



Diana Garland



John Lepper

## Marriage retreats are 'bad news,' says social work authority

by James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

A Southern Baptist leader in family relationships told the annual KBC Haworth Conference week before last so-called marriage retreats are "bad news."

Citing the dangers of creating "temporary emotional highs," Diana S. Garland, assistant professor of social work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, admitted there are now more than 100 established and widely recognized marriage enrichment programs.

"Most leave you with good feelings for about two weeks," she said. "But significant changes (i.e. improvement in relationships) usually doesn't exist. "You go away with an emotional high," she said. She credited such short term experiences with "getting some stuff started" but cautioned that "they don't carry through."

Dr. Garland was speaking at Cedar-more Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, to the annual conference sponsored by the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. John Lepper, department director, is leader of the Haworth program. This year's Haworth theme was "Covenant Marriage," which Dr. Garland and her husband, David, also a Southern Seminary faculty member, wrote materials for published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Covenant Marriage, said Dr. Garland, starts with biblical premises. Its goal is spiritual growth.

The program "helps couples look at how God has carried them into ministry partnership."

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## Evangelism leader sets retirement; language ethnic missionary assigned

by James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

The administrative committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board acted on 10 personnel recommendations in its meeting Oct. 13 at the Baptist Building in Middletown.

Chief among them was to accept the retirement request of a department head, to appoint an in-state missionary to work with language ethnic groups and to approve eight other subsidized missionary appointments.

The retirement request of James W. (Jay) Brown, director of the KBC Evangelism Department since 1977, was accepted "with regret," effective Jan. 1, 1988. He expects to return to a ministry of evangelist/revivalist after that time.

Brown, who will be 65 in November, joined the convention staff after leaving the pastorate of Louisville's Farmdale Baptist Church, where he had served on two occasions totaling 11 years (1961-65; 1970-77). Between that time he pastored Bethany Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich. Brown's pastoral service includes five earlier congregations in Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky, including South Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

A native of Cordova, Ala., he is a graduate of Howard College, now Samford University, Birmingham, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is married to the former Cecile Helen Grammer of Birmingham and they have a son and daughter.

Daniel R. Cobb, who with his wife Fannie Maude has been under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board to Thailand since 1954, was elected a KBC



Brown



Cobb

catalytic missionary last week. In that responsibility, he will begin new work among language ethnic groups in Kentucky. There are more than 87,000 such minorities currently living in the state.

Cobb, 63, was employed on a one-year contract with the option to renew up to four years. An objective of the convention's current Mission Kentucky emphasis is to launch between 25 and 40 ethnic congregations throughout the state.

A native of Ware Shoals, S. C., Cobb is a graduate of Erskine College, Due West, S. C., where he later received the honorary DD degree. He is also a graduate of Southern Seminary. He is the father of two girls and two boys.

Cobb was married at Versailles, Ky. Before appointment by the Foreign Mission Board he was pastor of Mountain Creek Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., and served mission pastorates in Kentucky.

The KBC executive board's administrative committee approved the addition of two members to the convention's new work ministry program last week.

Donald P. Bratcher, 63, a bivocational pastor, will be pastor of New Liberty Baptist Mission, Owensboro, an exten-

sion of Parrish Avenue Baptist Church of that city. The mission meets in the office building of Daviess-McLean Baptist Association.

Millard (Danny) Robbins, 41, will be pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Bell County Association. Victory was recently constituted, having been a mission of Binghamtown Church, and meets in a former Presbyterian church building in an area where no Baptist witness previously existed. Robbins has been a bivocational pastor.

Three persons were included in the convention's missionary wage program by the administrative committee.

Earl D. Brooks, 51, is pastor of Caney Baptist Church, Red River Association, a communities mission project jointly supported by the Home Mission Board.

James D. Shipp, 31, has been called as local missionary and pastor at Grace Baptist Church, Independence, Northern Kentucky Association.

Roger Dean Wolfe, 41, was called to First Baptist Church, Hyden, as pastor and communities missionary in Leslie County. This project is also jointly supported by the Home Mission Board.

Three additional persons were approved by the administrative committee as directors of missions, for which they will receive fringe benefits and/or subsidized compensation.

Included were Carl Dean Boyd, 48, Pike Association, formerly pastor of Concord Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.; Leonard P. Harmon, 65, McCreary County Association, director of missions in Crittenden Association, 1979-83; and Donald G. McGuire, 47, Muhlenberg Association, formerly director of missions in Enterprise Association.

## Russell Creek youth raise \$5000 for Kenya

by Jack Sanford, Editor

Young people from the churches of Russell Creek Association raised more than \$5000 for the construction of churches in Kenya.

The idea was presented in the April 1987 youth meeting of the association. Karen Pierce, reporter for the associational youth, suggested the young people adopt Kenya as a summer project, raise money all summer in the individual churches and turn in the money at the September picnic.

The idea met with enthusiasm and a goal of \$3000 was set, a sum which would help build six churches in the mission field Kentucky has served with volunteers for the past three years.

Clay Scott Jr. was associational youth director at the time the project began. He helped get the youth going and enjoyed seeing the progress reported at each associational monthly meeting. Reports of car washes, slave days, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, bake sales and yard sales came in at each meeting. The goal was met in July but the young people kept working.

Tommy Mitchell, pastor of Trammell Creek Baptist Church, became youth director in September and declared, "It was great to see how the young people at our church and throughout the association worked so hard to build these churches in Kenya and helped bring the

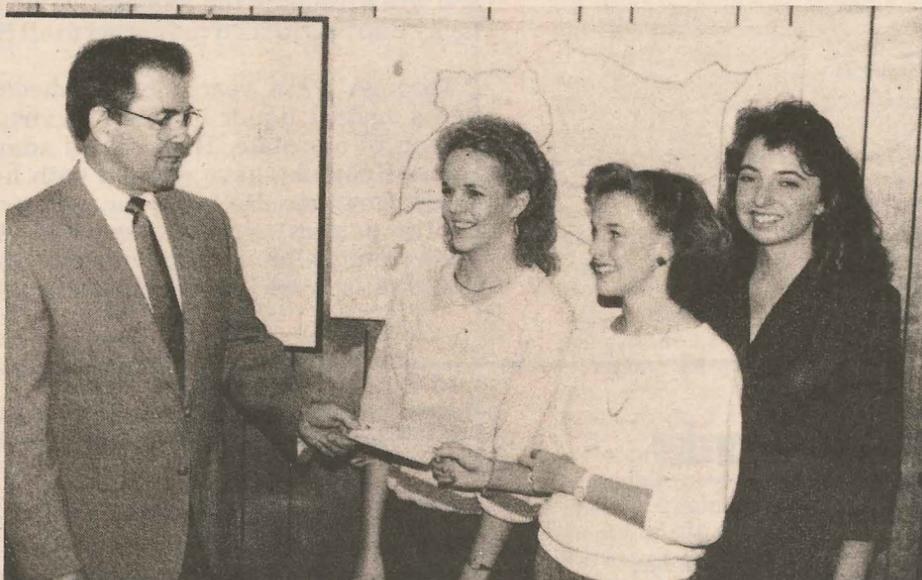
message of Christ to a gospel-hungry people." Other pastors joined Mitchell in praise for the hard work of the youth.

Mitchell said the youth groups are already brainstorming to come up with ideas for several mission projects both local and foreign. All the people of Russell Creek Association hope some pastors will be able to take young people to Kenya in future years to see what their summer of hard work has pro-

duced for the Baptists of that African nation. The money raised will help build not the six churches originally planned but 11 churches.

The final tally revealed \$5532.02 had been raised by nine youth groups from churches in the association.

Youth officers of the association are Amy Whitlock, president; Robin Slinker, vice president; Amanda McKinney, treasurer; and Karen Pierce, reporter.



Bob Jones, director of the KBC Direct Missions Department, receives a check for Kenya from officers of Russell Creek Association youth: (l-r) Karen Pierce, Amanda McKinney and Amy Whitlock.

# sanford's perspectives

## Join the celebration



Jack D. Sanford

The 150th anniversary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be celebrated Nov. 11 at Commonwealth Convention Center, Louisville.

This climax to a year of planning will feature some interesting historical sketches, a massed choir and orchestra, music by the Kentucky Baptist Chorale, a parade of flags representing the 78 district associations in our convention, a strong emphasis upon mission work done in Ohio and Kenya and a drama by Ragan Courtney and John Styron under the direction of Tom Smoot.

Doors to the convention center open at 5:45 p.m., at which time a special four-color edition of Western Recorder will be available. Pre-session music begins at 6:15 and the program gets underway at 6:45 with A. B. Colvin, Darryl Adams, Bill Marshall, Bill Jagers and Davis Saunders leading.

People not familiar with Louisville need to know the convention center is on Jefferson Street between Third and Fourth. Entrance to the meeting hall is on Jefferson Street directly across the street from the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Parking garages and parking lots available for use during the meeting are at Fourth and Main, Fourth and Market, Third and Market, Third and Court, Fourth and Jefferson, in the Hyatt Regency building as well as other nearby locations. Western Recorder will print a map of downtown Louisville and a list of parking facilities the week before the convention for your information. You may want to clip this and bring it along with you to

help eliminate lost time in the maze of one-way streets throughout the convention center area.

What is important now is that each church make every effort to have messengers and others present to celebrate the gifts of God upon us through these 150 years. Surely we will want a record crowd in Louisville, the place of our beginning, as we celebrate this historic event. The annual meeting draws about 2000, but this year that figure should be much higher as we have opportunity to participate in such a historic celebration.

Our convention has been blessed in many ways and the spirit of cooperation and fellowship we know in our state is nothing short of a gift of grace from the Father. Let us not let the opportunity to celebrate this gift slip away from us.

These are difficult times in many Baptist circles, yet the flow of work in Kentucky goes forward, the spirit of missions is at a high level and the opportunity to share together in a meaningful service of praise should not be missed because such an event can and will strengthen our resolve to work more closely with each other. We need this celebration time to quicken our resolve to walk together as brothers and sisters through another century-and-a-half.

So come to Louisville for the opening day of the KBC on Tuesday at Walnut Street Baptist Church and stay through the service at the convention center Wednesday evening. You'll be glad you did and by doing so you will make your contribution to the well being of our convention.

## Thanks to a man of courage and grace

Sept. 30, 1987 Delbert Butts officially retired as executive director of the Temperance League of Kentucky, ending a career which spanned more than 22 years and touched thousands of people for good.

Butts has had the confidence of churches from all denominations as well as leaders of the Kentucky General Assembly, with whom he often disagreed, but who always knew him as a man of courage, grace and integrity.

We Kentucky Baptists have been strong supporters of the Temperance League and 22 years ago we sent a dedicated pastor to join that organization as its executive director. Butts was pastor of First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, when the Temperance League tapped him for the top administrative post in the organization. In addition to his work as pastor at Mt. Sterling, Butts had been pastor of three other Kentucky Baptist churches and was a leader in the cooperative efforts of Kentucky Baptists to send the gospel to all the world.

Through these years he has successfully led fights against liquor interests in virtually every section of our state. High school administrators across Kentucky have worked with him in drug abuse programs. He has been used by Kentucky Baptist pastors as revival speaker, Bible study leader and pulpit supply with the assurance he would do a good job of representing Christ and

proclaiming the gospel with integrity and conviction.

Lay people across the state know and love this man because of his straightforwardness, his sense of humor and his knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and drugs. When he says a thing, you can be sure it is just as he says. People have responded to his leadership with generous contributions to the work of the league and with volunteer help to promote the causes the league supports.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention recognizes the values of the league and has demonstrated confidence in Delbert Butts by providing trustees to help oversee and direct the work of the league.

Western Recorder joins thousands of other Kentuckians in wishing the best for Delbert Butts in his years of retirement. He is a good man whom the Lord has used in a mighty way to bless the lives of many of us.

We also know we will continue to see this man at work for the Lord in many different ways. We give thanks that even though he will no longer carry the heavy load as director of the league, he will nevertheless be at work for Christ in our midst because he is that kind of man.

May the Lord bless our friend with health and joy as he lays down the burden he has carried so well for so long and may the Lord open other doors of opportunity to this man of strength, integrity and compassion.

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**Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3**



Bill Leonard

## glimpses of our heritage

### 1958—Courage and good news

Nineteen fifty-eight was an unforgettable year for most Kentucky Baptists. Church buildings went up and fell down—literally. Crescent Hill Baptist, Louisville, undertook a \$500,000 building project for educational and recreational facilities. Programs of recreation and physical fitness were instituted for young and old alike. Shuffle board was particularly popular.

The sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, "came tumbling down" as ceiling, beams, heating equipment and plaster gave way, crushing the pews and rendering the roof unsupported. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Undaunted, the congregation held services in a nearby elementary school and soon developed plans for a new building in a new location. Even without an official building the church continued its witness.

In 1958, the Christian Life Commission was increasing its opposition to racial segregation and creating controversy and debate throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Some thought the denomination should stay out of such "political" issues. Others suggested it was time for the convention to speak up.

Greater controversy lay ahead. A growing number of Southern Baptists, Kentuckians included, were expressing concern over the prospect of a Roman Catholic candidate for the presidency in the 1960 election. Some feared that loyalty to Rome might compromise a Catholic president's decision making.

In 1958, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary experienced a major crisis as 13 professors resigned in a dispute with President Duke McCall. The seminary's accreditation was called into question and morale among the student body and remaining faculty was at an all time low. For a time the seminary's future seemed uncertain. Yet that same year, shortly before the crisis erupted, graduate Perry Ginn of Hodgenville, Kentucky, reflected on his "seven and a half years at Southern Seminary" and wrote: "Many students come to seminary viewing the bible as almost a magic book, and as a book from which to choose texts to support their own ideas...but when they leave the seminary they know the Bible to be the living message of the living God."

The seminary, Ginn declared, permitted students to "share in a great community of learning, it challenges and demands the best from every student, and it is undergirded by a profound reverence and deep love for the Bible." Even in 1958, with all its fears and problems, there was still grounds for hope.

# God may turn to the Sunday school to revive America, leadership told

by James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

It may have been the second best attended convention Kentucky Baptists offered this year, second to their annual state meeting Nov. 10-11 in Louisville.

The Kentucky Baptist Sunday school convention, a one time only event held Oct. 9-10 at Bowling Green's First Baptist Church, officially registered 1458 persons. But program planners believe at least another 500, "perhaps more," may have participated in the smorgasbord of more than 100 conferences offering help to Kentucky Sunday school workers.

Chip Miller, chief architect of the program and director of the KBC Sunday School Department, was "extremely pleased" with the effort to train leadership in "proven and effective methods" of reaching more people through the Sunday school. Again and again speakers throughout the two-day marathon underscored that the Sunday school is the church's major enterprise for reaching, teaching, winning and developing new believers.

**Of revival, closing plenary session speaker Charles D. Page**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, said: "I believe that somehow when God causes a great spiritual reawakening in America again, he's going to do it with the Sunday schools in Southern Baptist churches."

He continued: "I'm excited about the way God is doing things in our day, and I'm excited that he's doing so much of it through the Sunday school. I'm convinced that when we reach down with the word of God, people will be saved and backsliders will be brought again to the church."

Page affirmed that a great revival is not going to take place "from the pulpit, but in the Sunday school classrooms." He cautioned that "all the underlining in the quarterly will not work until we let the word of God breathe." Then, "when the preacher stands up in the pulpit on Sunday morning to preach there'll just be fallout from what has already gone before."

**Theme of the Sunday school convention at Bowling Green** was "Rekindle the Spirit." Setting the stage for that theme, keynote speaker John N. Hewett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., asked: "Are you a flammable Christian? Whose life will you set on fire?"

Continuing, he observed: "There are people out there who are lonely and cold. They are looking for something. We ought to draw them like a bonfire."

The "good news," said Hewett, is that Jesus is "the spark" while we are "the fuel." He urged: "O God, let the fire begin."

Alluding to the controversy over the scriptures in which Southern Baptists are currently embroiled, Hewett suggested the Bible "won't mean much if we don't open it and read it and study it as much as we argue about it."

Reminding his listeners of their feet of clay, he assured: "You and I will feel strangely warmed when we leave here (after this convention has ended). But the next morning is Sunday. We've got substitute workers that won't show up. We've got an eight-point record system

and a six-point church."

Hewett suggested: "God did not give us a spirit of timidity but of power. O, God, light a fire right in our hearts and never let the flames go out."

**Leading off the second day of the Sunday school convention** Harry M. Piland, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Division, acknowledged that of America's 242 million citizens, 41 million are enrolled in a Sunday school. That leaves 201 million "lost and confused" in a "materialistic, secularistic society without ethics." He cited a moral scene filled with drugs, illicit sex, alcoholism and "you name it."

Piland questioned: "Has anyone ever faced such a world as this?" Answering his own question, he stated: "Yes, they did it in the early church."

"I'll bet half the people in the state of Kentucky have never heard the gospel, but we could get it out to them in two weeks with the people here in this room if we would get on fire."

Piland reminded his audience, filling the large auditorium of First Church, Bowling Green, that the early church "had no radio, no TV and no satellite." They could only share the gospel "one way," he declared. "They had to tell it to one another."

"Until someone today with blood in their veins and fire in their hearts does it, it will never be done," he emphasized.

"I tell it to you with sincerity and honesty and pain in my heart," he went on. "We have not obeyed the great commission or our country would not be in the terrible mess it's in today, for we are basically a pagan nation."

Piland called every Christian "a minister and a witness." He said the Sunday school is not an organization to merely teach the Bible to children "as most countries and some churches believe."

He admonished: "Get people in your Sunday school, teach them, win them, develop them. And if they don't always attend, don't drop them from the roll, but love them and minister to them and touch their hearts. Let that fire not just be rekindled but let it blaze and don't ever let it go out."

**The state Sunday school convention utilized a "cafeteria approach"** to conference scheduling, according to Sunday School Department director Chip Miller, offering "many selections" from which participants could choose conference topics of interest. Leaders from across the Southern Baptist Convention, including age group specialists from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Kentucky, other states and the complete Sunday school staffs of the Tennessee and Kentucky Baptist conventions, conducted more than 100 conferences offered in five hour-long periods.

In a session titled "Is a Dual Sunday School for Me?," Bill Ray, associate pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, observed that when Sunday school space is 80 to 85% full "you can look for growth to stop." He said one of the laws of Sunday school growth is that you need 10 square feet of floor space per person.

**The "principle of saturation" is "a very real method you can work up to tell you "what your space needs are,"** Ray averred.

Ray staunchly defended a lengthy "getting ready" period "if you decide two Sunday schools is the answer to your space/growth problem." You've got to "sell the principle of saturation to your people," he said. It takes "up to a year to get ready."

Ray confirmed: "The principle of growth in Sunday school is division. No other church program organization has that philosophy."

He said implementing a dual Sunday school is "like grabbing a hot wire." If the staff isn't behind it, "you're in for big trouble," he allowed. You must "help your people understand the need" and then "get them excited about growing" and the fact "this is a worthy step."

His experience with a dual Sunday school arrangement at Severns Valley is that "you're not going to double your Sunday school" in size. "You're going to give yourself the potential of doubling your Sunday school." As you add new units (classes and departments), those new units "will grow faster." But they will also have "wider age spans."

KBC resource development director C. Vernon Cole, in another Sunday school convention conference titled "Children and Drugs: What Must We Do?," suggested: "Percentagewise, there may be an even bigger drug problem in the rural areas of our state than in the big cities." At the same time, he confirmed that finding a place with good counseling "is not as easy" outside Louisville and Lexington and other major metropolitan centers.

He acknowledged that "you cannot make a child quit drugs if the internal motivation is not there."

Participants offered suggestions of agencies and institutions in the state which are helping parents cope with the realities of drug-related problems today.

**"Are we having fun yet?" was the question posed in the title of a session** led by Baptist Sunday School Board staffer Alan Tungett, an adult consultant in the board's Sunday School Department.

Suggesting that participants ask that question in "sticky" situations, "always with a smile on your face," he went to the Bible to point out "people who must have asked that."

Tungett cited Adam, as he and Eve were being driven from the Garden of Eden. Then, Pharaoh, as he was "knee deep in frogs," or perhaps "the day he took an unexpected swim in the Red Sea." Then there was David, being pursued by Saul; Moses, "after 39 years of wandering around in that wilderness"; Joseph, when Potiphar's wife lied about him and he was cast into prison; and Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace.

Asking the question "Are we having fun yet?" has been a "cooling down mechanism" for him, Tungett said.

He proposed four distinct types of personalities and gave examples of each. Then he summarized, in the closing moments of his conference session: "God has called each one of us to do his work. We need to equip those we love and those with whom we work to do the job we have to do, to be all we can be in Jesus Christ."

# baptist news in brief

## Deceased HMB trustee championed peace and unity for SBC

Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis told employes in a chapel service two days following the death of Beth McGhee, a board director who died during the agency's October meeting after speaking against a motion explaining why they voted last year to deny ordained women pastoral aid, was not championing women pastors.

The board's motion, on which Mrs. McGhee had commented before dying of a heart attack, included a portion of a 1984 convention resolution encouraging "the service of women in all aspects of church life and work other than pastoral functions and leadership roles entailing ordination."

The motion's final paragraph read, "We feel this action of our board is commensurate with the faith and practice of the majority of Baptist churches affiliated with our Southern Baptist Convention."

Mrs. McGhee, of Tucson, Ariz., ad-

ressed the motion and after pleading for peace, her last words were, "That last paragraph is a divisive statement. I think it would be appropriate to those of our constituency who do not interpret the scriptures as the majority of the messengers and the Home Mission Board interprets the scripture. In the interest of peace and bringing our people together in oneness, may we delete that last paragraph?" Mrs. McGhee questioned.

Moments later, she collapsed in her seat. She was attended to by three physicians—all board directors—and taken to a nearby hospital where she was pronounced dead.

In chapel, Lewis said that instead of advocating women pastors and women's ordination, Mrs. McGhee was concerned that the board motion might be offensive. "She was for peace. She did not want us to do something that would cause further division and strife," Lewis explained.

HMB marketing director Kitty Robertson, who knew Mrs. McGhee, told chapel attendees that Mrs. McGhee—chapel attendees proposed Mrs. McGhee—came to the board meeting concerned about peace. Mrs. Robertson said that although Mrs. McGhee is concerned about women in ministry, peace was the concern which moved her to speak.

Board member Dorothy Kilpatrick of Salinas, Cal., who roomed with Mrs. McGhee the night before her death, told Mrs. Robertson she and Mrs. McGhee had read Psalms and other scriptures and prayed about the issue until early morning.

Mrs. Robertson said Mrs. Kilpatrick told her that Mrs. McGhee said God was leading her to speak on the motion, "not to argue with it, but to suggest for that board meeting to be the beginning of peaceful coexistence with people who differ."

Mrs. Kilpatrick told Mrs. Robertson

that Mrs. McGhee went to bed, "feeling at peace, knowing that God wanted her to say something about peace."

Mrs. Robertson addressing the board may have been the most difficult thing Mrs. McGhee had done in her life. "She had spoken in board meetings rarely, always speaking to fairness and accuracy, never as an emotional champion."

Mrs. Robertson added that those who knew Mrs. McGhee, in her church and state WMU leadership, agreed that she "lived her life by the principle of love—even when she differed with you, it was always with love."

Lewis said he talked with Mrs. McGhee's husband, Harold McGhee, who noted a history of heart problems in Mrs. McGhee's family. "He was not totally surprised that this might occur, although she had not had any particular problems previously," Lewis reported. (BP)

## Sweet dream is nightmare for Dawson Baptist Church

by Jack Sanford, Editor

When Joe Thomas became pastor of Dawson Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, in November 1978, he found a long range planning committee in place and dreams of a new church building.

He had discussed with the pastor search committee their dreams for the future in his initial talks with them and discovered a new worship center was high on the list of church priorities.

In 1979 the church acquired a choice building site for \$93,000, \$50,000 of which was raised by the congregation over and above regular tithes and offerings, with the balance to be paid over a five-year period.

The spirit of the people was high and enthusiasm was at a peak as the church looked forward to the day when its dream of a new church house would be a reality. That enthusiasm is reflected in the giving records which show the offerings doubled from 1979-82.

Ground was broken for the new building in March 1984. Then the bubble burst and the nightmare began.

Now nearly nine years after Thomas came on the scene that dream has become a full fledged nightmare for pastor Thomas and the congregation.

The nightmare really began in February 1984 when Church Building Systems of Nashville, Tenn. and its architect were awarded contracts to design and supervise construction of the first unit of the new building. Church Building Systems is an organization which offers churches a total package—design, supervision and management of construction. The company has supervised and managed construction of several church buildings in Kentucky. Thomas and the church building committee investigated Church Building Systems and visited several churches in the area around Dawson church, and in other parts of the country, which had been constructed by CBS. In every case Thomas and the committee were told

CBS had done good work. Unfortunately it did not work for Dawson Baptist Church in that way.

According to testimony by Thomas and other members of the church, serious problems began in September 1984, when a portion of the slab dropped. The building committee of the church was repeatedly told the problems were not serious and that everything would be fine. As it turns out, the compaction of the fill was done improperly and parts of the slab floor had to be replaced. However, the compaction problem was not corrected when this work was redone and worse came to worse.

The floor sank. Laminated beams cracked. Doors and windows did not fit. As a result the entire structure must be torn down and replaced. This is the verdict of a structural engineer the church was forced to hire to protect its own interests.

Entering Philpot, the community in Daviess County where Dawson Baptist Church is located, the church is the first thing to catch the eye. It appears to be a beautiful church building sitting serenely on high ground. It is the most impressive building for miles around, but it is a useless building and must be torn down completely.

The congregation knows that to spend

so much time, energy and money and then lose it is bad news, but the feelings of frustration and anger are compounded because insult has been added to injury in the form of long legal proceedings the church has had to endure.

Church Building Systems and its architect would not accept responsibility for the condition of the partially completed building and the church had to go to arbitration in an attempt to recover its losses.

The arbitration process resulted in a favorable ruling for the church with awards for damages against both Church Building Systems and the architect. These damages awarded Dawson Baptist Church amounted to 95 percent of their loss (\$455,458) from CBS and the architect.

Since the arbitrator's findings were signed in November 1986, appeals have been filed by Church Building Systems and its architect to the federal district court. In addition the insurance company with which the church had an all-risk policy has failed to pay under the policy and a lawsuit has resulted.

The federal district judge has had the appeals and the arbitration awards under consideration for almost a year. To date the judge has not acted on the findings and the church waits, without a new building and without much hope they will see their dream come true any time soon.

The dream of Dawson Baptist Church has become a nightmare and it is not over yet. The financial burden and legal costs has been staggering. In spite of this the church has held firm and rendered a faithful witness to the surrounding community.

The people of the church need the prayer support of all Kentucky Baptists and the support of sister churches as they continue to endure this trial.

The resolve of the members is strong. They are committed even more today to stay with the project until the court rules successfully in favor of the church. They believe that day is coming. All they pray for now is that it will arrive soon. Their faith has been tested, is being tested and will be tested in the days ahead. But Dawson Baptist Church has stood in line with that great cloud of witnesses which have gone before and they too have been found faithful even in the most trying circumstances.



This unusable edifice of Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot, will have to be torn down due to structural problems.

## Foreign Board passes \$168 million budget

Trustees of the Foreign Mission Board voted a 1988 budget of \$167.8 million to back the work of 3800 missionaries around the world.

The increase of \$2.6 million over the 1987 budget is one of the smallest in recent years, while the cost of supporting the growing number of missionaries claims a steadily rising share.

"It's obvious that 1988 will be a financial challenge, as we experience an increasing number of missionaries under appointment, decreased strength of the U. S. dollar...and a very modest increase of 1.55 percent in budgeted income," FMB president R. Keith Parks told the trustees in a letter accompanying the budget.

The main reason for the small increase is the decision to freeze the 1987 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal at \$75 million. That's the same as last year's Lottie Moon goal, which was missed by more than \$5.5 million. The Woman's Missionary Union, which promotes the

annual church offering for foreign missions, decided not to raise the goal this year after consultation with the FMB.

The Lottie Moon goal for 1987, if reached, will fund almost 45 percent of the total budget. Southern Baptists regular Cooperative Program giving through local churches will provide \$66 million, more than 39 percent.

More than 87 percent of the projected budget funds will be spent overseas. About \$21 million, or 12.5 percent, is tapped for U. S. salaries, administration and promotion.

Almost \$102 million, more than 60

percent of the total budget, will support missionaries and their families in 111 countries. Another \$34.1 million will pay for overseas operating expenses, evangelism and church development programs, publication efforts, education, medical work and hunger and relief ministries.

About \$9.8 million fund capital needs, such as missionary housing and construction or property purchases for churches, schools, medical facilities and the like. At 5.9 percent of the budget, it's the smallest capital share of the total in at least 25 years. (BP)

## Missionary elected Ruschlikon's president

John David Hopper, a Southern Baptist missionary in Europe for more than 20 years, has been elected president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The seminary's executive board unanimously nominated Hopper, and the re-

commendation was approved by the European Baptist Federation Council Oct. 2. The Federation encompasses representatives of Baptist unions, or conventions, in 22 European countries. Hopper's election was approved by the Europe, Middle East and North Africa Committee of the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 12 and information shared with all trustees Oct. 14.

Hopper, 53, has been a Vienna-based fraternal representative to Eastern European Baptists 11 years. After his appointment as a missionary in 1965, the New Orleans native taught practical theology at Ruschlikon for four years and then taught and did research at a Baptist seminary in Yugoslavia for four years.

Hopper is fluent in eight languages. He holds master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees in church history from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex. He earlier graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. Prior to entering missions, he was a pastor in Euless, Texas, and Long Beach, Calif. (BP)



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

## clear creek comment

### Never alone

We have several foreign students at Clear Creek. Each has been recommended by a Southern Baptist missionary in his country and is preparing himself to go back to his own country as God's missionary.

One such student from Zimbabwe, Africa was forced to leave his studies here and return to his country a few days ago because of visa difficulties. He will lose this semester's work and leave his wife and two children here at Clear Creek. Please pray the Lord will enable him to return soon.

I think of the loneliness and solitude that this young man is undergoing. It is comforting to hear our Lord's words "Lo, I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:20) and to hear him say, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (Josh. 1:5).

Most of the time solitude is not natural. God created us to be with and relate to others. He said, "It is not good that man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). This is the first thing God called 'not good' in the account of creation. As someone has said, solitude is a good place to visit but a bad place to stay!

However, solitude can be good. Martin Luther said, "Every man must do two things alone—he must do his own believing and his own dying." Faith is certainly an individual matter. Most of the great advances in science, religion, medicine, etc., have taken place when people were alone and not afraid to be lonely.

Solitude can help us physically. In Mark 6:31 Jesus said, "Come ye yourselves apart unto a desert place and rest awhile." There is no weaker person than he who cannot bear to be alone. Likewise, there is no stronger person than the one who finds his powers in solitude.

Solitude can bring spiritual enlightenment and increased understanding. The best time to build judgement is in solitude when we can think out things for ourselves without being interrupted. Jesus "went up into a mountain apart to pray...he was there alone" (Matt. 14:23).

We need solitude, but we need society also, as we need summer and winter, day and night, exercise and rest. Vance Harver said, "The man who spends his time only in solitude has a shriveled soul not worth cultivating. Nothing develops a man's own spiritual life as sharing his blessings with others. A reasonable amount of time alone is understandable, but it is to be spent preparing him to return to battle."

Above all, we should remember that a Christian is never alone.

## BSSB trustees to approve five editors

A special meeting of the trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board has been called Oct. 22 for the single purpose of approving five consulting editors for a new conservative, multi-volume commentary to be written by inerrantists.

At their August 1987 meeting, trustees reserved the right to approve consulting editors for the project and named Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas, as the first of six.

Trustees adopted an amendment from the floor calling for the remainder of the proposed slate of consulting editors to be presented for consideration at their next full board meeting in February 1988 or, if the administration needed to move faster, to call a special session of the full board.

The meeting of the 85-member board will begin with lunch and continue into the afternoon as long as needed to receive and act on recommendations from the administration, according to Lloyd Batson, chairman of the trustees and pastor of First Baptist Church, Pickens, S. C.

Batson said Oct. 22 was the date of a scheduled meeting of the trustee executive committee. That meeting has been cancelled.

BSSB president Lloyd Elder said, "We feel it is in the best interest of the trustees, the administration and of Southern Baptists to move this project forward to release the first volume of the commentary in 1991 as originally projected." (BP)

## baptist forum

### Repulsed by PAC action

How sad and heavy is my heart regarding the recent actions in our Southern Baptist Convention. The unheard of measure of a committee of our convention endorsing a person for public office is appalling. It seems to be the height of arrogance for seven people to take it upon themselves to represent to the country that they speak for us all. Although those of us on the inside know they only speak for themselves, the rest of the country will not realize that fact. This is even more tragic when one considers five of their fellow committee members opposed this action.

I am also greatly saddened by the attitude expressed in the recent meeting of our Christian Life Commission when half those voting attempted to oust Larry Baker. Baker has obviously gone the second mile in trying to reach a place where all Southern Baptists can come together in unity, especially on abortion. One wonders what kind of individual it would take to appease those who oppose Baker. Do we really want a person so narrow in point of view that they could fit into those guidelines?

A word of appreciation is due those commissioners who opposed Baker's election in February but supported him on this occasion. It takes a great deal of

courage to change one's mind. We Kentuckians should be especially pleased that our own commissioner, Jerry Hopkins, pastor of Reidland church was one of those three. Thanks Jerry. We're proud of you.

Barry D. Dennis  
Taylorsville

### State mission offering over the top

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the final (Aug. 31) count for the 1986 Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions is \$538,976.86. As you know \$500,000 of this amount was the goal and consequently is allocated. Therefore the unallocated portion or overage is \$38,976.86!

Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board voted during their February meeting to immediately pass this amount to Kentucky Baptist Convention for Mission Kentucky. Of course, this is in addition to the allocation of \$25,000 for Mission Kentucky.

We are serious in our concern for the lost in Kentucky. May God guide each of us to fulfill our responsibility toward this end.

Delores J. Gilliland  
Executive secretary-treasurer  
Woman's Missionary Union

### Ohio Church praises Kentucky work

Greetings from First Baptist Church, Vermilion Ohio.

I am writing to inform Kentucky Baptists of a weekend lay-led revival which was led by six laymen from two Kentucky Baptist churches, First Baptist of Loyall and Kelly Street Baptist of Harlan.

These men came at their own expense. Some had to take off work and all left families and church responsibilities in order to come to northern Ohio. Each of them shared testimonies and the word. They also went on all-day visitation in which 46 homes were visited.

The Lord truly blessed our church. We had many rededications and one addition by promise of letter. Several persons made commitments to work in the church. We even had three members join the choir.

We had been experiencing a lull in the church. However, the Lord used these laymen to bring sparks of revival fire. Our people are now becoming excited about working for the Lord. I expect even greater things in the days and months ahead.

Jerry W. Anderson  
Vermilion, Oh.

# baptist news in brief

## 'Dissolve' Baptist Joint Committee ties, PAC urges

The Southern Baptist Convention's representatives to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs have recommended the SBC "dissolve its institutional and financial ties" with the Washington-based church-state agency.

The SBC Public Affairs Committee voted 8-4 to suggest the SBC sever ties with the Baptist Joint Committee, comprised of nine Baptist bodies. The vote, taken Oct. 6 following the BJC's annual meeting, also asked for \$485,200 to fund and staff the Public Affairs Committee "as the agency of the Southern Baptist Convention to deal with First Amendment and religious liberty issues beginning Oct. 1, 1988, or at the earliest possible date."

The Public Affairs Committee met before and after the BJC meeting in Washington Oct. 5-6. The motion to dissolve ties mirrored a motion made in the preliminary meeting of the Public Affairs Committee Oct. 4. That motion would have asked the SBC Executive Committee to "immediately withdraw funding" of the BJC if it failed to provide certain financial information, professional staff correspondence and access to staff for evaluation interviews. The Public Affairs Committee instead passed a substitute motion that included the original requests but did not specify withdrawal of funding.

The Public Affairs Committee's motions stemmed from the BJC executive committee's previous refusal to grant a

similar request. Following up on an SBC motion the Public Affairs Committee has been attempting to analyze the BJC, including its accountability to the SBC.

When the BJC convened the following day it set in motion its own staff evaluation process, granted the Public Affairs Committee only part of the information it requested and denied unilateral Public Affairs Committee access to the staff for evaluation.

The BJC voted 24-7, with only members of Southern Baptists' delegation dissenting, to request the BJC executive committee evaluate the staff on behalf of all nine member denominations and report back to the full BJC at its next meeting in October 1988.

Immediately following that vote Southern Baptist Norris Sydnor of Mitchellville, Md. asked the BJC to grant the Public Affairs Committee's request for eight items: a breakdown of the 1986-87 budget and the proposed 1987-88 budget; staff salaries and benefits for the past five years; a list of the staff's organizational memberships paid by BJC funds; itemized expense accounts for the past five years; a copy of the BJC constitution and bylaws; a roster of BJC committees; copies of correspondence to and from the staff for the last three years; and approval of Public Affairs Committee interviews with the staff Oct. 7-8.

The BJC granted access to five of the items but contested the PAC's right to expense accounts, correspondence and

independent staff evaluation.

Land recounted how the Public Affairs Committee previously had sought the information and how the BJC executive committee—in a poll conducted by executive director James Dunn on be-

half of chairman Wesley Forsline—turned down that request. "It is important to note that it is difficult for our constituency to understand why" the BJC staff is not accountable to the Public Affairs Committee, he said. (BP)

## Venezuelan police halt 'banditos'

When the Tennessee volunteers doing evangelistic work in Venezuela were suddenly surrounded by police and ordered to stand against the wall, they were shocked and frightened. But after the incident was over and the facts surfaced the group was able to laugh about it and chalk it up as a great story to tell the folks back home.

The evangelistic team included James Adkins, until recently a member of Northview Baptist Church, Memphis; Walt Micksch, a member of First Baptist Church, Franklin; Wayne Jackson, a member of Blooming Grove Baptist Church, Woodlawn; and Southern Baptist missionary Jim McDonald, who was interpreting for the Tennesseans.

Adkins, an evangelist serving as team leader, and Micksch, a businessman, both have cerebral palsy, a fact that proved to be significant.

It began the previous day when the four men were driving down the street in San Felix. Adkins asked McDonald to pull over so he could take a picture. He got out of the car, took a picture of

the bank, returned to the car, and they drove on. The next day they returned to the bank to exchange some U. S. dollars for bolivares. Micksch asked McDonald to stop so he could take a picture of the bank. After the picture, they pulled up to the drive in window to exchange the currency.

Within minutes they were surrounded by yellow Venezuelan police cars. The police emerged with their hands on their pistols and ordered the Americans against the wall. After a few minutes of questioning and a search of the car the police apologized for stopping them. They explained that in Venezuela bank robbers often act handicapped so they have adequate time to case the bank prior to robbing it. They also take pictures. The guard had noticed the foursome the previous day. When they returned, taking more pictures and walking with a limp, he called the police.

During the week of door-to-door witnessing and evangelistic services at Iglesia Bautista Central (Central Baptist Church) the team reported 87 professions of faith and four rededications.

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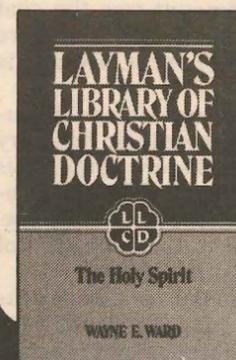


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## correction

The agenda of the 1987 Kentucky Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference Nov. 9, published in the Oct. 13 edition of Western Recorder, attributed the 3:30 p.m. sermon, "Hitherto...By Thy Call," to Don Zuberer. The message will be given by E. Keevil Judy. Zuberer will be performing the trumpet solo at 4 p.m.

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## First BSSB Librarian, Helen Conger, dies

Helen Conger, 70, first full time librarian for the Baptist Sunday School Board, died Oct. 4 following a brief illness.

Miss Conger, a native of Statesville, N. C., began work at the Sunday School Board in 1944 as assistant editor of Baptist Training Union Magazine. In 1947 she became full time librarian for Dargan Memorial Library, now E. C. Dargan Research Library. She retired in 1973 for health reasons.

"The job I wanted the least was librarian of Dargan Memorial Library," she recalled at the time of her retirement, because she said she felt "most librarians kept the books away from people. I threw open the doors and windows, cleaned up the library and let in a breath of fresh air. I concentrated on serving the editors and editorial staff of the board."

A graduate of George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University, she returned to Peabody while working full time, earning the MA degree in library science in 1953. At the same time, she received the Louis Shores medal for highest honors in library science.

Miss Conger was the author of teaching guides and numerous articles in denominational publications. She was a consultant with a number of Southern Baptist librarians and was active in the Tennessee Library Association. (BP)

## BJC members debate split with SBC

Severing Southern Baptist ties with the Baptist Joint committee on Public Affairs is the best thing for all involved, including the eight other Baptist groups that comprise the Washington-based agency, according to the chairman of the 18-member Southern Baptist contingent.

"I really do feel we have done the right thing," Sam Currin of Raleigh, N. C., told fellow members of the SBC Public Affairs Committee. Currin and seven other members of the committee voted Oct. 6 to ask the Southern Baptist Convention to dissolve the 50-year relationship between the SBC and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Four Public Affairs Committee members voted against the action, five were not present for the meeting and one has resigned.

"I think the Lord had his hand in this," Currin later told Baptist Press. "The other eight (BJC bodies) are going to be much happier."

Members of four of those bodies disagreed with Currin's prediction, however, saying the departure of Southern Baptists would be tragic, disappointing and damaging to the work of the BJC.

Lloyd Elder, a Public Affairs Committee member and president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said severing ties with the BJC negates Southern Baptists' renewed commitment to cooperate with other Baptists on the BJC.

Arguing for defeat of the motion, Elder asked the committee not to let the turmoil of the two-day BJC meeting overshadow the 50-year relationship between the BJC and Southern Baptists. "Don't make a decision that goes against 50 years of jointness because of perceived disagreements today," he said.

William Cober, associate general secretary of American Baptist Churches, U. S. A., disagreed: "I think the (Southern Baptist) group had already determined they were not in harmony with

## Preachers counter 'political' charges

Two preachers featured on the "Baptist Hour" program on the ACTS television network say they have not used the program for denominational political purposes.

Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, and Peter James Flamming, pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., made the statements in response to charges they might have used the program to promote moderate political causes within the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee, Paul Pressler, a Houston layman, said the two

## Death of ex Baptist executive announced

R. Y. Bradford, 80, executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico from 1967-74, died Oct. 9 in Albuquerque.

He arrived in New Mexico in 1941, becoming the first chaplain at Albuquerque Air Base, now Kirtland Air Force Base. Following chaplaincy, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Colorado City, Tex., seven years, then pastor of First Baptist Church, Santa Fe, N. M., 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ila A. Bradford, Albuquerque; two daughters, a son, two brothers and 11 grandchildren. (BP)

preachers on the program were candidates for office during the 1987 annual meeting. Jackson was nominated for president and Flamming was nominated for first vice president. Neither was elected.

"People are wondering: Is the Radio and Television Commission/ACTS supporting candidates for the Southern Baptist Convention presidency?" Pressler suggested.

Jackson told the Baptist Beacon, newsjournal of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, he had tried to protect the "Baptist Hour" from the SBC controversy. When it appeared he might be nominated in 1987, he withdrew from the program and was replaced by his associate, Joe Ford, for four weeks.

In response to Pressler's comments, Jackson told the Beacon: "This is another obvious indication that the proclamation of the gospel has taken a back seat to the power-seeking ambition of individuals within our convention. We at North Phoenix have never done anything on the 'Baptist Hour' except to proclaim the gospel. It is obvious that the proclamation is certainly not the primary concern of some."

Flamming told Baptist Press he has never dealt with the SBC controversy in any message he has delivered on the show. (BP)

## Southwestern professor Robert Douglass dies

Robert Douglass, professor of music history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., for 32 years, died Oct. 12 of cancer.

Douglass had retired from Southwestern as distinguished professor of musicology in July 1986. He and his wife, Elaine, had planned to devote their retirement years as short term volunteer foreign missionaries.

Douglass earned the BM, MM and PhD degrees from North Texas State University, Denton. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, a sister and a grandson. (BP)

## Jim Newton returning as HMB news director

James R. Newton, director of communications for Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, will return to the Baptist Home Mission Board as news director Nov. 1.

Newton, HMB news director from 1980 to June 1987, will become director of the newly formed News and Information Department. He will also be chief of the Atlanta bureau of Baptist Press.

Newton has 28 years' experience in denominational journalism working for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the central office of Baptist Press, the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board. He and his wife, the former Patricia Tullos of Clinton, Miss., will move to Atlanta later this year. (BP)

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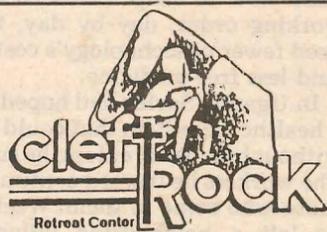
"I felt there was a hidden agenda from some members of the Public Affairs Committee that was imposed on the Baptist Joint Committee," C. J. Malloy Jr. of the Progressive National Baptist Convention said after the BJC meeting. "For a new group of personalities to come in and vote against every proposal was unfortunate. (BP)

## Women in Ministry holds annual luncheon

The annual Women In Ministry luncheon will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 at noon in the Christian activities building of Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

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### Theater of the mind

There it was again, an unmistakable voice out of the past I had heard so many times in my youth. Before I glanced at the TV I recognized Mason Adams, pitching sales for Smucker's.

I don't see him as a hawker of jams and jellies, however. I remember Adams as an actor in radio's golden age. I grew up with him when he was sidekick to *Hearthstone of the Death Squad* in the mid 40s. I heard him on the serials piped into our home daily.

As I delivered the afternoon paper in my neighborhood, I could go from house to house following the story line of *Backstage Wife*, *Stella Dallas*, *Young Widder Brown*, *Just Plain Bill* and beleaguered counterparts wafting from family Philcos, Zeniths and Motorolas.

A collector of radio memorabilia for two decades, I recall radio's golden age made us think. Each time Fibber McGee opened his closet door you anticipated the inevitable crash-bam-boink-boom-bump-ding-thud as tons of junk fell on him. We pictured Fibber's pained expression as he turned to Molly and said, "One of these days, Molly, I'm gonna have to clean that thing up!"

That was radio's uniqueness. A theater of the mind, it permitted us to create images and establish settings as we thought they really were.

As the soap operas faded each day, those my age followed our own adventures—*The Cisco Kid*, *Tom Mix*, *Straight Arrow*, *Sergeant Preston*—and will any from that generation forget *Sky King*? To this day I prefer his sponsoring brand of peanut butter!

Of radio's many gifts—music, drama, quiz, comedy, mystery, adventure, variety, it was mystery that charmed me most. I listened intently as *The Shadow* exposed "what evil lurks in the hearts of men." I tensed to the squeaking door signaling *Inner Sanctum* was on. My knuckles whitened as they tuned in for another "tale well calculated to keep you in *Suspense*." But my unquestioned favorite was *Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons*.

Every Thursday night the 'kindly old investigator' presented one of his "most widely celebrated missing persons cases." Thousands decided, along with Mr. Keen and partner Mike Clancy, which of three suspects was a "cold blooded killer." For 18 years we did that—until the series left the air in 1955.

So much for an era that allowed us to laugh, to cry, to reason, to dodge our cares for awhile. I sometimes think if it were possible to return to those "thrilling days of yesteryear," when out of the paths came the "thundering hoofbeats of the great horse Silver," we might recapture some values America so highly prized which have gone the way of forgotten heroes.

## Pikeville Sunday school mission comes of age

by Todd Deaton  
Staff Writer

Kentucky Baptists gained another foothold this fall in an area where Southern Baptist churches are sparse when First Baptist Church, Pikeville, expanded its Sunday school outreach ministry in the nearby Island Creek community into a preaching point.

"The Sunday school extension was begun four years ago and has been averaging around 40 to 50 children each week," said Pikeville pastor Glenn Mollette. In November 1986 his church decided the Sunday school extension had "come of age" and needed the boost of a regular preaching service "to encourage adults in the Island Creek community to attend and give the mission some stability.

"There are about 4000 people in the Island Creek area and adjacent hollows. Most of these people would not drive the five miles to come to First Baptist because of assumed socio-economic differences," Mollette contends. "However, these people would probably be more comfortable worshipping regularly in a stable mission church in their immediate vicinity."

First Baptist, Pikeville, turned to 12-year veteran pastor Tom Moore to provide that stability and the parental nurture essential for the young mission's growth. Moore, now a chaplain at the Justice Funeral Home in Pikeville, jumped at the opportunity to become active in pastoral ministry again.

"One of the greatest things we need to learn, as both laity and clergy, is that ministry is a daily endeavor, Moore stated.

"There is such a tremendous potential for ministry to the people of Island Creek," he continued. "I'm excited to be on the starting front—visiting, creating



Pikeville Sunday school outreach to the Island Creek community develops into preaching point this month.

a newsletter and organizing youth programs—at Island Creek. Our greatest need is to purchase property for a permanent building."

For the past four years the Sunday school outreach has been led by eight First Baptist members under the direction of Pat Hammond.

First Baptist also provides two vans to pick up the community's children and bring them to two mobile homes located in the Island Creek trailer park. The homes, purchased by First Baptist, sit on two lots, one of which is donated by the park for the mission.

According to Bill Jagers, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department, the birth of this mission is significant to Kentucky Baptists' "Mission Kentucky" program to start 400 new churches by 1990. The program helps provide funds for the bivocational pastor's salary and for much of the mission's operating budget.

"Island Creek is particularly significant because it is in the very county the

Home Mission Board's demographic survey revealed as having the greatest need for church starts," Jagers explained. Other counties listed by the survey are Floyd, Warren and Fayette.

The last census, taken in 1980, showed the estimated population of Pike County to be 83,300. Of that number, 87 percent claimed no church membership, leaving better than 71,000 people lost without Christ. Then, there were only 18 New Testament churches in the entire county.

Jagers, who visited the Island Creek mission Oct. 4, congratulated the members of First Baptist, Pikeville, "You folks are right on target.... We need to start new churches to reach people for Christ because new works grow much faster than old work," he declared.

"The last three churches started by Pikeville baptized converts at almost a 10 to one ratio. You have an excellent record of planting churches in places with a potential to grow," Jagers stated.

## Kenya missionary returns to stand against odds

by Marty Croll

There has not been a lot of success with the type of program David Sorley is planning for people living in tar paper shanties in Nairobi, Kenya. But the Southern Baptist missionary is used to standing against odds.

Sorley, a physician, left the eastern Ugandan village of Bunambale more than a year ago, after national Baptists suggested his method of dealing with disease and deprivation would be better practiced elsewhere. His method? Teach basic health care—focus on preventative rather than curative medicine.

His story points at the tension between old and new ways Southern Baptists are meeting people's physical needs overseas. And while he evaluates his Uganda experience as having "limited success," many attempts by others at similar health programs—such as those in Zimbabwe, Yemen and India—have gained widespread acceptance.

Six years ago the people of Bunambale told Sorley they wanted to know how to stay healthy. He trained local teams of Ugandans to perform basic healthcare procedures and led about half of them to faith in Christ. He also worked with Baptist churches in the area and began outreach to Muslims. For four years he passed along everything he could about spiritual and physical health.

Sorley trained in the emerging field of community-based health care after

missionary experiences in Ethiopia during the 1970s convinced him of the limitations of more traditional institutional health ministries. In Ethiopia he repeatedly saw the same preventable diseases and knew they resulted from a way of living that education could change.

Now Sorley is in the United States on furlough, still sorting out what he learned from Ugandans who wanted something more than community-based health. When he returns to Kenya next year, Sorley will try again, although he says programs in urban settings have a history of even fewer successes than in the more stable rural villages.

Sorley's approach to health relates less to healing and more to maintaining wholeness. He believes if Africans will learn how to keep themselves in good working order, day by day, they will need fewer of technology's costly cures. And less free medicine.

In Uganda Sorley had hoped to set up a healthcare system that could continue without him. To an extent, he succeeded. The workers he trained continue to help those who come to them. Weeks before he left a neighboring village began working with him to set up their own community health program. And days before he left, he received word that Ugandan health services had decided to try using some of his approaches to health care.

Sorley's project is the type of approach strategists at the Foreign Mission Board believe is needed to stem

mass deprivation during coming years. Worldwide, as cardboard ghettos swell and the gap widens between very rich and very poor, the board is seeking new ways to reach people. Southern Baptists in their churches considered the plight of the hurting when they recognized World Hunger Awareness Day Oct. 11.

Compared to 10 years ago, the board pays increasing attention to solving problems rather than simply meeting immediate needs. More emphasis than ever is given to teaching hygiene and nutrition and providing clean water. In short, more action than reaction, and prevention instead of Band-Aids.

For example, only about one-third of the Southern Baptist world hunger dollar goes to buy and distribute food, as opposed to 1977 when almost all of it went for that. "Our missionaries are trying to set up model projects that deal with underlying causes," says John Cheyne, the board's chief hunger-relief planner.

Southern Baptist missionary Harold Watson has been working 23 years to perfect one such project in the shadow of the highest peak in the Philippines. Through the Baptist Rural Life Center he developed and the Christian farmers' club he helped start, Watson and his team of Filipino agriculturists give new life to rutted and eroded hillsides. They have offered hope to thousands of peasant farmers throughout Asia who have come and taken the ideas home to their own washed-out gardens.

# mountains to the mississippi

## congregations

A mission team from **Sand Spring Baptist Church**, Lawrenceburg, helped build a permanent sanctuary for Eloia Baptist Mission in the mountains of Letcher County. Team members included Vernon Holt, Roy Harley, Velen Harley, Allen Sherwood, Elmo Allender, John Thornberry, J. T. Shelton, Eugene Richmond, Gail Holt, Matt Holt, Bryan Sherwood, Sylvia Allender, Betty Richmond, Bobby Richmond, J. Terry Wilder and David Charlton. J. Terry Wilder is pastor of Sand Spring.

**First Baptist Church, Fairdale** held its homecoming Sunday, Oct. 18. Guest speaker was Walter Isley, pastor of Eastern Parkway Baptist, Louisville. The celebration included an all day fellowship and dinner on the ground.

Kenneth W. Milby is pastor.

Throughout November **Melbourne Heights Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, will celebrate its 30-year anniversary. The theme is "Harvesting from Our Heritage." Guest speakers include former pastor Frank Hawkins, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer Bill Marshall, KBC director of Minister/Church Support Division Bill Rogers and Southern Seminary (Louisville) professor Walter Jackson. John Brandon is pastor of Melbourne Heights.

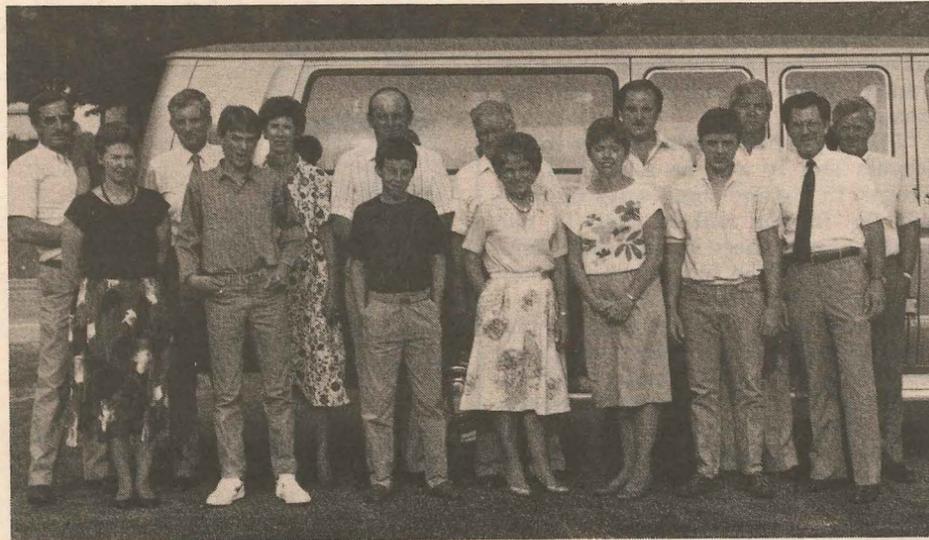
## ordinations

Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, ordained **Terry Nation**, **Bernie Brumfield** and **Mark Gorbandt** as deacons Oct. 3 David Livingston Jr. is pastor.

**Tommy Arvin** was ordained as deacon Sept. 20 by Smithfield Baptist Church, Henry County Association. His father, Harmon Arvin, deacon of Franklinton Baptist, Henry County Association, gave the charge. Larry Wetherington is pastor of Smithfield.

**Billy Henson** was ordained to the ministry Sept. 27 at First Baptist Church, Junction City, South District Association. David L. Simpson is pastor.

**Larry West** and **Steve Tussey** were ordained as deacons by Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. C. Michael Watts is pastor.



Sand Spring Baptist mission team.

Caledonia Baptist Church, Olmsted, Ill., ordained its pastor, **Rick Yarbrough**, Sept. 27.

**Larry Boyles** was ordained to the ministry Sept. 13 by Eastwood Baptist Church, Warren Association. Boyles has accepted the call of First Baptist, Snellville, Ga., as minister of administration.

**Charlie Baker**, **Danny Caudill** and **Jack Waddles** were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Three Forks Association. Thomas S. Stokes is pastor of the church.

**John Beville** and **Joseph Nichols** were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association. H. Garrison Coltharp is pastor.

**Rick Harrell** and **James Wells** were ordained as deacons by Dawson Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association. Joe M. Thomas is pastor of Dawson.

## personnel

Sharon Baptist Church, Graves County Association, has called **Jonas R. Taylor** as pastor. Taylor comes from Mt. Juliet, Tenn. where he was pastor of Silver Springs Baptist Church.

**Bob Blevins** has been called as director of missions for Booneville and Irvine Associations. A native Ohioan, he has pastored in Kentucky and Ohio and has

been a foreign missionary in South West Africa and Grenada, West Indies.

**Terry Lester** has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, London, Laurel River Association. Lester is a graduate of Georgetown College, Southern Seminary and Lexington Theological Seminary. He goes to London from the pastorate of Red House Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

**Gerald Murphy** has resigned as pastor at Ovesen Heights Baptist Church, Sevens Valley Association, to accept the call of Nicholls (Ga.) Baptist Church.

**Cecil Mullins** has been called as pastor of East Bend Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

**Phillip Morrow** has been called as minister of music at Buechel Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Larry Dipboye is pastor.

**Pete Lumpkins** resigned the pastorate of Hillsdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

**Lowell Gossett** resigned as pastor of King Bee Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. The church called **Dormis L. Baker** as pastor effective Oct. 1.

**Curtis Keith** accepted the pastorate of Malvin Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**John Chaffin** resigned as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

**Mike Rice**, a missions volunteer, resigned as associate pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Greenup Association, to return to college. Harold Cathey is pastor.

**Layton Bullock** has been called as pastor of Acorn Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**Jack Grant** has been called as pastor and **Eldon Smith** as minister of music at Bronston Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

**Don Smith** has been called as minister of music at Elm Grove Baptist Church, Blood River Association. David B. Braisher is pastor.

**David Walters** accepted the call as minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Sevens Valley Association. Issac B. McDonald is pastor.

Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association, has called **Jeffrey L. Hudgins** as minister of education and singles, **Jeyakaran Thomas** as minister to internationals and **Kim Armstrong** as minister to children. C. Michael Baker is pastor.

**Ray Wilson** has resigned as pastor of East Pittsburg Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

**Larry Noe** has been called as pastor of New Liberty Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

## associations

Many resolutions have been received by Western Recorder expressing opposition to a state lottery. It is obvious many Kentucky Baptists feel this is bad for our state. The following associations are among those which have passed antilottery resolutions: **Russell Creek**, **Mount Zion**, **Casey County** and **Northern Kentucky**.

**Long Run Association** and the Kentucky Baptist Convention are sponsoring a three-hour workshop on reclaiming inactive church members. John S. Savage, founder and president of Leadership, Education and Development Consultants, will lead the workshop Oct. 29, 7 p.m. at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave., Louisville.



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## homes for children

### Passing by or giving help

A man on his way from Jerusalem to Jerico fell among the thieves. They beat him, robbed him and left him half dead. Presently a religious leader came by but seeing the wounded man, he passed by on the other side. Later another religious leader came along. He came over and looked on the poor man. He also

passed by on the other side. Finally there came by a Samaritan, a social outcast. No one expected any good from him. But the Samaritan had compassion on the man. He treated his wounds, got him to a safe place and paid the cost of his care. We quickly condemn the ones who passed by and extol the one who was a compassionate neighbor.

In this 20th century children often find themselves in circumstances which render them wounded by the side of society's road. Presently one of every four children ages four and five is poor. One in six has no health insurance; one in six lives in a family where neither parent has a job; one in seven likely will be a school dropout and one in five likely will become a parent while a teenager.

More than 280,000 children in Kentucky live in families whose income is below the poverty level. That is 27% of Kentucky's children. In our affluent nation poverty takes the life of a child every 53 minutes. Broken homes, alcoholism, crime and poverty are large

contributors to the great number of wounded children. In these circumstances children feel the hurt of not being loved or wanted. Often they are abused, neglected and even deserted.

Many people with the resources and ability to help these wounded children are passing by on the other side. Yet our Lord calls us to help the fatherless. Kentucky Baptists have long demonstrated compassion for dependent, neglected children by providing Christian care in our children's homes. In this day when so many children are troubled and hurt by our sinful society, we must redouble our focus on these wounded children. Instead of assuming someone will care for them, we must all be willing to make a personal sacrifice to help provide for their care.

I call you, my Kentucky Baptist friends, to be careful that not one of us, through careless unconcern, passes by on the other side. Instead, let us help our wounded children by supporting Baptist Homes for Children.



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## oneida journal

### Terminally ill

We have a problem. It has to do with enrolment. Most private schools have a problem with enrolment. They work very hard to attract students, do a lot of advertising, put on a real recruiting effort, print slick brochures.

But Oneida has a different sort of problem. We have too many seeking to come. Yet we feel, after a five-fold increase in enrolment, that we must not add any more beds. We are big enough to have a comprehensive program yet small enough to know and work with our boys and girls as individuals.

We are not recruiting at Oneida. But we are working day and night receiving guests, showing aspiring students and their loved ones around. They have heard of us from someone else, a present or former student, parents of students or alumni, or neighbors who knew someone else who came to Oneida and really liked their experience here. Not everyone has the same experience or shares a good feeling about their days at Oneida, but enough do that their word of mouth has us swamped with prospective students.

A wonderful Christian girl, who found herself here three years and recently graduated, writes: "I don't know exactly how to say some of the things I want but I'll search and pray and words will come. Thank you and the teachers. Graduation was beautiful and I have faith in God and memories of what Oneida means to me. I am thankful not

only for what Oneida is but what Oneida has made of me. All the things that God granted come to mind and all the dreams.

"I'll keep Oneida close always in my prayers and it will be a part of me forever. In big and small ways the love and the friends will be kept in our hearts. I know there is a series of stepping stones in the big world and they can only be taken one at a time.

"Reaching out to touch new people, meeting and sharing, remembering, persevering, growing and coming together. It's being at peace with myself in search of my destiny. Putting my trust in God and looking forward with faith and strength. I just wanted to let you know how I feel and to send this picture of us together on graduation day."

From Hamilton, Oh.: "I am the grandmother of Jim Dan. Just a few lines to let you know I am eternally thankful for bestowing the honor of commencement on my little grandson. I am terminally ill and haven't been up to writing to thank you. Jim Dan was so happy and grateful, also his mother. He is so very happy at your school which in my opinion, our Lord and savior has his hand upon. I pray every night for you and your Christian staff and for God to provide you many needs.

"Jim Dan is a changed young man. Praise God. I dedicated him to the Lord when he was an infant. You are aware of his dad. I can't call him a father as my Bible reads that a man who does not support his children is lower than an infidel. He still makes threats on our lives. I covet your prayers for my daughter and her little girl's safety. I will never live to see Jim Dan graduate. But I'll look down from heaven with our precious Lord and savior and I will know. In Christ until he comes or takes me home."

We get many letters like the following: "I am writing regarding the bill for Jane's summer session there. My husband still isn't working and hasn't since October '83. I pray soon he will find work and then I can take care of some of this bill. It is impossible for me to pay anything now. We have been borrowing just to live. In fact I borrowed to pay for the regular session with you only charging me \$25.

"Jane loves school there and I cannot say enough words how much I appreciate your way of teaching spiritual things as well as the three R's.

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 25, 1987

Life and work series

### Living as children of God

**Galatians 3:29** Whether those who are in Christ are privileged or underprivileged, educated or uneducated, they are heirs of God's resources and promises.

**Galatians 4:1-7** The real purpose and final goal of the incarnation was "to redeem them that were under the law." Christ redeemed us "that we might receive the adoption of sons." Adoption is the transferral of a person from one family into another. In spiritual adoption a child of Satan is taken out of his family and placed into the family of God. A product of the incarnation is heirship. "If a son, then an heir of God through Christ." If we are sons of God, then we are sure of his love, of his care and of his discipline. Because we are God's children, we are assured of divine guidance, cleansing and ultimate triumph. We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

**Galatians 4:8-11** After they had come to know God as their heavenly Father, and had experienced the joyous privilege and inestimable blessing of intimate fellowship with him, some of the Galatian Christians had allowed themselves to revert to their previous bon-

dage. Grieved by their great folly and unable to comprehend why they preferred slavery to being children of God, Paul asked them to explain why they allowed themselves to be enslaved again by the very spirits from which Christ had rescued them. Instead of becoming increasingly appreciative of the liberty with which Christ had set them free as they should have done, they turned to the observance of days and to other formalistic practices.

**Galatians 4:19** Addressing the Galatian Christians as his little children, Paul revealed to them that his loving concern for them was comparable to that of a mother's love for those to whom she had given birth. Paul wanted them to enjoy fullness of blessings from God.

International series

### A family divided

Twin sons were born to Isaac and Rebekah. Though children of the same parents and reared in the same home, Esau and Jacob were as unlike as two boys could have been. Esau was an outdoorsman. He was an excellent hunter and lived a rugged life in the fields. Jacob was a meditative indoorsman who preferred to remain at home with his mother. Unfortunately Esau and Jacob were deprived of equal parental affection. Esau was the favorite of his father and Jacob was the favorite of his mother.

**Genesis 27:1-10** Isaac grew old and was almost blind. He summoned Esau and directed him to procure some venison and to prepare for him a meal of the savory meat ere he gave to him the covenant blessing. Isaac's instruction of Esau and the announcement of his intention with reference to blessing him were overheard by Rebekah. Knowing that Isaac purposed to bless Esau, instead of attending to her own business, she resolved to interfere with Isaac's plan.

Rebekah devised a scheme to circumvent the plan of Isaac to confer the birthright blessing upon his favorite son. She urged Jacob to impersonate Esau and obtain the coveted blessing for himself.

**Genesis 27:41-45** Angry Esau resolved that he would murder his brother, Jacob, at his first opportunity. So, to remain at home was no longer safe for Jacob. With quick counsel from his mother, Jacob fled to the habitation of his uncle, Laban, hoping to escape the wrath of his brother whom he had wronged.



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## on mission together

### Come to the party

When, almost five years ago, I was invited to accept this ministry, it was immediately apparent that this Sesquicentennial year would be important to the Kentucky Baptist family. Thus, in 1983, planning was begun. Now this special year is about to reach its conclusion.

If it's acceptable for Baptists to "have fun" then it's safe to say that we've tried hard to make this a "fun year."

For the estimated 15,000 of us who sat in Rupp Arena on the evening of Apr. 7, joyfully imbibing the experience of a foreign missionary appointment service, it was an exhilarating moment in our history. We were, indeed, having our kind of "fun."

History will recall the record crowd of 1100 Kentucky Baptist college students, drinking in the spiritual concessions prepared for them at this year's special BSU convention. Out of that "party" will come a host of church lead-

ers, Christian statespersons and missionaries. That's our kind of fun.

And how about that **Brotherhood Convention!** All previous attendance records broken. Central Baptist Church in Winchester was bursting at the seams when, on the final night, more than 1000 experienced from Baptist entertainer Jerry Clower that laughter is not only good for the soul but **good for Baptists.** It was our kind of fun.

Another largely different crowd of 1458 Kentucky Baptists meeting in Bowling Green had the first **Sunday School "party"** of its kind in more than 20 years. Kentucky Baptists have come once again to the recognition that "as goes the Sunday school, so goes the church." It was a "fun crowd," loaded with affirmation and hope.

On the Wednesday afternoon of the convention a unique group of Kentuckians will gather for a meal. For the 400 Kentucky Baptists who have participated in the Kentucky/Kenya partnership since last year, it will be a kind of

"last supper." Probably no sustained event in the life of Kentucky Baptists has so impacted our churches, associations and convention.

Although statistical results of the partnership will be shared at the convention, there is no adequate measure for what has happened. For, like a stone thrown into the lake, in a moment it is gone, "but there are a hundred ripples, circling on and on and on."

These 400 will be joined at the center by the more than 300 other Kenya volunteers and as a group sit amongst 7000-plus others who will crowd into Louisville's Commonwealth Center to enjoy our "final party." This **Celebration Event**, directed by Vernon Cole, involving hundreds of persons, drama and music will be an unforgettable experience. I don't want to miss this party. For you see, when Kentucky Baptists celebrate 200 years in AD 2037, I will be 105 years old!

Kentucky Baptists, y'all come to the party!

## NOBTS graduate sells business to be hospital chaplain

by Breena Kent Paine

He could have been a successful businessman. In fact, he was one once. But he gave it all up to be a hospital chaplain.

Royce Ballard, a chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, was owner of Tape City USA, Inc., and Ballard Distributing, Inc.

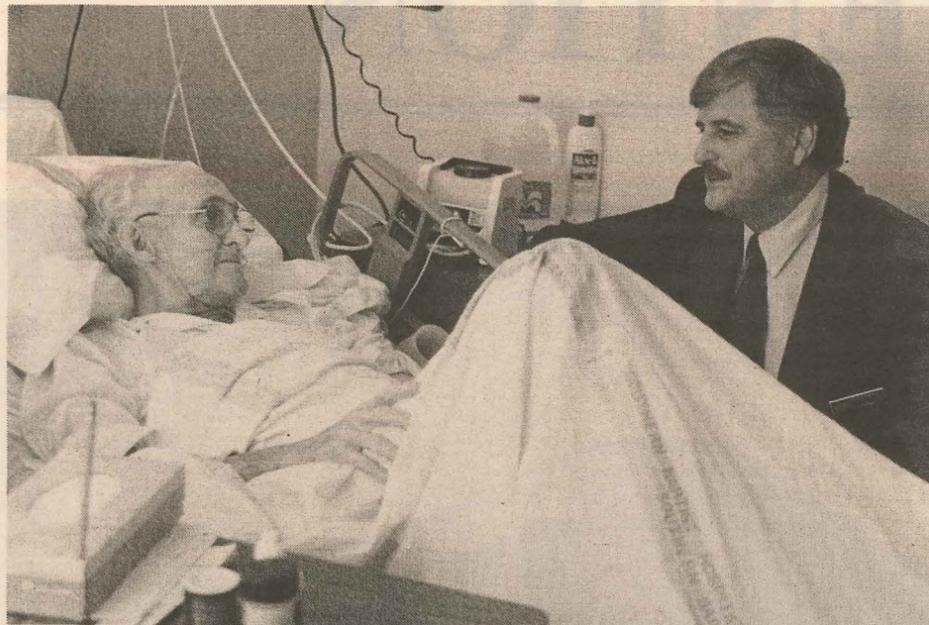
"I had a net worth of about \$3 million" at one time before "I sold my business and gave my stock to my partners," said Ballard.

He had been visiting patients two afternoons a week at Baptist hospital. At the time, Ballard had no guarantee he would be hired as a chaplain, but he sold his business anyway.

In January, 1984 he became an intern in the Clinical Pastoral Education program of the hospital; in 1985 he became a resident; and in 1986 he was hired as one of four staff chaplains at the hospital.

"What I'm doing is of eternal significance, as compared to owning a business," said Ballard, who feels businessmen are important also, "but this is of significance even after death."

Gene Huffstutler, director of pastoral care at Baptist hospital, said, "Royce



Royce Ballard, a chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, shares with a patient. As a chaplain, he feels he can make a difference in patients' "quality of life."

does a good job of conveying...genuine interest and caring. I think he is valued at a lot of different levels—with relatives, with administrators, with execu-

tives in the community, as well as people who are everyday people....He's a pastor in the real sense of the word."

Contrary to its name, the hospital does

not have ties with the Southern Baptist Convention, although the director and three of the four staff chaplains are Southern Baptists.

Student chaplains, such as New Orleans Seminary student Jim Chatfield, and other ministers from varying denominations also minister to the patients.

"One of the things about hospital ministry is that it has to be ecumenical," said Huffstutler, a graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "Most of our patients are Roman Catholic, and there is a lot of diversity in religious preference."

"As a pastor, (patients) see in me the transcendent," said Ballard. "And I have certainly learned that many of them will allow you to bless them and minister to them....Sometimes the biggest ministry is to be able to accept people where they are and love them."

He has found his job rewarding as those he ministers to "learn to live (in their illness) and have a quality of life."

Ballard, from Prattville, Ala., holds a BA degree from Samford University, and a ThM degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he has continued to take counseling courses. He and his wife Katherine have eight children.

While working with cancer patients, "I learned that my life could make a difference," he said. He learned to not "look at them as people waiting to die," but people whom he could "make a difference for in their quality of life."

Ballard also found he was often tempted to "hold on" to patients and their problems. "I had to realize God related to them even before I knew them. I had to learn to let go and know God is still there with them, and rather than trying to keep all these burdens myself, realize it's in God's power."

He said, "God makes a tremendous difference both in times of getting well, and in the composure of how they die." His experience has been that those who "affirm faith in God...get better faster, and when they have to face death, they handle that better."

He also deals with hospital employees on a day-to-day basis. "It's like being pastor of a big church, because there are 1800 employees."

## Live teleconference to aid parents of teens

New insights for parents regarding relationships with their teenagers will be the goal of a live, unscrambled teleconference to be broadcast Nov. 2 on the Baptist Telecommunication Network (BTN).

More than 10,000 parents of teens along with youth ministers and other youth leaders in churches are expected to participate in the event, according to Richard Ross, youth ministry consultant in the Church Administration Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The teleconference, sponsored jointly by the Church Administration and Family Ministry departments of the board, will be broadcast twice during the evening to enable viewers in all time zones to participate at reasonable hours.

In addition to the 1200 subscribers to

BTN, any individual or organization with a satellite receiving dish will be able to pick up the teleconference from 7:30-9 p.m. in Eastern and Mountain time zones and 6:30-8 p.m. in Central and Pacific time zones.

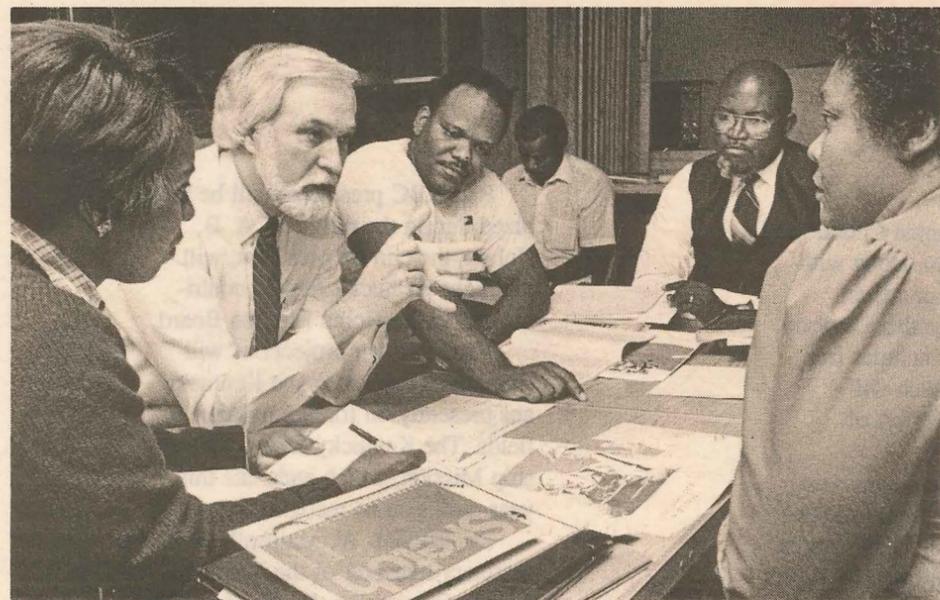
The teleconference will include 30 minutes of discussion by a panel of authorities on adolescent development, followed by one hour of open discussion based on questions telephoned to the panelists from parents and other church leaders.

The panel will consist of Janice Siler, a Raleigh, N. C. licensed family counselor specializing in families with adolescents; Wilson Wayne Grant, a San Antonio, Tex. doctor specializing in adolescent medicine; and Ann Sullivan, a Houston, Tex. assistant high school principal.

Cohosts for the teleconference will be Jimmy Hester, editor of Living with Teenagers, Family Ministry Department, and Ross.

Ross said he hoped many Southern Baptist churches would plan an evening of discussion to help parents of teenagers, using the teleconference as a catalyst for sharing among parents and leaders. One possibility he suggested was a fellowship meal immediately before the broadcast.

A teleconference planning kit is available to help churches and individuals promote and plan for the evening. Included are clip art, a sample letter to parents ideas for fellowship and promotion ideas. The free planning kit may be requested from Ross or Hester at 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.



Sam Beene, second from left, coordinator of Black Church Development in the Special Ministries Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, talks with Sunday school leaders at Priest Lake Community Baptist Church where Beene is part time minister of education. Participating in the Sunday school workers' meeting with Beene are, from left: Arlean Turner, Sunday school director; Carlton Haywood; Sid Smith, pastor and black church development section manager at the Sunday School Board; and Mary Howard.

## BSSB fills black church post

Samuel K. Beene, a former minister of education and Christian social ministries missionary in California, has been named a coordinator for Black Church Development in the Special Ministries Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He fills the first of three new coordinator positions, according to Sid Smith, manager of the Black Church Development Section.

"Beene has an excellent background in convention work and in leadership of education programs in the black church," Smith said.

Beene most recently was a Christian social ministries missionary in San Jose, Calif., from 1973 to 1987. He began his duties at the Sunday School Board Sept. 1.

He also was the first minister of education at Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Jose, Calif., 1980-81.

"Pastor Willie Gaines asked me to be a part time minister of education for a year to establish a Sunday school department and organize a Southern Baptist Sunday school," Beene said.

Emmanuel Baptist Church now has one of the largest Sunday schools in the Baptist General Convention of California.

Beene has worked as a juvenile probation officer and child welfare specialist in Bakersfield, Calif.

He holds a BA degree in social work from California State University, Fresno, and a master of religious education degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Currently he is minister of education at Priest Lake Community Baptist Church in Antioch, Tenn., where Smith is pastor.



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# CONVENTION

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Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center is the site of the *Celebration '87 Rally*

## KBC observes anniversary

**K**entucky Baptists will bring to a climax their sesquicentennial observance year with a **Celebration '87 Rally**. Using the theme, "Enriched by heritage, Encouraged by hope," the rally ends the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention in Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center (221 Fourth Ave.), **Wednesday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. (E.S.T.)**.

Visiting church groups from across the state as well as convention messengers will join together in learning who they are, who they have been and who they can become as Kentucky Baptists. Representatives from each state association will participate in a parade of banners to

begin the celebration.

The Kentucky Baptist Chorale and Orchestra will perform, along with contemporary Christian artists, Darryl Adams and Cynthia Clawson. Adams' performance includes free verse style singing which will highlight the mission effort of Kentucky Baptists.

The rally's historical emphasis includes "Epistles," a drama presenting the heritage of Kentucky Baptists from 1776 to 1987. Written by Ragan Courtney, associate professor of Christian theatre at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and John Styron, a former student of Courtney's, the drama focuses on events through the medium of letters.

Past KBC presidents will be recognized during the rally. Dr. A. B. Colvin, the current president, will highlight Kentucky Baptist contributions to the Home Mission Board.

Visual screen projections will show ninety-seven active Kentuckians presently on foreign mission fields. The Kentucky-Kenya Partnership Mission, which ends late this year, will also be recognized.

Dr. William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, launched the idea for **Celebration '87** soon after joining the KBC in 1983.