paducah

# Human Needs Awareness Conferences

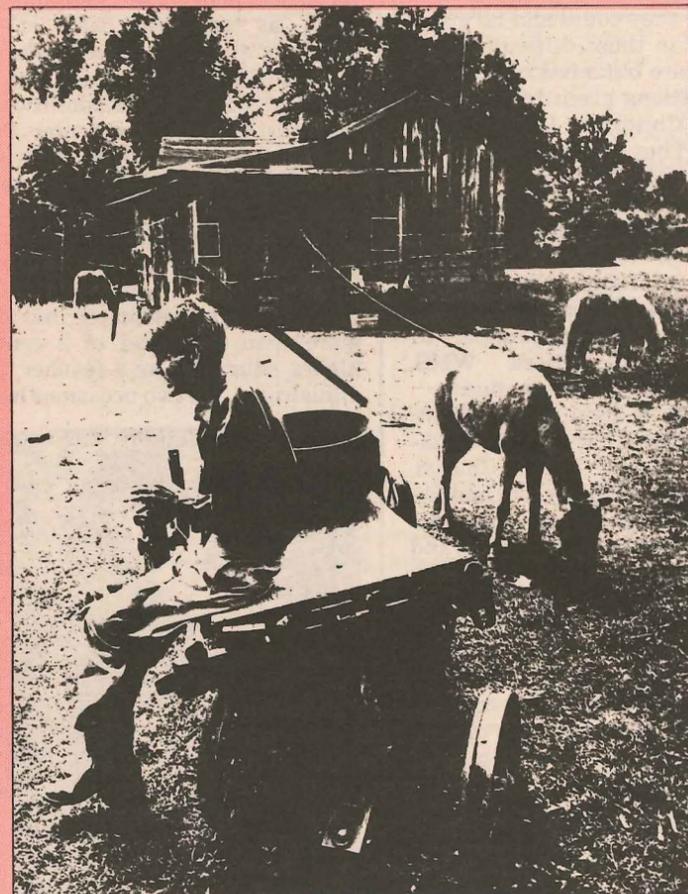
## Conference topics:

- \* How to Find Local Resources to Meet Human Needs
- \* What Are Southern Baptists Doing About Hunger and What Can My Church Do About It?
- \* How to Use the WMU in Meeting Human Needs
- \* How to Begin a Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Ministry
- \* What is Christian Social Ministries in a Local Church?
- \* How to Use the Brotherhood to Meet Human Needs

## Who should attend:

- \* Associational Directors of Missions
- \* Pastors & Church Staff
- \* Associational and Church WMU Officers and Members
- \* Associational and Church Brotherhood Officers and Members
- \* Church Benevolence Committee Members
- \* Deacons
- \* Other Church Members Interested in Meeting Human Needs

- \* John Cheyne, Senior Consultant, Human Needs Ministries, Foreign Mission Board
- \* Robert Parham, Director of Hunger Concerns, Christian Life Commission
- \* Jim Holladay, Pastor-Director, Baptist Center, Long Run Association
- \* John Fox, Director of Christian Social Ministries, Elkhorn Baptist Association Brotherhood & WMU Personnel



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## Glimpses of our heritage

### For the Children

World War II placed untold stress upon American families. War time separation, the death of fathers and mothers, the increased divorce rate and multitudes of financial problems created particular difficulties for children.

During the war, Kentucky Baptist agencies—the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home and the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home—were called upon to extend their ministries to the fullest. In 1942, the Louisville orphanage reported services to 161 children. Its primary purpose, leaders noted, was "ministering to the spiritual needs of children."

The board of child care appealed to Kentucky Baptists for money to improve services, build new facilities and buy additional property. In addition, the children's homes appealed directly to churches and individuals for specific physical needs—clothing, sheets, towels, plumbing equipment and kitchen utensils. Since sugar was in short supply, they were particularly in need of honey and molasses. An appeal to the churches brought significant response.

The lists of donations reveal the resourcefulness of Kentucky Baptists as well as their willingness to share. Not everyone had money to give. Yet, people gave whatever they could and no effort was too small in those difficult times. The following are but a few of the multitudes of donations given to the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home during the war years. They illustrate the extent of the contributions statewide, the rural nature of the denomination, and the tangible concern for the children.

Glenn's Creek WMU, Versailles: 4 sheets. Ladies' Bible Class, First Church, Lebanon: 9 towels, 14 washcloths. Miss Irene Brown, Cropper: 21 handkerchiefs. Mill Creek WMS, Henderson Valley: 14 pairs of shoes.

Walton WMS: 1 coop; 20 chickens. Fredonia: 30 quarts of fruit and vegetables. T.E.L. Class, First Church, Owensboro: 22 jars of preserves and 3½ gallons of Hancock County sorghum. London Church: 64 bags of potatoes and lots of other supplies.

South Fork Sunday School, Hodgenville: Scrap books. Walnut Street Church, Owensboro: a quilt. Smiths Grove Church: 18 big cakes (home baked); 3 boxes of cookies; coop of chickens; 2 bushels potatoes; onions, canned goods, etc.

Finchville WMS: coat, shoes, etc. Fidelis Class, Crescent Hill, Louisville: a Thanksgiving treat of apples and oranges for all the children. Springfield WMU: a quilt, blankets, 11 sheets, towels, washcloths and soap for the Sunbeam Band.

Children's home workers urged Kentucky Baptists to give the equivalent of one day's wages in order to provide adequate care for the increasing numbers of needy children.

Times were hard but Kentucky Baptists responded tangibly to the needs of children. They still do.

# christian education

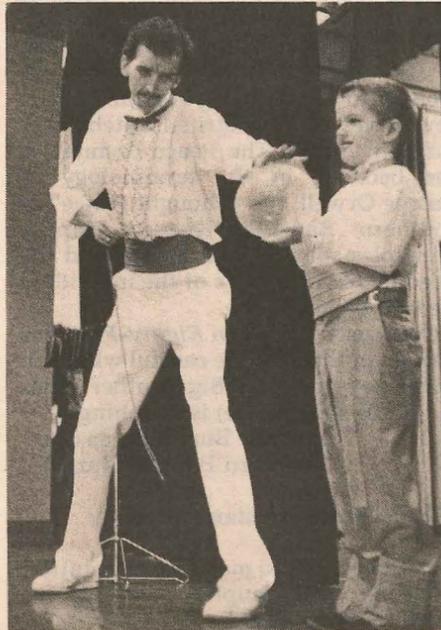
## Magician works wonders with kids

"Hocus Pocus" and "Abracadabra" were part of Tommy Johns' vocabulary in his ministry with special education students in a Louisville elementary school. But the real message was the love of God which he communicated to children with special needs.

Johns, a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student, used his talents as a magician during his last semester on campus as part of the seminary's required program of supervised ministry experience. Johns, a native of Valley, Ala., and a graduate of Samford University, used "Project Magic," a program developed by magician David Copperfield to teach magic to disabled persons as a form of therapy. Each trick involved a certain skill to help teach manual dexterity or other physical needs.

An encouraging result, Johns said, was that many of the kids began to "come out of their shells" as their self-esteem grew. The semester-long project culminated in a magic show performed by Johns and his students for the entire student body giving yet another boost to the young performers' self images.

Beginning in mid-July Johns' ministry will take a different look, although his magic will no doubt continue to be



a part of that ministry. Johns will become minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Brooksville, Fla. He plans to graduate from Southern Seminary in May 1988.

For Johns, magic is an avenue to ministry. "It has given me the opportunity to share a positive witness for Jesus Christ," he said. "I've dealt with teachers, the principal and some of the families as well as the kids."

## Veteran collegian named assistant dean

Georgetown College has named E. Eugene Hall, professor of preaching and communications at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary since 1982, as associate dean of undergraduate studies and chairman of the Communication Arts Department.

Hall will have responsibilities for the college's Foust CoCurricular Program which arranges special lectures and artist's appearances. He will also assist Joe O. Lewis, vice president of Academic Affairs, in developing procedures for determining the institution's academic effectiveness.

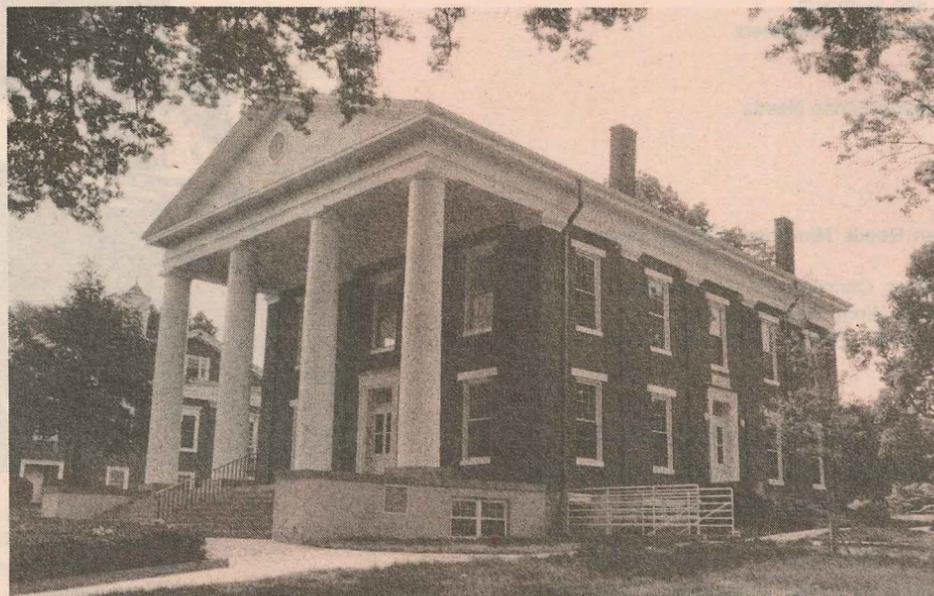
Hall, a gifted educator, has devoted more than a quarter of a century to higher education as a teacher and administrator. On two occasions he served

Georgetown College as chairman of the Department of Speech, 1962-65 and 1968-71.

He was also tapped by his alma mater, Louisiana College, for several academic roles. Among these were chairman of the Department of Speech, dean of the chapel, dean of the college and vice president of academic affairs.

From 1977-82 Hall was president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. While the school's chief officer, he led in the redevelopment of the curriculum model, streamlined the funding program and engaged in vigorous faculty and staff recruitment.

Hall holds graduate degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Louisiana State University.



Nestled among the trees and surrounded by the red brick charm of Georgetown College is 127-year-old Highbaugh Hall. The pre-Civil War show place has been renovated, thanks to a liberal grant by the J. Graham Brown Foundation. The building is a campus centerpiece which makes wonderful statements about the rich tradition of the college.

## Accreditation granted to Mid-Continent College

Raymond Lawrence, president of Mid-Continent Bible College, announced the college has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The association, meeting in Charleston, S. C., voted to approve the college's four year educational program.

Approval was given the college to grant the BA and BRE degrees.

The college was judged on institutional purpose, institutional effectiveness, curriculum, faculty, library, instructional support, computer services, financial resources, budget control, organization and administration, alumni affairs, publications and physical resources.

Mid-Continent is owned and operated by 14 Southern Baptist associations in western Kentucky, southern Illinois, southeastern Missouri and northwestern Tennessee.

## Georgetown promotes five faculty members

Five Georgetown College faculty members have been granted promotions, effective in the new academic year commencing Aug. 21.

Three of the five selected for promotions were named full professors. These include: David Davilla, foreign language; Tom Seay, biology; and Frank Wiseman, chemistry.

Davilla, who joined the Georgetown faculty in 1960, holds a doctoral degree from the University of Cincinnati. Seay, who will begin his 22nd year at Georgetown, holds a PhD from the University of Kentucky. Wiseman, who has been teaching college chemistry 18 years, received his PhD from the University of Maryland.

Two assistant professors were promoted a rank to associate professors. These are Joe Lunceford and Miss Waltraud Woyack.

Lunceford, religion teacher at the school six years, holds a doctoral degree from Baylor University. Miss Woyack, a member of the Georgetown faculty 31 years, is a native of Berlin, Germany, and is frequently called on for guest lectures about the Germany of World War II. She attended college at Georgetown as a Fulbright Exchange Student in 1955.

## Samford University nets \$16 million

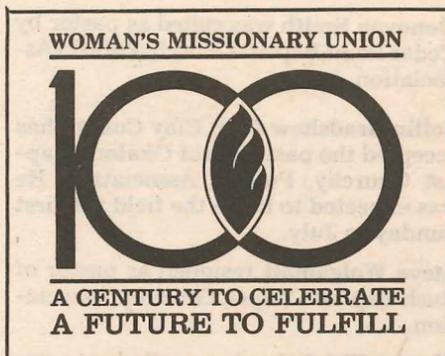
Private contributions to Samford University exceeded \$16.2 million in 1986-87, eclipsing the previous record \$10.1 million set in 1985-86, president Thomas E. Corts reported. The school's fiscal year ended May 31.

The surge in gifts was sparked by early receipts from Samford Commitment, a fund-raising campaign which passed its \$28 million goal this spring after only eight months of its planned three-year solicitation schedule.

Gifts and pledges to the campaign are expected to exceed \$31 million by the end of the current fiscal year, Corts said.

The Samford Annual fund, earmarked for current operating needs of the Alabama Baptist school, also set an all-time record, going over \$1 million for the first time.

# WMU Centennial Celebration expecting 10,000 plus



At least 10,000 Southern Baptist adults and older youth are expected to attend the 100th birthday celebration of the national Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary organization to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The two-day event, called the "WMU Centennial Celebration," will be held May 13-14, 1988, in Richmond, Va., WMU's founding site. Activities will be held in the Richmond Coliseum and the Richmond Centre complex.

WMU officials have invited every Southern Baptist association to send one official representative to the Centennial Celebration. In addition, almost every state WMU office has organized bus or plane tours to the Richmond festivities.

Activities will begin with registration at 10 a.m. May 13 and conclude with a joint commissioning service for home and foreign missionaries during the 8-10 p.m. assembly May 14.

It is believed the Saturday evening assembly will be the first time the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board have jointly commissioned newly appointed missionaries.

Activities will include a "Celebration in the Park," featuring strolling musicians, mimes, clowns, an old-fashioned picnic supper and a centennial quilt judging contest.

Participants are encouraged to wear period costumes during the "Celebration in the Park" festivities from any era they choose from 1888 to 1988. Period dress also is appropriate throughout the entire celebration, according to WMU officials.

Four general assemblies will be offered during the two-day extravaganza and will feature testimonies by home and foreign missionaries; speeches by WMU leaders, both past and present; dramatic presentations; concerts; a flag processional; and an indoor parade.

The May 14 afternoon assembly, slated for 2-4 p.m. (EDT), will be broadcast live over the Baptist Telecommunication Network. Prior to the live broadcast, a taped review of the preceding activities will be shown at 1:30 p.m.

Associational WMU leaders have been asked to sponsor a viewing site for the broadcast and to plan celebration activities of their own for those who cannot attend the Richmond celebration.

A feature of the Centennial Celebration will be "Celebration Hall," spotlighting historical exhibits and displays

and hands-on history experiences. Contributing to Celebration Hall will be SBC agencies; Southern Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries; Baptist historical societies; local historical societies; and WMU organizations from almost every state convention.

A Baptist Book Store will be open during the two-day celebration, as well.

Registration for the Centennial Celebration opens Dec. 1. Registration and housing forms will be available in the December 1987 issues of WMU's Royal Service and Contempo magazines and in the January-February-March 1988 issue of WMU's Dimension magazine.

The national WMU was organized in Richmond during a meeting May 11-14,

1888, at the Broad Street Methodist Church. During that same time, the Southern Baptist Convention was meeting at First Baptist Church.

The organization formally constituted as Woman's Missionary Union May 14, 1888. WMU is a missions organization for women and girls in Southern Baptist churches. Major WMU tasks include missions education, mission action projects, personal witnessing and mission support through prayer and sacrificial giving.

For more information about the Centennial Celebration, interested persons may write: Communications Group, WMU, SBC, Box C-10, Birmingham, AL 35283-0010.

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# mountains to the mississippi

## deaths

**Eddie Iglehart**, counselor at Camp RABRO, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, died June 28 at Daviess County Memorial Hospital, Owensboro. He suffered a stroke June 21.

For 30 summers, Iglehart worked with Royal Ambassadors, teaching nearly 12,000 of them how to build campfires, tie knots, cook, camp and hike.

Iglehart loved both the boys and the Lord. He firmly believed in his outreach ministry at the camp. His most rewarding experiences at camp came from the joy of leading young men to know Jesus Christ as personal savior.

As a quiet, observant man, Iglehart's ministry included listening to his campers as they told him their troubles with family, career decisions and girlfriends. Probably most of all, Iglehart worked at developing friendships with everyone at the camp.

A retired farmer, Iglehart would leave his wife on Monday mornings during the summer months and spend the week in covered wagon number 17 with seven teenage boys. During the day he taught them campcraft and in the evening he led a Bible study. After camp was over, Iglehart would write to the young men—more than 1000 letters a year.

Iglehart's ministry at RABRO began in 1957 when he worked a couple of weeks at the camp. Slowly he started adding a week or two each summer. By

1965 he decided to work all 10 weeks each summer and has done so every year since.

**Miss Nannie E. Matthews**, 90, of Falls of Rough, died July 5.

She was a life long worker with the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. She first worked at the Baptist Orphans Home, Louisville, and then at Spring Meadows Children's Home where she retired in 1962.

Miss Nannie, as she was known, is survived by two brothers, Raleigh Matthews, Falls of Rough and Marcus Matthews, Fordsville, along with 19 nieces and 12 nephews. Funeral service was July 7 at Macedonia Baptist Church in Breckinridge County.

## congregations

**Blackjack Baptist Church**, Simpson County Association, celebrated its 120th anniversary with homecoming June 28. The church was constituted February 1867 with 25 charter members.

Earl Northern, pastor in 1953-54, brought the morning message. Two members were recognized as the oldest: Miss Maud Hunt, 91, is the oldest lady and has been a member 75 years; Fred Lowe, 103, is the oldest male.

Winston Roberts is pastor of the 243 member church located four miles northeast of Franklin. The church is named for the blackjack oak tree common in that area.

## missions

**Clayton and Charlotte Rock**, missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: Rte. 2, Box 305, Hodgenville, KY 42748). They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Hodgenville and she is the former Charlotte McDonald of Barbourville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974.

**Dan and Fannie Cobb**, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the states for furlough (address: 1663 Burton Rd., Georgetown, KY 40324). He is a native of Ware Shoals, S. C. The former Fannie Morris of Kentucky, she was born in Versailles and reared in Sadieville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1954.

**Harold and Clara Matthews**, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 7506, Airmail Exchange, Manila International Airport, Philippines 3120). They are natives of Kentucky. He is from Ohio County and she, the former Clara Lee, was born in Georgetown and grew up near Sadieville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

**Eldon and Jo Ann Sturgeon**, Baptist representatives to Mexico have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Betunias 23, Jardines de la Florida, Edo de Mexico). He was born in Milton, Ky. and she, the former Jo Ann Ferguson, is from Sonora, Ky. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957.

## personnel

**Walt Wexler** has joined the staff at West End Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, as minister of music and youth. He began his full time ministry there May 24 after serving for three months as interim.

**Kay Richardson** is minister to children at Audubon Baptist Church, Long Run Association. She was previously WMU staff consultant for the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware, and is the daughter of Southern Baptist home missionaries to Puerto Rico.

**Donovan Smith** was called as pastor by Cedar Point Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**Rollin Bradshaw** from Clay County has accepted the pastorate of Okalona Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He was expected to be on the field the first Sunday in July.

**Steve Wolgamott** resigned as pastor of Rush Baptist Chapel, Greenup Association.

**Charles Wright** has been called as pastor of Brush Grove Baptist Church, Central Association. Ordination was scheduled for Wright June 21 at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church.

Bethlehem pastor **Ralph Shepperson**, Tates Creek Association, resigned and is available for pulpit supply and revivals.

**David Chrisman** is the new minister of music at Silver Creek Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

**V. Lamar Helms** has resigned as associate pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, to return to the business community.

**Randy Smith** has resigned as pastor of Elkhorn Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, to pastor at Stevendale Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.

**Cecil R. Fultz, Sr.** retired from the active pastorate with June 28 his final Sunday in the pulpit of Parksville Baptist Church, South District Association where he had served since 1982. Special activities were held at the church June 28 to honor Fultz and his wife Mildred.

During the Parksville pastorate Fultz led the church in growth and expansion. A parsonage was constructed and a large shelter house and extensive repairs made to the church plant. All these efforts were completed debt free.

He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist College and Cumberland College. His ministry includes pastorates in Bell, Greenup and South District associations in Kentucky and Cumberland Gap Association in Tennessee.

He will make his home at 803 Main St., New Tazewell, Tenn., and will be available for supply, interim and Bible conferences.



**Eddie Iglehart and Rob Carr** are shown at the end of a week of Staff Development at Camp RABRO.



**Eldred M. Taylor**  
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## homes for children

### "You all come"

As a lad in school I read and learned about important persons, places and events in history. I looked at the pictures of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Valley Forge and the Delaware

River. I envisioned the places and events and thought about the sacrifices and hardships that our forebears experienced. All of this placed within me a longing to visit these historical sites.

Years later when I visited Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington, Hodgenville, the birthplace of Lincoln, and stood on the banks of the Delaware where Washington's brave men crossed, the men and events became indelibly impressed upon my mind.

Have you ever visited your Baptist Homes for Children? While many come to see us each year, multitudes of Kentucky Baptists never have visited us. Each July we set aside special Child Care Days and invite churches, groups and individuals to visit one of the campuses. It always is a happy time. Staff and children prepare for our guests. The children conduct tours and proudly show their cottages. Invariably our guests return home pleased with what they have seen and proud to be a part of this Christ-like ministry.

Last Saturday, July 18, was Child Care Day at Glen Dale home. It was so good to have friends come and see where it is happening. This coming Saturday, July 25, is Child Care Day at Spring Meadows home. We are looking for many more friends to visit at Spring Meadows. Come see us—you'll be glad you did.

Of course, not everyone can come at the same time. But we are happy to have you visit your children's homes any time you can come. Plan to come our way at a time convenient for you. Get together with some friends and come in a car or van, or just come by yourself. You will find the welcome mat out.

Remember also to visit your temporary shelter at Dixon or the one at Elizabethtown as well as the campus at Glen Dale or Spring Meadows. If you come, you will find staff and youth busy, for there is much work to be done. But they will find time to visit with you, show you around and answer your questions. You all come!



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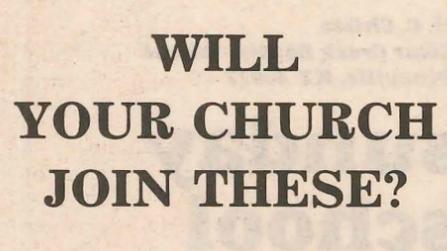
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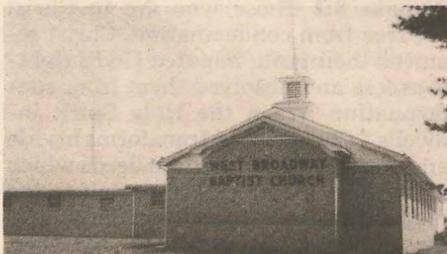
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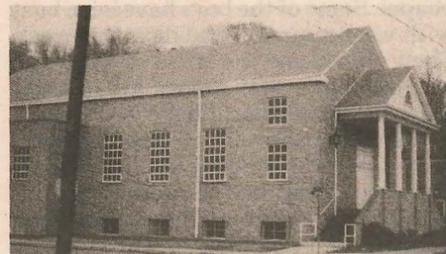
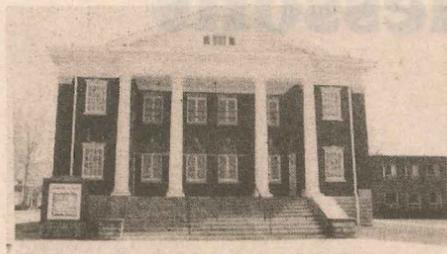
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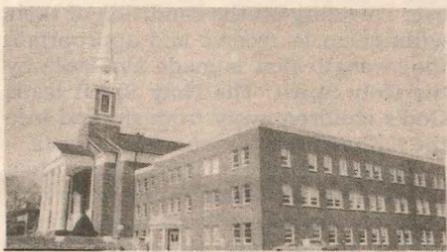
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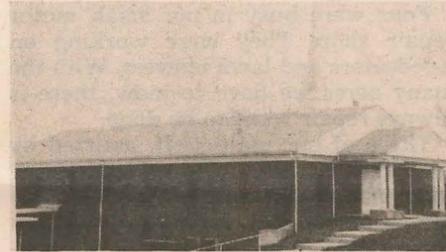
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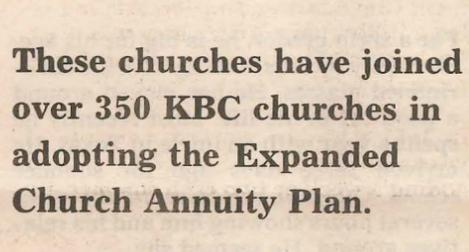
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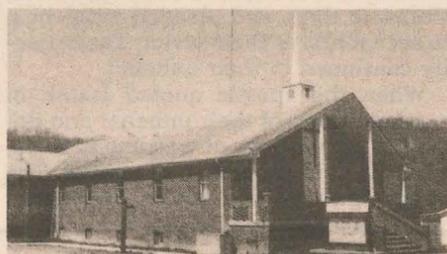
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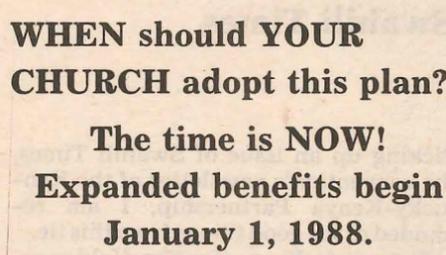
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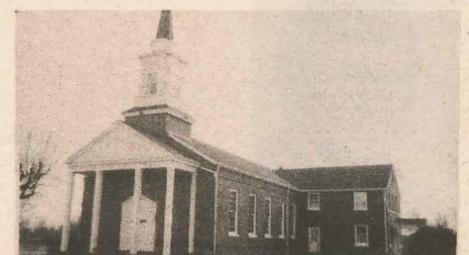
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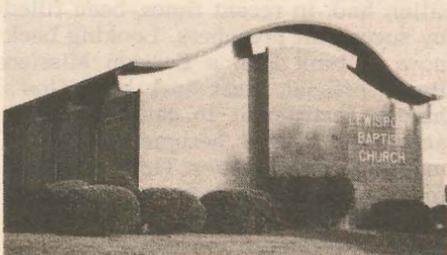
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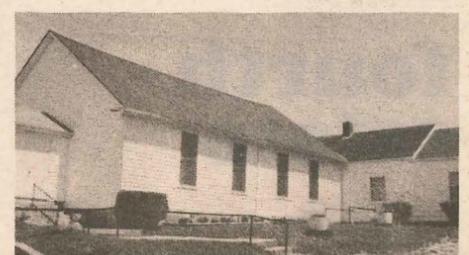
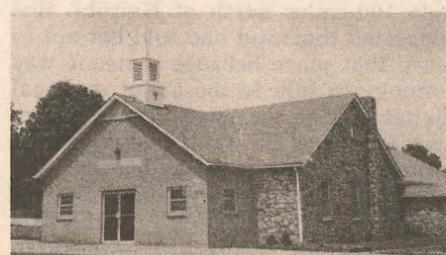
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# oneida journal

## "Man, I love it here!"

For a sixth grader, he is big for his age. He is very serious looking with his dark-rimmed glasses. He has moved around a good bit in his life. Most recently he spent a year with an uncle in Texas. He arrived three days ago for summer school. Our admissions secretary spent several hours showing him and his relatives around. He seemed shy.

This Saturday morning I spent several hours walking around our extensive campus gardens. I found this young man, our newest student, working away in the garden. I thought to myself, "It's time for him to be homesick. He's probably feeling pretty sorry for himself. I'd better stop and talk with him a few minutes."

So I tentatively opened a conversation half expecting some belligerence, and broached the idea of being "homesick." His head jerked back, he looked up at me, and enthusiastically said, "Man, I love it here!"

That was wonderful to hear. We had a lively conversation. I walked on, my heart a little lighter. Twelve others were as busy as beavers also in the garden. Each gave me a warm smile, most everyone had something pleasant to say.

There was a genuine pride of accomplishment with their tomatoes, melons and cabbage.

I remembered the day each came to us, the varying circumstances. Some were very difficult. But that is all past. Each has grown and matured, and each one I saw this morning is a better and happier person.

Those who pray for our young people, God is answering prayers. Those who invest in Oneida's program of Christian values can see many dividends on investments made by a visit here.

Looking across Goose Creek, I could see some at work in the 3000 square feet farm shop building. Others were busily painting our largest barn with a coat of red paint. Our farm manager appeared to say the crew was getting the job done faster than he had anticipated. He had come for more paint.

I looked up the mountain behind the chapel. Some of the boys have been busy with weeders several days this week. Their efforts and the effect of daily rain showers have that grassy hill looking more beautiful than I have ever seen.

Walking back out of the garden, I came upon seven of our students painting beds. They had a production line going. Some carrying. One working with a spraygun. Two others touched up with brushes. Above their heads a crudely lettered sign: "Oneida Paint Shop."

Four were busy in our small motor repair shop. They were working on weeders and lawn mowers. With the many acres we have to mow, there is always repair work to be done.

Three of our male staff, assisted by several boys, were working on installing the refrigeration units in our new 340 square feet freezer. A building has been constructed to protect it from the weather.

Walking on across campus I spotted seven busy on the lawn mowing crew in various areas. Two were hard at work in the garbage compound. A large number of girls and boys were breaking and stringing beans fresh from the gardens, which will be frozen for winter use.

Normally a large number of our girls and several boys would have been hard at work in our craft house this morning. But Mrs. Atto, the director, was away at a craft show in central Kentucky. This busy place was closed for the day. We have added 3000 square feet to the craft house and have so much room now in which to work. Our students are learning many skills. Also, we now have a large and beautiful display area.

Come see us!



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# sunday school lessons

## LESSONS FOR JULY 26, 1987

### Life and Work Series

### Speaking Boldly

**Acts 28:23-28** For years Paul had yearned to go to Rome, but he had been prevented from doing so. He had wanted to impart to the Roman Christians such spiritual help as would strengthen their faith and send them forth proclaiming the gospel.

Due to divine providence and the generosity of the Roman officials, Paul was permitted to dwell in a private house with a soldier to whom he was chained. Unable to go to any of the seven synagogues in Rome because such freedom was not permitted to a prisoner, when three days elapsed Paul called the leading Jews to the place where he was confined, explained to them the circumstances of his imprisonment, preached Christ to them and pleaded with them to accept him as their savior. The majority continued in their unbelief.

When the apostle quoted Isaiah in condemnation of their unbelief and delivered his message of warning to them, what he said produced an uproar. The angry Jews stalked out of the house;

they had made the great refusal.

**Acts 28:30-31** Even though he was chained, he was not silenced. Though a prisoner, he had a glorious ministry, preaching Christ to the guards who were chained to him. His noble life and powerful preaching won their admiration and resulted in the salvation of many. Some of these men entered the palace and others were sent throughout the empire.

Circumstances need never prevent any Christian from witnessing. In telling others about Christ, our work will not be judged by the success that crowns our efforts, but by the faithfulness with which we discharge our duty.

### International Series

### New life in the spirit

**Romans 8:1** Those who are in Christ are free from condemnation. Christ removed their guilt, imputed God's righteousness and absolved them from condemnation. When the Holy Spirit indwells a Christian, he transforms his life and enables him to perform deeds which honor God. As he yields himself to the indwelling Holy Spirit, the Christian's life portrays joy, gratitude, humility, power and fruitfulness.

Christians are able to be victorious over carnality on the condition of their willingness to receive and appropriate the strength that is made available by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit leads God's children away from sin and into the paths of service where he directs.

**Romans 8:10-14** When the Holy Spirit takes his abode in the heart of a believer, the person is no longer controlled by the flesh. Since God is our father, and we are members of his family, we are obligated to obey and serve him faithfully out of love for him. We are debtors to God who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings. We can and should prove our gratitude. We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

**Romans 8:26-27** Our need of assistance in prayer is stated tersely: "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought." The Holy Spirit brings to our attention things for which we need to pray. Our prayers may not be in accord with God's will, but those prompted by the Holy Spirit are in harmony with that will.

When a Christian prays, it is good for him to open his heart to the Spirit's touch and to make things which are impressed upon his mind the subject of supplication and intercession.



**James H. Cox**  
Associate Editor

# fourth estate

## Swahili Times

Picking up an issue of Swahili Times, the convention's newsletter of the Kentucky-Kenya Partnership, I am reminded of the good things from this tie.

Flatwoods, Ky. pastor Ken Holden reported talking to a woman at a water hole 100 miles north of Nairobi. She suggested that God had told her not to leave that place because someone was coming "to talk to me about spiritual matters." She accepted Jesus. In her own language she sang four verses of "Amazing Grace" she had learned.

Western Kentucky University Baptist campus minister Clay Mulford and wife Linda led lay evangelism schools in Malindi, by the Indian Ocean. In two days they taught 17 Kenyan pastors to train church members in personal

evangelism. Participants went out in twos testifying of Jesus. Fifty or sixty professions resulted immediately.

There are so many other heartwarming experiences Kentuckians have shared in Kenya. Only eternity can record the good resulting from our being there.

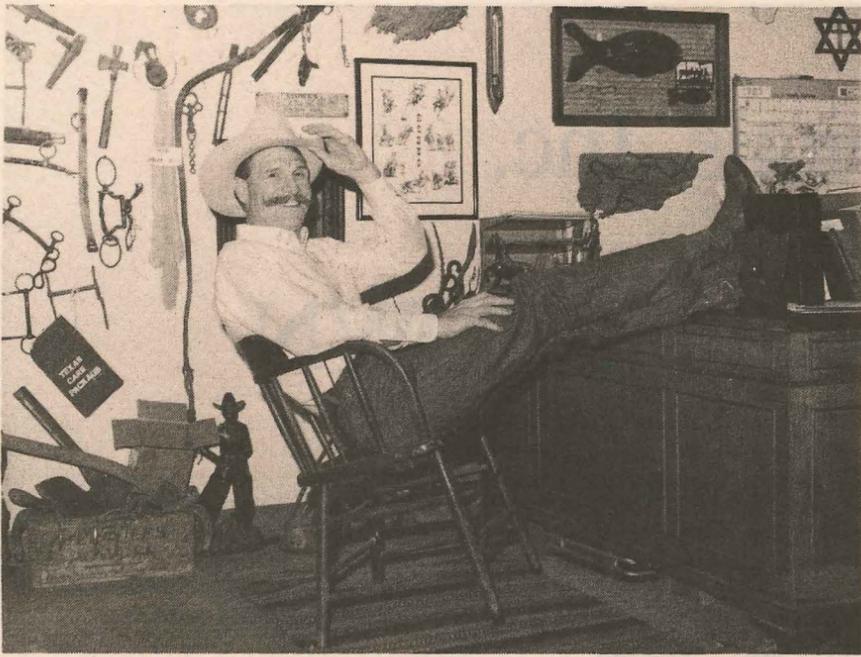
Doubtlessly, too, the experiences of a few hundred travelers have made lasting impact upon those who remained in the homeland. As a consequence, the positive impressions have reverberated, like pebbles dropped into a lake.

For myself, my vision of missions was stretched to include the world, stemming from two experiences in Africa, in 1984 and 1986. I had given lip service to global missions before that, supporting it with token giving to the Lottie Moon Offering once a year. But since the Holy Spirit convicted me one day in a mud and cane pole hut church near Malindi, Kenya with the awareness that—had it not been for the gifts of hundreds of thousands of Southern

Baptists, these folks might never have been here to hear the good news—I can no longer be passive in my praying, giving, speaking and writing for missions. It started a fire within me that I hope nothing will ever quench.

Finally, let me add that I believe God has worked through Bill and Alice Marshall to significantly heighten world awareness of Kentucky Baptists. None of us really knew what to expect when Bill came our way a few years ago as executive secretary-treasurer. The position had, in recent times, been filled by successful preachers. Looking back now, I think Bill, a Foreign Mission Board official, must have been God's human instrument to cause so many across the state to become involved in missions opportunities. This has been a focus of his ministry among us and my life, and those of others, has been blessed in ways none of us dreamed possible.

Could it be that he, like Esther, was brought to his place of service for a time such as this?



Ted Pressley believes his calling is to bloom where God planted him, so he began an evangelistic outreach to cowboys, now reaching 108 chapters in 17 countries.

## Pressley rounds up cowboys for Christ

by Mark Wingfield

Three words on an oversized foam cowboy hat in Ted Pressley's office roundup his ministry—"Jesus loves cowboys."

The souvenir hat is but one of many western items crowding the walls of Pressley's triangular office in an old bank building in northeast Ft. Worth. From this humble headquarters, Pressley leads an evangelistic organization that includes 108 chapters in 17 countries.

After graduation from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972, Pressley founded Cowboys for Christ as a ministry to the rodeo profession. His work has now expanded to include the entire livestock industry. Pressley preaches at horse shows, stock shows and other livestock events several times each week. Now approaching 50, Pressley is a slender man, with red hair and a handlebar mustache.

***"If the sucker's got a soul, I'll tell him about Jesus."***

Prior to attending Southwestern, Pressley managed quarter horse and thoroughbred ranches and competed in rodeos. "God saved my soul and called me to preach," he said.

"I really didn't want to go to seminary," Pressley recalled. "So I put in for Southwestern because I figure I couldn't get in—and there we were."

Pressley is certain his ministry should be to cowboys. "God called me to the cowboys and I'm going to stay with them."

"The cowboys will receive their own kind," Pressley said. An outsider may have the same gospel, but might not get the cowboys' attention, he said.

Pressley's commitment to cowboys has also led him to minister in prisons. "A lot of cowboys get in prison," he said. "They don't know Jesus and end up in the pen."

Pressley preaches to anyone who will listen. "If the sucker's got a soul, I'll tell him about Jesus," he said.

That openness takes him to places great and small. One day he may preach in a small New Mexico village to 10 men and the next day to thousands in a coliseum. "There's no difference. A soul's a soul," Pressley claimed.

At a recent horse show in South Dakota, Pressley was on the program "right next to the hootchy-kootchy girls," he said. Ninety-nine people were saved.

For the past nine years, Cowboys for Christ has conducted worship services at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Oh. The event draws 430,000 people.

The show's organizers provide the worship time to attract Christian rodeo participants in the show. That motive is fine with Pressley because "the Christians get illuminated and the lost people get saved."

Cowboys for Christ publishes a monthly newsletter called "The Christian Ranchman." Pressley also writes a syndicated column called "Rule Book Talk" for secular livestock magazines. All rodeo riders have a rule book they must follow, Pressley said. "My rule book, of course, is the Bible."

Pressley has appeared on television programs on CBN, PTL and the BBC. Cowboys for Christ produces programs that are shown on cable networks around the country.

Despite the far-flung reaches of his ministry, Pressley realizes he cannot single-handedly win the world for Christ. "God told me, 'I want you to bloom where you're planted, seeds are going to fall and spread.'"

Seeds of the Cowboys for Christ ministry have blossomed all over the world so that Pressley's ministry often extends beyond the cowboy circuit, especially in foreign countries. Last year while in Poland he preached at the nation's largest Catholic church, home church of Pope John Paul II.

From that trip he has a Polish coat-of-armor the people gave him. That token hangs on his office wall among the branding irons, spurs and stuffed animal heads.

Pressley also has hung a collection of horseshoes on the wall, with the open ends facing down. He purposely hung them that way, against cowboy tradition that horseshoes should be hung upside down so the luck won't run out.

"I don't live by luck," Pressley says. "I live by Jesus."

## Tolar is seminary professor because he believes the Bible

by Scott Collins

William Tolar doesn't believe the Bible because he is a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Instead, Tolar is a seminary professor because he believes the Bible.

As a high school freshman, a friend of Tolar's invited him to a meeting at the Baptist church in his Louisiana home town. At that meeting, Tolar accepted a challenge that changed his life.

The Royal Ambassador leader, a woman who also taught girls' physical education at the local high school, challenged Tolar to "do something 99 percent of all people cannot say they've done"—read the Bible in one year.

"That was a dare to me," Tolar said. "I decided to do it more out of pride than anything else."

Monday through Saturday mornings, after waking at 4:30 to deliver newspapers, Tolar read three chapters in the Bible. On Sundays he read five. Within a year he had read the entire book.

But Tolar said he got more than a feeling of accomplishment from the readings. He found in the Bible God's redemptive love. "And I was missing it," he said.

On Easter Sunday of that year Tolar received Christ as personal savior.

Tolar said he "came at the church from the viewpoint of the Bible" rather than approaching the Bible from years within the church. His confrontation with scripture led Tolar to a Baptist church, which he said was the only place he heard the scriptures preached and applied as he read them.

"Baptists did it as I understood the Bible," Tolar said.

The experience of discovering God in the Bible has helped Tolar remain true to scripture throughout 33 years of teaching at Baylor University and

Southwestern, he said. "The Bible has been central for me."

Tolar said he is happiest when teaching the Bible in the classroom. "If I cause a spark for God's word and for the lost then I am happy in the classroom."

Because of this Tolar believes his greatest influence is as a teacher rather than as dean of Southwestern's School of Theology.

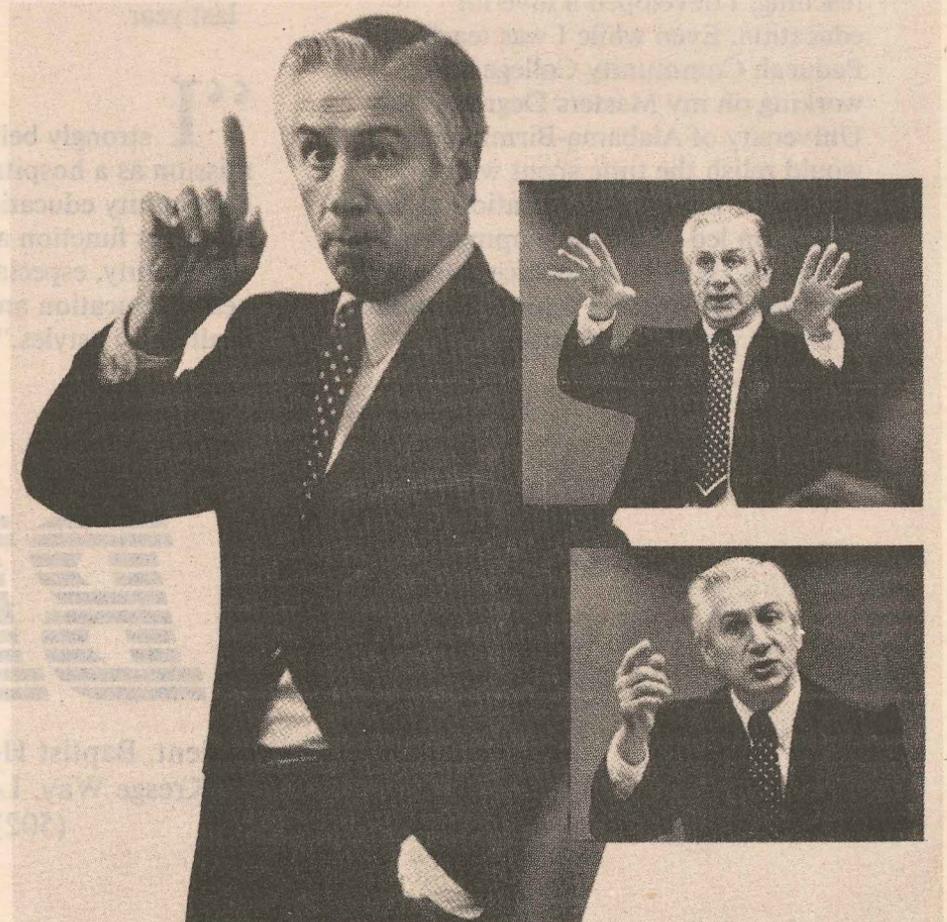
"I don't make the personal impact as dean that I do as a teacher. The greatest opportunity is in the classroom," Tolar said. "My first love is teaching and preaching."

***"If I cause a spark for God's word . . . then I'm happy in the classroom."***

Tolar's teaching and preaching do not stop when the last bell rings on Fridays. He has lectured in 52 countries of five continents. He is frequently sought as a Bible conference teacher and interim pastor.

Those are roles Tolar relishes because they allow him to keep in touch with Southern Baptists. To aid his seminary teaching, he often asks Baptists, "What kind of pastor are you looking for?"

He had discovered that "people want church leaders who love the Lord and who love people and are intelligent and articulate." So he has tried to reach and model these qualities for students at Southwestern.



William Tolar, dean of the school of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is known by students for his fast-paced and animated lectures on the Bible.

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Recently named a 1985 Kentucky Woman of Distinction by the Business and Professional Women's Association, Laverne Kindred Brown is Vice President of Nursing Services at Western Baptist Hospital. "My association with Western Baptist Hospital began in 1964 as a staff nurse. Afterward I assumed the responsibilities of the Director of the WBH School of Practical Nursing. At that time it was common for hospitals to operate their own school of nursing."

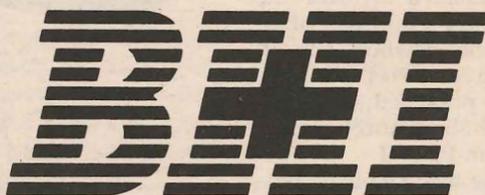
"From my early involvement with teaching, I developed a love for education. Even while I was teaching at Paducah Community College and working on my Masters Degree at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, I would relish the time spent with my students." Laverne's dedication to health education led to the development of the Women's Health Conference sponsored each year by Western Baptist Hospital. Working with a committee of 45

community and hospital volunteers, the conference drew over 1500 participants last year.

"I strongly believe that our mission as a hospital should include community education and involvement. We must function as a resource to our community, especially in the area of health education and the adoption of healthier lifestyles." Laverne's belief in

her responsibility led her to author a book entitled *The Year of Birth: A Guide for Expectant Parents*. "I wrote the book while I was an OB Nurse Practitioner with Drs. Price and Kim to help new families understand this wonderful experience."

Laverne resides with her husband, Bennie, and son, Joshua, in Lone Oak, KY. "As a working mother and wife I try to maintain a balance of my professional and family activities. Occasionally when I struggle with a difficult issue, spending time with my family helps me to gain the perspective I need to finish. When we face the multiple challenges of health care today, it is important that we stay in touch with the fundamental reasons of our mission and purpose. I need my community and family involvement to help me do that."



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