

# For convention celebrants, there's a smorgasbord selection

by James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

When Kentucky Baptists arrive in Louisville Nov. 9 to mark the 150th anniversary of their founding as a state body, they'll encounter a potpourri of related auxiliary events palatable to the most discriminating tastes.

What this means is that, in addition to the meeting of the parent Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 10-11, a wide variety of smaller groups will be sharing common purposes unique unto themselves.

Here is our traditional listing of these activities as reported in advance to Western Recorder.

## Monday, Nov. 9

10:30 a.m. Credentials Committee luncheon meeting, Masterson's Food and Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St.

11:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association officers' luncheon, Western Sizzlin, 4120 Dutchmans Ln.

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention registration opens, Walnut Street Baptist Church, 1101 S. 3rd St.

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board meeting, Chapel, Walnut Street Baptist Church

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association registration opens, St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave.

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association registration opens, Walnut Street Baptist Church

1:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association, St. Matthews Baptist Church

2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Sanctuary, Walnut Street Baptist Church

2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Walnut Street Baptist Church

4:45 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale rehearsal, St. Matthews Baptist Church

5:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions fellowship dinner, Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, 1201 S. 4th St.

6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association banquet, St. Matthews Baptist Church

6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association banquet, Walnut Street Baptist Church

6:45 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Sanctuary, Walnut Street Baptist Church

## Tuesday, Nov. 10

9 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention. Sanctuary, Walnut Street Baptist Church

10 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale rehearsal, St. Matthews Baptist Church

12 noon Annuitants luncheon, Walnut Street Baptist Church

12 noon Women in Ministry luncheon, Walnut Street Baptist Church

12:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions luncheon, Masterson's Food and Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St.

1:25 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention, Walnut Street Baptist Church

4:45 p.m. Ministers' Wives Fellowship (buses leave Walnut Street at 4:45 p.m.; appetizers at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Roy L. Honeycutt at 5 p.m.; dinner in Mullins Hall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at 5:30 p.m.)

5:15 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Historical Society dinner, Holiday Inn, 120 W. Broadway

6:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention, Walnut Street Baptist Church

## Wednesday, Nov. 11

7 a.m. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College breakfast, Davis Memorial Baptist

Church, 9515 Hurstbourne Ln.

7:30 a.m. Campbellsville College breakfast, Masterson's Food and Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St.

7:30 a.m. Cumberland College breakfast, Galt House East, 4th St. and River

7:30 a.m. Georgetown College breakfast, Walnut Street Baptist Church

9 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention, Walnut Street Baptist Church

12 noon Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, Holiday Inn, 120 W. Broadway

12 noon New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, Masterson's Food and Drink, 1830 S. 3rd St.

12 noon Southern Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, Walnut Street Baptist Church

12 noon Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary luncheon, Treyton Oak Towers, 211 W. Oak St.

2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention, Walnut Street Baptist Church

2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale rehearsal, St. Matthews Baptist Church

4:45 p.m. Kenya Volunteers dinner, Commonwealth Convention Center, 221 River City Mall

6:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention Celebration '87 event, Commonwealth Convention Center

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## Lolley to quit in wake of seminary trustee dictates

by Larry E. High  
and R. G. Puckett

In a surprise announcement which stunned the faculty, student body and community, W. Randall Lolley last week announced plans to terminate his presidency at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., a post he has held 13 years.

The 56-year-old Alabama native—who holds two degrees from Southeastern and is the only alumnus to be its president—told a tearful student body Oct. 22 that action taken by seminary trustees the preceding week left him no alternative. (See story, page 9, this issue.) Trustees removed all power for selecting new faculty members from the faculty and gave it completely to Lolley

and trustees.

"I cannot fan into flame a vision which I believe to be contradictory to the dream which formed Southeastern in 1951 and has nourished me as a student and alumnus of the school," Lolley said at the conclusion of his chapel sermon. "I have reached some conclusions that make it necessary to begin discussing with the appropriate persons the termination of my presidency."

Lolley gave no date when the resignation would be effective. He tentatively has scheduled a Nov. 3 meeting with four members of the trustee board: Robert E. Crowley, chairman; James R. DeLoach, vice chairman; Jesse P. Chapman, immediate past chairman; and W. Lee Beaver Jr., chairman immediately before Chapman.

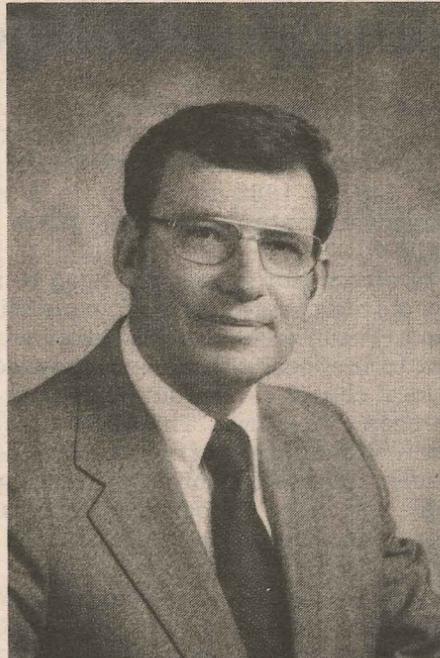
Lolley also revealed he had received a letter from Morris Ashcraft requesting that he be relieved of the role of dean but be permitted to continue on the faculty as professor of theology.

Lolley has no faculty status nor tenure, but Ashcraft has both. In his letter to Lolley, Ashcraft wrote: "The recent actions and stated intentions of the majority of our board of trustees indicate to me that I will not be able to implement their guidelines for the instruction unit of the seminary. Therefore, I hereby request that you plan for me to relinquish my position as dean of the faculty."

Lolley left the campus immediately after the chapel service to go to the bedside of his father who is seriously ill.

"In these resignations (Lolley and Ashcraft), we suffer two grievous losses," professor Richard Hester told a crowd of students and friends at a press conference held on the steps of Broyhill Hall, the building where the trustees met the week before.

"We are deeply saddened but not terribly surprised," Hester read from a prepared statement. "President Lolley and dean Ashcraft have both made it abun-



dantly clear that they will not implement the policies of political fundamentalism now being enacted by a narrow majority of our board of trustees.

"The president and the dean have told us they will not serve as agents of the persons who want to overturn this school's distinguished 37-year tradition of competent, open, responsible theological education. They have told us they refuse to preside over a fundamentalist school," Hester told several hundred students and media representatives.

Robert D. Crowley, a pastor in Rockville, Md.—who was elected chairman of the board of trustees, unseating Chapman, who could have served another year—repeatedly has said trustees have no plans to fire any existing faculty members. However, he did indicate all new faculty members will be inerrantists.

About the search for a new president, Crowley said, "I would be an imbecile

if I tried to tell you I didn't have some names going through my mind. I can assure that whoever he is, he will be an inerrantist."

Other trustees also reacted. Chapman, a retired surgeon in Asheville, N. C., said the resignation came as a surprise, but expressed his regrets and called the situation a tragedy.

"I felt it would be very difficult for president Lolley to keep his own sense of what was appropriate and right after the trustees' meeting Oct. 12-14," Chapman said. "Dean Ashcraft is also a man of high principles."

"I was not surprised" at the resignation, said Mark Caldwell, a pastor in Hyattsville, Md. "There is no way Randall Lolley can administer that school under these directives of the present board of trustees. He could not maintain his honor, his integrity."

"I'm just bleeding a little bit. I'm a Southeastern graduate myself," said W. Jerry Holcomb, a pastor from Virginia Beach, Va.

He said he was not shocked by the announcement: "I had suspected it in light of the last board meeting. If the deacons I serve with had shown what the trustees showed...it would have been fairly obvious that the working conditions would have been very difficult to operate in."

The faculty at Southeastern has no plans to resign en masse, professor Hester reported. "We do not intend to give up our prophetic voice."

"Only occasionally does an opportunity come to join together in proclaiming the truth in the face of a stifling, oppressive and powerful political movement," he said. "The events of the past 11 days have shaped this campus into the clearest and most determined opposition New Right fundamentalism in the Southern Baptist Convention has ever faced. The losses of a great president and a great dean make us all the more determined to continue this fight." (BP)

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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## What is fair?

The constant cry among us these days is for fairness. "Just be fair," we are told by almost everyone. The implication being that when we are fair all will be well.

But what is fair? The definition depends upon who is asking the question and who is answering it. The same set of circumstances and the same report of those circumstances will be viewed as fair by some, unfair by others making a definition of the word almost impossible.

A case in point comes out of the recent trustee meeting on the campus of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. This little incident illustrates as well as anything the dilemma we face each week in Southern Baptists relations as conflicting groups contend with each other for power.

In that particular Southeastern Seminary trustee meeting a new set of members for trustee committees was presented and elected because the first set of committee members was "unbalanced" and thus unfair.

The opposition to the existing committee structure, according to statements made by trustee Cecil D. Rhodes Jr., was because, "Our feeling was that the committees... (were) very heavy on those members that have moderate viewpoints.... We felt it was important to have a balanced committee...."

New trustee chairman Robert D. Crowley, a pastor from Rockville, Md., told reporters the instruction committee initially nominated had four moderates and one conservative. Obviously unfair.

Asked if the new instruction committee has four conservatives and one moderate, Crowley said, "It could break that way.... This is a very, very subjective thing." Obviously just as unfair.

Indeed. It is subjective and hard to diagnose whenever one side makes a power move, objective and obvious when the other side does the same thing. And where is fairness in this sort of activity?

Who is kidding whom in the SBC? Conservatives want control. Moderates want control. And control belongs to whomever has the votes, regardless of what is fair or unfair.

Our common life has become that political and manipulative, yet we delude ourselves with high-sounding phrases about spiritual light and fairness even when we are maneuvering for position and advantage.

It would be refreshing to hear someone say, "We did not seek to be fair. We loaded the committee to our point of view because we think we are right. Fair has nothing to do with it." We might boo such statements and hold our head in dismay, but at least the statements would be honest expressions of true feelings.

But we don't do it that way. Instead we play politics, jockey for position and make pious exclamations about the will of God.

It is a wearisome business under the guise of spiritual pilgrimage. Only the Lord knows when it will end and fairness, true fairness, reign among us.

## An important position to be filled

The announcement last week that Jay Brown, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Evangelism Department, will leave convention work Jan. 1, 1988 to return to a ministry of evangelism creates an opening which will not be easy to fill.

The director of evangelism must be a person of deep spiritual maturity and compassion for lost people. The office requires a person with commitment to the local church and knowledge of how the local church carries out its mission of winning lost people to Christ. The office also requires a person with administrative ability who can bring together diverse and often conflicting groups of people and shape a program of successful cooperation. It is a very important position which demands the best person in our ranks.

Jay Brown has held the post since 1977 and has done well. His background as a pastor and his heart for the preaching of the gospel made him a good choice for this office. He has given Kentucky Baptists good leadership and his insight and knowledge of our Kentucky churches will be

missed. We wish him well in his future ministry and pray the Lord will open many doors of ministry opportunity for him.

We also pray the Lord will give immediate direction to those who have the responsibility for finding Brown's successor. The task is formidable, especially since Baptists have suffered declines in baptisms in recent years. The cutting edge of evangelism has been dulled by our preoccupation with other things. We must find a person who will stimulate within us the will and show us the way to renew our commitment to winning lost people to Christ.

Evangelism is the first order of the church and the director of the Evangelism Department of our convention must be a person who is willing to go more than a second mile in leading us to more commitment to this ministry.

We join thousands of Kentucky Baptists in praying for God's strong leadership in the discovery and employment of a new director for this important department of our work.

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

# mountains to the mississippi

## missions

**Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Fields** were reappointed as missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board during its October meeting in Richmond, Va.

The Fieldses will work in the Middle East and North Africa, where he will be associate to the area director for Southern Baptist work in the Middle East and North Africa.

He and his wife Eddie, natives of Covington, were missionary student workers in the Middle East from 1963-71.

The couple founded cleftRock Retreat in Mt. Vernon, Ky. in 1974 and have since directed the small retreat center and led marriage enrichment workshops in churches throughout the country. They have been members of First Baptist Church, London.

Fields will begin working with the area director, Dale Thorne, Jan. 1 in Cyprus.

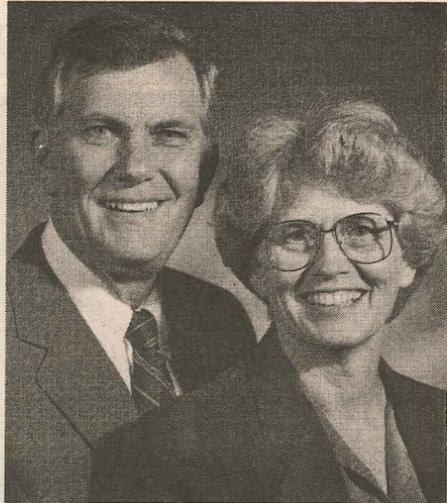
A 1957 graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College, he earned the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1961 and the DMin degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, earlier this year.

Fields was Georgetown College's dean of religious life from 1972-74.

The former Edwina Wehrmeyer, she received the BA degree from Georgetown College and the MS degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

**Rev. and Mrs. S. Gregory Smith** were among 54 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 13 at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

The Smiths will live in Costa Rica



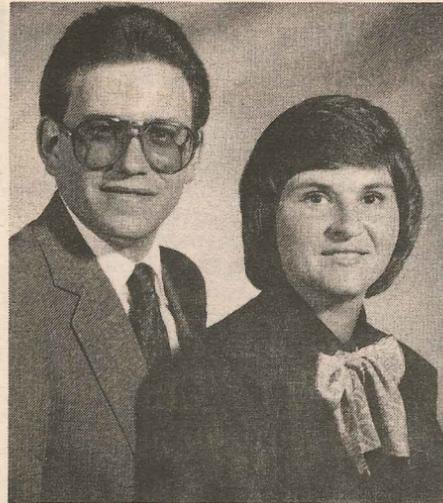
**Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fields**

where he will promote religious education. He is minister of education at Fredericksburg (Va.) Baptist Church. They are former members of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville.

He received the BA degree from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and the MDiv and MA degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a minister of youth in Royal, Ark., and a Church Training intern and special worker with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

Mrs. Smith also received the BA degree from Ouachita Baptist University and the AMin certificate from Southern Seminary. She has been a secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Smiths have one child, Jason Stuart, born in 1985. The family will go to Rockville, Va. in November for a seven-week orientation before leaving for the field.



**Rev. and Mrs. Gregory Smith**

**Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield** were also named missionaries Oct. 13 by the Foreign Mission Board.

The Hatfields will live in Angola. He will be working in agricultural evangelism.

They attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. More recently he has been a district conservationist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Soil Conservation Service in Ironton, Oh. They are members of Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Ashland.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Hatfield received his BS degree in agronomy and has been a soil conservationist with the USDA in Glasgow, Ky.

Also a native of Ashland, Mrs. Hatfield, the former Susan Emmons, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Emmons. She received the BS degree in mathematics from the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

The Hatfields will go to Rockville, Va. in January for orientation before departing for Angola.

**Rev. and Mrs. Bobby H. Elliott** were named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 13. The Elliotts will live in Swaziland, where he will be starting and developing churches.

He attends Southern Seminary and is pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Bedford.

A native of Dothan, Ala., he received the BS degree from Troy (Ala.) State University. He expects to receive the MDiv degree from Southern in December.

Elliott has been a supervisor for a trucking company in Dothan and a clerk in an antique shop in Louisville. He also



**Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield**



**Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Elliott**



**Carl Fields**

## glimpses of our heritage

### The Cooperative Program

The final report of the 75 Million Campaign gave total receipts of about \$17 million short of the goal.

The debt of the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention was about \$35 million. But the picture was not entirely dark for as one leader stated, "One out of seven Baptists had become a regular tither." In addition, many church members had learned the value of financial planning.

Out of this experience came the Cooperative Program, providing for the proper funding of most of the major agencies of the SBC: foreign missions, home and state missions, education, orphanages, minister's relief and hospitals. Gifts are made by individuals on a percentage basis to provide funds for state and Southwide causes included in the program.

At the 1913 session of the General Association in Jellico, Tenn., the association inaugurated a budget plan of its own to "consider the question of unifying our work so as to make unnecessary the large representation of various denominational interests as our district associations." The next year a committee of nine was appointed for that purpose.

In 1915 a committee on unification recommended "That we adopt the budget plan for the collection of funds for the support of all objects under the control and direction of the General Association including foreign missions, home mis-

has done summer mission work at a Royal Ambassador camp in Alabama.

Mrs. Elliott received the AA degree from George C. Wallace State Community College, Dothan. More recently she has been a waitress at the Colony Tea Room in Louisville.

The Elliotts have two children, Michael and Renee.

## personnel

**Diane McFarling** has been called as children's coordinator by Hall Street Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association. C. Richard Dendler is pastor of the church.

**Mike Williams** has been called as minister of education and youth by First Baptist Church, Lone Oak, West Union Association. Willis Henson is pastor of the church.

**Ty Clenney**, former pastor of Youngers Creek Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Sevens Valley Association, became the pastor of Greensburg Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, Aug. 2.

**C. C. Baker** has resigned as pastor of Elk Spring Baptist Church, Wayne County Association. Baker is moving to his retirement home in South Carolina.

**Roger Hodge** has resigned Wakfield Baptist Church, Nelson County Association, after five and a half years to become pastor of Cove Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He is a graduate of Boyce Bible School and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Donnie Sutton** resigned from First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, Russell County Association, to become pastor of Smith Street Baptist Church, Vidalia, Ga. Sutton was at First Baptist almost five years.

## ordinations

**Ronnie McPherson** has been called as pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. He was ordained to the ministry Sept. 27.

**Carl Bentley** and **Danny Kamer** were ordained as deacons by Garrison Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

**Jim Stamm** was ordained as a deacon by Owingsville Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

sions, state missions, and other denominational interests fostered by Kentucky Baptists." Each interest represented in the budget was to receive one-twelfth of the amount to be raised for that interest during the year, paid monthly. The budget plan was to be put in operation not later than Jan. 1, 1916.

In 1918 the General Association requested the board of directors to "put on, at the earliest possible date, a campaign to raise \$14 million—50 percent of the sum to go to Georgetown College and the rest to be divided among the other schools."

In 1926 a Committee of 15 was appointed to consider a memorial to the Baptist Education Society of Kentucky, organized in 1906, asking that a secretary of Christian education be employed to organize a campaign to raise money and that the schools be separately financed. All schools would continue to receive regular allotments under the budget plan until the program for separate financing was finished.



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## homes for children

### A winter home

Every wide-eyed child and hiker in the eastern United States and nearby Canada knows the colorful Monarch butterfly. It glides and dips in the summer over fields and yards from Texas to New England and from Florida to Minnesota. Then, as winter approaches, the Monarch vanishes from the colder regions.

It was known the little butterfly migrated south for the winter and returned to the breeding areas north the next spring, never surviving more than one year. But until 1976 no one knew the location of the Monarch's winter home.

For many years Fred A. Urquhart, a zoologist, tagged Monarch butterflies and studied their migration. Finally, with the help of Kenneth and Cathy Brugger in Mexico, the winter home was found. In November the butterflies by the millions converge on a 20 acre mountain slope 9000 feet above sea level, north of Mexico City. In the spring they return to the northeast, lay their eggs on milkweeds, and the cycle begins again.

How does this fragile, wind-tossed scrap of life find its way across prairies, deserts, mountain valleys, even cities to this remote mountain in Mexico, especially since it has never been there before? Of course, we say it is instinct. But I think it is another awesome thing about God, our creator. In his plan he does not overlook the most minute detail. I think God put a tiny computer in the Monarch, programmed to tell it what to do and when to do it.

Think how much more God is concerned about his highest creation. We do not have a programmed computer in us. Instead, God made us in his image with the freedom to choose. Yet his desire is that each one of us migrate to him and find our home with him.

Many are groping in the darkness and confusion of this sinful world. They are in need of a helping hand and loving heart to show them the way home. Baptist Homes for Children is in the marvelous ministry of providing a home and family-like living condition for dependent, neglected children. It is our joy and opportunity to also guide these youth in the right paths. While we provide a temporary, earthly home in the winter of their troubles, we help them find their way to the father and their eternal home.

## Paducah church aids Ghana ministerial student

by Pauline Stegall  
State Correspondent

The personable student from Ghana was warm in his praise of America.

"There is openness among the people. It is easy to talk with them," smiled Kennedy Adarkwa, member of First Baptist Church, Paducah, and ministerial student at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield. He hastened to add, "The love and care of my church is very good too. The pastors and members have given me good advice and encouragement."

Adarkwa, who has been in the United States since summer, was brought here by First Baptist on a four-year student visa.

The story began in the summer of 1986 at International Baptist Church, Munich, Germany, where Bob Kersey, associate pastor at the Paducah church, was serving as interim pastor.

Adarkwa, then a member of International, had been in Germany two years. In Ghana, he had been an electrical technician working for the government, a non-communist dictatorship. After becoming involved in a demonstration, he became frightened that he might be sent to prison or put before a firing squad, so he, with two friends, made his way to Germany. As a political refugee, he was not allowed to work but was given a place to live and a small stipend for a limited length of time.

Kersey, his wife Joyce, and Paducahians Charles and Jessie Spencer, who were assisting at the Munich church, became interested in the young men. Upon their return to Paducah, members at International Church contacted them about arrangements to get the men from Ghana to the United States.

"We worked for months with Garnett Moss, the German government, the American Embassy in Munich, Congressman Carroll Hubbard's office and the United States Immigration Service," related Kersey, "but our priority was too low to get them in on quota. Finally, we found that they could come in as students."

"Adarkwa, who had been an active Christian in Ghana, had felt the call to the ministry and was anxious to come to the states and go to college. First Baptist took the responsibility of paying Kennedy's transportation and expenses for his four-year stay. The other refugees, though they were Christians, could not qualify as ministerial students and have not been able to enter the United States."

Adarkwa had attended a Christian school in Ghana, but had not made a commitment to Christ until 1980.

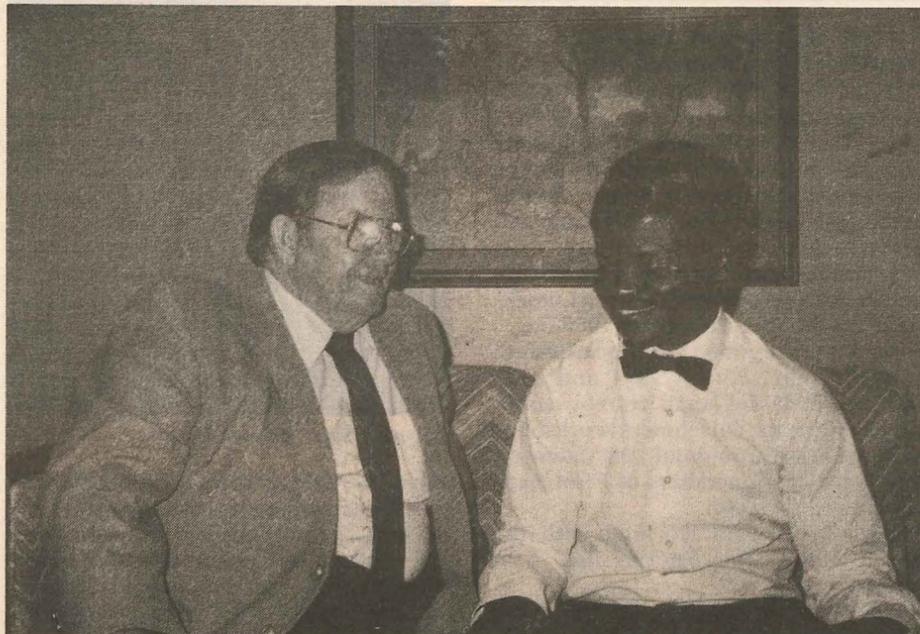
"Two Christians (Baptists) came to my house one Saturday and talked to me and I was converted," he recounted.

After his conversion, he became active in church work. He led BTU classes, taught a men's class and did personal witnessing on a regular basis.

A man of deep faith, he tells how the young men prayed together before going out to witness. They would pray specifically that God would take care of vicious dogs and the people who tried to detract from their witness.

At one home, they were greeted by two big dogs. However, they were not attacked. A young mother came out, astonished, saying, "But no one can enter this place without being bitten!"

The Paducah church has received the Ghanaian joyfully. Members bring him to Paducah for services on Sunday morning and evening and take him to their



Bob Kersey, associate pastor, FBC, Paducah, discusses Adarkwa's plans.

homes for meals and fellowship.

Adarkwa quotes a verse of scripture that has influenced his life. "...Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8b KJV).

He has a wife and daughter in Ghana.

Hoping to go back to them eventually, he wants to be able to preach in his native country. He especially wants to share the gospel with some of his family members who have not received Christ.



Pastor Douglas Bunch with newly trained teachers committed to the Bible.

## Reaching people in the inner city

by Ray Hayes  
Business Manager

When the inner city church is mentioned pictures of stately old buildings, media ministries, large budgets and multiple staff positions come to mind.

Such is not the case at Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, in Northern Kentucky Association, however.

Oakland Avenue is an inner city church but the staff consists of a bivocational pastor, Douglas E. Bunch. No media program or stately old building or large budget characterizes the church. The building is modest in a modest section of Covington and the budget is small by comparison to most other churches in Kentucky.

Yet the church is reaching people. A program to enrol 60 people in Bible study in 100 days began July 4. On Sunday Oct. 18, the announcement was made that 51 people had been enrolled in Sunday school and that the goal of 60 would be reached soon.

Oakland Avenue was helped in its effort to reach people by an Assist Team from Northern Kentucky Association, where Randall Jones is Director of Missions. In addition to the Assist Team, Guy King, a Sunday school consultant with the KBC, helped the church as they trained leaders, held a people search and developed a prospect list.

Last January only 27 people were enrolled in Sunday school and now that number is up to 91, with 40-60 percent of those in worship attendance each Sunday. Six additions to the church have been recorded in the past few weeks and prospects for further growth are good.

Pastor Bunch is a student at Boyce Bible School. He recently sold his own business so he could give more time to the church and his studies at Boyce, in spite of a 12 hour work day in secular employment.

The vision of Oakland Avenue is bright and the prospects are good for growth as the people follow the leadership of their pastor and work to reach people in the inner city.

# Childresses minister in "Dog Sled Capital"

by Pauline Stegall  
State Correspondent

When Nancy and Bill Childress, Smithland Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, arrived in Tok, Alaska, "Dog Sled Capital of the World," they knew they were in for an unusual experience. And they have had many unusual experiences during their four Home Mission Volunteer assignments within a year and a half.

Arriving in May, they found cold weather, ice and snow.

"I had to keep telling myself, 'I am in the United States!'" Nancy laughed.

This was the first year for volunteer adult summer missionaries in this area. Summer student workers had been there before, but according to missionaries Richard and Alice Carlson, the cultural shock was too great for most of the young people.

Tok is a small community on the Alaska Highway in Southwest Alaska. It was named "Little Tokyo" by early Japanese settlers and later shortened to

Tok. Populated by a variety of people, the town is a tourist center.

The Childresses were assigned to Tok Baptist Mission, a branch of nearby Delta Junction Church. They had living quarters in the missionaries' home, and spent two and one-half months working in Tok and in neighboring mission points.

It was evident that the people had had little exposure to the message of Christ. Apathy abounded. Alcoholism, gambling and bad management contributed to a low standard of living. Only one house in ten had running water. Rampant inflation was evidenced by prices double their counterpart in the "lower 48." A hamburger and fries cost \$5 and a coke \$1. Tomatoes were never below \$1.85 a pound.

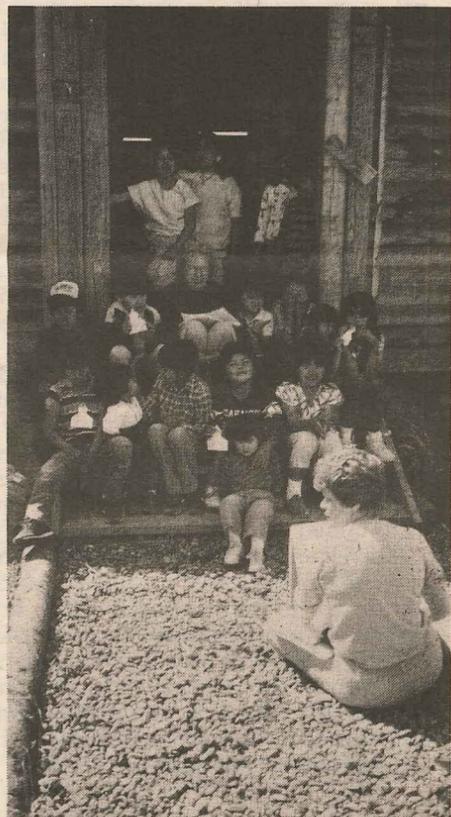
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Nancy was immediately involved in organizing Bible schools and teaching a Sunday school class of four and five year olds.

At Tok, Nancy worked with Dorothy Behrends, who was Sunday school superintendent, vacation Bible school director, pianist, social director, and also a leader of vacation Bible schools in mission churches. Mrs. Behrends had not been able to start a WMU because of lack of time, so a morning prayer meeting was organized in hopes it would become a Baptist Women's group. A GA group was also organized.

Every Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Childress drove to Dot Lake for church and Sunday school and most of the time they had to assume complete leadership.

A vacation Bible school was organized at Tanacross. Permission was given to hold the school in a little Catholic church. As part of the Alabama-Alaska Link-up, a team from Alabama was



Nancy Childress (on step) sits with children during VBS at Tanacross, Alaska.



Bill Childress examines fish wheel which provides food for Alaskans.



Nancy Childress displays the flag donated to Tok Mission for VBS.

there to assist. Mission workers would knock on doors and ask if the children could go to Bible school. A man in the village contributed by opening the door and building the fire every day.

The teachers told the plan of salvation every day.

Bill's skills as a former conservation agent led to myriads of remodeling and repairing. He cut up lumber and turned an old parsonage into a youth center, a great need, since there is literally nothing for the youth to do.

Some more of his time was used working on a baptistry for Tok Church. He remodeled the parsonage basement by moving the laundry, building shelves for the food bank and putting up sheet rock to make a combination Sunday school and recreation room. He also constructed picnic tables and assisted with VBS crafts.

At the Northway Bible school the Baptists were permitted to use the Catholic church free of charge if they would improve the building in some way. Loading their provisions, tables and insulation on a small truck, they traveled to Northway. Bill spent his days putting the insulation under the church.

Northway, some distance from Tok, is an Indian community where all houses are built of logs. The only regular Baptist service held here was Sunday school, led by a man and little girl who came from another church. There were no living facilities for the missionaries who came for Bible school, so they "roughed it" for a week, sleeping in campers, an old van and the church. They were able to do some cooking in the campers but mostly ate cold food. Ice boxes were the only refrigerators and there were no bath rooms.

The women would drive down the road and stop when they saw a group of children and invite them to Bible school. Usually the children would say, "Let me tell mother" and then get in the van.

Nancy relates having canned 70 quarts of salmon in addition to freezing more. Canned foods, including wild game such as bear meat, is important to the food bank. When someone in the Indian community dies, a "pot-latch" is held for several days. The Indians are allowed, by the government, to kill a moose and they usually send to the Baptist food bank for more food.

Nancy was able to put her home economics training to good use. She had to make, in addition to visual aids for

classes, a great variety of handicraft patterns. And refreshments? She and a few helpers made 180 dozen cookies.

The greatest need in these Alaskan villages? There are many, the Childresses say, but the need for strong leadership, especially among the youth, is the most acute.

## NRB letter revealed during House hearing

A fund-raising letter disclosed during the closing minutes of a House Oversight Subcommittee hearing on television ministries could shift the mood of the members of that panel.

Subcommittee chairman J. J. Pickle, D-Texas, interrupted the hearing's final two witnesses to announce he had been handed a "shocking" letter sent out by the national Religious Broadcasters and signed by the group's executive director, Ben Armstrong, who had testified earlier that day.

The letter, which harshly criticized the hearing, also asked for contributions to a \$1 million "war chest" to defend television ministries. The letter described the hearing as part of an attack by the "liberal element in our society" and said the NRB views "this move by Congressman Pickle and others as another sly way to harass ministries one by one until we are forced out of existence."

In an angry outburst, Pickle questioned why Armstrong, who by then had left the proceedings, had told panel members he thought they were "doing a fine job" while at the same he was launching a national campaign against the panel's efforts.

Afterwards, Armstrong called the letter "an error in judgment." Although he said it was written before a July 21 meeting between Pickle and religious broadcasters, Armstrong acknowledged the letter was not mailed until after that meeting and was circulated throughout August. Armstrong said he plans to apologize to Pickle and invite the congressman to speak at the annual NRB convention in February. (BP)

# christian education

## Two artists hold Georgetown exhibit

Two Washington, D. C. artists, Hall and Mary McCoy, are exhibiting images based on earth lore, worship and spiritual relationships at Georgetown College Art Gallery. The images are not intended to be "easel" art, or permanent sculptures which one can possess. Rather, they reflect on the spiritual affinity man has held with the earth and their transition from ancient to modern forms in some cases.

The magic circle, which becomes the Celtic Cross is one example used in the exhibition. A piece based on Serpent Mound in Adams County, Oh. is made in the gallery. Special places with heal-

ing or magical powers are also being studied and presented in various pieces, including Druid's healing wells.

Hal McCoy is a 1967 graduate of Georgetown College. He is an illustrator for the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Mary is a graduate of Skidmore College in New York and is self-employed. She is currently a consultant for the Women's Artist's Coalition in New York.

The exhibit opened on Homecoming Day at the Georgetown Gallery Oct. 17. The gallery is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The show continues through Nov. 9.



Crain

Mrs. Flanagan

## Campbellsville names church relations head

Michael Ray (Mike) Crain, formerly of Washington County and formerly a trustee at Campbellsville College, is the new director of alumni and church relations at Campbellsville College.

Crain is a 1972 graduate of Campbellsville. He received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1974.

Crain went to Campbellsville after pastoring Temple Baptist Church, Owensboro, 1984-87. He has also pastored Middleton Baptist Church, Franklin; Central Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Oh.; Hyattsville Baptist Church, Lancaster; and Rockbridge Baptist Church, Willisburg.

Crain and his wife Leona have two children, Ashley and Lauren.

Crain's appointment involves a reorganization of duties at Campbellsville College. Virginia Flanagan has been director of alumni 12 years. Her duties will now include director of public relations.

## Cambellsvillian awarded first piano scholarship

Jackie Bright of Campbellsville is the first recipient of the Cecile Conaway Meskimen Piano Scholarship at Campbellsville College.

Miss Bright is a freshman business administration major and music minor from Campbellsville. She is the pianist at Lowell Avenue Baptist Church and the daughter of Robert and Earlene Bright of Campbellsville.

Mrs. Meskimen recently moved to Knifley from Lubbock, Tex. She is living with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Robertson.

Mrs. Meskimen received the BA degree from the Academy of Simmons College in Abilene, Tex. in 1917. It is now Hardin-Simmons University.

She was the dean of fine arts and piano instructor at Montezuma Baptist College in Las Vegas, N. M. from 1927-28. She also was a piano instructor at Texas Tech University from 1941-43.

Mrs. Meskimen was recently granted honorary membership of the Texas Music Teachers Association.

## Furman donates books to Montgomery Library

Campbellsville College's Montgomery Library recently received a 754-volume set of the National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints. They were donated to the college from Furman University in Greenville, S. C.

The books contain lists of religious publications, musical compositions, titles and abstracts of anything published before 1956.

Irvin Murrell, the Librarian at Campbellsville College, says the books are "unique" and invaluable for faculty members, juniors, seniors and others doing research. Many times, he says, publications listed in the volumes can be obtained through interlibrary loan.

Murrell and Douglas Broome, director of technical services at the library, went to Furman to get the books which are valued at about \$40,000. Furman was willing to donate the books because it now has the information on microfilm.

Furman University donated several other books to Campbellsville, too. Murrell estimated their value at \$10,000.

## U. K. professor holds recital, piano workshop

Alan Hersh, director of the School of Music and professor of music at the University of Kentucky, will hold a recital at Campbellsville College's recital hall Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. He will play solo piano music by J. S. Bach, Schubert, Debussy and Liszt.

He will also hold a piano workshop Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. It is entitled "Musical Calisthenic at the Piano."

Hersh is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, and he received his PhD from Indiana University. Hersh also was professor and chairman of the Music Department at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

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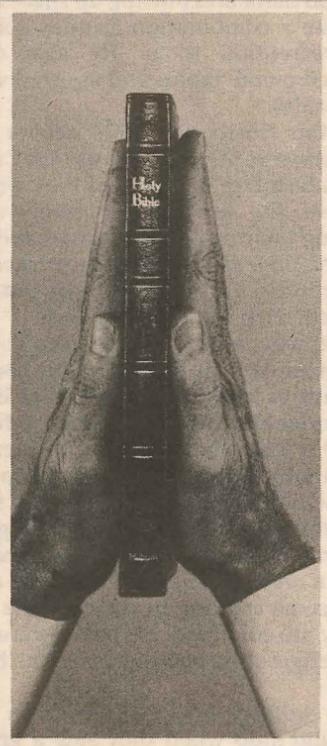
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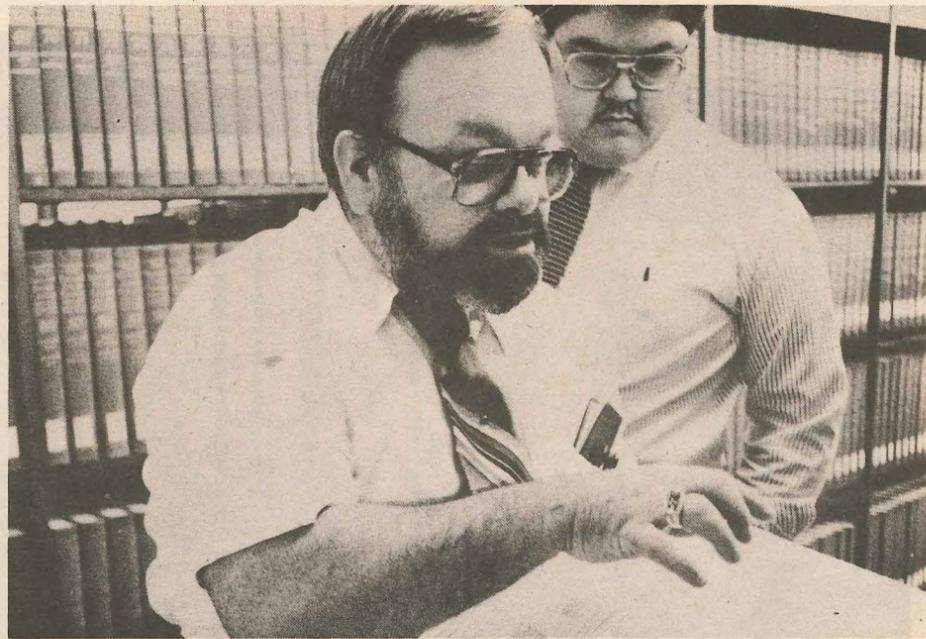
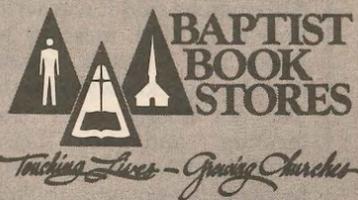


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Irvin Murrell, librarian at Campbellsville College, shows off one of the volumes of the National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints. Looking on is Douglas Broome, director of technical services at the library.

# baptist news in brief

## Church with lady pastor expelled in Tennessee



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## clear creek comment

### Good ground

I reread chapter 13 of Matthew's gospel recently. I feel we should retitle the parable found there called "The Sower and the Seed." It is my conviction that it is a parable of the "ground." There are not different kinds of "sowers" or different kinds of "seed" but different kinds of ground graphically discussed in this parable.

One reason I am very interested in the earth these days is that I have been watching a huge (builders call it a D-9) dozer cutting into one of our mountainsides and moving huge mounds of dirt on the site of our new family life center. I have watched this huge machine cut into brown, red, gray and even carbonaceous strata of earth.

All of this activity is to insure that we build our family life center on good ground. Our official groundbreaking recently was a thrilling event culminating months and years of planning and praying.

The Bible speaks of many different kinds of ground. There is cursed ground (Gen. 3:17), holy ground (Ex. 3:5), dry ground (Ps. 107-33) and fallow ground (Jer. 4:3). In Matt. 13, Jesus spoke of the "wayside" (where the ground was so beaten down and hard the seed could not penetrate), "stony places," earth covered with thorns and thistles and what our Lord called "good ground" (verse eight).

This passage reminds me of what Clear Creek Baptist School is all about. The original purpose for which this school was founded was to find men whose hearts God had prepared and help them to train for the ministry. God is the divine sower of the greatest message this world has ever heard. As Christians, we are all his helpers to scatter the seed all over the earth. Some will hear the Word, understand it, receive Christ as savior and Lord and bear fruit.

At Clear Creek we are looking for full time Christian service. They are the "good ground" on which our school is built. More than 1100 graduates of Clear Creek are producing 30-fold, 60-fold and 100-fold fruit for our Lord all over this land. They represent the "good ground" our Lord commended.

*"Long have I sought, and little found as yet  
Beyond this truth: that Love alone can make  
Earth beautiful, and life without regret!"*

Arthur Stringer

The 120-church Shelby Baptist Association in Memphis, Tenn. has withdrawn fellowship from Prescott Memorial Baptist Church for calling a woman as pastor.

Messengers to the association's annual meeting Oct. 19 approved a motion that Prescott Memorial "not be recognized as an affiliated church" of the association. They contended the church violated New Testament teachings on the role of women in the church when it elected Nancy Hastings Sehested as pastor this summer.

An estimated 75 percent of about 360 registered messengers to the annual meeting approved the measure.

Questions of the church's doctrinal soundness were raised in an executive board meeting of the association three weeks earlier when members discussed the selection of Mrs. Sehested, formerly an associate pastor of a church in Decatur, Ga., as pastor. The association's credentials committee was asked to investigate and report during the annual meeting.

In a closed session excluding all but participating messengers, the credentials committee reported its findings. While the calling of a woman pastor was "an irregularity that may threaten fellowship of the association, the credentials committee recognizes the autonomy of the local church body," said Ken Story, committee chairman and pastor of Germantown Baptist Church.

"Each church has a right to act as it pleases," he said. "However, the association is also autonomous and free to choose which churches will be in its fellowship."

The committee reported on a meeting with members of Prescott Memorial and moved that no action be taken and suggested the term 'doctrinal soundness' was sufficiently vague as to warrant a delay to adopt guidelines before any action was considered.

"There may be other churches in the association who are engaged in practices that would be considered irregularities," said Story.

The credentials committee's motion was defeated.

### R. Alton Reed, leader of Annuity Board, dies

R. Alton Reed, president emeritus of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and former pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., died Oct. 16 following heart surgery. He was 81.

Darold H. Morgan, his successor at the Annuity Board, called Reed "one of the great denominational statesmen who set the pattern for growth and cooperation in the SBC. His life was characterized by integrity. No shadow ever crossed his path."

Under Reed's 17-year tenure as president of the now \$2.1 billion denominational pension board from 1955-72 the agency began employing money managers to invest retirement funds for competitive returns.

Reed was born in Henderson, Tex. and graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He held several Texas pastorates before joining the Annuity Board staff in 1953 as associate secretary and director of public relations.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Barker Reed, and daughters Caroline Reed Wicker and Annette Reed Burton, all of Dallas. (BP)

When a messenger called for the vote and discussion was closed, Mrs. Sehested and another messenger were left standing at microphones. "Since I am at the center of this," she said, "I would like the opportunity to speak."

Amidst cries of, "Too late, too late," Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church and current Southern Baptist Convention president, appealed to messengers that Mrs. Sehested be ex-

### Mississippi musician Dan C. Hall dies

Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board for 23 years, died in his sleep Oct. 16.

Hall was director of associational work for the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department eight years before returning to his home state.

He is survived by his wife, Mera, and five children. (BP)

### Draper urges defeat of gambling referendum

Gambling is a "ruinous exploitation" of the poor and is a direct violation of scriptural teachings, according to former Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr.

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., spoke on "The Mandate to Defeat Gambling" at a mid October antigambling rally in Mesquite, Tex.

In a Nov. 3 binding referendum Texans will vote on the legalization of pari-mutuel gambling on dog and horse races. Pari-mutuel wagering on horse races has been illegal in Texas since 1937.

Addressing the social impact and spiritual implications of gambling, Draper said, "The Bible clearly prohibits the kind of gain that is gotten from gambling."

He noted gambling redistributes wealth but creates no new wealth; it is a regressive form of taxation; it creates a climate for crime; and it creates a new generation of compulsive gamblers.

"Gambling stimulates covetousness, greed and materialism. The gambler breaks at least two of the Ten Commandments: 'Thou shalt not covet' and 'Thou shalt not steal,'" he said. "If the gambler wins, he is a thief. If he loses, he is a fool. Gambling is nothing but theft by mutual consent." (BP)

### Alabama layman to head presidents

Steve Tondera, a layman from Huntsville and president of the Alabama Baptist Convention, has been elected president of the state convention presidents' fellowship.

Tondera, an administrator at NASA and a member of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, succeeds Frank Gunn, president of Mississippi Baptists and pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Glenn Davidson, president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and pastor of Pisgah Heights Baptist Church, Cincinnati, was elected vice president.

The fellowship, which began in 1985, meets three times a year. Out of this fellowship came the idea for the SBC Peace Committee. (BP)

tended the courtesy of speaking. While asking the messengers to show courtesy by relaxing the rules, Rogers said he planned to vote to withdraw fellowship when Mrs. Sehested finished speaking.

"I am full-blooded Southern Baptist," Mrs. Sehested said. "My mother is a Southern Baptist deacon. My grandfather was a Southern Baptist minister for 70 of his 93 years. My dad is a retired Southern Baptist minister; for 50 years an ordained minister. 'I decided to follow in my dad's, in my granddad's, footsteps and become a pastor.'"

"And who was it that taught me this wonderful freedom of the spirit?... My Southern Baptist church, who said God calls each of you, and with God everything is possible—except to be able to stand behind a pulpit... women can't do that."

"They never said that."

Prescott Memorial is noted for taking unpopular stands in the past. In the 1950s and '60s it championed civil rights. Today it is committed to peace and justice issues.

The church still will continue to cooperate with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The actions of Shelby association have no bearing on those affiliations. And Rev. Sehested will continue as pastor of the church. (BP)

### Muskogee Association ousts divorced pastor

Muskogee Baptist Association in Oklahoma faced the issue of divorced and remarried pastors, and when its debate ended, Brushy Mountain Baptist Church was disfellowshipped.

Messengers to the annual meeting voted 196-48 to amend bylaws to exclude any church that calls or ordains as pastor or deacon a man or woman who has been divorced and remarried.

The action was aimed at Dale Lewis, bivocational pastor of Brushy Mountain Baptist Church since August 1986. Lewis and his wife Alice were divorced before they married each other in 1977. He was not a Christian until after he married his current wife.

In the year Lewis has pastored Brushy Mountain, the church, averaging 58 in Sunday school, has baptized 62 converts. (BP)

### Indiana Baptist leader resigns long term post

After 20 years of service with the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Lew Reynolds, director of church growth and ministries division and coadvisor in the absence of an executive director, has resigned.

Reynolds resigned immediately as coadvisor, effective on the date of his letter of resignation, Sept. 11, and from other responsibilities at the end of the year.

This was the third resignation by a key state staff employe this year. Executive director-treasurer R. V. Haygood and missions director Glenn Ray resigned in March.

James Abernathy, director of evangelism and stewardship, was named by the SCBI executive committee to replace Reynolds as coadvisor. David Simpson, director of the communications division, has been coadvisor since Mar. 20 and administrative assistant B. J. Watts is interim treasurer. (BP)

# baptist news in brief

## Mercer trustees face dispute over many issues

Mercer University trustees were called into a special session Oct. 23 in Macon, Ga. to deal with what their president has termed "the most serious challenge ever brought forward to the relationship between Mercer and Georgia Baptists."

R. Kirby Godsey made that assessment at a press conference at Mercer in Atlanta Oct. 12, two days after he received a 16-page document from Lee Roberts, Georgia layman at Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga. Roberts, a mortgage banker, was chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention committee on boards in 1986.

Roberts mailed a 16-page "open letter" Oct. 9 to about 6000 persons in Georgia. He said he mailed it to every pastor in the Georgia Baptist Convention, to all Mercer trustees and president's council members, to all Georgia parents of Mercer students and to "other denominational leaders."

The document details a long list of charges against Godsey and Mercer, summarized in an introductory paragraph of Roberts' booklet:

**Many Georgia Baptists have become increasingly concerned about what has come to light at Mercer University. Matters such as heresies being printed by Mercer University Press; hard liquor being served at official Mercer functions; books containing deplorably filthy language being published and recommended to us by Mercer University Press; encouraging safe sex outside of marriage for Mercer students; the pub-**

**lication of lewd cartoons in the school paper; the publication of pornography in the school paper; widespread student drunkenness; the encouragement to purchase rock music albums by homosexual performers and satan worshippers; and many other critical and disturbing issues that will be discussed later in this letter.**

Roberts' letter said he had met with Godsey Sept. 11 with "others present as witness to that meeting."

Roberts wrote in his open letter: "During the course of that meeting I asked Godsey if he could with all honesty say these words: 'Jesus died for my sins.' Godsey informed me that at that time he did not and could not use those words. Godsey also confirmed to us he had written (three controversial) lectures (delivered last January at Houston Baptist University) on salvation and that was what he believes."

Godsey held a series of six press conferences across Georgia to respond to Roberts' letter.

At the first such conference at Mercer University Atlanta, Godsey said, "We are stunned and disappointed at the vicious assault of Lee Roberts. He has written with a hostility probably unparalleled in the history of the university."

Godsey said, "This dispute is not about theological fundamentalism. This dispute is about political fundamentalism, the attempt to enforce every person and every institution to adhere to a

particular set of doctrines and nothing else. That requirement is controversy to the very essence of the established university and to the heart and soul of Baptists."

Godsey continued: "Mr. Roberts has only one goal—control of Mercer. He wants to control election of trustees so he can control what is taught, control selection of faculty who teach, text books they use and books they will publish."

Trustee chairman Bob Steed, an Atlanta lawyer, told news reporters, "We have called a meeting of the board of trustees for Oct. 23 to contemplate and prepare for our response at the convention. I'll be surprised to find any support on the board for compromise."

Atlanta newspapers published on Oct. 13 reports that Atlanta's First Baptist

Church has specified that none of its Cooperative Program funds be allowed to go to Mercer. Associate pastor Fred Powell said the action was taken because "Dr. Godsey doesn't believe the Bible."

In related developments:

First Baptist Church, Augusta, where the SBC was organized in 1845, and whose pastor, Charles Bugg is a Mercer trustee, adopted a resolution Oct. 14 pledging full support of Godsey and full financial support of Mercer.

The Polk County Baptist Association, composed of 36 churches with a total membership of 12,775, adopted a resolution condemning the "theological heresy" of Godsey and asking that formal heresy charges be filed against the Mercer president at the annual meeting in November. (BP)

## Crowders decide to appeal SBC decision to high court

A federal lawsuit against the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee will be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court, the plaintiffs say.

The suit was filed Dec. 5, 1985 by four messengers to the 1985 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, who maintained their rights had been violated by parliamentary procedures concerning the election of the SBC's 1986 committee on boards, commissions and standing committees, which names trustees of all of the national agencies of the convention.

May 5, 1986 Judge Robert Hall of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia ruled against Robert S. Crowder and his wife, Julia, of Birmingham, Ala., H. Allen McCartney of Vero Beach, Fla., and Henry Cooper of Windsor, Mo., saying the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution prevents the intrusion of secular courts into internal church matters.

The Crowders, McCartney and Cooper appealed to the 11th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. The three-judge panel heard oral arguments in the case May 27 and handed down a ruling Sept. 28, saying the "First Amendment bars

civil court resolution of this controversy."

Crowder told Baptist Press: "We are extremely disappointed in the decision. We have considered our options and we feel like for the good of the convention and the integrity of its bylaws it must be appealed to the Supreme Court."

During the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee members reaffirmed an action they took in June 1987 authorizing Executive Committee president-treasurer Harold C. Bennett "to proceed to the U. S. Supreme Court, should it be necessary," in the Crowder lawsuit.

James P. Guenther, of the Nashville law firm of Guenther and Jordan, who has represented the SBC and its Executive Committee, along with the Atlanta law firm of King and Spaulding, told Baptist Press: "Both the district court and the court of appeals have affirmed us in our belief that the courts have no jurisdiction over this dispute. It is disappointing to hear that the plaintiffs will persist even further." (BP)

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## Fire guts mission home of Corbitts in Nairobi

Fire destroyed several rooms of a home where Southern Baptist missionaries Nathan and Vickie Corbitt live in Nairobi, Kenya the afternoon of Oct. 13.

Neither the Corbitts nor their three children were in the stone house on Nairobi's north side when fire consumed the kitchen, a pantry and two bathrooms. The couple arrived on the scene as Nairobi firemen were bringing the blaze under control.

It was the Corbitts' second encounter with a fire. Less than two years after their marriage in 1970 the house they were renting in Montezuma, Ga. burned to the ground.

Corbitt is music consultant and director of communications for the Southern Baptist mission in Kenya. His musical equipment, a computer, tape recorders and books were in another room and not damaged, according to Roy Brent Jr., the mission's business manager. The couple is from North Carolina, he from Ridgecrest and she from Black Mountain. They were appointed missionaries in 1981.

Clothes and curtains throughout the house sustained smoke damage, and Brent said the Corbitts were making arrangements for replacement clothing and kitchen items. An architect will examine the house to determine what renovations will be needed. The mission organization has owned the house about 15 years. (BP)

## KBC ministers' wives set Nov. 10 dinner

Roy Lee Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and his wife will welcome Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives for appetizers in their home Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. during the 150th anniversary meeting of the state convention.

The group will gather at 5:30 at the seminary's Mullins Hall for dinner.

With the theme "Portrait of a Christian Woman, 1837-1987," the program features Diane Davidson, a Louisville minister's wife and high school teacher. Music will be presented by the Seminary Wives Fellowship Choir directed by Carol Sikler. New officers of the KBC Ministers' Wives will be installed.

A bus will depart Walnut Street Baptist Church, the convention's host church, at 4:45 p.m. Dinner reservations at \$10 may be made in advance with Mrs. Mary England, 3707 Fallen Timber Dr., Louisville, KY 40272. (KBC)

## SBTS panel meets, retreats in Louisville

Blending business with pleasure, trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary followed a meeting of their executive committee Oct. 12 with a day-and-a-half retreat aimed at building relationships among trustees and between trustees and faculty.

Following a two-hour business session, trustees joined seminary faculty members for a three-hour steamboat cruise on the Ohio River. The next day's agenda included a session led by Nashville attorney James P. Guenther on the role of trustees, attendance at a worship service as part of the seminary's week-long campus revival, a picnic lunch with students from the trustees' respective states and a panel-led discussion among trustees focusing on possibilities for the seminary by the year 2000. (BP)

# Southeastern trustees alter their method of naming faculty; inerrantists expected

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have altered the way the school chooses its teachers, ensuring the addition of biblical inerrantists to the faculty.

"Future faculty appointments will embrace biblical inerrancy," said W. Randall Lolley, president of the SBC-related school in Wake Forest, N. C.

The new faculty selection process places more responsibility with Lolley, who is accountable directly to the conservative-dominated trustee board. It also dictates that temporary faculty appointments, which had been the prerogative of the president and dean of the faculty, must be approved by the trustee instruction committee.

In other action, the trustees, meeting Oct. 12-14:

- Met behind closed doors with Lolley for more than an hour.

- Postponed their response to the SBC Peace Committee's report until March.

- Elected conservatives to all four trustee offices and adopted an alternate slate of committee appointments, proposed by an ad hoc group of conservatives.

Under the new faculty appointment procedures, the president will take the

lead in selecting nominees for faculty vacancies. That responsibility had been delegated to the dean and to faculty members in the area where the vacancy existed, following Lolley's "participatory management" administrative style.

The new procedure makes the person directly accountable to trustees—the president—responsible for nominations

## FMB reaffirms policies on divorce, seminaries

A 142-year-old rule against appointing divorced people as foreign missionaries and a six-month-old policy opening up appointment to graduates of any regionally accredited seminary were reaffirmed during the Oct. 12-14 meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

The board also approved a lean \$167.8 million budget for 1988, endorsed missionary John David Hopper as president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland and said "no" to a Southern Baptist Convention messenger who wanted it to publish 10-year statistics and reasons why people are turned down for missionary appointment. (BP)

for faculty vacancies. Lolley pledged to administer the new selection process according to trustees' wishes. But he also promised to maintain faculty involvement in the process: "This procedure certainly invests the president with more power than ever before. This president intends to share that power because of his commitment to participatory management."

The end result of the new selection process—approved 15-10—will be the selection of biblical inerrantists to the Southeastern faculty, he said.

New trustee chairman Robert D. Crowley said the idea that the seminary will not change at all is ludicrous, but he added trustees do not want to terminate teachers or shackle their freedom. "I have heard of no trustee who has said anything about firing anybody," said the pastor from Rockville, Md.

After trustees voted 14-10 to close the meeting (to outsiders), a group of about 30 students initially refused to leave. But they complied when Lolley, who had spoken against closing the meeting, asked them to leave. During about half of the meeting, they stood outside and sang hymns.

Leadership of the trustees now comes from conservative members. Crowley described himself as a conservative and an inerrantist. He was nominated by James R. DeLoach, an associate pastor in Houston, Tex., who was elected vice chairman. DeLoach was nominated by Arlie McDaniel, a pastor from Moscow, Ida., who was then elected treasurer.

Crowley defeated incumbent chairman Jesse P. Chapman, a surgeon from Asheville, N. C., who has avoided affiliation with any SBC political group, 15-13. DeLoach won a second term as vice chairman over W. Jerry Holcomb, a pastor from Virginia Beach, Va., 17-11. McDaniel was elected treasurer by acclamation, as was Ralph E. Holt Jr., a pastor from Wilmington, N. C., who was re-elected to a second term as secretary. (BP)

## Faculty will not sign BFM, professor says

The faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will not sign the Baptist Faith and Message statement if instructed to do so by seminary trustees, according to professor Richard Hester.

"Our faculty is united in standing by the current established documents of this school. We won't sign it," Hester, president of the seminary's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said in a news conference following the fall trustee meeting Oct. 14 in Wake Forest, N. C.

"We have already signed the Articles of Faith, which is part of the seminary charter. That's part of our contract, and that's what we understood when we came here. Those are the terms under which we have taught since we came, each one of us, and those are the terms that we intend to teach under. It (signing the Baptist Faith and Message) would be a violation of the contract under which we began to teach here," Hester claimed.

"The chances are very good" that AAUP would become involved if faculty were asked to sign such a statement, he said. (BP)



Dottie Janes, Church Training director at Georgetown (Ind.) Southern Baptist Church, prepares a poster announcing the Southeastern Association's "M" (Mobilization) Night gathering at her church Nov. 23. Begun as a Church Training promotional campaign during World War II, "M" Night is an annual associational rally to emphasize the importance of Church Training.



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## oneida journal

### Well-buttered bread

One of the real joys of working at Oneida is having former students I've worked with come to visit. Generally they arrive without any prior notice adding surprise to the pleasure.

Many others write. Some contribute on a regular basis. Being young most give of their "little" and not their "plenty" for they are struggling for further education or to establish or raise a family.

Some of my former students who come are now middle-aged with grown children. I left law school 22 years ago to work here that first time as dean of a dorm and assistant to the president. They were boys and girls then. Others are my students of the past 12 years. They are parents of young children. Many of the more recent graduates are still unmarried.

Just today a letter came from Daryl, a 2nd Lieut. in the Army stationed in Korea. His childhood home was New York. He and his brother came to us because their father grew up in our school, graduating in 1954. In fact they were the third generation of their family to attend Oneida as I had been. I, too, entered Oneida's dorm from another state, my birth state of Michigan.

Daryl was here for four years, graduating in the 69-member class of '79. Basically he was an average student, just simply a good boy who always had a smile. As I think of him my most vivid single memory is of his profession of faith and his baptism in 1977. Yes, that

is what I remember most for some reason. He went on to graduate from Cumberland College and was commissioned an officer in the army.

Daryl writes of Steve. Steve came to us from Princeton at the age of 16. He had been in five different foster homes and schools in the two years before he came to Oneida. He had been in a total of 23 different homes in his 16 years. Needless to say, Steve had so many emotional and physical problems because of a childhood filled with insecurity and change and not a lot of love. But Oneida became home for four years for Steve. It was a real struggle for all of us but Steve slowly found himself, love, security and the Lord. He grew and matured and graduated in 1977. He is making the army his career but returns to us at "leave" times. This is home.

Daryl writes from Korea, "I'm glad to hear the dining room is to be bigger. It is one more step in the growing process. I'm very glad to hear the old log cabin is to be utilized more (as a museum area and gift shop). It will help many students to appreciate the hard work that others have done before them from Oneida's opening in 1899. I ran into Steve and was his platoon leader until the general heard I was a physical education major and attached me to headquarters as the new division sports officer."

"I first saw Steve in the hallway of the company barracks. I said 'Steve from Oneida Baptist!' Being in uniform, all he saw was my Lieutenant bar and he said, 'Sir?!' I said, 'I went to school with you at Oneida. We were roommates for a little while.' After being shocked to death, he recognized me. He's doing well. He said he misses Oneida very much. I would like someday to dedicate much time and effort at Oneida as a teacher and coach. When I finish the army and get married, I'll put in my application. Keep Steve and I in your prayers."

Five of my former students are returning this year as full time staff members and two other graduates are coming that I attended school with. These are all very special people. My heart is full and overflowing. They have taken cuts in pay of thousands of dollars. Two have sold a several hundred thousand dollar business to serve the Lord full time there. Scripture says, "Cast your bread upon the waters and it shall return after many days." Yes, and well-buttered!

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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR NOV. 1, 1987

#### Life and work series

#### Freed to love

**Galatians 5:1** Truly appreciating the freedom which Christ purchased on the cross and gave to every believer in him, Paul longed for the Galatian Christians to comprehend its nature and tremendous value. Fearful that some of them might be enticed to become entangled again in the meshes of legalism, Paul urgently requested them to remain true to Christ and steadfast in their loyalty to the gospel of grace.

**Galatians 5:2-6** Paul rightfully insisted there cannot be two grounds of salvation—God's grace and man's works. The person who trusts in his observance of the Mosaic law or in his own human efforts as the ground of his acceptance with God certainly does not trust in God's grace for salvation. The teachings of the Judaizers were subtle and enticing in that they did not ask the Galatians to surrender their Christian faith, but to add to the work of Christ their own keeping of the law.

**Galatians 5:7-12** Paul set himself to the task of discrediting the message propagated by the Judaizers. He expressed his contempt for the false teachers and refuted their contention that circumcision and human works were prerequisites to salvation.

**Galatians 5:13-14** Paul emphasized that God-given freedom is never a basis or justification for self-indulgence. When one is set free by grace through faith in Christ, he does not have any desire or intention of making freedom from sin an occasion for selfish and carnal living. Those who experience salvation and enthroned Christ as the Lord of their lives daily strive to live for his glory.

#### International series

#### Living with conflicting desires

**Genesis 30:25-28** When Joseph was born Jacob decided that the time had arrived when he should make adequate provision for his own family. At the close of 14 years of exacting service, he resolved that he would seek to obtain permission to take his wives and children and return to Canaan. Among the motives which prompted Jacob to approach Laban and solicit his permission to depart: the termination of his contract which released him from an oppressive service, the fact Laban did not have any further claim upon him, the remembrance of God's covenant in which he was promised Canaan, and a genuine longing to provide adequately for his rapidly-increasing household.

**Genesis 31:1-7** It became obvious that Jacob could not obtain permission to return home. Jealousy and envy prompted Laban's sons to make exaggerated accusations about Jacob's business dealings with their father. Knowing that Laban had frequently altered his previous agreements with him in order to fleece Jacob of his earnings and foreseeing an approaching storm of persecution, Jacob secretly informed Rachel and Leah of his desire to depart. With the consent of his wives to accompany him and at the specific command of God to "return unto the land of thy fathers," Jacob promptly prepared for the journey.

**Genesis 31:17-21** Acting with his usual caution, Jacob waited until Laban was absent at a sheep-shearing which was a three days' journey from home. He placed his wives and their sons upon camels and they took their departure and "passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead."

They knew beyond a doubt God had a different purpose for them and they believed all things would work together for the furtherance of that purpose.



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## on mission together

### Train tracks

I've always had a strange fascination for railroad tracks. Perhaps it began with my father's story of the time when, as a young boy, he whistled for his dog who was on the high trestle just across from the old circus grounds in Frankfort. Instead of trotting across the trestle and down the hill, the dog jumped to my dad—and to his death.

My granddad and I walked the railroad track many a time to get to a special fishing hole on Elkhorn Creek.

Through the years I have entertained a retirement fantasy of constructing a lightweight, one-man hand car to travel over abandoned railroad tracks here and there. In fact, I collected a number of railroad maps in Virginia for just that purpose. They are gathering dust in the attic.

Late one afternoon not long ago, Alice and I were out walking in Shelbyville. We followed Kentucky Avenue which soon becomes a "country road." Winding around, headed back toward U. S. 60, we decided to take a shortcut over one of the several abandoned railroad tracks which meander close by our house.

It had been a long time since I had walked a track. And as we did, it came back to me the choice one has to make if you walk them for any distance. Either you must take huge, jumping strides or you take very short steps. A normal stride just won't permit each step to come down on a cross tie. We made our peace with the tracks, chose the short steps, and moved on.

We traversed sections of rusty track and rotted ties, weeds having claimed what the crushed rock had yielded long ago. These were "spur" tracks, used years ago for freight cars loading and unloading raw materials or equipment for yesterday's industry. The tracks are

now the silent monuments of busier days. Their disuse reminded me that life never stays the same; that railroad tracks have graveyards, too.

Presently, the old track wandered helplessly into the active one which runs east and west. As it was not the time of day for a train, we determined to follow the tracks toward home.

The shining steel beckoned the child in us and we each took a rail, determined to stay up longer than the other. I lost twice.

Toward the end, I reached out and took her hand across the track. In the reaching out, we gave to each other the balance we needed. Neither would fall from the rail again.

It was probably a silly sight. Two, middle aged (and holding) people, walking down a railroad track hand in hand, having a whole lot of fun, holding each other up.

"O Lord, thank you for someone to hold hands with on this railroad track of life."

# Norvell Slater finds Texans still tuning Hymn in

by Elizabeth Watson

Americans had only been listening to radio for seven years when a young Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student made his debut on WBAP in Ft. Worth in the late 1920s.

Although live radio is mostly a memory of the past now, Norvell Slater's

popularity as an announcer has carried over into the present. Thousands of people in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area still tune in to Slater's "Hymns We Love" program on Sunday mornings.

Slater has hosted the program for almost 2000 consecutive Sundays. The first "Hymns We Love" broadcast in 1952 was only 15 minutes long. Two weeks later the program's popularity

caused WFAA (now KLDD) to increase the time segment to 30 minutes. By 1960 "Hymns We Love" was heard for three hours.

"Listeners gobbled up the sacred music," Slater said. "Not many church songs had been recorded in those days. It was a treat to hear favorite hymns sung by professional soloists and choral ensembles on the radio."

Currently "Hymns We Love" follows a two-hour format, airing from 6 to 8 a.m. Slater, 75, rises at 4 a.m. to have plenty of time to make music selections and prepare a script.

"I play all kinds of worshipful music for people to wake up to on Sunday morning," Slater said. "Although I use a lot of contemporary material, I major in traditional church music."

Slater accidentally began his radio career while a music student at Southwestern. When a fellow student who had a weekly show on WBAP asked him to provide piano accompaniment, Slater jumped at the chance. "I had never done anything like that before," he said.

Slater later met the program director who asked him to do his own program—without pay. To make ends meet Slater led music at Baptist churches in the area.

During Slater's last two years at Southwestern, he had a 15-minute program three times a week in which he played the piano, sang and announced his own numbers.

After graduation he continued working with radio stations in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. He finally returned to Texas and WFAA where he produced a zany early-morning program he called "Early Birds."

"The radio audience love the hymns on 'Early Birds,'" Slater said. "Mail flooded the station as people wrote in requesting favorite hymns. For a while there I just about ran my legs off trying to sing at every funeral I was invited to."

Because of the audience response, WFAA asked Slater to host "Hymns We Love." The rest is radio history in north Texas.

Slater continues producing the show in retirement. "I consider it a unique ministry," he said.



Norvell Slater, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, sits in the recording studio at KLDD radio in Dallas, where for the past 35 years he has produced "Hymns We Love," a Sunday morning program of sacred music.

## Seminary student is a real card

by Scott Collins

Some Baptists would be shocked to learn that a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student is dealing cards to pay his way through school.

Even though these cards involve high stakes, they would not be any help in a poker game. Les Springs deals in bubble gum baseball cards.

Like many kids, Springs accumulated boxes and boxes bulging with baseball cards. But unlike most kids, Springs traded those boxes for financial support.

When Springs came to seminary in 1983 he sold his baseball card collection for "several thousand dollars," he said. "We were going to use it for a nest egg."

But when his wife had difficulty finding work, Springs shuffled his plans and used the card money to support his family of four for six months.

Springs' boyhood hobby had become his business before coming to seminary. He was part owner and manager of two stores in Oklahoma City specializing in bubble gum cards.

Such an enterprise is "big business," Springs said. He knows one man who recently paid \$15 apiece for 152 cards of rookie sensation Mark McGwire. That's more than a \$2000 investment.

Dealers make money in the same way stock market investors do. They buy cards hoping the value will go up. The key is to sell the cards when the player pictured reaches his peak.

As a seminary student, Springs isn't

interested in rebuilding his own card collection. He acts as middleman to help others build collections. This gives him a job he likes with flexible hours.

But Springs has found more than money and enjoyment from his hobby—he also found Jesus Christ through baseball cards.

In 1980, Springs was attending the Alabama State Fair where he had a booth selling cards. One night he returned to his motel room depressed.

Picking up a Good News Bible, he began reading verses he had memorized as a child. He had gone to church on Christmas and Easter and played on the church softball team. Thanks to that influence, Springs had been collecting more than baseball cards.

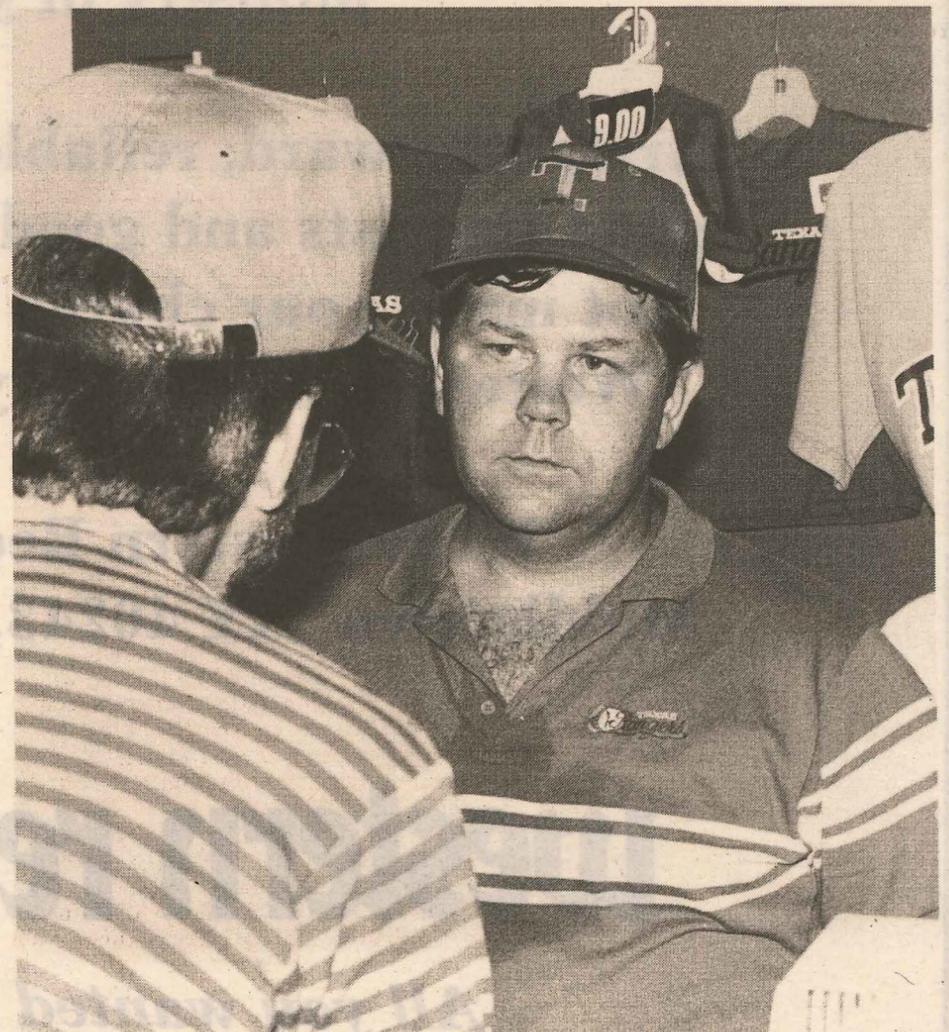
That night he was convicted of his need and prayed to receive Christ. "I didn't know the term salvation, but I knew there was a change in my life," Springs said.

Since moving to Ft. Worth, Springs' family has faced major medical bills. The total came to thousands of dollars. Springs' goal was to pay all the bills before he graduates in December.

And thanks to the baseball cards, the family is already debt-free, he said.

But Springs wants to keep his hobby in perspective. He recently turned down an offer to work in a nearby card shop. Springs told the owner, "My calling is to the ministry and ball cards are secondary."

When God called Springs to ministry, "all the cards lost their value," he said.



Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student Les Springs helps a customer at his concession stand at Arlington Stadium, home of the Texas Rangers.

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