

## Southern Baptist Convention

Henry Gonzales Convention Center

San Antonio, Texas

June 14-16, 1988

Theme: "Pour Out Revival"

### Tuesday Morning, June 14, 1988

- 8:30 Music for inspiration, Bellevue Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra, Memphis, Tenn.; Jim Whitmire, director
- 8:50 Call to order  
Congregational singing, John McKay, convention music director, Keller, Tex.
- 8:55 Prayer, Terry W. Arnold, pastor, First Baptist Church, Carson City, Nev.
- 9:00 Registration report and constitution of convention, Lee Porter, registration secretary; design editor, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 9:05 Committee on order of business
- 9:10 Welcome, Mayor Henry Cisneros of San Antonio
- 9:15 Response, Rudy Hernandez, pastor, Metro Baptist Church, San Antonio
- 9:20 Announcement of committee on committees, credentials, resolutions and tellers
- 9:25 Theme interpretation, "Pour Out Revival in My Heart," Roy Fish, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 9:45 Executive Committee report (part 1), Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer, Nashville
- 10:45 Introduction of business and resolutions
- 11:15 Congregational singing, John McKay
- 11:20 Music, Bellevue Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra
- 11:25 President's address, Adrian P. Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church
- 12:00 Benediction, David C. Brown, pastor, Desert Hills Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nev.

### Tuesday Afternoon, June 14

- 1:00 Evangelistic singers, Pat Roper, music evangelist, Greenville, S. C., presiding
- 2:00 Congregational singing, Pat Roper
- 2:05 Prayer, David Doyel, pastor, Twin Lakes Baptist Church, Las Vegas
- 2:10 Messenger information survey, Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary; director, Research Services Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 2:20 Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 2:30 Election of officers (first)
- 2:45 Committee on nominations report, Joe Knott III, chairman, Raleigh, N. C.
- 3:00 Congregational singing, Paul Paschal, minister of music, North Richland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Worth
- 3:05 Executive Committee report (part 2), Harold C. Bennett
- 4:00 Congregational singing
- 4:05 Business—Committee on committees report, introduction of business and resolutions, miscellaneous business
- 4:45 Election of officers (second)
- 5:00 Benediction, Neal J. Myers, director of missions, Sierra Baptist Association, Reno, Nev.

### Tuesday Evening, June 14

- 6:30 Music for inspiration, Sagemont Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra, Houston; Bill Cole, director
- 7:00 Congregational singing, John McKay
- 7:05 Prayer, Johnny Jackson, executive director, Paul Jackson Evangelist Association, Little Rock, Ark.
- 7:10 Election of officers (third)
- 7:20 Theme interpretation, "Pour Out Revival in My Home," Ruffin Snow, pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
- 7:40 Bold Mission Thrust report, Harold C. Bennett
- 7:50 Woman's Missionary Union report, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.
- 8:05 Peace Committee report, Charles G. Fuller, chairman; pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 8:35 Congregational singing, Sam Prestidge, director of church music, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas
- 8:40 Home Mission Board report, Larry L. Lewis, president, Atlanta
- 9:40 Benediction, Jon L. Sapp, missionary to Chipata, Zambia, furloughing in Topeka, Kan.

### Wednesday Morning, June 15

- 8:30 Music for inspiration, Travis Avenue Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra, Ft. Worth; Bill Pearson, director
- 8:50 Congregational singing, Monte Nichols, minister of music, Peachtree Baptist Church, Atlanta
- 8:55 Prayer, Robert G. Holmes, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Henderson, Nev.
- 9:00 Election of officers (fourth)
- 9:15 Theme interpretation, "Pour Out Revival on the Household of Faith," O. D. Shook, Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston
- 9:35 Congregational singing, Sonny Stroud, minister of music, Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, Ga.
- 9:40 Sunday School Board report, Lloyd Elder, president, Nashville
- 10:10 Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary report, Arthur L. Walker Jr., secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 10:25 Historical Commission report, Lynn E. May Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville
- 10:35 Radio and Television Commission report, Jimmy R. Allen, president, Ft. Worth
- 10:45 "Here's Hope. Jesus Cares For You. A Message of Life from Southern Baptists for Las Vegas & Nevada, 1989," Larry L. Lewis
- 10:55 Report of Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group, Larry L. Lewis
- 11:05 Congregational singing, Pat Roper
- 11:10 Election of officers (fifth)
- 11:25 Business—Committee on resolutions (first report), miscellaneous business
- 11:55 Congregational singing, John McKay
- 12:00 Special music, Travis Avenue Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra  
Convention sermon, Joel Gregory, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church
- 12:30 Benediction, Stanley D. Unruh, retired minister, Sunrise Baptist Church, Las Vegas

### NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

### Wednesday Evening, June 15

- 6:30 Music for inspiration, Cathedral Quartet, Nashville
- 6:55 Congregational singing, John McKay
- 7:00 Prayer, Jim McLeroy, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Las Vegas
- 7:05 Theme interpretation, "Pour Out Revival on My Homeland," Bobby Welch, pastor, First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 7:25 Business—Election of convention sermon preacher and alternate and music director, 1989
- 7:30 Introduction of local arrangements committee
- 7:35 Presentation of past presidents
- 7:45 Presentation of newly elected SBC officers
- 7:50 Planned Growth in Giving report, Cecil E. Ray, national director, Georgetown, Tex.
- 8:00 Congregational singing, Rod Salmon, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Moore, Okla.
- 8:05 Foreign Mission Board report, R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, Va.
- 9:35 Benediction, Patrick McCurdy, pastor, Shearer Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio

### Thursday Morning, June 16

- 8:30 Music for inspiration, First Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra, Euless, Tex.; Robert Wagoner, director
- 8:50 Congregational singing, John McKay
- 8:55 Prayer, James Carey, pastor, Lackland Baptist Church, San Antonio
- 9:00 Business—Committee on resolutions (final report)
- 10:00 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary report, Milton Ferguson, president, Kansas City, Mo.
- 10:10 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary report, W. Randall Lolley, president, Wake Forest, N. C.
- 10:20 Stewardship Commission report, A. R. Fagan, president, Nashville
- 10:30 Congregational singing, Mike Speck, music evangelist, Tulsa
- 10:35 Southern Baptist Foundation report, Hollis E. Johnson III, executive director, Nashville
- 10:45 Christian Life Commission report, N. Larry Baker, executive director, Nashville
- 10:55 Brotherhood Commission report, James H. Smith, president, Memphis
- 11:05 Education Commission report, Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director, Nashville
- 11:15 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary report, William Crews, president, Mill Valley, Cal.
- 11:25 Annuity Board report, Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas
- 11:35 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary report, Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans
- 11:45 Recognition of outgoing officers
- 11:50 Congregational singing, John McKay
- 12:00 Address by President Ronald Reagan
- 12:20 Benediction, Jack Schmid, pastor, Village Parkway Baptist Church, San Antonio

### Thursday Afternoon, June 16

- 2:00 Music for inspiration, New Song, Atlanta
- 2:25 Congregational singing, Pat Roper
- 2:30 Prayer, Ruben Hernandez, international evangelist and staff evangelist, Metro Baptist Church, San Antonio
- 2:35 Introduction of fraternal representatives
- 2:40 Committee on Denominational Calendar report, James A. Green Jr., chairman, Jal, N. M.
- 2:50 Public Affairs Committee report, Samuel Currin, chairman, Raleigh
- 3:00 Denominational Press report, Alvin C. Shackelford, vice president for public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville
- 3:10 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary report, Roy L. Honeycutt, president, Louisville
- 3:20 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary report, Russell H. Dilday Jr., president, Ft. Worth
- 3:30 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs report, James M. Dunn, executive director, Washington
- 3:40 Baptist World Alliance report, Gerhard Claas, general secretary, McLean, Va.
- 3:50 American Bible Society report, John D. Erickson, general secretary, New York
- 4:00 Business
- 4:30 Adjournment  
Benediction, Ronnie W. Floyd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark.

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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Paying your dues

Whenever a church calls a pastor there is an overwhelming desire within the congregation to accept, love and affirm the person whom they have called.

This built-in support force can be eroded and the high hopes and aspirations can turn sour for both pastor and congregation if care is not taken.

What can help us avoid the unpleasant circumstance of a pastor and people who go stale on each other?

Part of the answer is with the newly-called pastor. It is the pastor's job to earn the respect, love and affirmation of the congregation. These positive aspects of our corporate life are already in place and the people are ready to give. But these good vibes will wither and die unless the pastor deliberately "pays his dues."

Surely the Baptist pastor must be a preacher of the word and must come before the people with a fresh challenge and call to commitment. The preaching ministry is far and away the place where most people judge the pastor and either accept or reject him as their spiritual leader. To earn the kind of respect and affirmation all of us need and want, the pastor must study, study and study.

There is no excuse for slovenly prepared, dull sermons. This is the first order in dues-paying and must never be forgotten. If the pastor does not pay dues here he may not have a chance to pay them anywhere else.

The pastor must also attend to small matters which together make up the cement which forges a strong bond of caring relationship between the preacher and the people. Among those small things is careful attention to visitation.

This is often the most demanding, least visibly rewarding part of pastoral ministry, but it is essential in establishing a good relationship with the church. A pastor who sits down with his

people, learns their hurts, dreams and aspirations and takes time to hear them, even in small petty matters, will be the kind of person whom the people respect and are willing to follow.

The pastor who is willing to go, in the middle of the night, to the hospital, the jail or the home when tragedy strikes is the pastor whose stock will go up because the congregation views these acts of mercy as part of the "dues."

The pastor is wise if he surrounds himself with persons who can attend to the time-consuming affairs of administration, programming and committee management while he attends to the affairs of persons in the congregation. It goes without saying the pastor must be willing to delegate responsibility and respect the judgment of those with whom the church has asked him to work and let them do their work.

Of course the congregation has some dues to pay as well. Part of the congregation's dues is to accept the fact the pastor is human and cannot be everywhere at once. Often people expect the pastor to know a crisis exists when not a single person has informed him.

A congregation can also hinder dues-paying by the pastor and fail as well if they will not allow him time for study and personal renewal. To be so demanding that the pastor must constantly be on the go attending to people's perceived needs is to fail in one of the most important parts of congregational dues-paying.

Paying dues is part of ministry and those who do it will have happy, successful relationships. Those who fail, pastors or churches, often have less than pleasant experiences and are characterized by short-term pastorates with the pattern repeating itself time and time again.

So pay your dues in the little things and God will open doors of continuing opportunity for happy relationships.

## Honor for a faithful worker

Not very often do we take time to offer a small bouquet to someone who has stayed in the background and worked quietly in service to the Lord. We take note of those who are up front, recognizing them, honoring them, praising them. But the "little guy" seldom gets much recognition. We would like to challenge this pattern.

This week we celebrate the 30th anniversary of a faithful worker in the Kentucky Baptist family. This lady has been on the job steadily, doing her work with little fanfare, yet she has been a vital cog in the ongoing ministry of our great convention.

That faithful worker is Mary Catlett who has served in the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention under directors Roy Boatwright, Fred Halbrooks and currently Chip Miller.

Mary and her husband, Wayne, came from Hopkinsville to Louisville in 1958 when Wayne was employed in the print shop of Western Recorder. Mary went to work in the Sunday School Department and she and Wayne, along with their son

Robert, became involved in the life of Louisville's St. Matthews Baptist Church.

She has served during the tenure of four executive secretaries, W. C. Boone, Harold G. Sanders, Franklin Owen and William W. Marshall. Through the changing nature of the convention she has stayed by the task and now has completed 30 years of employment as a servant to all of us.

We often fail to recognize those who faithfully work behind the scenes to make the work flow smoothly. This is especially true of secretaries whom we have a way of taking for granted. It is even more true of Mary who is quiet and does her work with dispatch.

We did not want to let this occasion for recognition slip by and thought Kentucky Baptists would want to know about this milestone. You may not know Mary Catlett, may not even be able to recognize her if you saw her, but you are a beneficiary of her ministry if you are part of a Sunday school in a Baptist church in Kentucky.

Congratulations, Mary Catlett. May the Lord enrich your life and may he give you many more years of service to our people.

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# Mission Kentucky: 1985-1990

## New work in Northern Kentucky Association

by Jack Sanford, Editor

The last planned new church start in Northern Kentucky was what is now Greenview Baptist Church, started as a mission of Florence Baptist Church in 1963. Greenview celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and is the youngest planned congregation in the association. Now the association is at work developing plans for a new church start after a 25-year hiatus.

As part of the Mission Kentucky emphasis, DOM Randall Jones told Western Recorder the planned new work is in the Villa Hills section of Kenton County. The community numbers about 7500 people with no Baptist church in the immediate area.

Sponsoring church will be Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, under the leadership of pastor C. Michael Watts. Watts told Western Recorder the congregation

is anxious to be under way in starting the first mission in the 63-year history of the church and interest is high throughout the congregation.

Help in survey and other preliminary work will be done by students at Northern Kentucky University Baptist Student Union under the direction of campus minister Rick Howerton. Training for these student workers will begin this spring, followed by a Praxis Team in the summer. At the conclusion of these studies the association's mission development committee will decide whether or not to proceed with development of a new Baptist work in Villa Hills and will work with the Ft. Mitchell congregation in whatever is decided.

According to Jones there is definitely a need for a Baptist church in the area and he is confident the studies undertaken this spring and summer will confirm his convictions.

Jones declared interest was high in the association and strong support is evident for this new effort. Northern Kentucky Association embraces one of the fastest growing areas of the state and is a prime location for new work development, according to Bill Jagers, associate director of the Direct Missions Department of the KBC. Jones announced that an awareness conference and a probe in the association resulted in discovery of 24 possible locations for new Baptist work in the northern Kentucky area.

Jagers stated the effort to start 400 new Baptist entities by 1990 is well on the way to accomplishment with more than 120 new starts since the effort began in 1985. Western Recorder reported last week that 32 of those new starts have been made since September 1987 and the schedule is on target to achieve the goal before 1990.



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## homes for children

### Let's check your heart

Heart attacks claim many lives each year. Therefore, medical science continues to push research on heart disease and great strides have been made in treating heart problems. On every hand we are admonished to exercise to strengthen the heart muscles and eat properly to help control high blood pressure and cholesterol. Have you had your heart checked lately? Regardless of what your answer is, I want you to do a heart check with me now.

Let us start by asking, "What is the heart?" Well, it is the wonder organ of the physical body. It is about the size of one's fist and is made up of four rooms, valves, muscles and blood. Its work is to circulate the blood through about 100,000 miles of blood vessels. To do this it beats 4200 times per hour, 100,000 times each day and 36,800,000 times in a year. This little work horse pumps five quarts of blood through the body every minute, which is 657,000 gallons of blood each year. Even so, the heart rests 15 hours each day.

In the spiritual realm we also speak of the heart. While the physical heart is vital to keeping one alive physically, the spiritual heart is vital to keeping one alive and well spiritually. In the spiritual realm the heart is the seat of the intellect, the emotions and the will. Things can go wrong with the spiritual heart just as with the physical heart. Therefore, each of us needs to be aware of how to protect the spiritual heart. Will you consider three things with me?

What should you do with your spiritual heart? Guard it! Proverbs 4:23 reads, "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." Open it to Jesus! He said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him."

What should you have in your spiritual heart? The Word! The psalmist said, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." The savior! To have Jesus in one's heart means eternal life.

What should you do with your spiritual heart? Think right thoughts! "For as he thinketh in his heart so is he," Proverbs 23:7. Trust in God! "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding," Proverbs 3:5.

I hope you have a strong spiritual heart.

# mountains to the mississippi

## missions

**Ballardsville Baptist Church and Buckner Baptist Church**, both of Sulphur Fork Association, sent a missions team to Honduras Feb. 7. The volunteers will be constructing churches and giving their witness for the gospel of Christ.

Participants from Ballardsville Baptist include Arnold Collins, Billie Collins, Cindy Jeffries, Terry Moore, Terry Powell, Jeep Whitehouse, Mike Thompson, Nate Perry and Tom Riddle.

Volunteers from Buckner Baptist are Bill Fisher and Ellen Crady.

**Joe Pat and Hilda Winchester**, missionary associates to Guyana, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (Box 10131, Georgetown, Guyana). A native of Kentucky, he was born in Calloway County and considers Murray his home town. She is the former Hilda Wyatt of New Concord, Ky. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1987.

**Robert and Edwina Fields** recently reappointed missionaries, have arrived on the field (No. 6 Alexon Constaninou, Apt. No. 3, Dhassoupoles, Nicosia TT143, Cyprus). He is associate to the area director of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. They are natives of Covington; she is the former Edwina Wehrmeyer. They served from 1972-74 and were reappointed in 1987.

## ordinations

**Leslie Ellison Jr.** was ordained to the ministry Oct. 25, 1987 by the Kento-Boo Baptist Church, Florence, Northern Kentucky Association. Ellison is a student at Clear Creek Baptist College and is pastoring Pruden (Tenn.) Baptist Church. Stanley Cole is pastor at Kento-Boo.

**Randall T. Constant** was ordained to the ministry Dec. 27, 1987 at Memory Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He was called as pastor of Memory Lane Dec. 13. Jeffrey Lacefield of Rutledge

Road Baptist Church, Long Run Association, preached the charge to the church.

**Phillip Powell** was ordained as a deacon by Memorial Baptist Church, Blood River Association, Jan. 3.

**Dan Russell** was ordained to the ministry at Liberty Baptist Church, Greenup Association, where he is pastor.

Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, ordained **Tom Perdew** and **John Stewart** as deacons Jan. 24.

**Chris McCombs** was to be licensed to preach by Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, Feb. 7.

## personnel

**John Hornsby** has accepted the pastorate of Colson Baptist Mission, Three Forks Association.

**Dennis G. Powers** has been called as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Irvine Association.

Slat Gum Baptist Church, North Concord Association, has called **Elijah Hammons** as pastor.

**Dannie Nelson** has been called as pastor of Holly Grove Baptist Church, East Lynn Association.

**Howard Dukes** was called as minister of music at Memory Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Squiresville Baptist Church, Owen County Association, called **John Martin Klaassen** as pastor in December. He began duties Jan. 16.

A native of Columbia, South America, Klaassen grew up in Kansas City, Mo. and has been living in Louisville since 1985. He has been the Brotherhood director, adult Sunday school teacher, youth ministry leader and youth director at Farmdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Klaassen is currently attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has a BS degree in business education from Missouri Western State College and has been a teacher at American Career Development Institute and Dupont Manual High School, both in Louisville.

**Glenn Bowers** is the new associate pastor and minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Owenton, Owen County Association. He goes to Owenton from Alabama where he was the southeast Alabama campus minister.

A native of Ft. Payne, Ala., Bowers graduated from Jackson State University in 1985 with a BS degree in sociology. He is presently a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

**Howard V. Reuter** resigned the pastorate of Sharpsburg Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Franklin Association, affectionately congratulated **Mrs. Lorene Mercer** on her 100th birthday Jan. 27.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Colley, she was born Jan. 27, 1888. In 1913 she married Alvis Mercer and in 1916 they moved to eastern Kentucky. She was always involved in the work of her church, teaching Sunday school, Baptist Young People's Union and Woman's Missionary Union. After retirement Mr. and Mrs. Mercer moved to Greenville in Muhlenberg County. Since 1970 she has been a member in regular attendance at First Baptist, Frankfort.

Billy G. Hurt is pastor.

## deaths

**Ralph Bailey White**, 1899-1987, was remembered by his fellow pastors in Long Run Association last month.

White was ordained to the ministry at Plum Creek Baptist Church, where he accepted Christ. He attended Bethel College, Russellville, and graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, in 1934. He died Aug. 25, 1987.

Among his pastorates in Kentucky and Indiana, White pastored Lee's Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, 1955-66. He was also a member of the executive board of Long Run Association.

# baptist news in brief



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## clear creek comment

### Why CCBS?

Clear Creek Baptist School (CCBS) has unique strengths to be considered by persons who are offered many alternatives in today's world. A student must ask himself why he should choose a Bible school for his education rather than another school, and why he should choose one school out of the many others available. The strengths of CCBS provide answers to these questions in the following ways.

Everything learned is related to the Christian life and service in God's kingdom. Although experience is highly valued by today's culture and academic pursuits are deemphasized, we know that experience may also be deceptive. A Christian school is committed to the proposition that "experience is not enough." Education provides a way which helps a person know where he is and how he is to get to where he is going. Therefore, at the heart of a Bible school education is the study of God's word for each person's life.

Christians should study history, speech, literature, art, philosophy, language and the sciences in order to understand the world's people to whom it is our mission to preach. But for Christians, education must also issue in the service of preaching, teaching and other ways of communicating the gospel. Therefore, an integral part of our program here is the study of the practical ministries courses, including inservice training.

A second strength of our program is that a student is encouraged to attain goals that seem beyond his reach. A Bible school education should require him to work and stretch beyond his abilities.

A third strength of CCBS is our commitment to helping the student develop his character. Our programs require the development of self-discipline. A student is expected to be responsible, and he is allowed to reap the benefit or consequence of his responses.

For example, chapel services are required of our students. Attendance policies are strict. Students are given guidelines for Christian conduct at all times, whether on campus or not.

## SBC controversy translates into evangelistic decline: Carl Henry

by Pat Cole

Continued controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention has caused the denomination's influence as an evangelistic force to wane, a leading evangelical theologian claimed.

Carl F. H. Henry, a visiting professor during a January term at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, noted three adverse effects of the theological/political struggle among Southern Baptists:

- A public perception of a divided denomination tends to discourage people from identifying with SBC churches.
- Southern Baptists have lost their leadership role within the broader evangelical community.

• Energies that would have been devoted to evangelistic efforts have been devoted to denominational infighting.

"People in the secular city (a term coined in the 1960s by theologian Harvey Cox) feel they don't want anything to do with either of these crowds (moderates or conservatives)," said Henry. "They don't want to get involved in a controversy. People are much more inclined to go into a community church where they know their neighbors and know their townspeople and where they know nobody is trying to grab control."

Henry, who chaired the 1984 SBC Resolutions Committee, is a member of Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church in Arlington, Va., a congregation that is dually aligned with the SBC and the American Baptist Churches, USA.

The success of Southern Baptists, Henry said, largely has been due to "their consistent evangelistic outreach." Yet he pointed out the convention's number of baptisms has been on a steady decline, asserting that part of the decrease can be attributed to "energies that have been exhausted in controversy."

He noted political rhetoric and "pejorative name calling" on both sides create a climate in which no winners exist. (BP)

## HMB leader proposes partnership with men

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis has proposed a new relationship between his agency and Southern Baptist men.

Referring to recent remarks made at a Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union meeting where he proposed a symbolic marriage between WMU and his agency, Lewis described what he meant by a new relationship with men.

"Let me assure you I'm not proposing marriage to you fellows, please understand," quipped Lewis. "But I am proposing a partnership."

Speaking to a gathering of Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood personnel, Lewis challenged men to forge a new relationship with the Home Mission Board to meet Bold Mission Thrust goals.

Lewis issued a series of challenges to participants. He asked them to become prayer partners with him and to lead other men into that partnership, citing a need for spiritual renewal and awakening in America that can only come through prayer.

He asked them to lead people to faith in Christ, pointing to 1987 as the worst for baptisms among Southern Baptists in 10 years.

He urged men to join the Home Mission Board in establishing new churches: "I think if we win our nation, win our world, it will be through those bodies of Christ where the people are. I'm convinced that we'll never be successful in Bold Mission Thrust unless we plant new churches." (BP)

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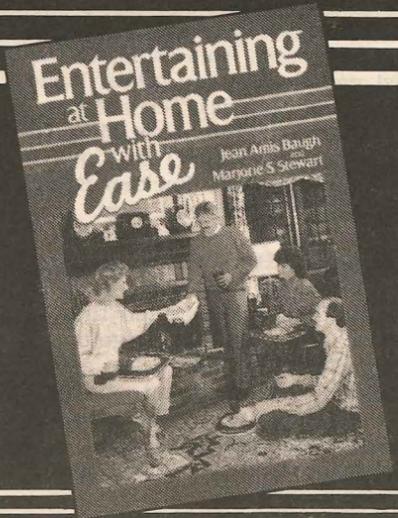
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## Ronald Reagan invited to address SBC meeting

President Ronald Reagan has been invited to address messengers to the 1988 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 14-16 in San Antonio, Tex.

The invitation has been issued by SBC president Adrian P. Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., but the White House is not expected to respond for several months. If Reagan does accept the invitation, he is scheduled to speak at noon Thursday, June 16.

If the President accepts, the June meeting will mark the first time since 1976 that a sitting president of the United States has addressed the SBC. At the 1976 annual meeting in Norfolk, Va., then President Gerald R. Ford addressed messengers. In 1982 Vice President George Bush addressed the annual meeting of the SBC Pastors' Conference in New Orleans.

The theme of the convention is "Pour Out Revival" and emphasizes a call for revival. Four 20-minute theme interpretations will explore the topic: Roy Fish, professor of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will speak on "Pour Out Revival in My Heart"; Ruffin Snow, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., will speak on "Pour Out Revival in My Home"; O. Damon Shook, pastor of Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston, will speak on "Pour Out Revival on the Household of Faith"; and Bobby Welch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Fla., will speak on "Pour Out Revival on My Homeland."

A highlight of the convention will be the evening session Wednesday, June 15 during which the Foreign Mission Board will conduct a commissioning service for new missionaries. The service will end with an invitation and altar call.

Other items of the three-day meeting include an address by SBC president Rogers and the convention sermon by Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth. (BP)



**Charles W. Bryan (above) passes through airport security on his way to Tanzania. Bryan, former senior vice president of overseas operations of the Foreign Mission Board, has retired after more than 37 years as a missionary and mission administrator. But he has agreed to lead the Baptist General Association of Virginia's partnerships with Baptists in Tanzania and New England.**

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## Stanley not endorsing Robertson for President

Charles Stanley is not endorsing Marion G. (Pat) Robertson for President, the former SBC president said.

Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and SBC president 1984-85, told Baptist Press: "My In Touch board voted and asked me not to publicly endorse any presidential candidate.... I will have my private opinion, but will not make a public endorsement."

The Bush campaign noted a "growing list of religious leaders who have coalesced behind the Vice President. Included were W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas and president of the SBC 1969-70, and Jack Stanton, director of the Institute of Evangelism at Southwest Baptist University in Boliver, Mo., and current SBC first vice president. (BP)

## Black pastor's meet slated for Feb. 23-25

Three nationally renowned religious leaders will be featured at the 44th annual Black Baptist Pastor's Conference at Louisville's Galt House Feb. 23-25.

Mack King, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., will be the banquet speaker Feb. 23 and will lecture Wednesday and Thursday afternoon on the book of Malachi. Larnell Harris, popular award-winning recording artist, will perform at the banquet. Fredrick Douglas Haynes III, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., is keynote conference preacher.

Seminars offered will include "Training People in Christian Stewardship," "Exploring Christian Higher Education," "Women: Living by Biblical Faith," "The Black Family: Problems and Possibilities," "Stress Management in the Church," "Awesome, Awful, Aids!" and "What is Cooperative Missions." There is no charge for attending the seminars.

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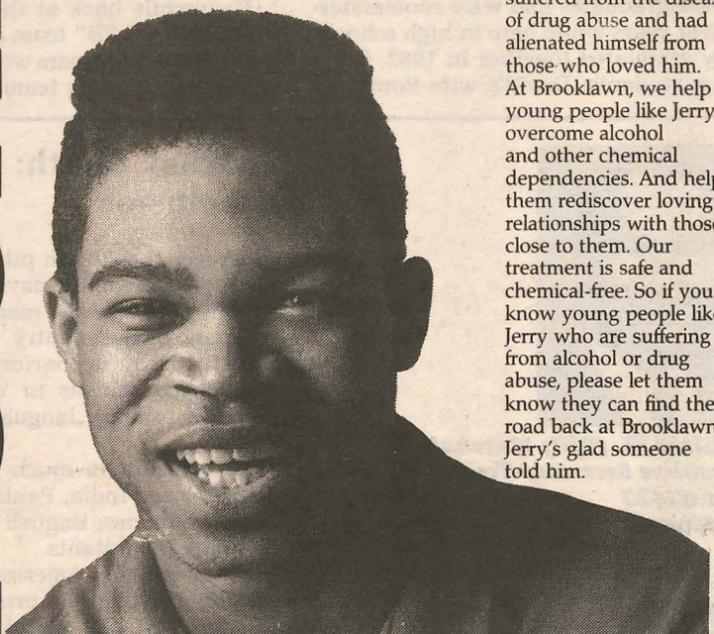
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## oneida journal

### A victory-filled day

Our wrestling team was up, had breakfast and left the campus by 6 a.m. one recent Saturday. They were competing at Wayne County against teams from eight other schools. Such meets are very lengthy affairs. It was a weary group that got back to the campus 17 hours later at 11 p.m.

Jason Payne, a junior from Knox County, took second place honors in the 152 pound weight class. Two of our wrestlers took fourth place in their classes.

The freshman and junior varsity boys basketball teams left at 8 a.m. and returned at 3 p.m. Their games were played against Williamsburg High. Our Oneida boys won their games with the exact same margin, 29 points.

Junior varsity coach David Robinson and freshman coach Greg Slade do superb jobs with all of their teaching and coaching duties. They are both Oneida graduates and were roommates several years while here in high school. They graduated together in 1982, both honor students. David's wife Bonita is

also a real asset as a teacher and cheer-leading sponsor.

At 1 p.m. our swimmers and divers went into action in a home meet against Paul Blazer and Boyd County High Schools.

A standing room only crowd watched the exciting meet from the bleachers of our heated pool. Our boys defeated Paul Blazer 56-22, a team we had previously lost to. Also our boys had a 67-16 victory over Boyd County. Our OBI girls defeated Boyd 45-30 but lost decisively to an excellent Paul Blazer team.

Eric Dishner, a sophomore from West Virginia, was outstanding in diving, winning with 171.9 points. He reminded me of our OBI standout last year, Stuart Brice, who won the regional diving championship.

Hitoshi Nakamura, from Japan, won the 40 yard freestyle in 19.2 seconds. He is also an excellent baseball player.

Jeff Jackson, a sophomore from Corbin, shined as he broke our school records for the 100 yard freestyle in 52.6 seconds. He is also an honor roll student.

Mary Ratliff, with us since sixth grade, broke her own standing school records in the 100 yard and 200 yard freestyles. Mary started earning high school swim letters while still in elementary school. She has six.

As soon as the swim meet was over, many of the swimmers hastened to board Oneida's two former Greyhound buses at 4:30 p.m. for a band trip to Eastern Kentucky University. Our band was invited to play for 30 minutes before the start of the EKU-Tennessee State basketball game, during all "time-outs" and halftime.

The trip to EKU was also special because it was our first time to take both our buses on the same trip. During the Christmas holidays, Somerset First Baptist donated to us another Greyhound in excellent condition. Its rebuilt motor has only 50,000 miles. They are made for up to a million miles of travel. We've been greatly handicapped in having only one such bus because it takes two buses to haul our full band, our full choir, etc. An ordinary school bus just can't keep up with a Greyhound, and it is important to travel together in case of an emergency. Now that problem is wonderfully solved. The luggage compartments are super to store the band instruments in as well as luggage on long trips.

Meanwhile back at the campus, our middle school "B" team and our eighth grade basketball team were both defeating Owsley County teams.



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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 14, 1988

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### Right attitudes toward persons

**Ex. 20:13** This commandment may be rendered, "Thou shalt not commit murder." Murder, the taking of human life for malice or revenge, is not only a sin against one's fellowman, but it is also an affront to God. Man should regard life as a precious trust to be cultivated and used and not to be destroyed.

**Matt. 5:21-22** Christ traced the sin of murder to its very root. He made the person who thinks murderous thoughts as guilty as the one who commits the deed. An angry hatred in the heart is the source of all murder. Calling another "Raca," implying he has a mental deficiency and is worthless, indicates a desire to injure his reputation. "Thou fool," which is also an expression of condemnation, indicates a desire to injure his character. God does not want anybody to injure others physically, mentally, morally or spiritually.

**Matt. 5:43-48** The Mosaic Law enjoined upon all the duty of love for others: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18). Certain Jewish rabbis added the admonition, "and hate thine enemy." That was an inexcusable distortion of God's law.

Such spiritual exercises set forth in verse 44 are beyond the ability of fallen human nature to perform. The tendency

of the carnal nature is always to give another as good as he sends. However, if God's love is in our hearts, we can love our enemies.

International series

### The challenge of cross bearing

**Matt. 16:13-17** Christ asked his disciples whom they heard others say that he was. He was told some thought he was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. All of them thought he was a great man and a wonderful teacher, but none thought of him as the son of God or long-expected Messiah.

Christ asked his intimate friends and disciples, "Whom say ye that I am?" As an unofficial spokesman for the group Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." Christ hastened to tell Peter that his reply was not due to human wisdom, but that it had been revealed to him by the father.

**Matt. 16:18-20** In announcing his purpose our Lord said, "Thou art Peter [Petros—literally, "a pebble" or "a little rock"] and upon this rock [Petra—literally, "a fixed rock" or a "ledge rock"] I will build my church." So, this rock, upon which Christ promised to build his church, is himself. Christ also promised to give Peter "the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Through the gospel of Christ the door of salvation is opened to all who will repent and believe.

**Matt. 16:21-23** Christ began to teach the disciples of his approaching sufferings, death, burial and resurrection. The disciples were astounded. The very idea was abhorrent to them.

With rash impulsiveness Peter took Christ aside and privately tried to persuade him not to pursue such a course. Peter expressed the hope that God would never allow such a thing to befall Christ. Christ administered a sharp rebuke, letting him know all opposition to his going to the cross to obtain salvation for them originated with Satan.

**Matt. 16:24-26** Christ made it known that discipleship involved three things: **Self-denial** is the complete setting aside of self-will for obedience to God's will.

**Cross-bearing** is a requirement. A Christian is not to bear the cross that Christ bore, but is to bear his own cross.

**Following Christ** is a priceless privilege and a tremendous responsibility. To follow Christ is to think his thoughts, to declare his message and to do his will.



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## on mission together

### Journey South: conclusion

Wherever the British pitched a permanent tent during the days of the British Empire, English was made the primary language of the country.

As British missionaries followed, they established schools in which English was the primary language of instruction.

As a result, in much of Africa, the Middle East, India, Pakistan and other Asian countries, English is still spoken by many inhabitants.

Not so in South America! The Spanish and the Portuguese, primarily, settled this area of the world and "getting around in English" is not so easy.

Actually, Kentucky Baptists owe a debt of gratitude to the British. For the British schools, during their occupation of Kenya, established English as the national language. English is still the national language taught in the schools,

though Swahili is the true language of the people.

Thus it was that translators were so available in Kenya. Most of the pastors and many of the lay leadership are bilingual. Without those translators, many if not most of the words the volunteers shared would have fallen on ears "deaf" to English.

The translators "converted" Kentucky English into understandable Swahili, the spoken language of the people.

Chile, on the other hand, has almost no pastors who speak both English and Spanish. That's why, too, a tourist who wanders away from the luxury hotels will find almost no one who speaks or understands English.

Some have asked me if my journey to Chile was related to a possible partnership. My journey, planned several years ago, was actually unrelated to a possible partnership. However, I "journeyed south" knowing that we were now "looking" for a partner and kept my an-

tenna out.

Chile has never had a formal partnership nor are they ready, at this point in their history, to facilitate one.

Kentucky Baptists have very few among us who are either Hispanic in origin or fluent in Spanish. And Chilean Baptists have precious few who speak or understand English well enough to translate it for us.

But the Baptist mission in Chile has sensed and is aware of the remarkable experiences which have come from partnerships. And they have recently been made aware of the effective partnership going on between Tennessee and Venezuela, also a Spanish speaking country.

Not now, but perhaps on a day in the future, we will read that Chilean Baptists have "partnered" with a state convention. In the meantime, I have a new and more comprehensive appreciation for Southern Baptist missions in Chile...the missionaries are some of God's finest!

*A dream come true...*

## Chinese Christian artist sings, paints witness to young people

by Erich Bridges

Standing in a tiny studio at a Chinese Christian seminary, He Huibing plays "Amazing Grace" on her bamboo flute.

She loves the wistful instrument, both for its sound and its symbolism. Bamboo signifies humility for the Chinese, she explains, "because it is empty inside."

Then she sings unaccompanied interpretations of religious themes by Handel and Schubert. She shyly admits she has never heard another singer perform the Schubert piece.

*He Huibing dreams of speaking the truths of the gospel to her generation through painting.*

"I want to hear how others sing this song," she confides. "I have not heard. So I just sing it according to my feeling."

She had no teacher, and very little training. Practice came during the long days she once spent toiling in a coal factory, singing to pass the time, her lungs competing with the deafening noise of machinery.

Despite her vocal gift, Miss Huibing considers music only a hobby. Her true love is art. Her paintings, most with Christian themes, cover the walls of the studio: the penitent woman washing Christ's feet, the woman at the well, the moon and stars of Psalm 8. Her lively colors glisten. Her delicate Chinese characters tell the stories of scripture.

She is fulfilling a lifelong dream, but only after a very long wait. Deferred dreams are the tragic heritage of China's "lost generation," the millions of young people who lost their opportunity for education during the social turmoil of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. In a Chinese description of misfortune, they have "eaten bitterness." They form what is probably the largest reservoir of unrealized potential anywhere in the world.

He Huibing, 31, is a member of that generation. She has eaten her share of bitterness.

The bitterness came to Miss Huibing early. Her family suffered during the political purges of the 1950s. As a child she was extremely close to her sister, who later died.

Miss Huibing desperately wanted to study art. But during the Cultural Revolution, social and educational chaos reigned. Acceptance at art college depended upon "your family's history, not your talent," she remembers. "So I worked in the coal factory...very, very hard."

She studied art at night, just as hard. "I had a very strong dream. I longed for the day I could become an artist. I dreamed someday the conditions would change in China. I never lost my hope."

Hardship produced a deep sadness within Miss Huibing, but did not break her stubborn determination to succeed

on her own. The word of God did. When the Christian church in Guangzhou reopened after the Cultural Revolution, she went there seeking truth. She was invited to sing in the choir.

"Before I read the Bible, I thought I was very strong. I could do anything. But when I read the Bible, it changed my life and opinions. It changed my view of the world. You know, the people my age grew up without God. So I tried to depend on God, to trust God. That was the beginning."

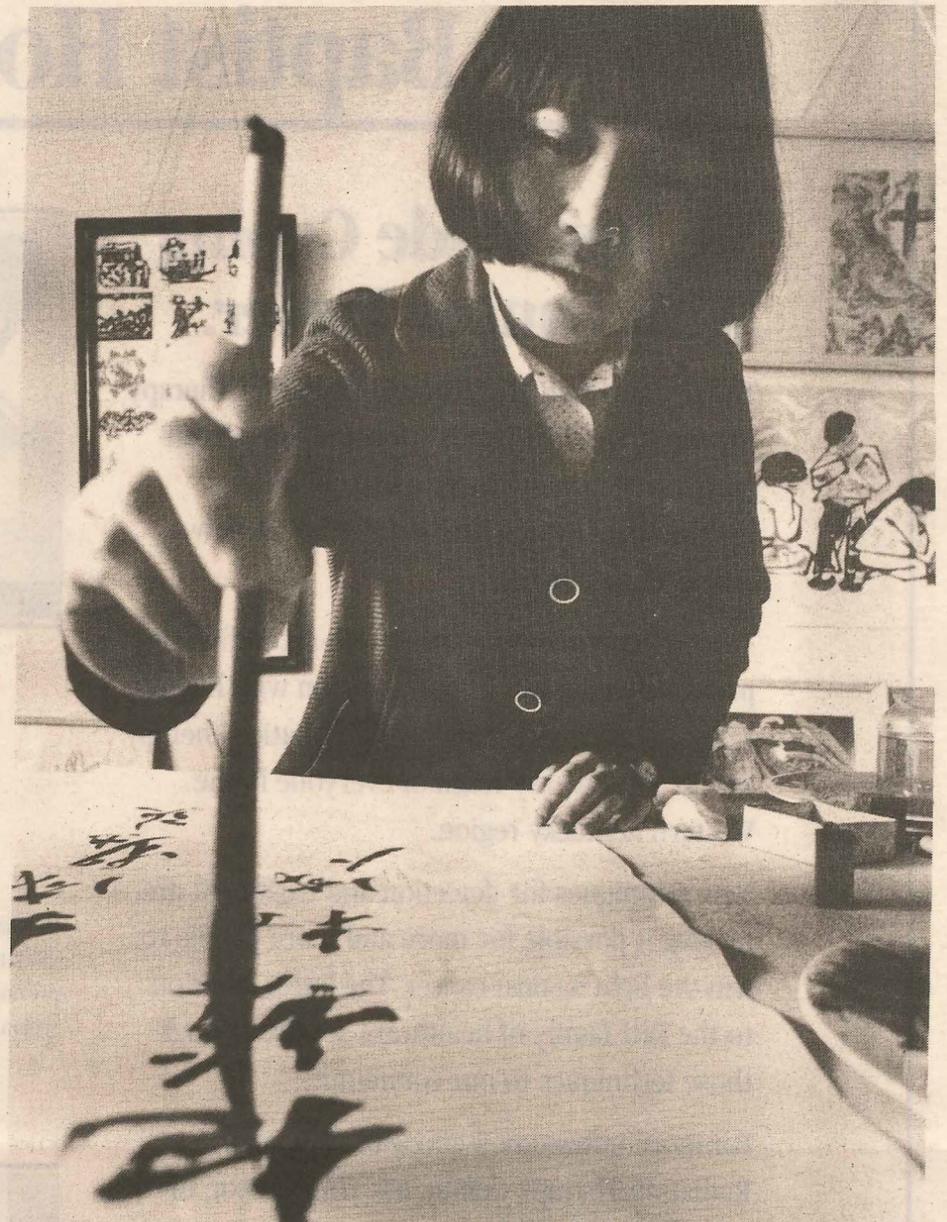
Miss Huibing knew joy for the first time. She grew as a believer, and her dedication was recognized by her church. The congregation agreed to support her during seminary study. But church leaders warned her she would have to put away, once and for all, her dream of being an artist to devote herself to theological study.

"I could not accept this idea," she says. "But I tried, I tried. I gave up my hope in art."

God gave it back, she believes. Faculty members at the Jinling Union Theological Seminary in Nanjing quickly discovered Miss Huibing's artistic talent. They encouraged her to continue art study along with her theological work.

Today she cherishes her old dream, but with an important revision. Now she dreams of spending her life as a Christian artist, speaking the truths of the gospel to her generation through paintings.

If someone can see a picture to make him think about what his faith is, he will search for truth in the world," she believes. "The source of truth is to find God and find Jesus for life."



Chinese Christian artist He Huibing paints pictures she hopes will lead a searching young generation in China to "think about what faith is."

## Missionary to teach music, missions at SWBTS

by Mark Wingfield

You might say Stan Moore is a missionary to the school of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Moore, recently elected to the music faculty, has been a music missionary to Brazil since 1978. But accepting this new stateside ministry hasn't taken the missionary out of the musician.

"I still have a very strong call to missions," Moore said. Although it was "a thrill" to be asked to join Southwestern's faculty, Moore said he never would have accepted if missions wouldn't have

been part of his work.

Moore, 35, sees one of his major tasks as reminding music students they can do missions. "We so underestimate the power of music to evangelize our world," he said.

Most of Moore's lessons on music missions come directly from his experience in Brazil. In addition to heading the Music Department at the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, Moore led music and preached in local churches and worked in a variety of roles with the Brazilian mission.

Music missionaries are first missionaries, Moore said. "The music happens to be the means they use."

He said music can be used to evangelize, strengthen churches and nurture believers. "We don't realize how much doctrine is taught in our hymns," he said. "Knowing God's word is so vital to worshiping him."

And in many mission settings, music can "win a hearing for the gospel" that preachers may not receive, Moore said. "Music not only draws them to the gospel, but they hear the gospel through it."

All ministries—whether church planting, evangelism or social work—can be enhanced by music, Moore said.

"Music can't be just an option. Any tool that is worthy must be used," Moore said.

In Brazil, Moore discovered that although music was an effective tool, it was not the only tool needed. He was often the only person available to do other ministries, even though he had not been trained for them.

In his classes and on campus, Moore hopes to be a living example of what a music missionary is. He wants to encourage music students to consider missions and missions students to consider music.

Moore is a new voice in an emphasis begun by T. W. Hunt and the late Robert Douglas. Hunt, who now heads a nationwide prayer emphasis at the Baptist Sunday School Board, originated Southwestern's music missions courses, which Moore will now teach. Douglas, professor of musicology 37 years, was instrumental in fostering missions awareness among music students.

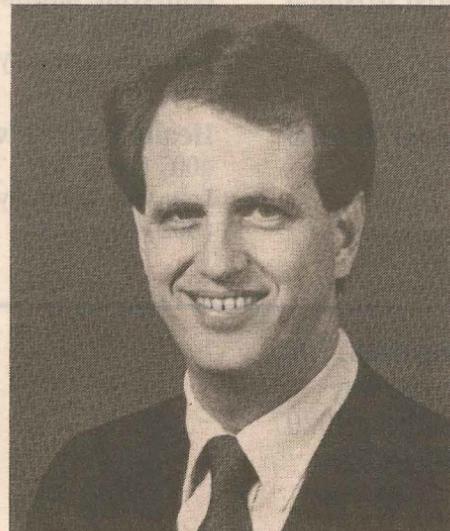
The Moores' own missions awareness was awakened while students at Southwestern.

During a home missions emphasis at a local church in 1978 the Moores heard Southwestern president Russell Dilday speak. Through Dilday's sermon Moore became convinced God was calling him to foreign missions. But because he didn't want to pressure his wife he gripped the pew firmly and kept his seat during the invitation.

On their way to the car after church Moore struggled to find the right way to tell his wife of his commitment. But before he could speak, she said, "I don't know how to tell you this, but God has called me to missions this morning."

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And now, under Dilday's leadership, the Moores have answered a new missions call.



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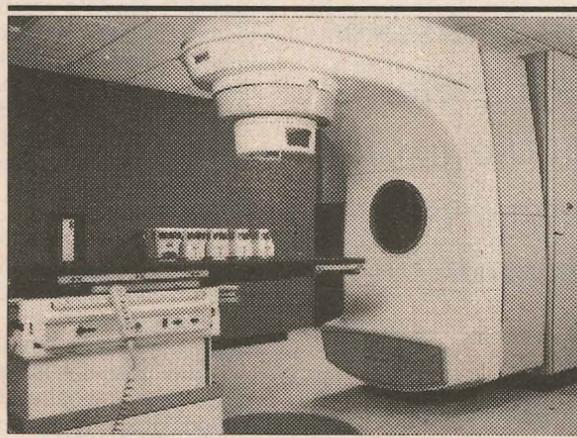
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