

Louisville professor is nominee to succeed Lolley

by Marv Knox

Lewis A. Drummond has been recommended to be the next president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Drummond, 61, is Billy Graham professor of evangelism and administrative director of the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Drummond was the unanimous choice of Southeastern's 12-member presidential search committee which met Feb. 11-12 in St. Louis, announced chairman Robert D. Crowley, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church, Rockville, Md., and chairman of the seminary trustee board.

The search committee interviewed three "very, very serious candidates" for the presidency during the St. Louis meeting, Crowley said. In addition to Drummond, they were Charles L. Chaney, assistant to the chancellor and dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology and Church Vocations at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo., and Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas.

"After the interviews of all three, the committee discussed all three very carefully, had a period of prayer and conducted an open vote," Crowley reported. "Dr. Drummond was the unanimous choice."

The search committee's deliberation following the interviews lasted about two hours and 15 minutes, the chairman said. Members expressed "strong sentiment for all three" final candidates, with some initially voicing support for Patterson and some for Chaney. However, the committee apparently reached a consensus reflected by the unanimous vote, he added.

"Actually, it was a difficult choice," he said, noting one search committee member said he wished the seminary could be led by a triumvirate of all three candidates, who had surfaced from a field of more than 25 nominees."

Crowley told Baptist Press, "The search committee wanted to move to a spirit of peace and reconciliation, and the committee felt Dr. Drummond was the person to bring this spirit."



Lolley



Drummond

Drummond's recommendation comes during a turbulent period in the seminary's history.

Last October a new conservative majority of trustees voted to change the school's faculty selection process, ensuring that only people who adhere to biblical inerrancy will fill future teaching positions. The meeting featured a closed session with Southeastern president W. Randall Lolley and protests from the seminary community.

One month later Lolley resigned during a called meeting of trustees. He was joined by academic dean Morris Ashcraft and three presidential assistants: Jerry Niswonger, student development; W. Robert Spinks, financial development; and Rodney V. Byard, communications.

The resignations were to be effective July 31, 1988, for Lolley, Ashcraft and Niswonger, Dec. 31, 1988, for Byard; and June 1, 1988, for Spinks. Ashcraft will stay on the faculty as theology professor; Spinks has taken a vice presidential position with Colgate-Rochester Divinity School/Exeter Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, Rochester, N.Y.; and Niswonger took early retirement. Lolley and Byard have not announced their plans.

If Drummond is elected by the full board of trustees when they meet March 14-15 his tenure will be effective April 1, Crowley said, adding Drummond currently is on sabbatical and would be available immediately.

"We have asked Dr. Lolley to be there (at Southeastern) through the graduation ceremonies this spring," Crowley added.

Crowley described Drummond as "a genuine Christian...who understands the culture of the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic States," who also is comfortable in the academic environment of a Southern Baptist seminary. He also noted Drummond is "a subscriber to the Baptist Faith and Message Statement and very conservative in his theology."

Drummond is a native of Dixon, Ill. He joined Southern Seminary as Billy Graham Professor in 1973 and was appointed director of the Billy Graham Center in 1981. He taught at Spurgeon's Theological College, London from 1968-73, holding the chair of evangelism and practical theology, the first full professorship of evangelism in Europe.

He is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and earned a PhD degree from King's College of the University of London. He has done post-doctoral study at Oxford University in Oxford, England, and Spurgeon's College.

He was ordained by Headland Avenue Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala., the hometown of his wife, the former Betty Rae Love. He has been pastor of churches in Alabama, Texas and Kentucky.

Drummond has been a member of the committee on evangelism and education of the Baptist World Alliance since its inception in 1975. He also was associate evangelist with the Billy Graham evangelistic team during the Polish and Australian crusades, and has led crusades in other parts of the world and spoken at SBC annual meetings.

He has written numerous books, in-

cluding "Evangelism: The Counter-Revolution," which has been translated into Polish, Rumanian, Spanish and Korean, and "The Awakening That Must Come" and "Charles G. Finney: The Birth of Modern Evangelism." He edited "What the Bible Says," which was rated by Christianity Today as the best book on systematic theology in 1976. (BP)

Larry McSwain follows Bennett as theology dean

Church and community professor Larry McSwain has been named dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A Southern Seminary faculty member since 1970, McSwain will assume the deanship Aug. 1 after completing a spring sabbatical. He succeeds G. Willis Bennett, who has been both theology dean and provost since being named to the latter position in June 1987. Bennett, dean since 1983, will continue as provost, the seminary's chief academic officer.

McSwain, a 47-year-old Oklahoma native, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He received the doctor of sacred theology degree from Southern Seminary in 1970.

Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt



Bennett

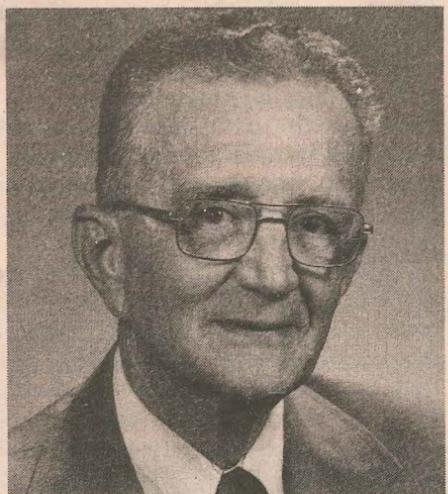


McSwain

praised McSwain's "outstanding" credentials as a scholar, administrator, pastor and churchman who has earned the respect of his teaching colleagues, pastors, denominational leaders and others with whom he has served through the years."

McSwain has been a pastor of Southern Baptist churches in Oklahoma and Indiana. He has coauthored two books and contributed articles to books and periodicals.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he was director of the seminary's master of divinity studies program from 1980-83. He and his wife, Sue, have two children. (BP)



John Jeter Hurt

Baptist journalist Hurt, long time editor, passes

John Jeter Hurt, 78, long time editor of Baptist state newspapers, died Feb. 17 at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Tex.

Hurt retired in 1977 after a career in secular and Baptist journalism. He was editor and manager for the Associated Press before committing his skills to Southern Baptist journalism.

During three decades as an SBC newspaperman he edited the oldest and the largest Baptist state papers: Georgia's Christian Index, 1947-66, and Texas' Baptist Standard, 1966-77.

Hurt had a reputation for not being timid. Few convention agencies escaped his gouging; none escaped his scrutiny.

He is survived by his wife Doris, two sons, two brothers, sister and two grandchildren. (BP)

Sunday School Board offers 1-800 ordering

Ordering materials from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will be as simple as 1-800 after Mar. 1.

On that date churches and individuals will be able to dial 1-800-458-BSSB and order church literature materials and almost any other item in any Sunday School Board catalog.

The toll-free expanded order system is being offered as a response to church requests as part of a new emphasis on customer service, said David Wilkins, manager of the customer services center. The new system has been made possible because of the development of a corporate order entry system that enables customer service representatives, using computers, to place an order and determine availability for shipping at the time the order is placed.

Items which will be available on toll-free ordering include vacation Bible school materials, Convention Press books and materials, January Bible Study materials, Broadman books and supplies and all dated and undated church literature items.

Some custom-made items—such as choir robes, church signs or steeples—which require technical product knowledge to order and price accurately will not be available on the toll-free number, Wilkins said. Callers interested in these items will be referred to another number.

Churches also may use the toll-free telephone number to ask questions about orders or correct problems with literature orders received in churches, he said. (BP)

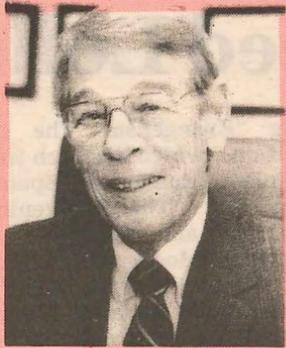
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Jack D. Sanford

Easter offering essential

The annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions is essential to our task of proclaiming the gospel to every person in our land.

The Home Mission Board depends upon this offering from Southern Baptists to carry on the program of ministry in our own country. It goes without saying that if the United States is not strong in loyalty to Christ the witness we give the rest of the world will be that much weaker.

We must win America and we must do it now.

To strengthen our 3690 home missionaries all of us must give and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The sobering truth of the matter is that in 1986 more than 9000 of our 37,000 churches did not give one penny to the offering. That says something pathetic about our concern for the homeland and the needs of our own people to receive ministry in the name of Christ.

Last year Kentucky Baptist churches gave \$1,038,985 toward the national goal of 37.5 million dollars. That represented an 11.7 percent increase over the previous year and also was the first time Kentucky gave more than one million dollars in this offering.

We set a commendable record last year and there is no reason to believe we cannot do even better this time around. The suggested dates for observing the offering are during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-13, 1988. Since the national goal has not been met in either of the last two years, that goal remains the same—\$37,500,000.

Will you and your church rise to the challenge and help Kentucky provide the necessary help for our home missionaries to carry on a vigorous ministry in the name of Jesus?

Frightening statistics

The latest growth figures for our churches have been released from the Baptist Sunday School Board's Research Services Department. They are frightening. (See story in last week's Recorder, page 1.)

The SBC added only 170 churches last year for a total of 37,116 churches in the convention. That represents an increase of less than half of one percent. At the same time baptisms dropped by 24,629 or nearly a seven percent decline.

Total church membership in the SBC has shown an annual increase since 1926. There was a membership gain last year of 109,203 but that is only 0.7 percent, the lowest amount we have grown in any year since 1936. Total membership in our churches is 14,727,770.

What does all this mean?

For one thing it means Southern Baptist growth has come to a virtual stop. In spite of population growth in almost every section of our country we have not been very successful in bringing new people into our churches.

Another thing indicated by these very low growth figures is that we are not concentrating on winning people to Christ. Other interests have stolen our passion and zeal for evangelism. This fact is substantiated by the baptism numbers: down by 6.8 percent or nearly 25,000 fewer baptisms than the year before. That fact alone should send us on our face in repentance before God.

What is the answer and where is the solution?

Part of the answer is in revival, true revival in the churches. We must begin to look outside ourselves, outside our parochial concerns, outside the

peripheral issues which have captured our interest for too long.

Another part of the answer, noted by some of us as the major part, is to stop treating each other like enemies and work together to spread the gospel of salvation. Southern Baptists have never been in 100 percent agreement with each other nor will we ever be. But to fight each other as enemies rather than respect each other as children of God is to emasculate ourselves and render us virtually useless as God's ambassadors to a lost world.

Statistics can mean whatever you want them to mean. However these low growth figures seem to mean we are rapidly falling into the shadows as a people of spiritual insight and power. If this is true then we better wake up before it is too late and begin to practice some genuine Christian self-discipline.

Even the great Apostle to the Gentiles said he had to control himself and impose self-discipline so he would not become a castaway, put on the shelf without use to God.

If Paul feared that possibility, what about us? Our growth statistics tell a grim tale of waste and neglect. It is time we get serious about being God's servant people and start living like it.

The place to begin a journey of renewal and recovery is in the house of the Lord among his people called Southern Baptists. It is the task for each of us and we better be about the Father's business or we will find ourselves on the shelf, with no witness of light to a dark age.

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



Andy Champion plays Jesus in crucifixion scene.

Pictures: The life of Christ in living color

by Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

The lights are dimmed; the congregation grows silent. Zacharias appears in the front of the sanctuary. The moment intensifies as he begins to speak. The choir and orchestra add excitement.

The fourth "Life of Christ in Living Pictures" has just begun at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association. Heralded by some as a small Passion Play, "Pictures," a fully staged biblical drama, has been presented three times each Christmas season since 1984.

"Each year is different," explains David Childers, dynamic minister of music, is executive director/conductor of the production. "The format is much the same, but we change some of the scenes and music every year."

"Pictures" is a blend of Christian art, drama and music. Even though it demands attention it is far above the level of entertainment. Scenes from the life of the savior, sometimes taking the form of master paintings, are staged behind a scrim. The story unfolds through action of the characters, their monologs and dialogs, and the music, carefully chosen to fit each picture.

"Our church received an estate gift in 1983," relates Childers. "William



Lisa Holm (Mary) and Taylor Raines (Jesus) in nativity scene.

Cubine, pastor, and I met with several church leaders and lay people. The group suggested a new ministry of outreach and sharing.

"After much planning the church voted in spring 1984 to have a ministry/presentation at Christmas. We considered a living Christmas tree among other things but settled on our present plan.

"I began to have my doubts, though," Childers chuckles. "Especially when we began boring holes in the sanctuary walls and covering the choir seats with a floor."

Childers had the responsibility of writing the production. He also directed the drama, adult choir, children's choir and orchestra from the beginning.

"I learned to do things I had never done before," he laughs.

However, he initiated a program of leadership training that is paying off. Leaders are emerging in some areas.

Childers views the production as a three-fold ministry: inreach, outreach and accomplishment.

He says it is a "tremendous tool" for promoting church family unity. More than 350 people are involved in everything from making coffee and parking cars to coordinating lighting and singing. There is a job for every one who wants to be involved.

"New friendships are developed among our members—meaningful Christian relationships that might not have happened otherwise," he claims.

The outreach possibilities are great. About 10,000 people have seen "Pictures" in the last four years. They come from as close as next door and as far away as other states.

"We don't count decisions that are made, but there are many commitments and rededications," he states.

"It accomplishes good things for the church—exposure, enthusiasm, involvement, growth."

Next December expansion is planned. There will be a fourth performance so people will not be turned away.

In addition, Childers and Randy Holt, minister of music at Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, are collaborating on an Easter production, "Crown Him Lord of All," by David Danner. The cast of 400 will present it at both Immanuel and Lone Oak.

Struggling church sees new life First, Hazard builds to keep pace with thriving eastern coal town

by Glenn Mollette
State Correspondent

Small towns do not change over night. But if you have not been to Hazard in the last 10 years you won't recognize the place.

This eastern Kentucky town has made giant strides lately, landing a CBS affiliate that has a viewing audience of 16 counties. The town's FM radio station can be heard in the bluegrass. And, a future factory may employ as many as 400 people in non coal-related work.

Traveling route 80 from Hindman, one is amazed as he spots a modern coal complex, a Holiday Inn high atop a mountain, a thriving shopping center and a proposed site for a mall.

Another industry is also bustling in the midst of this coal town—First Baptist Church.

For years it seemed as if the church, which averaged about 130 in Sunday school, would be content to have a maintenance ministry while the town exploded around it. Then, the church called Ben Baird who pastored Corinth Baptist Church, London, 11 years.

Baird immediately saw tremendous needs and began to organize a long range planning committee. He, along with the committee and staff member Ron Sholar, began to analyze their educational physical plant and concluded it was rather inadequate.

Next, Baird surveyed his deacons, asking, "Why has this church gone from 300 to 150 in Sunday school?" One man replied, "Well, preacher, the people aren't here any longer. They've grown up and left us." But Baird knew this wasn't accurate. The population of the county was booming.

He later asked another fellow in his church, "Could it be the community changed, but the church failed to change with the community?" The man responded, "Guess that's right, preacher." This man, Baird noted, became chairman of a committee to raise money for remodeling the building.

During the past three years the church has made significant advancements and has been averaging in excess of 200 in Sunday school, with 356 in attendance on a recent Sunday.

Additions have increased steadily, reaching more than 60 a year. The budget has leaped from \$150,000 to better than \$260,000. And, Cooperative Program support has jumped from 15 to 18 percent.

Baird said, "I wanted to create an atmosphere of progress and joy instead of reflections about how things used to be at First Baptist."

He believes the people were ready to be challenged. "We gave \$100,000 in 1986 in fifth Sunday offerings. By mid 1987 we had \$150,000 on hand and we were working with an architect on a plan to restructure our building.

Ben Baird wanted to create an atmosphere of progress and joy instead of reflections about how things used to be....

Although the project, to be completed this summer, will cost approximately \$300,000, it will already be paid for.

"This is an amazing accomplishment!" Baird exclaims. "Our people are excited and there is a tremendous spirit of joy."

Baird believes he has grown in his ministry through the accomplishments of the last three years. "At first I wondered, 'What am I doing here?' But more and more I am confident that I am in God's will."

He claims one of his best experiences has been developing relationships with folks from all walks of life. "People know I'm available and that I will fellowship with them whether they are rich or poor."

Going forward, growing and progress are no longer just characteristics of this thriving mountain town. They are now characteristics of First Baptist, Hazard, seeking to fulfill Christ's commission to reach the multitude around it.



Baird (r) and Sholar (l) share a light moment with architect Bill Batson. First, Hazard will complete a \$300,000 renovation project this summer.

baptist forum

BSSB actions reflect shift, priority given Sunday school work

Sunday school work in Southern Baptist churches was the focus of actions Feb. 15-17 by trustees of the convention's Sunday School Board. They affirmed a progress report on upcoming improvements in Sunday school literature, approved a reorganization of the Sunday School Division and adopted plans for dated and undated lessons on sanctity of human life.

Differences of opinion centered on whether undated lessons or dated lessons in Sunday school quarterlies would be the best approach. Undated lessons are published separately for use at any time, while dated lessons in quarterlies would be for use on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, scheduled in January each year on the denominational calendar.

After two substitute motions failed, trustees adopted a recommendation from the church program organizations committee to publish annual undated lessons for older children, youth and adults beginning in October 1989 and annual dated lessons for all three groups in all curriculum lines on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday beginning in January 1991. The recommendation was adopted in a voice vote with about 12 negative votes.

A substitute motion by Joe Courson, director of missions for Gulf Stream Baptist Association, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., would have given churches the material for use on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, but would have offered congregations the option of continuing with the ongoing study unit.

Opposing the motion, Joe Knott, an attorney from Raleigh, N. C., said: "I think the method we are addressing is how we can be most effective in getting out the message. I think we should make it as difficult as possible for churches to avoid the issue."

Courson's motion was defeated 33 to 25.

A second substitute motion by Bill Anderson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, Fla., would have adopted as guidelines for dealing with sanctity of human life in board literature five criteria such as highlighting the issue anytime it relates to a Bible text or is appropriate to program assignments. The motion failed 30-27.

Sixty-seven board periodicals will include support for 1989 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

In another matter, three groups in the Sunday school division were elevated to department directors named department directors. The unanimous vote followed August 1987 action by the trustees raising the former Sunday School Department to a division.

The new Sunday School Growth and Administration Department will be directed by Don Trotter. Max Caldwell will become director of the Sunday School Youth-Adult Department, and Muriel Blackwell will be director of the Sunday School Preschool-Children Department.

B O Baker, pastor of Plymouth Park Baptist Church, Irving, Tex., said: "I think these (proposals) are miles ahead of where we've been. Everything I've seen, I like. This is what we have asked for."

At the conclusion of the two-day meeting, which dealt with a wide range of issues in addition to Sunday school, Bill Tisdale, pastor of First Baptist Church of Henderson, Texas, expressed appreciation for the cooperative spirit of trustees and administration. (BP)

Thanks for the opportunity to serve

Since February is the month Southern Baptists set aside to give special focus to educational institutions, we in the Kentucky Baptist Foundation wanted to express our appreciation for the privilege of serving these institutions. Last year 34 percent of the income distributed by the Foundation was related to our educational institutions. That amounted to \$325,000. This year 154 Kentucky Baptist students are receiving \$115,000 in scholarships awarded by the Foundation.

Our Christian educational institutions are important and they do make a difference in the life of the denomination and in society. May Baptists in Kentucky rise to new levels of giving in support of these "foundations for the future."

Should anyone desire to establish an endowment for one or more of these institutions they may contact me at Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243 or the development office at the respective institutions.

Barry Allen
Acting Executive Director
Louisville

Baptists should read Leonard's book

Our church staff decided to present a study on what Baptists believe during Church Training. *Baptist Ideals: Distinctives of our Faith* by Bill J. Leonard

was chosen as our study guide.

I was asked to lead the discussion and as most Baptists react to such a request, I had misgivings. I did accept and am I ever glad I did! I have learned more than I ever knew about what makes Baptists a distinctive people and in so doing I acquired an appreciation never heretofore possessed.

Dr. Leonard, a professor of church history at Southern Seminary, has done an outstanding scholarly work that needs to be recognized. In fact, it needs more than recognition—it needs to be read, studied, memorized and reviewed frequently. It is concise, detailed and to the point. It is easy to read and understand. Connie White, a freelance writer of Nashville, wrote the personal learning activities and they are of considerable help.

Every pastor, every minister of education, every director of missions and every Church Training director should insist this booklet be taught quickly and often. Extra copies should be placed in every church library. If a church library is not available copies should be available to every church member.

With a history such as we Baptists possess division should be unthinkable. We have endured 143 years together. Let's not become a footnote of history. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." If it falls great will be the fall thereof.

Oscar Davidson
Somerset



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homes for children

What is your life?

In the little epistle of James there is a very important question: "What is your life?" There have been many attempts to answer this question. Shakespeare called life a drama. Sir Walter Scott called it a journey. Someone else described life as a storm at sea in which the vessel sinks.

I have found that the Bible gives the true basis for understanding what life is. If one takes seriously the teachings of the Bible, three things stand out. First, life is brief; therefore, it should be used wisely. Second, life is a gift; therefore, it should be appreciated. Third, life can be eternal with God; therefore, one needs to prepare for the time beyond this time of earthly abode.

Have you thought about how brief life really is? When one is young and healthy, it is hard to understand that life is brief. When one passes 60, it is impossible not to think of three score and ten as a brief time. The Bible provides a number of comparisons to illustrate the brevity of life. It tells us that life is like a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.

In another place it pictures the brevity of life by comparing it to foam on the water. The little bubbles soon burst and vanish. Then there is the comparison of life with grass growing up in the morning and flourishing, but is cut down in the evening and withers.

I like the scripture that says life is as an eagle in the swiftness of his flight or as a swift ship at sea. You see it coming, it looms large, and soon vanishes out of sight.

What is your life? It is brief and soon will be gone. Therefore, what we do that is important for God and our fellow human beings must be done at once.

Your life and mine also is a gift. It is a gift of God and our parents. We did not choose to be born, life was given to us. The life we have been given is further sustained by the goodness of God. Our breath is in his hands and the beat of our hearts is in his power. Therefore, as a gift life ought to be appreciated and used.

For the believer life is eternal. Because Jesus gave himself for us we can be saved from our sins and live in Christ eternally.

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Faithfulness

Occasionally I receive a letter which moves me to tears. The following note was received many months ago, but speaks of the faithful support of Clear Creek's friends which have kept this school strong over the years.

"Greetings: Enclosed is a small check of \$10.00 to be placed in "Student Aid" in memory of a dear Christian friend of more than 50 years. I am very, very sorry that my monthly strict income will not be sufficient to answer all the acute needs that will be coming up thru a school year, but when possible, I will remember Clear Creek in the "memorials" as I have done in the past.

"My health now at 88 years is very precarious and my expenses are heavy even without emergencies. So what I can promise is to be faithful in my prayer life for Clear Creek which I have tried to be in the past. Thank you and God bless you. May the Lord send you many new contributors to your worthy school.

"P. S. Incidentally, I am requesting at my 'home-goin,' in lieu of flowers, that Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and the Cancer Society be remembered (since two of my immediate family are in remission)."

In I Corinthians 4:2, Paul states "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." This dear faithful saint is such an example and inspiration for me. It reminds me that the greatest gift I can give to the Lord is not my ability but my availability and my faithful service. God is so faithful to me. I pray that I may be more faithful to him.

I am reminded of what Wallace Firdy wrote about 'Old Faithful'. "Old Faithful is not the largest geyser, nor does it reach the greatest height. Nevertheless, it is by far the most popular geyser. Its popularity is due mainly to its regularity and dependability. You can count on Old Faithful. Nothing in life can take the place of faithfulness and dependability. It is one of the greatest virtues. Brilliance, genius, competence—all are subservient to the quality of faithfulness."

"The Pilgrim"

"Who would true valour see/Let him come hither/One here will constant be/Come wind, come weather/There's no discouragement/Shall make him once relent/His first avowed intent/To be a Pilgrim."

John Bunyan.



Ministers' wives from across Kentucky met recently in Elizabethtown to brainstorm ideas for this second annual retreat to be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Oct. 27-28.

ordinations

Eddy D. Foley and **Norman R. Hartman** were ordained as deacons by Valley Station Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Charles W. Shacklette is pastor.

William Atwell, **Lou Bingham**, **Creed Gardner** and **Clarence Wiggins** were ordained deacons by First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Severns Valley Association. Issac B. McDonald is pastor.

David Turpen was ordained a deacon at Immanuel Baptist Temple, Green Valley Association. Dennis R. Plank is pastor.

James Brashear was ordained a deacon by Salem Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association. William E. Bush is pastor.

Henry Pippin was ordained a deacon by Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, where Larry D. Koch is pastor.

Whitesburg Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, ordained **Lloyd Mullins** to the ministry Dec. 6. Mullins is pastor of Eolia Baptist Mission. Thomas S. Stokes is pastor at Whitesburg.

David L. Hampton was ordained to the ministry Feb. 2 by Cove Baptist Church, Long Run Association, where Roger Hodge is pastor. Hampton is pastor of Community Baptist Chapel in Hillman, Mich.

Kendall Coleman was ordained a deacon by First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junction, Nelson Association. Rick Fory is pastor.

personnel

Keith Freeman is the new minister of music at Cove Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Roger Hodge is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Lone Oak, West Union Association, celebrated the 16th anniversary of pastor **Willis Henson** during the morning worship Feb. 7. In addition to words of commendation from church leaders, Henson was presented an all expense paid trip to the Southeastern Conference Basketball Tournament in Baton Rouge, La.

A reception was held at Clifton Baptist Church Feb. 7 in celebration of pastor **Robert O. Williams'** 25th anniversary at the church. He began his ministry there Feb. 3, 1963.

Jonathan Bishop has accepted the pastorate of Elk Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Alan Glenn Son has accepted the call to pastor First Baptist Church, Monticello, Wayne County Association. A Henderson native, Son graduated from Blue Mountain (Miss.) College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He goes to the Monticello pulpit from the pastorate of Edmonton Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

East Pittsburg Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Ted Morgan** as pastor. His first Sunday will be Feb. 28.

LaVerne Butler and the church family of Ninth and O Baptist celebrated 19 years as pastor and people Feb. 14 by launching a year-long thrust, "To Louisville With Love." The thrust includes a city wide concert by a major Christian artist; two vacation Bible schools; home fellowships utilizing the Faith Channel and a renewed effort to reach the unchurched in the community.

In appreciation for 19 years of service the church presented Butler with a monetary gift to be used for a family membership in a health club. An earlier recognition had been made some months prior when the renovated adult education building was named in his honor.

Since 1969 Butler's ministry at Ninth and O has expanded to produce a day care center, bus ministry, radio and television ministry, counseling center and an academy. Throughout his tenure as pastor the congregation has recorded over 5000 additions, over half of these by baptism. The church also has sponsored three missions that are now fully constituted churches. A fourth mission in east Louisville is anticipating being constituted in the spring.



Henson



Butler

David Goglen has been called as minister of education, music, children/youth by Central Baptist Church, Bracken Association. G. Truet Cocanougher is pastor.

Joel Felton Jones has been called as pastor of Jeffersontown Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Jones goes to Jeffersontown from the pastorate of Sulphur Spring Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association. The Georgia native is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Benjamin Owen, pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, and **Tom Miller**, chairman of the Northern Kentucky ACTS board, have announced the beginning of ACTS programing in the Northern Kentucky Association through Storer Cable.

Harold Pike, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, helped organize an advisory board comprised of leaders from business, educational and religious communities. The beginning of ACTS broadcasting in the area culminates a four year struggle to bring this ministry to the churches of the region.

associations

Bell County Association, under the direction of director of missions B. Gordon Brown, passed a strong resolution opposing a state lottery.

Citing biblical reasons in opposition to gambling and following the lead of the Southern Baptist Convention, the association declared "that the Bell County Association of churches vigorously resists a legalized lottery for the state of Kentucky as proposed by our governor and personally commit ourselves to work against it and to urge other associations, churches and organizations to do likewise."

The resolution was signed by Charles Jones, moderator; Dennis Price, vice moderator; and Melvin Sulfridge, chairman of the resolutions committee.

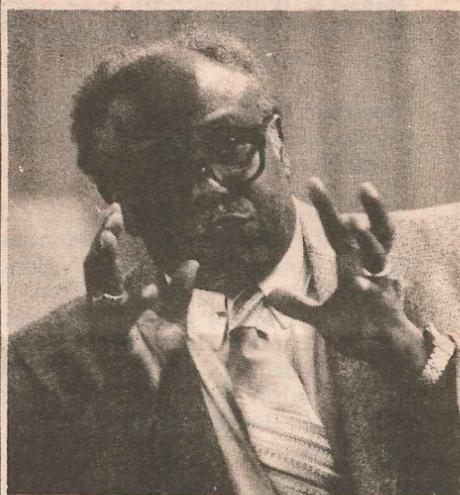
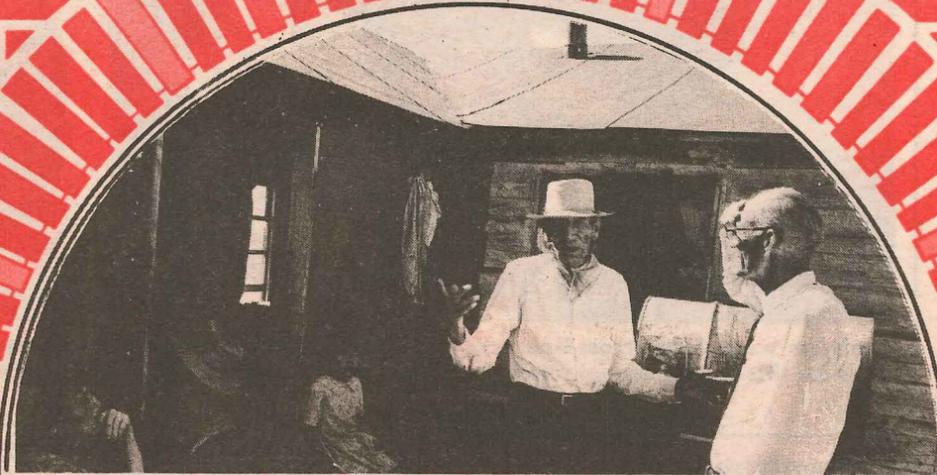
missions

Eugene and **Ellamae Elder**, missionary associates to South Africa, have arrived on the field for language study (Box 1759, Edenvale 1610, Republic of South Africa). He was born in Louisville and considers Shepherdsville his home town. She is the former Ellamae Thompson of Greenville, Ala. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1987.

Roy Maggard, father of Mrs. **Jim Shemwell**, missionary to Togo, died Dec. 31 in Cold Spring, Ky. The former Donna Maggard of Kentucky, she was born in Dayton and grew up in Cold Spring. Her husband was born in Greenville, Ky. and considers Gary, Ind. his home town. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982, they may be contacted at 1611 Opossum, El Paso, TX 79927.

Dewey and **Ramona Mercer**, missionaries to Japan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (9 Higashi Asahi-machi, Matsue-shi 690, Japan). He is a native of Central City, Ky. and she is the former Ramona Hall of Lincoln County, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

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Week of Prayer for Home Missions 1988

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

National Goal: \$37,500,000

Offering is lifeblood of missions

by Kathy F. Berry

Construction workers and farmers—they are but two groups of workers among the nation's "new poor."

Construction workers in oil-depressed areas now lack work where towns and communities once overflowed with growth and job opportunities. Out in the country, fields now stand fallow where farmers' combines once rumbled with productivity.

with real names and real faces will be turned away.

That's something Pat Mustoe, director of the Baptist Community Center in Austin, Tex. doesn't want to see happen. From October 1986 to October 1987, Mustoe provided 2453 families with food, clothing and money to help pay the rent and utilities.

Without funds from the Annie Armstrong Easter offering, that help wouldn't have been possible.

In New York City home missionary Ted Mall meets needs of a different sort as he shares Christ with diplomats from 159 nations at the United Nations. Again, the funds come from the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

The Language Missions Division of the Home Mission Board alone needs \$8.4 million from the offering to support the work of 1300 missions personnel who minister, witness and start churches among 84 of America's more than 200 ethnic groups.

At least \$3.2 million is earmarked for specific projects, such as \$320,000 for mission work in Puerto Rico and American Samoa or \$200,000 to aid church planter apprentices.

Some of the Annie Armstrong offering funds are needed for "special missions" ministries, with \$890,000 earmarked to meet needs in creative ways. For example, Linda Hokit and Fran Cook are ministering at Canada's 1988 Winter Olympics by coordinating the Calgary Winter Games ministry.

Sponsored by the Midwest Association of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, the ministry links the area's existing 5300 Baptists with volunteers from the continental United States. They provide chaplaincy services, hospitality ministries, entertainment, crisis counseling, child care and street witnessing.

The largest portion of the Annie Armstrong offering, \$27.2 million, is needed to support more than 3690 home missionaries and their field ministries. Another \$7 million is needed to reach millions of people in metropolitan cities for Christ.

Katharine Stewart translates worship services for the deaf at First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.

As these workers experience economic crisis in their lives, they find themselves in the awkward position of having to ask for help.

One place they're finding that help is through Southern Baptist ministries in their communities and neighborhoods—funded by the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions.

A national goal of \$37.5 million has been set for the 1988 offering. If that goal is met, Southern Baptists can continue to provide needed ministries.

But if the goal isn't reached, people



Layleader Dru Graves provides vacation Bible schools for migrant children in Beaufort, S. C.



Dal Woong Chung pastors a Korean congregation in Baltimore, Md., giving Koreans in that area a church of their own.

Church planting: duty of all

by Susan Todd

All Southern Baptists agree everyone needs a church in which to worship. But Southern Baptists aren't providing a church for everyone.

That's a problem that concerns home missionary Tom Blase. "Everyone believes we should be involved in missions. But it is easier to pull out a check for a missions offering than to go personally and be involved," he said. "Some churches lack the priorities. It takes a deeper commitment."

Jesus gave the mandate for personal involvement in the Great Commission. The responsibility of sharing Christ and starting churches lies with every church, not a select few, he asserts.

Helping Southern Baptist churches see and accept this responsibility is what Tom Blase is all about.

While Blase was a seminary student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., he pastored an inner city church. "It was during that time, that I saw the differences in people," he said.

"How we introduce people to Jesus is to meet them where they are," Blase said. But that inner city church was not meeting people where they were. The members weren't reaching into all of the groups of people within their neighborhood. As the needs more sharply came into focus, Blase developed a desire to provide a church for everyone—from the down-and-outs to the well-to-do.

The inner city of Kansas City became, for Blase, a church starting training ground. That training has equipped him to be church extension and language missions director for the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association.

"My role is one of a catalyst, a coordinator of new work. I help to determine where assistance is needed (in the St. Louis area) and then work with sponsoring churches to help them catch the vision. Some already have the vision but need someone to help it become reality."

Each new work begins as a Bible study. As its members grow and mature in the Christian faith, many of these

groups eventually become churches.

Even though Blase speaks only English he has worked with groups of Chinese, Koreans, Laotians, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodians, Japanese, American Indians, Arabs and the deaf.

According to Blase, language is not the only barrier which must be overcome. Many times a need is identified



Church extension missionary D. D. Alexander knows "a church for everyone" includes blacks in Inglewood, Cal., as he pastors the Holy Tabernacle of God Baptist Church.

but he is unable to find a church willing to sponsor a mission.

Starting churches can be draining when things don't fall into place easily, Blase said. But as the responsibilities are spread among several people, the job becomes easier. "The key is getting the laity involved," he said.

"My prayer is that more churches would catch a vision to start congregations—be it Anglo, black, whatever. I believe that just as we as Christians are called to multiply, churches are called to multiply."

baptist news in brief

FMB report card: we're doing 'something right'

by Erich Bridges

For the first time overseas churches related to Southern Baptist missions have baptized more than 200,000 people in one year.

Baptisms for 1987 totaled 203,824 among nearly 37,000 Baptist churches and mission congregations in 112 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries work.

"It took us 135 years to see the first yearly report of 100,000 baptisms," said R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board. "We have passed the 200,000 mark after only seven more years." Annual overseas baptisms first surpassed 100,000 in 1981.

Baptisms overseas last year topped the previous year's total by 10 percent, averaging 558 per day. Despite the increase, and the 17 percent jump recorded in 1986, baptism growth must still average at least 11 percent every year until the end of this century to meet Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust missions/evangelism campaign goals.

The ratio of baptisms to overseas church members was one for every 10.5 members in 1987, compared to 1-to-43.5 among Southern Baptist churches in the United States.

National Baptists and missionaries started 1070 churches during the year, an average of almost three per day. That brought the overseas church count to 17,769, a 6.4 percent jump over 1986.

Mission congregations or preaching points increased by 338 to a total of 18,872.

Overseas Baptist church members grew by about 113,000 to nearly 2.15 million, a 5.6 percent rise, and Sunday school enrolment topped 1.5 million, a 10.1 percent increase.

Meanwhile, the number of national pastors rose by almost 15 percent to 16,680. Even more significant for the future, the number of current and potential Baptist leaders participating in some type of theological training soared by 40 percent to nearly 29,000.

Various Baptist conventions around the world also supported 179 of their own foreign missionaries in 37 countries, as well as 743 home missionaries.

Overseas church members gave nearly \$94 million dollars in offerings for the ministries of their churches and conventions in 1987, about nine percent more than the previous year.

"This is phenomenal...given the inflation, given the weakness of the dollar, given the economic conditions in which these people live. The fact of that kind of growth is nothing short of phenomenal," Parks said. Much of the money, he added, "is being channeled into home and foreign mission efforts from these emerging conventions."

Individual highlights:

- Brazilians once again led overseas Baptists in baptisms, with 66,447, a 20 percent national increase and a third of the entire world total.

- Nigerian Baptists were second, with about 24,000 baptisms, a 19 percent increase.

- Kenyan Baptists posted an 80 percent increase in baptisms to more than 14,000, along with a 30 percent jump in the number of churches and 22 percent rise in church membership.

- Mexican Baptists experienced their best church-starting year ever with 115 new churches, or a 20 percent gain in total churches, climaxing a nationwide expansion effort and surpassing their annual average of 35 church starts in recent years.

Southern Baptists sent 407 new missionaries abroad last year, down slightly from the 1986 total of 411. The net gain for the year was 83 after subtracting retirements, resignations and deaths, bringing the total mission force to 3839. The 2.2 percent net gain "continues to move us to a projection of more than 5000 missionaries by the year 2000," Parks said.

Southern Baptist volunteers abroad

numbered 7618, a 22 percent increase. The original Bold Mission Thrust goal of sending 10,000 volunteers annually by the end of the century may be reached in two or three years, Parks said. The goal recently was doubled to 20,000. Also, more than 1000 Southern Baptists who went overseas last year for business or study contacted the Foreign Mission Board and took advantage of opportunities for spreading the gospel.

Southern Baptists also contributed almost \$8 million to hunger and relief projects. Medical missionaries and workers treated more than 1.5 million patients, and 150,000 adults and children received ministry from Baptist community centers.

Through media, missionaries and national Baptists reached an estimated audience of 250 million people via more than 22,000 hours of television and radio broadcasting. They distributed 10.6 million Christian periodicals, 5.6 million books, 19.6 million tracts and more than 80,000 video or audio cassettes. (BP)

Board asks for women trustees

A resolution urging nomination of more women as trustees of the Foreign Mission Board won approval by about a 2-to-1 margin at the board's Feb. 10 trustee meeting. Some trustees did not vote.

The motion, introduced by Harrell Cushing of Gadsden, Ala. encouraged the Southern Baptist Committee on Nominations "to actively seek qualified, missions-minded women" among nominees it will present at the 1988 annual meeting and also in subsequent years.

Cushing's motion said "normal attrition and lack of women nominated" has reduced to nine the number of women serving on the 85-member board. Three of these will complete their terms in June, with a fourth eligible for nomination to a customary second four-year term.

Last May trustees approved a motion expressing regret that no women were slated for nomination for election to the board at the 1987 convention and asked the convention's Executive Committee to "note this inequity in future years" and address it.

Last year's motion came too late to do anything about the 1987 nominations, Cushing said, noting enough time exists for this latest recommendation to be helpful to the nominating group. He said he had no political motivation in making the motion, explaining, "There are missions-minded women in all spectrums of Southern Baptist life."

Bill Pace of Valrico, Fla., said he concurred with the intent of the resolution but feared the matter would not be reported accurately by the Baptist state papers and would be interpreted politically. Paul Martin of Houston said as a lawyer he thinks it is illegal and out of order for a "totally independent body of the Southern Baptist Convention to try to dictate to another independent body how they run their business."

Barbara Cunningham of Houston disagreed with Pace, saying she did not believe the meaning of the resolution

would be misunderstood.

Nannie Lou Crofts of Phoenix, Ariz. commented that no group of Christians should "refrain from doing good because of fear." Women have "added a dimension to the board which has been greatly appreciated by the men who have been members. It's with regret that I've seen the number of women gradually diminishing," she added.

After the board had prayed before voting, Harriet Gilbert of St. Simons Island, Ga., said the issue should not be whether a person is a woman but whether a person is qualified. She urged getting "missions-minded people" to serve on the board. (BP)

Hispanic presence felt at SBC in San Antonio

A trend among Hispanics to take a greater role in Southern Baptist life will surface prior to the denomination's annual session in San Antonio, Tex. June 14-16.

A central crusade tentatively has been scheduled for June 5-8 and will be followed by revival meetings June 9-12 in about 40 Hispanic churches. The emphasis will climax on the afternoon of June 12 with an evangelistic rally expected to attract 1500 Hispanics.

The rally will be cosponsored by the San Antonio Baptist Association and the Texas Baptist Evangelism Department and will be supported by the newly-formed Southern Baptist Hispanic Ministers' Conference.

But the strongest indicator of the ethnic group's growing denominational involvement will be a one-day seminar June 13, the Monday before the annual SBC session begins.

Daniel Sotelo of Fresno, Calif., president of the conference, said the seminar will educate Hispanics on biblical principles of church growth. It is set at Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary, San Antonio.

Sotelo, pastor of Templo Bautista, said the seminar is "the first national effort to bring Hispanics into the mainstream of Southern Baptist life."

According to the U. S. Census Bureau, Hispanics are the nation's fastest-growing ethnic community, increasing at a rate five times greater than the rest of the nation. (BP)

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Applause, cheers greet word of Vines' potential candidacy

Jerry Vines will be a candidate for president of the Southern Baptist Convention this year, according to his copastor at First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Homer Lindsay Jr. made the announcement Feb. 15 during an impromptu address. Lindsay spoke to an afternoon session of the annual Pastors' School and Bible Conference at his church.

"You want to know who my candidate is?" Lindsay asked. "Let me tell you. My candidate is Jerry Vines."

The announcement was greeted with applause and cheering from the group, mostly pastors.

Contacted later Vines said he has made no final decision about allowing his nomination. "Many people have asked me about it," he acknowledged, "and I've agreed to pray about it." Vines said he wants to "do God's will" in the matter.

Lindsay's address followed a message by Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College, Dallas, in which Patterson said he was looking forward to voting for Vines, who had introduced the conservative leader from Texas.

In December 1985 Lindsay revealed that Memphis, Tenn. pastor Adrian P. Rogers would be the candidate of conservatives at the 1986 Southern Baptist Convention. Rogers was elected in 1986 and reelected last year.

Unlike that announcement, which followed a meeting of 18 conservative leaders in Atlanta, Lindsay said no group

Samford to launch first collegiate divinity school

Samford University will open the Southern Baptist Convention's first university-based divinity school on its Birmingham, Ala. campus this fall.

The new school, which will offer a MDiv degree, has been endowed by a gift designated for that purpose, Samford president Thomas E. Corts announced.

The gift was made by an anonymous donor. Samford officials acknowledged the gift was the largest contribution from a living individual in Samford history, placing the amount beyond \$3.5 million.

Seven Southern Baptist universities, including Samford, have schools of religion or graduate schools of theology that offer graduate degrees in religion. The six Southern Baptist Convention-related seminaries offer the MDiv degree as their primary pastoral ministry degree. But Samford is the first Southern Baptist affiliated university to offer it.

Samford's move to a divinity school is unrelated to theological/political controversy that has existed in the Southern Baptist Convention for about nine years, said Samford provost William E. Hull.

Rather, the divinity school is Samford's response to a need in Alabama, Hull explained. The Alabama Baptist State Convention has more bivocational ministers than any other state convention in the SBC, he said, also citing statistics that reveal more than 3500 ministers without ministerial degrees now serve Alabama churches.

"The central focus will be on the life and work of the pastoral minister," Corts said. "We intend to serve ministers-to-be and individuals now serving churches who long to complete their theological education. (BP)

has met to agree on Vines or anyone else as a candidate. "He's my candidate," Lindsay told the Florida Baptist Witness, newsjournal of Southern Baptists in the state.

But Lindsay said there is "no doubt in my mind" that Vines will be the candidate of "our side" in San Antonio.

Rogers, who later addressed an evening session of the Jacksonville conference, appeared to endorse Vines' potential candidacy. Recalling that Vines prayed with him in 1979 about his own nomination, Rogers joked, "I'm going to get even."

After his sermon, Rogers would not elaborate on the remark. He would not say if he would support a Vines candidacy, but added, "I love him and trust him implicitly."

Both Vines and Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, have been mentioned as possible candidates by conservatives, who have controlled the presidency since 1979.

Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, has announced he would allow his name to be nominated. He is expected to receive the support of the moderates in the convention.

"Richard Jackson is my friend," Lindsay told the pastors in Florida. "Theologically, he is one of us, but he's aligned himself with the liberals, the moderates and the wrong crowd. He deserves to be defeated."

Vines has "paid the price" to be president, Lindsay said, noting Vines has served on the SBC Peace Committee and as SBC Pastors' Conference president.

"He's the man with the stand," Lindsay said. "He's the man who won't sell us out."

Vines, who has served with Lindsay as copastor of the 18,000-member church since 1982, was nominated for the presidency in 1977 and lost. He has been rumored to be a candidate several times since, but never so frequently as during the past year, after he preached the annual sermon during the 1987 SBC.

Lindsay urged the pastors at the Jacksonville meeting to recruit four other pastors who will take 10 messengers each to the convention in June. He later told them how to secure hotel rooms or free private housing in San Antonio, where reportedly all hotel space is reserved.

"The real reason baptisms are declin-



Jerry Vines

ing in the Southern Baptist Convention is because liberals are taking over the pastorates in the churches. That's why we cannot afford to lose in San Antonio, because we're still the majority. But you give these seminaries enough time, brother, and we'll be in the minority."

Turning to Patterson, Lindsay said, "I believe one of these days, Paige, they'll quit and give up. And I'll just rejoice when the day comes when they start pulling out of the Southern Baptist Convention." (BP)

Staffer named by HMB for abortion alternatives

Directors of the Baptist Home Mission Board have employed the agency's first coordinator for abortion alternatives and were challenged to volunteer for missions service.

Sylvia Marlene Boothe of Oklahoma City was named to the new position in the board's Mission Ministries Division by directors during their February executive committee meeting. A former music missionary to Thailand and France, Boothe has been director of a crisis pregnancy center in Oklahoma City since 1986. She is a graduate of Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts and Texas Woman's University.

Board president Larry Lewis noted the position was created in response to a motion from messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1984, who requested abortion alternative counseling and materials for use by associations, churches and state conventions.

"Many Southern Baptists feel strongly that the critical social and moral issue of our day is the issue of abortion," Lewis said. "More than one-and-a-half million babies are destroyed every year, any one of them with unlimited potential. We see as part of our ministry the need to minister to the unborn child whose life is under threat and to the mother with the unwanted pregnancy."

Lewis expressed concern over the decrease in the number of home mission volunteers in 1987. The agency reported a drop of 10,214, 20 percent, from the previous year's 52,110 volunteers. (BP)

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Oneida boy visits China

How would you like to visit China?

One of our Oneida boys returned from a visit there several weeks ago. He is Jeff Kelsey, who came to us as an eighth grader and is now a junior.

Jeff stood 5'6" tall when he enrolled and is now a handsome, long-legged 6'2". As one might guess, he is a runner. Because of his hard work and talent, he was invited to participate in a cross-country international sports exchange.

The 10-day journey began from Lexington with a flight to Chicago and then on to Los Angeles. A Korean Airlines Flight then carried him to Seoul, Korea, where he met up with students from the United States and many other countries.

Arriving on Sunday he had to recover from jet-lag. Monday, he and the other visiting athletes had a guided tour of the capital of Seoul. They got to see the Olympic Games complex that will be the center of world attention later this year. Also he saw I Tae Won, one of the world's most famous shopping districts.

Tuesday was another day of sightseeing in Seoul, and then a flight to Hong Kong and check in at the New World Hotel.

His group was given a guided tour Wednesday of storied Hong Kong, one

of our world's most colorful cities. Among the highlights was Victoria Peak, the Stanley Market and a stop at Aberdeen Bay, home of the "boat people."

Jeff and his group departed Thursday for Canton, communist mainland China. They traveled by hydrofoil which was a new experience for Jeff. There he saw many unforgettable things, various temples and monuments and artisans at work on porcelain and jade.

Friday was the climactic race day. Thousands of Chinese participated along with the hundreds of foreign guests like Jeff. In Jeff's division there were approximately 1000 runners. Jeff came in 50th place. The race occurred through the winding streets of that ancient city. In the evening the mayor tendered a banquet for the visitors and one can imagine it was a gourmet delight.

Saturday the group traveled by train through the countryside back to Hong Kong. There was additional time for exploring and visits to the Night Market.

Then Sunday Jeff and part of his group left Hong Kong for Seoul and the flight back to Los Angeles. There Jeff visited Disneyland.

Then, it was on to Chicago, Lexington and hitting the books again at Oneida.

It was a tremendous trip for a 17-year-old and couldn't have been experienced by a finer, more deserving young man.

Jeff is vice-president and very active in our boys chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Having been in our dorms four years, Jeff now lives in our younger boys dorm. Being one of our older and most dependable young men, he is a dorm monitor. He has responsibility for nine of our eighth and seventh graders. He sees to it that they are up on time in the morning and to bed in the evening. He keeps an eye on the cleanliness of their room area and if their laundry is properly done in timely fashion. He helps settle disputes. Jeff is a well-liked and respected big brother.

Jeff has lettered three years in cross-country and twice in track. He will participate in track again this spring and next year, and he will have the opportunity to letter once more next fall in cross-country.

Versatile Jeff has played trumpet in Oneida's "pep" band the past four years, and was one of the charter members for our marching band.

Jeff's mother lives in Harrodsburg and his father, in Chicago. Certainly Jeff is a young man to make a mother and father proud as well as his school family.



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LESSONS FOR FEB. 28, 1988

Life and work series

Honesty and generosity

Exod. 20:15 The eighth commandment, concerning the sanctity of property, is basic to human life. In this commandment, God prohibits one of the most common sins. To steal is to take or to withhold from others that which rightfully belongs to them. This commandment is sometimes limited to the stealing of money, but it goes far beyond that. We owe God our obedience and service, but too frequently these things are withheld from him.

This vice may be practiced in various ways, such as robbery, which is taking property by force; theft, which is taking another's possessions without consent; fraud, which includes loafing, "borrowing" money from the company accounts, deceptive advertising, charging exorbitant rent and refusing to pay fair wages.

Lev. 19:11-15 God strictly forbade his children to engage in stealing, lying or defrauding. He commanded his people to pay their employees promptly what they earn by their labors. God also forbade the showing of partiality to the rich or to the poor in the administration of justice.

Amos 8:4-7 Amos, God's fearless prophet, turned righteous indignation against those outwardly respectable and religious, but greedy and dishonest schemers. He denounced their injustice and emphasized that outwardly per-

functory religion is not sufficient. He warned his hearers that a day of judgment was awaiting all those who deceived the people for their own personal gain.

Eph. 4:28 Inasmuch as the believer in Christ is a new creature, he is under obligation to put off the ways and habits of his former life. It is his duty to cease stealing and practice honesty and generosity in his dealings with others.

International series

The role of servant

Matt. 20:17-28 As Christ and his twelve disciples journeyed towards Jerusalem, he told them of his approaching betrayal, arrest, trial and crucifixion. Instead of thinking of the horrible things that were going to happen to Christ, the disciples were thinking about their own interests.

While James and John were striving for self-advancement, their mother approached Christ in a most respectful manner, knelt in his presence and asked him to give her sons the first and second places in his kingdom.

Christ remarked to the devoted mother who was dreaming of a great future for her sons: "Ye know not what ye ask." She did not understand what it would take and cost them to get what he had requested. Christ informed her that greatness is more than a position or title. She knew nothing about the suffering which must precede the glory which she was seeking for her sons.

People frequently pray for things without realizing what they must endure if God answers their prayers.

We pray for patience, holiness and to be made more like Christ. Then when God answers our prayers by leading us through the furnace of affliction we begin to complain.

The other disciples were indignant when they learned James and John—through their mother—were trying to get the chief places in Christ's kingdom. If the 10 had possessed the proper spirit, they would have concluded the two had acted foolishly and pitied them. Instead, they were incensed because these two felt they were superior and the other disciples wanted the positions themselves.

Christ was grieved that among his disciples there should be jealousy and quarreling. Has it ever dawned on you that most church problems are caused by one or more members having a desire to be honored or to rule instead of wanting to please the Lord and help people?



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on mission together

Out with the folks

My first Sunday back from Chile, together with 31 other staff colleagues, we traveled to assigned churches in Three Forks Association (Hazard area) to speak during Sunday school and preach the morning service. We call these associational events "State Convention Sunday." I was assigned to Wooten Baptist Church, near Hyden.

Pastor **Ronnie Pennington** had left a larger church near Richmond a few years earlier to accept the "challenge of the mountains." It was obvious that he and his wife, Cynthia, love this young church and the church loves them.

The 84 in Sunday school that day represented 80% of their enrolment...a contrast with many Baptist churches which average about 50 percent.

After service, we ate in a local restau-

rant with Roger Wolfe, missionary pastor at Hyden, together with his wife and children.

As my "driving partner," Benton Williams, and I headed home, we sandwichee conversation between spurts of the UK-Notre Dame basketball game, changing stations frequently to find a clearer signal.

The difficulty of "receiving" radio signals in the mountains reminded me of the years of difficulty Baptists have in reaching people there. And I concluded, once again, that the clearest and most powerful "sending" stations for the gospel in the mountains are strong, vital churches. The more churches the more "believers." These thoughts reinforced my already strong commitment to "Mission Kentucky" in starting new churches.

The next Sunday 17 of us were at it again—this time in Ohio River Association—farther west from Middletown than Hazard is east.

My assignment was Mexico Baptist

Church, a little south of Marion, west of Fredonia and north of Frances. Easy to find!

Pastor Archie Brock, product of two Baptist schools—Cumberland College and Clear Creek—greeted and introduced me to the adults of the Sunday school.

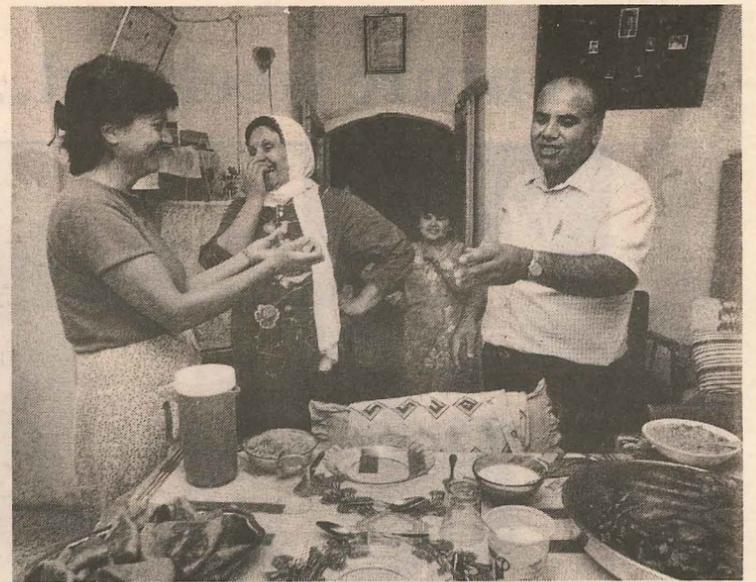
Mexico church sends 25 percent of its undesignated offering to missions through the Cooperative Program, double last year's 11.9 percent average from KBC churches.

They gave me plenty of time to preach, and as I was leaving, Archie's wife, Ada, presented me with a recipe book produced by the church to celebrate this year's 100th anniversary of Woman's Mission Union, SBC. She told me to be sure and try the recipe for "Monkey Bread."

Back on the road, contemplating the warmth and friendly support of churches like these two, I reminded myself of just how fortunate I am to work for folks like these!



Below: Unity and joy from Christ "living in our hearts" are cornerstones of Peniel congregation, says Shaul Zuela, left, one of the leaders of the Messianic fellowship in Tiberias that worships outdoors. Some 3000 Jewish believers in Israel hope their vibrant faith will draw fellow countrymen who, as Zuela puts it, "are thirsty and their hearts are open for the righteousness of God."



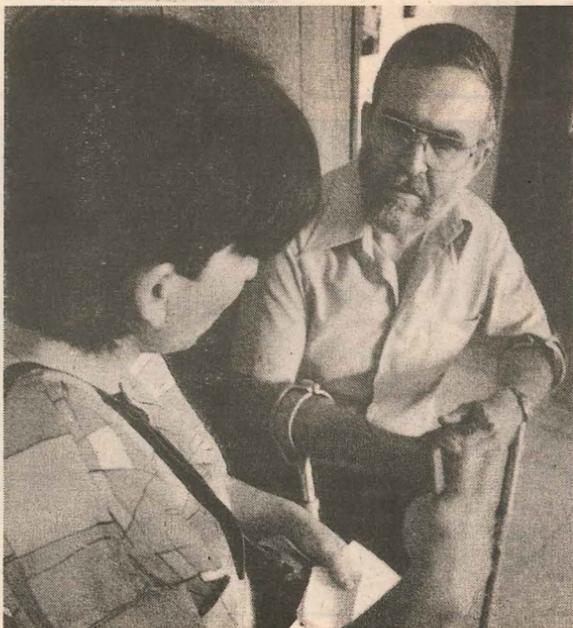
Above: Faith in Christ gives Jews and Arabs common ground in Israel. Musa El-Heel, right, and Segal Balas, left, share a light moment in El-Heeh's home on the West Bank, where Arab protesters have clashed with occupying Israeli troops. Both El-Heeh, an Arab, and Balas, a Jew who immigrated to Israel from Baghdad, Iraq, have been staff members at Baptist Village. El-Heel's wife, Sarah, is at his side and one of his eight children is in the background.

Above: Like countless Jews in Israel, this Messianic family wishes each other ("the peace of the Sabbath" 'Shabbat Shalom') in traditional Jewish fashion. Esther and Ya'acov Choresh and their daughter, Odeliya, light candles, break bread and read a Jewish Sabbath service. "I see myself as a Jew," Choresh comments, "a Jew who believes in Jesus."



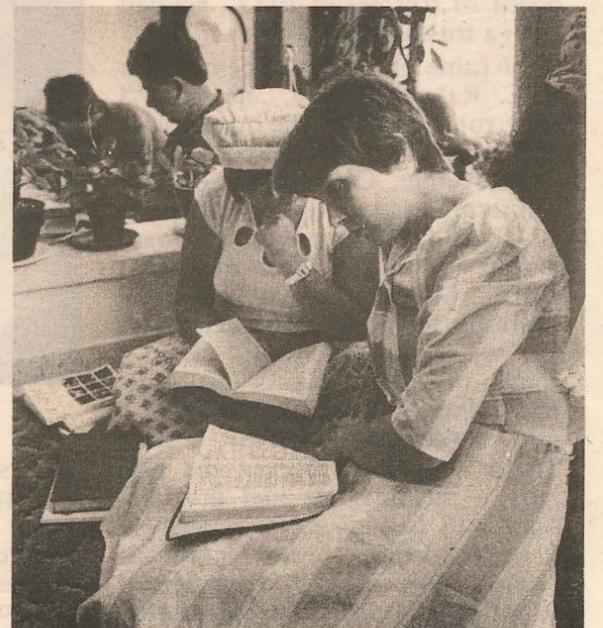
Shalom for Jewish Christians

Below: To most Orthodox Jews, belief in Jesus is incompatible with their heritage. But it isn't to Baruch Maoz, leader of Grace and Truth Assembly near Tel Aviv, and some 3000 other Messianic Jews in Israel. "What does it mean to be a part of any nation?" Maoz asks. "You identify with its past, with its present and with its future."



Above: When David Yaniv says he was healed by Yeshua (Jesus' name in Hebrew), people often think he's talking about an Israeli physician. Yaniv, once crippled by spinal problems that required his wearing leg braces, attributes his ability to walk to Yeshua. When Yaniv came to faith in Yeshua, he remembers feeling that he was the only Jewish person in Israel who believed.

Below: A time to "Be still and know that I am God" begins the worship of Grace and Truth Assembly, one of 30 congregations in Israel of Jews who believe in Jesus. The Hebrew-language congregation has met each Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, in members' apartments in the Tel Aviv area for several years.



Adventure weekend...a special time at Spring Meadows



A special weekend emphasis adapted from the popular Southern Baptist Centrifuge program was held on the Spring Meadows campus recently.

Monica Gibson, a student at Southern Seminary, had worked in the Centrifuge program last summer and after discussing her idea with Spring Meadows director Mike Goodwin, began planning the Adventure Weekend on the Middletown campus.

Monica and 12 other seminary students planned a weekend filled with relay races and other games as well as times for Bible study and reflection.

"The idea came out of a concern I had for Spring Meadows young people," said Monica. "I wanted

them to have an opportunity for a meaningful spiritual retreat like I had as a teenager."

"In Bible study, we wanted to make sure that every person involved knew what it means to be a Christian and how to become a Christian.

"Later, through a series of games, we were able to bring staff and residents together. One of the goals of the games was to teach young people how to work with and rely on others. Then, in the cottages, we applied what was learned in the games to the Christian life."

The culmination of weekend activities came Saturday night during a worship service. Two Spring Meadows residents accepted Christ

following a time of personal testimony.

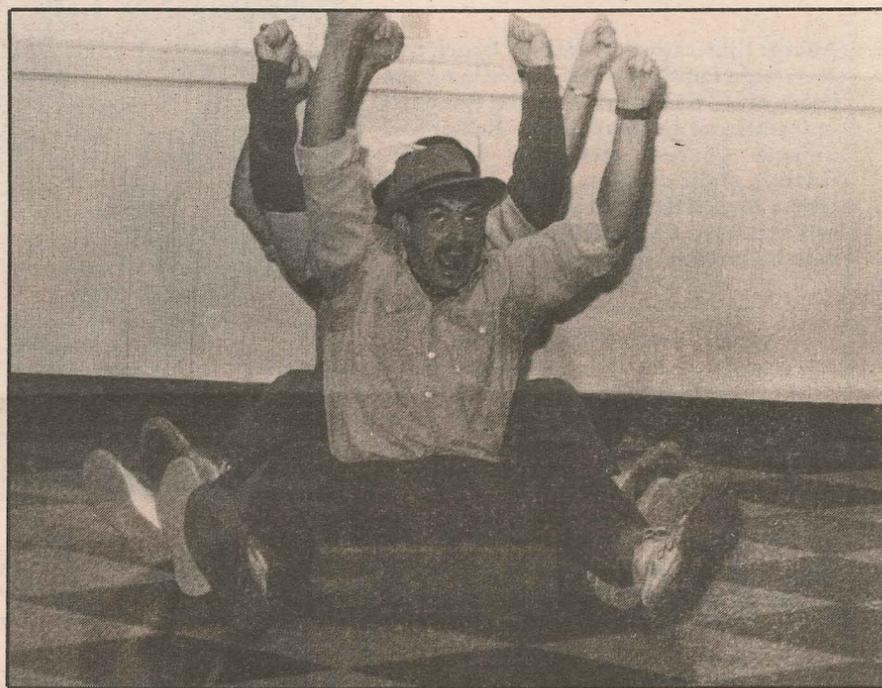
Spring Meadows resident Melinda Prather expressed her positive feelings about the fun of the games but added, "More importantly, I got closer to God . . . I rededicated my life to the Lord during the weekend."

In reflecting on the weekend, Monica Gibson said, "I'm most concerned about the seeds we planted at Spring Meadows during the Adventure Weekend. I'm hoping that churches will be able to follow up on the commitments made," she added.

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Monica Gibson (l) watches Jim Kelty lose the ball during a team relay race.



Volunteer staffer Raleigh Langley leads the "bobsled run" in the Laugh-a-Lympics.

Ken Cole...a portrait of dedication

by Kevin Borders

Ken Cole completed another four year term as a member of KBHC's board of trustees in 1987. He had been a trustee since 1964.

"I came on as a replacement for J. C. Rakes in 1964," he said. "I have rotated off of the board twice and have filled unexpired terms."

Altogether, Cole has served four full terms and two unexpired terms. As a result, his tenure on the board is one of the longest in recent KBHC history. Several of those years he served as board secretary.

"What comes to mind when I think of Ken Cole is his great faithfulness in service on the board," said Executive Director Eldred Taylor. "Seldom, if ever, did Ken miss a meeting. He had good insight into helping solve problems."

In reflecting on his significant service, Cole says, "I have served with many wonderful people during my tenure. I worked with C. Ford Deusner, Bill Amos and now Eldred Taylor. I believe Eldred Taylor was



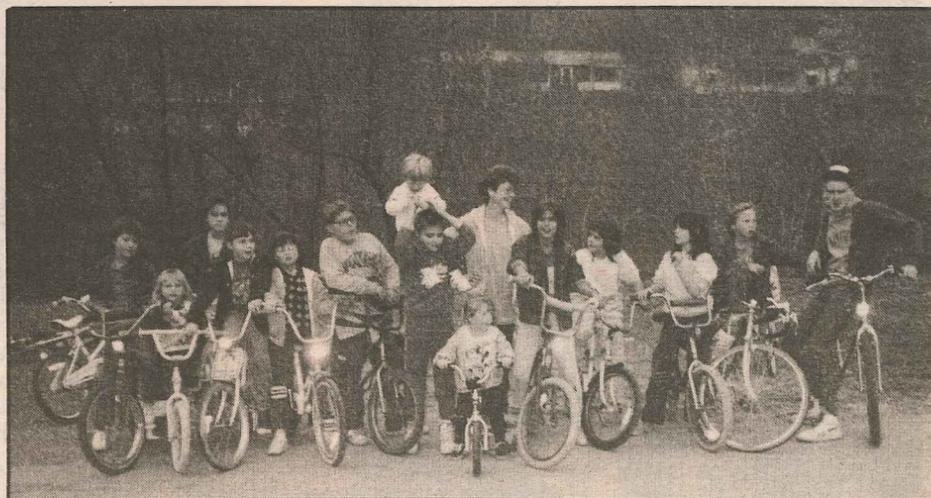
Ken Cole

and is God's man for this job. He has strengthened this program in so many ways. More people than ever before know about this ministry. Baptist support for this ministry is stronger than ever. An indication of this is the Thanksgiving Offering. When I first came on the board, the goal was around \$400,000. Now it

is over \$700,000.

"This is one of Kentucky Baptists' finest ministries. I'm glad to see it on the right track and prospering."

Cole has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Walton since 1979. He and his wife, the former Joyce Trout, are parents of one daughter and three sons.



Recently, young people from Garrett Baptist Church, Enterprise Assoc. held a Bike-a-Thon with proceeds going to Baptist Homes. Donations from the event amounted to \$140.00. Mrs. Jerry Martin coordinated the event.