

## Jack Harwell out as editor of Georgia state paper

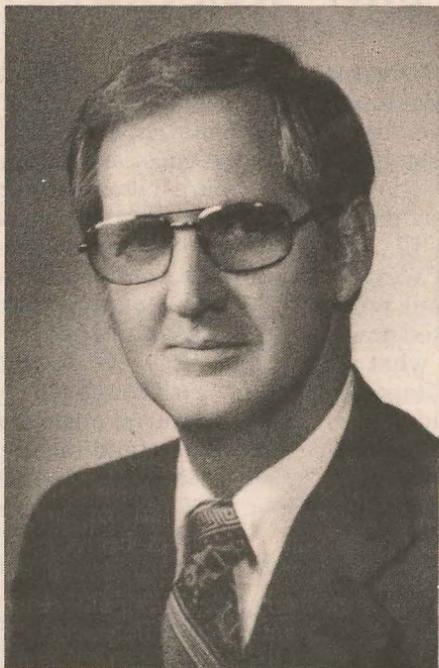
Jack U. Harwell, editor of the Christian Index for 21 years, has announced his early retirement effective Dec. 31.

The Christian Index, newsjournal of the Georgia Baptist paper in the Southern Baptist Convention and the second oldest religious publication in America, founded by Luther Rice in 1822. Harwell, 55, has been editor longer than any other person in the paper's history. He was associate editor for nine years before becoming editor Nov. 1, 1966.

The Index board of directors named Jack P. Lowndes acting editor beginning Jan. 1. Lowndes is director of the Church-Minister Relations Department of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He was executive director and editor for the Baptist Convention of New York from 1975-82.

Harwell has been under fire from conservative groups in Georgia and Southern Baptist life for years. They charged him with favoring moderates and abusing conservatives in the ongoing Southern Baptist theological/political controversy. An effort to fire him was made at the state convention in 1979 but he was supported by messengers.

In 1986 another effort to oust Harwell resulted in creation of the Christian Index review board, to review all editorials and articles in the paper and with power to recommend dismissal of the



editor if members felt such action was appropriate. In August 1987 that review board told Harwell the editorial he wrote about the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in June was a violation and said, "One more violation and we will recommend your termination."

At a called Index meeting Oct. 26 Harwell told the board: "With the creation of the review board I almost felt it necessary to submit my resignation. Hundreds of people across this state and nation advised me to resign at that time; they felt the integrity of the paper had been so compromised that resignation was unavoidable. But in my private prayer life, God did not tell me to resign."

But he added, "All the terrible (SBC) events of the past few weeks made me take a new and harder look at my own ministry. I saw that I had not written my conscience in a single one of those recent issues. I had written what I knew would pass muster with the review board, not what I felt to be true and honest and prophetic. I could no longer live with the restrictions and censorship placed upon this newspaper and be true to my God, my heritage, my denomination or my conscience."

Harwell said many people had advised him to make a floor fight over his situation at the upcoming Georgia Baptist Convention annual meeting (Nov. 9-11 in Savannah. But he said: "Dozens of trusted advisers counseled that...it would result in a terrible division in our convention, one that would be a long time healing. I love this convention too much to participate, or allow someone else to initiate, such a rupture over my personal circumstances."

So he asked the Index board to hold the special session to accept his retirement and to make plans for a transition

toward another editor. The board voted to give Harwell one year's salary and title to the Index automobile as a retirement package.

"The board of directors of the Index wish Dr. Harwell, his wife and his family the best of everything in any future endeavors," said Index chairman William A. Smith. "May they be assured of our prayers and interests. The board of directors was generous and fair and just in granting a retirement package for Dr. Harwell." Smith is pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, Ga., and chairs the five-member search committee named to seek a new editor.

"I am grateful for Dr. Harwell's skill as a journalist and the knowledge he has brought to the task of reporting the events and happenings in the rapidly changing scene of Southern Baptists," said James N. Griffith, executive director-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention executive committee and treasurer of the Index. "His strong commitment to promoting all of the missions

programs of Georgia Baptists is especially appreciated."

Harwell is a native of Mobile, Ala. and a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. He is one of four journalists in a Southern Baptist preacher family. He was a sports writer, public relations specialist and police reporter before joining the Index staff in 1957.

Harwell has been on the board of managers of the American Bible Society, on the board of trustees of Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and been president of Southern Baptist Press Association. He was on the original SBC Bold Mission Thrust committee and was the first publicity chairman for SBC Missions Service Corps. He has held numerous positions in the Atlanta Baptist Association and the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Harwell is the former Blanche Virginia Beard of Troy, Ala. She is a school teacher in metropolitan Atlanta. They have two sons, a foster son and two grandchildren. (BP)

## 429 churches are involved as link with Ohio concludes

by Joy Jordan, Staff Writer

When the 1980 Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution encouraging state conventions, associations and churches in established areas to "consider direct involvement with churches in the newer areas of Southern Baptist work," Kentucky took it seriously.

Meeting in Newport in 1981, leaders of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Direct Missions Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention delineated guidelines for a Kentucky/Ohio Partnership. Robert C. Jones, director of the KBC's Direct Missions Department, helped structure and begin the partnership. He later turned over duties to Bill Jagers when Jagers joined the department as associate director.

The two states formed "an excellent pair," observed Jones. Numerous Kentucky Baptists have moved to Ohio, and many Ohio pastors are native Kentuckians. This gave the neighboring states a "natural affinity" for one another. In fact, the Kentucky Baptist Convention earlier helped lay the foundations for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Although initially the partnership was planned for 1982-85, response was so enthusiastic the conventions extended it through this year. Though the formal Kentucky/Ohio linkage has

nearly ended, the bonds that participating churches formed across state lines will continue.

Since some churches without the assistance of the KBC established their own links through friends or relatives in Ohio, Direct Missions cannot know precisely how many people participated. However, at least 429 churches in 56 associations reported some involvement in the partnership.

"Our emphasis," Jones stressed, "was not in keeping records but in meeting needs."

And meet needs the partnership did. Ohio churches completed profile sheets outlining areas where assistance would prove most beneficial while Kentucky churches indicated what kind of work harmonized with their talents and interests.

All ages of Kentuckians from all across the state joined hands with Ohioans for revivals, vacation Bible schools, church construction and remodeling, puppet teams, music ministries. Even churches in the far western corner of Kentucky joined the project, faithfully traveling hours to share their energy and experience with their northern neighbors, Jones noted.

In many cases, Jones avowed, the partnership "made the difference—just showing that someone cared, someone was interested. It helped bring churches back alive."

### Convention to mark 150 years next week

Louisville will be the site of next week's 150th anniversary meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Business sessions are set Nov. 10-11 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, 1101 S. 3rd St. Times: 9 a.m., 1:25 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday.

A 2½-hour celebration extravaganza marking the 150th birthday of the KBC is set for 6:30 p.m. in Commonwealth Convention Center, 221 River City Mall. The program combines music, pageantry, audiovisuals and testimony.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday. Concession stands won't operate, but the nearby Galleria (which closes at 6 p.m.) has numerous fast food restaurants on its upper level.

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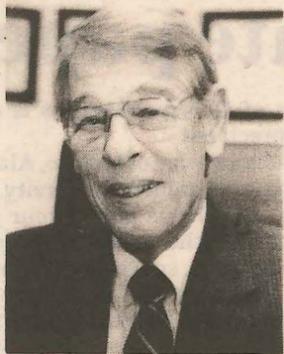
The 1986 resolutions committee offered the following motion: "In consideration of the larger good of our Lord's work through the Kentucky Baptist Convention and consistent with the request of the Peace Committee, I move the Kentucky Baptist Convention dispense with resolutions this one year." The motion passed without discussion.

This year the resolutions committee recommends that in consideration of the 150th anniversary of the KBC all messengers use restraint in offering resolutions. The program for the annual meeting will be full of activities and recognitions. The understanding and cooperation of all messengers

is requested.

If you have a resolution you feel must be presented place a copy of your resolution in the hands of J. Robert White, Paducah, who is chairman of the committee, prior to presenting the resolution. Receipt of the resolution in advance will allow the committee to expedite its presentation while providing consideration to any person who wants to present a resolution.

With this request for restraint the resolutions committee will seek to perform its responsibility with due consideration to any and all persons offering resolutions.



Jack D. Sanford

# sanford's perspectives

## Watch what you say, preacher

Several years ago I was pastor of Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church in Urbana, Ill. This church was near the main campus of the University of Illinois and had many university people in its membership.

At the same time J. Preston Bright was pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Champaign, Ill., also near the campus. Bright is now pastor of Western Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., but when we were together in Illinois we often talked about how different it was to serve, not only in what we considered a pioneer area for Southern Baptists, but also to serve in a university setting and preach before university professors, students and administrators week after week.

Each of us knew we had experts in every field of human interest, real international experts, in our respective congregations. As a result we were constantly checking our facts, our assumptions and our pronouncements to be sure we did not make some dumb statement before such learned people.

We knew whatever subject we preached on, someone in our congregation would know more about that subject than we. Except in theology and the Bible. We considered ourselves the experts in this field and were bold in proclaiming the gospel. However when we used illustrations from fields other than scripture and theology, we had to be very careful. We were not always what we should have been.

Several years ago in his church newsletter, *Temple Tidings*, Bright printed an incident which illustrates how we can fall on our face if we are not careful. I offer this story to every preacher in Kentucky as a word of caution. Be careful and prepare well before you speak, else you may be embarrassed by someone who knows more about your subject than you do. Here is the story from *Temple Tidings* as Preston Bright told it in 1973:

## Come to the party

Party may not be the correct word, but the spirit of the event will be party-like. Of course the party-like event is the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

We will gather in great numbers for the Pastor's Conference Monday, Nov. 9 and stay through the grand celebration Wednesday night, Nov. 11.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a map of the downtown area of Louisville. We have marked parking garages and parking lots and have tried to make it as easy as possible for you to find your way around the city. Bring the map with you because the one-way streets in the convention center area of town can be confusing and can cause you to waste a lot of time if you do not know your way around.

Music, historical pageantry, contemporary drama and old fashioned preaching will make this sesquicentennial celebration a time to remember and treasure for all of us. At a time when so many

"A few Sunday mornings back, Dina Anzelmo put her silver dollar in the Mystery Box for the children's sermon. I stumbled from theology into science and attempted to distinguish between pure metal and alloys. I made the obvious mistake of saying iron was an alloy. Many astute and helpful comments have been made, but the following note received from Stafford Thomas is so choice that I wanted to share it with you.

"A-pun My Word

"Rev. Mr. Bright:

"Although we try to steel ourselves against your mercurial mistakes, the depths you zinc to by misunderstanding the chemical properties has lead us to conclude that you lack mettle.

"Given your stainless record, we hope you don't lose your temper if we aluminate you. Iron is an element and steel is an alloy (that sermon smelt, frankly).

"The ironic error you have wrought puts a different cast on your mettle. For all we know, you commit tin or more such brazen errors every week. You rain 'em down on us periodically.

"Although I am old and silver-haired I remind you of the golden opportunity to correct this error—otherwise I wouldn't give a nickel for your boron, silly-con-games. For bessemer or worse I hope this blast furnishes you unalloyed success in the future.

"Ingot we trust."

Of course we had marvelous fellowship in the Illinois churches. We were a minority in the community and we respected and loved each other so much we could poke fun and all would enjoy a good laugh on the preacher.

However that day is gone in many places, so watch what you say and be careful how you say it. Some expert may call your hand, not in love, but in anger that his preacher is not smart enough to know an element from an alloy.

negative things are happening in our world it is refreshing to know Kentucky Baptists are set for a good time in the Lord and with each other.

Let us guard the fellowship of our state convention and not fall into the trap which has snared so many of our brethren. We may not all see every jot and tittle in exactly the same way, but we are all redeemed by the blood of Jesus, called into the service of Christ and are on the road to resurrection through our faith in the risen, living Lord. That is enough to keep us together and to help us love each other, even when we disagree.

So come to the party at Walnut Street Baptist Church and Commonwealth Convention Center. Get your messenger card before it is too late and get your motel room before they are all gone. You will be glad you did and all of us will be richer because you are there to sing and pray and touch your fellow Christians in love and respect.

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# clear creek comment

## Little children

Jesus loved children. He said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not" (Luke 18:16). He taught the disciples using children as examples (Matt. 19:1-14). Our Lord sometimes addressed the disciples as "little children" (John 13:33) and it impresses me that God so loved the world that he gave us... a little child!

The story is told of a little girl about to undergo an operation. The surgeon explained before he could make her well, he would have to put her to sleep. "All right," said the little girl, "but first, I have to say my prayers. Now I lay me down to sleep...." The operation went well but that night the surgeon got down on his knees and prayed for the first time in 35 years!

Children are special at Clear Creek. We have 257 boys and girls living on our campus as sons and daughters of our students. Each year at Christmas time we have a Shopping Spree at Clear Creek for our children. Mrs. Simpson asks individuals, WMU groups, Sunday school classes and churches to provide new toys (or money to buy them). Then on a designated night we have 'free shopping' by mommys and daddys to select Christmas gifts for their children.

This is the only Christmas most of our families at Clear Creek have. Our average family of four lives on a very small income and it is all they can do to 'make ends meet.' The Shopping Spree is a way we can minister to our students and their families at Christmas time. We are busily engaged now in collecting toys for our children because Christmas isn't very far away!

Little children are very special to God... and also special to us at Clear Creek. There is a sense in which adults are just little children grown up in big bodies. May the Lord continue to bless and use all of his little children!

BABY

*Where did you come from, baby dear?  
Out of the everywhere into here/Where did you get those eyes so blue?  
Out of the sky as I came through/What makes the light in them sparkle and spin?  
Some of the starry spikes left in—Where did you get that little tear?  
I found it waiting when I got here/Where did you get those arms and hands?  
Love made itself into bonds and bands./Feet, whence did you come, you darling things?  
From the same box as the cherubs' wings./How did they all just come to be you?  
God thought about me, and so I grew./But how did you come to us, you dear?  
God thought about you, and so I am here.*

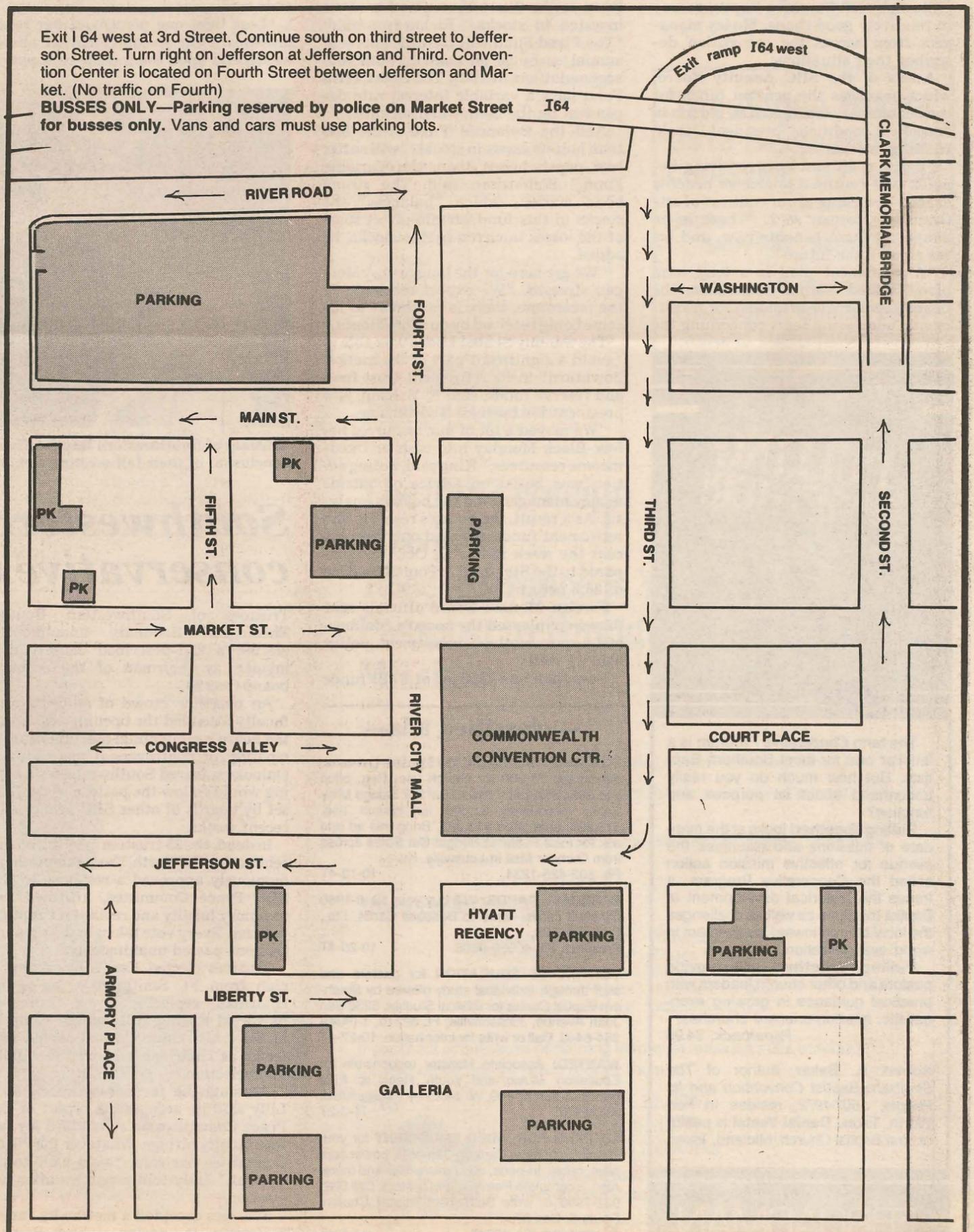
George MacDonald

# KBC Celebration Night

November 11, 1987

- 5:45 Doors Open
- 5:45-6:15 Mass choir and orchestra rehearsal at left of stage when facing stage
- 6:15 People with banners procession begin assembling backstage—left and right sides of stage
- 6:15-6:30 Pre-session Music
  - One by board selection
  - Two selections by Kentucky Baptist Chorale
  - One selection by mass choir and orchestra
- 6:30-6:40 Don Blaylock leads people in relaxing
- 6:40 PROGRAM BEGINS
  - Congregational Hymn, "God is Our Hope, Our Joy"
- 6:45 Trumpet Fanfare and Association Banner Processional
  - Congregational Hymn, "Forward Through the Ages"
  - Welcome & Prayer ..... A. B. Colvin

- "What is Happening in KBC Churches?" ..... Darryl Adams & Tableau Enactments
- Presentation of Living KBC Presidents
- "The Mission Dream" ..... Darryl Adams
- Kentucky Home Mission Leaders ..... A. B. Colvin
- Congregational Hymn, "Share His Love"
- Kentucky Foreign Missionaries ..... Bill Marshall
- Cynthia Clawson
- Ohio-Kentucky Partnership & Mission Kentucky . Bill Jagers
- "Missions in Kentucky is Alive" ..... Darryl Adams
- Kentucky-Kenya Partnership ..... Davis Saunders
- Congregational Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"
- "Epistles" .... A Drama by Ragan Courtney & John Styron  
Directed by Tom Smoot
- "Our Hope" ..... A. B. Colvin
- Grand Finale, "O God Our Hope in Ages Past"  
Mass Choir & Orchestra  
Congregation (verse 5)



# baptist news in brief

## Market's bearclaws fail to shred Baptist funds

The stock market's record 508-point crash Oct. 19 failed to inflict significant wounds on Southern Baptist Convention investments, fund managers reported in the aftermath of "Black Monday."

"The danger is past; we're still positive about the outlook of the economy through the middle of the next decade," said Hollis Johnson, president of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

"We're investors, not traders or speculators," said Johnson, reflecting an opinion of his colleagues. "We're still long term oriented. We're not going to lose sight of long term goals because of a short term loss."

SBC fund managers operate with dual goals—stable growth and security. That philosophy left Southern Baptist money in relatively good shape. Money managers from across the convention described their situations:

**Assets of the SBC Annuity Board**, which manages the pension funds for the denomination's ministers, remain in "excellent condition," president Darold H. Morgan reported.

"Every annuitant now receiving benefits will continue to receive benefits exactly according to our contract of settlement," Morgan said. "There is no danger to these benefits now, and we see none in the future."

"A retirement plan is a long term plan," added Harold Richardson, the board's senior vice president for investments, addressing fears concerning the

market's short term losses. "Sudden economic shifts—up or down—are smoothed out over time unless one makes a speculative decision and begins moving money around in panic."

Annuity holders with money invested in the board's Variable Fund, which primarily is composed of common stocks, were most vulnerable to the crash. But Richardson cautioned against panic:

"Paper losses are not necessarily actual losses. Moving money...at a low point is a certain way to lose. It is now too late to make that move. Over time, these values have always gone up."

Annuity holders with money in the board's other funds were more secure.

"Money contributed to the Fixed Fund or the Short Term Fund is never invested in stocks," Richardson said. "The Fixed Fund will credit 9.5 percent annual earnings on contributions and accumulations in 1987. The Short Term Fund pays a variable interest rate dependent on the money market rate."

And the Balanced Fund, with less than half its assets in stocks, "will suffer less paper losses than the Variable Fund," Richardson said. The strong bond market, which "balances" the stocks in this fund, should offset some of the losses incurred by the stocks, he added.

"We are here for the long term," Morgan stressed. "We expect recovery. In the meantime, there is no threat to income being received by our annuitants."

**The Sunday School Board** was able to "avoid a significant part of the market downturn" in its retirement trust fund and reserve funds, said E. V. King, vice president for business and finance.

"We moved a lot of our resources before Black Monday into cash or fixed-income resources," King said, noting action was based on advice of outside money managers and the board's analysis. As a result, the board's reserves and retirement funds dropped only 8.9 percent the week following Oct. 15, compared to the Standard & Poor 500's drop of 26.2 percent.

**Foreign Mission Board** officials said they were pleased the board's "deliberately conservative" investment policy held up well.

Less than one-quarter of FMB funds

are in stocks, said president R. Keith Parks. And since funds from temporary cash flow are the largest sources of investable money, more than 50 percent of FMB investment assets are in money market securities, unaffected by the market drop.

The market value of the board's common stock portfolio did drop, noted Carl Johnson, FMB vice president for finance. However, the portfolio's decline was "much smaller overall" than the market loss. And since the board's common stock holdings are for long term investment, the board will not be forced to sell any securities because of the market decline, he added.

**The Home Mission Board** received minimal impact from the market, officials said.

"Less than one percent of our total investment is in an equity market where we depend upon the income to support

our basic budget," said controller Van Nichols.

The HMB Church Loans Division's funds are invested either in certificates of deposit or government securities, reported division director Robert L. Kilgore. No money for church loans is invested in stocks, he said.

**The Southern Baptist Foundation** had \$16 million of its \$61.4 million asset base in stocks on Black Monday, Johnson said. The balance, in fixed income securities, short term funds and other investments, helped to stabilize the assets, he said, noting some of that balance actually gained because of increases in the bond market.

The foundation manages invested funds for Southern Baptist institutions and state Baptist conventions. None of those groups that own stocks lost money below the price at which they bought the stocks, Johnson reported. (BP)



Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary join hands in prayer at the conclusion of their fall meeting Oct. 19-21.

## Southwestern trustees elect conservative board chairman

Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary unanimously elected a self-described unassuming layman as chairman of the school's board Oct. 20.

An overflow crowd of students and faculty attended the opening session of the board's semiannual meeting in anticipation of controversial proceedings. Onlookers feared Southwestern's meeting would follow the pattern of conflict set by boards of other SBC agencies in recent weeks.

Instead, the 35 trustees meeting on the seminary's Ft. Worth, Tex., campus harmoniously approved a response to the SBC Peace Committee, affirmed the seminary faculty and revised retirement policies. Every vote taken in the plenary sessions passed unanimously.

Trustees elected Ken Lilly, a physician from Ft. Smith, Ark., as board chairman, replacing Drew Gunnells, pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala. Gunnells had served two terms as chairman and was ineligible for reelection.

Although he is "not a theologian," Lilly said he accepts the report of the Peace Committee as a standard for future faculty hirings. Whatever the Peace Committee has said, "we'd have to go by that," Lilly told reporters after his election.

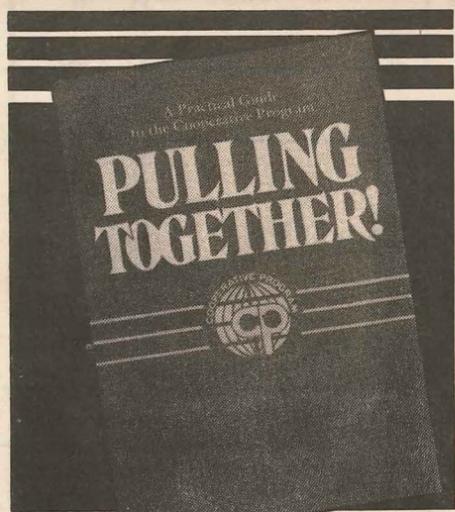
Trustees accepted a motion by James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist

Church, Euless, Tex., that the past chairman and new chairman of the board jointly appoint a trustee committee to determine how to implement the Peace Committee report. Members of the committee are Jim Bolton, Dallas; Draper; Lewis McDonald, Churchville, Md.; James Coggin, Ft. Worth; Wallace Palmer, Leesville, La.; and John McNaughton, Ft. Worth. Lilly and Gunnells will be ex officio members. Draper was named chairman.

Bill Grubbs, trustee from Dallas, asked to add to the formal statement "The Peace Committee came to this campus and found no problems here." At Gunnells' request, Grubbs and Art Sherwood, trustee from Houston, jointly presented a separate statement affirming the faculty, which the board also unanimously accepted.

Grubbs said he wanted to assure faculty members the board would not try to achieve balance through firings. "Our faculty doesn't need to worry about us taking actions that are going to imperil them," he said. "Their jobs are safe and secure."

Trustees also voted to approve the administration's recommendation of eliminating the seminary's policy of mandatory retirement at age 70. Under the new plan, faculty and administrators who are elected by the trustees will face a review process each year after age 65. (BP)



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## 4000 rooms snapped up by San Antonio crowd

All downtown hotel rooms have been assigned to messengers who will attend the 1988 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in San Antonio, Tex., reported convention manager Tim A. Hedquist.

"Almost 4000 hotel rooms in the downtown area have been filled," said Hedquist, vice president for business and finance of the SBC Executive Committee.

The assignments were made Oct. 14 by the San Antonio Housing Bureau, an organization unaffiliated with the SBC. All 4000 rooms were assigned to people whose housing requests forms were mailed to the Housing Bureau and post-marked Oct. 1. The Housing Bureau currently is feeding all assignments into a computer and sending an acknowledgment to each applicant who received a room. The downtown hotels later will confirm the assignments and request room deposits.

However, applicants submitted about 1000 more requests than rooms available in the downtown block, he said, noting the majority of the unfilled requests also were mailed Oct. 1. These requests have been sent to the Executive Committee in Nashville, Hedquist reported: "We're notifying them immediately. People who did not get rooms will know before the people who got rooms receive their confirmations. Each applicant who did not get a room will receive a list of the other 41 hotels in the city, as well as a list of travel agents who have blocked rooms."

San Antonio has about 9,000 hotel rooms in addition to the downtown block of 4000, Hedquist said. "Housing is going to be very, very tight," he reported, noting several groups already have blocked out rooms from the pool of 9000, and others are attempting to block more. Many of the blocked rooms are being reserved by people or groups who will attempt to funnel them to convention participants who are affiliated with their faction within the SBC theological/political struggle, he said. (BP)

## Midwestern says 'no' to written statements

An effort to require seminary administrators and faculty members to submit written statements of their theological positions regarding the Bible was defeated by trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during their Oct. 19-20 fall meeting.

By a vote of 19-8, trustees tabled the effort by Jack D. Amis, a medical doctor from Hopkinsville, Ky., to require "the president, his administrative staff and members of the faculty each provide in writing a statement of his theological position with regard to the Baptist Faith and Message statement regarding the Bible as being truth without any mixture of error and give his position in regard to the examples of diversity of opinion, 1-4, under Section 1, 'Sources of the Controversy' in the Peace Committee's report."

Those examples state that Adam and Eve were real people, that the miracles of the Bible are historical events, that biblical books were written by the attributed authors and that historical nar-

ratives in the Bible are accurate.

Amis' motion also would have required that the written statements "be made available in full to each trustee by Feb. 1, 1988."

For more than 50 minutes trustees debated Amis' motion. After voting to divide the motion into two parts, the trustees eventually passed an amended motion declaring the board's intent to "allow adequate time" to explore the Peace Committee report and the seminary's response during the April meeting.

The section requesting the written statements was postponed until after the trustee executive committee could bring its report which also included its proposal for dealing with the SBC Peace Committee report.

"I'm not out to get anybody or to fire anybody," Amis told the trustees. He said it was not even necessary for faculty and administrators to sign the statements. "I just believe if a man believes something he ought to be able to stand by it."

Amis said there was no way for the trustees to know what actions needed to be taken until they learned where the administrators and faculty members

were in their beliefs.

Midwestern president Milton Ferguson reminded the group that every member of the faculty signed the Baptist Faith and Message Statement when each was elected to the faculty. He told the trustees that following the Southern Baptist Convention in June the faculty voluntarily communicated to the president their willingness to reaffirm their commitment to teach and live by that statement of faith. Ferguson also cautioned the trustees against any action that could communicate suspicion or mistrust of faculty and staff.

After defeating an attempt to refer the matter to the instructional committee, the trustees voted 19-8 to table Amis' motion.

Trustees also participated in a ground breaking ceremony for seven new buildings providing 28 apartments for student housing. (BP)

## William Hall Preston, student leader, dies

William Hall Preston, a pioneer in Southern Baptist student ministry who was instrumental in developing the Baptist Student Union student summer missions program, died Oct. 20 in Houston of cancer. He was 91.

Preston retired in 1964 after 37 years as an associate secretary of the Student Department (now the National Student Ministry Department) of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

He is survived by a daughter and two sons. One son, John Preston, is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Farmington, N. M. He was married to the former Nancy Elizabeth Roebuck of Green County, Ala., who died in 1983.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to state convention student departments for student summer missions. (BP)

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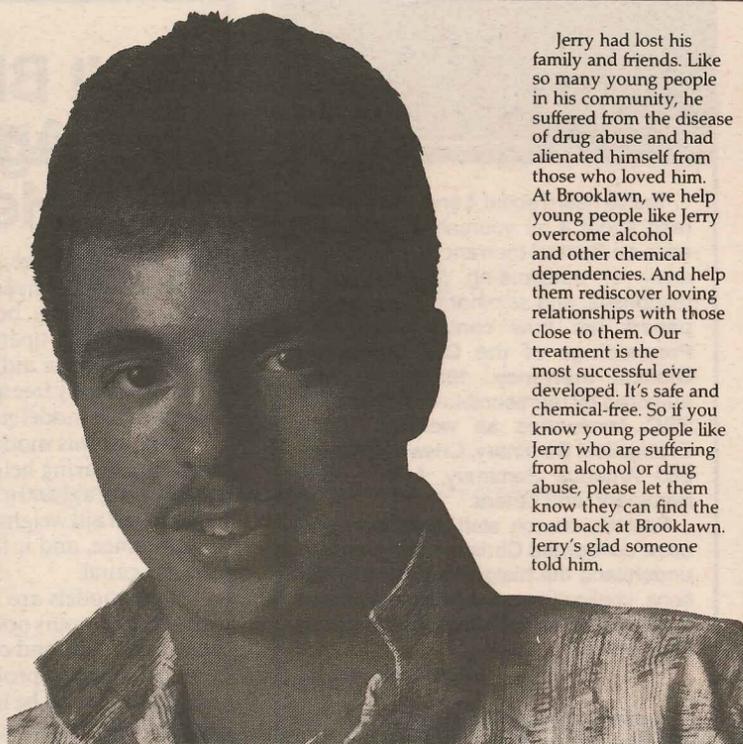
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# baptist news in brief

## BSSB approves inerrancy commentary editors

A slate of six consulting editors and two alternates for a new conservative multivolume Bible commentary was approved without opposition during a called meeting of the trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board Oct. 22.

After 25 minutes of discussion trustees approved in a voice vote the slate presented by the administration. Three consulting editors will work with the Old Testament portion of the commentary and three with the New Testament, along with one alternate for each testament who would serve if an editor could not complete the assignment.

The commentary, to be written by biblical inerrantists, was approved by the trustees in February 1987, with the first volume expected to be released in 1991.

At their August 1987 meeting trustees reserved the right to approve consulting editors for the project and named Paige Patterson, president, Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Tex., as the first of six. Patterson 45 will serve on the New Testament team.

Other consulting editors for the New Testament are Robert Sloan, associate professor of religion, Baylor University,

Waco, Tex., and Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. The alternate editor for the New Testament is Richard R. Melick Jr., professor and chairman of New Testament and Greek departments at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Consulting editors for the Old Testament are L. Russ Bush III, associate professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern; Kenneth Mathews, professor of Old Testament and Semitics,

Criswell College; and Larry L. Walker, professor of Old Testament and Semitic languages, Mid-America. The alternate for Old Testament, Mid-America.

James Clark, senior vice president for publishing and distribution, said more than 20 nominees for consulting editors came from trustees and an advisory group including SBC president Adriam Rogers and nine former convention presidents.

"We tried to choose scholars representing a balance of skills needed to do

the work," said Clark. Balance was sought in linguistic skills, biblical expertise, scholarship assignment and editorial skills.

Clark said the consulting editors will recommend writers and suggest possible names for the commentary in addition to editing the material. All three editors on each team will read all of the material related to the Old or New Testament. A total of 62 trustees on the 85-member board attended the meeting which was the third called meeting of the full trustee board in the last 35 years. (BP)

## President resigns under protest

W. Marvin Watson Jr., bowed to a year of mounting pressure and resigned Oct. 21 as president of Dallas Baptist University during a special called meeting of trustees.

After an executive session where trustees discussed the resignation for more than an hour, trustee Frank Monroe of Dallas said the trustees had accepted it and had named Jerry F. Dawson, director of the Texas Baptist Christian Education Coordinating Board as interim chief executive officer of the institution.

The 63-year-old Watson, who came to the beleaguered school in 1979 and led it to the brink of financial disaster, told the trustees in the called meeting that he has "been charged with everything except murder" and that there are certain people on campus, faculty and

deans alike, that "believe that I should leave."

Watson became president in September 1979. He previously had been associated with Lone Star Steel Company, worked in the Lyndon B. Johnson administration as Postmaster General of the United States and had been a vice president of Occidental Petroleum Corporation before coming to DBU.

He noted in his presentation to the trustees that the debt of the university had been reduced from \$6.5 million to \$3.5 million during his tenure, that operating funds had gone from a \$1.1 million deficit to a \$1.3 million surplus, that assets had doubled to \$25.2 million, endowment had increased from \$2.4 million to \$9.3 million and enrollment had risen from 961 students to a total of 1866. (BP)

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# baptist forum

## Appreciation for WR coverage

I want to express appreciation for your coverage of the annual Haworth Conference at which I spoke. Western Recorder does a good job informing readers about the many avenues of ministry in our state.

Some readers may not have understood I was speaking to state leaders in family ministry who are training others to offer the Covenant Marriage program in their churches.

Part of preparing marriage program leaders is helping them deal with issues that may arise in their ministry. For example, couples sometimes come to a weekend marriage retreat expecting quick solutions to their marriage problems and leave disappointed. It was in that context I said marriage retreats can be "bad news" because they may create "temporary emotional highs" that do not lead to long term changes. The purpose of the conference was to equip marriage program leaders to offer effective ministry, including marriage retreats, that will have a lasting effect in the family lives of Kentucky Baptists. I regret any misunderstanding my comments may have caused.

Diana Garland  
Southern Seminary  
Louisville

## Lottery bad news for Kentucky

On behalf of Central Association we are informing you of our feelings and concerns about the issue of a state lottery in Kentucky. This issue is of significant concern to all Kentuckians and we think it important to voice our opinion. During our recent annual meeting the body of messengers voted opposition to the

lottery and any other form of state-sponsored gambling.

Our opposition stems from several perspectives. Foremost is our belief that such legislation is contrary to the spirit of biblical teachings. Other secular concerns are also pertinent to our position. For example, a lottery is a regressive tax. A lottery requires constant promotion which makes state government the primary sponsor of legalized gambling. A lottery creates no new wealth. A lottery depresses legitimate business. A lottery is hypocritical. Finally, a lottery is a lie.

Thank you for giving us a forum on this issue. Our prayers are with you as you keep Kentucky Baptists informed about the lottery.

Farrell Isenberg, moderator  
W. A. Clutts, director of missions  
Central Association

## What kind of example is this?

The CLC and HMB announced significant shifts concerning the role of women in churches. The stated reason is they are responding to the highly divisive 1984 resolution on women. In their view the trustees and board members are keeping their agencies in line with the resolution. "We must abide by the convention's directives," goes the standard reply.

At the 1986 SBC I moved to amend the resolution on missions to include the phrase: "That this convention urge every church to give at least a tithe of their undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program to support missions." The amendment passed.

Will the trustees and board members be consistent and require that board members, trustees and employees follow

the spirit of this resolution? Will they produce materials and make responses consistent with our convention's emphasis on missions?

The Christian Index reported new HMB president Larry Lewis joined the Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga. According to the 1986 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Rehoboth church gave only 1.83 percent of undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program. By my rough estimates if all churches gave like the Rehoboth church, SBC missionary personnel would have to be reduced by 80 percent. Is this the kind of example the new president wishes to support?

David R. Travis  
Louisville

## Appreciation for Kentucky-Kenya

I must express appreciation for the Kentucky-Kenya partnership as it draws to a close. I had the privilege of being part of the effort in September. What a blessing it was to my life.

It was a cooperative effort that made it possible for me to go. I received financial support from our own Kentucky Baptist Convention and West Union Association. Five churches in our association made financial contributions toward my going, plus numerous Southern Baptists in our area. The Lord brought it all together.

And how God blessed. I was assigned to Malindi, on the Indian Ocean, working with Clay and Pat Coursey, two people who have a deep love for our Lord Jesus and hearts for souls. What an opportunity to see God at work through our Cooperative Program in that part of the world.

I saw wells Lottie Moon offering

money had provided, also roofs on church buildings and missions and schools. Our group saw more than 1400 people saved and eight new churches started during our stay.

I'm so thankful to be a Southern Baptist and have a part through the local church in Bold Mission Thrust here in Kentucky and around the world.

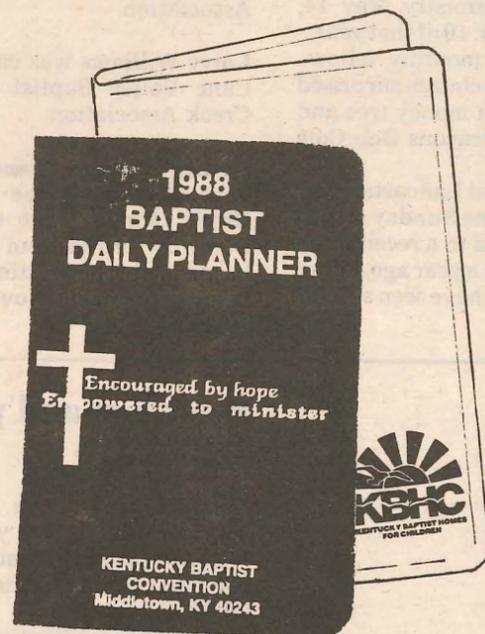
Thank you Kentucky Baptists for allowing me to go and have just a small part in this great work.

Jack R. Studie  
Wickliffe

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## revivals

**Zion Baptist Church**, Henderson, Green Valley Association, will kick off revival and homecoming Sunday, Nov. 8. Evangelist will be Clyde Hankins and music leader will be Bob Reeder.

The church has planned dinner on the grounds, singing and a drive for 100 percent attendance in all Sunday school classes.

Eight men (see photo) from **Daviess-McLean Association** left Evansville, Ind. airport Sept. 6 for Kenya. They were joined in Atlanta by **Jackie Studie**, Wickliffe.

They led Good News revivals inland from Malindi and lived in tents while working with missionaries Clay and Pat Coursey.

The group returned Sept. 23.

**Gilead Baptist Church**, Severns Valley Association, had a crusade in September with evangelist Steve Hale from Newburg, Ind. and song leader Joe Galloway of Tunnel Hill Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

There were 31 professions of faith, three requests for membership by letter and 38 rededications, for a total of 72 decisions. Sunday, Sept. 25 Gilead baptized 25 persons.

John Paul Brady is pastor.

**Harrods Creek Baptist Church**, Sulphur Fork Association, had revival Oct. 25-28. Jack Sanford, editor of Western Recorder, was evangelist. Music was led by Jim and Cindy Abernathy.

## personnel

**Bob Rush**, pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church, was recognized by the congregation for 20 years in the ministry. Rush was licensed to the ministry May 14, 1967 and ordained Sept. 10 of that year.

During the regular monthly fellowship dinner Aug. 26 the church surprised the Rush family with a money tree and a cake. Chairman of deacons Bob Cole presented the gifts.

Rush became pastor at Lancaster Nov. 23, 1986. Since that time Sunday school attendance has climbed to a recent high of 333 compared to 193 a year ago. Other areas of the church life have seen similar gains.

**G. Ted Taylor** was honored for receiving his doctorate of education with a reception at First Baptist Church, Starkville, Miss.

Taylor, minister of education at the church, received his doctorate Aug. 16 from Memphis State University. He received his bachelor's from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and his MRE from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A native of Knoxville, Taylor is married to the former Sheri Marie Jones. They have two children: Ashley, 9, and Brannon, 7. Taylor was minister of education at Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**Brent T. Gupton** has resigned as pastor of Holly Grove Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

**Ekron Baptist Church**, Salem Association, honored its pastor, **Charles Blanc**, and his wife, Frances Nell, with a surprise service commemorating their 20th year with the church. A program on the theme "This is Your Life" brought several guests to share testimonies about Blanc.

Guests included Ralph Murray, former pastor of Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, who married the Blancs in 1950. Blanc was minister of music at Smithwood then.

The church presented the pastor with a silver tray and the ladies of the church presented Mrs. Blanc with over a year of weekly desserts.

**John Gaddis** has been called as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Albany, Freedom Association. Charles Foster Johnson is pastor of the church.

**James Collison** has been called as pastor of Elkhorn Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

**Jim Hunt** resigned as pastor of Harrods Fork Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

**Larry Williams** was called as pastor of Cane Valley Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

**Dudley Thomas Pomeroy** has retired once again from the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. In 1982 Pomeroy retired from the faculty, then began a five-year stint as a volunteer faculty member. Now he has retired again.

**Terry Ruby, Eugene O'Bryan, Allen Shouse, Denzel Dukes, Jerry Lambrich, Michael Carrico and Richard Dendler** from Daviess-McLean Association participated in one of many mission teams involved in the Kenya linkup.



He is available to Kentucky Baptists as interim pastor, pulpit supply, Bible teacher and in other capacities. During his retirement Pomeroy will serve as a volunteer chaplain at the Pineville Community Hospital.

**Kyle Childress** is the new pastor of Stewarts Creek Baptist Church, Central Association. He is a native of Texas, a graduate of Baylor University, and a former pastor of a church in Texas. Childress is completing his MDiv at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

**Bob Blevins** has been called as director of missions for Booneville and Irvine associations. Blevins has been a pastor in Kentucky and Ohio and was a foreign missionary in southwest Africa and the West Indies. He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Cumberland College and Southern Seminary.

**H. Eugene Hamilton**, associate manager at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly since 1982, announced his retirement effective Nov. 15, 1987. He will become pastor of North Benson Baptist Church, Franklin Association.

Hamilton joined the convention staff after leaving the pastorate of Airline Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky. The majority of his ministry was in pastoral service, 15 years of which was pioneer missions in Ohio. He also served one year as an associate director in the KBC's Sunday School Department.

## ordinations

**Bob Edinger, Jim Maddox and Mark Watson** were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Middlesboro. Bill Daniel is pastor of the church.

**Bernie Brumfield, Mark Gorbandt and Terry Nation** were ordained as deacons by Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

**Carolyn Simpson** was ordained as deacon Oct. 18 by Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

David W. Green is pastor.

## associations

Many Kentucky Baptist groups have made antilottery statements in annual associational meetings and in local church business meetings. *Western Recorder* has published a list of those groups which have made such resolutions. We are pleased to add to that list the following associations: Crittenden, Long Run Association, Gasper River, Wayne County and Russell Creek.

The following churches may also be added: Second Baptist Church, Madisonville; Hurricane Baptist Church, Cadiz; and First Baptist Church, London.

## Recovery and progress 1866-1875

"Baptist progress in Kentucky," says Masters, "during the years of recovery, following the long destructive War, was slow and difficult. These were years of 'peril and poverty.'"

The Southern Baptist Convention had not met since 1863. Its leaders were anxious to have a session in 1866. The Bethel Association in Kentucky, led by her strong ministry and wealthy laymen, came to the rescue. The association, in 1865, invited the convention to meet at Russellville immediately before the meeting of the Kentucky General Association on May 25, 1866. And it did. Both groups gave mutual help to each other, as the SBC had been in session since May 21. The latter had met in Louisville in 1857.

A constitutional amendment stated that the "Business of the Body" was to "Promote State, Domestic (Home), Indian and Foreign Missions, Bible and

Book Colportage, Sunday Schools, and Literary and Theological Seminaries in the State, and to collect and preserve our Denominational History of Kentucky."

In 1869-1870 a strong force of state evangelists was put in the field, including J. S. Coleman, J. H. Spencer, A. B. Miller and S. L. Helm. Coleman led in the organization of Greenville (1869), Madisonville (1870) and Hartford (1870) churches in county seat towns.

Also, a new institution came into being on June 30, 1869—the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home—the first in the SBC. A general revival in missions and evangelism prevailed over the state from 1869 through 1873. It was reported in 1871 that \$9,351.81 was received for state missions and \$5,766.18 for foreign missions the previous year.

During 1866-1872 Georgetown College and the two Bethels greatly increased in enrolment, curriculum, faculty and support. Also, in 1871, the movement began to secure the removal of the Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary from Greenville, S. C., to Louisville, Ky.

The Kentucky Baptist Historical Society came into being in 1870-1871 and, in 1873, a special committee was appointed to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the first Baptist preaching in Kentucky at Harrodsburg in 1876.

From the Fall of 1872 through 1873 a financial panic, "the greatest ever known in the nation," retarded mission work in Kentucky. Nevertheless, the committee appointed in 1873 to encourage it reported that the trustees of Southern Seminary had decided to locate the school at Louisville. Kentucky Baptists were urged to contribute liberally toward raising the necessary \$300,000 to secure the relocation. James P. Boyce, seminary agent, was adopted as the association's agent, too.

Plans for a double centennial, that of our nation's birth (1776) and the "Beginning of the gospel in Kentucky," called for celebrations all over the state, to be climaxed at the next session of the General Association (1876).



Wendell Rone

## glimpses of our heritage



**James H. Cox**  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### What a fellowship!

From time to time I suppose all who work in the Baptist Building in Middletown are asked what the "spirit (atmosphere) is like" there.

Personally, I take that as an affirmation of what we do, by people who care about the work and about those who have been called to perform it.

My perspective is that the spirit in the Kentucky Baptist Building today is as healthy as at any time I can recall over a dozen years. I marvel at the sweet fellowship that abounds between Christian brothers and sisters who daily take up their tasks while undergirding the ministries of those whom they work alongside. I do not sense a feeling of "me first" or "my program above all." There is genuine enthusiasm for one another's mission.

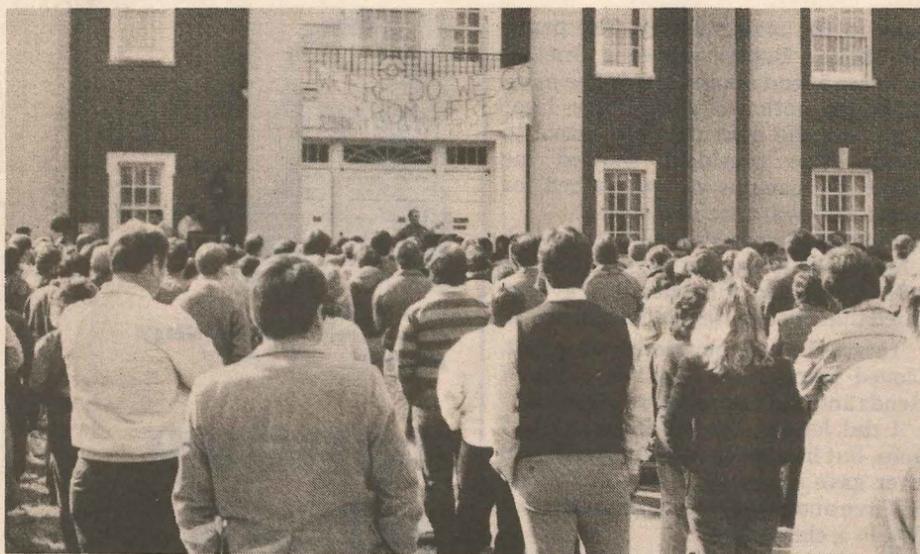
All of this becomes even more apparent to me as I observe KBC staff members in their fellowship together. Those who represent differing views often join hands (and arms) over a cup of coffee in the building's snack room and spar over the merits of U of L's athletic prowess as opposed to other teams. That's about the pinnacle of competitiveness that some of these folks reach!

The typical Kentucky Baptist may not realize that these men and women are found each Tuesday morning in prayer for all of the denominational program. In a "togetherness" experience, they share the personal concerns of their hearts. They are inspired to reach greater challenges in their own lives, and to know the kinship that comes from being "family" in the Baptist Building.

I would not mislead the reader into thinking we do not have occasional disagreements. We do. There will be differences of opinion as long as there are mortals on earth. My belief, however, is when our eyes are focused on Jesus, he gives us strength to overcome some otherwise seemingly insurmountable obstacles. And my further observation is, we have been blessed with a lot more love and affirmation than we have tension and frustration in our tasks. That surely makes the load easier to bear.

I think I really feel best about the spirit in the Baptist Building when a collaborator is in need and is ministered to by fellow staffers. What a fellowship! What a joy divine! For sure, the generosity which characterizes these servants comes forth abundantly through multiplied expressions of kindness.

Won't you include your Baptist Building workers in your prayers? They represent all of us in the church pews. They are faithful to their calling as they attempt to teach us the truth in love every working day.



## Seminary students dare to ask 'Where do we go from here?'

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

"Where do we go from here?"

That question brought more than 350 ministry students to a rally on the steps of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary library Oct. 28.

The Louisville seminarians were concerned by the recent resignations of Southeastern Seminary president W. Randall Lolley and theology dean Morris Ashcraft, which followed a decision by the school's trustees to hire only theologically conservative (inerrant) professors.

Mourning over the decade of turmoil that has plagued the Southern Baptist Convention the students were also anxious for academic freedom in theological studies at their own seminary.

"We did not come today to a funeral," Dale McAbee, a MDiv student from Spartanburg, S. C., corrected the group. But the grief we feel and the gnawing question that plagues our future tells us that something is not right in the SBC. Something has died."

"Academic freedom and theological education as we know it face a bleak future at Southeastern Seminary," he continued. "In the resignation of Randall Lolley Southern Baptists have lost a dedicated Christian scholar and a denominational loyalist of impeccable qualifications."

While the primary focus was on Southeastern, many students also gathered to mourn the loss of trust and the continuing animosity which has resulted from the activity of a rightwing religious/political coalition within the SBC, McAbee said.

Two seminary professors offered their answers to the troubled ministerial students at the student-initiated rally, Bill J. Leonard, church history, and Larry Lee McSwain, church and community.

"I'm tired—tired of wasting good time on issues that distract me from the gospel calling," Leonard confided. "I'm a poorer teacher, preacher, scholar, pastor, father and husband because of this controversy."

He also confessed he was angry. "I'm angry...because we have spent too much time, money and energy fighting each other which we could have spent clothing the naked, feeding the hungry and telling people that Jesus loves them," Leonard explained. "I'm angry because people like Randall Lolley and Morris Ashcraft—two of the finest Christians I've ever known—could not maintain their integrity and work for Southern Baptists at the same time."

"We are more concerned about expelling people from synagogues and semi-

naries, associations and congregations that we are about opening eyes and ears, hearts and heads of human beings lost, lonely and afraid," Leonard continued. continued.

The seminary professor exhorted the students to say to Southeastern Seminary's students, faculty and friends, "You are not alone. You may be the first seminary to confront this trauma but you are not the last. We are praying for you and we affirm your courage, your spirituality and your scholarship."

Leonard encouraged the bewildered Southern students.

"Keep on studying Greek and Hebrew, pastoral care, church history and particularly leadership. Because when all the churches, associations and seminaries have been purged, when all the missionaries are up to specification and when we've had our mail for the last three years read by the proper authorities," he added with a smile of satire, "when the right theology is in place—people will still need Jesus."

McSwain reiterated Leonard's answer to the question. "My answer is simple, I'm going to stay right here and stand up for the truth of Jesus Christ as best I know how."

He admonished the students to be tolerant of differing theological viewpoints. "Academic freedom cuts both ways," he reminded them. "It cuts through every ideology that limits the truth."

The kingdom of God is bigger than Southeastern, Southern, Southwestern and the Southern Baptist Convention, but until the word gets out that the word of God and the church of Christ is loved with intensity in these places, there will be little hope for change, McSwain said.



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### Making November bright

I think of November as a month of warm love and bright fellowship in spite of the sometimes gray days and cooler weather. True, October is gone and with its passing the beautiful, bright leaves have faded to dullness and fallen to the ground. Those enjoyable, bright, warm October days will not return until next spring. Those deep blue skies of October turn to gray in November. But I still think November is a very special month that gives forth a lot of warmth.

November is traditionally a month when we celebrate the goodness of God and the bounty of our great land. This is the month of Thanksgiving, a long standing tradition of feasting and fellowship. Thanksgiving is my favorite national holiday. It not only reminds us of our history, but it calls us to thank our heavenly father for his goodness. The cloudy days and coolness of November are made bright and warm by the fellowship of friends and family who gather to celebrate.

November is a month of brightness and warmth for Baptist Homes for Children because of the Thanksgiving Offering received through the churches. Just as Baptists thank God for his bountiful goodness and just as we prepare to enjoy the "goodies" of celebrating the Thanksgiving season, we remember our Baptist Homes and the dependent, neglected children who need our love and support. Realizing that these children do not have a warm, safe, loving home apart from Baptist Homes and remembering the admonitions of our Lord, we all want to have a very real part in supporting this ministry.

Almost every Baptist church in Kentucky promotes this offering, and Baptists by the thousands respond with their gifts of compassion. Every gift is important, from the smallest to the largest. They all flow together to provide warmth and brightness for a wounded generation of children.

Participating in this offering is a way to express the compassion of Christ for these wounded children. This is a wonderful way to help rescue them from despair and destruction. Will you pray, asking God to help you know what your gift ought to be? Also pray that fellow Baptists will respond to this offering through their churches. Will you give sacrificially this Thanksgiving? I know you will, and you can be sure it will honor God and bless children.



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## oneida journal

### A life changed forever

Many wonderful things come to us in the mail. That is the lifeline through which our friends reach out to us, and sustain us with their financial gifts. Also they encourage us to tell us of their prayers.

Recently a letter came to us from a college professor of English. She wrote of one of our former students who only tested second grade level in reading when he came to Oneida. But with intensive individualized tutoring in our special help department, he went on to graduate 3½ years later and was accepted at college. During his first year he earned nearly a "B" average.

The professor wrote: "The enclosed theme was submitted by one of your former students in fulfillment of an English composition assignment. With his permission I am sending you a copy. I think you will find his comments interesting reading."

The theme said in part: "If a person goes back to school after he has been out for a long time, he can change his life. I was such a person. I needed to be in school because I had dropped out of high school at the age of 16.

"I was 23-years-old and had just lost my job. I had no training that could help me get another job, and I did not know what I was going to do.

"I still lived with my parents and all I did was mope around the house.

"I received an *Oneida Mountaineer*

paper in the mail one day. The paper told about a Baptist school in Oneida. The more I read about Oneida the more I liked the notion of going there. I got in my car the next day and drove to Oneida. The president showed me around the campus and we talked for hours. Afterward we had supper.

"I told president Moore I would work if he would let me go to school there until I graduated. He told me 'okay' but added that I had better not let him down.

"I started school one month after that. I loved being there. I made a lot of friends and had the best time of my life.

"I did let Mr. Moore down a lot of times, but he always believed in me and never gave up on me. I was at Oneida for three and a half years and graduated 23rd in a class of 86.

"The hard thing about Oneida was graduation and having to say goodbye. I think about Oneida a lot, and sometimes wish I was still there. But I know that life must go on. Nevertheless Oneida changed my life forever."

Of course such a testimonial is encouraging and we are grateful to Campbellsville College for taking up where we left off. This young man still needs a lot of help and they are providing it as he works to help himself.

A recent note from a mother lifted our spirits: "How pleased we are that Christine is doing so well in school. We received her grades and were so happy with them. This is the first time in many years that we have seen results like this. It is quite apparent that she is putting forth effort. In the past she had no desire to accomplish. She is involved in diving, swimming and the flag team. That is really spurring her on to accomplish in the classroom."

A pastor writes: "We brought 14 of our members to Oneida to work in painting, sewing, lawn mower repair, and carpentry. They really received a blessing doing the work.

"The most memorable event for all of our members was the 'sermon' you delivered in the library on faith and how it works at Oneida. It is my desire that you come to our church and that you will again let go and 'preach.'

"We are now working to see how we may send different work groups to the school on a regular basis."

Yes, such people encourage. The sheer load of things to be done daily is nearly overwhelming at times. The responsibility is tremendous and unceasing. The financial struggle of caring for over 550 girls and boys is exhausting. But God provides through people like these.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR NOV. 8, 1987

Life and work series

### Transformed by the Spirit

**Galatians 5:16-18** In every Christian is a conflict between the nature prior to his salvation and the new nature imparted to him when he was saved. Each Christian has a carnal and a spiritual nature, and they are antagonistic. When he yields himself willingly to the direction of the Holy Spirit, he receives power to overcome the flesh.

**Galatians 5:19-21** The works of the flesh ruin individuals and disrupt the churches of which they are members. Those who choose to live according to the impulses and desires of the flesh will be practicing the sins of sensuality: adultery, fornication, impure thinking and living and lasciviousness; the sins of false religions—idolatry and witchcraft; the sins of temper—hatred, jealousy, wrath, envy and murder; and the sins of dissipation—drunkenness and revelings. Those who practice such things habitually are strangers to God's grace.

**Galatians 5:22-26** The "works (plural) of the flesh" are separate acts performed by an individual, but the nine-fold "fruit (singular) of the Spirit" is the creation of the Holy Spirit. The flesh can produce works, but it cannot produce fruit. Works can be produced by man, but only God can produce fruit.

Like churches, associations have their up and down years. While not every ministry and program exceeded last year's efforts, West Union had some excellent reasons to celebrate the associational year which has just ended.

- **Baptisms** by the churches increased by more than 50% over the previous year—from 308 to 472. Two of the churches, First Baptist, Paducah (75), and Mt. Zion (61) will be in the state's top 15 churches this year if compared with the 1985-86 baptismal statistics.

- **Cooperative Program** giving by the churches in the association increased 18.6% over the prior year—from \$464,167 to \$550,678. That increase is more than 2½ time the 6.7% increase that all of the state's cooperating churches provided for missions through the Cooperative Program this past year. First Baptist, Paducah, moved up to second in the state.

Perhaps more significant is the fact that this 18.6% increase took place during a year when the total receipts of

International series

### Reunion of the brothers

**Genesis 32:3-5** As yet Jacob did not know anything about his brother Esau except that he was residing in the land of Seir. Recalling their unpleasant experiences in the past, and remembering his angry threat to kill him at his first opportunity, he was very apprehensive. Without any indication Esau's intention had changed, and not knowing what to expect, Jacob decided it would be expedient to send a delegation of messengers ahead of him to interview Esau.

Jacob gave these messengers precise instructions. Fully aware of Esau's preeminence, which was rooted in God's blessing, Jacob instructed the delegation to approach his brother with great humility, and to concede to him great honor and every outward advantage. He told them to inform Esau he had been residing with their Uncle Laban. Jacob charged his messengers to utter only such words as would indicate a lowly submission. He wanted his brother to know that he did not expect anything except his favor and good will.

Jacob's messengers discovered Esau was advancing toward them, accompanied by 400 men, sooner than they expected. The immediately reported to Jacob the close proximity of Esau's band, presumably with hostile intent.

Jacob told his men to take all precautions possible, and that he was then thrusting himself on God for deliverance.

**Genesis 33:1-11** No sooner had Jacob returned to his family after spending a night in prayer to God than he saw Esau and his army approaching in the distance. Jacob arranged his family by placing the more expendable members up front to meet any hostile intent. Jacob courageously put himself in front and proceeded ahead of them all to meet his brother.

As they drew near, Jacob bowed, advanced a few steps, and bowed again until seven obeisances were made. His bowing seven times indicated he was ready to take the place of complete subordination and submission to his elder brother.

Jacob's contrite spirit disarmed Esau instantly and he forgave him freely. Esau ran and embraced Jacob. The tears that flowed down the cheeks of the estranged brothers washed away all the bitterness and ill-will of more than 20 years.

these churches were actually below the previous year's!

Just prior to my message were presented audiovisual reports on the partnership with Ohio and Kenya. It was obvious by the audience response to these excellent reports, that the West Union Association knows how to involve the churches in missions. And it was just as obvious that West Union Association has been deeply impacted by these part-nerships, surely due in part to the excitement and "joy in the Lord" with which their volunteers returned.

And, I couldn't help but speculate that the partnerships may have made a contribution to the associations growth in baptisms and Cooperative Program giving this past year.

It was understandable that director of missions Tom Lewis struck a continuous smile during the fellowship which followed the session.

It was a good year for West Union. And their good year has helped all the rest of us!



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## on mission together

### A good year in West Union

In 1834, three autumns before the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky was organized, West Union Baptist Association was born. Meeting in Gum Spring Church in McCracken County the 10 churches called themselves the Union Association of United Baptists. Years later "West" was prefixed to distinguish it from another "Union" association in the state.

From 10 churches with fewer than 700 church members, West Union has become one of the strongest of our 78 associations, now claiming 48 churches and 22,468 members.

I was privileged to address their annual meeting Oct. 26. A much needed rain proved no deterrent to the 236 messengers and visitors assembled in the lovely sanctuary of First Baptist, La-Center.

# Hispanic seminary celebrates 40th anniversary

by Mark Wingfield

To the sounds of maracas and Spanish guitars, friends of Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated the school's 40th anniversary Oct. 5-6.

More than 500 people gathered under a blue-and-white circus tent on the seminary grounds Oct. 6 for a barbeque luncheon hosted by President Daniel Rivera. Another 120 attended an anniversary banquet the night before.

At the barbeque, San Antonio Mayor Pro Tem Frank Wing read a proclamation from Mayor Henry Cisneros declaring "Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary Anniversary Day." Wing, city council member for the seminary area, said the school has "stood as a spiritual witness to the city of San Antonio" and is "an integral part" of the city's educational system.

Mauriece Johnston, representing Texas WMU, said the women of Texas and Hispanic Seminary have been "laborers together with God." Texas WMU provided the 12-acre tract where the school now stands in addition to

scholarships and other building funds through the years.

Manuel Rodriguez, president of the Mexican Baptist Convention and a seminary graduate, recalled how he came to the school unable to read or write either Spanish or English. He couldn't even complete the application forms.

But because the faculty and staff saw potential in him and trained him he is today pastor of a prominent Hispanic congregation, First Hispanic Baptist Church, San Antonio.

From the beginning, Hispanic Seminary has had an open-door admissions policy. After the school's merger with Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982, other accredited degree programs were added that require at least a high school diploma.

This flexibility to meet each student's need was emphasized by former seminary president H. B. Ramsour in a chapel service before the barbeque.

Missionary Paul Siebenmann began the school in the Baptist Good Will Center in San Antonio in 1947 with the help of San Antonio Baptist Associa-



Students of Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary serenade guests at a barbeque luncheon held on the San Antonio campus Oct. 6 to celebrate the school's 40th anniversary.

tion. In 1962, the Baptist General Convention of Texas assumed responsibility for the seminary because it had grown too large for one association to support.

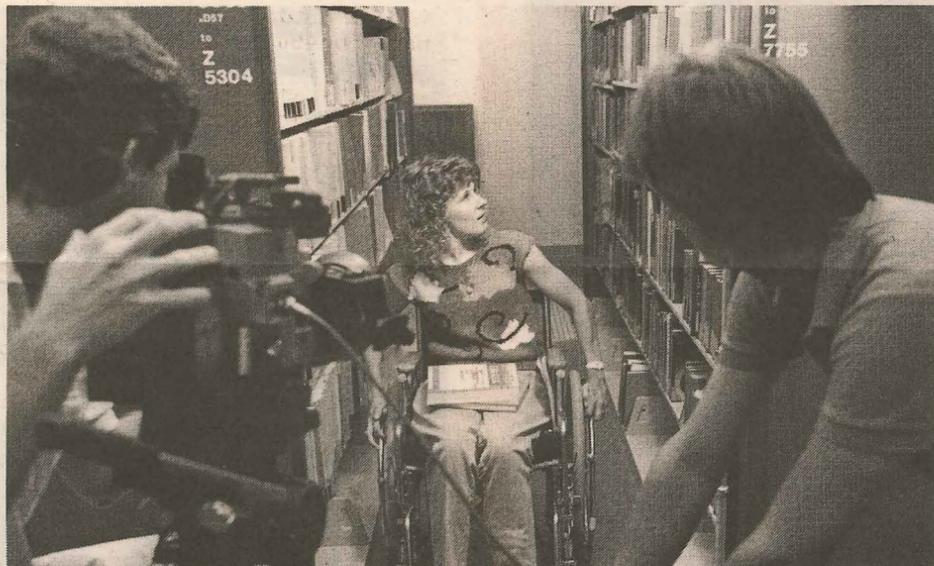
Then in 1982, the school merged with Southwestern Seminary to further increase its resources. At that time, the school's name was changed from Mexican Baptist Bible Institute to Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary.

In just 40 years, Hispanic Seminary has grown from 15 night school students to more than 400 students in San Antonio and satellite locations around the

state. Classes are taught primarily in the Spanish language.

Although enrolment of Hispanic students in theological schools across the United States is declining, enrolment at Hispanic Seminary is at an all-time high, through the use of satellite centers and extension courses.

Hispanics are the most rapidly growing minority group in the United States. Many of these people do not know Jesus Christ. Because of this urgent need, Hispanic Seminary is a strategic theological institution.



Kellie Bonham demonstrates her mobility in the seminary library during filming of a documentary by the Dallas Rehabilitation Foundation. The film will be shown to other spinal-injury victims undergoing counseling.

## Seminarian conquers paralyzing fear

by Elizabeth Watson

Fear paralyzed Kellie Bonham more than the spinal injury she received in a diving accident.

Now seven years later, Bonham is helping other quadriplegics understand how to break free of that fear. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary master of divinity student is developing her ministry skills as a chaplain-intern with "physically challenged" people at Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center in Arkansas.

Bonham wants spinal-injury victims to know they can lead full and meaningful lives. As a quadriplegic paralyzed below the shoulders, she is living proof of her message.

After the diving accident as a teenager, she stepped back into the world in a wheelchair. But she had to sort through much pain to accept her condition. Bonham said her biggest challenge was loosening the grip fear held on her life.

"Total nurture by family, friends and roommates made it impossible for me to learn to become independent," said Bonham, who is a native of Longview,

Texas. "Because my emotional and physical well-being largely depended on others, I didn't believe I could face life on my own. I was afraid of failing."

Bonham's decision to become more independent was directly related to "feeling more secure" about her disability. "Acceptance that I'm in this for life triggered the change," she said. "No more denial."

Last summer Bonham took her biggest step toward independence. She moved to Hot Springs to participate in the six-hour-credit clinical pastoral education program and without a full time roommate.

"The Texas Rehabilitation Foundation has always funded a roommate for me," Bonham explained. "But I decided I should try to do certain things myself."

Bonham's summer experience stretched into a year-long venture. Administrators at the rehabilitation center and the Arkansas Baptist Convention asked Bonham to stay on for one year before returning to seminary classes.

"One thing I have learned at seminary and Hot Springs is true love lets you do it yourself. That's how Jesus loves us. He lets us fall, but assures us that in his strength we can stand back up again."

## Students take gospel to poor

by Mark Wingfield

If Jesus had brought his earthly ministry to Ft. Worth, he surely would have visited the Butler Housing Project.

Instead, two Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students are walking where Jesus would have walked, taking the gospel to those who might not hear it otherwise.

Jesus often ministered to the poor and downtrodden of his society. And the 1400 residents of Butler live in the poorest, most crime-ridden section of Ft. Worth, isolated from the community by a triangle of major highways.

Most residents don't own cars and can't even afford 75 cents to ride the city bus. So-called friends who do have cars may charge \$3 for a ride downtown.

"These people aren't going to hear the gospel unless we take it to them," said Jacque George, a social work student intern with Tarrant Baptist Association. Through the association's Urban Allies program, George is assigned to meet the needs of Butler residents.

Although the material and physical needs are obvious, spiritual needs may not seem as pressing to residents, she said. "Their focus is on right now—how I'm going to put food on the table, how I'm going to put clothes on my kids. Spiritual needs aren't a priority."

"But they're hungering spiritually, even if they don't know it," George said.

She tries to visit every family that moves into the project. In that initial encounter she lets them know how the Baptist churches of Tarrant County can help meet physical needs and how the Baptist mission in Butler can meet spiritual needs.

The Brighter Hope Mission got its start from two ladies George led to ac-

cept Christ in 1985. They began a home Bible study which has grown into a mission meeting in the project's community center.

Carl Burns, a doctor of education student, is mission pastor. He commutes to Dallas to teach in a public school every weekday, is writing his doctoral thesis and ministers in Butler several days each week.

That means the mission's greatest need is volunteer teachers, he said. At least three area churches have joined the effort, lending members to teach Bible classes and direct the mission's activities.

Burns gives the mission all the time he can, because the need is so great, he said. "I look over the faults and keep going," he said.

In its first 19 months, Brighter Hope has baptized 22 and accepted 16 others by profession of faith. Members plan to have a church building by 1990.

Other religious groups have come and gone in the project, Burns said. "The residents don't expect us to be permanent. But we've already been here longer than any religious organization. I'm proud of our track record."

Burns said his greatest ministry is evangelism. "I'm trying to move the gospel into the hearts of these people."

In the mission activities, the Butler children eagerly look for friendship from the volunteer leaders. The adults intensely soak up every devotional thought they hear.

Despite ongoing struggles for survival, those people George and Burns have reached cling to their faith. "Their faith is the only hope they have in life," George said.

That makes the mission of Brighter Hope even more important.

# First in 57

## Football is back at Campbellsville College

By Deana Duncan  
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Football is back at Campbellsville College!

Campbellsville College's Tigers won their first game in 57 years Saturday, Oct. 10 by defeating Cumberland College's Indians 30-20. About 1,500 persons welcomed football back to Campbellsville College as the junior varsity teams played at Campbellsville High School's field.

It's not that the College has lost games since 1930; it's that football hasn't been a sport at the College since then when it was discontinued due to the Great Depression.

The Tigers' opening game was Sept. 19 when they lost to Georgetown College 30-12 at Georgetown. They scrimmaged Centre College at Danville Sept. 28 and lost 7-6.

Interim head coach is Ron Finley of Russell Springs with Campbellsville School Superintendent Dave Fryrear

taking over the reigns next season. Finley will be an assistant coach next year.

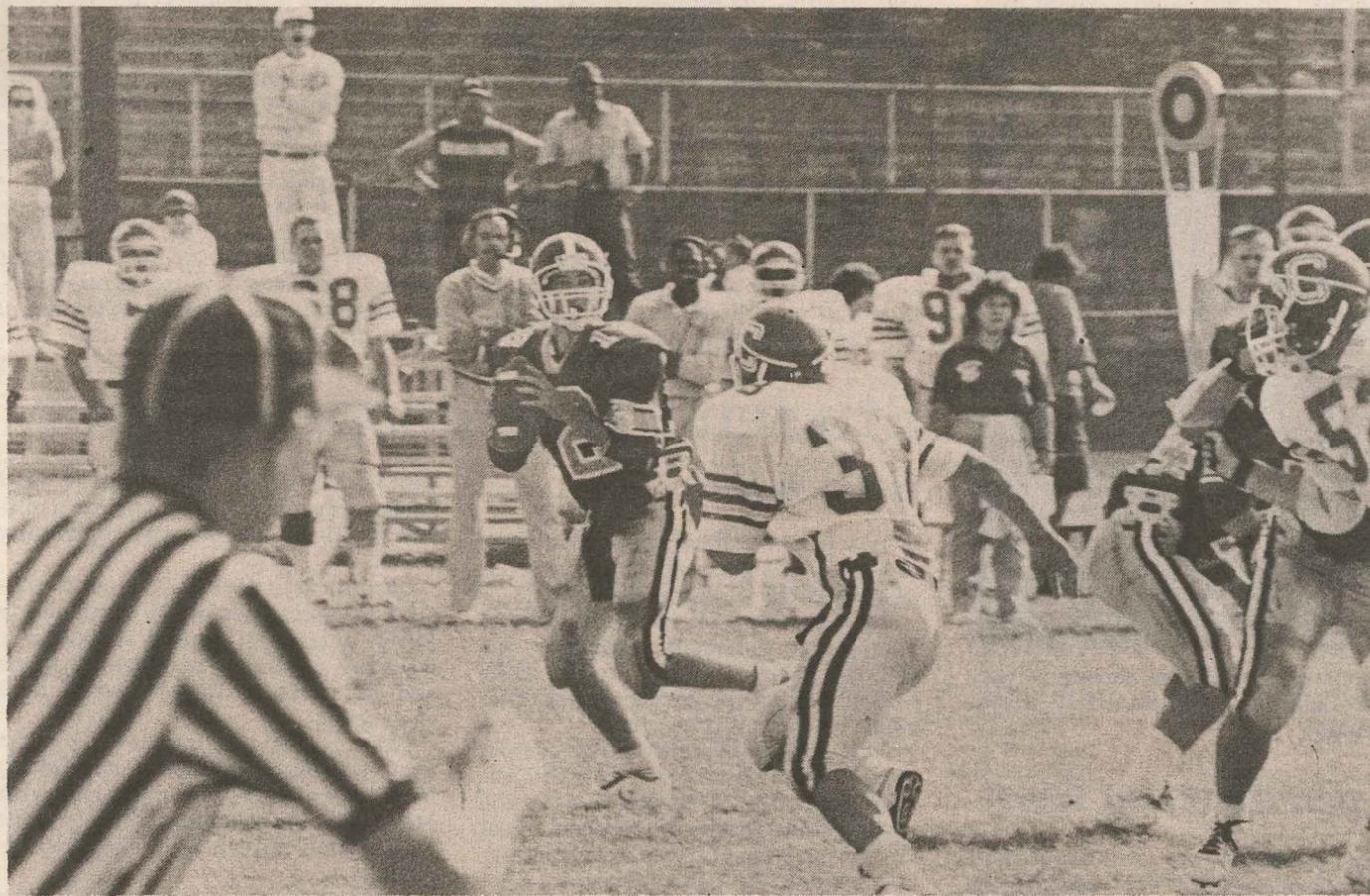
Campbellsville's team includes 36 players, and about 25-30 of them came to the College because of football. Enrollment is up this year 9.46 percent to 671 students, and football has added to that increase.

Campbellsville College President Dr. W.R. Davenport said, "Our program of non-scholarship football keeps

the emphasis where it should be: on the young men as students first and then as athletes. Academic excellence and the integration of Christian faith and learning must not be sacrificed for sports programs.

"Several definite goals are being achieved with this sports program. A vigorous fall sport is being provided, and a Saturday activity spices up the student weekend.

"School spirit has a new thrust. More men are brought into the student mix. I am convinced that our new program in non-scholarship football can assist us in achieving our goals in these other areas."

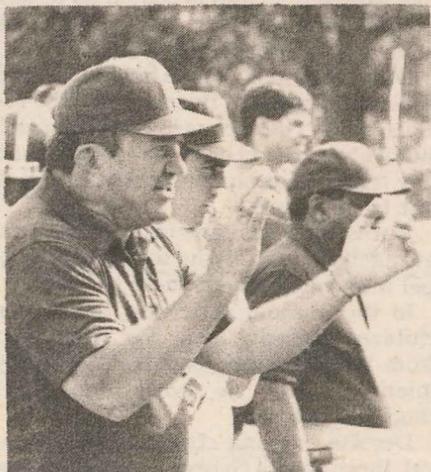


KEVIN SIMPSON (12), Campbellsville College quarterback from Bardstown, throws a touchdown pass to Tony Tonge as the Tigers defeated Cumberland

College 30-20. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)



DeLYNN BUCKINGHAM (32) of Horse Cave takes a break after recovering a fumble during the Tigers-Georgetown game. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)



COACH RON FINLEY applauds a touchdown made by his team. (Campbellsville College Photo by Ayo Olaniyan)



THE FIRST CAMPBELLVILLE College football team since 1930 won its first home game against Cumberland College while about 1,500 persons

watched. (Photo by Bobby Brockman, Central Kentucky News-Journal)