

## Kentucky Baptist presence felt at Winter Olympics

by Jack Sanford, *Editor*

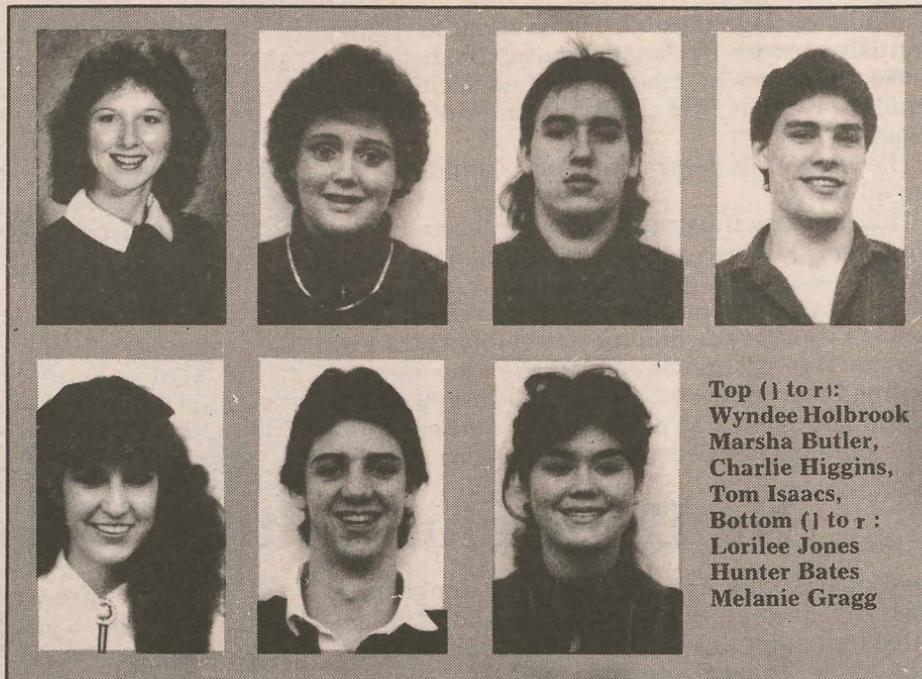
The son of a Kentucky Baptist pastor and students from Kentucky colleges and universities were in the forefront of the Home Mission Board effort to minister to those participating in and those attending the 1988 Winter Olympics at Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

In Calgary, about two dozen missionaries and volunteers from the United States joined Canadian Southern Baptists to form Winter Games Ministries. Workers provided creative arts—drama, clowning, music and mime—and were involved in evangelism, daycare services, coffee houses and community and resort ministries.

Several of the ministries begun prior to the international event will continue after the winter games.

Four years ago, Calgary pastor Jim Wallace, son of John Wallace, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington, realized the need to reach beyond church walls. Wallace said he had heard Southern Baptists preach missions and evangelism since kindergarten, "but it dawned on me that for two weeks God was sending the world to Calgary," he declared.

Wallace helped form Winter Games Ministries as well as gave assistance to local evangelistic efforts and helped form witnessing teams to mingle among



Top (l to r):  
Wyndee Holbrook  
Marsha Butler,  
Charlie Higgins,  
Tom Isaacs,  
Bottom (l to r):  
Lorilee Jones  
Hunter Bates  
Melanie Gragg

crowds gathered at the games. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provided funds and assistance in coordinating the ministry.

Sonlife, a singing group of six students from Kentucky, performed in shopping malls, parks, on outdoor stages, in churches, hospitals and con-

valescent homes throughout Calgary and surrounding towns.

Wyndee Holbrook, campus minister at Cumberland College, was named director for Sonlife. Members of the group were Marsha Butler, Morehead State University; Charlie Higgins, Cumberland College; Tom Isaacs, Campbells-

ville College; Lorilee Jones, Murray State University; Hunter Bates, Eastern Kentucky University; and Melanie Gragg, Western Kentucky University.

Sonlife spent the summer of 1987 in Calgary performing at the same areas and leading children's day camps. Winter Games Ministries directors said Sonlife's work during the summer prior to the games helped establish a rapport with the community that continued through the Olympics. Directors said they were not able to accept all the invitations they received for Sonlife to perform.

A "Ministry Pin" was developed by Winter Games Ministry to trade in the unofficial Olympic sport of pin trading. Sonlife used the pin to introduce Christ to other pin traders by explaining the Christian symbols which made up the pin. Those symbols expressed the eternal life and love experienced in relationship to God through Jesus Christ by all who believe.

Wyndee Holbrook summarized the work of Sonlife when she declared, "When Calgary welcomed the world, the good news of God's love with the international gathering." A significant part of that witness was provided by Kentucky students who gave a summer and part of the winter to minister to others in Christ's name.

## Church Training making strong comeback

by Todd Deaton, *Staff Writer*

While Southern Baptist growth in Church Training virtually ground to a halt in 1986-87, Church Training programs were making a strong comeback in Kentucky, breaking a three-year statewide membership decline.

Kentucky Baptist churches netted a record gain of 1700 Church Training members, bringing the statewide enrolment to 74,475. State Church Training officials also reported about 40 Church Training starts in Kentucky churches in 1987, ranking the state fourth in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist Sunday School figures based on the Uniform Church Letter reported a nationwide enrolment change

of 0.0 percent, because of a small actual loss of 408, lowering the program's total enrolment to around 1,953,937.

Associations primarily responsible for Kentucky's increase in Church Training enrolment are Long Run, which reported 700 new members; Warren, 400; Northern Kentucky, 300; Pulaski, 300; South District, 250; and Bates Creek, 250. The total statewide figure is 500 less due to membership losses in other associations.

Douglas T. Strader, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training Department, credits the department's 3-year growth awareness. "Jim Clontz, associate director, and I have gone and sat down one-on-one

with Church Training directors and associational directors of missions to share how to start Church Training and improve existing programs."

The department has recently begun stressing discipleship seminars, such as doctrine studies and new membership training. In addition, it holds eight areawide Church Training leadership clinics annually.

In 1989 the KBC department and the Baptist Sunday School Board plan to conduct jointly a statewide Church Training start project, sending consultants into nearly every Kentucky Baptist association to encourage pastors of churches which do not have a Church Training program to consider starting one.



Lewis

Chavis

## Mission Kentucky meet scheduled for Mar. 21

A Mission Kentucky Awareness Conference for selected leadership from the 119 Kentucky Baptist churches with memberships exceeding 1000 people is planned Mar. 21 at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

The conference, sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department, will challenge large churches with the opportunity of starting new churches and missions across the state. Emphasis will be placed on major metropolitan centers and their adjacent areas.

Program personalities include Larry Lewis, Home Mission Board president; James Chavis, professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and author of the Dunwoody Plan of Church Starting; William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer; and C. Benton Williams, director of the KBC Missions/Church Services Division.

Pastors, Woman's Missionary Union directors, Brotherhood directors, missions committee chairmen are particularly encouraged to attend the two sessions, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and adjourning at 8:10 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

For more information contact William D. Jagers, director of the KBC Direct Missions Department.

## Indiana Baptist editor resigns

by Marv Knox

David Simpson has resigned as editor of the Indiana Baptist, newspaper of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, effective March 10.

Simpson announced his resignation during a regularly scheduled meeting of the SCBI executive board Feb. 29 in Indianapolis. He did not disclose his plans except to say he is moving out of the state. He will be a consultant with a privately owned business.

Simpson, 38, has been editor of the weekly newspaper and director of the SCBI communications division since September 1981. For the past 11 months he also has been an interim "co-director" of the convention, supervising its missions division.

His resignation creates the fourth executive vacancy on the Indiana convention staff in the past year. Executive Director-Treasurer R.V. Hagood and Missions Director Glen W. Ray resigned in March in a dispute over use of hunger

funds within the state. Church Growth and Ministries Director Lew Reynolds resigned effective at the end of last year.

In his letter of resignation, Simpson distanced himself from those resignations. "My resignation has no connection directly or indirectly with those given in 1987," he declared. "I have nothing to hide and invite a full inquiry by this board if deemed appropriate. I have intentionally tried not to stir controversy this last year and particularly in recent weeks."

He also commented on his role as editor: "I have attempted to be fair and balanced in my presentation of the news."

Simpson said his career change has nothing to do with any "moral aberration," family problems or the theological/political controversy within the SBC.

The executive board accepted his resignation with regret, said Chairman Don Moore, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville.

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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Canadian Baptists move forward

The story on page one of this issue about Kentucky Baptists at work in Canada warms the heart because this kind of missionary and evangelistic ministry is what being a Southern Baptist is all about.

The work of students witnessing should encourage all of us.

This ministry illustrates how open Canada is to the gospel of Christ and how determined Southern Baptists are to win this land for the Lord.

The establishment of a new Southern Baptist Seminary in Canada and the determined effort by so many Baptists in Canada to have a strong convention in harmony with other Southern Baptists should not only draw praise from Southern Baptists south of the border, but should also produce

tangible support in the form of workers and funds from America.

We are encouraged by what is happening in Canada and contrast that warm, open theological climate with the often stifling conditions in our own convention. We pray the Lord will strengthen our Canadian brothers and open the eyes of all of us to the possibilities across our northern border. A strong determination to be the missionaries our faith calls us to be could be one of the giant steps we need toward reconciliation in our own convention.

It is a matter of historical record that when God's people are on mission to win lost souls to a saving knowledge of Christ, the controversies which now rip at us will fade into the background.

## No Bible club in the school house

The Equal Access Act was passed by Congress in 1984 and became the law of the land. The act stated that public schools receiving federal money must allow student groups to meet for religious, political or philosophical reasons if other noncurriculum-related groups were allowed to meet on public school property.

Baptists hailed this action as good law. It seemed a fair use of property paid for by all Americans, religions and non-religious.

Now federal Judge C. Arlen Beam has made a ruling which denies public school facilities for student Bible clubs during noninstructional hours. His ruling came two years after students at Westside Community Schools in Omaha, Neb., were denied permission to begin a Bible club that would meet just like other existing clubs at their school. The students sued the school board, claiming denial of their constitutional rights.

The judge's ruling declared the assertion by the Westside school district that they had "a closed forum which permits school buildings to be used only for school-sponsored curriculum-related activities," was a proper action and did not violate the law. School officials declared the Bible club was not a curriculum-related activity, although a chess club and a scuba diving club which met during non-instructional hours are so designated.

This is an act of discrimination against those people who want to study the Bible, just as other

students want to study chess and scuba diving. Surely the United States Constitution nor the Equal Access Act meant to outlaw the study of scriptures in after school settings. On the contrary, the purpose of the law was to eliminate religious discrimination in the public schools of our country.

Perhaps we should be more vocal and more insistent about our right to study God's word just as other students and their supporters demand the right to study chess and scuba diving. Perhaps the judge and board of education would tell us how scuba diving and chess are curriculum-related, while Bible study is not.

When the courts are so obviously set against the people who have no agenda except increased knowledge of their holy scriptures, then it is time for all true believers to demand a more open interpretation of the Constitution and a more generous attitude toward people who are seeking to know more of the will of their God.

Baptists have a great stake in this matter since we have been champions of soul liberty and religious freedom since our appearance on this continent. If we remain silent and do not speak and support those who do speak, we have turned our back on a major part of our religious heritage. We must continue our struggle to keep the government, and especially the courts, from telling us how and when we may practice our faith.

## Is the lottery bill in trouble?

The word from Frankfort is that the lottery bill may be in serious trouble.

The report declares there are not enough votes in the committee to release the bill to the floor for action by the House.

Perhaps all the letters, phone calls and personal conversations lottery opponents have had with legislators have helped. The response I have received from eight legislators is predominately a "wait and see" attitude. They all said they wanted to know what the people in their district thought.

If enough legislators want to hear from the folks

back home, and if enough of the folks back home tell them "no" to the lottery, then there is hope the lottery bill will die in committee.

This is your opportunity. If you have not contacted the people who represent you in Frankfort do it now while there is still a little time and a little hope. You may never have another opportunity to exert any meaningful influence on this piece of proposed legislation. All the polls indicate a lottery bill will pass in a general election. Use your influence to derail this abominable piece of legislation.

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# baptist news in brief

## SBC leaders fear more 'war' ahead

The Southern Baptist Convention may face more denomination warfare, two leaders said in the wake of a news conference in Nashville in mid-February.

Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and former SBC President James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., had a confrontation at the conclusion of the hour-long news conference called by the current and two former presidents of the 14.7-million-member denomination.

The confrontation continued as Dilday released a two-page written statement to Baptist Press, with copies going to the executive leaders of the 20 national agencies of the SBC, as well as to Draper and others.

In his statement, Dilday said he attended the news conference "expecting some kind of constructive breakthrough in our tragic denominational deadlock. I was disappointed. I hoped for a states-

manly proposal...but instead we were given another defense of the takeover strategies of the past 10 years. Instead of offering Southern Baptists a way forward toward reconciliation, we were given a statement which merely solidified the hard line position of those who have gained control of the SBC.

"That statement (released by the presidents at the news conference) effectively eliminates any middle ground on which to build a consensus. It consigns those of us who do not agree with the efforts of these past 10 years to take what appears now to be the only choice: to elect other leaders who will build a consensus, move this denomination out of the morass and put us back to work again on our main tasks," Dilday added.

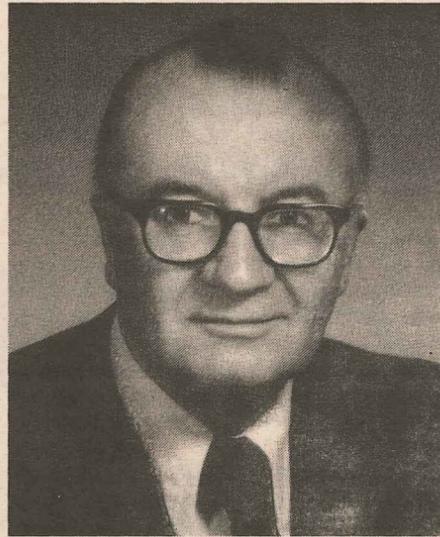
Draper told Baptist Press he is "grieved" by Dilday's statement and was "totally astonished" by the confrontation following the Feb. 24 news conference. The former president, who served 1982-84, said it was "inexcusable and unconscionable" for Dilday to "jump me out publicly."

The news conference, called by current SBC President Adrian P. Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and also attended by Bailey E. Smith, an Atlanta-based evangelist who was SBC president 1980-82, had as its main feature the release of a four-page statement, "A Conservative Southern Baptist Affirmation." (BP)

## Angela Davis to head Louisville Baptist center

Angela Davis, named director of Louisville's Baptist Fellowship Center, was among seven persons approved for mission posts during the Home Mission Board's January board of directors meeting.

Before accepting the Baptist Fellowship post, she was emergency assistant coordinator for South Louisville Community Ministries. The Knoxville native holds degrees from Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



Marvin Crowe

## Retired SBC executive Marvin Crowe passes

John Marvin Crowe, 78, retired executive vice president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, died Feb. 25 following a long illness.

Widely known in the Southern Baptist Convention for his organizational and business skills, Crowe was responsible for internal operation of the multi-million dollar denominational publishing house from 1953 until his retirement in 1975.

Prior to coming to Nashville, Crowe was education director at First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., and at First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. He has also been associate Sunday school and training union secretary in Illinois and Missouri and training union secretary for the Missouri Baptist Convention.

At his retirement from the Sunday School Board, the meeting and conference room in the newly completed West Wing was named the Crowe Room.

Crowe was a graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and did graduate study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

His wife, Edna Earl Elliott, died in 1976. (BP)

## Priesthood: freedom and responsibility

The historic Baptist doctrine of the priesthood of all believers is a "two-armed doctrine" including both freedom and responsibility, Walter Shurden told participants in a national doctrine conference.

By emphasizing one to the exclusion of the other, "the doctrine of priesthood of believers can be distorted both by its advocates and its critics," said Shurden, chairman of the Department of Christianity at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and author of the 1988 Baptist doctrine study textbook for adults on priesthood of believers.

The three-day conference was sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department in preparation for the annual study conducted in April in many churches.

While Christians are free to speak directly to God and to interpret the Bible for themselves, they are also responsible for ministering in the world in God's name and equipping themselves to be able to interpret the scriptures responsibly, said Shurden.

Another speaker, Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Baptist Church of Midland, Tex., said: "the sacred right of individual conscience before God does not justify arrogant and self-sufficient pride in which an individual declares, 'I can do whatever I want to do. I'm going to serve God and I don't need any-

## Seminary presidents decry establishment of new divinity school

Samford University's new divinity school moves Southern Baptists "two steps backward," according to presidents of the convention's six theological seminaries.

Samford, an Alabama Baptist school, announced the creation of the convention's first university-based divinity school Feb. 11.

An anonymous donor has given Samford more than \$3.5 million to launch its divinity school this fall on the Birmingham campus, Samford president Thomas E. Corts said. The divinity school is to offer the Master of Divinity degree, the standard graduate-theological degree in ministry, Corts reported. About 100 students are to be enrolled when the three-year program reaches full strength in fall 1990.

Five of the six SBC seminary presidents met in Nashville and released a response Feb. 24:

• Samford's action is a step backward to the 19th century and to the regionalism which the SBC national seminaries have overcome during a century and a half of theological education.

• "It is a step away from Southern Baptists' commitment to a cooperative approach to theological education through our convention's national seminaries and a step toward the fragmentation of our convention through a societal approach to the work of the denomination.

"Samford's model, if followed by other Baptist universities, would return us to the preCooperative Program (unified budget) days of competition for funding and rivalry for support among the denomination's educational institutions."

"We believe our six seminaries and their external education division are accessible accredited ministry training for our entire Southern Baptist constituency." (BP)

## 20,000 congregations projected by A. D. 2000

Southern Baptists goals to have 50,000 churches and church-type missions by A.D. 2000 moved a step closer to reality when state leaders announced projections for starting nearly 20,000 new congregations during the next 12 years.

If the projections remain on target, Southern Baptists could have 59,741 churches and church-type missions by the turn of the century, said David Bunch, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's church extension division.

Allowing for 20 percent attrition for new church-type missions and the loss of about 220 churches each year, the net total would be slightly more than the 50,000 goal, Bunch said.

Baptist state directors of missions, language missions and church extension announced the projections during a church extension leadership conference in Honolulu.

Southern Baptists reported 37,286 churches during 1987. The state directors added another 3091 church-type missions to that figure for a total of 40,377 churches and missions. (BP)



Former Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr. responds to a question during a Feb. 24 news conference that also featured current SBC president Adrian P. Rogers (center) and former president Bailey Smith. The trio presented a four-page "Conservative Southern Baptist Affirmation" and discussed reporters' questions. Moderator was Alvin C. Shackelford (standing), vice president for public relations of the SBC Executive Committee.

body else.'

"As important as one member of the body is, no one member is more important than the body as a whole."

Bill Stephens, curriculum development coordinator in the board's church training department, said the concept of holiness needs to be communicated in teaching the priesthood of believers doctrine. "We are not adequately proclaiming priesthood of believers unless we are calling upon our people to live holy lives," said Stephens. "We are holy priests, not just priests," he said. (BP)

## Foreign Mission Board increases aid to Brazil

When buildings crumbled in a second wave of flooding in Brazil in February, Southern Baptist missionaries and Brazilian Baptists again responded with food, shelter and blankets.

More than 70 Brazilians died and 11,000 were left homeless by flooding that occurred in mid-February in Rio de Janeiro, according to news reports. The Foreign Mission Board provided \$62,700 for flood relief after the second round of flooding.

Baptists are providing about \$25,000 worth of food for 1000 families for one month in relation to the most recent flood. (BP)

# baptist forum



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## homes for children

### Bits and pieces

Friends of children from all walks in life, from all sections of Kentucky (and even outside Kentucky) give to support and undergird this ministry to children. These gifts come out of varied circumstances and in all sizes.

There are those who are financially able to provide large gifts. Of course, these generous gifts are a great help and certainly are appreciated. However, it is wonderful to realize that many people who cannot send a large gift still know that their gift is important even if it cannot be large in amount.

I am so thankful that our Lord looks on the heart of the giver and sees the gift in light of the giver's ability. Consequently, often the gift that one might see as small because of its dollar size may be very large in God's sight because it comes from a small bank account, but from a big heart and thus represents a true sacrifice on the part of the donor.

I see every gift that comes to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children as sacred and important regardless of the amount in dollars. To help you feel the spirit of those who send in that important extra support I share with you some bits and pieces from a few letters.

"This small amount is to be used wherever it will do the most good. I am a widow, retired and have a limited income. I love the children's homes and will try to help more. I'm not very well, but not bedfast. God bless you."

"Here is \$11 for the children's home. One dollar is my tithe from a baby quilt I made and sold. I live alone and don't have a bank account. I have been a Christian many years. I am a Baptist and love the Lord. I'm not a shut-in, but use a cane. I do my work, sew, quilt, crochet and walk to town.

"My prayers are enclosed with my offering for February. I hope some specific need can be met because you have received this.

"Since the 60s I have, as I could, supported your work. My pension as a Kentucky retired teacher has shrunk! I will, as I can, send a little. However, I have left Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in my will. I know the Lord is most worthy."

**Question:** Who will supply these gifts after these dedicated Christians go to heaven? If you put us in your will, your gift could help endow these gifts and keep them going until Jesus returns.

### Reject Living Will legislation

Supporting KY H.B. 595, commonly known as the Living Will Law, is supporting the goal of the euthanasia societies to legalize mercy killing, lethal injection or lethal overdose, assisted suicide and finally involuntary euthanasia. The Living Will was formulated by the Euthanasia Education Council and is intended as a stepping stone and society-conditioning tool to attain their goals. Dear Abby, who served on the advisory board of the euthanasia organization for years, repeatedly promotes the Living Will in her syndicated newspaper column.

We already have the legal right to refuse useless medical treatment. Routinely, after physician/family consultation, dying patients are removed from ventilators, heart machines and other medical procedures when further treatment is futile. No Living Will is needed to do so.

If H.B. 595 becomes law, however, a physician need not consult nor even notify the family of a Living Will signer, nor the patient himself if he is conscious, that he is discontinuing treatment. Furthermore, H.B. 595 completely exonerates physicians from any liability or discipline for unprofessional conduct for actions under this act, if they are in accord with reasonable medical standards, a very vague and undefined guideline.

Although living wills can be revoked, physicians are not obliged to ascertain whether or not a patient has revoked the living will before carrying out the declaration. He is protected from any

redress if he carries out a revoked living will without knowing of the revocation! This act allows the withdrawal of food and fluids, thus causing death from starvation and dehydration, rather than from the medical ailment.

Contact your legislators today, before the H.B. 595 vote, asking them to vote "no."

H. J. Ansmam  
Lexington

### Defends James Dunn and the BJCPA

This is to lend support to James Dunn's defense of the Baptist Joint Committee which appeared in the Feb. 16, 1988, Western Recorder. His letter was in response to an earlier Baptist Forum letter which had contained the standard attacks on the BJCPA.

Southern Baptists, as well as all Baptists, are very fortunate to have such a person as James M. Dunn in their ranks.

In the summer of 1987 the citizens of Madisonville and Hopkins County celebrated the bicentennial of the United States Constitution with a program which emphasized the role of James Madison (our city's namesake) in the Philadelphia Convention and the other events of our nation's founding. Dunn addressed a Saturday evening crowd of all types on the subject of religious liberty, giving special attention to contributions made by James Madison.

Sunday morning was the occasion for Dunn to deliver the sermon at First Baptist Church, Madisonville, and his message on "Soul Liberty" was biblically sound and spiritually enriching. Both these events were inspiring to those who

treasure religious liberty.

Baptists have historically participated in the struggle for religious freedom. Though there is a certain element within our convention who would erase this rich legacy, it is my prayer that James Dunn, the BJCPA and other like-minded individuals and groups will help us reclaim our heritage. I suspect one day we will return to a calmer time when Baptist life and when we do there will be the realization that James Dunn and the BJCPA deserve to be considered alongside Roger Williams, John Leland, Isaac Backus and the other giants of our faith.

Charles W. Boteler, Jr.  
Madisonville

### Winning souls, helping the needy

We see and read so much about our hungry and homeless Americans but feel so helpless as individuals.

Could it be our Lord is telling us to return to the ways he taught us all through his word, of our churches taking care of those in need?

Have the leaders of our Southern Baptist Convention considered asking our churches, both large and small, to come to the aid of our hungry and homeless people by committing themselves to sacrificially giving each month to a fund which would be used exclusively for the needy? It could build low-cost homes, channel our retired manpower to areas where we could help build and have in mind winning souls to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I don't know any way we could say, "I love you," more than winning them and helping them off the street and filling their stomachs.

Although we wouldn't be doing it for recognition, our entire nation would see we Southern Baptists really care about our brothers and sisters whether black or white or refugee.

I feel sure if our people could see a way of helping those who are so desperately in need our congregations would praise God for our leaders and the opportunity to have a part in such a great ministry.

Willard Mott  
Marion

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**There is a place for older pastors**

You mentioned you did not know of any church who had a minister as pastor who had returned from other work.

I am presently pastor of New Salem Baptist Church, Valley Station, and have been for three years. I was called after I retired from the Kentucky Baptist Convention at age 65.

This has been a wonderful experience for me and I think for the church also. The people of our church are most gracious and loving. Together we have been able to accomplish much. I am loving every minute of my ministry with them.

I recommend wholeheartedly retired denominational workers try the pastorate.

Byrd R. Ison  
Valley Station

*Editor's note: The editorial referred to said, "...when was the last time you heard about a preacher in his 60s being asked to serve as pastor of a Baptist church?" (Feb. 2, 1988). We rejoice with Brother Ison, and all older ministers, when they are given an opportunity to continue serving Christ. May their tribe increase.*

**The cure for convention problems**

Since Satan has been an adversary all my life and I see his influence so much in what has happened in the SBC, I am surprised others have not recognized it.

Since the beginning of our program to bring Christ to the world by the year 2000, Satan has been an evident adversary to this worthwhile undertaking. That he has been successful is evident by our lack of progress in reaching our goal in this cooperative work. When we follow the command of Christ we must look to see where our failure is. It is evident we are following our own inclinations instead of Christ's commands.

I suggest we seek to know and follow the commandments of Christ. He has said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you." That means we must open our hearts and lives to God and his way of life. The Apostle Paul said, "If ye have not the Spirit of Christ, ye are none of

his." Since Christ is our final authority, we must seek to honor him instead of our own will.

We must cease our political maneuvering and let Christ have his way. SBC presidents should select committees and trustees from a list submitted by the state secretaries. That would show that the officers of the convention are not trying to create a power structure. This would be truly representative.

We might have a day of reconciliation in prayer—I would suggest Easter—which would prove our sincerity. Then the Holy Spirit would again lead our convention. No one person is wise enough or good enough to lead such a great group as ours except the Holy Spirit. Then we could say with Christ, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and follow his command to go into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature.

P. Ennis Taylor  
Owensboro

**Baptists can be for something**

Once again we Baptists have something to be "against." That seems to be our eternal position.

Yes, I am against the lottery and all it stands for, but I think most of us who want better education for our children and grandchildren know we must have more money for our educational systems. Sure there is waste and inefficiency but we can never get rid of that in any large organization.

Why can't we Baptists be "for" something positive? For instance, a half-cent increase in the sales tax? The system is

already in place for collection, everyone who buys pays equally, we lessen the chance of getting more crooks with their hands in the pot. Most of all it would place us as responsible, concerned Baptist citizens in an unusual position. That of being "for" instead of "against."

I'll bet you won't get 10 letters in support of this idea.

Ed Boden  
Georgetown

**Racial prejudice must go**

I was very glad our Baptist brothers and sisters were about to encourage better race relations within Baptist life. It seems on the surface a great idea, but to suggest such a celebration is to convict us all as guilty of less than Christian practice. For if we Christians were to practice the Christ-like qualities in his teaching we should already practice such acts of love daily.

When inviting a black brother to preach the morning service, I thought a kind act had been performed and kind it was. But why do preachers and Christian leaders wait until a special day is made to perform such an honor to our brothers?

It tears my heart out to know a major source of discrimination is the church. Today in some circles of Baptist life we refuse to allow ourselves to be Christ-like. Having been a deacon in a Baptist church which expelled me for bringing black children to church, I know firsthand the power of sin in the church. But

I saw the power of God change the hearts of the same church.

The love of Christ may never win within your church until someone makes a stand for right. To love our neighbor as ourselves is the right path even a simple man can understand. May God's love enter those places which seldom give him invitation, the heart of the prejudiced man.

David Ransdell  
Louisville

**A call for special prayer**

Please, please ask all the churches to pray for our pastor and his family.

James N. Davis, pastor of Chapel Grove Baptist Church, Wilton, needs prayer. He has done more for our church than any pastor who has ever been here.

Now he has cancer and with your prayers and the Lord's help he will make it through. We truly need him. Pray the Lord will guide the doctors' hands and we will have him back with us soon.

Chapel Grove Baptist Church  
Wilton

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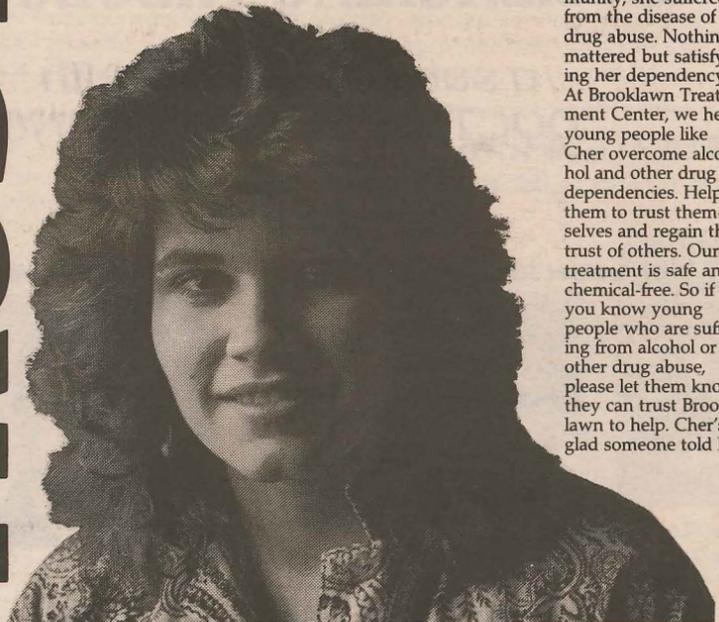
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# Evie Jackson: she's ninety and still nonstop

by Pauline Stegall  
state correspondent

"Yes, I live alone. Just the Lord and me!" laughed Evie Jackson, New Bethel Baptist Church, West Kentucky Baptist Association.

It is not living alone that makes Miss Evie, as she is affectionately called, unusual. She is different because, at age 90, her schedule would exhaust many younger people.

She met me, smiling, at the door of her little white house. With a sprightly step she ushered me to a comfortable rocker and moved her needlework to another spot.

"I've always lived in Fulgham," she told me.

Saved at age 14, she joined New Bethel in 1912 and is still there serving the Lord consistently.

Her activities have included teaching all levels from children to senior adults in Sunday school, BTU and Bible school. An avid WMU member, she has also been Sunday school secretary and church clerk.

She doesn't teach in vacation Bible school any more but prepares and serves refreshments by herself at every session.

Miss Evie's pet projects are her "old people." She visits two nursing homes with a church group then goes alone to another where she takes cake and drinks and visits with the residents. Most of

them are shocked to find they are younger than she.

She can be found visiting the sick or taking food to the bereaved every week.

Her green Mercury is a familiar sight in Fulgham around church time because she accommodates anyone who needs a ride to church. Living two miles from the church she has missed few services, including revivals and evening sessions.

*"Future generations will surely rise up and call her blessed."*

"One woman told me she was too old to go to church at night, but she's not nearly as old as I am," she mentioned with amusement.

Her ninetieth birthday was Dec. 1. The preceding Sunday she went to church as usual. The congregation surprised her with a dinner and cake prepared by the women of WMU. A little later she was amazed when 10 of her former pastors appeared. Then six more ministers, all of whom had entered the ministry from New Bethel Church, came in.

All the ministers gave a five minute talk. Each former pastor told of the encouragement he had received from Miss Evie. The last group, most of whom Miss Evie had taught in Sunday school, told of her influence on their lives.

She was presented with a new Bible and a Kentucky Colonel award.

Her life has been simple with few idle moments.

She retired from public school teaching in 1962 after having taught 42 years in one-room schools.

Her most vivid memory is the year she had 72 pupils.

"It is harder to be close to school children now. I used to think nothing of taking a child up in my lap. Now you aren't supposed to do that. And the teacher would go home with the child to spend the night or the child with the teacher.

"At revival time we would dismiss school and all of us would walk across the field to afternoon services."

Never married, she has lived in the same house since she was six. The house was on another lot and her father had it moved. One man and a mule did the moving and it took two days and two nights.

Miss Evie reads avidly. She also sews, needing no glasses to thread her needle, either for fancy handwork or the sewing machine.

Her freezer and pantry shelves are filled with every kind of vegetable. All are from her garden which she cultivates



Miss Evie Jackson talks of her varied daily activities.

with a hoe.

"I raised an extra big watermelon this year," she chuckled.

"The Lord has been good to me. He gives me the strength to carry on."

R. Charles Blair, director of missions, West Kentucky Baptist Association, asserts, "Future generations will surely rise up and call her blessed."

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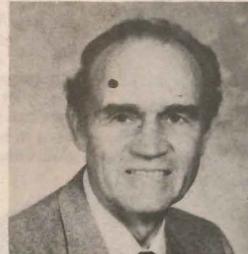
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# Bibles transcending political boundaries

With 75,000 Bible commentaries recently delivered to Christians in the Soviet Union, the first shipment of 100,000 Bibles from the Baptist World Alliance and the United Bible Societies now is en route to Moscow.

The 35,000 Bibles were loaded on trucks in Stuttgart, West Germany, by the United Bible Societies. After rolling through Warsaw, Poland, and then Brest and Minsk in the Soviet Union the 28 metric-ton shipment will be delivered to the Moscow offices of the All-union council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the U. S. S. R., Baptist World Alliance officials reported.

This shipment, the first of four such transports scheduled in coming months, contains 25,000 Russian-language and 10,000 German-language Bibles. Other Russian-language Bibles are to be sent alternately

from England and Germany in late February, March and April until 98,000 are delivered. Another 2000 in the language of the Ukraine, one of the largest of the



U. S. S. R.'s 15 republics, will accompany the March truck delivery.

The gift of 100,000 Bibles is in recognition of the 1000th anniversary of the

Russian Orthodox Church, founded in Kiev in A. D. 988.

Gerhard Claas, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance, has received an invitation from Patriarch Pimen, spiritual head of the Russian Orthodox Church, to participate in the major events scheduled in June. Evangelist Billy Graham also has announced his acceptance of an invitation from the patriarch.

The 10,000 German-language Bibles now being transported to Moscow are given by the Mennonite Central Committee of the U. S. A. and Canada and will be shared among Mennonite congregations with in the All-Union council. In April 5000 more German language Bibles will be shipped to Lutheran congregations in Siberia. They are given by the Lutheran World Federation through the United Bible

Societies.

The United Bible Societies has now sent more than 175,000 Bibles to the Soviet Union in the past few years, many jointly with the Baptist World alliance and other world Christian organizations.(BP)

## Christian presence sustained in Beirut

Amin and Queen Khoury, committed to maintaining a Christian presence in war-torn Beirut, Lebanon, have found unexpected help from a Southern Baptist church halfway around the globe.

For 10 years the Khourys have lived in a Lebanon at war. From their apartment they watched their native Beirut burn.

In 1983 they fled to Germantown, Tenn. On Germantown's quiet streets they found physical refuge from the war. And in a Sunday school class at Germantown Baptist Church they found another refuge. "This church was our refuge in the whole sense of the word," said Mrs. Khoury.

With the move to Germantown, Khoury felt his ministry in Beirut was at an end. After a year he returned alone to Lebanon to shut down officially the Christian school he had operated.

But within three weeks the school reopened on a new campus in East Beirut. A year later Queen and the children rejoined him.

Since then members of Germantown Baptist have supplied airline passage for the Khourys to return to Tennessee each year. The trip gives the family respite from the stress of living in Beirut and maintains their resident-alien status with the U. S. government. But the situation in Beirut is so uncertain, they may be forced to leave again at any moment.

The problems they face have changed during the past year. They have experienced less fighting. Now the pressing issues for most are economic. Out of 3.2 million people in the city 700,000 are displaced, living in temporary shelters in schools, monasteries and mosques.

The Khourys talk freely about the cost of their ministry, of raising children in Beirut. "We teach them the Bible and the love of Christ and all they hear and see is war, killing and hatred," said Mrs. Khoury.

As for their safety, "Queen and I grew up in the Moslem areas (of West Beirut)," said Khoury. "If anyone is not scared, it is us. We have friends in those areas. Friendships are so binding in Lebanon."

And they have learned that friendships are binding elsewhere as well.

In Germantown, ten friends gathered around them, praying, touching them. It was a commissioning by Tennessee friends for yet another year in Lebanon.

Someone prayed, "We who have come from such varied backgrounds are united in you." (BP)

# US-2er finds path to northern Kentucky

by Conda Abbott  
State Correspondent

Young men and women are answering the call to volunteer time and effort to mission projects. One such person is Terry Bowen whose energy and spirit to do the Lord's work are vivid. Northern Kentucky Association is pleased to welcome him to the area which is concerned about spreading the love of Christ. Bowen has been working with Southside Baptist Church, Covington, since August 1987.

A graduate of Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala., Bowen majored in biology with career goals in environmental research, although he had been involved also in church work.

Missions, for example, was not a new field for Bowen, having done summer missions in Iowa and having participated in mission trips with Baptist Campus Ministry at Jacksonville State.

Lacking only a few hours in completing a biology degree, he was plagued by the recurring question, "What are you going to do?"

Bowen had reapplied for summer missions work during the summer of 1987 but during the waiting process was called for US-2 interviews.

## Youth tournament changes schedule

Due to a scheduling conflict at Cedar-more the dates of both state youth Bible drills and speaker's tournaments have been changed.

Because of this shift additional time is available for associations to submit names of those who qualify at the associational level. The new deadline for submitting names is Apr. 22.

Dates and locations of the 1988 drills and tournaments are: Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, May 6-7, and Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, May 13-14.

Participants should be reminded of the expense-paid trip to Ridgcrest or Glorieta available to the top contestants. Scholarships worth several thousand dollars will also be awarded.

In cooperation with the Home Mission Board and Harold Pike, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Bowen was assigned as the US-2 missionary for Northern Kentucky Association.

The summer of 1987 proved to be fulfilling for both the Southside church and Bowen. Together with Helen Cummins, an inner-city missionary from Southside Baptist, he assisted in three backyard Bible clubs totaling over 900 children, two weeks of vacation Bible school, various youth activities and day care.

Living at the church during the summer, Bowen expressed how he cherished time alone with his work. He now lives several blocks away in an apartment provided by the church.

One crucial function of each US-2er is implementing fresh solutions to deal with existing problems. Bowen's creativity was exemplified in meeting the needs of Covington youth. On his first night he noticed only one teenager in the Sunday evening service. Hoping to get young people involved in church and community activities, he started a Sun-

day night Bible study which has grown steadily. "The youth will be our future and need guidance now," he declared.

Other significant areas benefiting from the US-2er's initiative include Big A clubs, visiting shut-ins and children's church. During the holidays 50 families were fed on Thanksgiving and over 150 families received food and clothing on Christmas. Bowen has felt his work is needed in Covington as greatly as any area of the United States.

Planning to enrol in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, within the next several years, he brings numerous talents to church work. A gifted singer, Bowen was music director of Norwood Baptist Church in his hometown, Anniston, Ala. He was also missions director of Baptist Campus Ministry at Jacksonville State and a long-time Sunday school teacher.

But for now, Terry Bowen is excited about his work in Covington. The US-2 experience is teaching him that showing people you care about them is vital. A mission field, he realizes, is "anywhere people need to know of Jesus' love."

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# mountains to the mississippi



David Jackson (r), a trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board and student development unit director for the Kentucky Department of Education, Frankfort, received a plaque of appreciation from Lloyd Batson, chairman of the board's trustees. Jackson will complete his term of service as a trustee in June.

## personnel

**Terrell Froman** was called as associate pastor at Cove Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Froman is a graduate of Boyce Bible College. Roger Hodge is pastor.

**William H. Orton Jr.** resigned as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, to accept a similar position at Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.

**Carlton Francies** resigned the pastorate of Tiline Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. **John Wooley** of Paducah was called to return as pastor.

**Mrs. Nina Hewitt** took early retirement effective Feb. 26 after being secretary to the Corporation of Baptist Hospitals Inc. 39 years. Baptist Hospitals operates five hospitals and Health Data Center in Kentucky. Mrs. Hewitt, a native of Mt. Washington, resides in Louisville with her husband.

**Mrs. Connie Sue Rucker** of Jefferson-town was named interim director of preschool education at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. Mrs. Rucker attended Campbellsville College.

**Randall Brown** has assumed pastoral duties at Black Lick Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association.

**Brenda S. Flowers** has been named director of public information for California Baptist College.

Mrs. Flowers is a graduate of San Jose (Calif.) State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. She goes to California Baptist College from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she was staff assistant in the Public Relations Department. She has also worked in the Public Relations Division of Southern Seminary and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Piner Baptist Church, Morning View, Northern Kentucky Association, called **Steve Kenman** of Crittenden as minister of music and youth.

Kenman, who is committed to full time Christian service, is a student at Northern Kentucky University, where he is active in the Baptist Student Union.

**Johnny Hash** resigned as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, due to illness.

**Susan Brockway**, a missionary kid who grew up in Kenya, is available to speak to Woman's Missionary Unions and other church groups. Mrs. Brockway may be contacted at North 11th Street, Williamsburg, KY 40769. She is a member of Main Street Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

North Frankfort Baptist Church, Franklin Association, called **David Smith** as pastor. He had been pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Franklin Association.

Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, called **Loren Camfield** as pastor in November.

**Mrs. Zelpha Bishop** and **Mrs. Bessie Whorley** were recognized Dec. 27 by Cloverport Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association, for a combined total of 111 years of perfect Sunday school attendance.

Mrs. Whorley has not missed Sunday school in 50 years, or 2600 consecutive Sundays, while Mrs. Bishop's record began in 1926 and totals 61 years of perfect attendance, or 3172 Sundays.

Both ladies were presented a string of Sunday school perfect attendance pins



Eddie Basham, center, Sunday school superintendent of the Cloverport Baptist Church presented perfect attendance Sunday school pins to Mrs. Zelpha Bishop, (l) and Mrs. Bessie Whorley, (r). Mrs. Bishop has collected 61 of the perfect attendance awards while Mrs. Whorley has collected 61 pins. Their pins were presented to them Dec. 27.

by the church's superintendent of Sunday school, Eddie Basham. Truman Johnson is pastor.

## congregations

**Piner Baptist Church**, Morning View, Northern Kentucky Association, has been experiencing a revival.

Since last October the congregation has received five adults by transfer of letter and four by baptism. The church exceeded its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by more than 40 percent. Sunday school attendance has increased by five percent during the past five months and plans are underway for establishing a deacon family ministry plan and organizing a church training program. Richard A. DeBell is pastor.

**East Frankfort Baptist Church**, Franklin Association, dedicated its new auditorium Nov. 22 during the morning worship service.

## ordinations

**Steven L. Ayers** was ordained to the ministry Feb. 21 by First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association, where Richard W. Bridges is pastor.

Ayers is pastor of Barren River Baptist Church, Warren Association, and attends Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

**Robert A. Bowles**, **Jerry Farthing**, and **Harold J. Hulette** were ordained deacons by Shawnee Run Baptist Church, Mercer Association. Shawnee Run is celebrating its 200th year. Fred Cumming is pastor.

## associations

The **Kentucky Baptist Historical Society** will hold its annual meeting May 20-21 at Cumberland College during the school's 100th anniversary celebration.



**Leon Simpson**  
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# clear creek comment

## Clear Creek's family

Recently I attended a first-year class supper at Clear Creek. Everyone brought a little food (it added up to a lot!) and shared the goodness of the Lord. After supper (dinner to you city folk) students and their families gave testimonies.

One young man was not expected to live at birth or always to be infant-like if he survived. Some were faithful church lay persons who argued with God that they would do **anything** except preach.

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Santayana once said, "a family is one of nature's masterpieces." If that be true then our Clear Creek family is one of God's masterpieces. We believe each family is important at Clear Creek. We care not only for those whom God has called to ministry, but also for their families. Each spouse is important and each one of our 257 children is special at Clear Creek.

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In recognition of Cumberland College's Centennial, the following Resolution was read on the floor of Congress by the Honorable Harold Rogers, Wednesday, January 27, 1988.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF  
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## HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 27, 1988

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, during 1988, Cumberland College in Williamsburg, KY, will be celebrating its centennial. For 100 years Cumberland College, The College of the Mountains has maintained its founding mission: "To provide a quality liberal arts education within the means of mountain people."

The founders of Cumberland College include such men as Gen. Green Clay Smith, who was almost President of these United States, and R.C. Medaris, after whom novelist John Fox, Jr., modeled the character Sherd Rains in three of his novels.

On the Cumberland College campus a plaque honors four of the college's early supporters. In tribute to T.B. Mahan, James P. Mahan, Dr. Ancil Gatliff, and John W. Siler, the plaque makes the great understatement, "They builded better than they knew."

Early supporters of Cumberland College include John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Jay Gould, and William Jennings Bryan.

Cumberland College opened its doors as Williamsburg Institute on January 7, 1889 with two teachers and 199 students. Today, Cumberland College is still alive, well, and vibrant with over 2,100 students, faculty, and staff.

As Williamsburg Institute opened its doors for students that morning in 1889, Mr. John Wesley Siler, one of the college's first

trustees, was present. He was there sponsoring, encouraging, and pushing forward four young men: A.J. Meadors, A.J. Parker, A.S. Petrey, and E.L. Stephens, all of whom were in the first graduating class in 1893. Siler said, "Go forward young men, this school will never die. We will pass on, but the college itself will live."

These founders did build a strong, lasting, influential educational institution. As of today, more than 10,000 graduates of Cumberland College have gone forth to serve as medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, attorneys, business men and women, teachers, social workers, ministers and missionaries, and in many other capacities as they minister to the needs of others.

What is truly remarkable is that over 65 percent of Cumberland College's graduates return to the hills and hollows of Appalachia to serve their fellowman and to encourage their friends, neighbors, and families to seek an education in order to improve their lives and to lift themselves out of their poverty.

Cumberland College's alumni include two Governors of Kentucky, Edwin P. Morrow and Bert T. Combs; one U.S. Congressman, Eugene Siler, Sr.; the highest ranking naval officer ever to emerge from the State of Kentucky, Adm. William T. Blakely; and many other high ranking military officers.

Today, Cumberland College is like a bright, shining city set on a hill, illuminating the way for all who come truly seeking a quality liberal arts education. Cumberland College sits in the heart of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District and serves primarily a 14-county area in the

Kentucky mountains and three counties in the mountains of Tennessee. Some 75 percent of Cumberland College's students come from this area and over 90 percent of them must receive financial aid, yet, in keeping with its mission, during its first 100 years, Cumberland College has never refused a student because he or she lacked funds. Cumberland College is an island of hope in a sea of despair.

The past is but a prologue; the best is yet to be.

There always have been those few who dreamed the impossible dream and were willing to sacrifice everything to bring it to pass; so shall it continue to be.

In the words of the immortal Daniel Webster:

If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work upon men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with the just fear of God and love of their fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface, and which will brighten to all eternity.

Cumberland College is the bright, shining city set on a hill that is now celebrating its 100th year of providing a quality liberal arts education and is planning for another 100 years of educational service to students from the mountains of Appalachia, from across the Nation, and from around the world.

Cumberland College will continue in its mission to its constituents, for in the words of poet Robert Frost, Cumberland College has "... promises to keep and miles to go before it sleeps."

In planning for the future, Cumberland College has made a series of promises to its constituents: (1) To offer a first-class educational opportunity within the means of mountain people; (2) To provide an atmosphere which fosters distinctive spiritual growth; (3) To aid in developing socially responsible citizens; (4) To urge each student to endeavor to reach full potential; (5) To make available opportunities for self-help through work study; (6) To cultivate an appreciation for physical and mental health; and (7) To help uplift this low-income area through Appalachian outreach programs.

The good that Cumberland College does for the mountain area can be seen in the following comparison. Nationwide, we are told, there is a ratio of about 1 medical doctor for every 1,700 people, and in this area there is a ratio of about 1 medical doctor for every 5,000 to 7,000 people. Most of the area's medical doctors are Cumberland College alumni. Cumberland College continues striving to better the health and the health services of Appalachia.

While Cumberland College maintains an enrollment of around 1,900 students, size is not what counts. What matters is Cumberland's caring concerns and demanding expectations for the students from the hills and hollows, the mining camps, and the isolated mountain areas.

I know that the Members of the House join with me in congratulating Cumberland College during its centennial celebration and in wishing Cumberland College the best of success as it enters its second century of service.

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 100<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION



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## oneida journal

### Needed—a greenhouse!

We have a real need for a greenhouse.

Feeding our people involves the preparation of over 13,000 meals per week. Being a boarding school we must prepare three meals per day, seven days a week.

We do all we can to help ourselves before we ask anyone for help. We teach our students to work. We are raising as much food as possible.

We slaughter about every week either beef or pork. For example, we presently have over 250 hogs in various stages of growth and enlarging our facilities to more efficiently raise even more hogs.

Our students help with all the farm and garden work. We raise our own corn. We raise and bale our own hay for the cattle. We grow barley to grind for feed.

Last summer we raised 17 acres of potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, watermelon, cantaloupe, squash, cucumbers, lettuce, onions, beans, corn, pumpkins, peas, beets, carrots, okra and spinach.

With staggered planting we can eat vegetables fresh from the gardens from

May until October.

All through the summer our boys and girls are busy picking vegetables, stringing and breaking green beans, shucking and silking sweet corn, preparing much food for our winter use. We freeze a tremendous amount of tomatoes for use in soups in the winter. Last summer we added another 2600 cubic ft. walk-in freezer.

As we prepare for another season of gardening and food freezing, we are rebuilding a three-story food storage area and adding a dumb waiter to assist in getting the food from the upper levels to the ground floor and our kitchen.

As we look toward the coming summer gardens, we are looking beyond to fall and winter. If we had a good amount of greenhouse space we could raise fresh tomatoes and lettuce, for example, through the winter months for our tables. Those two items alone cost us over \$1000 per month.

Also we could raise up to 20,000 healthy plants for transplanting into our gardens in the spring. Doing this work through the winter months would be a real savings to us.

Also we could raise many flowers in the winter for campus use as well as for possible sale.

We could keep 5-15 students busy with such a greenhouse operation. Think of what wonderful training that will be for each of them!

For the past several years, in the absence of a greenhouse, we have raised about 3000 plants each winter in a furnace room. Because of the poor lighting, no sunlight and the difficulty of keeping the temperature constant, the plants have not been as large or as healthy as they should be.

We want to do better.

We want you to join us in prayer that someone might have a good used 30' x 96' greenhouse or a 70' x 140' one they might give us.

In the past two years our active dean of boys, Bud Underwood, has spotted good ones in four states. Even though many of them were not in use the owners, for varying reasons, did not wish to part with them by sale or gift.

A 30' x 96' greenhouse new with everything needed would cost approximately \$8600. Perhaps you can help us pray in enough money to buy a new one.

We are asking for help that we might better help ourselves. We are not asking you or anyone to give us food outright. We are asking you to help us so we can raise more of our own food. Our boys and girls are learning as they work.



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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR MAR. 13, 1988

#### Life and work series

#### Get rid of greed

**Exod. 20:17** Covetousness is an inordinate desire for things commanding to others. In this tenth commandment covetousness is strictly forbidden. We are forbidden to covet anything, anywhere, anytime. Christ said: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness."

**Luke 12:15-21** The rich man whom Christ used as an example is not named. We are only told that he knew how to select soil and seed and how to take advantage of shower and sunshine so that his ground produced plentifully. Fearing he could keep all his accumulations and enjoy a life of ease, he considered himself a great success. However, God called him a fool because his thoughts, time and energy were devoted to this life only.

The rich man centered his attention on things, putting property above purpose, cash above character, wealth above wisdom and time above eternity. He ignored the needs of others and their claims for help. He never consulted God

in any of his calculations or anticipations. He lived as if he would never die, failing to make any preparation for eternity.

**I Tim. 6:8-10** To be godly is to have the will of God done in our lives. To be content is to recognize that God's will for us is always best.

Many are obsessed with the desire for making money and getting rich quickly and easily. Since earthly possessions are for the time between birth and death, it is the height of folly to spend our time and energies amassing wealth we inevitably must lose when we leave this world.

Those who have consuming passion to be rich, who covet the pleasure and power which money brings, eventually discover the love of money has cooled their pity and frozen their compassion.

#### International series

#### The last supper

**Matt. 26:17-20** Christ sent Peter and John into Jerusalem to make preparations for the Passover meal. On the evening when Christ and the twelve assembled in the Upper Room to partake of this meal, likely he reminded them of the meaning of the Passover.

**Matt. 26:21-25** At the end of the Passover meal Christ told them that one of their number would betray him. Shocked, the apostles began to look at one another and ask, "Is it I?" Christ identified Judas as the betrayer. Knowing the treachery of Judas was an act of his own choice, Christ pronounced the unparalleled words: "It had been good for that man if he had not been born."

**Matt. 26:26-30** In everlasting remembrance of his death of violence, torture and agony, Christ instituted the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Although he used the most common elements they were fraught with great meaning. The bread symbolized the Lord's body, broken for us, and the wine symbolized the Lord's blood, shed for the remission of our sins.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is to be observed by Christ's followers until the return of our Lord. Everytime we observe it scripturally we proclaim His supper must ever be a remembrance of him and never a feast for friends. Whoever partakes of the Lord's Supper in order to show his fellowship with any human being certainly perverts the Lord's Supper and fails to observe it worthily.



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## on mission together

### On a hill not far away

On a cold morning, January 7, 1889, Williamsburg Institute opened its doors for students. A vision had at last become a reality!

**"On Saturday before the school was to open the next Monday, we worked till midnight. Then at midnight on Sunday we went to the school building and began getting everything ready for the opening. About seven o'clock the good ladies brought us our breakfast and we ate heartily of it. When the 200 happy boys and girls were coming in at the front door, we were sweeping the rubbish out at the back. We were dirty and tired but we stayed on the grounds until about noon."**

Such were the humble beginnings of what is now the largest private college in Kentucky. Cumberland College celebrates this year its 100th anniversary. Dr. James H. Taylor, its young and energetic president, has contributed to

its Centennial celebration by writing a new book about the college entitled "A Bright Shining City Set On A Hill."

The book is a treasure chest of delightful and sombre moments in the life of the institution.

Some of the more delightful "trivia" includes the occasion in 1920 when the University of Kentucky enroute to the University of Tennessee for a major game, had scheduled Cumberland for a "warm up" game the day before.

The Kentucky Wildcats were tamed that day by the little mountain team and, for some reason, never scheduled to play their Varsity again!

Cumberland (Baptist) College is, indeed, a "light on the hill." Sometimes when I wonder what I can do about the need in the mountains, I realize what this fine school has been doing for all of us Baptists these hundred years—and for the people of the region, Baptists or not.

When 65 percent of her graduates, as they do, return to the hollows and hills

in Appalachia, the light will inevitably grow brighter and warmer with each passing year.

Cumberland pays a price for that. Currently, the college provides over \$2,300,000 each year in student aid from private gifts and operating funds. That is 20 percent of their operating budget! Without this added non-government aid, many of her students could never earn a college education.

Nationwide there is a ratio of one medical doctor for every 1700 persons. In Appalachia there is only one doctor for every 5000-7000 persons. Taylor indicates that most of the medical doctors in that area are Cumberland graduates!

Baptists in Kentucky have every reason to celebrate Cumberland's 100th birthday. Cumberland ministers for all of us, with help from the Cooperative Program, in ways we could otherwise never minister as individuals.

Happy Birthday, Cumberland College, we're proud and happy you're part of the family!

## Dealing with grief and grace: a 62 year process



T. B. and "Mommie" Maston pose with their son, Tom Mc, in front of Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., in 1986. Through dealing with Tom Mc's cerebral palsy and his recent death, the Mastons have experienced God's grace and have learned how to confront grief.

by Mark Wingfield

The home of T. B. and Essie Maston is quiet now.

The breakfast room once resounded with the laughter of an invalid son and the constant drone of his favorite television shows. Now a deafening silence fills the house.

Only the shuffling of aging feet walking across the wooden floor breaks the stillness. In recent months those feet

have walked a difficult path, one of overwhelming grief.

T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, pioneered in teaching Southern Baptists how to live the Christian life. Many of his insights developed through 61 years of caring for his son, Tom Mc, born with cerebral palsy.

Maston and his wife, whom he affectionately calls "Mommie," devoted their

lives to Tom Mc. Mommie gave up her own career to keep Tom Mc at home.

They refused to put him away in a nursing home. They refused to keep him in the basement. They refused to think he could never amount to anything.

With loving parental care, Tom Mc inspired people around the world. Although he couldn't speak a word, Tom Mc accompanied his parents on multiple foreign mission trips and became the center of attention for visitors in his home and members of his church.

Tom Mc died Nov. 10, 1987.

The Mastons speak about their grief frankly, admitting their hurts are no greater than those of any parent who has lost a child. But they realize those who have looked to them for advice on Christian living may now be looking for an example of Christian dying.

The advice they have is not super-spiritual revelation. They simply express a strong, simple faith in God and his providence.

Tom Mc was born Nov. 15, 1925, injured at birth by a doctor's misuse of forceps.

That was when the Mastons began learning how to deal with grief. Accepting Tom Mc's condition was even more difficult than accepting his death, Mommie said.

"We had expected a normal child," she explained. "It took a number of years until I could completely say, 'Thy will be done.'"

All the doctors gave no hope. They advised the young parents to take the child home and do whatever they could. "we tried everything," Mommie recalled. "Nobody knew anything about cerebral palsy then."

While struggling to deal with the day-to-day concerns of an invalid child, the Mastons wrestled with their own ques-

tions about why this happened to them, she said. "When I finally accepted it, that was a great relief. You just have to work through it as best you can," she avowed.

From that point on the Mastons prayed they would outlive Tom Mc so they could care for him. Maston and Mommie did just that through their 90th and 89th years.

Both parents agree that made the difference in Tom Mc's life. As they worked with him, Tom Mc learned to say the vowel "I" as "yes" and to bat his eyes for "no."

An intimate relationship with God has sustained the Mastons through these difficult years, they said. "The ultimate control of all things is in God's hands," Maston said. "He let us have Tom Mc for almost 62 years."

Honesty is the best policy for confronting grief, Maston propounded. "We need to face up to it and not act like it doesn't affect us, because it does. Every once in a while I have to stop and give vent to my emotions."

"Go ahead and express your grief," he said. "But do it in the right spirit."

Even in Tom Mc's injury at birth, the Mastons did not blame the doctor or God, they said. "Be sure you don't blame the Lord," Maston cautioned. "...The Lord is good."

But when Christians do face grief, the proper response of others is important, Mrs. Maston asserted. "Don't say, 'You've got another chance.' That hits a mother hard. She's not grieving about the future. She's grieving about the present loss."

Both Mastons agree the best counsel they received was to be reminded of God's answers to prayer. They had prayed God would let them live long enough to care for Tom Mc all his life.

## Seminary couple spins the wheel

by David Wilkinson

Familiar with the popular TV game show "Wheel of Fortune?" Then give yourself five seconds to solve this puzzle. It's a six-word phrase: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T \_ N \_ N \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ T \_ N \_ \_ N \_ \_

Solve it? Becky Daniel did. The elementary school teacher, whose husband Mark is a theology student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, appeared as a contestant on a segment of the show aired nationally in February. The 25-year-old South Carolinian solved two of the five puzzles.

The \$2000 she won paid for their "mini-vacation" to Burbank, Calif., where the program is taped. Becky says it also will help the Daniels "finish up the nursery" in their apartment and "buy a lot of diapers" for their first child, due in September.

In addition, the trip provided an enjoyable break after several months of painful recuperation for Mark following surgery in November for a ruptured disk. While "trying not to overdo it" for Mark's sake, they did spend a day touring Universal Studios and driving by several stars' homes.

At the elementary school where she teaches, Becky now enjoys stardom status herself. Students have dubbed her "The Two Thousand Dollar Woman," a take-off on "The Six Million Dollar Man." Of course, teaching colleagues and friends at seminary all want to know about the two stars of "Wheel

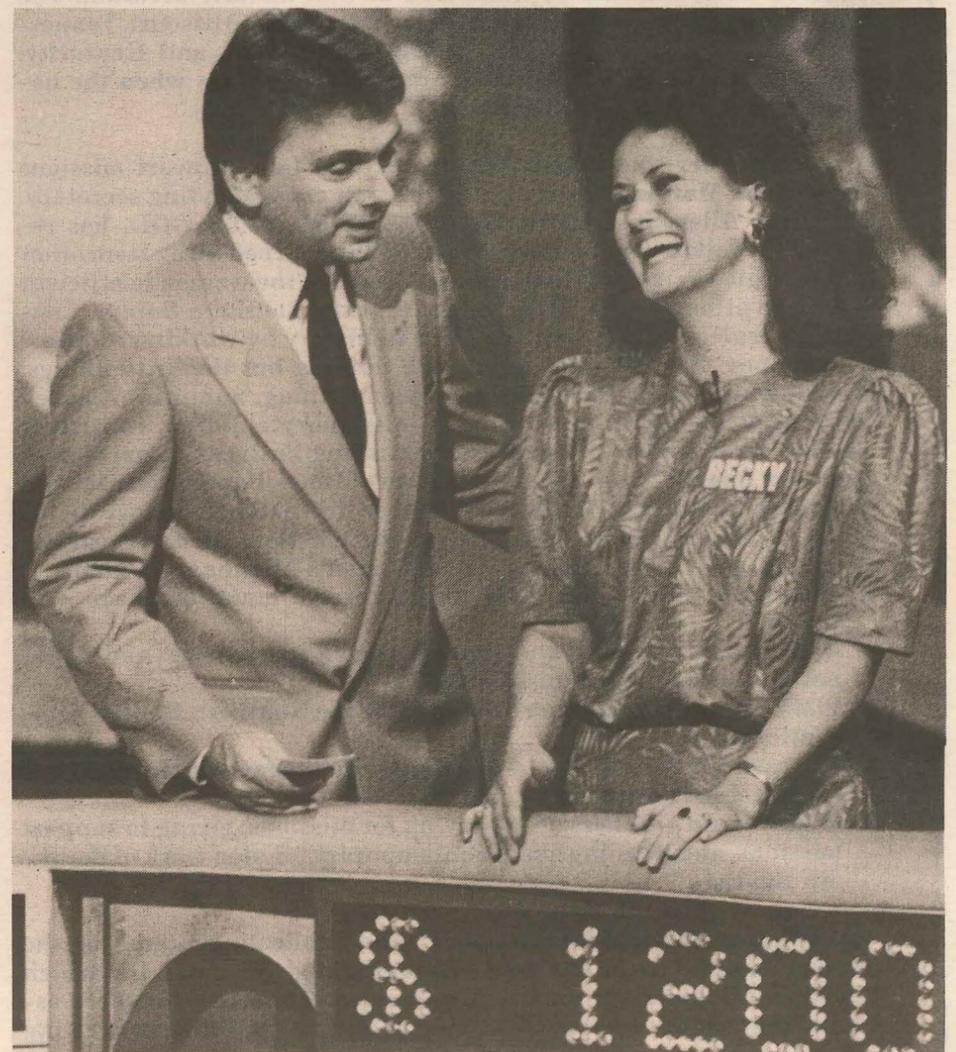
of Fortune." For the record, Becky reports that host Pat Sajak is "smaller than he looks on TV" (naturally), but that he's handsome and personable. While Vanna White "is very nice," Becky thinks she is "older, skinnier and not quite as pretty" as her television image. (Mark, it seems, disagrees).

The whole experience could have been soured by the frustration of failing to win more money. Becky knew the answers to two other puzzles but never got a chance to take a turn. In one case, another contestant guessed enough letters in a single turn to solve "The Empire Strikes Back." During a break she turned to Becky and asked, "What was that?" After learning it was a movie title, she confessed she hadn't been to a movie theater in 25 years.

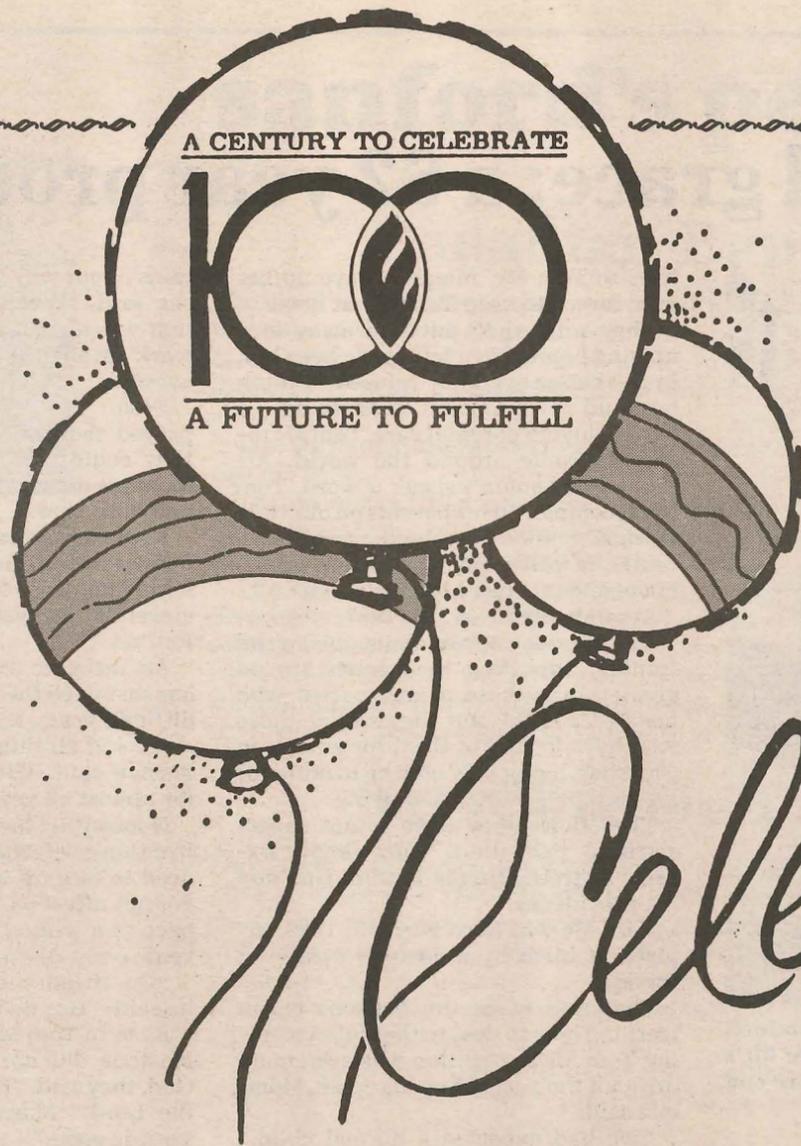
The same woman later missed her chance for \$25,000 in the "bonus round," failing to solve another puzzle that Becky recognized immediately. Although they were "a little disappointed at first," Becky says she and Mark have decided "to enjoy the experience and not worry about what could have been."

Indeed, Becky can always be proud that she got on the show at all. Out of more than 1200 persons from Louisville area who participated in two days of tryouts a year ago, she was one of about 30 persons chosen to compete on the show.

Oh yes. As for the puzzle she solved in five seconds, the answer was: "Are You Thinking What I'm Thinking?"



Becky Daniel laughs with "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat Sajak.



## Woman's Missionary Union Centennial

*"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:7-8 RSV*

On May 14, 1888, in the basement of Broad Street Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized. Thirty-two delegates representing ten states were present. About one hundred Virginia women were there, and, if names and categories were listed, over two hundred women would be numbered at that historic occasion. The constituting states were Maryland, South Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Kentucky. (Note: Kentucky WMU had been organized ten years when the national organization came into being).

It is no wonder that Annie Armstrong, that tall, stalwart missions leader from Maryland, was elected the first corresponding secretary. Catherine Allen, in *LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD*, has recorded the following about this woman: "She turned away from other things to give herself without salary...to enlist the women in efficient service to attend to the 'little things' that the Southern Baptist Convention neglected. She won her place in history by working full time without pay. And she interfered with nothing but the 'little things' of systematic giving, missions education, tithing, annuities, Church Building Loan Fund, protection of missionary children, consistent praying for missions, a successful publishing business, expansion of Southern Baptist territory, organization of Black Baptist women, and ministries to immigrants. In each of these 'little things' she wrote the canon of Baptist experience." After the election, Miss Armstrong stood and gave these distinctives of Woman's Missionary Union:

1. Home and foreign missions would receive equal emphasis and support;
2. WMU would not select and appoint its own missionaries and would not hold property on mission fields;
3. WMU would be auxiliary, a helper, to the Southern Baptist Convention;
4. The mission boards would distribute the money which WMU encouraged her members to give;
5. WMU would give herself to praying for missions, giving to support missions, and learning about contemporary mission work of Southern Baptists.

"Stimulating the missionary spirit" and "collecting funds for the mission boards" were the two original stated purposes for which Woman's Missionary Union was organized. The early founders assumed that such activities as praying, studying the Bible, converting

non-believers, and doing good deeds would happen daily in a Christian woman's life. What good attention was the cause of missions—and that meant organization!

Except for helping a woman develop her devotional life with God, WMU has never had a stated purpose related to the personal needs of her members. No statement has ever hinted at women's rights. To be honest, WMU has helped to open doors for women in Southern Baptist life, but that has been an accidental by-product, not the basic purpose of the organization.

Woman's Missionary Union is a missions organization that happens to be made up of women, girls, and preschoolers, not a women, girls, and preschoolers organization that happens to promote missions!

Some "do you knows" about Woman's Missionary Union:

1. Do you know of another organization, civic or religious, that raises millions of dollars each year and gives it all away? Since 1888, WMU has raised almost \$900 million dollars through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and \$271 million through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and has never kept one cent!
2. Do you know that WMU actively supports the Cooperative Program by encouraging giving instead of fund-raising?
3. Do you know that WMU works to make Bold Mission Thrust a reality by teaching missions regularly in 70% of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention?
4. Do you know that in a survey done by the Home Mission Board, it was discovered that churches with WMU gave ten times as much to missions as churches without WMU?
5. Do you know that WMU has 1,200,000 women, girls, and preschoolers enrolled in quality missions education? By the end of 1988, the goal is 2,000,000. Alma Hunt, past executive director of WMU, SBC said: "Think what has been accomplished by our minority in the past years, think what could be accomplished if we should enlist the majority!" (WMU members make up 15-20% of church memberships).

As you read *A CENTURY TO CELEBRATE*, as you listen to people talk about their WMU heritage, as you remember your own, be proud to be a part of Woman's Missionary Union, an organization whose purpose has been and continues to be making sure that Christ is shared with the world.

Annie Armstrong was asked, "How long will WMU last?" She answered, (and thousands of WMU members echo her words) "As long as there is one person in the world who does not know Christ!"