

## Executive board elects Cordell, adopts budget at Cedarmore

by Greg Hancock

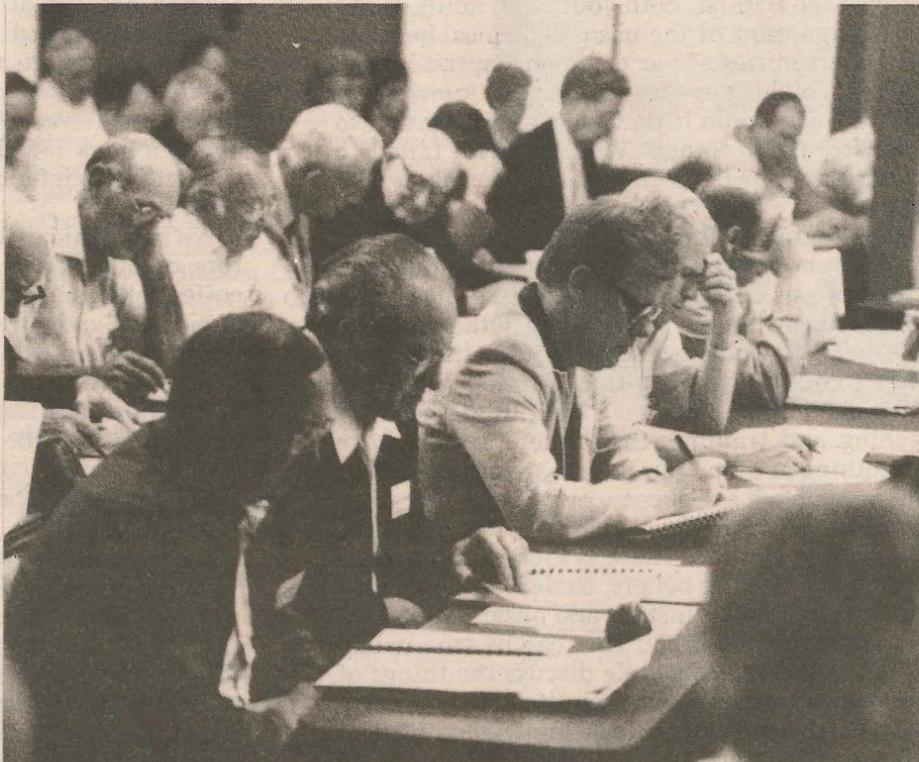
Election of Jim Cordell to the office of Church Music Department director and the adoption of a line holding \$18.5 million budget for fiscal year 1988-89 headline the actions taken by the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board at their Cedarmore meeting, May 2-3.

Other business included the election of Rodney Lee, Long Run Association, to fill the unexpired executive board term of former Walnut Street Baptist Church pastor Jon Stubblefield; the approval for construction of a new Baptist Student Union building on the campus of Western Kentucky University; revision of a financial resources policy pertaining to loans and grants for starting new work; and the official approval of a public affairs committee recommendation to allocate \$4000 in executive board funds to Citizens Against State Lottery (CASL) for the purpose of supporting lottery opposition in Kentucky.

Cordell, currently Church Music Department associate director, succeeds Eugene Quinn who retired Mar. 1. Cordell, a native of Cincinnati, is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He was minister of music at First Baptist Church, Somerset, 13 years prior to joining the KBC staff in 1985. A former public school music teacher, he served Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, as minister of music while in seminary.

Cordell is married to the former Joyce Watkins of St. Joseph, Mo. The couple has two children, Julie Ann, 16, and Jason, 13. They are active members of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

For the second straight year, the executive board is compelled to "hold the line" with program expenditures. Although Cooperative Program giving is slightly up in Kentucky, a greater percentage of Cooperative Program receipts is being forwarded to Southern Baptist Convention causes as the state pursues a 60/40 percent distribution of



The Kentucky Baptist Convention budget for fiscal year 1989-90 was approved after a full day of study. The \$18.5 million document reflects only minimal increase over 1988-89.

CP funds. According to state executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall, this has the effect of sending most new program dollars outside the state until the distribution goal is achieved in 1991-92.

"My conclusion is that the executive board, more than any other Kentucky Baptist entity, will likely have the greatest joy when, in 1991-92, we achieve the 60/40 distribution goal," Marshall affirms.

Agency and institution reports took on particular relevance as the executive heads of Baptist Hospitals Inc., Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and Campbellsville College made their final reports to the executive board. Ben

Brewer, Eldred Taylor and Randy Davenport retire this year.

Howard Cobble, president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and chairman of the executive board, announced the board will host a reception for three retirees following the Tuesday night session of the KBC annual meeting in Owensboro this November. "That will give us all the chance to publicly recognize these gentlemen for their contribu-

tions to Kentucky Baptist life," he stated.

Ted Sisk, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, presented a recommendation from the public affairs committee asking that the executive board provide \$4000 to the Citizens Against State Lottery organization for the purpose of underwriting lottery opposition and, further, that the resources of the executive board be made available to CASL insofar as they would help sustain the fight against a state sponsored lottery.

Sisk explained that information available to the convention at the annual meeting last November indicated church tax exempt status might be threatened if the convention became perceived as a political action group. New interpretation of the legalities concerning such involvement opens the door to Kentucky Baptist opposition to the lottery as a single political issue.

"What we're looking at is the difference between a political action committee and a political issue committee," president Cobble explained. "Kentucky law allows us to address any specific issue without being considered a political lobbying organization."

After a question was raised regarding where the \$4000 would come from, the executive secretary-treasurer explained it would be made available from current, unrestricted funds. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

The board anticipates being called into special session July 19 for the purpose of electing an Evangelism Department director. The next scheduled meeting of the executive board is Nov. 14 in Owensboro, just prior to the annual meeting of the KBC.

## Reagan declines SBC invitation

President Ronald Reagan will not address the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Tex., June 16 because

of a schedule conflict, announced Tom Elliff, chairman of the SBC Order of Business Committee.

The White House informed SBC president Adrian P. Rogers that Reagan could not accept the invitation to speak because he will be on a trip to Canada at that time, said Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.

The communication from Reagan's office came several days before reports circulated that Reagan allegedly consults astrology charts and advisers before making decisions, Elliff told Baptist Press.

"Obviously any Southern Baptist would be gravely concerned over the involvement of any person in astrology," Elliff said. "I am personally disappointed the president would turn to any source other than the Lord God himself."

The Order of Business Committee does not need to consider rescinding Reagan's invitation to address the convention, since the invitation has been declined, Elliff said.

Reagan had been invited to speak at noon June 16, the final day of the SBC annual meeting. The Thursday morning session will adjourn at 11:50 a.m., Elliff said. (BP)

## Brotherhood Commission V.P. killed

Norman Godfrey, 52, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission first vice president, and his wife, Nancy, 53, were found dead at their home in Memphis, Tenn., May 5.

Lt. Don Hollie, a Memphis police investigating officer, said: "Both were found in bed apparently dead of gunshot wounds. Each was shot one time with a rifle found on the floor by the bed. There was no apparent forced entry."

Preliminary investigations indicate Mrs. Godfrey, who had psychiatric problems, shot her husband while he slept, then took her own life, police said. A final medical examiner's report is pending.

The Godfreys were discovered by Commission president James H. Smith and their son Richard when Godfrey failed to report to work.

Godfrey, a 27-year employe of the Brotherhood Commission, liked to say he was a product of Southern Baptist missions. He made a profession of faith in Christ and was baptized in the First Baptist Church, Ajo, Ariz., while it was still a mission congregation.

He was educated at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. His entire career was spent in Brotherhood work. Last year Grand Canyon recognized his career with an honorary doctorate.

"This is an incalculable loss for the Brotherhood Commission," said Smith. "There was no one as committed to the involvement of men and boys in missions as Norman. He was the embodi-

ment of it. We can fill the position, but we cannot replace him."

Mrs. Godfrey, the former Nancy Pennington, was born in Holbrook, Ariz. She and Godfrey met while students at Grand Canyon. They celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary May 4. Both were active in First Baptist Church, Memphis.

The Godfreys are survived by three children: daughter Cynthia Ann Epley of Chattanooga, Tenn., and sons William Timothy and Richard Norman of Memphis; and two grandchildren.

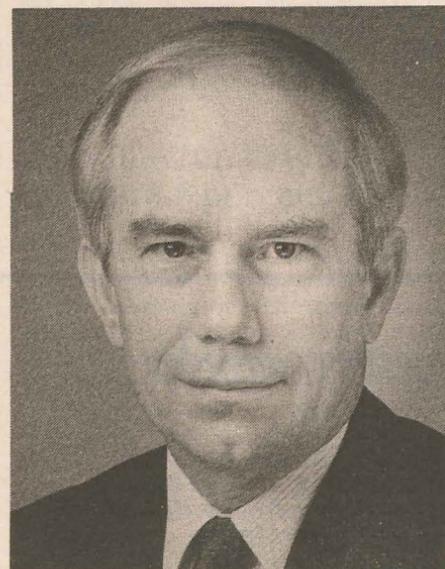
Funeral services were at First Baptist Church, Memphis May 9. (BP)

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

May 10, 1988

### Are you moving?

Please give us three weeks' advance notice. Clip this portion with your old address label, supply new address above, and send to Western Recorder, Box 43969 Middletown, KY 40243



Norman Godfrey

# sanford's perspectives

## Why do we know so little?



Jack D. Sanford

The average Baptist, both youth and adult, is abysmally ignorant of the basic doctrines, heritage and opportunities of our common Baptist life.

Why? Why have we lost the zeal to know? Why have we focused on little things and forgotten to attend to major things? Why have we failed to indoctrinate our people in what it means to be a Baptist?

Many reasons could be and have been given, but they fall short. We say our failures are due to a new emphasis on winning lost people to Christ and that leaves little time for training. Others say we have been too busy struggling with theological matters and struggling with each other for power in the denomination to take heed to the need for teaching and training. Still others say we have lost nothing and that our people are as knowledgeable as we have ever been.

But the lack of knowledge is a fact even the most obtuse can see. There is lack of knowledge about basic Baptist beliefs, basic Baptist church polity, basic Baptist history and basic Baptist understanding of the Bible. That can be seen in any Baptist gathering as people discuss the things of importance to them in church life.

Maybe the reason we lack knowledge of who we are and what we are to be about is because we have neglected the one area of our church life which could supply us the knowledge we lack. That area is Church Training. We have neglected this training ground for so long we have lost a vital part of our heritage.

Do you remember the BYPU and Training Union? It was in these organizations we learned about Baptist life. One hour on Sunday night taught us about the heroes of the Baptist struggle. We learned about men and women who were per-

secuted because of what they believed about the Bible. We learned about men and women who were called to go to foreign places to serve as missionaries for the Lord. We learned about what Baptists believed. We learned that the Bible was an open book for all to read and that any one of us could understand what God was saying in that book.

We had Bible drills, sword drills and the scripture became for us not just a book to sit on the coffee table, but rather a book of life that spoke of our God and our salvation and our responsibility as people of the Lord.

When we let Training Union slip we lost the most important source of training and development we had in the church. We lost the one place where a person could explore with his friends what it meant to be a Baptist.

We "read our parts" on Sunday night and often we were bored to tears. But all the while we were learning about our faith, about our God, about the Bible and about the great traditions our fathers and mothers fought to preserve. When we were in BYPU or Training Union or Church Training we were in the only training ground Baptists have ever had for the people to learn and develop as good church members and good stewards of the gospel of our Lord.

If we are to recover our heritage we must strengthen the Church Training effort in our churches. These are days which call for people who know what they believe, why they believe it and how they can share that belief with others. Church Training is the only place I know where that kind of service is rendered. We must not let this valuable training experience falter.

## A personal word

Many of you know our middle son, Robbie, died last week in New York after a long illness. We had expected it for some time but the final call hit us hard. For days we have been in a stupor.

I have spent 35 years of my life as a pastor and have gone to the graveyard with others hundreds of times. Each time I felt some of the pain and grief my friends were enduring. Last week I felt it in a new and different way and it has been hard. Through all those years I offered the word of God as comfort to those in sorrow. Now I know as never before that the words I spoke were not just preacher talk.

Margaret and I have experienced the grace of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit in a way we have never known before. We testify that only by his grace have we been able to carry this heavy load. We also testify that his grace is sufficient for every need for we have been touched by God in a different way which has given us hope and courage.

Members of churches where I have served have gathered us in their hearts and loved us with gen-

tleness. The members of the church where I now belong have gone the second and third mile to help us bear our grief. We have learned anew what it means to be a part of the family of faith at a time of trouble. It means a little of heaven does come down and fill our soul as friends cry with us and hold us close to them.

Margaret and I want to thank the many Kentucky Baptists who have been so kind. Many of you we do not know personally but you have taken time to send a note or make a call to us and in each instance you have been generous and understanding. We are encouraged by this and we thank you.

The days ahead will be hard and we will have low moments when we are not able to look up. But deep in our soul we know the Lord lives and that He loves us and will provide for our needs.

Again we thank you for caring. We thank you for touching us when we were in deepest pain. We thank you for your pledge that you will continue to pray for us.

**western recorder**

(ISSN 0043-4132)

**JACK D. SANFORD, Editor**  
**JAMES H. COX, Associate Editor**  
**RAY L. HAYES, Business Manager**  
**C. R. DALEY, Editor Emeritus**

**Western Recorder** is published weekly by Western Recorder, Inc., Box 43969, Middletown, KY, except for one week in July and December. Second class postage paid at Louisville, KY.

**Postmaster:** Send address changes to Western Recorder, Box 43969, Middletown, KY 40243.

**Subscriptions:** Single, \$7.35; foreign, \$8.00; church budget, \$5.50. Payable in advance, except church accounts, which require tax exemption number.

**Advertising:** Rates available upon request. Institutional columns on an inside page are paid space.

**Directors:** Robert DeFoor, Harrodsburg, Chairman; Denzel Dukes, Owensboro, Vice Chairman; Glenn Mollette, Pikeville, Secretary; Richard Bridges, Bowling Green; Bill Crosby, Erlanger; Jerry Davis, Pippa Passes; Greg Earwood, Murray; Paul Godsey, Burlington; Garnett Hulette, Frankfort; Don Mantooth, Morehead; John Searcy, Franklin; George Smith, Leitchfield.

# baptist news in brief

## Lolley declines V. P. nomination

W. Randall Lolley has declined to be a candidate for first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, he told Baptist Press during interviews May 2-3.

Lolley, former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and newly elected pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., originally was announced as a candidate early this spring.

The original announcement was made by John Hewett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., who told Baptist Press he planned to nominate his fellow pastor.

Following two dozen unsuccessful attempts to reach Lolley, Baptist Press released the announcement, based on Hewett's report of a letter he received from Lolley. Hewett later disputed the announcement and described the letter he had cited as part of "very preliminary correspondences."

Lolley cleared the air May 2, when he contacted Baptist Press to announce, "I want to say unequivocally that I am not going to accept nomination for the vice presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention this year."

Lolley told Baptist Press two primary factors influenced him to decline the vice presidential nomination.

"First, I sincerely believe there are more exciting candidates than there have been in a long time, and I will support some of them," he said.



Alan Seay

Lee Seay

## Belize missionaries killed in car wreck

Southern Baptist missionaries Alan and Lee Seay were killed Apr. 29 when their car was struck head-on by an armored vehicle traveling in a British Army convoy near Orangetown, Belize. Two Belize Baptists in the car with them were injured seriously.

Initial reports indicate the steering on the army vehicle may have failed.

The Seays and their passengers, Raul and Maggy Escalante, were returning to Orangetown after a Baptist associational meeting when the accident occurred. The Seays apparently were killed instantly. The Escalantes were hospitalized, he with severe bruises and she with head injuries.

The Seays, both from Spartanburg, S. C., were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1985. They were working with a new church in Orangetown that they began about two months ago.

Seay, 48, was pastor of Jan Lee Baptist Church, Burkburnett, Tex., before missionary appointment. He was a graduate of Dallas Baptist College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Seay, 45, was the former Lee Rousey. She had been a secretary in Lancaster and bookkeeper in Wichita Falls, Tex., before her appointment. (BP)

"Second, I have taken personal and professional responsibilities that are new to me, and I will require a period of adjustment," he added. "My church that I'll be accepting July 1 has not had a pastor for a year. For the first few months, I especially need to emphasize my care and concern for them. I want to get a good start."

The only announced vice presidential candidate is Darrell Robinson, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala. Evangelist Freddie Gage said Stan Coffey, pastor of San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., and current president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, will nominate Robinson for first vice president. (BP)

## Hunger giving falters in SBC

Southern Baptist hunger giving has faltered on the eve of the 10th anniversary of World Hunger Day despite persistent reports about a developing food crisis in Africa and vigorous attempts to promote the credibility of the convention's hunger ministries.

Total hunger giving through the Foreign and Home Mission boards for 1987 was \$8,931,339, the third largest amount ever given through the convention's missions boards, but 1.7 percent below the amount contributed in 1986. The 1987 total is 24.5 percent below the 1985 total.

Over 32 percent of the hunger gifts were received at the mission boards during the final quarter of the year and after observance of World Hunger Day in early October. The HMB received 40 percent of its gifts during this period; the FMB, 35 percent.

Virginia, the 12th largest state convention, led all states in hunger giving with \$1,763,202, a 68 percent increase over 1986. In contrast, Kentucky gave \$448,781 in 1987, a 3.4 percent decrease and a per capita contribution of \$.59.

In terms of per person giving Southern Baptists gave \$.61, compared to the all-time high of \$.82 in 1985. Virginia gave \$2.93 per person, the highest amount ever given.

Several conclusions may be drawn for hunger giving in 1987. First, large contributions by several individuals kept the amount from falling below \$7 million.

Second, U. S. media coverage dramat-

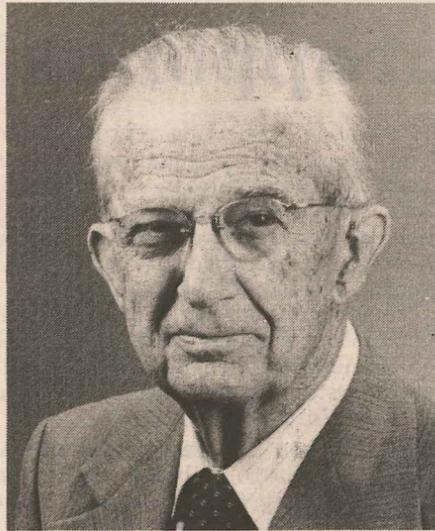
## SBC Forum: "Contending for Faith"

Participants in the Southern Baptist Forum will focus on their Christian faith when they convene at Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., June 12-13.

"The theme for our Forum this year is 'Contending for an Authentic Faith,'" announced Charles Wade, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arlington, Tex., and a member of the Forum steering committee.

"Southern Baptists are engaged in a struggle to speak the truth and to bear witness to an authentic faith before our watching world," Wade said. "The Southern Baptist Forum will lift up Jesus Christ, who is the source of our faith and is our only hope."

"The purpose of the Forum is to provide a gathering place for Baptists who want to hear a cross-section of all our Baptist people," Wade said. "We will hear from missionaries, seminary professors, a pastor and a national spokesman for the application of biblical truth



T. B. Maston

## Maston, ethics pioneer, expires at age 90

T. B. Maston, the "conscience of Southern Baptists" and a pioneer in Christian ethics, died May 1 at the age of 90.

Maston was professor emeritus of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., where he taught 41 years, 1922-63.

During his tenure at Southwestern, Maston led the racial desegregation movement among Southern Baptists, writing about the subject as early as 1927. He published two books in 1959 that urged Baptists to integrate.

Maston also was a pioneer in the study of Christian ethics among Southern Baptists and wrote 23 books on that subject as well as Christian development.

In 1943 he established the Department of Christian Social Ethics at Southwestern. He also was responsible for developing of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Maston continued his role among Southern Baptists up to the time of his death, writing a series of articles about ordination as recently as last year.

Maston was a popular speaker for several years at missionary orientations for the Foreign Mission Board and traveled to more than 25 countries on 17 occasions speaking to missionaries.

Maston was born Nov. 26, 1897, in Jefferson County, Tenn. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Southwestern; Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth; and Yale University, New Haven, Conn. (BP)

## Gregory declines nomination to HMB

Texas Baptist convention president Joel Gregory has declined a nomination to serve on the board of trustees of the Home Mission Board.

Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, became involved in controversy in late March when a Texas member of the Committee on Nominations said his nominations of Texans to serve on Southern Baptist Convention boards were treated unfairly because of convention politics.

Jimmy Towers, pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., said an unnamed Texas Baptist pastor had been removed from consideration as a nominee to serve on the Home Mission Board and was replaced by Gregory.

Towers said Gregory, who initially

had been nominated to serve on the Foreign Mission Board, was shifted to the Home Mission Board to make room for the nomination of Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas, and the unnamed pastor was removed from consideration.

Towers was a Texas member of the Committee on Nominations, which is composed of a layperson and a clergy or denominationally related member from each of the 33 states qualified for representation. The committee's only function is to nominate trustees to the 20 national agencies of the SBC.

Gregory told Baptist Press he had contacted Committee on Nominations chairman Joseph T. Knott III of Raleigh, N. C., shortly after "the thing broke. I let the chairman know how I felt about it. He told me the procedure and understood how I felt about it."

Gregory said at the time he was "in the process of appealing to the elected and appointed Southern Baptist leadership to restore that brother to his rightful place on the Home Mission Board." (BP)

## Annuity funding rate goes to 8.5 percent Aug. 1

Effective Aug. 1, the annuity funding rate for retirement plans administered by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board will decrease from 9 to 8.5 percent. The annuity funding rate is the rate a retiree's annuity will be credited throughout his or her life.

Persons participating in Annuity Board retirement plans must retire by June 30 to get the 9 percent rate.

Members who are eligible for retirement may request retirement applications by calling the board's toll-free number 1-800-262-0511.

to the hard issues facing American Christianity."

The missionaries are Libby Bellinger, an inner-city minister in Waco, Tex., and president of Southern Baptist Women in Ministry, and Mildred McWhorter, director of mission centers in Houston.

The professors are Bill Leonard, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Alan Neely, professor of missiology at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and interim executive director of the Southern Baptist Alliance.

The pastor is W. Winfred Moore of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., and former SBC first vice president. And the spokesman for biblical truth is Tony Campolo, a professor at Eastern College in St. David's, Pa.

Forum organizers expect at least 3000 participants for the event. (BP)

# baptist news in brief

## SBC president appoints 1988 committee members

Southern Baptist Convention president Adrian P. Rogers has announced his appointments to four key committees that will serve during the 1988 annual meeting of the SBC, June 14-16 in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Tex.

Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., said the appointees "are not highly identified with political activity, but are the people out there in the trenches doing the work. I think they are representative of who we are historically."

"Included among the 136 appointees are pastors, church staff members, directors of missions, state convention presidents, state Woman's Missionary Union presidents, businessmen and women, school teachers and homemakers. The appointees are 60 percent from the pastoral category and 40 percent from the lay categories. Among the four committees are 28 women, including 17 on the Committee on Committees," Rogers said.

The Committee on Committees has

66 members, reflecting representation from six state or regional conventions granted membership in a revision of Bylaw 32 in 1987. The new state conventions represented are Alaska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania-South Jersey and Utah-Idaho.

The committee's key responsibility is nominating members for the Committee on Nominations, which, in turn, nominates trustees to serve on the 24 national entities affiliated with the SBC.

Rogers has appointed William A. Smith, pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, Ga., as chairman of the 1988 Committee on Committees.

Kentucky members include L. C. Gray, pastor of Parrish Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, and Glenda Copass, a homemaker and member of

### WMU nears \$1 million in relocation effort

Recently released figures from Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union indicate WMU is approaching the \$1 million mark in contributions toward retiring the debt of its headquarters facility in Birmingham, Ala.

WMU relocated in 1984 from downtown to a complex on a 25-acre site atop New Hope Mountain on the outskirts of the city. Cost of the property, building and furnishings totaled \$8.6 million. The 137,280-square-foot building features a large auditorium, seven main conference rooms, a television studio, library and archives, and warehouse designed for expansion.

As of Apr. 30, receipts totaled \$779,209.80 toward debt retirement, WMU officials announced.

Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville.

The Resolutions Committee is made up of 10 members, three of whom must be members of the SBC Executive Committee. The committee has the "duty . . . to prepare and submit to the convention resolutions which the committee deems appropriate for adoption and to report on all matters submitted to it by the convention, with or without recommendation or amendments."

Rogers told Baptist Press he has given the Resolutions Committee no instructions, but "would hope that we would keep intensely controversial issues out of our resolutions process until we can coalesce as a convention around our major purposes."

Bylaw 22 requests proposed resolutions be sent to the committee 30 days in advance of the convention. It adds "resolutions, including those previously sent to the committee, shall be submitted to the convention not later than the evening session of the first day. Titles of proposed resolutions shall be read into the record by an officer of the convention. . . ."

Rogers has asked Jerry Sutton, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nash-

ville, to be chairman of the Resolutions Committee. No Kentuckians are among those appointed to the committee.

The Credentials Committee, which works with the registration secretary, is charged by Bylaw 8 to "review and rule upon any question which may arise in registration concerning the credentials of messengers. Any such ruling may be appealed to the convention during business session. Any contention arising on the floor concerning seating of messengers shall be referred to the committee for consideration and the committee shall report back to the convention."

Rod Masteller, pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, has been named chairman. Trueman Davis, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky., is among the 29 people named as committee members.

The Tellers Committee, working under the supervision of the registration secretary, tabulates any vote taken during the annual meeting.

Clayton Spriggs, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, Ark., is chairman. Ellery Finch, a member of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, will be on the tellers committee. (BP)

### —classified ads—

**MISSIONS SUMMER CAMP** for children and youth at Rabro, Cedar Crest, Jonathan Creek. Affordable prices, trained staffs. Contact Rob Carr, Brenda Price, Kentucky Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union, 502-245-4101. EW

**ISLAND GETAWAY**, Sanibel Island, Florida, 2 BR, 2 B condo for rent. Beautifully furnished, screened porch, pool, tennis courts, bikes, secluded beach. \$400 weekly (502) 895-8752.

**FOR SALE:** Addressograph plate holders. Approximately 12,000 with storage cabinet. \$50.00. Call 502-893-8275.

## TOUR THE USA/CANADA WITH STEWARD TOURS

**17-day—June 15-July 1**  
Nova Scotia/Eastern Canada  
\$989.99 each person

**7-day—August 9-15**  
Canada's Northland/Polar Bear Express  
\$465.00 each person

**6-day—Sept. 19-25**  
The Autumn Run/Agawa Canyon  
\$450.00 each person

**28-day—July 25-Aug. 21**  
Alaska  
\$2,295 each person

**3-day—August 25-27**  
KY Gourmet Tour  
\$195.00 each person

**6-day—Oct. 10-15**  
Ozark Mountains  
\$335.00 each person

### All Tours Include:

- Louisville & Northern KY Boarding
- Transportation
- Lodging
- Baggage Handling
- Admissions
- Some Meals

**Steward Tours**  
P. O. Box 566 Prospect, KY 40059  
1-800-426-2316  
1-502-228-5654

*"Conducting Tours Since 1964"*

## Women in Ministry to focus on gifts

"Differing Gifts According to Grace" will be theme for the Southern Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting June 11-12 in San Antonio, Tex.

The meeting will be held in three locations: Manor Baptist Church, for morning and afternoon sessions beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11; Plaza Nacional la Villita in downtown San Antonio, for a Spanish fiesta at 6 p.m. Saturday; and the Arneson Theater on the San Antonio River, for Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

Women in Ministry's sixth annual meeting is expected to draw about 400

participants, said Karen Conn Mitcham of Johns Island, S. C., public relations chairman for the organization.

The meeting will feature a sermon by Jann Aldredge Clanton, a Southern Baptist who is assistant pastor and minister of family life at St. John's Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., and a "dialog of gifts" by Carolyn Bucy, a homemaker from Waco; Ardelle Clemons, a homemaker from Lubbock, Tex.; Barry McCarty, a child and family therapist from Houston; Libby Potts, associate director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission in Dallas; and Carmen Sharp, retired pastor from Louisville, Ky.

The meeting's registration fee of \$20 includes a Saturday luncheon, and a ticket for the Saturday night fiesta is \$10 extra. Women in Ministry dues are \$30; \$20 for students and retirees. For more information, write Southern Baptist Women in Ministry, 9210 Acorn Dr., Waco, TX 76703. (BP)



- Marriage and Family Enrichment
- Youth and Senior Adults
- Church Staff and Deacon Retreats

For information contact:

**Larry & Kitty Keaton**  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2336

East Tennessee's Original Outdoor Drama

### Smoky Mountain Passion Play

Outdoor Drama of Jesus  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

AND PRESENTING

### Damascus Road

The Story of Paul  
Tuesday, Thursday

Townsend, Tenn.—8:30 p.m.  
June 10 through August 27

Special church discount for groups of 15 or more. For reservations and information write or call: Smoky Mountain Passion Play, Townsend, TN 37882. Phone (615) 448-2244 or (615) 984-4111.

**YOUTH NIGHT PERFORMANCES**  
June 10 & 11, 1988

Special 16th Anniversary celebration! Singing, fellowship, and inspiration! This is a special invitation for your youth group and chaperones to join us for only 50% of our usual church group admission. General public is also invited.

Affordably priced for the entire family!

**"Quilts"**  
Want to Buy  
Pre-1940 Quilts - Cash  
Send quilt or photo to:

*Shelly Zegart*

12-Z River Hill Road  
Louisville, Kentucky 40207  
(502) 897-3819

## Church Furniture Upholstery

AT CHURCH SITE  
Free Estimates • References

502-542-7585

**M & E ENTERPRISES**  
82 Dogwood Way  
Auburn, KY 42206

# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

New Salem Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, has called **Ron Shaw** as youth director. Shaw is a student at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Robert Steadman is pastor of New Salem.

**Ellis Payne** has accepted the call to the pastorate of Eastview Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, has called **Jim Bradshaw** as minister of music and youth. Bradshaw comes from Living Hope Baptist Church, Warren Association, where he held a similar position. Jim Shaw is pastor of South Elkhorn.

Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, called **Kent Workman** as pastor. Workman served as interim pastor of the church since July, 1987. He began as pastor in April, 1988. Workman is a native of Dawson Springs. His education is in medical technology and for the past eight years he served as director of the laboratory at Muhlenberg Community Hospital, Greenville, Ky. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and interned at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.



**Dan Ferguson** joined the staff at Central, Corbin as minister of activities and youth. He is a graduate of Cumberland College and Southern Seminary.

**Jimmy York** resigned the pastorate of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Bethel Association, to accept the pastorate of Brownsville Baptist Church, Warren Association. The Clinton County native is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. His first Sunday at Brownsville was Apr. 10.

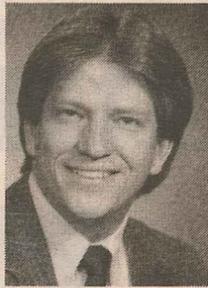
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, has called **David Reynolds** as minister of youth and education. Reynolds is currently a student at Campbellsville College. Herman Wilkins is pastor.

Holding a masters of church music from Southern Seminary, Louisville, **Dottie Anderson** has accepted the call to minister of music and youth, Bagdad Baptist Church, Shelby County Association. Mark Potts is pastor.

**Danny Mynatt** resigned as minister of youth at Burgin Baptist Church, Mercer Association, to take a position as minister of education and youth at South Knoxville (Tenn.) Baptist Church. Mynatt is a Southern Seminary graduate and will be a student at the University of Tennessee School of Law while he serves the Knoxville church. Jon R. Roebuck is pastor of the Burgin Church.

Eubank Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Albert McKinney** who accepted the call of Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

South Greensburg Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, called **David Turner** as pastor. He began his ministry with the church Apr. 24.



Darryl Wilson



Gary Cook

Mar. 27, High Attendance Day, the Living Hope Baptist Church, Warren Association, celebrated the arrival of **Darryl H. Wilson**, who has accepted the call to minister of education and administration. Wilson comes to Living Hope from First Baptist Church, Pendleton, S. C., where he was minister of education and youth. A 1982 graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., he received an MDiv in Christian Education from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, graduate **Gary Cook** was elected president of Dallas Baptist University Apr. 6 in a called meeting of trustees.

Presently director of denominational relations and special assistant to the president, Baylor University, Waco, Tex., Cook was the unanimous decision of a seven-member search committee.

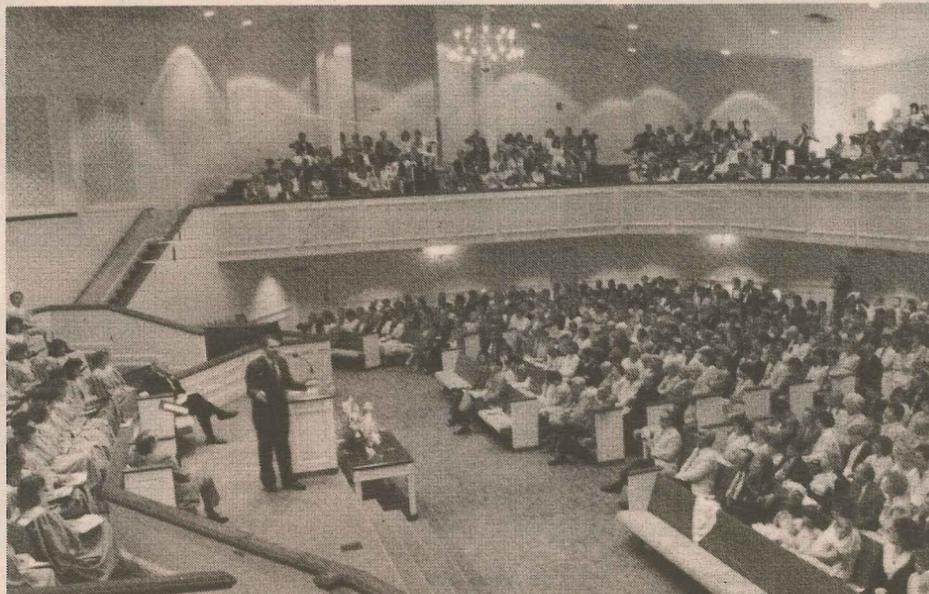
Cook was minister to senior adults, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association, 1972-75. His wife, Sheila, is a native of Louisville and holds degrees from University of Louisville and Georgetown College. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Raymer of Louisville.

## revivals

Jay Brown, former director of the Evangelism Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, is preaching at **South Side Baptist Church**, Covington, May 8-13. Services are at 7:30 each night. A. Harold Pike is pastor of South Side.

**New Liberty Baptist Church**, Liberty Association, reports 27 professions of faith in its recent revival. Billy J. Foster was the evangelist. Larry Noe is pastor.

Jack Sherman was evangelist for the Apr. 17-24 revival at **First Baptist Church**, East Bernstadt, Laurel River Association. Sixty-eight decisions were made, including two additions by letter. David and Sherry Slinker led music. Lynn Dotson is pastor.



Eastwood Baptist Church fills its new sanctuary.

## ordinations

Apr. 24 Graham Baptist Church, Muhlenberg County Association, ordained **Charles Wright** and **David Hope** as deacons. Bobby Jackson Jr. is pastor.

**Danny Pace** was ordained to the ministry by Living Hope Baptist Church, Warren Association. Pace has been pastor of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, a mission of Living Hope, since June 1987.

Locust Grove Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, ordained **Dallas Blevins** and **Shelby Madden** as deacons. Paul E. White is pastor.

## congregations

Apr. 3 **Eastwood Baptist Church**, Warren Association, moved into its recently completed sanctuary. Attendance and giving records were set. David Owens is chairman of the building committee. Jim Haskell is pastor.

**Campbellsburg Baptist Church** is sponsoring a "Starting Over" seminar for the recently divorced. The first two sessions were Apr. 28 and May 5. The third is May 12, 7:30 p. m.

Assisting in the seminar are Ed Hampe, Christian psychologist; Gary Rucker, pastor, Port Royal Baptist Church; and Robin Jimmerson, pastor, Campbellsburg Baptist Church. There is no charge for the seminar.

**Eaton Memorial Baptist Church**, Daviess-McLean Association, will be celebrating its 80th anniversary July 10. Former pastors, music personnel and other staff are invited as special guests. Lunch reservations may be made by calling (502) 684-5239. The cost is \$5, adults; \$3, children ages 5-12; and no charge for children under five.

## deaths

**Imogene Crumpler**, wife of W. L. Crumpler, former Kentucky Baptist Convention employe, died Saturday, Apr. 2. Mrs. Crumpler, 79, a former high school teacher, is survived by a son, Joseph, and two sisters. Memorials should be sent to Kentucky Baptist Child Care Program, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, KY 40243.



James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### Elementary lessons

Thirty years ago I started teaching in a children's department in a Southern Baptist church.

Across the decades I've worked with children in Sunday school, Church Training, children's church and vacation Bible school. My wife has usually been there alongside me. Since 1965 I've written SBC children's curriculum and led workers' clinics in many states. I've been to several Sunday school weeks at Glorieta and Ridgecrest. My wife jokingly says I've done children's work so long, if I can't get it right, they ought to put me in a slower group!

After a brief sabbatical in an adult department, we returned to the classroom last fall. Neither of us could work with another age group without difficulty. The kind of youngsters we teach tells why. I've changed their names to protect identities.

First, there's Sally. She and her widowed mother are as committed to the church as any family we have. They come from a distant state, and only rarely are they absent. Sally is usually the first to arrive on Sunday morning, eager to learn and to help at every turn. *O, God, give me what it takes to be a good role model to fill a void in Sally's life.*

Then there's Jill. A precious child who is very smart, she is unique in her designer outfits. Yet, she, too, needs love. One Sunday she climbed into my wife's lap and said, "Will you hold me, Mrs. Cox?" She didn't care what anybody thought. *Help us, Father, to meet the special needs Jill has.*

And Hal. Undisciplined, he contributes whatever goes through his mind at the time. He fears being slighted. When he speaks, he does so with authority. *Dear Lord, show us how to channel Hal's boundless energy for other things into acts that honor you.*

There's also dear little Timmy, just the opposite. Since he came into the department in October I'm not sure he has opened his mouth to utter a word! He needs a lot of recognition, too. *Holy Spirit, may we share your love thoughtfully and painstakingly with Timmy?*

These are but a few of two dozen children who are our responsibility each week. They are often in our minds and seldom far from our hearts.

Once, years ago, I was sitting in a workers' training meeting at Ridgecrest. Someone asked a question that was on my mind, too: "What do you do with problem children?"

The leader spoke volumes when he replied: "Consider each boy or girl an opportunity, not a problem."

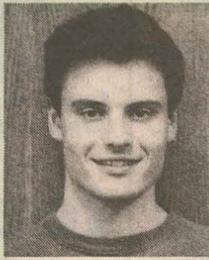
I've been grateful ever since for the opportunities that have been my privilege to teach God's word.

# BSU summer missionaries

*Home*



**Stefanie Bell**  
Western  
Little River Assn.



**Craig Bratcher**  
Western  
Muhlenberg Assn.



**Pamela Crabtree**  
Cumberland  
Long Run Assn.



**Diane Daugherty**  
U of K  
Northern Ky. Assn.



**Cheryl Simpson**  
Northern  
Illinois



**Sharon Edwards**  
Cumberland  
Little River Assn.



**Mary B. Easterling**  
Somerset  
Nelson Assn.



**Jeffery Hopwood**  
Campbellsville  
Camp Jellystone



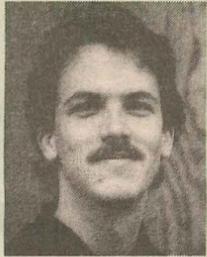
**Tammy Lively**  
Morehead  
Nelson Assn.



**Cynthia Stith**  
Morehead  
Maryland/Delaware



**Lisa Strader**  
U of L  
Ohio

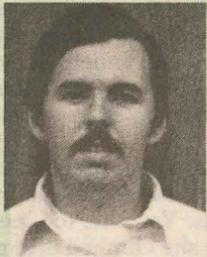


**Mark Olney**  
Cumberland  
Marrowbone Center

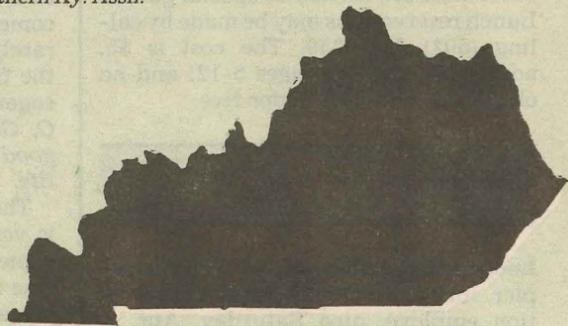


**Rodney Pitts**  
Kentucky State  
Northern Ky. Assn.

## Kentucky Direct Missions



**David Ramsey**  
Elizabethtown  
Camp RABRO



**Chris Wade**  
Georgetown  
Maryland/Delaware



**Alan Watts**  
Campbellsville  
Florida

## Son Praise creative ministry team



**James Atherton**  
Georgetown



**Lori Blanford**  
Western



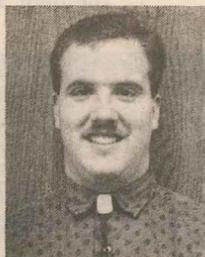
**Laura Bevins**  
Morehead



**Jerry Butcher**  
Georgetown



**Kelly Grimes**  
Eastern



**John Hume**  
U of L

## Son Share drama team



**Cheri DePugh**  
Northern



**Eric Heidel**  
Northern

## Son Celebration music team



**Tom Lewis**  
Morehead



**Candace Ward**  
Cumberland

## Son Burst revival team



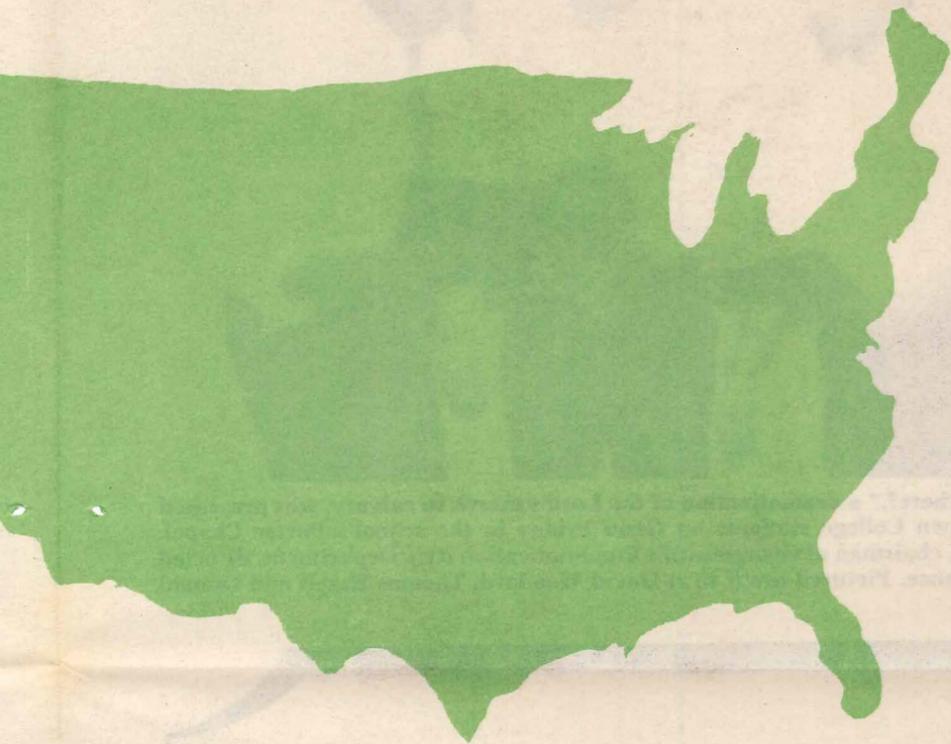
**Bradley Brown**  
Georgetown



**Susan Carney**  
U of L

# ry assignments for 1988

## ne Mission Board



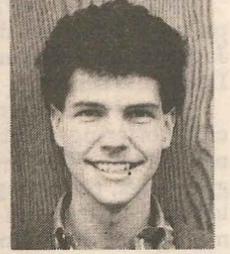
**Brian Coleman**  
Alice Lloyd  
Alabama



**Jack Copley**  
Morehead  
Iowa



**Phyllis Ferguson**  
Jefferson  
Missouri



**Tom Gehring**  
U of K  
Virginia



**Lisa Guffey**  
U of K  
South Carolina



**Deborah Jeremiah**  
Berea  
New York



**Caprecia Kilburn**  
Berea  
Florida



**Lee Kinkle**  
U of L  
Tennessee



**Ruth Ann Pogue**  
Murray  
Georgia



**Mary Ratliff**  
Oneida  
Missouri



**Laura Sheets**  
Berea  
Missouri



**Tamy Sidwell**  
Eastern  
New York



anford  
tern



**Amy Branch**  
Western



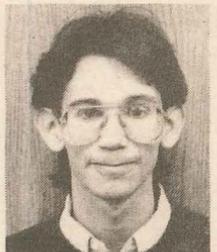
**Angie Hopperton**  
U of L



**Rodney Norwell**  
Georgetown



eidel  
ern



**Jon Heinrich**  
U of L



**Rebecca Monday**  
Berea



**Daniel Razor**  
Northern



Carney  
fL



**Joel Heard**  
U of K



**Beth Ann Mauney**  
Eastern

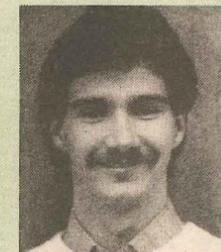


**Rebecca Robbins**  
U of K

## Foreign Mission Board



**LaRaine Dail**  
Georgetown  
Israel



**Jeffrey Perkins**  
Cumberland  
Korea



**Robin Reichenbach**  
U of K  
Europe



**Kevin Rose**  
U of K  
Brazil



**Ginny Perry**  
Murray  
Philippines

# christian education

## Jackson will lead ministry center

Walter A. Jackson has been named the first director of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Center for Ministry.

The person of the minister will be the primary focus of the program led by Jackson, a professor of ministry at the Louisville school.

Some of the center's functions will include offering vocational guidance and assessment of seminary students and graduates, providing a context for dialog and instruction in theological and ministerial disciplines, offering educational opportunities to improve func-

tioning in ministry and facilitating an ongoing dialog with seminary faculty regarding emerging issues in the practice of ministry.

Jackson, a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Seminary, has been on the seminary faculty since 1982. In addition to directing the Center for Ministry, he will continue his teaching duties and his administrative responsibilities as director of the seminary's Supervised Ministry Experience program.

Prior to joining the seminary faculty, he was director of pastoral care at the Baptist Medical Center of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City six years. He also has been a hospital chaplain in Kentucky, pastor of three Kentucky churches and has worked on the staffs of churches in Virginia.

The Center for the Ministry will conduct its first conference in September.



"Were You There?" a dramatization of the Lord's march to calvary, was presented by Georgetown College Georgetown's Good Friday in the school's Porter Chapel. Eugene Hall, chairman of Georgetown's Communication Arts Department, directed the performance. Pictured are (l to r) David Woodard, Thomas Ezzell and Donald McCormack.

### CONSTITUTION AND COVENANT

 Making the Distinction  
Religious Liberty Day • 1988  
BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### YOUR BEST RETREAT VALUE

- \* under \$40 per person per day
- \* all meals, lodging and meeting rooms included
- \* ideal for conferences, youth and senior or choir retreats
- \* pools, tennis, hiking
- \* references provided on request

### Clifty Falls State Park

(Open year around)

Duke Erhardt, Innkeeper  
Madison, IN 47250

Box 387

1-812-265-4135

# DON'T FORGET!

## May 8, 1988 was the Sunday School Charity Fund Special Offering

The monies received will assist patients with their medical expenses.  
Will you and your church help?

### Baptist Hospitals Foundation Serving

Central Baptist Hospital  
Lexington, Kentucky

Baptist Hospital East  
Louisville, Kentucky

Baptist Hospital Highlands  
Louisville, Kentucky

Western Baptist Hospital  
Paducah, Kentucky

Baptist Regional Medical Center  
Corbin, Kentucky

Call or write Vice President, Baptist Hospitals Foundation, 4007 Kresge Way,  
Louisville, Kentucky 40207, (502) 896-5003.

# baptist forum

## Fasting and prayer

You asked readers to give their opinions on prayer and fasting—especially fasting as prayer is supposedly practiced more than fasting. Personally I am for both prayer and fasting if we follow through on the inspiration we receive during these times of soul-searching and commitment.

If we fail to do this we should be in a monastery with the other monks.

Loretta Wittmer  
Owensboro

## Fasting addressed by nonBaptist

I am not a Baptist but I subscribe to Western Recorder in order to read Oneida Journal to keep up with that fine school which my ward has attended the past year.

You ask for comments on fasting, implying such is not a standard practice for Baptists. Prayer and fasting have been requested by your Foreign Mission Board for the spread of the Christian faith.

Paul and Barnabas "appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord" (Acts 14:23). This seems to be a good model for the equipping of missionaries. Prayer and fasting was also stated to be necessary for deliverance from demons. God said "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning" (Joel 2:12).

Might it not be time for fasting to become a Baptist custom?

Hughs Farmer  
Henderson

## Article distorts Baptist history

This is in response to the Mar. 22 Western Recorder dealing with the priesthood of the believer. The first two paragraphs make these bold and startling assertions—the earliest Baptist church began in 1608, it practiced sprinkling and it was 40 years later it discovered immersion.

Are such assertions consistent with facts and biblical doctrine? Consult Birdwhistell's *Kentucky Baptists 150 Years on Mission Together*, pp. 89-90. Whitsitt became president of Southern Seminary in 1895. Controversy erupted when Baptists learned of Whitsitt's contention that "Baptists in England and America had 'sprinkled' until the early 1640s, when immersion as the form of baptism was recovered."

The errors of Whitsitt's views were exposed by Western Recorder editor T. T. Eaton and J. H. Spenser, author of *History of Kentucky Baptists*. Whitsitt resigned because his views were incompatible with Southern Baptists.

Yet in our day the same errors are set forth in an article in Western Recorder. Have we forgotten our biblical and historical roots so soon? What would other Baptists think of the way we are handling the heritage they passed on to us? Consider J. M. Pendleton, J. S. Coleman and S. H. Ford, author of *The Origin of the Baptists*.

However the testimony of God's word is the real issue (see Matt. 16:18, 28:20 and Eph. 3:21). God meant what he said and he has done what he promised. There have been congregations preaching the true gospel and maintaining purity of the ordinances in every age since the New Testament. Therefore true Baptists did not originate in 1608 nor did they practice sprinkling for baptism.

Phillip R. Potter  
Catlettsburg

## Public fasting is wrong

This is in response to your request for readers to respond to the call for all Southern Baptists to make fasting a part of the equipping we must do in order to witness in power to a lost world.

May 20 is a special day of prayer and fasting. Fasting may have some value for the individual. It is this public call to corporate Southern Baptist bodies I think Jesus and Isaiah would condemn.

According to Matthew 6:16-18 and Isaiah 58:1-12 fasting, especially public fasting or calling attention to your actions, was condemned. This applied to public prayer to a certain extent. Both of these to be effective and profitable must be private.

Fasting and calling attention to it was condemned by both. In fact, fasting as it was practiced in the days of Isaiah and Jesus was to be condemned. Jesus said the person who fasted was to anoint his head, wash his face and cleanse himself so no one could tell he was fasting. Isaiah also severely rejected this "playing to the galleries" for recognition. In general fasting seemed to have a low priority for both, as it does to this writer.

They were—as I am—far more concerned about social justice, mercy and sharing with the poor, the oppressed and powerless. They also taught God is also. They believed and taught that one's relationship to his fellows reveals his relationship with God. "By this may all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love for each other." The proof of the relationship is in the living.

This call smacks of grandstanding or Madison Avenue tactics to call attention to ourselves. I believe there are better ways of accomplishing our mission than a call to fasting.

James H. Peterson  
Radcliff

## Fasting is right

I am so glad there will be a special day of fasting and prayer. I support the principle and reality of fasting for the following reasons.

Fasting is a weapon for fighting spiritual battles. Prayer and fasting go hand in hand. Fasting is of physical benefit to the body as a means of cleansing and purifying the system.

It is through fasting we have the most effective means of bringing the body under submission so we may operate and minister in spiritual ways. It breaks the cycle of eating three meals a day. Fasting strengthens the "inner man."

Jesus didn't say "if" you fast, but "when" you fast.

Fasting brings appetites and habits into subjection. It involves self control and its benefits are manifested in three areas of our lives: spiritual, emotional and physical.

Fasting is supremacy of the spirit over mind and body as there is a tremendous

spiritual power released.

Moderate fasting fulfills the scriptural pattern for us today and complies with the natural laws of good health.

Fasting allows certain parts of your body to rest and purges it of impurities, toxic substances and fat deposits that have built up.

You have trouble rebuking Satan when you do not have every part of your being under control.

Thank you for your invitation for readers to respond. I shall look forward to May 20 to join other believers in prayer and fasting.

Eleanor Veazey  
Madisonville

*Letters for baptist forum: maximum length, 300 words. Longer letters will be edited for space or returned for revision. Writer's signature, address, phone number and church affiliation required. No form letters will be printed. Letters must deal with issues and not make personal attacks.*



## A Christian Commitment To Teaching

Southern Baptist educational institutions need committed Christians with strong academic backgrounds. The Southern Baptist Education Commission maintains a placement registry for persons interested in teaching at a Baptist college or school. Anyone registering with the Education Commission should be a Christian, preferably Southern Baptist, and possess a master's degree in teaching field. A doctorate is preferred and recommended.

For additional information and registration forms, write:

Placement Registry  
Education Commission, SBC  
901 Commerce, Suite 600  
Nashville, TN 37203-3620

The Education Commission is not an employment agency. The placement registry simply provides Baptist colleges and schools names of prospective faculty.

IT'S ONLY  
**THIN**  
ON THE  
OUTSIDE

**Holman's UltraThin  
Reference Bible**

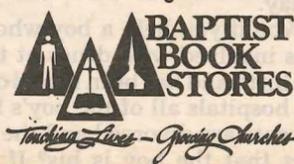
**King James Version**

Thousands of references and footnotes. A thorough concordance. Pages of color maps and more. All to give ample dimensions to a thin Bible.

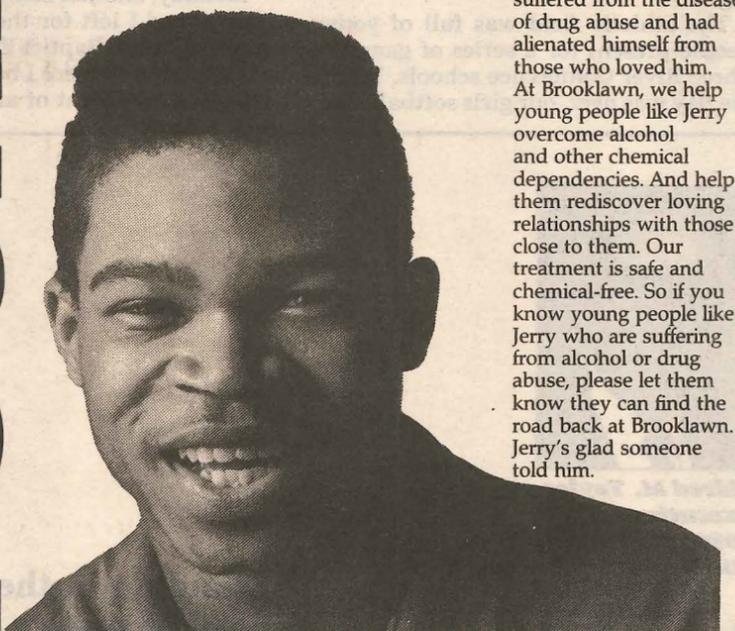
Available in these colors:

**BONDED LEATHER**  
Black **7408S**  
Blue **87408S**  
Gray **6Y7408S**  
Brown **N7408S**  
Burgundy **R7408S**  
Taupe **TP7408S**  
Each, **\$29.95**

Find them where your satisfaction is guaranteed.



**FOUND**



Jerry had lost his family and friends. Like so many young people in his community, he suffered from the disease of drug abuse and had alienated himself from those who loved him. At Brooklawn, we help young people like Jerry overcome alcohol and other chemical dependencies. And help them rediscover loving relationships with those close to them. Our treatment is safe and chemical-free. So if you know young people like Jerry who are suffering from alcohol or drug abuse, please let them know they can find the road back at Brooklawn. Jerry's glad someone told him.

Counseling Service  
Doctors Park  
1517 Nicholasville Road  
Lexington, KY 40503  
(606) 278-5545

**BROOKLAWN**

The Road Back to Freedom

Treatment Center &  
Transitional Living Center  
2125 Goldsmith Lane  
P.O. Box 32336  
Louisville, KY 40232  
(502) 451-5177

Treating Young People with Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Problems  
Contributions are tax deductible • A not-for-profit organization

J.C.A.H. Accredited



**Barkley Moore**  
President  
Oneida Baptist Institute  
Oneida, KY 40972

# oneida journal

## Problem or opportunity

Every day is a busy day at Oneida. Each day is filled with its own special excitement. Many "problems" occur in every waking hour. But I like to look at each of those as an "opportunity." Is your glass half empty? Or do you see it half full as I do? Being able to see problems as opportunities is one of the keys to triumphant living.

Every day this past week there have been scores of guests. We know ahead about half of those coming; others just appear. All are welcome. Approximately half have visited sometime in the past; the others are coming for their first look at Oneida. Many bring used clothing; others make cash donations. Both are needed and welcome.

Saturday was a gloriously beautiful day. There was much activity all around me as I walked across campus to my office. The lawnmower brigade was hard at work on the many acres of our campus. Other students were busy with their weed eaters on the hillside and along the highway ditches. Many were busy cleaning and mopping various buildings. At least 35 could be seen working in the gardens, a dozen more on the compost pile and many others in the farm shop building. Several were on tractors plowing.

The athletic field was full of young people present for a series of games of Three River Conference schools. Before the day was over, our girls softball team

won two games. Our boys baseball team lost one and won one.

In the meantime, our track coach had boys-girls teams in two differing locations where meets were being held that day. In both places, our girls and boys teams won numerous ribbons. Our boys came back with a magnificent second place trophy out of ten schools competing, most of them much larger than ours.

My first visitors of the day were old Oneida schoolmates, Ed and Geraldine Dunigan Morgan, class of 1954 who after college graduation taught at Oneida several years. For more than 25 years, they have lived in Elizabethtown where Ed taught science at the college. In recent years, he has owned and actively operated his own construction company while Gerry continues to teach business in the local schools.

Accompanying Ed and Gerry was their older daughter, Michelle, a UK student who had come to study and write a report on Oneida's historic Anderson Hall from an architectural and historical standpoint. Together we looked at many improvements made since their October visit for our annual Homecoming.

It was nearly lunchtime when I got back to my office and found an Indiana pastor who had not visited Oneida in over 20 years. We had never met but I showed him around the campus.

By 2 p.m., I was back to my office to find an Indiana couple with their son, a prospective student, viewing our orientation film. I worked on the day's mail for about 45 minutes and accumulated phone calls. Then I walked and talked with guests until five minutes to seven, supper forgotten.

At seven o'clock my faculty and staff were assembled in the library. We met continuously for seven hours until 2 a.m. We have two such meetings each school year where we discuss in detail the progress of scores of our students. Yes, it is an exhausting process, but always thrilling.

I went to bed at 3:30 a.m. and was up three hours later preparing to go with our choir to First Baptist, Greensburg, where the choir sang and I spoke. They had a tremendous dinner for us after the service. That afternoon we took a two-hour walking tour of Mammoth Cave, had pizza supper at Bowling Green First Baptist. We arrived home at 2:15 a.m.

Monday, another school day, morning chapel and I left for the annual spring meeting of the Baptist Executive Board at Cedarmore where I have just written this after midnight of another day.



**H. C. Chiles**  
Clear Creek Bible College  
Pineville, KY 40977

# sunday school lessons

## LESSONS FOR MAY 15, 1988

### Life and work series

### Empowered by the Spirit

**Rom. 8:9-17** From the moment of regeneration believers in Christ are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Thereafter they think, talk and act differently than before the divine nature was imparted. The Holy Spirit enables the Christian to be victorious over the temptations of Satan and to produce fruit to the glory of God. The one who is controlled by the Holy Spirit is no longer devoted to gratification of fleshly lusts.

The Spirit of God leads his children from dependence on themselves to paths of service for which he provides the needed strength. If we suffer as Christians, we too shall be glorified with Christ. Let us remember that what is in store for us is far greater than anything we have ever known.

**Rom. 8:26-27** Our need of assistance in the realm of prayer is tersely stated in the words: "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought." The Holy Spirit helps us as believers by in-

terceding for us. All of our prayers may not be in accord with God's will, but the ones which are prompted by the Holy Spirit are in perfect harmony with the loving will of God.

In fulfillment of the promises of Christ, the Holy Spirit lives in us, guiding us in the study of God's word, comforting us in the time of sorrow and empowering us to live righteously and to witness effectively.

### International series

### Confident faith

**Heb. 10:23-25** Christians are exhorted to draw near to God, to hold firm their profession of faith in Christ and to consider ways whereby they may provoke others to love and then to perform good works. Christians are exhorted to incarnate the spirit of Christ in such a manner that their conduct will cause others to live the kind of life and to do the kind of works they see exemplified in them.

**Heb. 10:32-39** The readers of these verses are encouraged to make their calling and election sure, to guard against backsliding and to bear their trials with patient submission to the will of God.

The writer urged readers to recall the earlier days of their Christian experience, to remember how the Lord had sustained them and to strive to regain the joy which they had lost. The writer knew God had not promised believers a smooth and easy passage through this world, due to the presence of sin in and around them he let them know that it was not surprising that they were called upon to reap the bitter fruits thereof.

We should be encouraged in the realization that afflictions do not constitute our entire lot in life, but that the Lord bestows his benefits upon us daily and that his smiles upon us far outnumber the frowns of his providence.

**Heb. 11:1-3** Faith is a firm persuasion that God will fulfill the promises he has made. This conviction gives to the souls of those who exercise it a sense of possession as though they already have what has been promised. Faith makes us certain of realities we have not seen. Exercising faith is well pleasing to God; we cannot please God without faith. Through faith we perceive that God fashioned this universe teeming with evidences of his handiwork. Faith enables us to understand God was before, is in, and has power over this world. "Faith is the title-deed of things hoped for," or the guarantee of possession.



**Eldred M. Taylor**  
Executive Director  
10801 Shelbyville Road  
Middletown, KY 40243

# homes for children

## Standing in the need of prayer

A Baptist layman said to me, "A lot of our people in Kentucky know that Baptist Homes for Children is there and they care for dependent, neglected children. But the problem is they do not know

how the homes got there or how they are able to pay the costs of child care."

The truth is, Baptist Homes for Children exists because of the deep compassion of many Christians who prayed earnestly and gave sacrificially. Those prayers and gifts made it possible to own the land and build the residences in which the children live. So much is done to help children today because of what dedicated Christians have done before this time.

Even though others have prayed, worked and given, still the ministry must be sustained by those of us who live today or it will not continue. Our prayers and gifts are needed now for the sake of children who stand in need today.

Would you help a boy whose mother was involved with drugs at the time of his birth and has been in and out of mental hospitals all of the boy's life, whose parents are divorced and the father denies that the boy is his? If he cannot depend on our prayers and financial

support, he will be left to a life of hurt and meaninglessness.

Would you help a girl whose parents were never married, whose father has never seen her and whose whereabouts is unknown, whose mother has gone through three marriages and three divorces and is unable to give proper care to her daughter? If through prayer and financial support you make it possible for this girl to live at Baptist Homes, it is quite likely she will come to know Jesus as her savior as well as be helped in other ways.

As we approach graduation time and the summer with camps and other activities important to children, we especially stand in need of prayer. Please pray that enough people will send an extra gift so we can pay the bills through these lean, summer months. I know God hears and answers prayer. I ask you to be a prayer warrior with us now. Also, send in an extra financial gift to help children who stand in need of what you can do.

# Youth Ministry National Conference 3



The General Jackson Showboat, one of Nashville's most famous attractions, took participants at the conference on a cruise. More than 1200 persons registered for the national conference in April.

## Understanding missions, self-worth urgent needs for today's youth

by Jim Lowry

A heart for missions born out of a concern for a lost and dying world is the urgent need for today's youth, Richard Ross told ministers of youth attending the last session of the Youth Ministry National Conference 3.

After a week of sharing personal hurts, professional frustrations and seeking solutions to problems, youth ministers were issued "a deeply personal challenge" by Ross.

"I have a dream that this conference will mark a turning point, a recommitment," explained Ross, who was director of the conference and is youth ministry coordinator in the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Maybe God is calling you to be part of that recommitment to build a generation of young people in your church who care about a lost and dying world," he continued. "We need to develop young people who will be adults with lifestyles of commitment to missions."

"We stand at a crossroads of what we are going to do with missions. My guess is that the folks in this room see 40,000 young people every Sunday. My dream is a recommitment in this conference to create experiences for 40,000 young people to give them a heart for missions," Ross said.

He urged the youth ministers to go back to their churches and plan time to introduce and acquaint youth with missions. He said missions organizations deserve regular time each week just like Sunday school, church training and choir.

"I know you are in churches with teens who are lost and facing crises, but if we are going to rear a generation with missions on their hearts, we also need to have a structure and organization to

teach weekly what Baptists and missions are all about," he continued.

Involvement is the key to teaching youth about missions, Ross said. Opportunities for service, in turn, hold the key to involvement.

"Today's teens live in a culture that doesn't need them," Ross claimed. "Psychiatrists tell me teenagers are bored and feel they have nothing to live for. They need to be of service."

To meet that need of service, he told the more than 1200 youth ministers from 33 states, Australia and Canada, to take their youth where the needs exist.

"There are other places for Backyard Bible Clubs than 100 yards from the gate of Six Flags," he said. "Poverty means nothing to teens until they talk with someone caught up in it or hold a little child. Pioneer missions means nothing until youth see a small fellowship of believers sharing their faith."

"Young people coming out of those experiences will be different for a lifetime." We can put young people in places of service which will say they matter, he said.

Ross said during the week-long conference he had talked with ministers of youth who had been fired the previous Sunday, with some who are in desperate situations and with others who feel they have been mistreated and are full of anger.

He asked them to choose to forgive the pastor, church member or other person for what he had done, even though he doesn't deserve it and release themselves from anger. Then, he urged, remember and invest time in the role of building a generation with a heart for missions.

The conference was sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

## Youth need constructive help in dealing with sexuality

by Linda Lawson

Helping youth come to terms with their sexuality in helpful, constructive, biblical ways is one of the major challenges facing youth ministers.

Sexuality and dating were two topics addressed during sessions of the Youth Ministry National Conference 3 held in late April in Nashville and sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

"We have to address thoughts and values, not simply behavior," said Larry Baker, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, in a session on dealing with sexual land mines for youth. He cited teenage pregnancy, abortion, AIDS, homosexuality and sexual abuse among the critical issues with which youth must grapple.

"As you deal with matters related to human sexuality and sexual behavior of youth, there must be teamwork that includes, as much as is humanly possible, the parents," said Baker.

Because of the burgeoning problems in society, he said churches must begin addressing issues related to sexuality with children.

"Then when they (children) become youth they already have had trustworthy, caring people dealing with them sensitively about their sexuality," Baker said.

He urged youth ministers to approach sexuality issues in the context of a comprehensive program that includes help

with self-esteem, values, critical thinking, decision-making, spiritual disciplines and providing positive role models of healthy sexuality.

In another session on dating and love, Karen Dockrey said a primary goal for youth workers should be to help youth be intentional in their dating and realize they have choices to make.

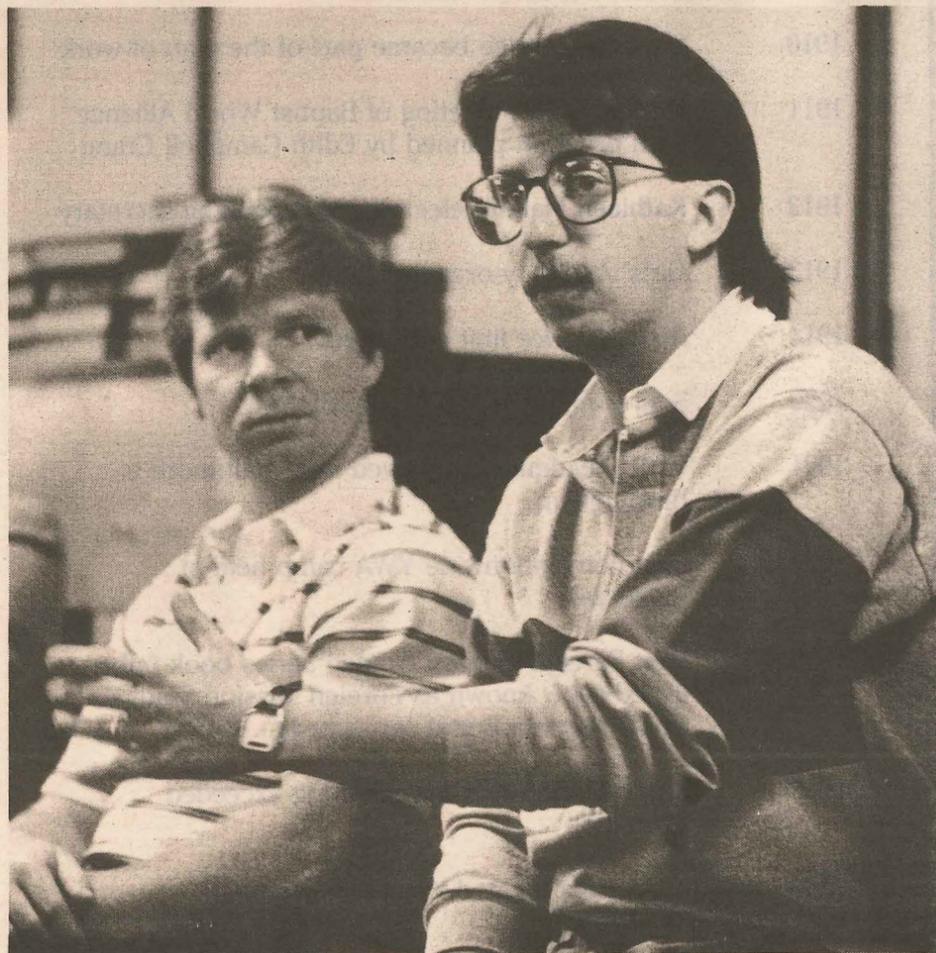
"One of the biggest heartaches I have in working with youth is when they just let dating happen to them," said the author of a book on dating and a worker with youth at Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. "They want to be loved so badly that they will go out with anybody."

She said youth must understand choices about persons to date should be influenced by their relationship with Jesus Christ. "Guide youth to understand why God's rules make sense," she urged.

She suggested youth ministers should recognize teenagers' need for closeness and plan activities that help them grow closer to each other and to God. Also, she warned ministers not to add to pressures on youth by planning lots of activities for couples.

Youth workers should offer love and affirmation, model good relationships, allow youth to relate to them and listen as they talk about love, helping them to draw their own conclusions, she claimed.

"Over and over let youth know God created sexuality as a good gift," she urged. "When we follow his plan, life is great. When we don't, we experience frustration and failure."



Several sessions during the conference dealt with everyday issues and interests of youth in Southern Baptist churches. Mark Perry (front), minister of music and education at First Baptist Church, Blackshear, Ga., participate in a session which dealt with unhealthy lifestyles of youth.



- |      |   |      |  |
|------|---|------|--|
| 1888 | Woman's Missionary Union organized<br>Annie Armstrong elected corresponding secretary<br>First Christmas offering for foreign missions                        | 1952 | Prayer calendar in <i>Royal Service</i> began listing names of missionaries by their birthdays                                   |
| 1895 | Week of Prayer for Home Missions and special offering begun   | 1953 | WMU Training School became Carver School of Missions and Social Work (merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1963) |
| 1896 | Sunbeam Bands transferred to WMU  | 1954 | WMU voted to transfer Royal Ambassadors to Brotherhood   |
| 1905 | Margaret Home opened  | 1955 | <i>Nuestra Tarea</i> first published   |
| 1906 | Literature Department transferred to WMU<br><i>Our Mission Fields</i> first published   | 1956 | Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering promoted as church-wide offerings                             |
| 1907 | WMU Training School opened<br>Young Woman's Auxiliary organized<br>Systematic study of missions begun<br>Edith Campbell Crane elected corresponding secretary | 1961 | WMU and Home Mission Board jointly employed staff member to work with WMU in pioneer states                                      |
| 1908 | Calendar of Prayer begun  | 1964 | WMU membership peaked at 1,529,454<br>WMU's role in church identified as tasks   |
| 1910 | Personal service became part of the plan of work  | 1967 | Mission action replaced community missions   |
| 1911 | First women's meeting of Baptist World Alliance with program planned by Edith Campbell Crane  | 1970 | WMU reorganized with these organizations: Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Acteens, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends      |
| 1912 | Kathleen Mallory elected corresponding secretary  | 1972 | First National Acteens Conference held<br>Office of WMU language missions moved from Home Mission Board to WMU                   |
| 1913 | Girls' Auxiliary organized  | 1974 | Carolyn Weatherford elected executive director   |
| 1914 | <i>Royal Service</i> first published  | 1978 | Acteens Activators begun<br>WMU consultant to relate to black Baptists employed by WMU and Home Mission Board                    |
| 1920 | Soul winning added as aim of WMU  | 1982 | <i>Our Missions World</i> first published  |
| 1921 | WMU headquarters moved from Baltimore to Birmingham   | 1983 | VISION 88, a plan to enlist 2 million WMU members by 1988, adopted   |
| 1924 | First conventionwide YWA camp held at Ridgecrest  | 1984 | WMU moved into new headquarters  |
| 1935 | First Foreign Mission Graded Series book published (now known as Foreign Mission Study)<br>Home Mission Board series began in 1943                            | 1988 | WMU celebrates its Centennial  |
| 1945 | Lottie Moon Christmas Offering exceeded \$1 million   |      |  |
| 1948 | Alma Hunt elected executive secretary   |      |  |