



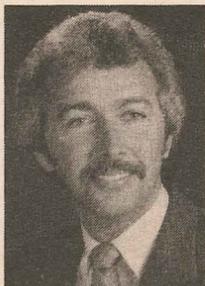
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## Walnut Street hosts evangelism meet Feb. 22-23

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Program personalities for the state evangelism conference were announced this week by Hal Poe, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Evangelism Department.

Theme of the meeting is "Equipping the Laity in Evangelism—Year of the Laity in Evangelism."

The two-day event is scheduled Feb.

22-23 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Sessions are set for Monday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 9 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.

Three speakers will address the conference at each of the five sessions. The speakers will rotate among the various sessions, several of them delivering two or three addresses.

They include Harold A. Carter, W. Bryant Hicks, Richard A. Jackson, Don

Short, Jack R. Smith, Jon Stubblefield, John Sullivan and H. Edwin Young.

Informed sources say two of these speakers—Jackson and Young—are at this time expected this summer to be nominees for the office of president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The convention meets in annual session June 14-16 at San Antonio, Tex.

**Carter**, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., holds two earned doctorates, from St. Mary's Ecumenical University, Baltimore, and Colgate Bexler Hall/Crozer Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. He has authored eight books. He has served his present church 22 years and had a radio and television ministry many of those years. Several times he has led the church into the downtown Baltimore Civic Center where 14,000 have gathered to hear the gospel preached.

**Hicks**, native of Florence, S. C., is M. Theron Rankin professor of foreign missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been on the seminary faculty since 1965, having been a Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines from 1955-64. He had earlier been assistant pastor of Louisville's Fourth Avenue Methodist Church and pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church, Forks of Elkhorn, Ky. Hicks holds degrees from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Southern Seminary.

**Jackson** has pastored North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., for 20 years, where he has baptized nearly 16,000 persons. Born in Ft. Worth, Tex., Jackson holds degrees from Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. Prior to his Phoenix pastorate Jackson served churches in the Texas cities of Banks, May, Bluffdale, Cleburne and Sulphur Springs.

**Short** is an evangelist living in Kuttawa, Ky. who averages 35-40 revivals annually. He pastored seven years before entering evangelism in 1980. He holds four degrees.

**Smith** is associate director of the Personnel Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. Earlier, he was director of evangelism for the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey. He has also been an associational director of missions in Pennsylvania and pastored churches in that state, in Alabama and Mississippi. The Gainesville, Ga. native is a graduate of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Stubblefield**, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, since 1986, was born in Fayetteville, Ark. He earned degrees from the University of Arkansas in that city and from Southern Seminary. His ministerial experience includes pastorates in Fayetteville, and Magnolia, Ark., and Little Mount Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Ky., 1967-75.

**Sullivan** is a native of Ansted, W. Va.,

and has pastored Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., since 1975. His earlier pastorates were in Phoenix, Ariz. and these Texas cities—Aledo, Ft. Worth and Sulphur Springs. He graduated from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, and Southwestern Seminary.

**Young**, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., was born in Laurel, Miss. He was educated at Mississippi College, Clinton; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; and Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Tex.

Poe has scheduled five individuals to preside over the five sessions of the evangelism conference, and five individuals to direct congregational singing. Presiding, music leading and speaking assignments for the five sessions are:

**Monday, 2 p.m.**—Presiding: William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown; Music leadership: Eugene Sutherland, minister of music, Walnut Street Church; Speakers: Stubblefield, "An Example of Lay Evangelism"; Short, "A Divine Mandate"; and Carter, "Ambassadors with a Mission."

**Monday, 7 p.m.**—Presiding: C. Benton Williams, director, Missions and Church Services Division, KBC; Music leadership: G. Douglas Smith, professor of church music, Southern Seminary; Speakers: Stubblefield, "Disciples Are Deployed for Evangelism in the World"; Young, "All Are Witnesses for Christ in the World"; and Sullivan, "All Are on Evangelistic Assignment in the World."

**Tuesday, 9 a.m.**—Presiding: Poe; Music leadership—Larry Earhart, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Somerset; Speakers: Smith, "David and the Holy Spirit"; Sullivan, "The Early Church and the Holy Spirit"; and Young, "Jesus and the Holy Spirit."

**Tuesday, 2 p.m.**—Presiding: Bill Messer, vice president, Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Ashland; Music leadership: Jim Cordell, associate director, Church Music Department, KBC; Speakers: Hicks, "Spirit Led Obedience"; Carter, "Equipped By Cleansing"; and Jackson, "Equipped By Training."

**Tuesday, 7 p.m.**—Presiding: J. Howard Cobble, president, Kentucky Baptist Convention, and pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; Music leadership: L. Eugene F. Quinn, director, Church Music Department, KBC; Speakers: Hicks, "Jesus Sends Us Out"; Jackson, "Called to Fish for Men"; and Young, "Women in Evangelism."

Special music for the conference will be provided by Mrs. Bessie Williams Cunningham, soprano, of Atlanta, Ga.; "Covenant," a Danville, Ky. full time music evangelistic trio of Libby Black, Jennifer and Mike Osborne; David Oliver, Princeton, Ky., full time music evangelist; and the Kentucky Baptist Chorale, a professional musicians' singing group.

## Presidential search may end soon at Southeastern

by Dan Martin

There is the "very strong possibility" trustees at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., will elect a new president when they meet Mar. 14-15, making moot a new controversy over the tenure of president W. Randall Lolley.

"I think there is the very strong possibility we will elect a president when we meet in March," said trustee chairman Robert D. Crowley. "That depends on the meeting of the presidential search committee next week (Jan. 21-22). It is very possible at the conclusion of that meeting we will have narrowed the list to five and maybe even three candidates."

Crowley said the 12-member search committee will consider 17 and possibly 19 nominees.

Crowley made public the names of the persons to be considered by the search committee after a partial list was

printed in a secular newspaper:

Clint Ashley, president, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, Calgary, Alberta; William Bennett, former pastor, First Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, Ark., now in a conference ministry; Don Berry, chairman, biblical studies and philosophy department, Palm Beach Atlantic College, Palm Beach, Fla.;

L. Russ Bush III, associate professor, philosophy of religion, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Charles Chaney, dean, Redford School of Theology and Church Vocations, Southwestern Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.; Abda Johnson Conyers III, chairman, religion department, Baptist College of Charleston (S. C.);

Lewis A. Drummond, Billy Graham professor of evangelism and director of the Billy Graham Center for World Evangelization, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; James Franklin Eaves, professor of evangelism, Southwestern Seminary; John D. Floyd, vice president of development and public relations, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.;

Timothy George, associate professor of church history and historical theology, Southern Seminary; Richard D. Land, administrative assistant to the governor of Texas and former administrator at Criswell College, Dallas; Richard Melick Jr., professor of New Testament and Greek, Mid-America Seminary; Jimmy A. Millikin, professor of theology, Mid-America Seminary;

Thomas Nettles, chairman, department of church history, Mid-America Seminary; Charles M. O'Neal, pastor, First Baptist Church, Searcy, Ark.; Paige Patterson, president, Criswell College; and Gene Miller Williams, president, Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.

Two other persons likely to be considered are Charles Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.; and chairman, SBC Peace Committee, and Joel Gregory, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., and former professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary. (BP)

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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Handling resources

After many years of persuasion my dad finally agreed to make a will for himself and Mother. That will was a simple document because my parents did not have much of this world's goods, but it was perhaps one of the most important things Dad did in his lifetime.

When the Lord suddenly called him home, Dad's affairs were in good order and Mother had no problems with financial matters.

That, however, is not the way it is with far too many people. We postpone doing what every one of us should do and many times our loved ones are left with chaos, compounded by their grief when a loved one dies.

Foundation directors in every Baptist state convention, plus the SBC Annuity Board, have been trying for many years to convince Southern Baptists of the wisdom of making a will. Each January the denominational focus is on this important subject because a will does several significant things.

First of all, a will assures the proper, expedient settlement of an estate, regardless of its size. Many people have the mistaken idea they do not need a will because they do not have lots of money. That is wrong. Every person who owns an automobile, a bank account, a piece of property, books, furniture and more needs a will to see that these possessions are not thrown into a probate court where the state will decide how they are best distributed.

When death comes survivors are ill prepared to cope with the many demands made upon them to

handle financial and property matters because of the numbness of sorrow. A simple will spares them the agony of decision making at a time when what they need is support and help from others.

Second, a will assures the continuation of a Christian witness beyond the grave if that will has designated funds for Christian causes. It is a simple matter to include the local church, a favorite Baptist institution or some missionary enterprise in a will. Those who survive do not have to wonder what the deceased would want done with the resources left. It is all spelled out in advance and the Christian witness goes on.

Finally, a will is just another act of careful Christian stewardship. The assets God gives us are a trust to be used not only for our well being but also for the advancement of his work on earth. A good steward will take care of God's business during his lifetime by seeing that God's business is taken care of after life is over. A will is the way to carry out this stewardship opportunity and responsibility.

If you do not have a will, make one now. Help is available in many places including your own Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Barry Allen, acting director of the foundation, can offer help to anyone who asks.

To be God's person in today's world demands wisdom and part of the wisdom we must demonstrate is in how we handle our resources. A carefully written will is a wise move all of us should make before it is too late.

## The time for action is now

The battle to establish a lottery in Kentucky is heating up.

Last week the political action committee set up by supporters of Governor Wallace Wilkinson reported raising half a million dollars in the past two months. The group calls itself "Kentuckians For A Better Future," and is attempting to raise one million dollars for a lottery publicity campaign. Since this group has the support of many wealthy Kentuckians they will be successful in their drive to secure funds for television ads.

Representative Don Blandford from Philpot introduced the Wilkinson-backed lottery amendment last week in the House. However, legislators do not have enough votes to assure passage and political arm-twisting will likely go on, some observers declare, until near the Feb. 24 deadline for those who will seek legislative seats in the next General Assembly. If the votes were in place the bill would have already been reported out of committee and placed on the agenda for action by the full House.

This means there is a little time left for Kentuckians to voice opinions on the lottery. Since those who favor a lottery do not have a lock on votes it is possible some grass roots pressure could greatly influence the outcome. This is the way politics usually works and there is no reason to think it will not work in our state now.

Actions against a lottery are being taken by groups all across Kentucky and this is good. But public rallies, impassioned speeches, bumper stickers, church pronouncements and catchy slo-

gans are not enough to defeat this monster.

What is required to defeat a lottery proposal is simple: letters to legislators.

If thousands of Kentucky voters took a few minutes to write a simple note to each legislator and stated clearly opposition to a lottery, the bill would never have a chance. As it stands now the legislators think Kentuckians want a lottery since they interpret Governor Wilkinson's victory as a mandate on his major campaign issue, the lottery.

Do not use mass-produced letters run off by the church computer or mimeograph machine. Take pen or pencil and state clearly something like this: "If you vote for a state lottery I will not vote for you in the next election."

That is blunt, straightforward and even the dullest, most incompetent legislator can understand what you mean.

The church can assist this letter writing campaign by providing a time, perhaps during the Wednesday supper, to supply members paper and pencil, even envelopes and perhaps the postage. But do not mass-produce a letter or think a petition with hundreds of names will have much effect. The petition will go in the trash.

The initiative has been taken by proponents of a lottery. Now the ball is in the court of those who oppose a lottery. The next few weeks are crucial if the lottery is defeated.

If you intend to do anything, do it now or forget it and watch the mess which will result when the state gets in the gambling business with the blessing of the people.

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## homes for children

### Out of bondage

In our worship services we often sing, "Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus I come." Bondage calls our attention to slavery and the hardships the children of Israel suffered in Egypt. It also brings to our attention the slavery of sin that binds until one turns to Jesus Christ for forgiveness, salvation and freedom. To come out of bondage reminds us of how God used Moses to deliver Israel from the Pharaoh's grip in Egypt. It also speaks of Jesus coming to take our place on Calvary's cross and thus bring out of bondage all who trust in him.

When God was ready to give the Ten Commandments, he spoke to Moses and said, "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Exodus 20:2). Those who have experienced physical bondage and then been set free truly know the worth and joy of freedom. All who have experienced freedom from the bondage of sin know the joy of being a true child of God. Isn't it wonderful to have come out of bondage and into Christ?

There are multiple kinds of bondage. There is the bondage of poverty and want. Many live in this kind of bondage. Multitudes live in the bondage of fear, weakness and abuse.

More and more I am overwhelmed by the bondage in which many precious children live. All too many children are not wanted and are treated as objects in the way. Consequently, they are made to feel like they are "nobodies" and very often are neglected and mistreated.

Children in the custody of alcoholic parents or adults who are unable to give them proper care are truly in bondage. They are not strong enough to protect themselves or care for themselves, so they are caught in bondage afraid, hurting, deprived and not knowing how to get out of the situation. Unless there are those who care and help, many children remain in the terrible bondage of poverty, neglect and abuse.

Your Baptist Homes for Children is daily leading children out of the bondage of hopelessness into the freedom of love and opportunity. While we care for their physical needs, we give them love and guidance. While we lead them out of the bondage of fear and hurt, we also introduce them to Jesus who is able to lead them out of the bondage of sin.

### personnel

Accepting the pastorate of First Baptist, Smithland, Ohio River Association, **Ray Gilliland** leaves the pastorate of East Union Baptist, Muhlenberg Association. While in Muhlenberg Association, Gilliland was associational Church Training director.

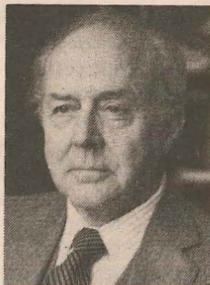
**Tom Moore**, director of development and communication services at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children since 1974, has announced his retirement effective Aug. 31. A native Texan, Moore is an ordained Baptist pastor. During his years at Homes for Children he has assisted persons in financial management, focusing especially on estate planning. Moore and his wife, Betty, have a married son and four grandchildren.

Jan. 1 **Lincoln Bingham** became full time in his dual role as superintendent of missions for General Association of Baptists in Kentucky (Black) and consultant for cooperative ministries for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. For the past 26 years he has pastored West End Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Bingham's office is located in the General Association headquarters building at 1715 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, KY 40203.

First Baptist Church, Bagdad, Fla., has called **Oscar H. Rose** as pastor. While earning his MDiv at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Rose worked part time for three years as a chaplain at Veterans Hospital. Previous pastorates include Fellowship Baptist Church, Anderson Association, and Virgie Baptist Church, Pike Association.



**Lincoln Bingham**



**Tom Moore**

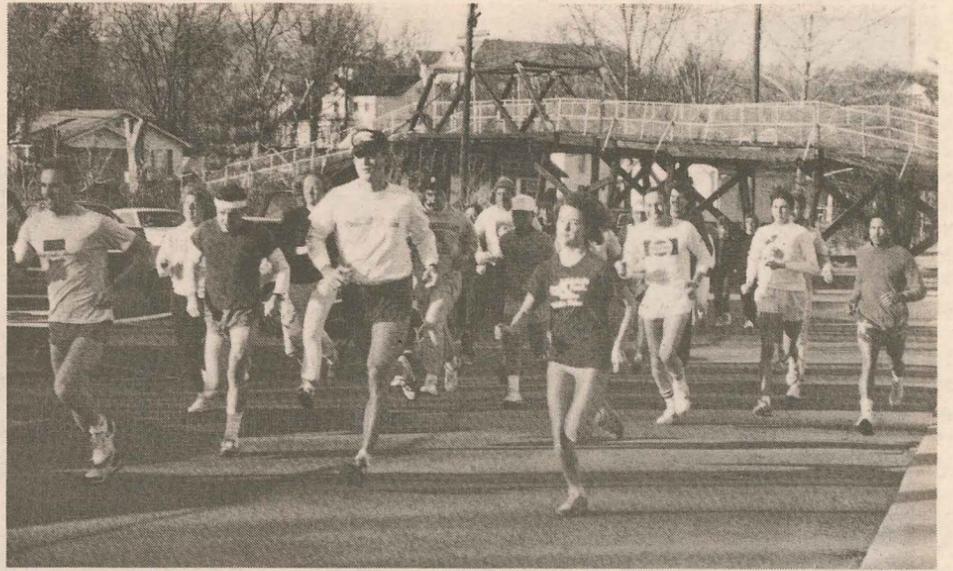
### missions

**Jim and Jean Leeper**, Baptist representatives to Germany, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Hinter den Garten 32, 8900 Augsburg, Federal Republic of Germany). He was born in Houston, Tex. and grew up in Dayton, Ky. She is the former Jean Davis of Battle Creek, Mich.

The Leepers have four children of whom Tracy, the eldest, is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and former journeyman to the Philippines.

Missionaries **Greg and Shelly Bruckert** transferred from the Philippines to Indonesia (Jl. Cisangkuy 58, Bandung 40115, Indonesia). He is a native of Louisville while she is the former Shelly Michele of Oklahoma City, Okla. The couple was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1985.

**Sam and Margaret Drummond**, missionaries to El Salvador, have completed language study and arrived on the field (Apartado 2506, Santa Ana, San Salvador, El Salvador). A native of Tennessee, he was born in Memphis but considers Camden his home town. The



First Baptist, Williamsburg, members race 5K in its "Son Run."

former Margaret Whitten, daughter of missionaries, was born in Spain but considers Louisville her home town. They were appointed in 1986.

**Dorothea E. Duvall**, mother of **Donald Duvall**, missionary to Indonesia, died Dec. 13 in Lexington. He is a native of Lexington. His wife, the former Sarah Eddleman, lived in New Orleans, La., Louisville and Georgetown. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1972, they may be addressed at Kotak Pos 1, Kediri 64102 Indonesia.

Missionaries to Senegal **Robert and Martha Jones** have arrived in the U. S. for furlough (1304 Dogwood Lane, Laurinburg, NC 28352). They are the parents of Nathan Edward, born Dec. 13, 1987. Jones was born in Pinehurst, N. C. and Mrs. Jones, the former Martha Vertrees, in Elizabethtown. Both consider Laurinburg, N. C. their home. They were appointed in 1984.

Completing furlough, **Mac and Betty McElrath**, missionaries to Indonesia, have returned to the field (Jalan Jumuju 17, Bandung 40114, Indonesia). He is a native of Murray. The former Betty Hendricks of North Carolina, she was born in Winston-Salem. The McElraths were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

**Ronald and Wanda Davis** of Tompkinsville have been named missionary associates for Selma, Ala., by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Currently a pastor in Tompkinsville, he will be director of Inter-Baptist Fellowship in Selma. She, a graduate of Northern Illinois University, has been appointed to church and family work. They will be joint employees of the Alabama Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board.

### congregations

The youth ministry of **New Friendship Baptist Church**, Logan Association, has been expanded to include a contemporary Christian singing group, Majority, and a drama/puppet ministry, New Creation. The groups have performed at several events in the church and throughout Logan County. Grant L. Minton is pastor.

Dec. 20, 1987 **First Baptist Church, Pikeville**, Pike Association, had a "Christmas for Christ Day." The \$58,062 offering, half of which will go to SBC mission causes, exceeded the \$45,000 goal. In the evening service the combined adult choir and children's en-

semble, involving 65 persons, presented "The Glory of the Lord" to a crowd of over 700. Glenn Mollette is pastor.

**First Baptist Church, Williamsburg**, held its fifth annual "Son Run 5k Road Race" Dec. 9, 1987. The 3.1 mile race, open to runners and walkers who donated to foreign missions as their entry fee, helped the church achieve its Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal. This past year's 34 participants donated \$318. The race was conceived by deacon John Stancil and pastor Harold Mauney.

### deaths

Dec. 23, 1987 **Claude H. Fox**, 68, died at his home in Spottsville. Having pastored in Indiana and Kentucky, during the past several years he was public relations director and special assistant to the president at Clear Creek Bible School.

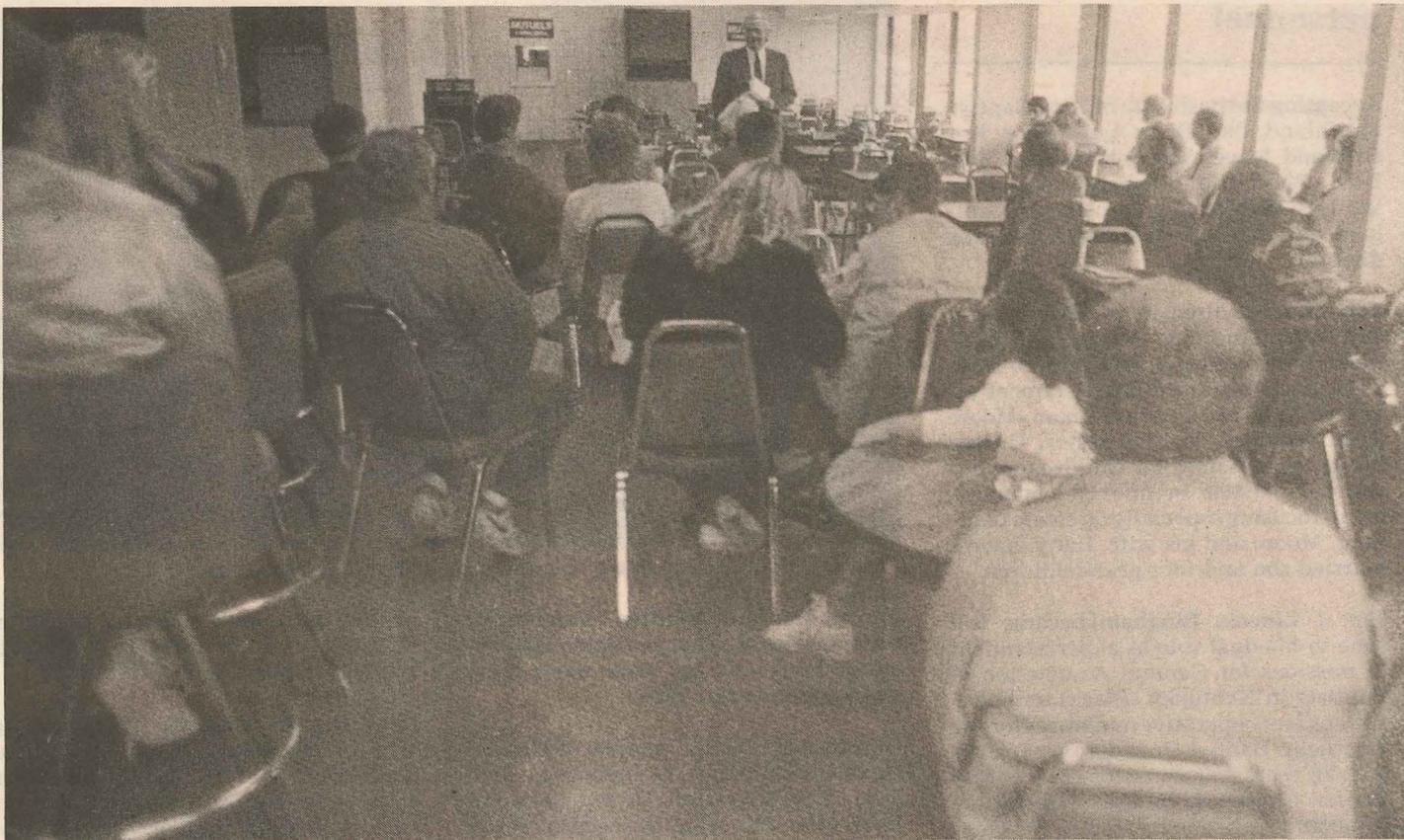
**Eugene Early Coates**, 58, died Saturday, Dec. 26. Born in Covington, he was minister of music at First Baptist Church, Central City, Muhlenberg Association; Rockford Lane Baptist, Long Run Association; and other Baptist churches in Benton, Nicholasville, Cold Spring and Deland, Fla.



**Glenn Mollette**

### corrections

The following are corrections to the listing of Kentucky legislators in the Dec. 22 issue: in district one, Ward Burnette should have been Charles R. Geveden, Box 518, Wickliffe 42087. In district 35, add Anne Meagher Northrup, 3340 Lexington Rod., Louisville 40220. No name is given to replace Fred Cowan in district 32.



The clubhouse is setting for Sunday morning service in Bluegrass Downs ministry, conducted by William Cubine. The racetrack meeting is an outreach of Immanuel Baptist Church, West Union Association.

## Paducah church breeds racetrack ministry

by Pauline Stegall  
State Correspondent

*"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." (Matt. 9:36).*

Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, has translated this New Testament passage into action. Under the direction of William Cubine, pastor, and David Childress, minister of music, the church is sponsoring a racetrack ministry.

Not all racetracks will permit such a ministry. And some of those who would don't have available ministers. About one-fourth of all racetracks, mostly

thoroughbred, have a full time chaplain. And in quarter-horse tracks, such as the one in Paducah, such a ministry is almost unknown.

Immanuel had just finished a Christian Life Center, Cubine relates, and he began to ask, "What next, Lord?" Then he began to feel a burden for the workers at Bluegrass Downs, Paducah's new quarter-horse track.

Cubine, who spent 20 years in Central Kentucky, was familiar with the needs and problems of those in the horse racing industry. When he presented his idea for a racetrack ministry, first to the deacons at Immanuel, and then to the church, there was full support. One member gave a trailer to be used for office space.

Track owners Coy Stacey and Bobby

Dexter were enthusiastic.

The program was going strong by the time the season was over in November. Services were held in the Downs clubhouse every Sunday morning at 9:00. There were 15 people at the first service. By the end of the season the number had more than doubled.

A typical service would include a spirited song service of familiar hymns, led by Childress. Sometimes there would be a soloist or songs by a children's choir. Bibles would be provided for scripture study and Cubine would preach a sermon on a subject appropriate to the lives of the listeners.

The gatherings consisted of grooms, jockeys, trainers, stable hands, horse owners, track officials and people of all ages connected in any way with work at the track. They represented 17 states from Maine to New Mexico, from North Dakota to Florida. They might come in "Sunday clothes" or working outfits.

Horse people migrate from racetrack to racetrack and learn to stay together. They remain in each community for short periods of time and aren't there long enough to put down roots. They don't have time blocks large enough to go somewhere to church because the horses must be exercised in the morning and run in the afternoon or evening. But some of the people have grown up in church and look for an opportunity to worship. Many others need to know about Jesus Christ.

Cubine feels the ministry, other than being evangelistic, is a great source of strength for the people on the backside of the track. "We care about people. But we have to go to them," he explained. "This is their work, and they can't leave to come to us."

Cubine may be found doing that very thing during the week. In jeans and boots, he goes from barn to barn, counseling, encouraging, witnessing.

Immanuel will keep records of contacts made in the track ministry, then letters will be sent to each person.

Plans are being made, not only to continue, but to expand the ministry during the next season, which will begin in June.



James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### Some of my best friends

One of the sincerest joys I have is that of fellowship with Baptist campus ministers across Kentucky.

The times I like best, when they let their hair down and you know their heartbeats, is at student-oriented experiences: the spring leadership training conference, BSU convention in early fall and international student retreat in late fall. Often they meet in some remote corner of the commonwealth, perhaps a state park or a church off the beaten path.

Their ministry is not an easy one. Some may consider it fun and games. While they coordinate lots of social functions, there's a dual purpose in everything they do: to reveal to college and university students a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as savior, and to minister to those students before and after conversion.

In addition to being counselors, they are expected to be administrators, speakers, writers, promotion agents, building superintendents, budget managers, program coordinators and be skilled in the art of human relations. Not only do they deal with a wide variety of student personalities, they must also be good will ambassadors with school administrators, faculty and staff; local pastors and church staff; directors of missions; lay persons; business people; and denominational servants on state and national levels.

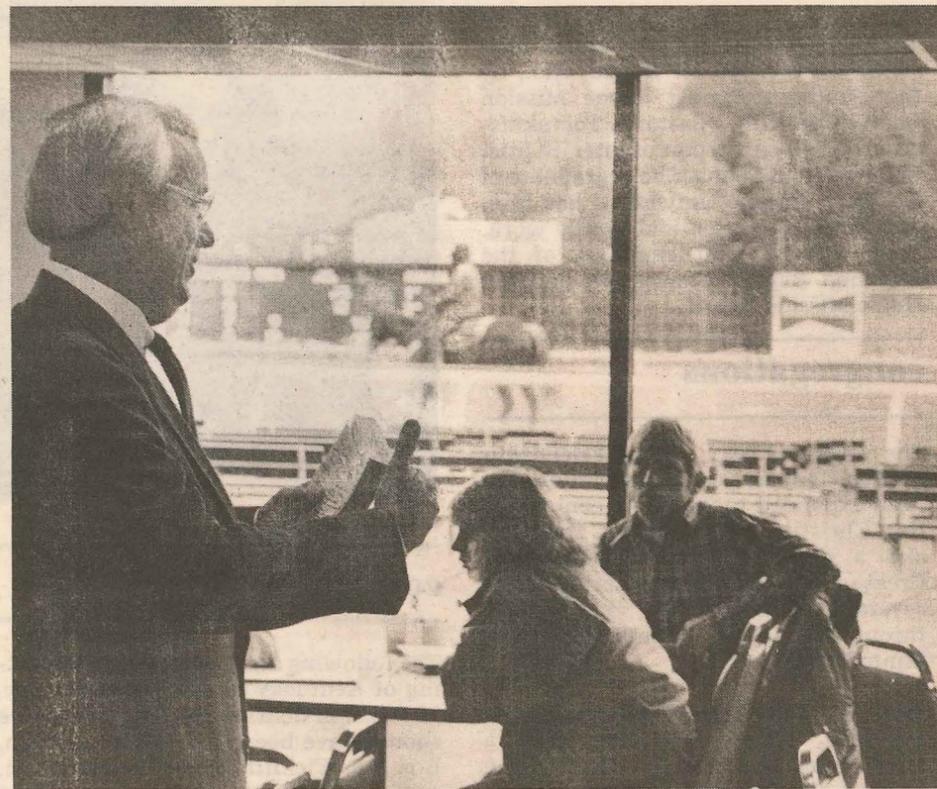
They seldom have a day off. They work nights, weekends, holidays, vacation days. They attend mealtime meetings several times a week. They drive long distances for overnight, weekend and week-long events. They must be alert, positive, imaginative and well prepared at all times.

Their own children see little of them in their growing up years. Their spouses carry heavy burdens as they relinquish partners to their calling, ferrying offspring to and from school, church activities, piano lessons, baseball practice, medical and dental appointments and the like.

So why do they put themselves and their families through all of this when they could surely reap larger financial gains almost anywhere else? Because they love the Lord and are committed to the center of his will. They are among the highest caliber Christians I know. Their unselfish devotion to a ministry many would avoid is an inspiration to those who know what they mean to a troubled student's life.

As I consider them, I am reminded of Jesus' words, *Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these..., ye have done it unto me* (Matt. 25:40).

Some of my best friends are campus ministers. I pray that God will richly bless each and every one of them.



William Cubine conducts Sunday morning service at Paducah Downs. Only about one-fourth of all racetracks in the United States have full time chaplains. And in quarter-horse tracks, such as the one in Paducah, such a ministry is almost unknown. (Photos used by permission from The Paducah Sun.)

# baptist forum

## How wrong can a judge be?

In a television interview with Bill Moyers, Judge Paul Pressler, chief architect of the fundamentalist takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the only question in the current controversy is, "What is the Bible?"

How wrong can a judge be! Granted the importance of the Bible, an even more critical question for Southern Baptists today is, "Where is the spirit of Jesus Christ in the controversy?" For what will it profit Southern Baptists if, in establishing the inerrancy of the Bible, we lose the spirit of humility of Jesus Christ?

Who can conceive Jesus' use of political means to establish his position? Would Jesus seek to be elected president of a denominational organization in order to use the power of his position to gain control of the organization?

The Lord must be grieved with the political shenanigans of Southern Baptists. His grief must change into holy wrath when his children claim the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their warring with each other. Do we believe the Lord was inerrant when speaking to his disciples of how the heathen lord it over one another? He said, "But among you it is quite different. Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant?" (Matt. 20:26 LVB).

Who among us is servant enough to be a Southern Baptist leader today?

Southern Baptists' priorities are truly out of focus. The heart of our faith is not a book, not even the Bible, but a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. The true measure of our orthodoxy is not how high we hold the Bible in our profession but how high we exalt Jesus Christ in our living. It is not the book we clutch to our hearts but the person who lives in our hearts that finally matters.

C. R. Daley  
Louisville

## Against the lottery

In regular session Sept. 17 Blackford Association, Hancock County, Ky., representing 18 churches voted unanimously to express our strong opposition to the establishment of a state lottery. We believe a lottery will be detrimental to the financial, moral and spiritual life of the people of Kentucky.

Phillip D. Basinger, moderator  
Beverly Kennedy, clerk  
Blackford Association

## Strong opposition to a lottery

The possibility of a state lottery looms over us as the General Assembly meets in Frankfort. Our executive board has asked me to share with you and Western Recorder a resolution our board passed in opposition to such a lottery. The resolution states:

Whereas a lottery and gambling in any form that seeks to achieve funding as a means to run government institutions whether local, state or federal is not in keeping with Christian ethics and moral standards; and

Whereas a lottery, under any supervision, whether private or governmental, engenders a false sense of security and achievement; and

Whereas a lottery and gambling in general preys upon the false hopes of the poor; and

Whereas a lottery and any form of gambling invites the element of crime and criminals into its system; and

Whereas no lottery in any state has proven to be an adequate means of subsidizing government, whether local or state; and

Whereas a lottery erodes the tradi-

tional American work ethic by promoting a false idea of "something for nothing"; and

Whereas a lottery is not in reality a large revenue producing source:

Be it hereby resolved that we, the executive board of the Boones's Creek Baptist Association, state our strongest opposition to a lottery for the state of Kentucky.

Be it further resolved that we will seek every opportunity to proclaim that a lottery is ungodly, immoral and a disgrace to the state of Kentucky.

James F. Smith, Moderator Pro Tem  
Max D. Hester, clerk  
Boone's Creek Association

## 10 good things that happened in 1987

by Foy Valentine

Some really good things happened last year. If remembering them doesn't light your fire your wood may be wet.

1. Life hung in there. Love, laughter, freedom, health, work, safety, and the happiness of hearth and home during the holidays combined to make a case for the goodness of life.

2. Friendships grew and deepened. Maybe it's because this year I'll be 65 that the blessings of friendship have been washing over me. For whatever reasons, thank God for friends.

3. The Constitution enjoyed a lively birthday party. The leap of faith toward liberty and justice for all which our forebears took 200 years ago was uniquely validated and reaffirmed.

4. Armageddon was averted. Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev sat down together, ate together, laughed together and planned together for the future. It was a lot better than burning together in a nuclear holocaust.

5. Sleaze slackened somewhat. It can be reasoned that the perpetrators of sleaze may not actually have wanted it that way; but public scrutiny compelled at least some of them to begin to deport themselves in less unseemly ways.

6. Voodoo economics got a cold shower. The financial crash of Oct. 19 was a shocking reminder that massive debt and other mindless fiscal irresponsibilities could collapse civilization into a black hole of social chaos.

7. Extremism was reined in a little. The world became a somewhat safer and better place to live. Doctrinaire schemes, narrow agendas

## We must stop killing children

Jan. 22 will mark 15 years of legalized abortion in the USA. There are 4000 babies killed every day by legalized abortion.

There are 500 babies who survive the abortion process every day and are still left to die. The baby can feel pain at eight weeks' development.

How can we call ourselves God-fearing people when we are killing his children? We have no right to take anyone's life—no matter how small its heartbeat. God help us. God help our children.

Valerie Schook  
Fern Creek

and one-eyed elitism all foundered at least a tad on a modicum of prevailing common sense.

8. Freedom flourished. A free press, with help from the other media, turned floodlights of truth on huckster religionists, shameless public figures, shyster money manipulators and conniving politicians who finally found they could not forever thumb their noses at common decency.

9. The rule of law generally prevailed. Sinister forces that would have circumvented or utterly abrogated the law lost some of their steam. The Iran-Contra scandal shocked the nation toward a new awareness of the importance of principles as the best safeguard for the rights of persons.

10. Values inched forward. Americans learned a little better how to name the values: wisdom, courage, temperance and justice; righteousness and peace; faith, hope and love; and freedom. It sank a little deeper into our collective conscience that these values are the glue without which no nation can hold together, the centripetal force without which no organization or enterprise can long defy disintegration.

It wasn't exactly paradise; but 1987 wasn't a washout either. Salute it.

*This article was printed in USA TODAY's first issue of the new year Jan. 4 and is reprinted here by permission. Foy Valentine, for 27 years executive director of the Christian Life Commission, has prepared such an article for the first issue of each new year since USA TODAY, now estimated to have five million daily readers, began publication.*

## An inspiration to all Kentuckians

Please accept our profound thanks for your editorial of Dec. 22, 1987 entitled "A little child shall lead them." The fact the children of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington have raised over \$5700 for world hunger should be an inspiration to us as Kentucky Baptists.

Hopefully other churches will want to become involved in this literally life saving ministry. We can help them become involved if they will contact either department director Doug Strader or myself at the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

James G. Clontz  
Associate Director  
Special Ministries Department

## Censors must be exposed

The legacy of censorship becomes plain through actions against Southern Baptist educational institutions and personnel. True believers are not without guidance.

All conscientious persons decry sin in whatever form. We find vice and flagrant immorality revolting. If we are to be consistent we must acknowledge the more subtle forms of sin.

The purging of vice in squelching dissenting views tends to "gag at gnats and swallow camels." This subjective religion falls into the trap of Caesar's realm. Jesus never made that mistake. Nicholas Berdaef referred to this as "the Christianization of America." He meant be-

lievers falsely conceive of America as righteous and an example of the kingdom of heaven.

What the age of grace has accomplished is freedom from legalism so we may supersede the demands of law. We may exceed anything anybody with the best of legislation can offer. This is the law of love. If we ignore this province and step into the church-state realm, as in purging sin, we become guilty of selective righteousness. In the nature of things no believer is exempt from bias and favoritism.

However revolting the purveyors of pornography, the Christian must trust Divine sanction. One can mark it down they will receive just recompense of reward before death not to speak of eternal judgment.

In a similar way purgers of our seminaries will bring judgment upon themselves. Were it not that innocent persons are hurt we might leave this matter to just recompense also. But for the sake of truth the censors must be exposed. Lessons from the past reveal a selective righteousness that embraced the charlatans of opportunity in the guise of good. I refer the serious reader to William Loyd Allen's "How Baptists Assessed Hitler" in The Christian Century, Sept. 1-8, 1982.

Donald O. Cassidy  
Whitesburg

## Grateful for Western Recorder

Thank you very much for the excellent articles about church starting in the Severns Valley Baptist Church and the Brushy Creek Mission in Pike County. I am most grateful and I believe these articles will be an encouragement to others. You will be pleased to know that since September 1, we have had 30 new work starts. Our goal for this year, as you know, is 75.

Thanks for your help in reaching people by starting churches.

Bill Jagers  
Direct Missions Department  
Kentucky Baptist Convention

## Opposed to a lottery

The deacons and members of Rich Pond Southern Baptist Church express their opposition to any form of a state-operated lottery. Furthermore, they encourage legislators to do all within their power to abolish any lottery bill that may come to a vote in the Senate or House.

It is our contention that a state lottery takes an unfair advantage against the poor; it is a state-supported gambling; and it does not raise the kind of revenue for the state that has been advertised.

We urge you to look at the total picture.

Bill C. Fort, Jr., Pastor  
Rich Pond Baptist Church  
Bowling Green

## Conference for new students scheduled

This is just a note to inform you of Southern Seminary's upcoming Spring Student Preview Conference, Mar. 17-18. We are expecting several hundred prospective seminarians from Kentucky and across the country to be visiting with us.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Prospective Student Services for additional information regarding this important conference. We will be more than happy to be of whatever service we can to you at that time.

James Emery White, Assistant Director  
Prospective Student Services  
Louisville

# baptist news in brief

## Cooperative Program lags behind 1986-87

Southern Baptists' national Cooperative Program unified budget has topped \$30 million for the first quarter of its fiscal year, but the pace lags behind 1986-87.

December receipts brought the three-month total to \$30,115,637, or 2.81 percent behind the total for the same period a year ago, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee.

The conventionwide December total was \$9,605,681, Bennett reported. That amount is 7.43 percent behind the \$10,376,194 received in December 1986.

The 1987-88 Cooperative Program goal is \$140 million. (BP)

## WMU board votes no change in status

The executive board of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union unanimously affirmed national executive director Carolyn Weatherford and her staff, adopted guidelines for implementing social and moral issues as they relate to mission action and were told of the agency's priorities until 2000.

The executive board also declined to consider any change in relationship between WMU and the Southern Baptist Convention. The request to consider changing from auxiliary to agency status came from a messenger at the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

The board met at the national head-

quarters building in Birmingham, Ala. Jan. 8-12.

WMU's priorities for the years 1988-2000 are: equipping women and girls for missions leadership in the 21st century; involving the total church in missions; encouraging tithing as a basic concept of mission support; enlisting members and enlarging organizations; confronting moral issues; communicating missions in new ways; and maintaining effective internal operations at the national headquarters.

In other business, the board heard a report from national WMU staff concerning the almost two percent decline since last year in WMU magazine sub-

scriptions. Weatherford described the decline as "dangerous" not only because WMU is financially dependent upon sales of WMU magazines and products but because the magazines are WMU's chief communications link to its members. (BP)

## SWBTS fund raiser quits for college post

James Holcomb, director of development at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., has resigned to become vice president for advancement at Texas Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth.

Stanton Nash, director of planned giving at Southwestern, has been named interim director of development. A permanent replacement will be secured as quickly as possible, said John Earl Seelig, vice president for public affairs.

Holcomb went to Southwestern in 1981 as director of the Vision/85 development campaign. He became director of development in 1984. Holcomb previously worked with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County, both in Ft. Worth.

Nash joined Southwestern's development staff in 1981 after retiring as vice president for development at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., where he worked 16 years. He previously was executive secretary-treasurer of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. (BP)

## HMB head proposes marriage to WMU

Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis proposed marriage to Woman's Missionary Union Jan. 11.

In his first address to the executive board of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union since becoming HMB president in June 1987, Lewis said, "I want to propose today a relationship and a partnership between Woman's

Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board.

"I'm not proposing a structural merger of our two agencies; rather, I'm proposing a partnership that is so close, so committed, so inseparable that it is like unto the marriage partnership.

"The stakes are too high for us to go it alone, each walking our own separate ways, promoting our own programs, doing our own thing. We must become partners, and do together what none of us can do alone."

He urged WMU to "accept my proposal, not for what it will do for WMU or for the Home Mission Board, but for what it will do for the cause of Christ." (BP)



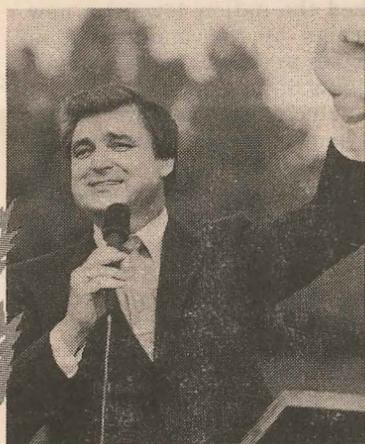
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### Baptists lose effort to stop lottery move

Missouri Baptist efforts to have Missouri participation in a multistate lottery declared unconstitutional failed in early January on a 5-2 vote of the Missouri Supreme Court.

The case, Tichenor v. the Missouri State Lottery Commission, was appealed to the state's highest court following a one-line ruling last November by Cole County Circuit Judge James McHenry which rejected the request for a restraining order and injunction against Missouri involvement in a multistate lottery. The ruling was affirmed by the state Supreme Court.

In a 15-page majority opinion written by Judge Charles B. Blackmar the court acknowledged a primary question was whether or not the phrase "Missouri state lottery" used in the state constitution "should be construed strictly because it represents an exception to the historic Missouri policy against lottery and gambling enterprises of all kinds" as argued by the plaintiff-appellant. The defendants' contention was that "the voters of the state showed that they wanted a lottery and that the constitutional authorization should be liberally construed to give effect to this authorization."

Noting "the words should be read in accordance with their plain meaning," Blackmar wrote, "We conclude that the phrase 'Missouri state lottery' should not be read as a limitation on the authority of the State Lottery Commission to enter into a multi-state lottery venture...." (BP)

### Help available for SBC housing

Messengers who have not secured hotel rooms for the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting may not have to camp out during the June 14-16 gathering in San Antonio, Tex. But help is available for those who choose that route.

A list of recreational vehicle campgrounds, and information about available amenities, may be obtained from the SBC Executive Committee, said convention manager Tim A. Hedquist.

Hedquist's office also can provide up-to-date information on the availability of hotel rooms, he said.

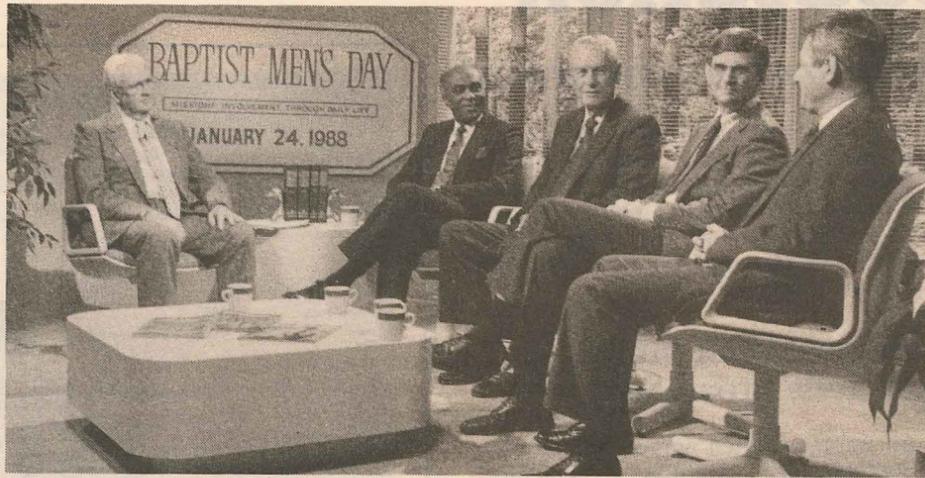
A December poll of San Antonio hotel rooms uncovered less than 300 rooms currently available to messengers. However, Hedquist secured agreements from most hotel managers that the hotels will contact the Executive Committee when additional rooms become available.

For information on camping and hotels, contact SBC Housing, 901 Commerce, Nashville, TN 37203; phone (615) 244-2355. (BP)

### Missouri paper staffer takes MWBTS PR post

Brenda J. Sanders, a newswriter since August 1983 for Word & Way, newsjournal of the Missouri Baptist Convention, has resigned to become communications specialist for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

She is a 1981 graduate of the school of journalism at the University of Missouri in Columbia. She is an active member of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo., and is a member of Baptist Public Relations Association, Southern Baptist Press Association and Associated Church Press. (BP)



The 1988 Baptist Men's Teleconference was hosted by James H. Smith, (l) president of the Brotherhood Commission. His guests were (l-r) Ted Wilson, Indianapolis; William Gurley, Memphis; Don Putnam, Lexington, Ky.; and Manuel Galindo, Harlingen, Tex. The teleconference aired Jan. 9, 1988 on the ACTS and BTN networks.

### Kentucky ranks fifth in study awards

Churches in the Kentucky Baptist Convention ranked fifth among all states in the total increase in study course awards received during 1986-87.

With an increase of 3932 awards earned over last year, Kentucky reached 33,547 for 1986-87, according to statistics compiled in the Baptist Sunday School Board's study course records office.

Long Run Association ranked 15th among the 25 top SBC associations receiving study course awards for the year with 4846.

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, ranked eighth among the top 25 SBC churches with 1166.

Severns Valley also led Kentucky churches in receiving study course

awards. Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, was second with 635, and Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, was third with 565.

Texas led all states in total church study course awards with 90,736, a gain of 17 percent over 1985-86. Florida ranked second in total awards with 74,503, and Georgia ran a close third with 74,357.

First Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas, led all SBC churches in awards with 3887. Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, was second with 2874, and First Baptist Church, Ferguson, Mo., was third with 1421. (BSSB)

### BTN to broadcast library teleconference

A nationwide live teleconference for Southern Baptist church media librarians on Thursday, Feb. 4, will provide help both for long-time media library staff persons and individuals who wish to explore starting such a ministry.

Mancil Ezell, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Media Library Department, said the hour-long broadcast on the Baptist Telecommunication Network will be staffed by department specialists to answer inquiries.

Beginning at 7 p.m. CST, the teleconference will include an explanation of the media library ministry, along with interpretation of program and products. Individual and group training opportunities will be presented for both new and experienced media library staffs.

Ezell said 15 minutes of the nationally televised conference will be devoted to answering questions on starting church media libraries, revitalizing existing libraries, strengthening small church library services and expanding successful media libraries.

The teleconference will be broadcast unscrambled so any satellite dish that receives network programming may be used as a viewing location. Satellite dishes made available by non-BTN subscribers should be moved to Spacenet I, channel 21 at 120 degrees west.

Church and associational media library personnel are encouraged to invite persons from churches without a media library ministry to view the program.

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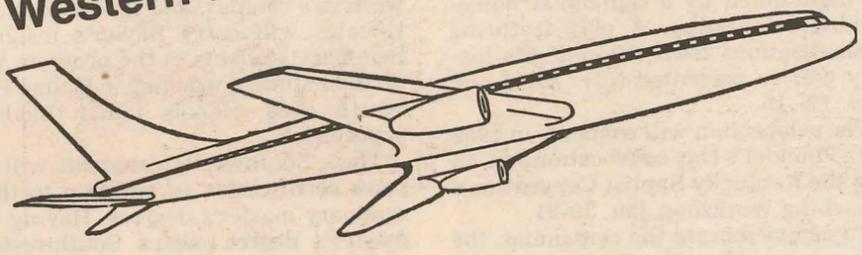
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# christian education

## Cumberland College celebrates centennial

A year of celebration began for Cumberland College Jan. 15 when Mahan Siler II addressed the assembled students, faculty and staff in a special Founder's Day Convocation. Siler is related to A. T. Siler, one of the college's earliest contributors and supporters.

During 1988 Cumberland College will be celebrating its first 100 years of providing educational service to students from Kentucky, Tennessee and around the world. The year has been designated as the "Centennial Celebration."

Cumberland College was founded as Williamsburg Institute by the Mount Zion Association of Baptists and opened its doors on Jan. 7, 1889 with 199 students and two teachers in the elementary, secondary and college levels. The college will celebrate its 100th birthday Jan. 7, 1989.

In addition to the Founder's Day Convocation, several other special events are already planned for the Centennial Celebration.

Feb. 1-3 the Staley Lecture Series will present lecturer William Estep. Mar. 7-8 approximately 200 pastors from across Kentucky will gather on the campus for the annual Church Relations Advisory Board meeting. Featuring a "Centennial Walk" through the history of the college, this meeting's keynote speaker will be William Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A centennial commencement will be held on May 14 and will be followed by a meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society on the campus May 20-21. Cumberland will also be host to the Kentucky Independent College Fund's summer board meeting July 7-8.

With many special events being planned, the weekend of October 14-15 will be highlighted by a centennial homecoming celebration. A play featuring dramatizations from the college's history will be presented Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 17-19.

The celebration will conclude in 1989 with Founder's Day convocation Jan. 13 and the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Preaching Workshop Jan. 30-31.

To commemorate the centennial, the college's president Jim Taylor has written a history of the college entitled, "A Bright Shining City Set On a Hill," which could be available within a few months.

Because this celebration is both a time of rejoicing for past accomplishments and a time of planning for the future, Cumberland College is looking forward to providing a low cost, high quality Christian education for yet another 100 years.

## Bivocational ministry options broadened

An unprecedented agreement between Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baylor University now allows seminary students planning bivocational ministries to earn certification as school teachers while at seminary.

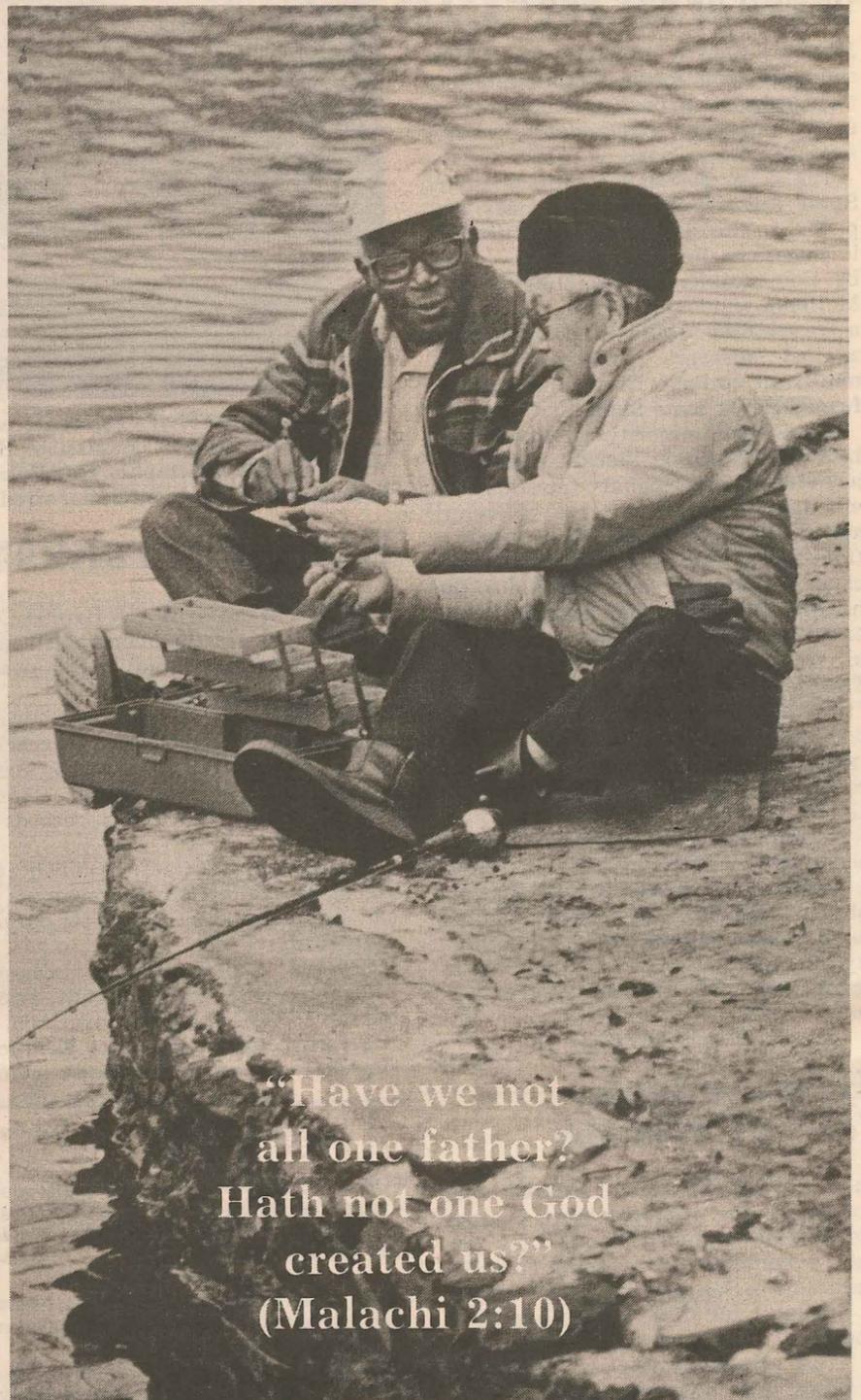
Officials from Southwestern and Baylor signed the agreement Dec. 16 creating a three-fold link between Southwestern's school of religious education and Baylor's school of education. The agreement provides for seminary students to take teacher certification courses taught by Baylor professors on Southwestern's campus, for seminary students to work toward Baylor's master of science degree with speciality in Christian education and for Baylor education students to take some courses at Southwestern.

Southwestern's primary objective is to help graduates support themselves while ministering in areas where few Southern Baptist churches exist, said Jack Terry, dean of Southwestern's school of religious education.

"Southwestern is the only seminary I know of that offers this particular program designed to help ministerial students prepare for bivocational ministry," he said.

The certification program will be taught by Baylor professors on Southwestern's campus, and the teacher certificates will carry Baylor's insignia. Seminary students in the program will do their student teaching in Dallas/Fort Worth area schools under Baylor's supervision.

These Southwestern students will receive certification in addition to their seminary master's degrees. Having the master's degree means Southwestern graduates immediately will fall into a higher pay scale for first-year public school teachers, which will assist them in their bivocational ministries, Terry said.



"Have we not  
all one father?  
Hath not one God  
created us?"  
(Malachi 2:10)

## Christian Life Commission urges race relations observance

by W. David Lockard

Malachi declared a powerful and universal truth which provides our theme for Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 14, 1988. The urgency was unmistakable as God's prophet asked a non-question: "Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us?" (Mal. 2:10).

These two questions which demand an affirmative answer remind us of a common origin and a common kinship. Our differences and diversities tend to attract our minds like a magnet. Ours is a world populated by 11,000 distinct "peoples groups," speaking 7000 different languages. Although the numbers are smaller, this same diversity exists in our nation and in our community.

Race Relations Sunday is an excellent time to echo the truth that bridges our differences and makes them subject to our basic oneness and unity. Doubtless, Malachi was a perceptive and courageous preacher, but God must be recognized as the author of this idea that

we share a common origin and a common family.

The words of the prophet were aimed initially at Israel, but they are not limited to Israel. Our founding fathers adopted and affirmed this truth when they declared, "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights." These familiar word challenge us to see every person as the handiwork of God made in his image, the object of God's love.

A God who loves and values all people cannot be represented by people who don't like the challenge which a pastor friend gave to his congregation: "Race Relations Sunday is a good time for us to become better neighbors, better human beings and better Christians."

David Lockard is an associate director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission responsible for race relations awareness and action.



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Schools can be too big. Most schools today in the U. S. are many times larger than they should be. Over a certain

number, the bigger the school, the less opportunity for the individual girl or boy. In most American schools today, the sense of community has been lost. There is a notable lack of effective discipline. A proper learning atmosphere has been lost in large measure.

Also schools can be too small. A school must have a sufficient number of students and teachers to make possible a comprehensive range of courses and number of classes to provide flexibility in scheduling and a solid educational preparation. Also, the level of enrolment must be sufficiently large to make possible a truly competitive athletic program, strong music and drama programs and a broad range of extracurricular programs making possible an "involved" student body. The goal should be participation of every child in more than the classroom routine.

The whole program must be so structured as to make every boy and girl feel each is a somebody.

Unfortunately, most of American education at the elementary and secondary level is so structured today as to make the average student feel like he or she is a "nobody." Sheer numbers force most young people to be spectators, not participants. The great majority of American teenagers are simply bored to death at school and after school. Unable to do more than attend class, they make their own excitement. They are turning increasingly to 'pot,' hard drugs, alcohol and promiscuous sex. The "dropout" rate steadily increases.

Big foundations and corporations give most of their educational money to colleges. But students who have finished high school and had the motivation and ability to get into college are already 90 percent successful. A much greater percentage of our national treasure needs to be devoted at the elementary and high school level. This age group is in great trouble today. It is at this level that hundreds of thousands are being lost through the cracks annually. Kids who don't finish high school aren't going to college.

Oneida is on the frontline of the battle. We are on the cutting edge of the educational and social problems of our nation. Each life salvaged, each soul won to the Lord, each is important, each is precious. But there are millions who need our help. We can only minister to a few hundred at a time. But we are a light-house, a beacon of what can be, should be.

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 24, 1988

Life and work series

### Don't misuse God's name

**Exodus 20:7** God's name signifies all that he is, says and does. This third commandment requires reverence for God's name and forbids its use flippantly, irreverently, deceitfully or profanely. People take God's name in vain when they speak irreverently of it, when they use it in idle discourse, when they hypocritically honor God with their lips while their hearts are far from him, and when they use his name in swearing.

**Matthew 5:33-37** Knowing that swearing under oath does not increase the truthfulness of one's words, Christ uttered his prohibition against all vain and useless swearing. Using God's name may impress some listeners, but it will not make any liar honest.

**Matthew 7:21-24** Christ spoke a parable about two men, each of whom built for himself a house. The sensible man built his house upon solid rock, and the foolish man built his house upon sinking sand. Their stability depended on their foundations.

Christ taught that all of us are builders. The life one lives is the house that is built. Thoughts, words and deeds make up the structure of the life. Whether one builds wisely or foolishly, his building will be tested. It will not

stand the test unless it is built on Christ, "The Rock of Ages."

The life that truly endures, and contributes that which is worthwhile for the glory of God and the benefit of others, is that of the person who listens attentively to the teachings of Christ, accepts them at their face value and obeys them faithfully and persistently.

**Colossians 3:17** Paul appealed to the Christians at Colosse to let Christ's legacy of peace, which is the most precious of gifts, be allowed to arbitrate in all spheres of their lives. He urged his readers to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness. Such a spirit pleases the Lord, enriches the lives of those who have it and greatly benefits those who possess it.

International series

### The works of Jesus

**Matthew 8:1-13** Soon after concluding the Sermon on the Mount, Christ went to Capernaum. His listeners followed him being anxious to hear more from his lips and to see more of his life and work.

**Matthew 8:2-4** Having heard of the fame of Christ, a leper believed in his ability to heal him, but he wondered about Christ's willingness to do so. When the leper besought him for cleansing, the compassionate Christ reached forth his hand and touched him, and said: "I will; be thou clean." Immediately the leper felt the cleansing power of Christ going through his being, and he was thoroughly cured of leprosy. Christ charged him not to announce the miracle until he had reported his cure to the priest.

**Matthew 8:5-13** A Roman military officer seeking help in behalf of his afflicted servant, a victim of palsy, approached Christ. He was a man of unusual sweetness of character, evidenced by his interest in his servant. In those days the personal needs of slaves were given little attention. The centurion overcame the barriers of pride, military position and social status in order to make his request for Christ to help him.

The centurion rested his case entirely on his confidence in the power of Christ's word. Delighted with his simple, rare faith, Christ responded, "I will come and heal him." Christ healed the body of the servant and the centurion received the healing of his own soul. To this day many barriers stand in the way of God's will being accomplished in the lives of people, but through the power of the Lord they can be overcome.



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## clear creek comment

### Every little bit counts

Some time ago my heart was touched by a letter from a dear saint of God living in western Kentucky. She shared that she had always loved and prayed for Clear Creek, but since the passing of her husband she had been unable to support the school as she had previously done. She enclosed a check with a note apologizing for it being so little.

It seems to me that God's people often think their efforts are too insignificant to be recognized or to count for the Lord. All of us tend to forget that in each area

of life every little bit helps.

*"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."*

Julia Carney

In the Bible we learn that God used an obscure man named Joseph to save the remnant of Israel from famine. He used a man named Moses from the land of Midian to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. He made a little shepherd named David into the greatest king Israel ever had. He used a little lad with a few loaves and fishes to feed a hungry multitude. And, I think it is most significant to note that when Christ came to be our savior, he came in the form of a little baby.

I wish that I were able to impress this dear widow in western Kentucky and others like her concerning the value of all that they do for us at Clear Creek. No Christian should ever feel like what he or she does for Christ is insignificant. God always takes it, blesses it and uses it to his glory.

You may remember the old saying, "For want of a nail the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe the horse was lost, for want of a horse the rider was lost, for want of a rider the battle was lost, for want of a victorious battle the kingdom was lost. Therefore, for want of a nail, the kingdom was lost!"

This reminds us that everything we do for Christ is important.

January is *Make Your Will Month*. Most people do not think their will is an important part of their lives but it is. Most people also think they have little in the form of an estate. Someone may assert, "I only have a house, a car, some money in the bank and a few possessions." But little parts of an estate sometimes add up to a significant amount. I would encourage you to draw up a current will during January and to remember our work at Clear Creek in your will. God will use all that you dedicate to him and multiply a thousand times over.

## 11-year-old girl in Mississippi gives life savings to overseas missions

She could have bought something nice with the \$100 she's saved, but instead, 11-year-old Jennifer Owen sent it to Africa to help build a church.

Jennifer was among a group of Girls in Action who saw a slide presentation about Southern Baptist missionary work in the West African nation of Burkina Faso.

During the slide show at Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., Gail Benedict, a volunteer who had worked in Burkina Faso, explained the plight of a Baptist church in Ouagadougou that had saved \$12,000 to construct a church building but needed that much more to build a structure that would comply with government regulations.

Jennifer "came with tears in her eyes to me after the program," Benedict said. She told her, "I want to give my baby-sitting money to send to West Africa to help those children know about Jesus."

The slides showed the rural Africans' modest buildings and sometimes unclothed children, said Benedict, a secretary for Lamar County Baptist Association in Hattiesburg.

"It burned my heart to see all of these poor kids out there (in Burkina Faso)," said Jennifer, a Christian since age 7. "I hope by giving \$100, it can start other people to thinking about giving money. If a lot of people gave, it could also help some of the kids down in the other parts of the country that need clothes or shelter."

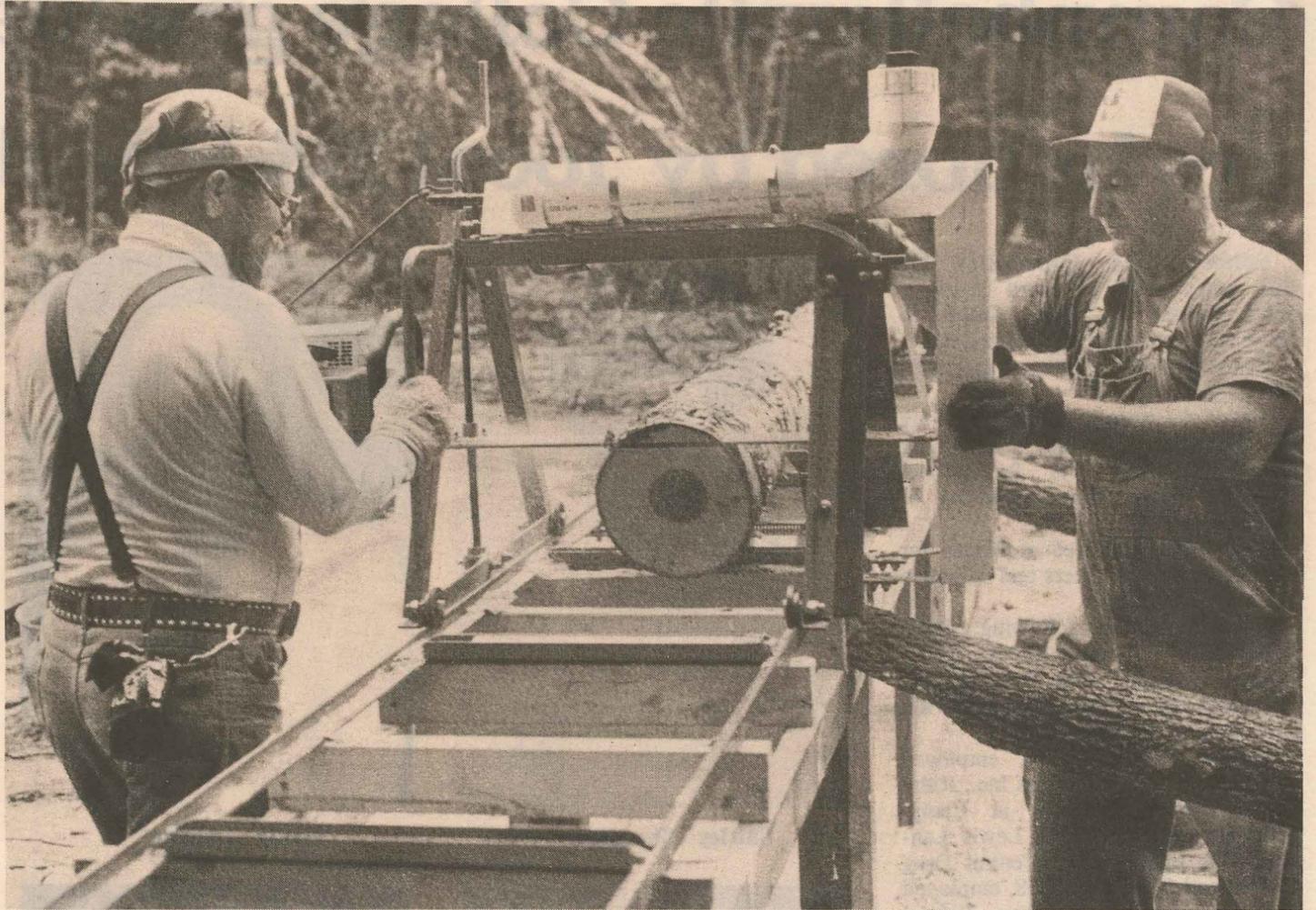
Jennifer was in the habit of saving her money, said her mother, Cheryl Owen. A few years ago, she used her savings to buy a baby doll that talks. She had earned the latest \$100 during the last six or seven months through baby-sitting, running errands and doing odd jobs for her parents and neighbors. Part of the amount was money she had received for her birthday in August.

Owen said she and her husband, Fred, talked with Jennifer about the \$100 donation and told her "she could back out of it, but she said, no, she didn't want to buy anything for herself. She wanted to do it for missions."

Having told several friends about her \$100 gift, "I have influenced one of them," Jennifer said. "They thought that was real great." One friend said she may try to raise money to contribute to missions. (BP)



Jennifer Owen



Ed Hart (l) runs the sawmill from which he provides lumber for the construction of new churches in Minnesota. The single-saw mill has already turned out enough lumber to build a parsonage and two churches. Hart, a 1982 graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., has a vision of starting one Southern Baptist church in 20 different counties.

## Minnesota pastor saws logs to awaken the lost

by Elizabeth Watson

If you hear that pastor Ed Hart is sawing logs at church, don't think he's sleeping on the job.

Hart runs a volunteer sawmill to provide lumber for the construction of new church buildings in Minnesota and Wisconsin. When not splitting logs, Hart is rightly dividing the word of God as pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church, Bemidji, Minn.

The sawmill has already turned out enough lumber to build a parsonage and two churches. Hart's plan cuts building costs from \$50 to \$27 per square foot. He hopes to upgrade the sawmill and cut church-building costs to \$12 per square foot.

Hart is secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota/Wisconsin alumni association of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and second vice president of the Minnesota/Wisconsin Southern Baptist Convention.

"God has given me the vision of one Southern Baptist church in each of the 20 counties in the western half of Northwood Baptist Association," Hart said. "But the only way we're going to be able to build those churches is through programs like this that make church buildings affordable."

According to Hart, new Baptist works in the North Central United States must choose between a pastor and a church building. "They can't afford both," he said.

The sawmill helps resolve the problem.

Hart hopes his church will be able to upgrade the simple mill located on 10 acres of woodland south of town.

"Right now all we've got is the work shed, our saw, kiln and plans for a bunkhouse which will house 15-20 volunteer workers," Hart said. "We bought a truck, but we still need a tractor and we

really need better saw equipment. The single-saw mill just doesn't produce enough.

"We're kind of on our own in this venture. The Home Mission Board doesn't have a department that covers sawmills," Hart said.

A self-professed pioneer type, Hart admits he loves the challenge. "Life would be boring if I didn't try to do something no one else had done before."

Challenges abound in the Minnesota/Wisconsin convention. The nearest church to Ridgewood Baptist is 75 miles east. The second nearest church is 100 miles in the other direction.

"They think we're a cult in Minnesota," Hart said. "One time we took a bus load of church members to a town near the Canadian border to do some mission work and the local newspaper ran a headline on the front page the next

day which read, 'Southern cult comes to town.'"

Hart says his goal is to prove to Minnesotans that Southern Baptists are a mainline, "normal" group. He works toward his goal by creating "high visibility" for Baptists in his community. He serves on the local United Way board and on the committee for federal food and housing programs. Hart regularly sends news releases to area newspapers with information about church activities, Baptist General Convention of Texas volunteers helping out with building projects, revivals and the like.

Building churches is another way of creating visibility and Hart dreams of forming a Southern Baptist Convention "cooperative" to buy building materials in bulk for churches.

"A trainload of door knobs is cheaper per unit," Hart said.

## Crosspoint signup begins Feb. 1

Registration for Crosspoint, a Christian sports camp for older children and younger youth, opens Feb. 1 for the 11 camps to be held this summer at five colleges and six associations.

Nine states will serve as Crosspoint camp locations for youth who have completed the fourth through eighth grades. Those states include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Crosspoint, sponsored by the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, allows participants to improve their skills in softball, baseball, football, gymnastics, tennis, volleyball, swimming and cheerleading. It also gives them an opportunity to participate in daily Bible study, worship and special interest conferences.

Camps held at colleges cost \$165 per

participant, and include five nights' lodging, meals, insurance, a T-shirt and instructional fees. Cost of the camp for counselors is \$125. Camps sponsored by associations vary in cost.

Camps to be held at colleges include: Baylor University, Waco, Tex., June 13-18; Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, Ark., July 4-9; Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., July 25-30; Campbell University, Buies Creek, N. C., Aug. 1-6; and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., Aug. 8-13.

Associations sponsoring Crosspoint camps include Golden Triangle Baptist Association, Beaumont, Tex., June 27-July 2; Birmingham (Ala.) Baptist Association, June 27-July 2; Pensacola (Fla.) Bay Baptist Association, July 11-16; Mell Baptist Association, Tifton, Ga., July 18-23; and Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans (La.), July 18-23.

# Campbellsville College graduates are honored by local B&PW clubs

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Campbellsville College graduates do well!

Six of 10 women honored recently by the Campbellsville and Taylor County Business and Professional Women's Clubs were graduates of the College.

The women received accolades for their professional careers and activities in the community.

Honored were the following: Pearl Anderson, '77, employed at Taylor County Hospital; Jana Benningfield, '81, employed with the Campbellsville City School System;

Shirley Cheatham, '76, employed at Campbellsville Industries Inc.; Ruby Curry, former professor at Campbellsville College; Cindy Lewis Lanham, '84, employed at Central Drug Center, and Sue Parrott, '68, employed with Campbellsville City School System.

The women were recognized during the National Business and Professional Women's Week. The week was part of a national celebration aimed at focusing communities' attentions on the vital role women play in the work force.

Mrs. Cheatham is the Campbellsville club's "Woman of the Year."

She received her business administration degree with an emphasis in accounting from Campbellsville College. For the last six years, she has been controller at Campbellsville Industries.

Mrs. Cheatham's husband, Dr. Frank Cheatham, is professor of mathematics and computer science and coordinator of the computer information systems program at Campbellsville College.

Mrs. Benningfield is in her sixth year as teacher of the gifted and talented program at Campbellsville Schools. She received her bachelor of science in elementary education at Campbellsville College and her master's degree from Western Kentucky University. Her master's degree is with an emphasis on gifted education. She also received her Rank I in school supervision from WKU.

She was named an Outstanding Social Studies Teacher in 1986 and is coach of the academic quiz team for grades six, seven and eight. She was a guest lecturer at the Kentucky Math and Science Seminar and was a resource teacher for the Kentucky Internship Program for two years.

She is a public school representative for Campbellsville College's Teacher Admissions Program.

Mrs. Anderson is the Campbellsville club's "Woman of Achievement." Since 1984, she has been Taylor County Hospital's Director of Social Work and Utilization Review



Shirley Cheatham



Cindy Lanham



Pearl Anderson



Ruby Curry



Jana Benningfield



Sue Parrott

Department in addition to its MSW consultant for Taylor County Home Services.

She received her bachelor of science degree in social science with a minor in art from Campbellsville College and her nursing degree from St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Her MSW with a gerontology concentration is from the University of Kentucky.

She is also a licensed nursing home administrator and has taught at Campbellsville College, has worked at Jane Todd Crawford Hospital as an assistant administrator and was employed by the Kentucky Peer Review Organization for two years.

Mrs. Curry taught English and library science at Campbellsville College from 1967 until 1974. She taught high school English and Latin for 40 years.

She shares the job of receiving incoming calls and performing other duties at Taylor County Bank, a position she's had for almost seven years.

Mrs. Curry was "Woman of the Day" on Friday during the B&PW Week observance.

Ms. Lanham will speak for the Campbellsville club at the April regional speakoff. A Bradfordsville resident, she has been a pharmacist at Central Drug Center since December 1986.

She was valedictorian of her 1980 graduating class at Marion County High School and a 1984 graduate of Campbellsville College where she was salutatorian and winner of the four-year chemistry and four-year biology award. She received her bachelor of science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Campbellsville College.

She graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 1986 and was winner of the Oscar C. Dilly Memorial Award for Excellence in Pharmacy Management, Administration and Practice.

In addition to her job at Central Durg, she is a relief pharmacist at

Madison Square Drug and Chymist in Columbia, teaches at Campbellsville College and works occasionally at the pharmacy at Taylor County Hospital.

Mrs. Parrott is the Taylor County B&PW "Woman of Achievement." She is a guidance counselor at Campbellsville Middle School, a position she's had for six years.

Previously, she taught fourth, fifth and sixth grades for 12 years and was a teacher's aide for two years.

Her bachelor of science degree in elementary education is from Campbellsville College and her master's degree is from Western Kentucky University. She also has school administration certification for superintendent, supervisor, director of pupil personnel and principal.

She's currently president of the local chapter of the Kentucky Council on Child Abuse and a member of the Women's Advisory Board of the Baptist Children's Home. She received her real estate license in May.