

In 1986-87 fiscal year

Severns Valley tops giving for 20th straight time

by James H. Cox,
Associate Editor

For the 20th consecutive year Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, is the undisputed leader among state Baptist congregations in giving to the denomination's worldwide mission budget, the Cooperative Program.

With gifts of \$280,301, the E'town congregation is at least \$104,432 ahead of any other church in the state in support of the unified budgeting plan. It increased its lead over a second place congregation by \$1914 in the year just ended Aug. 31, 1987.

J. Howard Cobble is pastor of the 3040-member E'town church, where membership was also 3040 a year ago.

At that time, Severns Valley sent \$267,517 of its offering plate receipts to the Cooperative Program, \$245,950 the year before that, \$196,732 the year before and \$160,712 four years ago. The congregation has increased its gifts almost 75% in four years.

Per capita leader in Blood River

A congregation frequently among the state's leaders in per capita giving in recent years tops that list for 1986-87.

Briensburg Baptist Church, Blood River Association, fifth on this coveted roll in 1985-86 with per capita gifts then averaging \$92.98 among its 501 members, increased its giving level to a \$119.54 average for 532 members in the year just ended.

Charles C. Brasher Jr. is pastor of the Briensburg congregation.

Meanwhile, the church which led all others in per capita giving a year ago—Emmanuel, near Jenkins, unaligned with any of the state's 78 associations—fell to fifth place in 1986-87. It had per capita gifts of \$161.28 a year ago compared with \$97.62 in the year just concluded, while decreasing its dollar giving by \$5153 in one year.

Stunning surprises offset others

There are some predictables and a few stunning surprises in the new lists of top

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10 churches in both dollar and per capita giving. The annual giving report of top 100 churches was released last week by the KBC Stewardship Department and was prepared by the KBC Accounting Services Department.

Among the "anticipated," seven of the congregations in the top 10 in the state in dollar giving in 1985-86 are repeated on the same list in 1986-87. All but one of the top 10 gave more to the Cooperative Program in the last year than in the previous year, paced by Walnut Street's \$56,780 increase, catapulting it from 15th to sixth place on the list.

Other top 10 leaders increasing their dollar giving significantly over the previous year include: First, Owensboro, up \$50,276 in one year, moving it from seventh to third place statewide; First, Paducah, up \$40,834, moving from fourth to second place; Harrodsburg, up \$20,398, moving from 11th to ninth place; Central, Corbin, up \$16,539, moving from 12th to 10th place; and Severns Valley, up \$12,784, continuing in first place.

In addition to the increases reported above, one of the bigger surprises is that the congregation which has traditionally held second place in the state for many years fell to fourth place. First Baptist Church, Somerset, second to Severns Valley for a dozen years or more, moved into fourth place following a year in which the First churches of Paducah and Owensboro combined increased their giving by \$91,110, securing second and third rankings.

The Somerset congregation's gifts of \$171,431 were up \$6432 over its previous high record a year earlier.

The Madisonville First congregation experienced a slight decrease in giving in the last year, down \$2084. As a result, the church moved from fifth to eighth place on the list.

Nine remain per capita leaders

Nine of the 10 leaders in per capita giving to the Cooperative Program in 1985-86 are in those coveted spots in 1986-87.

Joining them, in 10th place, is the congregation which fell from second to fourth place in dollar giving—First, Somerset. Its \$87.38 average gift among 1962 members easily raised it from 12th to 10th spot in per capita leaders in a one year period.

One other congregation—Severns Valley, E'town—appeared on both the per capita and dollar giving leader lists. This church, which traditionally is among the top 10 on both lists, averaged gifts of \$92.20 among its 3040 members, placing it ninth in per capita giving. It was seventh a year earlier, with per capita gifts of \$87.99.

All but two of the top 10 per capita leaders in the state improved their records over the previous year, paced by Briensburg's \$26.56 increase, moving it from fifth to first place.

Other significant increases include: Moscow's \$15.71, moving it from third to second place; Good Hope's \$14.51, moving from eighth to third; First, Earlington's \$10.90, up from 10th to sixth; and Woodland's \$6.79, an increase allowing it to move from sixth to seventh spot.

Two congregations in the top 10 reduced per capita giving—Emmanuel, by \$63.66, and First, Sturgis, by 92 cents

per member. Both, however, had per capita giving records impressive enough to easily sustain them in the top 10, at fifth and eighth places, respectively.

14 associations recognized

In 1986-87, 10 associations have a church included in the top 10 dollar givers: Severns Valley, West Union, Daviess-McLean, Pulaski County, Elkhorn, Long Run, Taylor County, Little Bethel, Mercer and Mt. Zion.

There are eight associations represented among the top 10 per capita leaders. Pulaski County once again boasts two congregations on the list, the only association with more than one church represented. One church, Briensburg, is not affiliated with any association.

The other seven associations are: Blood River, West Kentucky, Taylor County, Little Bethel, Muhlenberg, Ohio Valley and Severns Valley.

Top 10, dollar giving

The top 10 dollar givers are listed here with information in the following sequence: rank, church, city, pastor, Cooperative Program gifts, membership total in parentheses, association. Cents have been rounded off to the nearest dollar. Any discrepancies should be reported to the Accounting Services Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

1. Severns Valley, E'town, J. Howard Cobble, \$280,301, (3040), Severns Valley.
2. First, Paducah, J. Robert White, \$175,869, (2970), West Union.
3. First, Owensboro, David A. Nelson, \$173,299, (2564), Daviess-McLean.
4. First, Somerset, Robert Franklin Browning, \$171,431, (1962), Pulaski County.
5. Immanuel, Lexington, Ted Sisk Jr., \$166,485, (3602), Elkhorn.
6. Walnut Street, Louisville, Jon Stubblefield, \$153,647, (6355), Long Run.
7. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$130,787, (2197), Taylor County.
8. First, Madisonville, H. Garrison Coltharp, \$128,093, (3067), Little Bethel.
9. Harrodsburg, W. Robert DeFoor, \$127,463, (2054), Mercer.
10. Central, Corbin, Don R. Mathis, \$123,461, (2514), Mt. Zion.

Nos. 11-100, dollar giving

11. Porter Memorial, Lexington, James K. Pierce, \$115,046, (3055), Elkhorn.
12. First, Murray, Greg E. Earwood, \$113,649, (1873), Blood River.
13. Central, Winchester, Dan R. Francis, \$106,756, (1878), Boones Creek.
14. First, Ashland, Bill Messer, \$105,150, (1568), Greenup.
15. Third, Owensboro, Paul M. Welch, \$104,728, (1992), Daviess-McLean.
16. Second, Hopkinsville, \$102,674, (2403), Christian.
17. Hurstbourne, Louisville, \$92,177, (1323), Long Run.
18. First, Bowling Green, Richard W. Bridges, \$85,757, (3064), Warren.
19. Beacon Hill, Somerset, Sam Crawford, \$85,550, (874), Pulaski County.
20. Calvary, Lexington, J. Dan

Cooper, \$82,557, (2615), Elkhorn.

21. Broadway, Louisville, Ronald W. Higdon, \$81,310, (1394), Long Run.
22. First, Mayfield, Roger D. Willmore, \$79,369, (1611), Graves County.
23. First, Shelbyville, M. Robert Vassar Jr., \$77,778, (1611), Shelby County.
24. Valley View, Louisville, T. Howell Upchurch, \$75,583, (2512), Long Run.
25. Erlanger, William E. Crosby, \$73,164, (1479), Northern Kentucky.
26. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$71,147, (1059), Muhlenberg.
27. Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, \$69,924, (1182), Ohio County.
28. Lone Oak, Paducah, Willis W. Henson, \$66,540, (2041), West Union.
29. First, Franklin, David W. Crocker, \$65,362, (1601), Simpson.
30. Second, Greenville, Ricky Shannon, \$65,035, (785), Muhlenberg.
31. Bellevue, Owensboro, Gerard E. Howell, \$64,458, (760), Daviess-McLean.
32. Immanuel, Frankfort, Malcolm C. Lunceford, \$63,929, (768), Franklin.
33. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$63,597, (532), Blood River.
34. Buena Vista, Owensboro, Jewel Ray Pruitt, \$62,791, (1105), Daviess-McLean.
35. First, Central City, Wilson L. Lofland, \$61,984, (1284), Muhlenberg.
36. Florence, Timothy I. Alexander, \$61,649, (1672), Northern Kentucky.
37. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$58,603, (608), Little Bethel.
38. Westport Road, Louisville, James B. Lewis, \$58,247, (850), Long Run.
39. First, Hopkinsville, \$58,112, (1987), Christian.
40. First, Lawrenceburg, Bob C. Jones, \$57,772, (1172), Anderson.
41. Gardenside, Lexington, James E. Heard, \$57,214, (1634), Elkhorn.
42. Latonia, James K. Pierce III, \$56,239, (1052), Northern Kentucky.
43. First, Richmond, Curtis H. Warf, \$55,759, (1210), Tate's Creek.
44. Burlington, Paul J. Godsey, \$55,404, (1007), Northern Kentucky.
45. Highview, Louisville, William L. Hancock, \$55,000, (4748), Long Run.
46. First, Russellville, Larry D. Holland, \$54,756, (1081), Bethel.
47. Eastwood, Bowling Green, James W. Haskell, \$54,286, (1095), Warren.
48. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$54,143, (587), Ohio Valley.
49. Lexington Avenue, Danville, Robert G. Baker, \$52,826, (1434), South District.
50. First, Leitchfield, George W. Smith, \$52,380, (1017), Grayson County.
51. DeHaven Memorial, LaGrange, William E. Day, \$52,296 (1344), Sulphur Fork.
52. First, Princeton, Bill Tichenor, \$52,175, (1463), Caldwell-Lyon.
53. Versailles, Henry D. Johns, \$52,174, (1298), Elkhorn.
54. First, Paris, Howard F. Beauman, \$49,925, (620), Elkhorn.
55. Farndale, Louisville, C. Wyman Copass, \$49,519, (1555), Long Run.
56. Burgin, Jon Raleigh Roebuck, \$49,193, (805), Mercer.
57. Harlan, Roy Carlton, \$49,007, (1138), Upper Cumberland.
58. Lyndon, Louisville, Hugh Goldsby, \$48,443, (1377), Long Run.

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sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Mission venture near the end

Perhaps no single venture has challenged and stimulated Kentucky Baptist churches in quite the same profound way as the Kentucky-Kenya partnership.

This great mission work has drawn many people away from the humdrum, static routine of life and plunged them into the exciting, frequently difficult but constantly refreshing work of foreign missions. And all of it at considerable cost in time and money to those who volunteered to serve.

Our agreement with the Baptists of Kenya ends this fall, but the memory and the results will take eternity to complete as thousands who were won to Christ by Kentucky Baptists celebrate in God's eternal kingdom.

One of the great benefits of Kentucky volunteer work in Africa has been a renewed interest in missions among our churches. This is evident in the reports which have been given in annual meetings in Kentucky associations. Not a single association we have visited has been without some inspiring word from a man or woman who spent time in Kenya. Their reports constantly emphasize

the sense of accomplishment they feel and the desire to return for another effort. These reporters also constantly call upon the local churches to do more for the Lord.

As returnees talk of what God did through them, they challenge others to undertake the same mission trip and also seek to raise the consciousness of the churches to the vast mission field waiting for laborers.

We thank God for the vision of those who set us on this course and we thank him for the opportunity to be alive and well during one of the most exciting periods of Kentucky Baptist life. Now we wait anxiously for the next challenge. And surely we will want another link with another country since we have had such a positive experience with this one.

The next time we link-up with another nation we will have many veterans who will lead the way to even greater joys as we seek to be on mission together for the Christ. May that day not be far away.

Messenger cards available for KBC

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is scheduled Nov. 10-11 at Walnut Street Baptist Church and Commonwealth Convention Center, Louisville.

The Wednesday evening session will be held in the convention center to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the KBC. A challenging program of historical significance has been planned for the celebration, including a parade of associations in Kentucky which notes the dates of their founding.

Included in the program will be a roll call of Kentuckians who have served and who are now serving as foreign missionaries. Highlight of this feature will be a report from Davis Saunders of the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Kentucky Baptist Convention spell out messenger require-

ments in the following manner:

"(1) Two messengers from each church having 100 members or less which is in friendly cooperation with this convention; is sympathetic with its purposes and work; and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention's work.

(2) One additional messenger for each such church shall be allowed for each additional 250 members, or each \$250 contributed to the Cooperative Program during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting, but no churches may be allowed more than 10 messengers."

It is time now to request messenger cards from the state convention office. Contact Mrs. Naomi Paul in the executive office, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Medical costs going up again

The Annuity Board announced Oct. 1 that costs in the medical plan administered by the board will increase an average 20 percent Jan. 1, 1988.

More than 21,000 Southern Baptist church and denominational health plans are now covered by Annuity Board health plans. This means churches, some of which have already adopted 1988 budgets, will have to increase the health care item in the annual budget if that is a benefit granted employees.

For denominational agencies and institutions with large staffs, the cost increase will create some serious budget problems.

This is the first increase in medical costs in three years and the Annuity Board is to be commended for the careful administration of the health care insurance we carry. They are victims of rising costs over which they have no control. The fact

the Annuity Board is not responsible for the increase does not lessen the pain. It hurts to be sick in more ways than one.

What is absolutely necessary is for the church to see that all its employees are adequately covered by medical insurance in spite of increased costs. One serious hospital stay could wipe out a pastor and force him to be in debt for the rest of his life.

The costs are high, but failure to provide necessary coverage will result in even greater costs down the road. If the budget is already set it is essential it be modified to cover the increase in health care costs next year. If the budget is being prepared now there is time to include the increase.

In any event, be forewarned of a large increase in what it costs to provide medical insurance for God's servants in the coming year and act now to do something positive about a negative situation.

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Honor roll goes on in budget giving in 1986-87

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59. First, London, \$48,031, (1375), Laurel River.
 60. Glasgow, Delton M. Beall, \$47,950, (2316), Liberty.
 61. First, Henderson, David Bratcher, \$46,823, (1329), Green Valley.
 62. Horse Creek, \$46,493, (738), Booneville.
 63. Highland, Louisville, \$46,404, (907), Long Run.
 64. First, Winchester, H. Ray England, \$45,645, (1105), Elkhorn.
 65. Crescent Hill, Louisville, H. Stephen Shoemaker, \$44,795, (1488), Long Run.
 66. Unity, Ashland, Harold Cathey, \$44,604, (2300), Greenup.
 67. First, Pikeville, Glenn Mollette, \$44,082, (1174), Pike.
 68. Mt. Pisgah, Kenneth Abbott, \$42,812, (571), Muhlenberg.
 69. First, Barbourville, M. A. Reese, \$42,329, (1407), North Concord.
 70. Georgetown, Richard L. Allison, \$42,135, (1236), Elkhorn.
 71. Northside, David Lee Royalty, \$41,844, (927), Caldwell-Lyon.
 72. Lancaster, Bob Rush, \$41,391, (980), South District.
 73. High Point, Alfred S. Cobb, \$41,322, (787), Graves County.
 74. First, Whitesburg, Thomas S. Stokes, \$40,186, (1651), Three Forks.
 75. Rosemont, Lexington, Jerome F. Browne, \$39,865, (1379), Elkhorn.
 76. Oaklawn, Paducah, Ernest A. Carpenter, \$39,511, (683), West Union.
 77. Macedonia, Denzel L. Dukes, \$39,454, (699), Daviess-McLean.
 78. First, Mt. Washington, David E. Clay, \$39,419, (1426), Nelson.
 79. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$39,376, (492), Mercer.
 80. Immanuel, Paducah, William P. Cubine, \$38,089, (1156), West Union.
 81. Pleasant Hill, Somerset, C. E. Jacobs, \$37,460, (768), Pulaski County.
 82. Second, Madisonville, Trueman G. Davis, \$37,228, (689), Little Bethel.
 83. Marion, Ray Eugene Cummins, \$37,208, (685), Ohio River.
 84. Zion, Dan J. Garland, \$35,988, (732), Green Valley.
 85. Deer Park, Louisville, Jim England, \$35,601, (761), Long Run.
 86. Ralph Avenue, Louisville, Robert L. Hill, \$35,542, (967), Long Run.
 87. Lewisport, Ronald Williams, \$35,262, (646), Blackford.
 88. First, Fulton, Scott E. Brewer, \$35,262, (1012), West Kentucky.
 89. Hall Street, Owensboro, C. Richard Dendler, \$35,147, (1374), Daviess-McLean.
 90. Scottsville, Ronald Bradley, \$35,018, (914), Allen.
 91. Oakland Avenue, Phillip R. Potter, \$34,800, (835), Greenup.
 92. Hawesville, Phillip D. Basinger, \$34,137, (850), Blackford.
 93. Bardstown, Kit C. Yeaste, \$34,027, (1095), Nelson.
 94. Lewis Lane, Owensboro, Phillip Allen Cooley, \$33,998, (685), Daviess-McLean.
 95. Corinth, Gabriel R. Collett, \$33,959, (723), Laurel River.
 96. Melbourne Heights, Louisville, John F. Brandon, \$33,942, (888), Long Run.
 97. First, Danville, Albert J. Gisler, \$33,161, (1720), South District.
 98. First, Pineville, Charles F. Jones, \$33,159, (1241), Bell.
 99. High Street, Sammie Adkins, \$32,957, (947), Pulaski County.
 100. First, Benton, Herschel Darrel Morgan, \$32,932, (684), Blood River.

Top 10, per capita giving

The top 10 in this grouping are identified by association and, if known, also by city.

1. Briensburg, Charles C. Brasher Jr., \$119.54, (532), Blood River.
2. Moscow, J. R. Covington, \$109.25, (75), West Kentucky.
3. Good Hope, \$100.50, (183), Taylor County.
4. Beacon Hill, Somerset, Sam Crawford, \$97.88, (874), Pulaski County.
5. Emmanuel, Jenkins, Tony Carson, \$97.62, (86), special grouping.
6. First, Earlington, Guy Gordon, \$96.39, (608), Little Bethel.
7. Woodland, E. W. Greenwalt, \$95.11, (226), Muhlenberg.
8. First, Sturgis, Brodie Ambrose, \$92.24, (587), Ohio Valley.
9. Severns Valley, E'town, J. Howard Cobble, \$92.20, (3040), Severns Valley.
10. First, Somerset, Robert Franklin Browning, \$87.38, (1962), Pulaski County.

Nos. 11-100, per capita giving

11. Highland Hills, \$85.84, (324), Northern Kentucky.
12. Bellevue, Owensboro, Gerard E. Howell, \$84.81, (760), Daviess-McLean.
13. Immanuel, Frankfort, Malcolm C. Lunceford, \$83.24, (768), Franklin.
14. Second, Greenville, Ricky Shannon, \$82.85, (785), Muhlenberg.
15. First, Paris, Howard F. Beauman, \$80.52, (620), Elkhorn.
16. Bruners Chapel, Robert M. White, \$80.03, (492), Mercer.
17. Countryside, \$77.03, (67), Ohio Valley.
18. Salem, Charles D. Woody, \$74.99, (346), Ohio River.
19. Mt. Pisgah, Kenneth Abbott, \$74.98, (571), Muhlenberg.
20. Living Hope, George W. Compton Jr., \$72.70, (431), Warren.
21. Hurstbourne, Louisville, \$69.67, (1323), Long Run.
22. Pellville, Arthur R. Morris Jr., \$69.40, (315), Blackford.
23. Westport Road, Louisville, James B. Lewis, \$68.53, (850), Long Run.
24. First, Owensboro, David A. Nelson, \$67.59, (2564), Daviess-McLean.
25. First, Greenville, Charles W. Midkiff, \$67.18, (1059), Muhlenberg.
26. First, Ashland, Bill Messer, \$67.06, (1568), Greenup.
27. Mexico, Archie Brock, \$66.43, (280), Ohio River.
28. South Fork, Jimmy Wayne Gray, \$63.96, (124), Owen.
29. Horse Creek, \$63.00, (738), Booneville.
30. Harrodsburg, W. Robert DeFoor, \$62.06, (2054), Mercer.
31. Palestine, James M. Moynahan, \$61.68, (374), Taylor County.
32. Walnut Grove, James Shutt, \$61.32, (316), Caldwell-Lyon.
33. Burgin, Jon Raleigh Roebuck, \$61.11, (805), Mercer.
34. Magnolia, James E. Hill, \$61.08, (336), Severns Valley.
35. First, Murray, Greg E. Earwood, \$60.68, (1873), Blood River.
36. Locust Grove, Jack Jones, \$59.74, (172), Blood River.
37. Campbellsville, James E. Jones, \$59.53, (2197), Taylor County.
38. First, Paducah, J. Robert White, \$59.22, (2970), West Union.
39. Beaver Dam, Glenn Armstrong, \$59.16, (1182), Ohio County.
40. Greensburg, \$58.92, (546), Russell Creek.
41. Broadway, Louisville, Ronald W.

Higdon, \$58.33, (1394), Long Run.

42. First, Gilbertsville, \$58.03, (128), Blood River.
43. Oaklawn, Paducah, Ernest A. Carpenter, \$57.85, (683), West Union.
44. Central, Winchester, Dan R. Francis, \$56.85, (1878), Boones Creek.
45. Buena Vista, Owensboro, Jewel Ray Pruitt, \$56.82, (1105), Daviess-McLean.
46. Concord, Mark Payton, \$56.59, (191), Ohio County.
47. Liberty, Jerry L. Howerton, \$56.46, (101), Russell County.
48. Macedonia, Denzel L. Dukes, \$56.44, (699), Daviess-McLean.
49. First, Inez, Hobert Reynolds, \$56.24, (354), Enterprise.
50. First, Sebree, Bob C. Hardison, \$55.66, (463), Green Valley.
51. Manchester, Roger Darrell Williams, \$55.16, (297), Booneville.
52. Burlington, Paul J. Godsey, \$55.02, (1007), Northern Kentucky.
53. Campbellsburg, Robin L. Jimmeron, \$54.84, (526), Henry County.
54. Mt. Gilboa, Roger Alford, \$54.80, (176), Taylor County.
55. Old Salem Missionary, Jerry T. Thurman, \$54.77, (126), Ohio River.
56. Lewisport, Ronald Williams, \$54.59, (646), Blackford.
57. Marion, Ray Eugene Cummins, \$54.32, (685), Ohio River.
58. Second, Madisonville, Trueman G. Davis, \$54.03, (698), Little Bethel.
59. Anchor, \$54.01, (134), Northern Kentucky.
60. Sulphur Spring, Joel Felton Jones, \$53.91, (327), Simpson.
61. Berean, \$53.86, (164), Severns Valley.
62. Latonia, James K. Pierce III, \$53.46, (1052), Northern Kentucky.
63. Riverview, Robert Copley, \$53.41, (29), Greenup.
64. Salvisa, \$52.86, (283), Mercer.
65. Third, Owensboro, Paul M. Welch, \$52.57, (1992), Daviess-McLean.
66. Mt. Zion, Richard K. Tapscott, \$52.55, (100), Caldwell-Lyon.
67. High Point, Alfred S. Cobb, \$52.51, (787), Graves County.
68. Greenview, Ernest Harris, \$52.48, (627), Northern Kentucky.
69. Gilead, John Paul Brady, \$52.32, (359), Severns Valley.
70. Greenwood, Bowling Green, James F. Gentry Jr., \$51.91, (398), Warren.
71. Salem, Owen Kenneth Johnson, \$51.79, (400), Little Bethel.
72. Shiloh Missionary, Herschel Jennings, \$51.79, (135), West Kentucky.
73. Zions Cause, \$51.75, (204), Blood River.
74. First, Leitchfield, George W. Smith, \$51.50, (1017), Grayson County.
75. Grace Southern, Keith Hilda-brand, \$51.43, (61), Bethel.
76. Elm Grove, David B. Brasher, \$51.37, (341), Blood River.
77. Highland, Louisville, \$51.16, (907), Long Run.
78. Cuba, Monte Lee Hodges, \$50.92, (305), Graves County.
79. First, Russellville, Larry D. Holland, \$50.65, (1081), Bethel.
80. Hazel, James T. Garland, \$50.53, (465), Blood River.
81. Henderson Memorial, Roy W. Field Jr., \$50.28, (596), Christian.
82. Fordsville, W. Leroy Dillehay, \$50.25, (378), Ohio County.
83. Bethel, John Cato, \$49.90, (432), Mercer.
84. Pleasant Hill, Bob E. Martin, \$49.69, (646), Taylor County.
85. Lewis Lane, Owensboro, Phillip

Allen Cooley, \$49.63, (685), Daviess-McLean.

86. Pembroke, C. R. Burgett, \$49.62, (302), Christian.
87. Grangertown, Donald J. Collins, \$49.59, (469), Ohio Valley.
88. Eastwood, Bowling Green, James Willis Haskell, \$49.58, (1095), Warren.
89. First, Calvert City, \$49.54, (529), Blood River.
90. Erlanger, William E. Crosby, \$49.47, (1479), Northern Kentucky.
91. First, Lawrenceburg, Bob C. Jones, \$49.29, (1172), Anderson.
92. First, Mayfield, Roger D. Willmore, \$49.27, (1611), Graves County.
93. Zion, Dan J. Garland, \$49.16, (732), Green Valley.
94. Central, Corbin, Don R. Mathis, \$49.11, (2514), Mt. Zion.
95. Pleasant Hill, Somerset, C. E. Jacobs, \$48.78, (768), Pulaski County.
96. First, Shelbyville, M. Robert Vassar Jr., \$48.28, (1611), Shelby County.
97. First, Central City, Wilson L. Lofland, \$48.27, (1284), Muhlenberg.
98. First, Benton, Herschel Darrel Morgan, \$48.15, (684), Blood River.
99. Bethabara, Michael Burke Winters, \$47.88, (250), Daviess-McLean.
100. First, Clinton, Robert H. Long, \$47.59, (572), West Kentucky.

SEVEN REASONS
 SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SUPPORT MISSIONS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Annual hunger walk planned in Louisville

The annual Hunger Walk, sponsored by Louisville United Against Hunger and funded this year by Long Run Baptist Association, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration for the walk will begin at 1 p.m. in front of the administration building at the 3rd Street entrance to the University of Louisville. The 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) walk will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude by 4:30 p.m., rain or shine. The route will follow 2nd Street and Main Street to the Belvedere and return to the U of L campus on 3rd Street.

Walkers or joggers are encouraged to get sponsors to pledge money for each kilometer walked and bring that information to the walk. Pledge cards will be available at the walk or they may be obtained from Kentuckiana Interfaith

Community (458-4076) or Covenant Crafts (897-7319) or from any local Kroger store. Money should be mailed in the funds for the walk.

Half the funds raised will stay in Louisville to be used by Dare to Care, Inc., the area's emergency food program. Over 85,000 hungry people will receive food from one of Dare to Care's 23 distribution centers this year. In addition, Dare to Care's food bank provides food donated by wholesalers, manufacturers or retailers to non-profit agencies serving the needy of our area. Walkers are also asked to bring canned goods this year for Dare to Care.

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Happy new church year

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The existence of the church of Jesus Christ is a modern miracle. The church exists because of its supernatural origin. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). He is "the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). The church was conceived in the heart and mind of God and brought about through the life, ministry, redeeming death and powerful resurrection of our Lord. It will continue forever.

The church has lasted so long because of God's providential care. He watches over his people and "it is God which works in you both to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). The gates of hell shall not prevail over us and some day soon he will present us to himself "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle..." (Eph. 5:27).

God's church flourishes because it participates in certain vital activities. There are some vital foundations upon which the church rests. First, witnessing and evangelism characterize his church. Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Yervent worship and praise are also trademarks of God's people. Christians take seriously the admonition of Hebrews, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25).

The third foundation of the church is discipleship and teaching. Jesus said to make disciples of all nations "teaching them" (Matt. 28:20). Paul instructed Timothy "the things that thou hast heard of me...the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2).

Beautiful is the large church/With stately arch and steep/Neighborly is the small church/With groups of friendly people/Reverent is the old church/With centuries of grace/And a wooden church or a stone church/Can hold an altar place/And whether it be a rich church or a poor church anywhere/Truly it is a great church/If God is worshipped there.

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At Louisville's Galt House 1127 students, most ever, set \$72,000 missions drive

by James H. Cox,
Associate Editor

Baptist students on Kentucky college and university campuses poured out in unprecedented numbers to attend their 60th state Baptist student convention Sept. 25-27 in Louisville, the place it all began.

Meeting in the city's downtown Galt House hotel, at least 1127 persons registered, exceeding a "hoped for" attendance goal of 1000 persons.

Don Blaylock, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department, suggested several reasons for the increase over last year's 794 registrants at Bowling Green, a number that has been climbing steadily at state student conventions in recent years. He cited "good work" by campus ministers in encouraging the students to attend this "historic" 60th anniversary meeting in the year Kentucky Baptists celebrate their 150th birthday. He also attributed it to the students themselves, who were "excited" about coming.

Taking "nothing away" from the local churches "where we have met," Blaylock credited the convention's being in "one place" (the Galt House) as an opportunity for "greater fellowship" than when students are "scattered all over town" in several hotels and motels. Finally, he suggested that "strong" program personalities were an "obvious" drawing card for this year's meeting.

Blaylock credited Tom Smoot, campus minister at the University of Louisville, and his students for "yeoman's work" in preparing for this "meaningful experience" in Louisville.

The students approved a \$72,000 summer missions budget proposed for 1988. These are funds they will seek to raise and to give on their campuses during the current academic year to carry out widespread mission projects next summer in Kentucky, across America and around the world. Included is a witnessing project in Brazil for late December 1987 and early January 1988. Ten students were named for that team at the Louisville convention. The summer missions budget goal is up \$2000 over last year's \$70,000. Total receipts in 1986-87 were \$70,714.27.

The students meeting in Louisville also took an offering to be applied to the 1987-88 goal, and \$655 was received.

Addressing the students at the closing session of their convention, native Louisvillian Milt Hughes urged his audience to focus on Christ and not on the world.

"More than 99 percent of all the Southern Baptists I have ever met believe and understand the same things about the Bible," he allowed. But he recognized the tendency of some Southern Baptists to be divided today, to "lose sight of the priority of focusing on Jesus Christ."

Hughes, editor of the *Baptist Student*, Christian collegiate magazine published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, also cautioned students to focus on the kingdom of God and not the denomination.

"We are not going to fulfill the great commission by ourselves," he allowed. "It's arrogant to think we're going to reach the whole world through Bold

Mission Thrust by ourselves." He suggested a "cooperative effort" with other Christians, focusing on "people, not programs."

"The thing that's gonna get you sidetracked is when you listen to another world view that is hollow and deceptive, pulling you away from Jesus Christ," said Hughes. He identified money, sex and power as potentially "the most forceful."

Concluding, Hughes declared: "I pray God is going to raise up another generation of students equipped and committed to do his will." He then asked those who would be willing to be part of "a generation whom God will use" to stand. Hundreds throughout the hall stood as Hughes closed in prayer.

Earlier, Calvin Miller, popular author, lecturer and pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Omaha, Neb., told the students they could not be a follower of Jesus without first understanding "what it is to be a servant."

"It costs you if you would be a servant," he surmised. "But I have a feeling the secret of evangelistic success in your BSU is going to be tied to how free you become to all people.

"The heart of the servant is one who always yields," Miller went on. "It costs to be obedient, but Christ in you is the transforming hope of glory."

Interspersed between the major addresses during the student convention was music by contemporary Christian entertainers Cynthia Clawson and Glad, a five-member concert group; and ensembles from Georgetown and Campbellsville colleges.

In a student mission testimony period, Marsha Butler, who served last summer in Calgary, Canada, urged the group to pray about being summer missionaries themselves. "Go for it!" she challenged. "It will change the rest of your life."

Seven small group seminars explored such topics as Christianity and the arts, the Christian as public servant, the ethics of life-support systems and a Christian calling into media-related enterprises.

At the conclusion of the convention department director Blaylock called Dwight K. Lyons forward for special citation. Lyons, retiring early in 1988 after 27 years as a Kentucky Baptist campus minister, responded to Blaylock's praise. Turning to the students, he said, "Thanks to all of you for being who you are." Presently metropolitan campus minister in Louisville, Lyons earlier served at University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky University.

In an interview, Blaylock, 48, acknowledged that he is "more optimistic" about students today "than I ever have been."

"I see more depth, more commitment and more willingness to share their faith than I ever have before," he declared. Today's students are willing to "give themselves" to summer missions, to community missions, to opportunities during holiday breaks "like never before," he went on. "And they bring their Bibles when they come to Bible studies."

"This generation is not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ," Blaylock concluded. "What a great day to be involved in Baptist student ministry!"

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congregations

Rough River Baptist Mission was constituted officially as a church by mutual agreement with the mother church, Hardinsburg First Baptist. Rough River is expected to seek fellowship in Breckinridge Association.

Sept. 6 Calvin Bohannon, A. O. Macy and Rick Robbins presented pastor Bobby Milburn with a \$5000 grant check from the KBC. Rough River extends its appreciation for the encouragement expressed by the association and its churches.

Pleasant Point Baptist Church, Booneville Association, recently celebrated its 100th anniversary with homecoming festivities. Earl Clark, pastor of East Bernstadt Baptist and professor of New Testament at Clear Creek Baptist Bible School was speaker for the day. Clark was saved and called to preach at Pleasant Point.

Robert Wyatt is pastor. He reports a modern brick building that replaced the old church and a mission-minded congregation.

Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, began a year-long celebration of its 25th anniversary Oct. 4 with a banquet in a Louisville hotel. Glenn Igleheart, first full time pastor and now director of missions for the Baptist Convention of New York, preached the morning message that day. A video presentation, anniversary hymn and history of the church were released on the occasion.

James B. Lewis has pastored the 850-member congregation 19 years.

ordinations

Hopewell Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, ordained **Raymond Aldridge** and **Ronald McPherson** to the ministry. Aldridge has been called to Hampton Baptist Church, Blood River Association, while McPherson has been called to Corinth Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Jimmie Gibbs is the pastor of Hopewell.

Steven Cole, **Doug Flynn**, and **Tim Finnell** were ordained as deacons of Grace Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. Kenneth Cole, pastor of First Baptist Church, Walton, preached the ordina-



Rough River Mission gains church status.

tion sermon. Terry Freeman is pastor.

James M. Chatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K. Chatfield of Ashland, was ordained to the ministry Aug. 23 by Canal Boulevard Baptist Church of the Deaf. Chatfield is presently studying at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary and is associate pastor at Pontchartrain Baptist, New Orleans.

Donnie Wiltshire is the pastor of Canal Boulevard Church.

Friendship Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, ordained **Raymond Snowden Irvine** to the ministry Aug. 30. He has been called as pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Lamar Lyon was ordained by Liberty Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, Aug. 23. Lyon had been pastor of the church three months.

Daniel Gutenson was ordained to the ministry Aug. 16 at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association. Gutenson is attending Clear Creek Baptist Bible School this fall.

William G. Qualls was ordained to the ministry by Eastview Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, Aug. 30. He has been called as pastor of Cairo Baptist Church in the same association.

deaths

H. B. Edwards, former pastor and retired director of missions of Booneville and Irvine associations, died Aug. 27. His funeral was held Aug. 29 at Manchester Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

personnel

Aaron A. Reed has been called as minister of education at Grace Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The members of Thornhill Baptist Church, Franklin Association, honored their pastor and his wife, **Bill and Penny Hartung**, with a 25th wedding reception Aug. 23 in the fellowship hall. The couple received several gifts, including a silver coffee and tea service. The Hartungs have been at Thornhill for years.

Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association, welcomed two staff members: **Allen Roberts** has been called as minister of outreach and **Mrs. Janet Baker** has been called as interim minister of youth.

William H. Marrett is pastor.

Larry Hicks has resigned New Salem Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association, because of health reasons and has retired on disability. His new address will be 613 Bailey Dr., Pendleton, S. C. 29670

Lynn O. Traylor has accepted the call as pastor of Lucas Grove Baptist Church, Lynn Association. A native of Alabama, Traylor is a graduate of Samford University and was recipient of the Herman Ross Arnold Award for Excellence in Preaching. Traylor is attending Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Emery G. Kinslow resigned as pastor of Knox's Creek Baptist Church, Lynn Association. He is available for pulpit supply and revivals. He may be contacted

at 6187 Scottsville Rd., Glasgow, KY 42141.

missions

Doug Adkins, journeyman to Korea, has arrived on the field to begin his two-year term of service as a secondary English teacher at Korea Christian Academy. A native Kentuckian, he was born in Ft. Thomas but considers Dry Ridge his home town. Adkins graduated from Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

Becky Baker, journeyman to Hong Kong, has begun her term as recreation supervisor and outreach assistant. A native of Columbia, S. C., Miss Baker was minister of recreation at East Baptist Church, Louisville.

George and Liz Sadler have volunteered for the Mission Service Corps of the Home Mission board. The Sadlers have been assigned for one year to St. Charles, Va., a depressed mining area. Mrs. Sadler will work with the women on quilting and crafts and Sadler will be involved with food distribution and recreational activities.



Mr. & Mrs. George Sadler & Sally

correction

Western Recorder reported Nancy Sehested as the daughter of C. E. Matteas. She is the daughter of C. Brownlow Hastings, retired from the Home Mission Board Interfaith Witness Department.



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homes for children

A dangerous time to be a child

We all know there are dangers. They lurk everywhere. One could become paranoid with regard to dangers and never go anywhere. Every day we read warnings on labels, are reminded of the terrible dangers of pollution, chemicals, nuclear waste, diseases, and so it goes.

In a recent issue of *Caring*, published by the National Association of Homes

for Children, Carl J. Latona wrote an article that caught me. It was entitled "A Dangerous Time to be a Child." I first thought, "How could that be?" I read bumper stickers that ask, "Have you hugged your child today?" And there are signs in the rear windows of cars telling that a child is on board. This ought to be a wonderful time to be a child. Then I read Carl Latona's article. Putting that with what I see in our ministry to children, I agree that this is a dangerous time to be a child.

Today's children are more likely to be raised by parents who both work away and therefore are more likely to be left home alone before and after school. Today's youth are also more likely to feel the hurt and confusion of the divorce of their parents.

A child today is in danger of being physically abused, sexually molested or emotionally damaged by a parent, relative or close acquaintance. Today's youth are susceptible to peer groups who are ruled by drugs, dress codes,

fads, and social pressures. This all tends to alienate him from adults and distort his ability to make moral choices and positive judgments.

Carl Latona goes on in his article to point out that "the greatest social disease of contemporary society is neither drug abuse, nor AIDS, nor social violence—it is the vacuum created by fragmentation of the contemporary family."

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christian education

Georgetown enrolment climbs five percent

Georgetown (Ky.) College has experienced a five percent gain in enrolment this fall with increases in both the undergraduate and graduate schools, according to school president W. Morgan Patterson.

The college, with its registration of 1427, has the largest student body since 1969, indicated registrar Winnie Bratcher.

Patterson, elated over the growth, stated, "It is very gratifying to witness the increasing interest in Georgetown College. We feel it marks the opening of a new day for this 159-year-old liberal arts institution which has enjoyed many remarkable achievements

The enrolment figures reveal there were significant gains in the number of Kentucky students at Georgetown.

Campbellsville students bound for New York

Russ Mobley, assistant professor of drama and speech at Campbellsville College, is making plans to take a group of students and community adults to New York for a week of theater in January.

Mobley's annual trip is offered during the inter-term as theater arts field studies 230, and one hour of college credit may be earned.

The dates for the trip are Jan. 5-10, with those attending to stay at the Century Paramount Hotel on 46th Street in

downtown Manhattan in the heart of the theater district.

Total cost, including tickets to six Broadway plays, lodging and round trip airfare will be \$675.

Anyone interested in the trip should contact Mobley at (502) 465-8158, extension 266, at Campbellsville.

Winchester native earns Ed. ministries diploma

Don Richard Burkhead of Winchester has earned the Educational Ministries diploma from the Seminary Extension Independent Study Institute.

The diploma was presented Sept. 6 at First Baptist Church, Winchester, by H. Ray England, pastor.

Burkhead is minister of education at the church. He completed 16 courses required to earn the diploma.

The Independent Study Institute is the correspondence arm of the Seminary Extension Department, operated by the six Southern Baptist seminaries through a jointly sponsored Seminary External Education Division.

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Cumberland to nominate for scholarships

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In April 1988 the foundation will award 105 scholarships nationally. Application deadline is Dec. 1.

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Interested students should submit a letter of application, a statement of career plans, a list of past public-service activities or other leadership positions, a current transcript and a 600-word essay discussing a public policy issue of their choice to Eric L. Wake, Truman Scholarship faculty representative, Gray Brick, Room 022, by Nov. 20.

Campbellsville to stage "Twelve Angry People"

The inaugural production on the Campbellsville College Alumni Building's remodeled stage will be Reginald Rose's "Twelve Angry People," to be presented Nov. 12-14.

Russ Mobley, assistant professor of drama and speech, describes the play as an intense courtroom drama containing a cast of 15 actors.

The play is set in the jury room just outside the courtroom chambers. The jury is charged with the decision of guilt or innocence of a young man accused of murdering his father.

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. each evening. Reserved seats are available and may be purchased at \$4 each by calling (502) 465-8158, extension 266.

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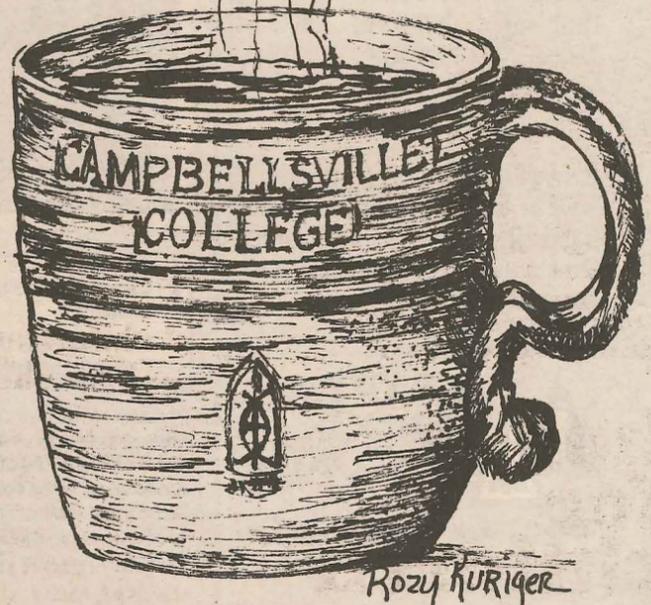
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baptist news in brief

Baptist pastor, senator tangle at Bork hearings

An American Baptist pastor and a Southern Baptist senator crossed swords over Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork's views on school prayer during confirmation hearings for the 60-year-old judge, whom President Reagan has nominated to succeed the retired Lewis F. Powell Jr.

The clash between Kenneth L. Dean, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., and Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S. C., marked a tense moment during Senate judiciary committee hearings over Bork's fitness to serve on the nation's highest court. The hearings were expected to end Sept. 30.

Dean, a Tennessee native and former

Southern Baptist, related an incident during a Bork appearance before a group of religious leaders at the Brookings Institution two years ago. After Bork presented an address, Dean said he asked the judge to respond to an experience involving religious devotional exercises he had had as a junior high school teacher on Merritt Island, Fla. in 1961, one year before the Supreme Court first ruled states and localities may not require such practices.

Dean related that when a 13-year-old Jewish boy told him his parents did not want him to take his scheduled turn to lead the daily devotional, he excused him, "aware that the young boy was

caught between the authority of school and teacher on the one hand and parents and home on the other."

After relating the incident, Dean said he asked Bork "if he thought a 13-year-old Jewish child should have to be submitted to this kind of conflict, hurt and social embarrassment in order to participate in public education."

Dean said Bork responded, "in a terse voice, and with a stern look on his face... 'Well, I suppose he got over it, didn't he?'" After a moment's silence, Dean said, Bork said further that as a youngster "he had been exposed to a variety of religious beliefs and that it did not seem to do him any harm."

Thurmond demanded that Dean apologize to the committee for suggesting Bork favors school prayer. Dean refused, saying: "I have no apology to make whatsoever. I am testifying here under oath, and I testified that what I have reported to you is, in fact, true. If Judge Bork wants to explain himself...you have the freedom of calling him back here."

Thurmond countered, "It was hardly worth your while to come here, was it?" Dean replied: "It was very important for me to come here. Even if my testimony is rejected completely, I have spoken the truth as I experienced it." (BP)

HMB head tells editors about agency's policies

Larry Lewis told Baptist state newspaper editors he will uphold Baptist Home Mission Board policies, even if he personally disagrees with them.

Lewis, in his 15th week as HMB president as the board hosted editors in Atlanta Sept. 23-24, additionally explained his interpretation of the SBC Peace Committee recommendations and the SBC political struggle. He also was questioned about board policies on divorce and glossolalia—both recent decisions—and women in ministry.

"I wish there were some provision for those whose marriages failed prior to their conversion," Lewis said. He emphasized the board will consider divorced people for missionary appointment to other types of service if the divorce is determined to be biblically based.

Lewis told editors he is ready to lay aside the divorce and glossolalia issues and continue with board business: "I am anxious to get the war over so there can be peace. I am in a quandry about how much we have to continue discussing issues which should be put to rest when we raise our hands and take a vote.... We have voted our convictions and established our policy. Now let's go on reaching this nation for Christ." (BP)

Robertson's ordination to be rescinded

On the eve of his expected formal announcement as a presidential candidate, Marion G. (Pat) Robertson has asked the Virginia Baptist congregation that ordained him to the ministry in 1961 to rescind that action.

In a Sept. 29 letter, hand-delivered to the office of Freemason Street Baptist Church in Norfolk by aide Herbert Ellingwood, Robertson said, "I hereby resign the ordination to the Christian ministry which was so graciously and

warmly bestowed upon me by the people of the Freemason Street Baptist Church."

The congregation ordained Robertson after his graduation from General Theological Seminary, an interdenominational school in New York City. According to former Freemason Street pastor William L. Lumpkin, the church called Robertson as minister of Christian education, a position he held for about two years. Robertson left the post to launch his television ministry in Virginia Beach, Va.

In his letter, Robertson stated further: "I am keenly aware of the deeply held belief in this nation...that there should not be an established religion...nor should the government prohibit the free exercise of religion by any of the people."

"For this reason I recognize that although the overwhelming majority of the American people desire leaders with strong religious faith, to many of our citizens the election of an ordained clergyman of any faith—Protestant, Catholic or Jewish—to as high a public office as the presidency of the United States would in their opinion be tantamount to a preference of one religious denomination over all others."

Current Freemason Street pastor Donald J. Dunlap told Baptist Press he informed Ellingwood the church should take action rescinding the ordination in the interest of the integrity of the ordination process. He said the matter will be presented first to the deacons, then to the congregation in business session. The earliest date possible for the congregational action, he added, is Oct. 11.

According to the Associated Press, the 57-year-old Robertson also announced he has resigned as chairman and chief executive officer of the Christian Broadcasting Network and CBN Continental Broadcasting Inc. Robertson's CBN is the nation's fifth-largest cable network, reaching 37 million homes.

Robertson was expected to announce his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 1. (BP)

Baptists sue panel in Mo. lottery dispute

Missouri Baptist Convention legislative consultant Bart Tichenor has filed suit against the Missouri State Lottery Commission.

The suit charges that "participation by the State Lottery Commission in the multistate lottery 'Lotto America'...is in violation of public policy, Missouri law and the Missouri Constitution."

The suit was filed Sept. 25 in Cole County Circuit Court a few hours after the state's three-member lottery commission voted to include Missouri in the multistate lottery currently being organized. Iowa, Kansas, Oregon, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia already have joined the multistate effort.

Other charges in the suit are that federal law makes it illegal and against public policy for anyone to transport or mail across state lines "equipment, tickets or material concerning a lottery" and that the multistate agreement Missouri is seeking to enter contains no provisions to assure that advertising and use of money received from sales will conform to requirements in the state constitution.

Tichenor, whose legal fees in the case will be paid through Missouri Baptist Convention contingency funds, declared Missouri Baptists "have been, from the outset, the only group that has consistently opposed the expansion of gambling in Missouri. I think it's incumbent upon us to take this step." (BP)

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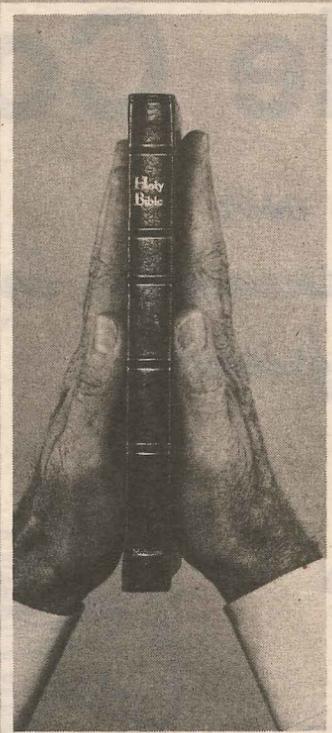
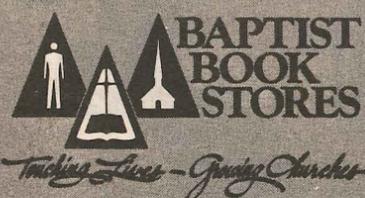
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Report not creedal, peace chairman explains

The SBC Peace Committee "did not draft a creedal statement," nor is it a "watchdog," Charles Fuller told members of the SBC Executive Committee during their September meeting in Nashville.

Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., and chairman of the 22-member group that studied the SBC controversy, reported to the Executive Committee on how the committee plans

Penn-South Jersey names Baptist executive

Wallace A. C. Williams was unanimously elected executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey during a called meeting of the convention's executive board Sept. 19. He will assume the position Nov. 1.

Williams is pastor of Madison (N. J.) Baptist Church and will be the fourth executive since the formation of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey convention in 1970.

He has been a pastor in the northeast 13 years, serving Wilton (Conn.) Baptist Church prior to Madison. Madison Baptist Church has helped start 12 chapels.

Williams is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College, the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He was president of the Baptist Convention of New York in 1978-80 and has been on the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

His wife is the former Judith Wilson of Mayfield, Ky. The Williamses have a daughter, Cynthia, and a son, Peter. (BP)

Court asked to uphold lobbying by churches

Led by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a coalition of church bodies has asked the U. S. Supreme Court to affirm the constitutional rights of churches to participate in public referenda without registering as political action committees.

The church groups' views were communicated to the high court in a friend-of-the-court brief written by BJCPA general counsel Oliver S. Thomas and Loyola (L. A.) Law School professor Edward M. Gaffney Jr. The brief was filed Sept. 23 on behalf of the BJCPA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, Christian Legal Society and National Association of Evangelicals.

The brief asked a review and reversal of a decision earlier this year of the Tennessee Supreme Court. That ruling upheld a Tennessee law requiring churches to submit to the state detailed financial disclosure statements if they spend more than \$250 annually urging voters to support or reject any issue put on the ballot for public approval or disapproval.

Thirteen Jackson, Tenn. churches were found to have violated the Tennessee campaign financial disclosure act by sponsoring paid advertisements opposing a liquor-by-the-drink referendum proposal. Nine of the 13 congregations are affiliated with the Tennessee and Southern Baptist conventions.

The brief noted that while public authorities may conduct a "bona fide investigation of fraud, undue influence, private inurement or other misconduct," the state "has no business scrutinizing the internal financial affairs of religious bodies." (BP)

to go about its new role and responsibility.

In addition to hearing Fuller's report, Executive Committee members also acted on two other matters relating to the group:

- Adopted a report responding to the convention on the theological stance of the 19 employes of the Executive Committee. That is the most specific response yet adopted by entities of the SBC taking action on the report. The action gives the strictest instructions to current employes of any of the entities that have responded.

- Named Perry R. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lafayette, La., to replace W. Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., who resigned after the report was adopted in St. Louis in protest of continuation of the committee to monitor responses of the agencies; and appointed David Maddox, a Fullerton, Cal. land developer, to replace William O.

Crews, who resigned because he had become president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

The Executive Committee adopted, without dissenting vote, a statement requesting "the chairman and the president-treasurer of the Executive Committee to meet with the SBC Peace Committee as scheduled and report to them that the staff of the Executive Committee continues to demonstrate strong commitment to the Bible and accepts, without reservation, the entirety of the Baptist Faith and Message, with the illustrations given in the Peace Committee report of the prevailing views of Southern Baptists."

"We further pledge ourselves and instruct the employes of the Executive Committee to abide by and support the SBC Peace Committee report in both its spirit and in the letter of its recommendations," the Executive Committee ordered. (BP)

Senate unsure if SBC endorsed Bork

In the aftermath of the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee's endorsement of Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork, mixed messages have been sent to the U. S. Senate as to whether the Southern Baptist Convention has endorsed the nominee.

Immediately following the Aug. 20-21 PAC meeting in Nashville, the SBC Executive Committee staff—under instructions from the PAC—sent a letter to all U. S. senators informing them of the PAC's adoption of a resolution "to strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee and the U. S. Senate to confirm" Bork's nomination.

Enclosed with each letter was a copy of the PAC's full resolution in which the committee identified itself as having been "duly elected and appointed to represent Southern Baptists on First Amendment concerns, particularly church-state issues, religious freedom issues and those issues relating to the

'right application of Christianity to the life of the nation.'

But in a letter to members of the Senate BJCPA executive director James M. Dunn wrote: "Please don't be misled. The Southern Baptist Convention has not endorsed Judge Robert Bork."

"While some groups have deliberately attempted to make the 7-5 vote of the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee appear to be an official action of the convention and your office has received notification to this effect, you need to be fully informed."

Lynn E. May Jr., executive director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, said he has reviewed SBC annuals since 1845 many times and cannot recall any other time when the SBC or one of its agencies or committees has publicly supported by name the confirmation or election of a candidate for public office. (BP)



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Ages past

The early Baptist congregations in Kentucky had a church life far different from ours 200 years later. They usually met monthly, on Saturday for business, on Sunday for preaching. Far from being full time, the early pastors were really "monthly preachers" who made their living from the land.

Jack Birdwhistell, Georgetown College campus minister, captures the story of these Baptist pioneers in his book commemorating the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in Kentucky. The dominant activity of the monthly business meetings was the "correction and recovery" of "erring" members. Birdwhistell cites several offenses requiring discipline: adultery, fornication, gossip, Sabbath-breaking, lying, brawling, stealing and "above all" drunkenness.

By the early 1800s the question of slavery held the spotlight among issues Baptists in Kentucky grappled over. Then a Scottish Presbyterian-turned-Baptist preacher may have created more division among the state's Baptists until today's inerrancy controversy. Alexander Campbell led a movement advocating, among other tenets, the abolition of denominational structures. Yet, in the middle of this conflict congregations felt led to band together to do the Lord's work in a unified way. In 1837 they established the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, forerunner of the KBC.

I appreciate the fact Birdwhistell does not whitewash his characters. He names, for instance, four contributions of the administration of Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary-treasurer, 1961-72, but refers to "problems of trust and credibility" which anyone close to the situation could easily recognize. He cites the demise of Kentucky Southern College and a major study commissioned to a consulting firm as major sources of consternation. Later, there was a temporary loss of trust between the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care and constituency.

Birdwhistell identifies six pastors who were unusually influential in the state in the 1960s and 1970s: Verlin Kruschwitz, E'town; David Nelson, Owensboro; Franklin Owen, Lexington; Eldred Taylor, Somerset; John Kruschwitz, Highland Hills; and Chester Badgett, Campbellsville. Observers who know Kentucky Baptists well probably would attest that the author is on target, confirming our belief his book is an honest appraisal.

Kentucky Baptists: 150 Years On Mission Together is available at \$3.50 per copy from Vernon Cole, KBC, Middletown, but the dwindling supply may be depleted within days. It should be in the library of every serious student of Kentucky Baptist history.

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Appreciation to the board of child care

The Kentucky fellowship of Directors of Missions would like to express appreciation to the Board of Child Care of the KBC and their leader, Eldred Taylor, for the luncheon they provide each year for the DOMs and their guests.

Each year one of the highlights of attending the annual meeting of the state convention is attending the luncheon provided by the board. This year the luncheon will be at Masterson's restaurant, Tuesday, November 10, at 12:30 p.m. A special "thank you" to the Board of Child Care, their leaders and staff.

Janus Jones
President elect
Directors of Missions

Action of PAC is abhorrent

The Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee has no business dealing with the issue of endorsement of Robert Bork, or anyone else, to the Supreme Court.

The PAC's action is one more indication of the shift our convention is taking away from traditional Southern Baptist principles and should be abhorrent to every Southern Baptist. That any Southern Baptist agency would make an endorsement of a candidate for any public office and presume to speak for Southern Baptists is almost unbelievable. The sad part is that it is less unbelievable in light of the change in leadership we have experienced in recent years.

Some say that in these times some of us within the convention should consider ourselves exiles in the same way the children of Israel were exiles in a strange land. I have come to feel the imagery of occupation is more appropriate. We are in our own land but lorded over by a small group of power-wielding men who hold us and our traditions in contempt.

The PAC should withdraw its endorsement immediately and apologize for ever considering it.

Nick Foster
Louisville

Return morality to our schools

It is time our public schools promote the teaching of traditional values. We are raising a generation of children who cannot distinguish between right and wrong. There is no law that prevents public school teachers from teaching character.

The clear intent of the secular humanist has been to create a value-free society. When our children have no understanding of right and wrong they become frustrated and confused. Since our once traditional values were based on God's word, the humanist way of teaching must go. Our value-free society has robbed one-half of all girls of their virginity by the age of 17.

Our sex education programs have given us one million pregnant teenagers each year. There is an epidemic of suicide among high school students. These sex education classes do not teach moral values but provide contraceptives instead and are destroying our youth. It is time our schools say what most say at home to their children. Say no to sex before marriage. When school boards and parents have had enough, common sense and morality will return to the class room.

Christians need to pray for teachers and school officials. They often need encouragement from church and good citizens. They are pressured by liberal educators and influenced by secular humanism. Many times they are unaware of their constitutional rights and

fear undue peer pressure. To preserve our freedoms and liberties we must preserve morality and traditional values in our schools.

Charles D. Givens
Louisville

Does ecumenical move fulfill prophecy?

With Pope John Paul's visit to the United States, the ecumenical movement comes to the forefront. Could such a world movement eventually carry out Bible prophecy?

Prophecy tells of the one true church, the Bride of Christ and of a one-world apostate church, the whore, the mother of harlots. God says, "Come out of her my people..." (Rev. 18:4).

Let us not worry about the successful union of Catholics and Protestants along with other religions. Rather let each of us ask, "Is my name, through Christ's righteousness, written in the Lamb's book of life?"

Jesus said, "...strait is the gate and narrow the way...and few there be that find it" (Matt 7:14).

Margaret K. Combs
Louisville

Blessed by lay testimonies

This is in answer to the letter from C. Wyman Copass regarding weekend meetings.

We were privileged and and greatly blessed by a team of men from churches in Louisville, led by David Colvin.

Mr. Copass must be misinformed about this organization. These men work and some of them get up at 2 a.m. in order to be here for the visitation. They are dedicated men, love the Lord and are seeking to go into other parts of the world.

As for Sunday school teachers, our church has associate teachers who take over when the regular teacher is absent.

Our church was blessed by the testimonies of these men, by the one who brought the Sunday morning message and the gentleman who spoke to the youth Sunday school. Especially those men of our church who accompanied the team on Saturday were greatly inspired. We are praying for a great visitation program to evolve in our church as a result of the witness and dedication of these men.

It was one of the most rewarding events our church has experienced lately.

May God richly bless these men and may they inspire others to do likewise.

Ernestine Ward
Inez

Baptists not to work with Catholicism

Instructions I received from a Roman Catholic clergyman required me to believe in a special priesthood, infallibility of the pope, sacraments as means of grace, essentiality of purgatory, the efficacy of the prayers of saints and the participation of an ascended, perpetual virgin Mary in my salvation as coRedemptress. I don't believe Rome has renounced any of these nonbiblicisms.

I became a Baptist after I became a Christian because Baptists held to the final authority of the Bible, priesthood of all believers and salvation by grace received by faith in the all-sufficient work of Jesus Christ.

Romanism is a religious merit system regardless of its pseudo-Christian externalities. It stands as antithetical to salvation by grace through faith. Whatever seeming areas of commonality some Baptists think exist with Roman Catholicism, the distinction between our gos-

pel and their system of beliefs is so categorical that one is baffled over any recognition of the pope's visit to our country or any kind of religious cooperation by responsible Baptist leaders.

The effect of recognition and ecumenical activity will lead inquiring Roman Catholics to believe their system is as sure to get them to heaven as ours. The outcome of such interaction is to discourage evangelism among Roman Catholics, something precluded by law where Rome has enough power over the political system. Why try to witness to them if they are as likely to be saved through their teachers as we are through ours?

These convictions will bring the charge of prejudice, but it is not directed toward Roman Catholics. It is directed toward a religious system which has dominated and deluded millions for centuries and which has served to obscure the truth of salvation.

Donald MacDonald
Louisville

Disagrees about speaking in tongues

In response to Mrs. George Calico's letter, I'm a Christian, Christ's Holy Spirit lives within me yet I do not speak in tongues.

I will not say people who do are not Christians, but all Christians are baptized in the Holy Spirit at the moment they believe in Christ.

This is a false teaching you endorse. I do not know whether you heard it from the pulpit or on TV, but is it a dangerous church-splitting, Christian-separating, non-Baptist doctrine? Do you belong to a Baptist church?

The evidence of Christianity is found in Galatians. The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

The practice of speaking in tongues can be learned, it is not a gift of God and to teach that those who do so is a sign they are more devout and is a provocation to others,

The HMB was right in declaring they would only send Christians who are Baptist to serve as Baptist missionaries.

They do and will cooperate with people of all faiths but we each need to know who we are and be able to communicate clearly the simplicity of the gospel.

Baptists speak in Spanish, French, Swahili, every tongue on earth, except gibberish.

Katherine Abner
Winchester

Demographers determine Baptist move

As I read Jack Oliver's letter it was with a growing sense of de-ja vu. Could it have been only a few short years ago another venerable Baptist institution, Baptist Book Store, moved east because the "demographics" indicated a population shift in that direction? Could it have been there was only one letter of protest written to Western Recorder? Could it have been that letter came from the pastor of another small inner city church? Unfortunately the answer is yes to all of the above and now the book store sits in the east end, a monument to the economic demographer's work.

Now another service-oriented institution has chosen to move in the same direction. Apparently little thought was given to those lower income folks who could more easily access a hospital in their neighborhood. What about family and friends without automobiles who want to visit?

Another question is where are the

movers and shakers, the moderate and conservative pastors of influential churches? Their silence is deafening as the Baptist image of a caring people slowly fades. I am uneasy with this situation and am adding my public voice of concern to that of Jack Oliver.

Carl L. Enoch
Louisville

PAC violates Baptist polity

The SBC Public Affairs Committee adopted a resolution commending the nomination of Judge Robert Bork by President Reagan and urged the Judiciary Committee of the Senate to approve his appointment.

So far as I know this is the first time such action has been taken by the Public Affairs Committee commending an individual for appointment. There are several reasons it is highly questionable.

One, it breaks precedent in Southern Baptist polity.

Two, it is another breach in the wall of separation between church and state.

Three, it is a break in the long held polity of the convention where a committee dares speak for the entire body without the expressed approval or authorization by the convention.

Four, it is a rupture in the doctrine of the individual for any committee to speak for any or all individuals who are members of the convention.

An individual or group has the right, the privilege and the responsibility to speak out but they speak only for themselves. It is not proper for a committee of the convention to assume that right and authority to speak for all Southern Baptists.

Especially is this so in the present case where the vote of the committee was 7 to 5, and in particular where two of the negative votes were cast by leaders of the Executive Committee and of the Baptist Sunday School Board, both of whom urged no such action be taken.

It is not a matter of whether one agrees with the person being nominated. It is the action by the committee in presuming they had the authority to take such action regarding an individual and particularly where there has been so much controversy and divided opinion.

It has pitched us squarely into the political arena.

It is time for seasoned judgment tempered by men of wisdom and experience.

G. Allen West
Louisville



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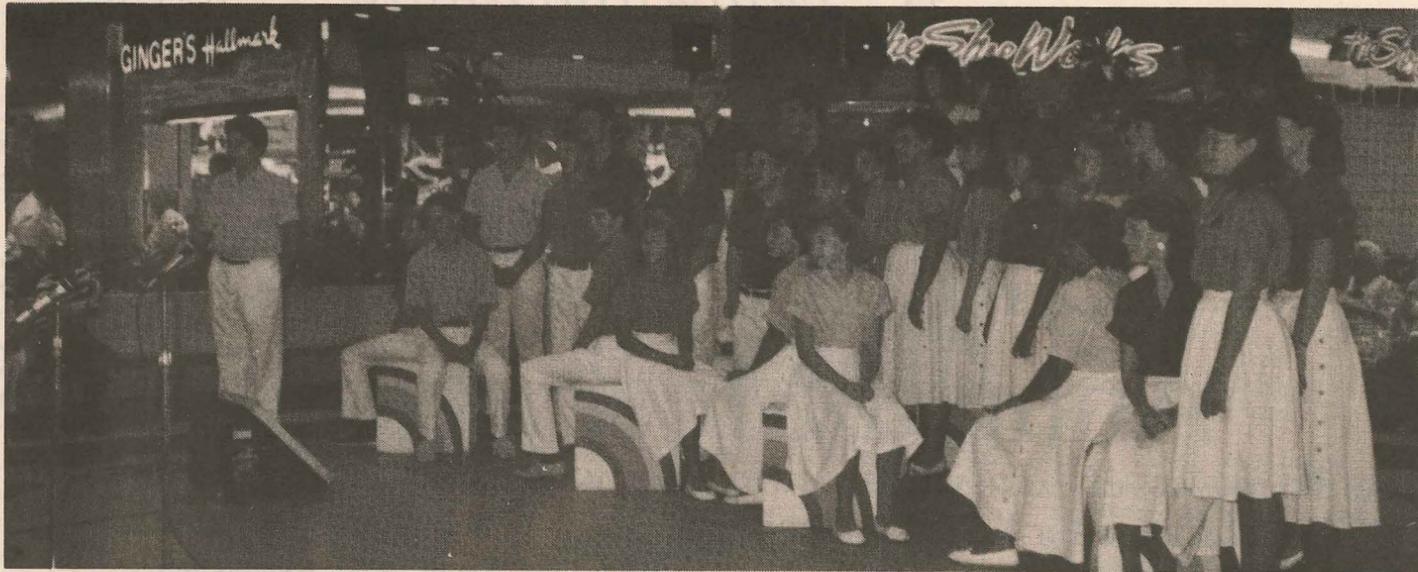
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Associational youth choir brings teens to Christ

by Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent



An associational choir is a rarity. But West Kentucky Association has been witnessing through an associational youth choir for the last nine years.

West Kentucky Association, nestled in the western-most corner of the state, the Mississippi River on the west and Tennessee on the south, has a wide geographical spread. Its churches are relatively small and there are few graded choir programs. Nevertheless, the associational group has grown from a nucleus of 11 children and adults into a choral program of two groups with a total membership of almost 100.

"It is one of the few associational youth choirs anywhere to my knowledge, and one of our better programs," stated Charles Blair, West Kentucky director of missions.

Dorothy Terry, organizer and director of the group, saw the need for such a group nine years ago when her own three children were growing up with little training in religious music.

The project is indeed a cooperative effort, the music teacher affirms. She insists without the full support and assistance of her husband Donald it would have never gotten off the ground. Many enthusiastic mothers have supported from the beginning, helping with transportation, outfitting and chaperoning.

The association provides some money for expenses. Bardwell Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist and Clinton First provide lighting for the programs. Interested patrons lend the sound system.

Other advantages for the program are a favorable music team consisting of associational music directors Rod Martin and James Everett.

Four years ago, because of size, the group was divided. Kay Allison, a member of New Harmony Baptist Church, took grades 1-5 and Mrs. Terry, Burkley Baptist, kept grades 6-12.

"We are active from May until September," Mrs. Terry said. "The groups

rehearse twice a week at Arlington Baptist Church. Choir members are assigned responsibilities and regular attendance is strongly promoted. Any child may sing regardless of ability and denominational involvement."

As part of the Kentucky-Ohio link-up, the youth group made their first out-of-state mission trip to Berea, Ohio three years ago. They have done resort ministry work at Barkley Lodge and sung at youth rallies, fairs and community gatherings. They have given concerts for schools and sung at Kentucky Oaks Mall, Paducah, one of the few malls permitting religious groups to sing.

Last year they traveled to Orlando, Florida. On this trip, assigned by the Home Mission Board, they gave concerts in campgrounds, knocked on doors and visited nursing homes.

The Kentucky youth found real personal involvement with the nursing home patients. One young man had an opportunity to witness when questioned

by a patient, "Am I going to die? If I do what will happen to me?"

The choir has had impact on the spiritual life of its members. A youth, singing a solo about eternity, suddenly realized that he was not "going to fly away" as the song suggested. He was saved in his home that evening.

Some high schoolers have been in choir since the first grade. The dropout rate is extremely low. The results of a survey show why.

1) "Choir is an opportunity to be around Christian peers."

2) "We love music and think we should use this channel as an avenue of service."

3) "It promotes a bond of Christian fellowship that carries into our school life."

4) "It is great fun!"

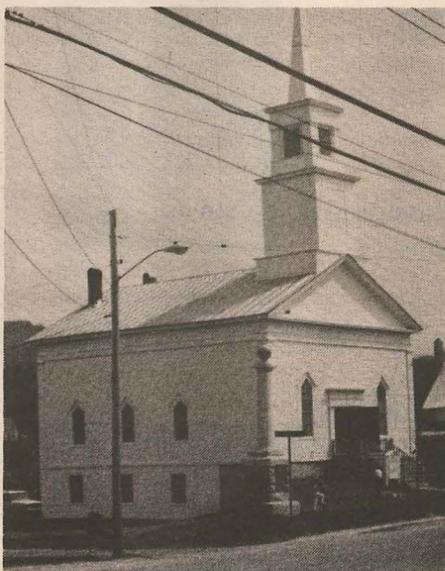
And next year? They will be involved in more music ministry and maybe they will attend Centrifuge.

Graves County churches send missions teams northward

by Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

Sharing a common denominator this summer were three Graves County churches, Graves Association. High Point Baptist Church of Mayfield, Farmington Baptist and Clark's River Baptist all sent mission teams to states north of the Ohio River. It meant hard work, sleeping on church floors, and group meals, but nobody minded because the results were worth it.

A team of 11 people from High Point traveled to Washington, Vt., a small



Picturesque Vermont church, built in 1848, is now Southern Baptist.

town near the famed marble quarries of Barre. Pastor Al Cobb said, "We had mixed ages—all the way from teens to retirees."

The little Vermont church was located in a building which had housed a church since 1848. However, only recently had it become Southern Baptist. The pastor, David Hardison, is a Kentuckian and was ordained by High Point. He and his wife have ministered in this wooded Vermont area two and one-half years.

Hardison learned of the Washington church through Merwyn Borders, an Elkton native who is Green Mountain Baptist Association director of missions. Another Kentucky tie was through James Currin, formerly of the Mayfield area, who is executive secretary of the New England Baptist Convention.

Typical of the associations in the Northeast, the Green Mountain Association includes all of Vermont and 11 Haitian congregations in Montreal, Canada.

The High Point group slept in the church and prepared their own meals. They ministered through backyard Bible clubs, visitation, and evening services with alternate emphasis on children, youth and the entire family. This provided the community with activities since many New England churches do not have summer services.

"Opposition was no problem," stated Cobb. "But people from out of state are more or less looked on as outsiders. However, they were surprised that a group of people would spare the time and money for this type of service. They

don't understand why the Hardisons have been there as long as they have."

Little affirmation is given the Hardisons. Some people are active in the church but are not members. The highlight of the week was when a little girl came forward professing her faith in Christ and requesting baptism.

"We were so happy; we baptized her that afternoon!" smiled Cobb.

Three couples from Farmington Baptist Church, where Harry Yates is pastor, were assigned to summer construction work by the Home Mission Board. They spent a week at Oak Hill Baptist Church in Evansville, Ind. where they worked on a building to be used for educational space and a Christian school.

James Gream, layman for Farmington, explained that a group from Alabama was there at the same time, organizing backyard Bible schools and doing other mission work.

"This is our fifth mission trip," Leamon Baylock, pastor Clark's River Baptist Church, recounted. "We've been to Georgia, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas and now Ohio."

"The Home Mission Board assigned us to Eastland Baptist which is the only Southern Baptist church in Bryan, Oh., he continued. "It has been there for 17 years, first as a mission, and as a church since 1978. The growth is slow because there are so many people going and coming."

When 10 people from Graves County arrived on Monday, a concrete slab, which was the foundation for a combination educational unit and fellowship

hall, had been poured. Working with a group from Tennessee, the men had the walls up, roof on, and insulation and wiring completed by Friday.

Eastland, too, has Kentucky ties. It was organized by the present pastor, Jack Smith, who was formerly pastor of Mexico Baptist, Ohio River Association.

"The Smiths have a deep devotion to the Lord and also to the town," Baylock said. We were overwhelmed by the love of the people and the way the Holy Spirit united us for the purpose of working together for God.



Pastor, David Hardison, baptizes the first convert of his Vermont ministry.

Pond Run Baptists aid Kentucky childcare

by Betty Anderson
State Correspondent

In Ohio County they waited for the trucks to roll in. But it was not coal trucks for which they watched. They were church members—not miners.

The trucks came from Glendale and Spring Meadows, the two Kentucky Baptist children's homes. Sometimes the trucks were pickups; sometimes, tractor trailers. Some came in the early morning; some came in the afternoon when school was out at Glendale. Some came in the summer; some came in early fall.

Young men rolled eagerly out of the cabs. They were youth who would later be on the football field, the basketball court, the wrestling mat or officiating in Future Farmers of America.

In July trucks hauled freshly picked corn from the fields back to be processed and eaten in the dining rooms. Throughout the summer, hay was cut and baled to be used to feed animals at Glendale.

The church members were the pastor and wife and several members of the Pond Run Baptist Church, Echols, outside Rockport, nine miles from Beaver Dam.

Their connection with the children's homes began three years ago when Willis McCracken, Pond Run pastor, and Bill Burden and their wives visited the central office in Middletown, wanting to become involved in a meaningful way with the program. Burden owned some land he was willing to use for crops for the homes. The homes could use fresh corn, if it were processed at the child care facilities, the two learned. And Glendale could use hay immediately.

The Glendale residents participate in 4H clubs. This past summer they had two hundred exhibits at the Hardin County Fair and they won various championships. Glendale then earned the right to compete at the state fair.

The first year Burden's acreage produced 1600 bales of lespedeza. They decided to plant some alfalfa, too, in order to have some better quality hay. This year's crops were 15 acres of kobe lespedeza, five acres of alfalfa, and two acres of corn.

Burden was disappointed in the third cutting of alfalfa recently. What last year had produced 2100 bales, this cutting made next-to-nothing because of dry weather. He plans to fertilize it, and the fields should produce again.



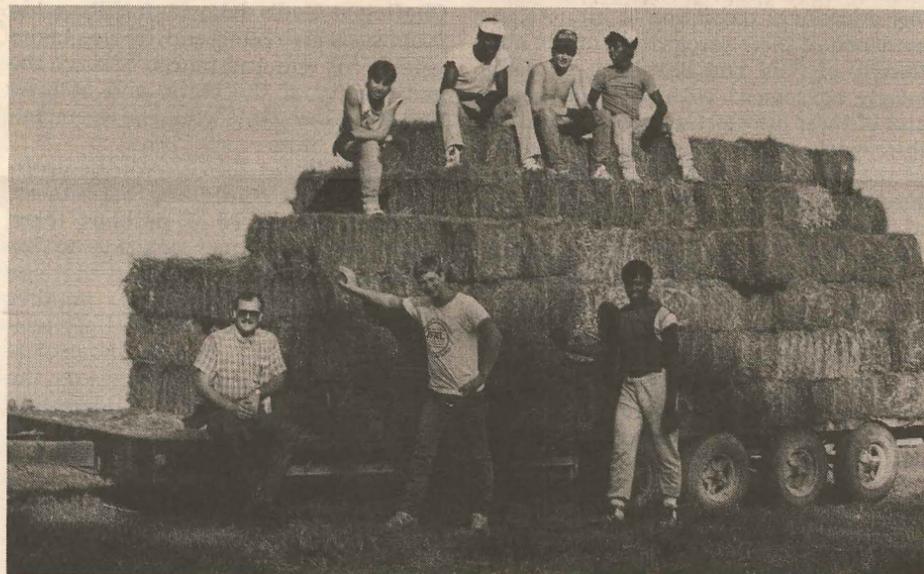
Glendale youth loads hay bale on trailer in field owned by Bill Burden, member of Pond Run Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. Burden also allowed the children's homes to grow corn on his land.

Burden works for Peabody Coal Company, overseeing the central laboratory which analyzes western Kentucky coal. McCracken, now retired but who had been bivocational, has moved from his Central City home to the parsonage in Echols.

The Glendale youth were accompanied by their farm director Carl Nunn and their director Robert Carlin. The

men pulled on work gloves and joined the boys and Pond Run men in picking corn and loading hay. Ladies from the church were there with sandwiches and soft drinks.

Cardin said, "This makes the donation real; we can connect names. This is God's love made real. How can we get across Christ's love to these kids? In the lives of people."



Carl Nunn and his Glendale crew proudly display their work.

Association BSU gain program space

by Suzanne Darland
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Baptist Student Union officers at Elizabethtown Community College wait until one class vacates its meeting room before they set up a luncheon. Then they rush to clean up before another class is scheduled.

The Severns Valley Association offices must close on Thursday so it can double as a counseling center.

But more space is in the making with plans for a BSU center and associational offices near the college on 10 acres of land recently donated by an area layman.

With almost two-thirds of the monies toward a \$10,000 matching grant, also given by Burton Langley, in hand, the association has obtained the necessary zoning permits and is obtaining bids for beginning work on the property.

"This will really enhance the program of the association," stated Delores Baugh, who with her husband Allen serves as director of missions.

The association recently began the counseling center with Wes Eades from the Personal Counseling Service in In-

diana. It was originally set up for Thursday afternoon but there is now need for a second time slot, she stated.

The association has operated from the same suite of offices 20 years, Mrs. Baugh said. At one time, the association owned a missionary home and its office was in the basement.

Betty Sunoco also knows about lack of space. As president of BSU at Elizabethtown Community College, she coordinates programs and meetings without knowing which room the groups will meet in.

She said the Women's Missionary Union groups that sponsor the luncheons have to find a willing college secretary's office to hold the food while waiting to set up a meal.

"We're pushed for time. We can't have a program and there's no time for fellowship."

A missions rally, where the deed was presented to the association, was held in August.

The property is located on College Street Road within a few hundred feet of the college, so it can do double duty as a "ministry building" for the association, Mrs. Baugh emphasized.

Crimson gift insures past's future

by Heidi Bright
and Gregory L. Hancock

This sesquicentennial year for Kentucky Baptists throws a much deserved spotlight on denominational history. Most know Baptists came to the wilderness with the earliest pioneer expeditions but the details of our organization and growth usually escape all but a dedicated few.

Leo T. Crismon was one of a small but highly distinguished group of denominational historians who made a life's work of documenting and archiving Kentucky Baptist footprints. When he died in February of last year, he had just completed his sixth year as recording secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society and chairing the State Historical Commission.

In the nation's bicentennial year, Crismon was chosen to edit the historical documentary *Baptists in Kentucky, 1776-1976*. He personally wrote three of the 15 articles in the work.

Prior to his death, "The Kentucky Baptist Heritage" magazine published a tribute to him. Wendell H. Rone Sr., writing the preamble to that tribute declared, "Kentucky Baptists owe a debt of deep and lasting gratitude to this humble, faithful and laborious servant of the Lord. Because of him we have a greater love for and appreciation of our Baptist heritage."

This month the scope of Rone's observation broadened dramatically with the announcement that an endowment in the name of Leo T. Crismon had been established by his widow, Vida, through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society. This memorial gift will serve to perpetuate the society's ministry to Kentucky Baptists. In announcing the gift, Barry G. Allen, acting executive secre-

tary for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, revealed, "This is the first time any gift of this nature for the society has ever been received. The principal has been placed in a permanent endowment, the Leo T. Crismon Memorial, and the interest will be applied to the ongoing work of the Historical Society until the Lord returns."

Allen, who is also an active member of the Historical Society and treasurer of the Historical Commission, has sought to raise the awareness of Baptists about how the Foundation can help them practice their Christian stewardship more effectively. "Money that is given through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation will increase in value until Jesus comes," he contends. "The principal is never spent; only the interest is applied to the donor's designated recipient(s) so generations after the gift is made, it's still bearing fruit."

Allen feels too few people realize the financial services that are available to them through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. "There's no charge for what the Foundation does," he asserts, "because the expenses are paid by the Cooperative Program. An individual or a church can come to the Foundation and say, 'We have X dollars we want to invest for the benefit of Christian education or Oneida or the Historical Society' and we can set up a program according to their particular concerns that keeps those dollars giving and giving and giving, generation after generation and they are even spared the expense and frustration of managing the gift."

Leo T. Crismon's entire life was dedicated to the preservation of important historical artifacts and documents for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Mrs. Crismon's gift guarantees her husband's work and the denomination's past will still have a future.



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Dashing to and fro

I've been on the road typically a great deal the past two months speaking in varying places. These engagements have included White's Run Baptist near Carrollton to speak to the Association WMU Youth Emphasis; Freedom Association WMU meeting; Allen Association meeting; Crittenden Association meeting; Casey Association meeting; Annville Baptist in Jackson County; First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Senior Citizens; Trammel Creek Baptist Church near Greensburg; a meeting with the presidents of all the Kentucky Baptist schools and a study committee of the Executive Board at Elizabethtown; Providence Baptist Church in Laurel County; Booneville Association meeting; Owingsville Baptist in Bath County; Pike Association meeting; Hebron Baptist Church near the Cincinnati airport; First Baptist, Williamsburg; Russell Creek Association Executive Board meeting at Cane Valley Baptist near Columbia; Lyndon Baptist Church near Louisville and Van Buren Baptist, Louisville.

In the next few weeks I am to speak at Three Forks Association meeting at Jeremiah Baptist on the road to Whitesburg; Shelby Association at Buffalo Lick on the road to our Kentucky Baptist Assembly at Cedarmore; First Baptist, Maysville Sunday morning and nearby Germantown Baptist that evening; Central Association meeting at Mt. Olivet in Washington County; Mt. Pis-

gah Baptist near Central City; Logan Baptist Association at Epley Church near Russellville; Stamping Ground Church near Georgetown; Valley View at Vine Grove; Berean Baptist in Elizabethtown; Highland Baptist at Barbourville; Northside Baptist in Springfield, Ohio, etc.

All the above represents thousands of miles and scores of hours on the highway but the Lord has blessed in our not being late to one of these engagements as of this writing. Each presentation is as vigorous as I can muster, trying to share as much as I can in the time allotted me.

Often it is the wee hours of the morning when we get back to Oneida with another day ahead. Occasionally a staff member accompanies me but more often at least two, sometimes three, students. These take turnabout driving since most young people love to drive. It gives them a lot of experience under my watchful eye. There is always a large number waiting their "turn."

I do not like to drive. In fact, I have not done so for many years. My schedule is such that I normally get no more than five hours sleep on any night, and sometimes much less. If I stop walking, talking or working, I am asleep within one minute. So it is for the protection of the traveling public as well as my own protection that I do not drive. Also, equally important, it is another way to help our young people, to help them gain driving experience, to give them a chance to get away from campus, to meet our Baptist people and understand more of how our denomination works. It allows me the opportunity to talk and occasionally to counsel with this one and that one, to get a feel for what is on the mind of my students.

The above traveling, speaking, etc. is sandwiched in days where we have anywhere from 50 to 100 or more visitors. I greet most guests personally and show them around. I seldom go around the campus less than three times, and there are days when I am around up to seven times daily. I average at least one hour with each group. Large groups often require two or three hours counting mealtime. We feed most of our guests.

There are scores of letters to read and answer daily. I often spend at least an hour daily just signing my name. There are many things, large and small, to do daily. The Lord blesses me with good health and a lot of energy. For the most part, I thrive on it all. With a staff of over 100 to supervise and approximately 550 young people, there is never a dull moment!



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LESSONS FOR OCT. 11, 1987

Life and work series

Becoming one in Christ

Galatians 2:8-9 In the conference at Jerusalem, Paul informed those present that he had preached the gospel of grace as being sufficient for salvation, and none of them were able to communicate any additional revelation to him. As an evidence of their recognition of the authority of Paul and Barnabas, of their hearty agreement with their message, and of their unreserved endorsement of their work, James, Peter and John, three of the reputed pillars of the church in Jerusalem, gave to them the right hand of fellowship.

Galatians 2:11-14 When Peter arrived in Antioch, Jews and Gentiles were eating together without any discrimination. Before long a deputation of Jewish Christians arrived from Jerusalem and they were shocked when they discovered that Jewish Christians were eating with Gentile Christians. Immediately Peter ceased to eat with the Gentile Christians because of his fear of what others might think, say or do. Without hesitation Paul publicly challenged Peter, rebuking him for his hypocrisy.

Galatians 2:26-28 Since no mere human being has ever rendered perfect obedience to the law, all have been under a curse as a result of disobedience. Through personal faith in Christ all believers have been delivered from the curse of sin.

The purpose of the law was to convince humans of their need of salvation and to direct them to Christ. As the slave led the boy who was in his custody to the teacher, the law guided the Jews to Christ in order that they might learn about salvation through faith in the savior. The purpose of the law is discharged when people are brought to Christ. It is through faith in Christ that we become the children of God. Those who are in Christ are characterized by oneness with him, and we are obligated to reflect his character and his compassion toward others.

International series

The promise of a son

Genesis 15:1-4 Abraham and his 318 armed servants made a surprise attack one night and won a signal victory. They slew Chedorlaomer, the king of Elam, rescued Lot and recovered the booty which had been taken from Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham expected the frustrated followers of the slain king to return and avenge their defeat. Alarmed and apprehensive, Abraham received a word of encouragement and reassurance from God: "Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

Abraham's attention was concentrated on his major personal problem—the fear that he might never have a son. Chafing at God's delay in fulfilling his promise to give him a son, he was taken outside his tent and told to observe the multiplicity of the stars, and assured that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars.

Genesis 16:3-4 Faced with the problem of Sarai's continuing barrenness, Abraham wondered if perhaps there might be some other solution to his childlessness. Sarai suggested that she share her husband with another woman—Hagar, her maid and her personal property, that he might have children by her and, according to the prevailing custom, they would legally belong to Sarai. However, the consequences were not as they expected.

God commanded Abraham to change the name of his wife from Sarai to Sarah. Sarah means princess, appropriate for one whose descendants would include kings.

God assured Abraham that Sarah was indeed to be the mother of the seed, that his son's name would be Isaac (meaning laughter) and that the covenant would be realized through Isaac, who would be the ancestor of Christ.



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on mission together

On nurturing mustard seed

From the Sept. 27 issue of the **Beechmont Baptist Herald** I have reassembled the following joyful story for the benefit of the larger Kentucky Baptist family:

On Aug. 8, 1982, SOMBOUN NORVANG was baptized by Eugene Enlow, pastor of Louisville's Beechmont Baptist Church.

Somboun, his wife and infant daughter had fled Laos and were rescued with the boat people and taken to a Thailand refugee camp.

Barely able to speak or understand English, he attended the Adult III Sunday school class of Jim Ingram. To make ends meet, he worked at two or three jobs. In times of need, the church people supported and encouraged him.

When the U. S. government permitted Laotians to come to the United States,

Somboun heard about those who came to Louisville and acted as coordinator to assist them. With Catholic Charities as the sponsoring agency, Somboun asked Beechmont to help with reception and immediate needs.

He gathered together the early refugee families, and church members. Mr. & Mrs. Doc Keele and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Perkins took the lead in getting the refugees located, adequate foodstuffs, medical attention and assistance in legal matters.

Lillian Perkins, a first grade teacher, and Jeanette Keele, who had previous refugee experience, combined their talents to develop a Sunday school class where English was taught and simple Bible stories presented.

Today, more than 55 Laotians are a part of this group which began only five years ago. Of Buddhist background, a number have accepted Christ as savior.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, a fellowship meeting of Laotians was held at Beechmont. Present were 95 Laotians!

Pastor Enlow has the privilege, each Sunday morning, of preaching to a congregation which includes "four rows of Laotians in the front center section" of the sanctuary.

Ten years ago Beechmont probably had not perceived of such a possible ministry. Even when Somboun Norvang appeared in 1982 only a few, perhaps, caught the early vision of what "could be."

Like the parable of the mustard seed, the appearance of a tiny seed may not, at first, elicit much respect. But the tiny seed is planted, and with nurture, produces a tree. Within that seed was a much larger reality.

Hundreds of "mustard seeds" are out there in our churches, waiting to be nurtured. The seeds of new congregations, preaching points, Bible Study groups and churches are everywhere scattered among us.

SOMBOUN NORVANG AND BEECHMONT BAPTIST CHURCH present a good case in point.

BSSB News

Frantic mate searching leads to many mistakes

by Terri Lackey

Single adults who discover themselves in that status after divorce or death of a mate should not desperately campaign to find another mate, but should let it occur naturally, a married-again couple leading a seminar at Ridgecrest said.

Don't be desperate. Obsession is wrong. With obsession goes good judgement, with good judgement goes good morals, with good morals goes self-respect and without self-respect, self-esteem goes by the wayside," said Dianne Swaim, who with her husband Gordon led a dating and relating conference at the National Single Adult Labor Day Conference held at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Dianne Swaim is a single adult special consultant at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. She and her husband

married (each for the second time) about a year and a half ago after they met when he visited the church where she was working, she said.

"You need to be happy as single adults before you can be happy as married adults," she said.

About 14 percent of the 65 million single adults in America say they are happy with their single life, but 86 percent "think of getting married again sometime," she continued.

Before one can remarry he or she must date, according to Mrs. Swaim. "Dating is really different the second time around than when you were a teenager."

"You have to kiss a lot of toads before you meet your prince," Swaim commented. He said in dating relationships it is common for one person to like the other more, and that, in turn, can result in the one who is less committed ending

the relationship.

When a relationship must end, "don't take it so very personally," Mrs. Swaim said. "Let there be grace if you are the one who ends it and dignity if you are the one who doesn't want it to end."

After the death of a spouse or the breakup of a marriage by divorce, she said the new single "must take an inner and outer look at him or herself."

She claimed a person must take a look at their bodies, their mind "to see if it has gotten stale in marriage." Most importantly, one must take inventory of their spiritual life.

"You are on dangerous territory if you begin dating without a strong relationship with God," she said.

Swaim said don't rule out a person as a possible lifetime partner just because the relationship doesn't click on the first date.

"It doesn't always happen the first time out. Sometimes the emotion doesn't come until after the fourth or fifth date," he stated, explaining that is how it happened with Dianne and him.

Mrs. Swaim said singles should have a general idea of what they are looking for in a mate before they start dating.

The Swaims listed some general characteristics of a mate which all Christian singles should look for, including a good communicator, a Christian, a person who is honest, open, responsible and has good self-esteem.

"A good mate is worth waiting for and praying for, even if he or she does not fit the mold you at first expected," she said.

More than 3100 single adults packed the Ridgecrest conference center during Labor Day weekend where seminars and worship services were so crowded folding chairs had to be set up to accommodate the group.

About 2200 registered for the simultaneous conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. The combined number who registered at both conferences was a record, according to consultants in the Single Adult Section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department, the sponsors of the annual event.

Bible series begins second nine-year cycle

by Frank White

During the past nine years many Southern Baptists have explored in their Sunday school classes Nahum and Obadiah, along with Matthew, Ephesians and every other book of the Bible.

In October the Bible Book Series of Baptist Sunday school curriculum for youth and adults begins a second nine-year journey through the Bible with a solid following of users. Begun in October 1978 as a third line of Sunday school curriculum published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, the Bible Book Series covers every Bible book in a nine-year cycle.

It differs from the Life and Work Series for youth and adults which features a study of the Bible related to life needs and the Convention Uniform Series for all age groups which covers major areas of the Bible in a six-year cycle.

A six-month study of Genesis launches the new cycle for the Bible Book Series which has a total quarterly circulation of more than five million, exceeding one-fourth of the total circulation for the three curriculum lines.

"The series forces you into a discipline to study the entire Bible with a systematic approach," explained Luther Carden, editor of the adult materials.

"It allows us to study all of the Bible and find the message for today because there is a message in books like Nahum and Obadiah even though we wouldn't often select those for study on our own," pointed out Jim Taulman, design editor responsible for the adult materials.

Ken Parker, design editor of youth Bible Book Series materials said the series was introduced strictly as a book study with limited practical application.

"Right off people began to want practical application. We changed to reflect life needs. Changes were made in the teaching procedures as well as the pupil materials," Parker said.

Additional resources materials, such as resources kits for teachers, were added early in the cycle but few other changes have been made, the editors pointed out.

Parker and Bill Stephens, design editor for Bible Book adult materials during its development and now Church Training Department coordinator for curriculum development, spent a year reviewing and refining an

outline for the second nine-year cycle.

The plan provides for a logical movement through the Bible with studies of materials from both testaments during each year. Parts of major areas of the Bible will be included during each three-year segment of the cycle, Parker explained.

Other changes have been made in the schedule to provide more or less time in particular books based on the experience of the first cycle, Taulman commented.

"Teachers have become real students in the Bible" using the Bible Book series materials, said John Traylor Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Monroe, La., whose church has used the series almost since its inception.

The book-by-book study has been especially good for increasing Bible knowledge and skills, said Traylor who also is a writer for the series. He wrote several Old Testament studies in the first cycle and the Genesis study for the new cycle.

"As a writer, I have always emphasized application," Traylor said. "But the best part of this series is the application drawn right out of the scripture.

Teachers at University Baptist Church, Montevallo, Ala., are able to apply the materials to life situations, according to pastor Bob Albritton.

"They realize the purpose is application. They're pleased with the materials and resource helps," he claimed.

Taulman and Carden said they anticipate other churches will decide to begin using the Bible Book Series with the beginning of the new cycle.

For the final three years of the first cycle, circulation for adult Bible Book materials held at 26 percent of the total for the three BSSB curriculum lines, according to Dick Gillespie, Sunday school materials design and production coordinator.

Starting with 14 percent and a circulation of 2.3 million per quarter in the first year, the adult materials now have a circulation of 4.4 million, Gillespie said.

Youth Bible Book Series materials now have a circulation of 895,000 for 22 percent of the total for the three lines of youth Sunday school curriculum offered by the board. Youth materials started with 15 percent of the total or 799,000 circulation, he said.



I have a motion and a second that we recommend to the church that **COOPERATIVE PROGRAM** giving be increased by some percentage every year in the budget.

9 YEAR PLAN		Oct.-Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	
		1987-88	Genesis	Genesis	Matthew	
1988-89	Exodus	Acts	Acts	Leviticus Numbers		
1989-90	1, 2 Thessalonians Galatians	Joshua Judges	Hebrews James	Ruth 1 Samuel		
1990-91	Luke	Luke	2 Samuel (1 Chron.)	1 Kings (2 Chron. 1-20)	Second Cycle	
1991-92	1 Corinthians	Amos Hosea Jonah	2 Corinthians Philemon	2 Kings (2 Chron. 21-36) Micah		
1992-93	Romans	Psalms	Isaiah	1,2 Peter 1,2,3 John Jude		
1993-94	Deuteronomy	John	John	Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	Third Cycle	
1994-95	Ephesians Philippians	Habakkuk Jeremiah Lamentations	Mark	Ezekiel Daniel		
1995-96	Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Colossians 1,2 Timothy Titus	Joel, Obadiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi	Revelation		

Baptist Homes trustee going to India

by Kevin Borders

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children trustee Dr. Herb Booth and his wife Edna will be traveling to India for three months under a program sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Booth will be a volunteer medical missionary at Bangalore Baptist Hospital in Bangalore, India.

Dr. Booth retired July 1 after twenty-four years of family practice in Northern Kentucky. He and his wife have five children and four grandsons.

"I haven't felt the full effects of retirement yet," he said. "I'm still involved with many things."

This is not the first time Dr. Booth has been a volunteer medical missionary. He was in Haiti under a similar program with another Christian group.

"Being there opened my eyes to the needs and opportunities that there are. That was when I got the idea for what I'm doing now."

He was disappointed with his visit because the program was a one time event. He was not able to build



Dr. Herb Booth

on past visits and lay ground work for future ones.

"It was like hacking through jungle growth," he said. "After you leave, it all grows back."

Under the program sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, volun-

teers pay their own way and can stay from two weeks to four months, depending on the country and the needs there. The volunteer helps already existing work and works with missionaries already there. After four months the Board pays for some of the expenses.

For Dr. Booth, going to Bangalore, India is an opportunity to serve.

"I wanted to do something after I retired. I have a great deal of experience in family practice. I can't go [to the mission field] for ten years, but I can go for three months at a time."

"This is a first step for me—a step of faith into the unknown. I'm looking forward to a good experience."

A deacon at Florence Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, Dr. Booth said he might eventually do volunteer work like this six months out of the year.

"The Board needs volunteers in every walk of life. From well diggers and electricians to doctors

and others, all kinds of people are needed and can be used for short periods of time.

"I read that in Kenya a hospital admitted 8,000 patients over a year. Five thousand of them were converted to Christianity. That's meeting people at their point of need.

"The bottom line is that in India there are a billion people without Christ. That's what it's all about."



KBHC plans annual food roundup



Director of Food Services Nan Edington shelves some of the cans that are donated during the September Food Drive.

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.

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.

Financial contributions should be directed to the attention of Tom Moore, Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

Northeastern Region:

- Unity Baptist Church, Ashland
- First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg
- First Baptist Church, Pikeville
- Campton Baptist Church, Campton

North Central Region:

- Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger
- Central Baptist Church, Lexington
- First Baptist Church, Morehead

Central Region:

- Glen Dale Children's Home, Glendale
- 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
- First Baptist Church, Hazard (9am to 4pm M-F)
- Barbourville Baptist Church, Barbourville

Southern Region:

- Bethel-Logan Associational Office, Russellville
- Warren Associational Office, Bowling Green
- Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow

Southwestern Region:

- West Union Associational Office, Paducah
- First Baptist Church, Mayfield
- Caldwell-Lyon Associational Office, Princeton
- Christian County, Associational Office, Hopkinsville
- First Baptist Church, Murray

Western Region:

- Green Valley Associational Office, Henderson
- Little Bethel Associational Office, Madisonville
- Davies-McLean Associational Office, Owensboro
- Ohio County Associational Office, Hartford
- Blackford Associational Office, Hawesville
- Ohio Valley Associational Office, Sturgis