

## Baptist men's convention at Winchester Oct. 1-2

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Missions Involvement through Daily Life" is theme of the 1987 Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention Oct. 1-2.

Central Baptist Church, Winchester, will host the annual event.

Four principal program personalities are scheduled to address the body:

James H. Smith, president, SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., will speak at the opening session Thursday evening on the theme of the convention.

Forrest R. Sawyer, of Miami, Okla., retired director of the KBC Brotherhood Department, will recall "Images Out of the Past" Friday morning.

William L. Kaufman, who retires Sept. 30 as director of the KBC Brotherhood Department, will share personal words about the program theme Friday afternoon.

Jerry Clower, of Yazoo City, Miss., nationally known comedian who appears regularly on the Grand Ole Opry, will



Smith



Sawyer



Kaufman



Clower

will conclude the convention with an inspirational address Friday night.

The two-day meeting begins with a barbecue dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 in Central Baptist Church's fellowship hall. Reservations, at \$2 per plate, should be made in advance. Tickets are available from the Brotherhood Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

The initial session of the convention begins at 7 p.m. Thursday. Subsequent sessions are planned Friday at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Overnight lodging accommodations

are available if made early at the following Winchester motels: Holiday Inn, 1100 Holiday Dr.; Scottish Inn, 1510 W. Lexington Ave.; and Best Western Country Squire, U. S. Hwy. 60. The zip code for all three is 40391.

Other program elements during the convention include worship periods led by men of Elkhorn and Caldwell-Lyon associations, men of the host church and Valley Station (Ky.) Baptist Church. There will be a business session Friday afternoon followed by Baptist Men fellowships, small group discussion sessions.

Topics for the fellowships are lay revivals, disaster relief/Baptist builders, laity abroad, lay renewal, Royal Ambassadors/high school Baptist young men, Brotherhood directors/Baptist Men, mission projects.

Tony Carney, Jerry Clower Speakout national award winner, will address the convention Friday night. The Kentucky Baptist Men's Chorale will also sing.

Other program participants include Dan Francis, host pastor, who will welcome the group to Winchester; Bailey Sadler, of Ashland, speaking on "Brotherhood As I Remember"; Glenn Durham, of Loyall, speaking on "Giving and Missions"; and special music by W. R. Mann, Campbellsville physician, and Susan Claycomb, of Louisville. Rob Carr, associate director of the KBC Brotherhood Department, will also be featured on the program.

Russell Adkisson, Brandenburg layman, concludes two one-year terms as state Brotherhood president at this convention. A successor is expected to be elected at Winchester.

## Oldest church in Daviess-McLean turns 175

by Betty Anderson, State Correspondent

Buck Creek Baptist Church, near Calhoun, celebrated its 175th anniversary Aug. 23. Morning worship and an afternoon service featured messages by two former pastors—J. A. Jordan (1946-48) and Guy Gordon (1952-53).

Several members wore clothing of the turn of the century. The congregation and visitors enjoyed a noon potluck luncheon in the church's fellowship hall.

The rambling white frame building, with a sanctuary built in 1898, is located on U. S. Hwy. 431 between Livia and Nuckols, a few miles from Livermore.

Wendell Rone, an Owensboro Baptist historian, brought greetings from the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society. He said Buck Creek is one of 12 congregations in the state celebrating 175th anniversaries this year.

Interim pastor Herschel Morgan, of Utica, outlined the history of the church. He saw a need to "pass on to our children what happened in the past." That's why,

he said, the church was observing this milestone.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church was the earliest established in the Green River territory, constituting in 1798. Membership in that church was supposedly spread over approximately 1000 miles. Present county lines had not then been drawn.

In 1812 several members were "given leave" to form what was to become the Buck Creek church. Initially, it was called the "Church at McFarland School House," its organizational site. A year later it became known as the "Church at Tanner's Meeting House" when a log structure was completed.

Unfortunately, records of the church's first 12 years were destroyed by fire. Conflicting sources suggest that either 11 persons or 45 people "and three slaves" were charter members.

In 1940 the church moved from the Livia area closer to Nuckols, constructing a second log facility on Buck Creek Hill. At that point it came to be known as the "United Baptist Church at Buck Creek Meeting House." A frame house was built in 1856.

Dissension arose in 1894 when the church voted to build again, this time on the Owensboro-Livermore road. Some members remained behind, forming Old Buck Creek Baptist Church,

which is still meeting and is also a member of Daviess-McLean Association.

The roll of pastors lists 40 terms with some of those in the first 125 years serving more than once. J. S. Coleman, who served from 1855-69, helped organize many area churches and served in several associational and state Baptist positions.

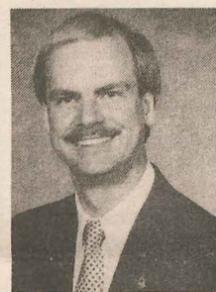
Buck Creek was noted as "steadfast in doctrine," withstanding the antimissionary movement of the 1830s to 1850s and the Campbellism movement. During the early years the church gave support to a circuit riding preacher for the association. In 1844 the congregation helped to organize Daviess-McLean Association.

From the time the church was eight years old, until 1903, it started these new churches: Greenbrier, Mt. Liberty, Brushy Fork, Oak Grove, Glenville, Woodward's Valley and Livermore. By comparison, Livermore (the city) celebrated its sesquicentennial this year. Two years ago, the church observed its centennial.

In his afternoon address at Buck Creek Aug. 23 Gordon emphasized the place of the church in today's world. While it is good to celebrate the past, he said, "we must also have commitment to the tasks of the future."



Miss Hitch



Whitt

## Two named stringers for N. Ky., Louisville

Western Recorder has filled two vacancies in its state correspondent program, effective Sept. 1. "This brings to full strength our representation in all of the program's 10 regions," said James H. Cox, associate editor.

Named to serve in northern Kentucky is Conda D. Hitch of Butler, Ky. She replaces Mrs. Suzanne Darland, who moved to a vacant territory.

In the Louisville metropolitan area the new stringer is Marc C. Whitt, replacing Susan Shaw. Miss Shaw has become assistant professor of religion at California Baptist College.

Miss Hitch, 23, is youth director at First Baptist Church, Highland Heights. Earlier, she was a summer missionary in New York, Kentucky and Louisiana. She is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University and plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1988. She is engaged to be married.

Her assigned territory for news and feature coverage includes these associations: Bracken, Crittenden, Northern Kentucky, Owen County, Ten Mile and Union. She may be reached at the Highland Heights church at (606) 441-7274.

Whitt, 27, until recently was associate for church relations at Cumberland College, Williamsburg. He is now communications director for the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau. A native of Paintsville, he is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with an MA degree. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Louisville.

Whitt's assigned territory includes these associations: Henry County, Long Run, Nelson, Shelby County and Sulphur Fork. He may be reached at (502) 584-2121.



Buck Creek Church, at 175, still worships in a sanctuary built in 1898.

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Jack D. Sanford

## sanford's perspectives

### Marriage enrichment resource available

National studies reveal a growing stability of marriage as young people seem more ready than they have been to work out problems and seek solutions which will keep a marriage intact, rather than opt for a quick divorce which creates as many problems as it solves.

This does not mean marriage is the vigorous, healthy institution Christians would want it to be in our country. It does mean a trend of the past few years may be changing as more couples attempt to make marriage work.

It just could be the providence of God that at this juncture in history, Southern Baptists have developed a new plan which will add to the growing interest in keeping marriage a sacred venture.

This new resource produced by the Family Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board is called Covenant Marriage.

The new program of study purposes to help marriage be what God intended it to be from the beginning, namely that couples live together in growing and harmonious relationship, rather than split when the going gets rough.

Past efforts by Southern Baptist leaders to strengthen marriage centered in churchwide family life conferences or, more recently, marriage enrichment retreats.

Each of these efforts produced good results, but neither was able to reach the broad spectrum of the church family that could use help with marriage problems.

Family life conferences were often straight-jacketed into such a short time span and covered such broad areas of concern that few families were really touched at the core of their hurt. Thus needs were largely unmet with this approach.

Marriage enrichment retreats were great for the few who were able to afford both the time and expense of going away from the church community to a retreat setting for a weekend of study and reflection. These retreats were never able to reach large numbers of people in the church but were fine for those who could participate. Much healing came out of marriage enrichment retreats, but the majority of our church members were untouched by this approach.

Now it seems Southern Baptists have come up with an intensive study program which can be part of the continuing educational ministry of the church and thus reach large numbers of families over an extended period of time. Covenant marriage seems to be the mass-appeal program for which we have been praying for a long time.

In fact, many churches are already using cove-

nant marriage materials in Sunday school and Church Training programs on a regularly scheduled basis. My own church will start an entirely new adult department the first of September using covenant marriage as the only curriculum piece for the first few weeks of the new church year. This is a novel approach, but it is the best way to expose many people to the help some of them desperately need.

John Lepper, director of the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of our Kentucky Baptist Convention, told Western Recorder the 13-week program "is the most serious effort made thus far to help couples. It calls married couples to an understanding of what 'marriage in Christ' means. It provides a solid biblical approach to marriage and leads couples to a new sense of Christian purpose, direction and mission in their partnership with each other and with God." Lepper is responsible for developing the covenant marriage program among Kentucky Baptists.

Lepper has devoted the Haworth Conference at Cedarmore to a study and training exercise in covenant marriage. The conference is Oct. 5-7 and will feature Diana Garland, associate professor at Southern Seminary and writer of the covenant marriage material, as the featured leader.

Several training workshops will be conducted during the Haworth Conference. Leaders include Kentuckians who were trained at Ridgecrest, among them John and Connie Lepper and Guy and Nancy Futral.

As a matter of information, of the 165 people who attended the Ridgecrest covenant marriage conference this summer, 26 were from Kentucky. This would indicate our people already know the value of this new approach to strengthening marriages and many of them are prepared to help other churches do a better job because of the Ridgecrest training they have received.

Take note of the Haworth Conference and get your reservation in early. Participants will be equipped to (1) identify the needs of married couples and understand the purposes and fruits of marriage enrichment; (2) develop leadership skills in the use of marriage enrichment resources, particularly the covenant marriage program; and (3) learn how to plan, promote and conduct a covenant marriage workshop for other leaders.

Further information is available from the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department, KBC, John Lepper, director.

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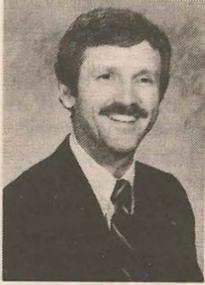
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# baptist news in brief



Leonard

## Glimpses of our heritage

### History 1935-1985 An Historical Potpourri

by Bill Leonard

With so many years to cover and so many stories to tell, perhaps one way of recalling Kentucky Baptist history is in brief excerpts from *Western Recorder*.

"Chester E. Swor, dean of men and professor of English at Mississippi College, came back for a return engagement at Third Church, Owensboro, Jan. 16-18, to address the young people."

Mar. 1 (1953) was a great day in the life of the Erlanger Baptist Church . . . Visitors from far and wide were present for the dedication of the sanctuary and church offices. A goal of 525 had been set for Sunday school and was exceeded. The sanctuary, which seats approximately 500, was filled.

Chauncey R. Daley, associate professor of Bible at Georgetown College, was recently awarded the Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Seminary. Daley has been a member of Georgetown's faculty four years and was this year voted 'most Popular Professor' for the second time during his association with the college."

Rollin Burhans, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church 15 years, has been elected president of the Greater Louisville Baptist College, (Kentucky Southern) and he will assume his duties Mar. 7 (1960). His position will require him to build literally from the ground up for at the time he begins the college-to-be, it has a campus but not a single brick has been laid, not a professor has been employed.

"Two women were ordained Baptist deacons by Faith Baptist Church, Georgetown, Feb. 2 (1969). Harold Sanders, state executive secretary, termed the action a first in Kentucky Baptist life."

Nationally known hippie evangelist Arthur Blessitt will conduct a youth crusade in Louisville (1969). "We don't know why it happens, but the Lord is using him," said Robert Young, associate pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church.

A spirit of harmony and excitement prevailed as . . . 4500 Baptists gathered in Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center Feb. 17, 1981 for the first joint meeting of black and white representatives from the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (the two largest Baptist groups in the state). Lincoln Bingham, General Association superintendent of missions observed: "I envision a future when all Baptists see the need to claim common identity in Jesus Christ while maintaining their separate identities and styles."

Gregory Hancock, pastor of Stanford (Ky.) Baptist Church, wrote in 1981 of a mission trip to Nigeria: "Here under the acid test (keep it simple) all homiletical training goes out the window. These people did not come here to hear theory or philosophy. They came to hear something that would change their lives."

## Patterson to consult on inerrantist commentary

Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board reserved the right to approve consulting editors for a new conservative multivolume commentary during their summer meeting.

Trustees named Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College, as the first of six consulting editors to work on the new commentary to be written by inerrantists.

The action on the new Bible commen-

tary began when trustee Jodi Chapman, a homemaker and member of the Peace Committee from Wichita Falls, Tex., asked the board to name Patterson general editor and Carl F. H. Henry, former editor of Christianity Today magazine, as consulting editor.

Mrs. Chapman's motion would have moved the current general editor, Michael Smith, chief editor of Broadman books at the board, to managing

editor of the commentary. She withdrew her motion in favor of a recommendation by the Broadman Committee to name Patterson one of six consulting editors.

Dean Mathis, pastor of Taylor Memorial Baptist Church, Hobbs, N. M., introduced an amendment calling for the remainder of the proposed slate of consulting editors to be presented to trustees in February 1988 for final approval.

Despite a warning from administrators that trustees were making administrative decisions and after a further effort to amend the action, trustees voted to approve the amended motion. (BP)

## Lewis sees need for evangelism

Southern Baptists are losing the world faster than they are winning it to Christ because they are not evangelizing it God's way, participants at a national mass evangelism conference were told.

Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, told the conference at First Baptist Church, Atlanta, the difference between the church in Acts and contemporary Christians is that early Christians made a daily commitment to sharing their faith.

The week-long conference attracted nearly 300 participants from across the nation for seminars on music evangelism, revival preparation and area crusade preparation. The event was sponsored by the Mass Evangelism Department of the HMB.

Jim Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., told the pastors, evangelists and music directors that "faith, courage and biblical strategy

will help godly parents overcome the evil generation in which we live. "The church cannot do it all by itself. We can underscore, encourage and assist, but the proper institution for educating our children about God is the home," he declared.

Richard Harris, director of the Mass Evangelism Department, noted revival meetings are regaining popularity among Southern Baptists.

"Some people today are saying they are on their way out and will no longer work, but 47,000 revival meetings were conducted for each of the past few years," he stated. (BP)

## Rebels free nurse held in Mozambique

Southern Baptist Kindra Bryan was released Aug. 18 by guerillas in Mozambique three months after her abduction.

The Texan was released along with the six other people seized from a rural missionary clinic in the central province of Mozambique. Miss Bryan, 28, was a nurse on a Youth with a Mission team.

The 5-foot-2 missionary who weighed 125 pounds before her abduction lost more than 25 pounds during the three-month ordeal and is being treated for malaria and dysentery, her mother said.

She also suffered heat exhaustion two weeks before being released.

The State Department is keeping information confidential on where the hostages were held before the two-week trek to freedom.

Tentative plans were for the nurse to fly to Houston Aug. 26 accompanied by James R. DeLoach, associate pastor of Second Baptist Church, where she is a member. (BP)

## BSSB trustees ok master property plan

A Nashville properties master plan for the Baptist Sunday School Board and preliminary work on its first phase was approved by board trustees. This includes expansion of a warehouse and construction of a six-story office building.

The board will remain at its downtown Nashville location. A 51.3-acre property site several miles from downtown purchased in 1985 for a possible warehouse/distribution center is appreciating in value and will not be sold for the present.

Phase one, a \$14.2 million project approved by trustees for "direction, overall concept and preliminary cost range," includes building a multistory office-warehouse building above the center area of the operations building, expanding that building and expanding parking on a remaining roof. (BP)

## Division status granted Sunday school work

Southern Baptists' program of Sunday school work was elevated from department to division status by Baptist Sunday School Board trustees.

Harry Piland, 58, director of the department since 1978, will be division director and become a member of the board's executive staff.

BSSB president Lloyd Elder said Sunday school is the priority program of the board with other programs committed to working with Sunday school to strengthen the organization in local churches.

Piland cited as positive trends the increasing numbers of nonChristians being enrolled in Southern Baptist Sunday schools, a gain from 469,000 in 1980 to 572,000 in 1983. (BP)

## Memphis church calls woman as pastor

Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., called Nancy Hastings Sehested as pastor at a called business meeting Aug. 23, 1987.



Mrs. Sehested

The 235-member congregation is dually aligned with the American and the Southern Baptist conventions. The new pastor will assume pastoral responsibilities Nov. 1, 1987.

Mrs. Sehested, 36, was born and reared in Texas. She received her BA degree in cultural anthropology at City College of New York. She received a master's degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York.

She has been associate pastor at Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., and has worked as field supervisor for theological students from Southeastern Baptist Seminary and Candler School of Theology. She has been on the steering committee of SBC Women in Ministry.

She is the daughter of C. E. Matthews, retired evangelism director for the SBC Home Mission Board, and the wife of Kenneth Sehested, executive director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

## Committee disputes BJCPA funding

A dispute over who will control the funding of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs highlighted the first meeting of the newly reconstituted Public Affairs Committee.

The committee, during its first meeting Aug. 20-21, voted to ask the Executive Committee to provide a written clarification as to whether the \$448,400 allocated for the BJCPA in the 1987-88 SBC Cooperative Program allocations budget is to go directly to the Baptist Joint Committee or is to be channeled through the 18-member PAC.

"The question is whether the \$448,000 appropriation goes to the Baptist Joint Committee or comes to us for some say-so," said chairman Samuel T. Currin of Raleigh, N. C.

Confusion about the implications of the revision of Bylaw 18, adopted at the 1987 SBC meeting, apparently centers on the action which instructs the Public Affairs Committee to function "separately" from the BJCPA and the listing in the Cooperative Program allocation

budget for the Public Affairs Committee as the recipient of the \$448,000 allocation rather than the BJCPA.

Gary F. Young of Phoenix, Ariz., chairman of a nine-member fact-finding committee of the Executive Committee which proposed the bylaw change, said the fact-finding committee did not recommend or intend to recommend that funding go to the PAC.

Despite Young's interpretation, committee members were divided over how the funds should be handled, and members returned to the issue several times during the two day meeting.

Thomas E. Prat of Brighton, Colo., moved that the committee "express its strong sentiment to the Executive Committee that we believe funding for the Baptist Joint Committee on Oct. 1 should be funneled through this committee," but later modified it to indicate the BJCPA should be funded "with the approval of this committee." The action was adopted by an 8-2 vote. (BP)

# Willing workers

## They're laying a firm foundation

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

There were upwards of 65 of them.

Some skilled.

Some novices.

All willing.

All able.

Until they gathered this summer at the site of a church construction project at Springfield, Ky., most of them had never met.

Now they are friends.

Now, too, they are committed to the Brotherhood's developing ministry called Kentucky Baptist Builders.

The Springfield project was the second in the life of this fledgling program of helping churches do "what they are unable to do for themselves." Another project, reported in Western Recorder earlier, was conducted at Unity Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.

That was a "shakedown" experience, according to Bob Simpkins, pastor of South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville. Simpkins has been coordinator of the Kentucky Brotherhood's disaster relief program for several years, and has added the Baptist Builders to his volunteer assignments.

The two programs link up in various ways following a disaster, he explained, but they are largely separate and distinct.

The experience this summer at Springfield involving so many men actually began last fall with an inquiry by Gary Shockley, pastor of Thompsonville Baptist Church in Central Association. The congregation, organized in 1914, was worshipping in a dilapidated building that was in "severe need of repair."

As John Lewis, one of Simpkins' laymen who was a leading participant in organizing Kentucky Baptist Builders, put it, their building was "all used up." Not only that, they had outgrown it.

Furthermore, they did not have the funds to adequately build for the future. A conservative estimate indicated that a new structure suitable for current needs might reach \$300,000. Too much for a congregation with 121 resident members to afford.

### What to do?

The contact was made with Simpkins. The wheels began to turn.

Before Kentucky Baptist Builders could do anything, they first had to make certain the church was willing for



Perched high are these Kentucky Baptist Builders at a Springfield project.

them to provide the labor to build a new facility. The church voted in favor of it. Then, the church had the responsibility of drawing up building plans, sharing those with Kentucky Baptist Builders and having them approved by the state building commission.

That done, the call went out for willing workers. They responded with enthusiasm.

Some were available for only a few hours. Some, for a day. Others gave a couple of days. Some, a week. There were still others who made themselves available for two or three weeks.

Some came in groups. Others, with a friend, or by themselves.

None of them were paid. In fact, it cost them something. Volunteers underwrote their own transportation expenses. They took time off from work, family and other responsibilities to participate. Many used portions or all of their vacations to participate in the project.

While some of them were highly skilled laborers, there were others who had seldom "held a hammer and saw in their hands" before volunteering for service with Kentucky Baptist Builders. But "they all did a splendid job," according to Lewis. "We never had a problem with any of them," Simpkins affirms.

### What did the host congregation provide?

Plenty.

Aside from the building materials, which the Thompsonville church paid

for in full, some of their men joined the volunteers to construct the new facility.

The congregation was "generous in every way," Simpkins recalls. They permitted the laborers to sleep in the existing building while working on the new one. All of the workers' meals were provided by the Thompsonville church, and up to 25 local women were available to prepare them and serve them.

### The results, after three weeks of work?

The job isn't quite finished yet, but "we'll keep at it until it's done," Simpkins allows. The congregation now has a worship facility valued at \$300,000 for which they spent less than \$150,000. Simpkins estimates the new sanctuary is about 40 feet by 70 feet, with a two-story educational facility attached of approximately the same dimensions.

The Thompsonville members paid all the materials costs, but nothing in volunteer labor fees and "probably saved thousands of dollars in interest," says Simpkins. Included in the \$150,000 expenditure was contracted brick, concrete, heating, air conditioning, electrical and plumbing work.

It is Simpkins' hope that his band of volunteers may eventually attract Baptist laymen who possess the skills to do each of these specialized tasks, thereby reducing the financial outlay even further.

### And what did the project do for Kentucky Baptist Builders?

Both Simpkins and Lewis beam.

Not only did the organization grow

through new volunteers who were willing to sign up, declares Simpkins, "something great" happened in the life of the Thompsonville congregation.

There were men who participated in this project who belonged to that congregation but who had "not been very active" in the life of the church "for awhile." They recommitted and rededicated themselves to "get back in touch with what is happening at their church."

"We all came away feeling good about that," Lewis adds.

Lewis, a retired sheriff and Navy man, presently is a Sunday school teacher, deacon and choir member at the church which Simpkins has pastored for six years, South Fork, in Lynn Association.

Simpkins says that eight or 10 state conventions now foster similar programs to Kentucky Baptist Builders and "the number is growing." He believes the potential is there for the builders activity to outgrow the disaster relief program.

He would like to see up to 3000 Kentucky men eventually sign up as volunteers. Presently, only about 60 are registered with the state Brotherhood office.

With a projection of starting 400 new churches and missions in the state by 1990 through "Mission Kentucky," a state convention-sponsored new church start program, Simpkins knows there is "lots of work to be done." Eventually, he hopes to have enough men registered so teams may be sent outside the state and "even overseas" for building projects.

While these projects currently involve constructing church buildings Simpkins envisions helping build widows' homes and "other worthy facilities that just couldn't be built any other way" some day.

Gary Shockley, the Thompsonville pastor, was "amazed" how so many people "who didn't know one another" could come together and produce a new church building. He also observes that the people in the community "got as excited about it as I did."

A former state Brotherhood president, C. A. Easterling, of Somerset, who worked on the Thompsonville project this summer, allows, "God had his hand here. The people were the most pleasant I've been around in a long time."

### What's next for Kentucky Baptist Builders?

"We're taking applications now for next summer's construction projects," Simpkins indicates.

He's hoping to see scores more of Kentucky Baptist men sign up as volunteer laborers between now and then. A phone call or a letter to him or to the Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, will do the trick.



Men came from all over the state to labor side-by-side to build a church.



Pastor Gary Shockley holds a drawing of the new church, when it is completed.

# mountains to the mississippi

## missions

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pat Winchester were among 68 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Aug. 12 at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

As missionary associates the Winchesters will live in Guyana, where he will be starting and developing churches and teaching in Theological Education by Extension and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Winchester is pastor of Cerulean (Ky.) Baptist church.

Born in Calloway County, he is the son of Maude Winchester of Murray and the late E. D. Winchester. He grew up in Murray and considers it his home town and Salem Baptist Church as his home church. He also attended Cherry Corner Baptist Church, Murray, as a youth.

Winchester received the diploma in theology from Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has been the owner and operator of a printing service in Murray. He also has been pastor of Lake City Baptist Church, Grand Rivers; Hebron Baptist, Eddyville; and Squireville, Owenton.

Born and reared in New Concord, Mrs. Winchester, the former Hilda Wyatt, is the daughter of the late Aubrey and Annie Wyatt. She also considers Salem Baptist Church her home church. During her childhood she attended New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, New Concord.

She received the AA degree from Hopkinsville Community College and she and her husband have owned a printing service in Murray. She has also been employed as a bookkeeper and advertising sales representative for a newspaper in Eddyville and as an advertising sales representative for a newspaper in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Arms Jr. were also named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Aug. 12.

The Armses will live in Malawi where he will be starting and developing churches and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Arms is pastor of Hill Grove Baptist Church, Guston.

Born and reared in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Arms is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Arms. He received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and has been minister of youth at Crieviewood Baptist Church, Nashville,



Mr. and Mrs. Winchester

and pastor of Holly Grove Baptist Church, Lascassas, Tenn.

Born in Shelby, Tenn., Mrs Arms, the former Diane Sanders, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sanders, also of Murfreesboro. After receiving the BS degree from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, Memphis, she has been a dental hygienist in Murfreesboro and Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Eugene Elder were also named foreign missionaries Aug. 12.

As missionary associates the Elders will live in South Africa where he will start and develop churches and they will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Aztec, N. M.

Born in Louisville, Elder is the son of Mildred Janice Lewis of Vero Beach, Fla., and the late Fred Elder of Shepherdsville, Ky. While growing up he also lived in Shelbyville. He considers Shepherdsville his home town and Little Flock Baptist Church his home church.

Elder received a diploma from Campbellsville College; the BA degree from Samford University, Birmingham; and the BDiv degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been a Home Mission Board summer missionary in Arizona and a HMB missionary in New Mexico. He also was chairman of the executive board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

Mrs. Elder attended Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz. and Samford University.



Mr. and Mrs. Arms

## deaths

Don Hiles, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Maysville, Bracken Association, died July 2. Hiles had been in ill health for some time but his death shook his church because he was the second pastor in succession to die while serving the church. Calvary was the only church Hiles served in his four-year ministry career though he was well known for his radio work in Cincinnati and Portsmouth, Oh. as well as Covington and Maysville, Ky.

Mabel Harper Pogue died in Louisville Aug. 14 at age 84. She was the widow of Robert L. Pogue, business manager of Western Recorder for 22 years. Mrs. Pogue was a member of Beechwood Baptist Church and formerly taught Sunday school at Walnut Street Baptist Church for more than 30 years.

Gilbert Shely, 84, died July 19 at his home in Harrodsburg. Shely was a graduate of Berea College and Southern Seminary. He was pastor of Shawnee Run Baptist Church, Mercer County, 23 years. He also was pastor in Anderson and Woodford counties.

Henry McDaniel Downing, retired minister, 74, died Aug. 6 at Humana Hospital Lexington after a short illness.

A native of Bourbon County and a graduate of Georgetown College, Downing spent more than 53 years preaching and developing churches, mainly in Kentucky.



Mr. and Mrs. Elder

of Highlands Baptist Church, Lexington, which added an educational wing during his tenure. He also pastored South Elkorn and Eastland Park Baptist churches in Elkorn Association.

Downing's longest tenure was at Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort, where he pastored from 1955-67.

He began his work as pastor of Dwarf Baptist Church, Three Forks Association. His other pastorates include Crooked Creek, Ohio River Association; Riverview, Nelson Association; Lenoxburg, Union Association; Turner Ridge, Crittenden Association; and Sadieville, Elkhorn Association.

John Ivey, retired director of missions for Greenup Association, died Aug. 17 in Knoxville, Tenn. He was missions director in Kentucky from 1954-76.

## personnel

Brian Cordell of Bolivar, Mo. is the new pastor of Goshen Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association. Cordell is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College and is a third year MDiv student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

John E. Gilbert has resigned as minister of youth/music at Audubon Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, to accept a similar position at Second Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association. Trueman G. Davis is pastor at Second church.



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## homes for children

### Memory

Our God, in his divine wisdom, has endowed us with the marvelous gift of memory. This gift allows us to call up past experiences and relive them. It is true, of course, that one's memory also can carry bad experiences. These are not

pleasant to think about. However, there often is the ability to let the bad experiences fade into the subconscious and call the pleasant memories to the fore.

I am so thankful for the ability to remember my godly mother. Although she lived to be 92, she has been gone almost 10 years. Quite often I remember pleasant experiences that were connected with my mother. Such memories give occasion to thank God again for a mother who loved her children and taught us the way of God.

Memory often materializes in memorial gifts to Baptist Homes for Children. I received such a gift a few days ago, and with it a beautiful letter. I want to share part of that letter.

"I am sending a memorial gift. My mother passed away Dec. 12, 1986. She loved children—her own, sisters and brothers, neighborhood, you name them and she loved them. She was especially aware of the children's homes. Her church sends in an offering to you for Thanksgiving and maybe Christmas

also, I'm not sure. At any rate, mother would save her egg money for that one offering. So I can think of no other one thing that would please her more than a memorial to the children's homes."

What a lovely memory and what an effective memorial! This memorial gift is not only a fitting way to honor and memorialize a dear loved one, but an excellent way to bless children who need our loving, Christian care. Many churches, Sunday school classes and individuals now use this method of memorials. Flowers are beautiful, but they are expensive and wilt in a day. The same amount of money given to Baptist Homes for Children provides a proper memorial to the special person who has died, and also works for children who are living and need help.

Let us thank God for the gift of memory and then let's remember to exercise that memory so it will have the double value of memorializing a dear, departed one and blessing children who have such great needs.



**Leon Simpson**  
President  
Clear Creek Bible College  
Pineville, KY 40977

## clear creek comment

### Honoring the past

Each year our faculty and staff gather for a retreat before the beginning of the academic year. We have met at various places in recent years—the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Georgetown College, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, the famous Boone Tavern Hotel in Berea, et al. All of these places have one thing in common—a long and traditional-filled past.

This year we had a great faculty/staff retreat, meeting at the Harrodsburg Baptist Church. This church was organized in 1839 and has a glorious history. It is located in the oldest settlement in Kentucky. It has been pastored by some of Southern Baptists' greatest leaders, including George C. Lorimer, E. Y. Mullins and John Broadus. Bob DeFoor has pastored this historic church for the last eight years.

The past should be important to the Christian. Paul reminded Timothy that his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice has been champions in the faith before him (II Tim. 1:6). There is a sense in which we should forget "those things which are behind" (Phil. 3:13), our sins, our guilt and our shame. However, we should not forget the lessons of the past, the traditions of the past and the heroes of the past.

Many people are pessimistic about studying history. Henry Ford called history "Bunk!" and Samuel Johnson called it "A narrative of misery." I am convinced we ought to learn from the lessons of the past. Hegel said, "We learn from history that man never learns anything from history!" Cicero stated long ago, "Not to know what happened before one was born is to remain a child." History is his story, the unrolled scroll of prophecy and "a mighty drama, enacted upon the theatre of time, with suns for lamps and eternity for a background" (Carlyle).

Today I wish to salute Harrodsburg Baptist Church, 148 years old. I want to applaud the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 150 years old this year. And I honor Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, a school which has helped and encouraged preachers and their families for 61 years.

*"A Noble army, men and boys,/The matron and the maid,/Around the Savior's throne rejoice,/In robes of light arrayed;/They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n/Through peril, toil, and pain;/O God, to us may grace be giv'n/To follow in their train!"*

## Greek scholar gives final assignment

by Elizabeth Watson

Ask any theology student who has attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the past 37 years which professor most impacted his life, and the answer is likely to be "Curtis Vaughan."

Vaughan is retiring from Southwestern in Ft. Worth, Tex., where since 1950 he has transferred his love for Greek to students as professor of New Testament. He and his wife, Frances, moved to North Carolina this summer.

"One of the most influential things in my life was a birthday gift my oldest sister gave me," Vaughan said. "She gave me a Bible when I was just a kid. It was the first book I ever owned. It was mine. Because it was mine, I wanted to read it."

Through reading that Bible Vaughan

felt God's call to ministry, he said, noting, "That gift nurtured my Christian life."

Another major influence was Vaughan's college Greek professor, R. E. Guy, he said: "Dr. Guy's classes were the high points of my days. He was such a superb master of the Greek language."

"He was the most demanding teacher I've ever known—but he made me love Greek," Vaughan said. "If you don't love Greek, you won't study it."

Vaughan recalled attending his first Greek class as a student. "I held a Greek New Testament in my hand as I recited the Greek alphabet for the first time at Union University," he said.

"I remember the thrill I felt knowing that in my hand was a New Testament written in the very language of the apostles. I just had to learn more Greek," he said.

At Southwestern Vaughan met Ray Summers, his primary Greek professor.

"Although as a seminary student there were several professors I admired and respected, Ray Summers exerted a great influence on my life," Vaughan said.

The same influence Summers had on Vaughan, Vaughan has had on at least five of Southwestern's eight New Testament professors, including Tom Urrey. Urrey echoed the opinions of each when he said, "More than anyone else, Curtis Vaughan has been the largest positive influence in my life."

Outside the classroom, Vaughan has been interim pastor of 22 churches, two in West Germany. "I like to make the Bible understandable for the person in the pew," he said.

But Vaughan's biggest impact on Southern Baptists and Christians around the world may be as an author. He has written six commentaries covering nine New Testament books and co-written commentaries on Romans and I Corinthians and a Greek grammar. He was general editor of *The New Testament from 26 Translations* and the two volumes of *The Old Testament from 26 Translations*.

Vaughan was an executive member of the review committee for the New King James Version New Testament and has contributed to various commentaries, convention study courses and theology journals.

Despite these great accomplishments, Vaughan remains a shy professor. "I look upon teaching at Southwestern as just about the highest and holiest privilege I could ever expect," he said.

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## Southeastern staff affirms mutual support.

In its workshop prior to the opening of the fall semester, the 35-member faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary unanimously adopted a "Statement of Mutual Support."

The statement emphasized the Lordship of Christ as central to the work and lives of the faculty. While not elaborat-

### At 72, scholarship recipient going strong

Like many Texas Baptist Black Scholarship recipients, Benjamin Mills is both a full time pastor and a full time student. Unlike most students, he also is a Bible institute teacher. And unlike any others, Mills is 72.

Mills decided to pursue a MA degree in religion at Dallas Baptist University so he might be better equipped as pastor of St. Andrews Institutional Baptist Church, Dallas, and as instructor in religious studies at D. Edwin Johnson Bible Institute.

The institute is an instructional program jointly sponsored by the Baptist Home Mission Board, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas Baptist Association and Bishop College, Dallas.

Mills taught school one year in the 1940s but recalls "the salary was so low that I went into the life insurance business." He retired in 1979.

At about the same time he sensed he should enter the ministry and accepted the pastorate of St. Andrews Church. In 1981 he graduated from Bishop College with a degree in religion and philosophy. After returning to school to work on a master's degree at Dallas Baptist, Mills applied and was accepted into the Texas Baptist Black Scholarship program this year.

Although beyond retirement age, Mills has given no thought to slowing down in teaching or preaching. "I hadn't planned on retiring. I don't know of any sickness that would force me to do so. I don't think about working with a stopping date in mind." (BP)

ing on its reference to "current circumstances in the Southern Baptist Convention," the statement calls attention to the faculty's "oneness of purpose and . . . unity of fellowship."

The statement also expressed a feeling that the members of the faculty had been "called to discipleship and ministry under the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." It went on to say that the faculty members have a responsibility to freely express their understanding of God's call.

The statement claimed: "In the context of current circumstances in the Southern Baptist Convention, we, the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, affirm our encouragement and support of one another as Christian professors, administrators and colleagues."

"We affirm our mutual support as we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus

### Brown to succeed Lewis at Hannibal-LaGrange

Paul Brown, executive vice president and academic dean of Hannibal-LaGrange College for 11 years, has been elected president of the Missouri Baptist school.

The college's board of trustees unanimously elected Brown to succeed Larry Lewis, who became president of the Baptist Home Mission Board this summer. Brown had been acting president of the school in Hannibal, Mo. since June 1.

Brown has been admissions counselor at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and chairman of the division of languages and arts at Clarke College, Newton, Miss. He has also pastored churches in Mississippi and Tennessee.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton; New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; and the University of Mississippi, Oxford, where he earned a doctorate in higher education and student personnel. (BP)

Christ and to our calling as Christian teachers, preachers, leaders, and evangelists, recognizing our individual responsibility to express freely our understanding of God's calling and respecting the integrity of our various responses to divine leadership," the document stated.

"As a body individually and jointly called to discipleship and ministry under the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, we affirm our unity and mutual-ity in performing our corporate and specific duties and therefore pledge collegial support to each member of this faculty accordingly."

### G'town English prof takes sabbatical leave

Steven May, professor of English at Georgetown College, will spend the 1987-88 school year on a sabbatical leave of absence, according to Joe O. Lewis, dean.

May will continue his research on a project that has claimed his interest since 1970. He is writing a critical biography of Sir Walter Raleigh for the Twayne English Authors Series.

May will complete his research for the book at the British Archives this summer.

He has a doctoral degree from the University of Chicago. He earned an undergraduate degree from Rockford, Ill. College.

May has been on the Georgetown faculty since 1969.

### Korean laity studies Brotherhood-sponsored

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has entered into agreement with the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary in Taejon, South Korea, to sponsor a professor and curriculum for laity studies. The school is the largest seminary outside the United States.

Working with Huh Kin, Korea Baptist Theological Seminary president, and Lee Myung-Hee, who will teach the courses, the commission has assisted in designing a curriculum that introduces the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer. Every student will be required to take three courses taught in the school of theology—Theology of Lay Ministry, Equipping the Laity for Ministry and Missions Education for Laity.

Huh noted that in order for Baptists to grow in Korea a new emphasis must be given to the laity. "Activating the laity in missions has a lot to do with expansion of Baptists in Korea," he said. "But since Baptists have been overshadowed by nonBaptists, the movement hasn't had a chance to grow. We haven't had the opportunity to develop the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer."

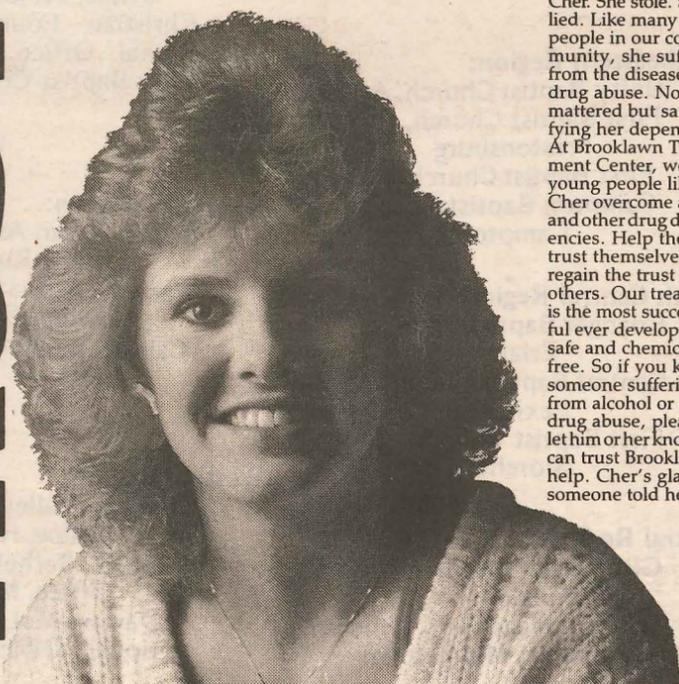
"The process of teaching missions to the laity through the local church can only bring unity in the missions cause at home and abroad," he concluded. (BP)

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# Paducah Baptists to offer weekly national telecast

by Pauline Stegall,  
State Correspondent

First Baptist Church, Paducah, will enter another phase of television ministry Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. (CST). After years of televising on local stations, First Baptist will begin a 16-month arrangement with the American Christian Television



White checks equipment in control room at First Baptist, Paducah.

System (ACTS) Network. A weekly telecast of the Sunday morning service will be aired nationwide.

"Across the years our church has seen the value of a TV ministry," said J. Robert White, pastor. "So we are excited about the prospect of sharing the gospel with an expanded audience." ACTS reaches about 18 million people.

The church launched its TV ministry 15 years ago under the leadership of former pastor John Wood and minister of music Bob Kersey, now assistant pastor. Originally the service was telecast on a local UHF station. This was followed by a taped weekly/delayed program with KFVS-TV, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Later a TV tower with a microwave transmitter permitted live telecasts from KFVS. The telecasts are now live on WPSD-TV, Paducah, and reach an estimated 40,000 people every week.

In February 1985 First Baptist Church was on the Great First Series of ACTS for one month. As a result of the exposure, Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and TV Commission, told White that 10 time frames were being opened for churches to air their regular worship services, and invited the Paducah church to participate.

"When you are in a ministry, the natural thing is to expand," explained White. "We wrote some articles in our church paper, shared the information with the deacons, then had a meeting of the church in which we discussed, explained and answered questions. As a result—not only of the meeting, but of our long TV history—the church voted unanimously to move forward."

White chose the Wednesday night slot because he wanted his group to be the midweek worship service for people who could not attend church and also be available for Southern Baptists who can listen after they get home from their own churches.

There will be a toll free number flashed across the screen during the telecast. Callers will talk with counselors who have been trained to handle almost every kind of crisis.

"Our counselors, most of whom received their first training in our program of Evangelism Explosion, handle a remarkable number of calls. These calls may pertain to suicide, divorce proceedings, abuse or spiritual problems.

"The Bold Mission Thrust goals are to evangelize and to congregationalize," continued White. "We want, first of all, to evangelize—to bring viewers to Christ, tell them how they might be saved, simply and with great clarity. We want them to understand the plan of salvation, have our counselors pray with them, then send them some materials

that will help them in the Christian walk.

"Our secondary goal would be to congregationalize. There are about 37,000 Baptist churches throughout the nation. We feel that we will be able to refer converts to a local Baptist church in the area from which they call. We would then ask that church to visit them and invite them to become a part of the church family.

First Baptist will finance the entire operation.

"We will not nor are we permitted to ask for any funds over the air," White stated emphatically. "Radio and TV Commission does not permit it; we have never done it; nor do we plan to do it now. Money will not be mentioned."

The church's concern lies not in the cost entirely, but in the public's response to its ministry.

"The big question is, 'Will the ministry itself be effective enough for what we are going to have to pay for it?' We have all done a lot of praying and discussing. Our conclusion is if we see a number of people receive Christ it would be worth every penny of it. We will evaluate after 16 months and if we have not received a good response, or if we feel our mission dollars could be spent better, we will do something else."

Other churches involved in the ACTS ministry are Bellevue Baptist, Memphis, Tenn.; First, Jacksonville, Fla.; First, Jackson, Miss.; First, Dallas, Tex.; and First, Columbia, S. C.

## Homes for Children food shower set for September

The seventh annual September Food Shower sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is now underway. This significant project collects thousands of dollars in food items each year for youth in our care. Last year \$28,127 dollars worth of food was donated.

Friends of this ministry are encouraged to donate food during this time of special emphasis. In some instances the food items will be taken to the churches and then delivered to regional pick-up points. In other cases the collected items will be transported directly to regional sites. From these places the food will be distributed to Baptist Children's Homes at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale, and the temporary shelters in Elizabethtown and Dixon.

Canned goods and other staples are suggested foods to be donated. Canned fruits, meats, tuna and salmon are especially popular. The agency also encourages farmers to donate pork or beef that has been "USDA Inspected." Home-canned products cannot be accepted because of government regulations. All food should be packed in boxes with tops in case stacking is necessary.

"The Food Shower means more to our agency than words can express," said Eldred M. Taylor, Executive Director.

"First, it makes people all over the state conscious of the fact that we exist and have needs. This is because the Women's Advisory Board and all of our Child Care Representatives promote it.

Second, it's a tremendous boost for us because the Food Shower gives people a chance to do something personally for the homes. They select the food, take it to the church and some even transport the foodstuffs to regional pick-up sites. They have done something with their own hands to help us.

Third, it's a boost to us because the Food Shower has amounted to approximately \$20,000 in value in each of the last few years. This enables the homes to stay within their food budgets and avoid large increases in expenditures."

Children in the Baptist Homes also have need for personal supplies such as soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, powder, shampoo, and lotions. These items can be delivered to the pick-up points along with the food for distribution. (Remember that the average age of Spring Meadows, Glen Dale and temporary shelter residents is fourteen or fifteen).

For the location of a regional pick-up point in your area, see the list below or call the development office in Middletown. Tom Moore, director of development/communications, will be happy to answer any questions regarding the September Food Shower. Telephone 245-2101 or toll free 1-800-292-9440.

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Morehead

#### Central Region:

Glen Dale Children's Home,  
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Spring Meadows Children's  
Home, Middletown

#### South Central Region:

First Baptist Church, Somerset  
First Baptist Church, Danville  
Greensburg Baptist Church,  
Greensburg

#### Southeastern Region:

First Baptist Church, Corbin  
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Barbourville Baptist Church,  
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#### Southwestern Region:

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Office, Princeton  
Christian County, Association  
Office, Hopkinsville  
First Baptist Church, Murray

#### Southern Region:

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Office, Russellville  
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Bowling Green  
Calvary Baptist Church,  
Glasgow

#### Western Region:

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Office, Henderson  
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Office, Owensboro

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Office, Hartford  
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# baptist forum

## Do we condone quenching gifts?

As much as I enjoy reading the excellent reporting in Western Recorder it sometimes pains me. I never know when I'll be thrown for another loop by the shocking news which not infrequently comes from our convention. Case in point: last week's front page article about new Home Mission Board hiring restrictions on persons who speak in tongues.

It appears the HMB has determined certain gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit are unacceptable, at least when exercised by HMB personnel, current or prospective. In essence the HMB is passing judgment on the sovereign granting of spiritual gifts by the Lord God upon Christian believers.

At Pentecost the disciples were happily unaware of the sagacious disapproval by the HMB of their inappropriate Spirit-filled behavior. And, of course, the apostle Paul, first great missionary of the church, would have been ineligible for SBC home mission service because he proudly professed, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all!" (1 Cor. 14:18).

What is happening within the HMB? Will Southern Baptists resist this unbiblical policy or will we condone the delimiting of God's acts within our denomination?

Jim Brock  
Louisville

## Laurel River against lottery

Some influential citizens of our Commonwealth and some political candidates advocate a state lottery for Kentucky as a source of revenue for education.

We believe lotteries to be morally wrong and states which have lotteries have not proven them to be beneficial.

We believe a state lottery preys upon the poor and teaches our young a "something-for-nothing" philosophy and a poor work ethic and violates the moral convictions of many of the citizens of Kentucky.

Therefore be it resolved by the Executive Board of the Laurel River Association of Kentucky Baptists, composed of 39 churches with 6208 resident members, that we are opposed to any legislation authorizing or creating the establishment of a state lottery for any purpose;

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Martha Layne Collins, governor of Kentucky, to Gene Huff, state senator for the 21st District, to Albert Robinson, state representative for the 85th District, to Wallace Wilkinson, Democratic candidate for governor, to John Harper, Republican candidate for governor and the the Sentinel-Echo, Lexington Herald-Leader and Western Recorder as an open letter to the public.

We urge each church of the Laurel River Association to join in expressing opposition to a state lottery and that they send such expressions to the above officials, candidates and papers.

Heston Hatcher, moderator  
Bradley Green, clerk  
Laurel River Association

## Seminary professors affirmed

We who were participants in the Doctor of Ministry seminar, "Christian Heritage and the Practice of Ministry," wish to go on record publicly supporting Southern Seminary's commitment to provide a professional and scholarly education for practicing Christian ministry.

As a diverse group of ministers from several states, our callings encompass missions, chaplaincy, pastorates and

specialized ministries. We are all in one accord in wholeheartedly affirming the dedication of our two professors, Wayne Ward and Paul Simmons, who practice Christian ministry and scholarship with integrity and without fear of the truth or without regard to creeds.

These two Christian brothers have helped us better understand the nature of the gospel and our own individual calling and ministry. They have shown us their love of and commitment to holy scripture as the basis for Christian faith and practice. Moreover they have challenged us to deal openly and honestly with life's issues in a spirit of love as we do the word.

Larry Holland  
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And finally, Kentucky can overcome school dropouts, emphasizing the Christian heritage of our state, and take advantage of higher education now available.

Homer Smith  
Louisville

## Encourages designation of funds

I have a great deal of respect for the writer of a letter to Baptist Forum entitled "The Tyranny of the Majority," and his statement, "I'm designating my contributions for local purposes only."

I witness the forcing of a veritable creed upon the employees of our HMB and the undermining of our trustee system by the appointment of a thinly disguised police "peace" committee.

Cooperative Program funds given through the SBC are now being controlled by a faction out of harmony with my Kentucky Southern Baptist upbringing and beliefs. I understand said funds support the peace committee, the expense involved in defending the parliamentary actions of the fundamentalist faction, the extravagant waste at our annual meeting and other activities which attempt to exclude from our teaching, preaching and missionary efforts those who practice the priesthood of the believer and refuse to be controlled by the dogmas and creeds of the fundamentalists.

To avoid supporting those actions with which I disagree, but to exercise

the best stewardship of my own gifts and to aid foreign mission work, I plan and encourage others to designate contributions through the local church, contributing to specific, local church activities, designating gifts to the overall state Baptist program and to more specific activities such as the children's home. Contributions to the FMB can also be designated to prevent a cut being taken by the SBC operations contrary to the donor's beliefs.

David Pettus  
Stanford

## Looking for books

I am trying to locate some books that are out of print and would appreciate help. I have been collecting books by R. G. Lee for several years. I have about 30 now and would like more. I would also like to have books by M. E. Dodd, H. E. Dana, Norman B. Harrison, Herschel Hobbs, B. H. Carroll, C. E. Autry, Guy King and T. Dewitt Talmadge.

Please send a list of the books you would be willing to sell along with the price of each. Send to Bill Robertson, Route 1, Box 311, Trout, LA 71371

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## oneida journal

### Charting courses

No doubt we are all doubting Thomases at times needing to thrust our hands into the pierced sides of our savior. Often we are unfaithful Peters fearful of sinking beneath the waves until the savior stretches forth a supporting hand.

Truly these are temptuous times with billows rolling high over the surface of the whole earth. It would be a calm soul indeed who did not find cause to wonder what lies just ahead.

I realize how futile it is for nearsighted man to chart his course ahead. Man's only guide and dependence is to walk by faith from day to day. I also know even better how infallible is the wisdom and foreknowledge of God. How clearly he sees each tomorrow through all the succeeding ages yet unfolded. How unerring is God's hand which can chart the course of empires, of nations and of insitutions like Oneida.

I can doubt the power and wisdom of nations and peoples. But I can never doubt the power, wisdom and justice of him who created this universe and set the course of planets, of nations and men. Assuredly he brings each to its end exactly as he planned it in the beginning.

But that faith does not hinder doubts

of the part we are to play on the stage of time nor the fate of the things of our greatest love and interest.

This brings us to the concern of the fate of Christian education and of Christian schools over the country that have been supported on humanitarian principles, a feeling of charity and a desire that each and all may have an equal opportunity to develop and prepare for a life of Christian service.

There is a greater need for Oneida Baptist Institute than there was when this work began in 1899.

(1) Eighty years ago every public school in America was a Christian institution where the Bible was taught, chapel was held and prayers were offered. Not so today which is all the more reason for us to support our Christian schools as an alternative and to keep that plurality in American education that has been and is a bulwark of our freedom as a nation and our vigor as a denomination. The Congregationalists were once the largest church body in America. But they cut themselves adrift from their institutions like Harvard and Yale, and have nearly disappeared from the American scene.

(2) Eighty years ago nearly every school in America was a small school where everybody could be somebody. Not so today in our age of consolidation and belief in the concept that bigger must be better. All the more reason to support our Christian schools, which remain relatively small schools, where each student can be taught that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" and where each young man or young woman can be led to an awareness of self as important to God thus to one another. It is important that each student catch the vision of a Christ who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister" and to go forth to do likewise.

(3) Eighty years ago divorce was nearly unheard of in America. Today, nearly half of all marriages end in the divorce court. This affects the lives of literally millions of young people. The Christian boarding school is not only a school; it is a home where that boy or girl with a single parent who must work can have discipline, structure, security surrounded by the love and an example of a dedicated Christian staff.

So little money is required to maintain schools like Oneida. We must look to our brothers and sisters in Christ to see to it that we have continued life and service.

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**H. C. Chiles**  
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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR SEP. 1, 1987

#### Life and Work Series

#### Bold living

**II Tim. 1:6-14** Paul wrote his second epistle to Timothy to encourage him to remain faithful in the work of the Lord in spite of all difficulties. In addition to being his devoted companion, Timothy was Paul's trustworthy messenger on various important errands. Our hearts are touched by the tender regard of the great apostle for this young man. He realized full well that his protegee had great possibilities of service for God.

**II Tim. 1:6-10** Paul's exhortation to Timothy was that he should "stir up the gift of God" which was in him. This expression means to make a wise use of the gift by refusing to permit it to smolder. Both Paul and Timothy knew that the gift was there, and the former was very anxious that it should be developed to such an extent that Timothy might have a glorious ministry.

Paul urged Timothy to hold fast the fundamental truths of Christianity, including the virgin birth, the victorious life, the vicarious death, the resurrection and the return of Christ.

**II Tim. 1:11-12** Paul affirmed he did not have any doubt as to the credentials of his faith. He said, "I know whom I have believed." His certainty of Christ's redeeming power was born out of his own experience. It was based on the fact Christ had saved him. He had deposited

his soul, his life, his hopes, his all in the hands of Christ with the assurance of their perfect safety.

**II Tim. 1:13-14** Paul charged Timothy to remember God's revealed truth had been committed to him, and he was responsible, under the direction of the empowering Holy Spirit, for sharing it with others.

#### International Series

#### Creation and fall

**Gen. 2:4b-8** Man was not produced by a process but was created by a divine act. As the climax of God's creation, man had the God-like faculties of intellect, emotion and will. God imparted to man the capability of having fellowship with him. God gave Adam the inestimable privilege and joy of living in perfect surroundings in the beautiful Garden of Eden.

**Gen. 2:18, 21-22** Knowing Adam needed companionship—someone to share his joys and purposes, reciprocate his feelings and assist him in his enterprises—God made Eve and presented her to him for his wife. God gave to them the ability, not to create life, but to propagate it.

It is in accordance with the divine purpose that man and woman should be joined in holy matrimony, bear children and rear them for God. When husband and wife are united in Christian marriage, joys are multiplied, cares are divided, burdens are subtracted and much happiness is added. Becoming one flesh involves a complete identification of one personality with the other in interests and pursuits, under the direction and supervision of God.

**Gen. 3:1-7** In the Garden of Eden God placed the tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Of the fruit of the latter man was forbidden to eat, on pain of death. Satan, the tempter, questioned the love of God in restricting them and denied the word of God. Eve decided to disobey God and partake of the forbidden fruit, and she persuaded Adam to do likewise.

After the transgression of Adam and Eve their shame was revealed in the loss of the boldness of innocence, felt in an accusing conscience and seen in the loss of self-respect. Whereas they formerly welcomed the presence of God and found delight in intimate fellowship with him, they became afraid of his presence and tried to hide from him. God expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.



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## on mission together

### The journey: part two

With its 22 million, Kenya claims six inhabitants for every one in Kentucky. The capital, Nairobi, numbers a rough equivalent to that of Louisville, Lexington, Northern Kentucky, Paducah, Corbin, Owensboro and Elizabethtown—combined.

Its geography boasts the variety of a miniature America. Its numerous game reserves offer some of the finest collections of protected animals in the world.

And no one can deny the genuine friendliness of her people, perhaps a factor in Kenya's highest-in-the-world birth rate. The country has an average of eight children per woman!

Kentuckians, by the hundreds, have made Kenya an unforgettable part of their lives these past three years.

While there, Alice and I participated

with one of the several Kentucky teams working in the Mombasa area. Having experienced the slow and generally unresponsive Middle East, we were not immediately prepared for the numbers of professions of faith. It seemed too easy. Did they really believe?

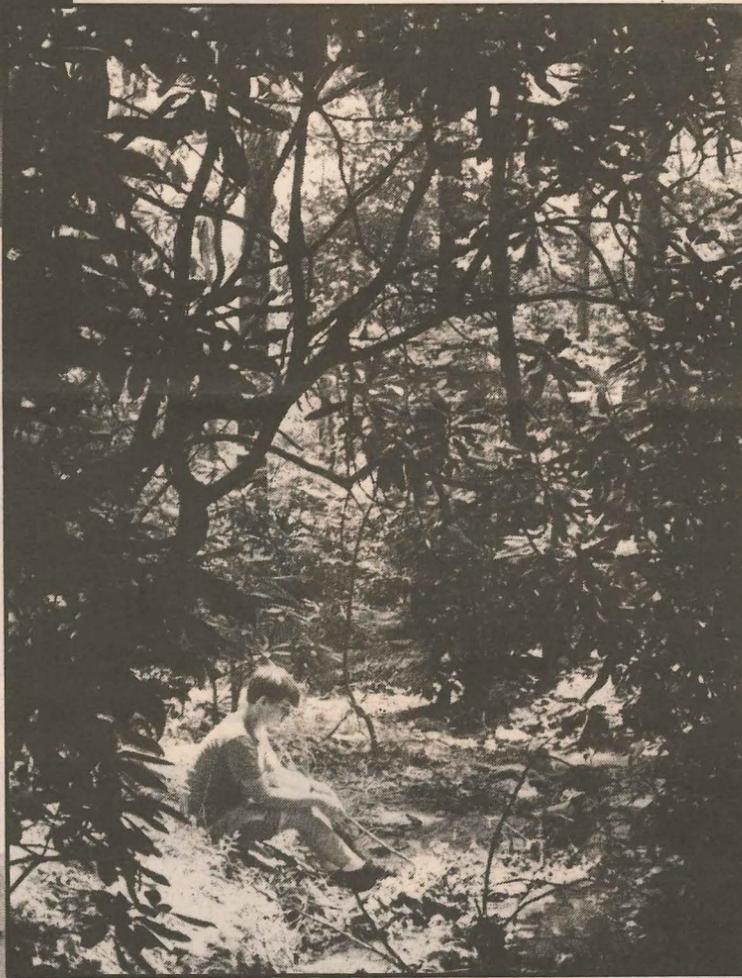
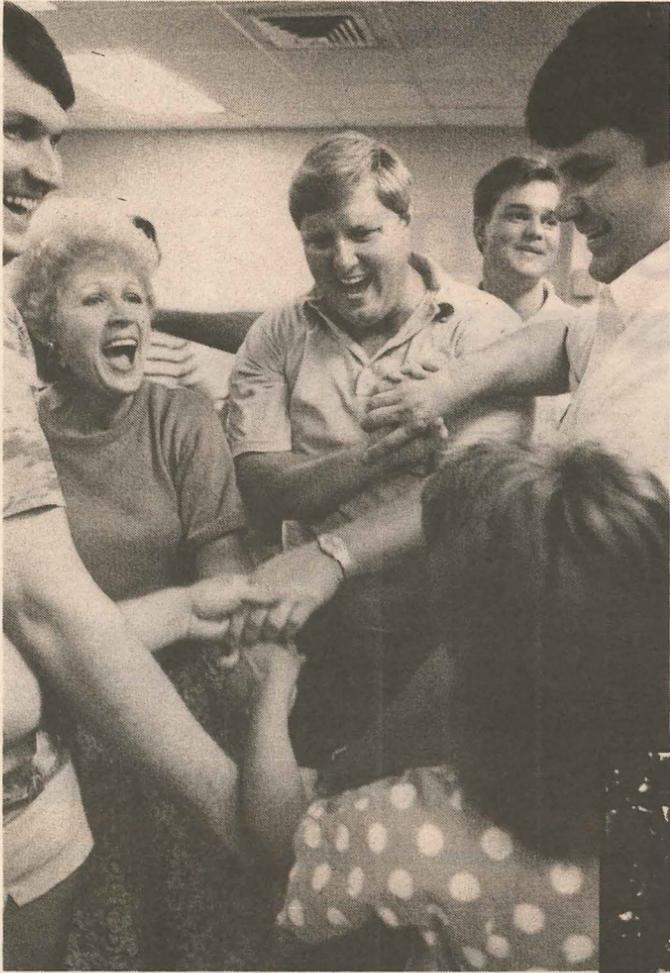
We shall not forget the first encounter. As pastor Wanje walked along with Alice and me, he made the decision where to stop each time. Along the market path, he paused in front of a small shop. A seller of charcoal, George's friendly eyes cued pastor Wanje to move closer. George's sister, Mona, sold vegetables and fruit from an attached stall. After conversation in Swahili among the three, pastor Wanje indicated that they were ready to hear our Christian testimony.

We shared; Wanje interpreted. We then presented the simple plan of salvation and led them in praying to receive Christ. There was no church aisle to walk; no invitation hymn. Only whispers from curious bystanders and mar-

ket noises. Wanje wrote down their names and we moved on.

Did they understand enough to know what they were doing? I don't know. I only know many of those who have had experiences like George and Mona are showing up in local churches and requesting baptism—thousands of them. I know one church has been started every day and an average of 187 baptized each week for the past six months. I know God is there.

The second day I was paired with Bill Day, pastor of DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church. In heavy rain we went from house to house. Young men, older men, young women, older women listened to our testimonies and simple gospel message. In one house, more than 10 prayed to receive Christ. As I had heard, I now experienced for myself. Kenya is, simultaneously, a field ripe unto harvest and a planting field. And I wondered if we were not in the midst of one of the most remarkable spiritual harvests the world has yet seen.



**Drama**—(Top l) participants in a drama class at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center engage in a "human knot," an exercise in cooperation.

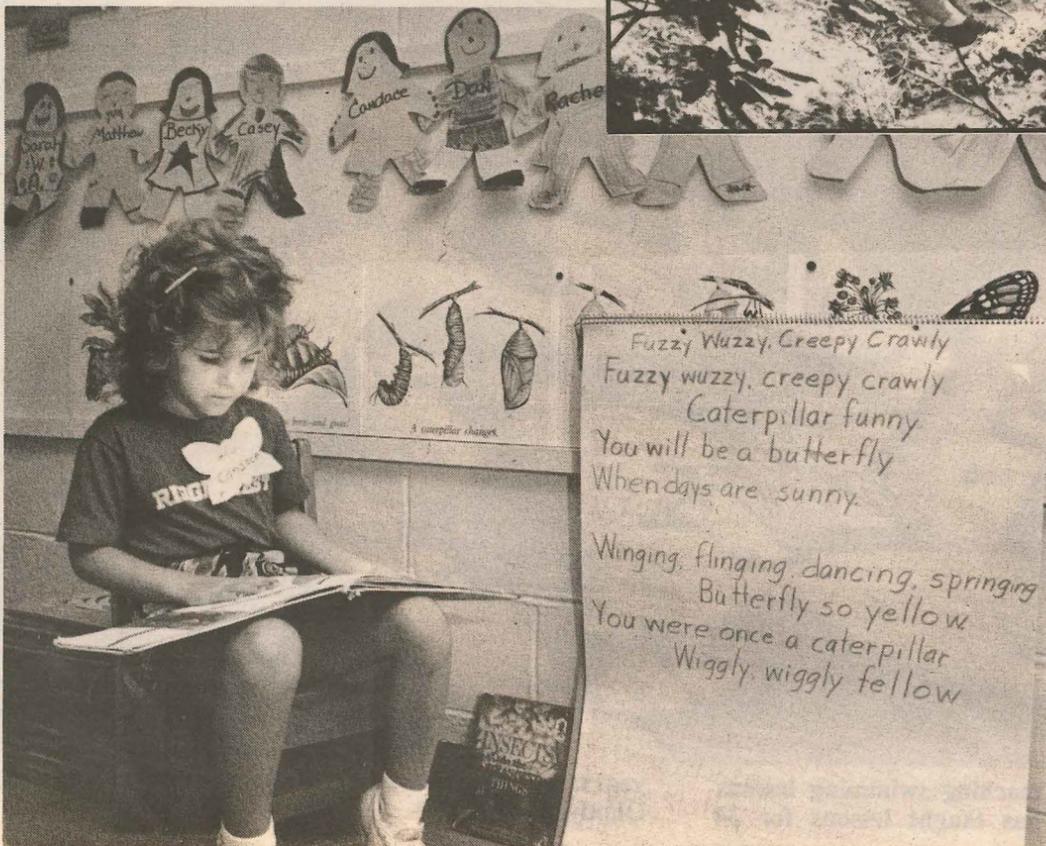
**Media Library**—(Top r) Lucille Boyd (left) of Knoxville, Tenn. and others participate in a class on repairing books during the Church Media Library Conference.

**Centrifuge**—(Center) While Centrifuge youth camp is filled with Bible study, worship and other activities, Richard Denny of Annandale, Va. found a few moments for quiet reflection.

**Preschool**—(Bottom l) Candace Reiser, 5, from Guyton, Ga. studies a book about nature in the preschool building during the Bible Preaching Administration Conference.

**Clowning**—(Bottom r) "Ruffles the Clown," alias George Jones, minister of music/education at First Baptist Church, Lyman, S. C., applies his makeup before a clowning workshop. He is watched with curiosity by Ann Owenbury of Kingsport, Tenn.

*Reflections  
of this  
summer  
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# Campbellsville College's Don Bishop 'in the swim'

By Pam Hardy-Durham  
student news writer

"Okay, we're going to do the jelly-fish float."

"That's a nice, even pull."

"What's the matter Katie? Are you afraid of the water?"

"That's it, kick, kick."

Over 4,000 children and adults have heard words like these spoken by Don Bishop, assistant professor of physical education and athletics and athletic director at Campbellsville College.

Since 1953, Bishop has taught swimming to students ranging in age from eight months to adult.

"I teach physical education on the college level so through swimming lessons I can keep up with the trends of youth today," Bishop said. "Plus, it keeps me younger, more active."

Most of Bishop's students fall into four categories -- beginners, advanced beginners, beginning intermediate and advanced intermediate. He also teaches a baby class for children eight months to two years old, an adult class and senior lifesaving for Red Cross certification.

"The baby class is just a water adjustment class," he said. "It's designed more for safety. In case a child falls in the water, he will be able to hold his breath longer," he said.

Bishop's adult classes are for beginners who usually are "afraid of the water."

Both of Chris Mueller's children, Jessica, nine, and Amanda, five, have taken Bishop's swimming lessons.

"We chose Mr. Bishop because I had known him while I was a student at Campbellsville College," said Mueller. "My kids couldn't do anything until they took his swimming class."

Both of Larry and Brenda Parrish's children, Alex and Marcy, have taken Bishop's swimming lessons. Alex is 10 years old, and Marcy is six.

The Parrish couple has also taken lessons from Bishop. "I guess all of us have had Mr. Bishop for some type of class," said Mrs. Parrish. "He's really good."

Bishop starts his beginner's class with an orientation to the pool and water adjustment. Simply getting beginning swimmers to put their heads under water may take several days of lessons, according to Bishop.

After beginners, Bishop concentrates more on specific swimming strokes and diving techniques.

"He's nice," said Jessica Mueller. "He taught me how to dive. We also have a lot of fun."

Bishop attributes some of his most rewarding experiences to teaching a blind man who, after two weeks of

lessons, walked out on the diving board, jumped in and swam.

Another rewarding experience was teaching a polio victim how to swim. "I had to carry him on my side for almost a month, and then he suddenly started sticking his head in the water," Bishop said.

"I guess the challenge and the satisfaction of seeing a child do something good or show improvement is why I stay in swimming lessons," he said.

"When you have a child who says, 'you're not going to make me get in the water,' and then the next day says, 'maybe someday I'll get in the water,' well, that's the reward," said Bishop.

Bishop has been teaching at Campbellsville College since 1968. He is married to June Carol Holman Bishop. They have two daughters, Robyn Lawless and Susan Bishop. They have one grandson, Luke Lawless.

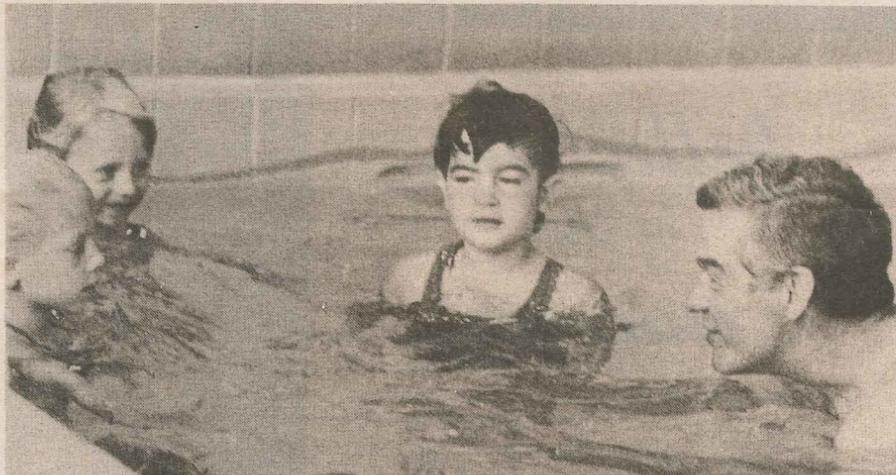
Bishop is a deacon at Campbellsville Baptist Church and is in his ninth year as a member of the Campbellsville Board of Education. He also builds log cabins and farms in Taylor and surrounding counties.

"Swimming keeps me aware of the young child," Bishop said. "It also gives me the hands-on experience with the elementary-age child."

"It's definitely a challenge."



A LITTLE GIRL shows Don Bishop how many fingers she counted underwater.



ASHLEY NOE, in rear at left, and Jessica Gaddis learn from Bishop.



DON BISHOP BELIEVES teaching swimming lessons keeps him young. Bishop has taught lessons for 34 years. (Campbellsville College Photos by Ayo Olaniyan)