



Guy Futral, minister/church support consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, welcomes Yvonne and Darryl Wilson to Kentucky. Darryl Wilson is the new minister of education and administration at Living Hope Church, Warren Association.

## 'Welcome to Kentucky Day' lets new faces get indoctrination

by Gregory L. Hancock

For the past couple of years new staff members in Kentucky Baptist churches have been invited to visit Middletown and become acquainted with the people and structure the executive board makes available to them at the Kentucky Baptist Building.

"Welcome to Kentucky Day" is the brain child of minister/church support consultant Guy Futral. All staff ministers who are new to Kentucky churches—either because they have moved to Kentucky from out of state or because they are starting a new ministry in Kentucky—are eligible to be invited.

"This is a good thing," a new pastor in western Kentucky commented. "It makes us feel like we are wanted here and we don't have to work our way into the system."

Thirteen pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music and other church staff members participated in the "day" Apr. 25-26.

"We make it a 24-hour day instead of a calendar day because so many people

have to drive several hours to get here," Futral explained. "If they drive here, sit through a day of meetings and then have to get in the car and drive back, that makes for an awfully long day. It wouldn't be a very positive experience.

The general schedule for a "Welcome to Kentucky" day calls for an afternoon of greeting and orientation followed by dinner at a local church with the KBC staff. Participants spend the night in Louisville, then tour the Middletown facilities to get a first-hand introduction to executive board programs.

## Search panel set for Clear Creek

A committee to search for a new president has been selected by Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. The committee is composed of chairman Don Mathis, William F. Barnard, Charles Dean, Earl Clark, Samuff Sowder, Arnold Moon, J. T. Rafferty and Elmer Gambrel. The committee declared no member of the search committee would be considered for the presidency earlier this year by Leon Simpson.

Preliminary discussions produced the following as basic requirements for the new president: minimum of a master's degree in education or ministry. The preference would be a doctor's degree. Further requirements include experience in educational administration or in the pastorate or in college or seminary teaching.

Additionally the committee lists expectations which included someone competent in communication skills; a person positively related to the denomination, including the SBC, KBC, local associations and churches; someone who could establish rapport with faculty, students and alumni; and a person who would provide positive leadership as a role model for ministerial students.

Resumes should be sent to: Don Mathis, 201 4th St., Corbin, KY 40701. June 15 was set as cut-off date for consideration.

## SE Kentucky tornado levels Baptist church

by Ray Hayes, Business Manager

A tornado ripped through downtown and the west community of Middlesboro Monday, May 9, taking with it the West Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church building. The tornado's path through the southeastern Kentucky mountain town covered a 15-block area a half mile wide.

Pastor David Bullock and the music committee had left the building at 10 p.m., 15 minutes before the walls and roof caved in leaving the \$200,000 structure demolished.

Bullock, living in the parsonage adjacent to the church, tucked his two daughters in bed and looked out the window. The winds were becoming violent.

"Glenda, (his wife) and I each grabbed a girl and headed for the bathroom," recalls Bullock. "As we left the room the windows blew in and shattered glass sprayed over the beds where the girls were laying."

The family huddled in their bathroom whispering prayers to calm the crying children until the storm stopped.

"A silence followed. It was as if God was walking in the cool of the evening," Bullock reflected. "I looked through the hole where the windows once were and saw that the church was gone."

Bullock returned to the bathroom and hustled his family to their automobile. Prying the doors to gain entry they backed over the debris in the church lot but could not go in any direction because of fallen trees and downed power lines. They returned to the parsonage and were met there by a deacon who lived a few doors away.

More than 50 families including the Bullocks were homeless and at least 288 homes and businesses were destroyed or damaged.

Linda Gail Cosby, 35, was killed when her family's mobile home was destroyed. Her son Brad, 11, was is critical but

stable condition according to the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville. Thirteen other people received injuries and were hospitalized.

Bob Simpkins, Kentucky Baptist State Brotherhood director, called the state Baptist Disaster Mobile Unit. Relief operations were set up on the parking lot of Middlesboro's First Baptist Church late Tuesday evening.

Baptist volunteers from across Kentucky provided meals for the National Guard personnel and community volunteers. They aided residents in a clean-up operation.

Chain saw crews went from door to door asking residents if volunteer help was needed. Jim Fox, a volunteer from Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville, said, "One lady asked if we were Christians. Why do you ask that?" Fox returned.

"No one else helps like this," She replied.

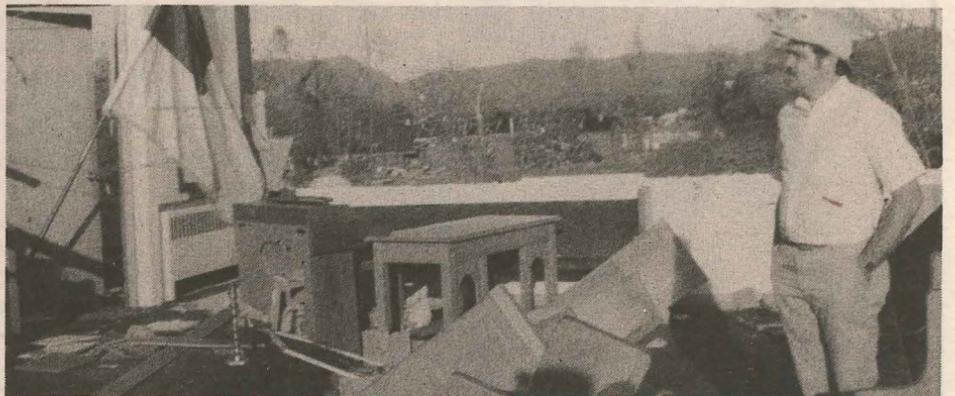
"There is no better way to show God's love than to help hurting people when disaster strikes," commented C. A. Easterling, Baptist layman from Somerset Slate Branch Baptist Church.

"In times like these we need all the laymen we can get and then some," he said.

Alva Evans, a trustee at West Cumberland Avenue Church, said, "Our church lost only its building but not our dream. We just burned our note and finished about \$6000 worth of improvements. We'll rebuild."

The church was under insured by 50 per cent on its 4000-square-foot auditorium and educational facility. The trustees feel assured the insurance on the parsonage will be ample to make needed repairs because it was recently insured for replacement cost.

Churches who wish to aid this congregation and family are encouraged to channel gifts to the Brotherhood Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for this congregation.



Above, pastor David Bullock surveys the devastation at West Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro, below.



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# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Now is the time to act

The executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention approved a recommendation from the public affairs committee to actively engage in a battle to defeat the lottery vote this fall.

The board authorized a \$4000 contribution to Citizens Against a State Lottery (CASL) in an effort to strengthen that organization in the campaign to see that Kentucky's Constitution is not amended to make lotteries possible in our state.

This action came after careful study and legal opinions by the highest ranking state government legal officers.

The office of Attorney General stated in a letter to the public affairs committee that there is no law in Kentucky which would impede churches in opposing a lottery in our state. He noted however the laws regarding contributions are administered by the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. The committee sought information from this agency and discovered the following.

Churches can contribute to efforts to defeat the lottery, pastors can encourage their people to oppose the lottery and church people can be involved in opposition to the lottery without feeling of threat to their tax exempt status.

The public affairs committee also has in hand a letter from Oliver Thomas, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington. Thomas has advised that the Internal Revenue Code covering 501(c) (3) organizations, which includes churches and religious organizations, prohibits tax-exempt organizations from devoting a "substantial part" of their activities to "carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation. . . ."

The key word is "substantial." Some attorneys set this limit at five percent, others go as high as 10 percent. The courts have never ruled on what is substantial in terms of percentage of time and money spent to influence legislation. However the

best advice lawyers give is that five percent of a church budget and five percent of time spent in such activity would not get a non-profit group in trouble with the IRS.

What this simply means is that the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the local churches which make up the convention, individuals within the churches and the local Baptist associations can actively work against the lottery without fear of losing their tax exempt status.

That puts it squarely up to us. The lottery will be on the ballot this fall. Surveys indicate most Kentuckians want the lottery and will vote for it. These surveys also indicate as many as 60 percent of Southern Baptists in Kentucky will also vote for the lottery. But is that true?

The response we make between now and election time will tell the story. It is our responsibility now to see that people we know are registered to vote; that they have information about the evils of a state-sponsored gambling activity; that they have a way to get to the polls to vote. We cannot wait until fall, but we must be active now in a unified effort to stave off what surely will prove to be a disaster for Kentucky.

The KBC has already gone on record against the lottery and has backed up that stance with dollars and other influence. It is really up to local churches, individuals and the associations to carry the battle where it counts—in the voting booth at each local polling place.

Organize your church now. Organize the local ministerial association now. Organize the association of churches now. Now is the time to plan for motor pools to carry voters to the voting place. Now is the time to set aside funds for CASL. Now is the time to begin discussions with neighbors and friends to help them see the evil we all face.

Now is the time. Tomorrow may be too late.

## Be a messenger at San Antonio

Most Kentucky churches already have appointed messengers to the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, June 14-16. What is important now is that those messengers have the proper credentials to avoid delay in registration and embarrassment at the convention hall.

The best way to avoid these foul-ups is to have messenger cards well in advance and see that they are properly completed. No messenger will be registered without proper credentials and these cards are available from the KBC office in Middletown.

When a messenger is elected by his church and a card is available for him or her, that card must be signed by the moderator or clerk of the church. The card indicates the name of the church, the amount of the church contribution last year through the Cooperative Program, the messenger's name, his state and the place where he may be reached in San Antonio. All this informa-

tion must be on the official messenger card or the person will not be able to register and participate in the work of the convention.

Avoid the last minute mad rush which happens every year and get those cards now. James Hawkins, administrative assistant in the KBC executive office, will be happy to supply your church with the cards to which you are entitled.

No church, regardless of its size or the amount of its contribution to the work of Southern Baptists, may have more than 10 messengers. Many Kentucky Baptist churches are entitled to the full 10 messengers but do not ever have that many people participate. This is a critical year for the SBC and it is imperative that we have a good number of Kentuckians at the meeting.

Contact James Hawkins today for messenger cards and thus see that your church serves as a full partner in what the Lord is trying to do through Southern Baptists.

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# christian education

## Campbellsville holds graduation exercises

One hundred three graduates participated in Campbellsville College's commencement exercises May 7.

Honorary degrees were conferred by William W. Marshall, doctor of divinity; Eldred M. Taylor, doctor of divinity; Sam Moore, doctor of letters and Richard F. Rosser, doctor of laws.

The baccalaureate was presented by Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He graduated from Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was pastor of Karns Grove Baptist Church, Owensboro. Marshall has been secretary for the Department for Missionary Personnel and vice president for the Office of Human Resources of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Taylor is the retiring executive-secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and Sam Moore is president of Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Rosser, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) in Washington, D. C., delivered the commencement address. He was appointed president and chief executive officer of the organization in September 1986 after 10 years as president of DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind.

## Four granted tenure at Georgetown College

Four Georgetown College faculty were approved for tenure by the school's board of trustees at their recent meeting.

Those named to tenured status include Patrick R. Leigh, assistant professor of communication arts; W. Terry Martin, director of Library Services; Gerald Shaw, assistant professor of psychology; and Anthony G. Whitfield, associate professor of music.

The college also promoted Rebecca Cornwell, from instructor to assistant professor of home economics, and George McGee, from assistant to associate professor of communication arts.



Jerry Stubblefield (r), professor of religious education at Golden Gate Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., recently received a plaque to inaugurate the J. M. Frost Baptist Sunday School Board Chair of Religious Education at Golden Gate Seminary. Lloyd Elder (l), president of the board, presented the plaque at a chapel service during the seminary's Sunday School Board Emphasis Week in March. Stubblefield is a native of Paducah, Ky.



Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt (l) and New Testament professor Harold S. Songer have been regular participants in "The Bible and Life," a half-hour television show produced by Southern Seminary. They, along with two other seminary faculty members, discuss the scripture passages for the "Life and Work" series of Sunday school lessons published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. The show is currently aired every Saturday on Southern Baptists' ACTS network at 6 a.m., 2 p.m., and 10 p.m. (EDT).

## Georgetown awards 3 honorary degrees

Georgetown College awarded three honorary degrees at its spring commencement May 14.

The three honorees include Mary Louis Foust, a three-term state auditor for Kentucky; Duke Kimbrough McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 31 years and presently the school's chancellor; and Don Cawthorne, former vice president of development and chief agency officer of Commonwealth Life.

Mrs. Foust, a 1938 Georgetown College alumna, has been active in the life of her alma mater for over a half century, having been the second national chairman of the school's annual alumni fund in 1958. In 1982 she established a lecture fund honoring the memory of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. David Taylor Foust of Shelby County.

McCall has devoted more than a half century to major Southern Baptist causes. After graduating from Furman

University, he earned his graduate degrees from Louisville's Southern Seminary. Most of his leadership has been directing the development of one of the world's leading schools of theology.

Cawthorne, a 1931 graduate of Georgetown College, has invested a life long interest in the school, having been president of the Alumni Association, chairman of its annual fund and a generous supporter. He served as trustee for nearly 20 years and was named chairman of that body in 1973.

He is presently a member of the Georgetown College Associates which is composed of more than 100 professional and business leaders from across America. In addition to being an insurance executive, he has been a bank trust officer and a regional investment adviser.

## Campbellsville takes 6 business awards

Six Campbellsville College business students won top awards in the recent Kentucky Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Louisville.

Angela McKinney, a senior from Greensburg, won first place in the business law competition and also was named to "Who's Who in Kentucky PBL."

Stephanie Mullins of Campbellsville, a junior, won second place in marketing, and Gary Whittle, a senior from Russell Springs was second place as "Mr. Future Business Teacher."

Fifth place went to the business decision making team of Larry Sowner, a senior from Manchester, Oh.; Sharon Walters, a senior from Liberty, and Wayne Goodin, a junior from Finley.

Miss McKinney and Miss Mullins will represent Campbellsville College and the state of Kentucky at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference June 29-July 2 in Cincinnati, Oh.

The conference was the largest state leadership conference held in Kentucky. There were 570 participants in the more than 25 state competitions. The participants represented 55 colleges, universities and state vocational technical schools from all over Kentucky.



Campbellsville College Omicron Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda won four awards in the recent Kentucky Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Louisville. Shown, front (l to r), are Shirley Risen, chapter advisor and instructor of accounting; Angela McKinney, Greensburg; Stephanie Mullins, Campbellsville; and Sharon Walters, Liberty. (Back) Gary Whittle, Russell Springs and Wayne Goodin, Finley.

## 159 degrees conferred at Cumberland College

One honorary doctorate and approximately 158 undergraduate degrees were awarded by Cumberland College at its centennial commencement May 14.

G. E. Engleman, senior chairman of the board of Texas Commerce Bank, Ft. Worth and Hurst, Tex., was awarded the honorary doctor of laws. He is also chairman of the board of Gendor Corporation and Drury Industries Inc. and is president of the board of trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Ft. Worth.

Engleman is director of numerous national and multinational corporations. He was appointed a member of the executive committee of Public Advisors to the U. S. State Department by former President Lyndon B. Johnson, where he implemented the concepts of professional management in many areas of State Department Administrative Services.

## Golden Gate to host annual SBC luncheon

Tickets may now be ordered for the 1988 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni and Friends Luncheon to be held June 15 during the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Tex.

The Wednesday event will begin at 1 p.m. in the Rio Grande East Room of the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk at Paseo Del Alamo.

Advance tickets for the luncheon are \$15 each if ordered by May 31. Tickets purchased at the seminary exhibit during the SBC will be \$17 each. To order tickets in advance, send a check or money order to the Alumni Office, Golden Gate Seminary, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, CA 94941-3197.

Robert L. Cate, academic dean of Golden Gate, will be the featured speaker. In addition, seminary president William O. Crews will bring a report and alumni awards will be presented.

# baptist news in brief

## Missionaries in Cyprus escape brush with death

Just a few feet separated Southern Baptist missionary Linda Sacco from death or serious injury when a car loaded with dynamite exploded in Nicosia, Cyprus, May 11.

Another missionary, Frances Fuller, about a block away, was beneath a window blown out by the blast. She, too, escaped injury.

Both women, who weathered much of Lebanon's civil war, are continuing their work amid the Middle East's tensions. But even in Lebanon they were never so close to the scene of terrorism, death and serious injury.

The car bomb exploded on a bridge in downtown Nicosia, near a busy thoroughfare and near the Israeli embassy. The driver of the car and two Cypriots were killed, according to news accounts. A Lebanese man who bailed out of the car before the blast was captured by police.

The women and their husbands were among 24 Southern Baptist missionaries forced to leave Lebanon in February 1987 after the U. S. State Department revoked passport privileges for Americans in the strife-torn nation. (BP)

## BPRA denounces intimidation of Baptist Press

In its annual workshop, held this year Apr. 18-21 in Louisville, Baptist Public Relations Association passed a resolution supporting the freedom of Baptist Press.

The 350 members of the professional organization represent every facet of Southern Baptist communications.

### BTN slates 6 programs to aid history committees

The Baptist Telecommunications Network will be transmitting six 30-minute videotapes in the series *Making History* Thursday, June 2, 12:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

The tapes focus on the work of a church history committee: collecting and preserving church records, writing the history of a church, communicating the history, celebrating an anniversary and the historical work of an association. Contact the associational office or other Baptist churches if equipment is needed to view or record the broadcast.

For more information, write Doris Yeiser, archivist, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

In order to maintain quality work with integrity, "the well being of Baptist Press news service is a vital issue to the membership," noted BPRA president Tim Nicholas.

The resolution attests "the continued flow of news is vital to the health of our denomination, particularly in a time of ongoing controversy." However, "Baptist Press and its director, Alvin C. Shackelford, are the objects of persistent tactics of intimidation."

The resolution records BPRA as "expressing enthusiastic and prayerful support for . . . the Baptist Press staff; reaffirming our insistence . . . on 'the integrity of public communication channels' so as to ensure the free and unimpeded flow of news through Baptist Press; and asking our Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist state convention agencies and institutions to resist vigorously every effort, internal and external, to curb the freedom of denominational communicators."

Further, the resolution rejected assertions that "news be categorized as positive or negative news, believing that

openness and truthfulness require the whole story to be told."

Copies of the resolution were dispersed to the SBC Executive Committee, SBC agencies and institutions. (BP)

## Early Education meeting scheduled at seminary

A state-approved Weekday Early Education Conference is planned June 4 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Child Care Center in Louisville.

Workshop topics include foundations of child care (how to), creative arts and music, crises and the child, curriculum and environment, a walk-through of the day care center and make-and-take activities for children.

Cost for the conference, which will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the seminary facility, will be \$7 per person. Lunch is not included.

For more information, contact Jewell Nelson, Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

## Ministers' wives to focus on S. B. heritage

"Heritage—Ours to Give" will be the theme for the 1988 Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives luncheon in San Antonio, Tex., Tuesday, June 14.

The luncheon, to be held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Hilton Palacio del Rio. The hotel is across the street from the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, site of the SBC meeting.

"We want to be remembering our past and exploring the heritage we want to leave to future generations," said Nelle Agee, president of the SBC Conference

of Ministers' Wives and wife of Bob Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Jeanette Clift George, author, Bible teacher and founder and artistic director of A.D. Players of Houston, will be keynote speaker for the luncheon.

Advance tickets can be ordered before June 1 from Diane Bugg, 415 Waverly Drive, Augusta, Ga., 30909. Ticket orders should include \$12 for each ticket, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Tickets bought at the convention will cost \$14. (BP)

## Live SBC telecast offered on BTN

Live gavel-to-gavel coverage of the 1988 Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Tex., June 14-16, will be televised for the fourth consecutive year on the Baptist Telecommunication Network.

Reports from 1987 indicate that about twice as many people saw convention proceedings on BTN as were able to attend the sessions in person. Observers in many churches said they sang, prayed and voted along with the live program.

The signal from BTN will be unscrambled to allow churches and individuals who are not BTN subscribers to view the sessions. The BTN signal is transmitted on Spacenet 1 satellite, channel 21.

Gomer Lesch, senior BTN consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Telecommunications Department, and Richard T. McCartney, executive vice president of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission will be television hosts again this year.

As part of the coverage, five-minute "SBC NewScene" updates will be provided at the beginning of each morning and evening session. The SBC telecast will begin at 8:15 a.m., CDT, June 14. The first day's activities include the SBC president's address, a session on business and resolutions, three times for elections of officers and numerous agency reports.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's Media Department has invited the public to view the telecast in the Kentucky Baptist Building's chapel in Middletown. (BP)

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## Bus crash claims Baptist lives

At least eight children connected with three Kentucky Baptist churches have been identified among those involved in the fiery bus accident on Interstate 71 which claimed 27 lives May 14.

The bus from First Assembly of God, Radcliff, was returning an estimated 67 passengers from Kings Island in Cincinnati, Oh., Saturday night, when it was struck head-on by a truck.

There were children aboard the bus who attended youth activities at Stithton, Mill Creek and Valley View Baptist churches, all in Severns Valley Association.

Among the 27 victims were Shannon Ray Fair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fair, and Cynthia Atherton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Atherton. Both were eighth graders and attended Stithton Baptist Church.

Harold Dennis Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dennis Sr., was in critical condition at Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville. Darrin Jaques, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bradley, was in serious condition at University Hospital, Louisville.

## Day camp planned for kids during SBC

While parents are tending to convention business, singing, praying, and standing in lines at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in San Antonio, Tex., their children may be involved in action-oriented activities at SBC Missions Day Camp.

SBC Missions Day Camp will be sponsored by the children and youth division of the Brotherhood Commission during the June 14-16 annual meeting.

Volunteers from Texas Baptist Men, the San Antonio Baptist Association and Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio will conduct the day camp under the direction of Karl Bozeman, director of Lad and Crusader Royal Ambassadors at the Brotherhood Commission.

The SBC Missions Day Camp will provide missions education for children of messengers during all daytime sessions of the convention, June 14, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; June 15, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and June 16, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Activities include missions studies lead by missionaries Thomas Law III and Linda Law of Paraguay and Ted and Francis York of the Ivory Coast, Bozeman said. A trip also is planned to the San Antonio Brackenridge Park and Zoo. Other activities: games, crafts, nature study and sports.

Boys and girls who have completed the first through sixth grades may participate. The cost is \$7 per day per child, or \$20 for three days. The price includes lunch June 14 and June 16 and refreshments all days.

Registration will be at the SBC Missions Day Camp booth near the messenger registration area of Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center June 13, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and during convention times June 14-16, Bozeman said.

Transportation will be provided to and from the day camp from the convention center. All day campers will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the SBC Missions Day Camp booth.

Children in the seventh grade and up are eligible to be assistant counselors for the day camp by contacting Bozeman at the Brotherhood Commission or at the SBC Missions Day Camp booth June 13.

The day campers should dress to stay cool in the hot Texas weather expected, Bozeman said. (BP)

Two others from Stithton, Jason Booher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Booher, and Wayne Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cox, were treated and released.

Joseph Percefull, member of Valley View, was admitted to University Hospital with second degree burns and scorched lungs.

Kim Dennis, Radcliff, is at Norton's Children's Hospital, Louisville. She attended youth activities at Mill Creek, but is not a member there.

## Proposed resolutions requested by June 1

The chairman of the resolutions committee for the 1988 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting has appealed for messengers to submit to the committee advance copies of resolutions they intend to introduce at SBC sessions in San Antonio, Tex., June 14-16.

Jerry Sutton, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, asked that messengers mail their resolutions, preferably typed, by June 1 to: Resolutions Committee, SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Messengers who send advance copies of proposed resolutions also must submit them on the first day of the convention. Committee representatives will be at a table near the platform to receive resolutions during business sessions June 14 in Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

In 1987, 54 resolutions were proposed by convention messengers and referred to the Resolutions Committee. The committee then presented 15 resolutions for messenger consideration.

"I hope resolutions adopted at this convention will reflect the points of agreement among messengers, not disagreement," said Sutton. "I am asking that persons refrain from resolutions on personalities and focus on issues." (BP)



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## Independent groups invited to FMB talks

Leaders of about 25 organizations founded by Southern Baptist individuals for missions efforts abroad are being invited to a dialog with the denomination's Foreign Mission Board staff next February.

The organizations, located in 12 states, are independent of the board and are primarily involved in evangelism.

In a May 2 letter of invitation, Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks listed several reasons leaders of the agency have initiated the Feb. 7, 1989 meeting. At the top of the list: "To effectively mobilize Southern Baptist resources for Bold Mission Thrust," Southern Baptists' campaign to be involved in efforts to evangelize the world's population by the year 2000.

Parks has spearheaded two similar meetings. Leaders of overseas Baptist unions and conventions related to Southern Baptist foreign mission work met in 1985 at Ridgecrest, N. C., and leaders of various missionary-sending denominations and interdenominational organizations met last September and again in February in Dallas. (BP)

Correction: In a May 12 article on LaVerne Butler's resignation from Ninth & O Baptist Church, Butler was identified as a graduate of Clear Creek College. He did not attend the school, but made his decision to enter the ministry during a conference there.



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

## homes for children

### Fireflies

Butterflies now are being seen floating in the air currents, lighting here and there to gather sweetness from a flower or deposit eggs on a leaf. Other insects, both flying and crawling ones, are appearing in increasing numbers each day. Some of these little bugs are beneficial to plants in the vegetable and flower gardens, while others are harmful and destructive.

We dread the appearance of the Japanese beetle, the Mexican bean beetle, the potato bug, the corn worm, the grasshopper and many other insects that destroy crops. Scientists are constantly working on ways to control harmful insects in a way that will not upset our ecology and leave a residue of poison to harm other life.

The little lady bugs are welcome insects in our gardens because they eat aphids and do not harm growing plants. The praying mantis is a scary looking but, but is most beneficial because it eats numerous harmful insects.

One of my favorite bugs is the firefly. Soon we will begin seeing them take their flight from the grass just at dusk. As it gets darker, they are seen in increasing numbers blinking their little yellow lights. When I was a lad on the farm, the family would often sit on the porch or in the yard after the evening meal. This was a time of rest and family fellowship after a hard day's work. We did not have electric lights and the kerosene lamps were not used unless needed for work or reading. To entertain me, Mother taught me to catch fireflies in a fruit jar and make my own little lantern. It was fun to run about the yard catching these little "lightening" bugs. Actually, one or two bugs made very little light, but when one had fifty or a hundred in a jar, it really would produce a limited lantern light.

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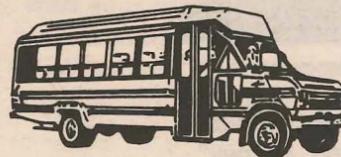
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James and Dorothy Ditty



James and Jenny Ditty

## missions

James and Dorothy Ditty were among 38 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Apr. 12 at the Greensboro (N. C.) Coliseum. Their son, James E. Ditty Jr., and his wife, Jenny, were appointed the same night.

As missionary associates the senior Dittys will live in South Africa where he will teach theology.

He is former pastor, Totz Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association. Following a certificate in Bible from Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, he earned an MDiv and DMin from Southwestern Baptist Theological Sem-

inary, Ft. Worth.

Born in Canton, Oh., she is the former Dorothy Schill. She received the Christian worker's certificate in Bible from Clear Creek Baptist School.

The Dittys have six grown children.

One of those six children, James E. Ditty Jr. and his wife Jenny have been assigned to South Korea to work in church music promotion.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ditty earned degrees in church music from Clear Creek Baptist School. He received a master's in music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

The Dittys have three children: James Edward III, Paul Joseph and Peter Benjamin.

Ken Perkins, one of 20 furloughing missionaries working for the Foreign Mission Board's Enlistment Department, will travel across Kentucky challenging pastors to consider becoming foreign missionaries.

Perkins and his wife, Beth, plan to return to field work in Transkei in April 1989. The former Beth Stricker, she considers Middletown her home town.

Since the couple's 1983 appointment as missionaries Perkins was pastor of several Kentucky churches: Gumlick Baptist Church, Falmouth; First Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Bardstown; and Calvary Baptist Church, Glasgow.

The Perkins' furlough address is 12313 Hardwick Rd., Middletown, KY 40243.

Billie Scaggs, missionary to Liberia, has arrived in the states for furlough (117 S. Wilson, San Antonio, TX 78213). A native Kentuckian, she was born in Ashland and also lived in Greenup County. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Missionaries to Angola Mark and Susan Hatfield have arrived in Portugal for language study (Celula 11, Lote 8-B, 1, Carnaxide 2795, Linda-A-Velha, Portugal). Both are natives of Ashland. She is the former Susan Emmons. They were appointed by the board in 1987.

Daniel and Menda Sue Hatfield have been named missionaries to Panama where he will be teaching New Testament in a seminary and they will be involved in a variety of outreach minis-

tries.

Born and reared in Charlotte, N. C., she is the former Menda Sue Godfrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Godfrey. A graduate of Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., she also holds an MA from Southern Seminary and an MSW from the University of Louisville.

He is pastor of Hiseville Baptist Church and an adjunct professor at Louisville Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. A native of Louisville, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Hatfield, Louisville. Hatfield holds MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary.

The Hatfields have four children: Drake Daniel; twins, Rachel Menda and Jobeth Blevins; and Logan Paul.

Appointed to start and develop churches, Richard and Susan Hutchens will live in Venezuela.

He is pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Louisville. A native of Montgomery, Ala., he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hutchens from Atlanta, Ga. Having received his BA from East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, he also holds the MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Born in Aiken, S. C., she is the former Susan Hinklen, Knoxville, Tenn. She earned her BS degree from Florida State University, Tallahassee, and her registered nurse standing by examination in Florida.

The Hutchens have three children: Matthew Lamar, Rachael Elizabeth and Aaron Daniel.

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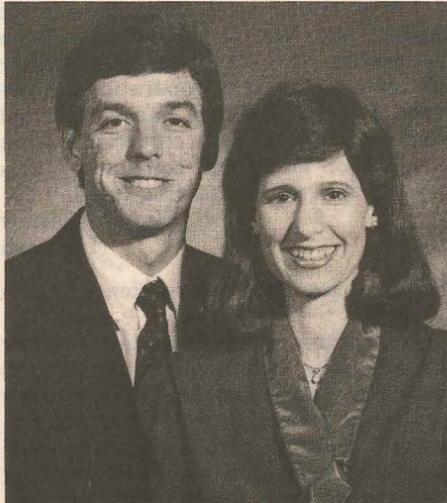
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The Education Commission is not an employment agency. The placement registry simply provides Baptist colleges and schools names of prospective faculty.

**Daniel and Martha McLaughlin** have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to Peru for outreach and church music promotion.

Born in Louisville, she is the former Martha Lively, daughter of Robert Lively of Columbia and the late Joan Lively and stepdaughter of Kathy Lively. Mrs. McLaughlin earned her BS from Southwest Baptist University and MA from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

A student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., he is interim minister of music, First Baptist, Warrensburg, Mo. McLaughlin is the son of church planters Mr. and Mrs. Glen McLaughlin of State College, Pa.



**Daniel and Martha McLaughlin**

its Christian life center seven years, seven months early. Page Kelley, professor of Old Testament, Southern Seminary, Louisville, was guest speaker at the Apr. 17 note burning ceremony. The church saved \$50,000 in interest payments.

East Lynn Baptist Association has admitted **Whickerville Baptist Church** into its fellowship. James E. Casey is director of missions.

**personnel**

Native Kentuckian **Ralph W. Hodge** has accepted the editorship of *Church Training* magazine. Hodge leaves the pastorate of Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. Former pastors include First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, and Bethlehem Baptist

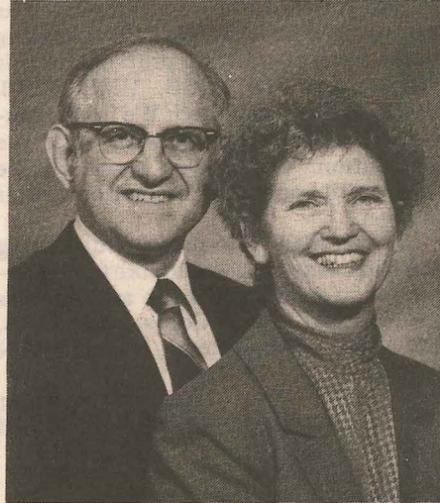
Recently appointed to Malaysia, **Ann and Joe Baskin** teach seminary classes and perform outreach ministries.

Born in Sumter County, Ala., he is the son of Ruth A. Baskin of Cuba, Ala., and the late J. C. Baskin. He received his BD from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and PhD from Princeton (N. J.) Theological Seminary. Currently professor of religion, Shorter College, Rome, Ga., Baskin has been pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owenton.

The former Ann Fox, Mrs. Baskin was born in Carbon Hill, Ala., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fox. She holds master's degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.

**congregations**

**Fern Creek Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, paid the \$202,000 debt on



**Joe and Ann Baskin**

Church, Louisville.

Hodge holds degrees from Cumberland College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Luther Rice Seminary and Vanderbilt University.

**Carl C. Evans** has retired as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bracken Association, due to health reasons. He is available for supply and interim work at (606) 796-6456.

Sunday, Apr. 17 First Baptist Church, Franklin, recognized **Don Phillips** for 15 years as minister of music. Phillips and his wife Janis were presented with a

\$3000 love gift; sons Jonathan and Mark were given framed prints.

Phillips' musical composition "In Celebration of God" was performed in an afternoon concert by the joint choirs of First Baptist, Franklin, and First Baptist, Bowling Green. A reception honoring the entire family followed the concert.

Ray Cummins is pastor of FBC Franklin.

**Dallas Vincent**, pastor, Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Long Run Association, recently underwent triple bypass surgery, but is doing well.

**revivals**

**First Baptist Church, Clay**, Ohio Valley Association, held a revival Apr. 17-24. C. Wyman Copass, pastor, Farmdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association, was the evangelist; Steve Forsythe was the music evangelist. Eighteen made professions of faith.

Elbert Lee James is pastor of First Baptist, Clay.

A lay-led revival was held at **Calvary Baptist Church**, Liberty Association, Apr. 29-May 1. C. A. Easterling coordinated the 12-member team leadership. Fifteen professions of faith were made in addition to numerous other decisions. Gilbert Robinson is pastor.

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# baptist forum

## Kentuckians sought by BSU leaders

The Baptist Student Union of the Air Force Academy would like to contact the men and women coming to the academy this July. We would like to meet their plane, provide transportation and lodging and help them report to the academy at the required time. If pastors, parents, friends or the new cadets themselves will contact us with name and address, we will correspond to secure flight arrival times and provide further information.

The same service is available for anyone attending West Point or the Naval Academy. At West Point contact Alton Harpe, 11 Washington Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520. At the Naval Academy contact Dick Bumpass, 201 Hanover Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Dwain Gregory  
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## A call to prayer

We Southern Baptist committed ourselves in 1976 to Bold Mission Thrust, which was to increase our witness at home and throughout the entire world. The overarching purpose was "that Southern Baptists understand, accept and become involved in the mission to enable every person in the world to have opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Christ by the year 2000."

We are making progress, but we will not accomplish that purpose without an intensification of spiritual power among us.

When we committed ourselves to become involved we were assuming other mission groups would also engage in this effort. This has been the case. Last September, leaders of 20 of the world's largest missions organizations met to exchange information, express commitment to the task and join in a "Call for United Prayer."

This call asks that all Christians join in united intercession to accelerate the proclamation of the gospel to all people. Beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, May 20, just before Pentecost Sunday, and continuing through 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21, it is our hope and prayer that there will be a continuous chain of prayer and fasting around the world.

It is my conviction that if individuals and churches would join in such an effort it would be one step in the direction of our commitment. I trust many Southern Baptists will join in this intercession on May 20 and 21.

R. Keith Parks  
Foreign Mission Board

## Another call for prayer

The Baptist Sunday School Board is forming a network of pray-ers all over the convention called the National Prayer Corps (NPC). The NPC is a voluntary army of prayer warriors who volunteer to pray together for the common purposes of the churches and the Kingdom.

The only requirement for membership is a commitment to pray 30 minutes a day. Members will receive a regular newsletter with instruction on prayer and prayer requests.

Although the NPC differs from other prayer plans in the breadth of its prayer objects and its emphases on various kinds of prayer, it undergirds the National Missions Prayer Plan, Prayer for Spiritual Awakening and all other plans of Southern Baptist organizations.

Room 107 of the Convention Center

in San Antonio has been designated as a prayer room for the SBC. Participating in the work of enlisting pray-ers for this venture are the BSSB, HMB, FMB, WMU and Brotherhood. We invite concerned persons to pray with us at the convention. The prayer room will be open at all hours the Convention Center is open.

We ask readers to pray about joining the NPC. Any who would like to participate may send their name and address to: National Prayer Corps, MSN 150A, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37234.

T.W. Hunt  
Baptist Sunday School Board

## Praise for a seminary professor

It is in order during these days of high drama in our convention to relate the recent good experience we had in our church with Southern Seminary professor Daniel Aleshire. Our small congregation asked him to lead us in a Family Emphasis Sunday. Not only did he make himself available to us for reasonable expense, he came enthusiastically bringing comfort to hurting families, challenge to wayward families and the gospel to everyone. His kind, humorous and generous spirit infused all he shared with us from the Bible and about himself.

This is a testament to me of the true spirit of Baptist life: cooperation, trust, compassion and spiritual growth. Outside the war lines of convention politics and within the nurturing home of the local church, wonders of grace and salvation still occur. It is mind-boggling to me that professors such as Aleshire are the object of so much distrust and contempt. Only something evil within us could have ruined the kind friendships and undermined these authentic ministries.

With gratitude I publicly thank Daniel Aleshire and the seminary he represents. And I pray an end will come soon to this loveless assault on the integrity and ministry of persons who have for so long been so willing to serve their Lord.

Bruce Wilson  
Worthington, Oh.

## A personal experience in fasting

Your editorial, "Fasting and Prayer," was so fascinating I feel called to relate my personal experience in this regard.

A girl of 14, very precious to me, was seriously ill. My conscience (actually the indwelling Spirit) prompted me to enlarge my intercessory prayer.

I thought of fasting which I had never considered before. My Bible search revealed that Queen Esther appointed a fast for her people, "fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink for three days." Also when Jesus came down from the transfiguration and his powerless disciples asked why they could not heal a certain boy, he told them it required much prayer and fasting.

So I fasted for three days. Going without food was not a sacrifice; I had done it before just to rest my stomach. But remembering how, when my eyes were closed while in prayer, I could better shut out anything that might dim my vision of my Lord and Savior.

In addition to prayer without ceasing (that is, with continual prayer in my heart) I was able to avoid secular activities that would interfere with my prayer purpose. There was no television, newspaper nor magazines. The only reading matter was God's word as divinely inspired in the Holy Bible.

I must admit my situation is ideal for prayer and fasting since I have been somewhat confined for three years after an accident and many operations. However, I am now almost back to normal and I assure you your editorial was an inspiration and I will somehow find a way for prayer and fasting on May 20.

H. Stanton Carney  
Paducah

## Students profit from experience

The Communication Arts Class of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College appreciates your generous cooperation in their preparation of a back page for Western Recorder. Planning and preparing this page has provided excellent training and preparation for ministry through the written word.

As instructor of the class I especially thank you for allowing us the privilege of working with your publication and Mr. Ray Hayes in particular. He has been most helpful throughout this process. I encourage the students to enrol their churches in your back page plan for distribution of a church newsletter. The practical experience they gain in this class increases their ability to have the skills necessary to lead their people in the implementation of this program.

The back page you printed for us was one of the highlights of our graduation week. It will long serve as a printed memento of the students' years here.

Darlys Warren  
Pineville

## Kentucky helpful in Canadian ministry

Thank you for the excellent article you ran concerning our Winter Games Ministry in Calgary. The Winter Olympics were the most successful ever and our evangelism and outreach efforts were equally successful. God blessed in a multitude of ways and the results surpassed all our original expectations.

Kentucky Baptists played a major role in the success of our ministry as you noted. One thing you forgot to note was that much of the financial burden for Sonlife's ministry in Calgary was paid by Kentucky Baptists. Without your financial contribution they would not have been able to come. We are deeply indebted to you for your contributions of these fine students and the finances which made their ministry possible.

There was another Kentuckian involved in our ministry which you overlooked. Susan Quisenberry from Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, worked with our ministry about three months. She did an outstanding job leading a daycare ministry in the mountain town of Canmore. As a result of her efforts and some other members of our staff, we hope we will be able to have an ongoing Bible study in that community. She is to be commended along with her church and friends who made her ministry here possible.

We cherish the prayers and continued interest of Kentucky Baptists in our follow-up work in Calgary. The Olympics may be over but the task of holding the flame of Jesus Christ high over the city of Calgary continues. We invite Kentucky Baptists to stop in and see us when they are traveling in western Canada.

James C. Wallace, Pastor  
Faith Baptist Church  
Calgary, Alberta

*Editor's note: Susan Quisenberry was indeed left out of the first story but was mentioned in a later edition. She did an outstanding job and credit was given her, though belatedly.*

## Layman exchange is helpful

I am writing to let you know of something exciting that has happened in our church and Northside Baptist Church, Princeton. David Royalty and I think it is worth sharing with Kentucky Baptists.

Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot, Daviess-McLean Association, and Northside Baptist Church, Princeton, Caldwell-Lyon Association, participated in Lay Witness exchange weekends. Six men from Northside went to Dawson on Mar. 12-13 and seven men from Dawson went to Northside Mar. 19-20.

These men shared personal testimonies, participated in visitation and led worship services Saturday evening and Sunday morning. It was a time of spiritual encouragement and growth for both the laymen and the churches. Joe Thomas is pastor at Dawson, David Royalty is pastor at Northside.

Royalty preached in revival at Dawson Apr. 24-27 and a bus load of lay people came from Northside one evening to share in the service and to fellowship with Dawson's people after the service. As a result of this exchange and the revival five persons have thus far made professions of faith in Christ at Dawson. Many others have made rededications of their lives.

This has been a blessing to us. David suggested the layman's exchange back in January.

Joe M. Thomas, Pastor  
Dawson Baptist Church

## Fasting: a penitent act

In the Old Testament, fasting was a penitent act along with sacrifices and offerings. David fasted while waiting to see if his son would live.

Fasting became a show, a ritual along with many other customs.

In Matt. 6:16, Jesus said not to fast as the hypocrites did, but to put oil on your head, wash your face and go in your own room and fast in private. The Lord would reward you.

When asked by the Scribes and Pharisees why John and his disciples fasted and Jesus and his disciples did not, Jesus said they did not need to fast while they were with him but later when he went away they would need to do so.

In Acts 13, the Antioch church was fasting and praying when the Holy Spirit spoke, telling them to send out Saul and Barnabas. They fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them as they were bidden.

Later (Acts 14:23) at least three churches were mentioned where Paul and Barnabas appointed elders with prayer and fasting committing them to the Lord.

I believe fasting could be used in a worship service of deep commitment as an act of humble dedication and also by individual private worship with prayer, but never as a routine ritualistic act. Repentance does not depend upon fasting under the blood of the lamb.

Hilda Payne  
Pikeville

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## Technology resources available

# KBC dedicates Church Media Library

by Greg Hancock

Chapel, Apr. 26th, was anything but ordinary at the Kentucky Baptist Building. Executive board employees gathered at 10 a.m. to hear Baptist Sunday School Board representative James Rose read a letter of greetings and commendations from Mancil Ezell, head of the BSSB's Church Media Library Department, to William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In his letter Ezell congratulated Kentucky Baptists, stressing the progressive attitude that recognizes the significance of modern technology and the persistence that puts that technology in the hands of God's people for the purpose of reaching the lost.

After reading Ezell's letter, Rose recognized Denise Hawkins, head of the KBC Promotions section, and Cheryl Doty, KBC Church Media library assistant. "I wish every state convention had someone as dedicated to the concept of Church Media Library and as competent in getting things going as these ladies have been," he stated. "We'd get a lot more of the Lord's work done if that were the case."

Miss Hawkins joined the staff of the convention's Communications Division as an intern while she completed studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Upon graduation she was invited to stay on and assume the responsibilities of the promotions section—one of those responsibilities was Church Media Library.

"I felt we needed a model Church Media Library in the Baptist Building," she stated. "On one hand we heard churches begging for resources in evangelism and Christian nurture and church growth. On the other hand we had all these great materials being produced by the departments and agencies and institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention nobody seemed to know anything about. I knew a model Church Media Library could become the answer to a lot of struggling church leaders' prayers."

"I was fortunate enough to have a state executive board and a state executive secretary-treasurer who would give me the chance to explore possibilities. That's why this model became a reality," she said.

Even before it was officially dedicated, Kentucky's Church Media Library was a proven success. Combining the elements of a video tape service, a tract resource center and a Christian resource library, CML began to occupy more and more of Miss Hawkins' time. Last September Mrs. Doty, a former university librarian, agreed to help devise a state of the art cataloging and distribution system for the convention.

Mrs. Doty, working only a few hours each week, categorized and cataloged the hundreds of video tapes owned by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and contained in Video Tape Service. She then developed a system of "check out" and "check in" that allowed her to monitor the location and condition of video tapes.

After several months, Mrs. Doty had watched everything in the Video Tape Service archives and had ascribed a place for everything. "Now, all I have to do is keep up with the new tapes," she laughed.

As of dedication day the Church Media Library averages mailing 12 video tapes every day—60 a week, 3160 a year. That's in addition to the average of 46,800 tracts that go out annually.

"We want people to know about our Church Media Library model," Miss Hawkins said. "This resource is available to every church, no matter how small or how large."

"There's no charge except postage for the tapes churches borrow," she continued. "If they want to buy a tape, they pay only our cost for a blank tape. You simply can't beat that deal."

As far as tracts are concerned, the Church Media Library distributes most titles free of charge. Even most SBC agency literature is available without charge.

Both Miss Hawkins and Mrs. Doty say they wish people would feel free to come by and browse. The Church Media Library will become a regular stop on the visitor's tour of the Kentucky Baptist Building and a critical point of reference for those who like to see a good idea demonstrated.

## Church Training conducts Bible drills

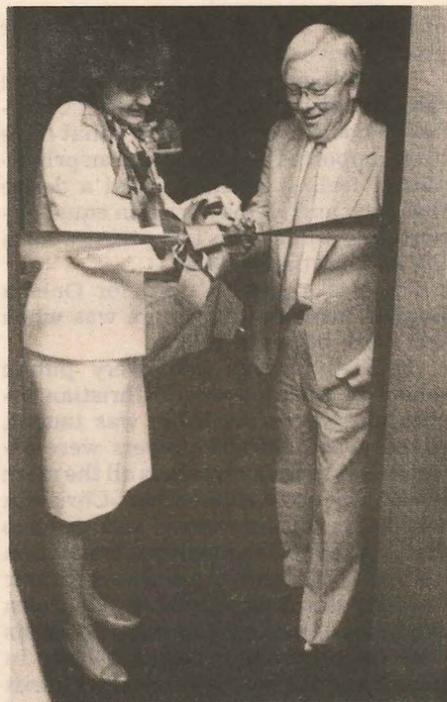
by Bonnie Hartley, Beth Wyatt and Denise Spencer  
State Correspondents

During the spring the Church Training/Special Ministries Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has sponsored eight children's Bible drills. Involving 491 participants, the drills were held at Highview Baptist, Louisville; Beacon Hill Baptist, Somerset; Porter Memorial Baptist, Lexington; Glendale, Bowling Green; First Baptist, Benton; First Baptist, Paintsville; First Baptist, Madisonville; and Manchester Baptist, Manchester.

The eight competitions yielded 450 state winners, those children who missed four or fewer questions, according to Jim Clontz, associate director, Church Training Department.

Fifty-three children earned engraved plaques by being state winners three years. They are listed by the cities in which they competed:

Louisville—Jonathan Bow, Kristie



Denise Hawkins (l) and Baptist Sunday School Board Church Media Library consultant James Rose share the scissors in a ceremonial ribbon cutting that opens Kentucky Baptist's model Church Media Library.

Broaddus, Karla Burton, Heather Clay, Billie Jean Foster, Brian Garrett, Matt Hall, Lisa Hoffman, Bronnie Jeffries, Julie Jeffries, Landon Mulhall, Julie Posey, Jeff Purvis, Ryan Naylor, Jeff Smith, Tammi Stewart, Tammy Stout, Cole Street;

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Bowling Green—Robin Beard, Elaine Davis, Veronica McFall, Mike McKinis, Sue Ann Rogers, Cindy Rowland;

Benton—Ashley Hook, Beth Joiner, Alisha Keller, Matthew Kerley, Sarah Lampkins, Terri Pehn, Jamie Winders;

Madisonville—Adam Frizzell, Greg Gee, Jennifer Lear, Courtney Messick, Krystal Page, MacKenzie Riney;

Paintsville—Jason Martin; and

Manchester—Diana Caudill.



Brad Johnson, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Central Association, gives participants final instructions for regional Bible drill.

## Yellow ribbons await Kentucky pastor's arrival at Ohio church

A large yellow ribbon decorates the door to the pastor's study just down the hall from the auditorium at First Baptist Church, Waverly, Oh. It was hung there a while back to welcome newly-called pastor, William Moore.

The Waverly church has been without a pastor since last June. And it may be at least this coming June, or later, until Moore is ready to take up regular duties of preaching, visiting and witnessing.

Moore is the pastor at Waverly, but has yet to preach a sermon, except the one he preached when he came in late January as a prospective pastor.

His daughter, Jenny, 13, and son, Chris, 10, are living in the Waverly parsonage and attending school in Waverly. They are being taken care of by their maternal grandparents, Melvin and Geneva Christmas.

Moore's wife, Ruth, is with her husband at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington where he is being treated for a brain inflammation which was first thought to be a tumor, but later was ruled out.

Moore, 34, was pastor at Owenton, Ky., about 40 miles south of Cincinnati.

He was first invited to come to Waverly in early December 1987. He became ill around Thanksgiving Day and had to cancel the trip. He was diagnosed as having a malignancy in his stomach, and spent two weeks in the Lexington hospital taking chemotherapy treatments. He was given a positive outlook by the doctor.

Lloyd Francis, Waverly pulpit committee chairman, said the church voted nearly unanimously to call Moore. A few days later, Moore accepted the call, effective Mar. 1.

Waverly members remodeled the parsonage, "pounded" it with food and rented a truck to bring the Moore's belongings to Waverly. On the day the goods were unloaded, Moore again became ill at Waverly. His wife, Ruth, drove him back to Lexington where he was hospitalized with the brain inflammation, which has no certain connection with the stomach malignancy.

"He is our pastor," Francis said. "The whole church accepts him as our pastor." Church women have driven to Lexington, 125 miles away, once a week with cards and monetary contributions and to pray with his wife.

Francis also has visited Moore, who is now able to sit in a wheelchair and can talk in a whisper (the aftermath of having tubes down his throat).

The Waverly folks hope Moore can be brought to Waverly in the near future to recover at home.

"We feel he is going to make a complete recovery and be able to assume full duties as our pastor," Francis said. The church has paid his salary since the first of March.

Local laymen, associational leaders, and state convention office staff take turns preaching for the church.

The yellow ribbon was hung there when they expected Bill Moore to occupy the pastor's study the first week of March. They aren't about to take it down until he does occupy it. He will have one chore which he alone can do—unpack those boxes of books for the pastor's own library which are stacked around the pastor's study. (BP)



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## oneida journal

### Charting courses

No doubt we are all doubting Thomases at times needing to thrust our hands into the pierced sides of our savior. Often we are unfaithful Peters fearful of sinking beneath the waves until the savior stretches forth a supporting hand.

Truly these are tempestuous times with billows rolling over the surface of the whole earth. It would be a calm soul indeed who did not find cause to wonder what lies just ahead. Humanity's only guide and dependence is to walk by faith from day to day. I also know even better how infallible is the wisdom and foreknowledge of God. How clearly he sees each tomorrow through all the succeeding ages yet unfolded. How unerring is God's hand which can chart the course of empires, of nations and of institutions like Oneida.

I can doubt the power and wisdom of nations and peoples. But I can never doubt the power, wisdom and justice of him who created this universe and set the course of planets, of nations and men. Assuredly he brings each to its end exactly as he planned it in the beginning.

But that faith does not hinder doubts of the part we are to play on the stage

of time nor the fate of the things of our greatest love and interest.

This brings us to the concern of the fate of Christian education and of Christian schools over the country that have been supported on humanitarian principles, a feeling of charity and a desire that each and all may have an equal opportunity to develop and prepare for a life of Christian service.

There is a greater need for Oneida Baptist Institute than there was when this work began in 1899.

(1) Eighty years ago every public school in America was a Christian institution where the Bible was taught, chapel was held and prayers were offered. Not so today which is all the more reason for us to support our Christian schools as an alternative and to keep that plurality in American education that has been and is a bulwark of our freedom as a nation and our vigor as a denomination. The Congregationalists were once the largest church body in America. But they cut themselves adrift from their institutions like Harvard and Yale, and have nearly disappeared from the American scene.

(2) Eighty years ago nearly every school in America was a small school where everybody could be somebody. Not so today in our age of consolidation and belief in the concept that bigger must be better. All the more reason to support our Christian schools, which remain relatively small schools, where each student can be taught that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" and where each young man or woman can be led to an awareness of self as important to God thus to one another. It is important that each student catch the vision of a Christ who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister" and to go forth to do likewise.

(3) Eighty years ago divorce was nearly unheard of in America. Today, nearly half of all marriages end in the divorce court. This affects the lives of literally millions of young people. The Christian boarding school is not only a school; it is a home where that boy or girl with a single parent who must work can have discipline, structure, security surrounded by the love and an example of a dedicated Christian staff.

So little money is required to maintain schools like Oneida. We must look to our brothers and sisters in Christ to see to it that we have continued life and service.

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 22, 1988

Life and work series

### Secure in God's love

**Rom. 8:28** It is so encouraging to know that in spite of frailties and sufferings God is still in control, and that he can turn all of life's experiences into a means of blessing to all who love him and want his purposes fulfilled in and through them. Note, however, that Paul did not say that all things are good or that every experience of life is good. He did say all things work together for the ultimate good of those who love God.

Whatever develops our character and makes us more Christlike is for our good and for God's glory. Amid the pains and perplexities of life, let us trust in the unfailing wisdom and goodness of God. Life yields its greatest joys and satisfactions only when we surrender completely to the will of God.

**Rom. 8:31-39** Because God is for us, his power will be available to us, and his purpose will be achieved in and through us. Since he is for us, there is nothing to fear, for he is able to supply all of our needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

God was willing to send his son into the world, even though he knew that he would meet with misunderstanding and misrepresentation, would be rejected

and crucified. The greatest sacrifice ever made took place when God "spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all."

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" The answer is, "No one." The seven things mentioned in verse 35, as well as all other possibilities, are absolutely unable to separate a Christian from Christ's love.

International series

### Disciplined commitment

**Heb. 12:1-13** The writer sought to encourage and strengthen believers who discovered the Christian life was more difficult than they had expected and were wondering if they should abandon their high aims and hopes.

**Heb. 12:1-6** Since the Christian life is portrayed as a race, everything that would hinder the Christian in competing for the prize must be laid aside. "Weight," as used here, denotes whatever would put one to a disadvantage in running. Things which prove to be weights to the Christian runner need not necessarily be sins. Some avoid the things that are obviously sinful but carry excess baggage in the form of questionable habits and second-best activities. If one is going to run the Christian race successfully, there must be a divestment of all encumbrances, anything that would hinder fellowship with Christ.

**Heb. 12:7-11** Part of our trouble is the mistaken idea that life was meant to be easy and pleasant. Since life is a time of discipline, we should not be surprised when we must go through the mills of struggle and suffering. We cannot develop properly without discipline, regardless of whether it is imposed from within or from without.

**Heb. 12:12-13** It is far more difficult for Christians to walk victoriously in the straight path of daily duties than it is for them to run a glamorous race amid the cheers of onlookers.

If Christians are to influence others they should be exceedingly careful about their conduct. They are admonished to "make straight paths," meaning to regulate actions by the revealed will of God, to obey the divine precepts, and to refuse to travel in the paths of sin. Christ has preceded us and has called us to follow him in the straight and narrow way. This path is the best one for us, but we should also follow it for the sake of those whom we shall influence.



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## on mission together

### Generous spontaneity

One church in our state convention has taken very seriously the anticipated shortfall in the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions.

When a letter from Calvary Baptist Church in Somerset arrived with a \$2000 check, I called pastor Doyle Searcy to ask permission to print the letter. He reluctantly agreed that I could share it with WR readers even though such was not the intention of the letter.

"We, the members of Calvary Baptist Church, are deeply committed to missions. We at present give 14% of our budget to the Cooperative Program, 4% to Pulaski Baptist Association, and about 10% additional to various mission projects we are personally involved in.

"Because of this we were concerned to learn in the Apr. 12 issue of *Western Recorder* of the considerable shortfall

in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Then, in a letter from WMU national headquarters we find that the deficit is more than \$12 million. This must not be allowed to happen!

"God has been richly blessing our church over the last three months. There have been 14 people saved, four vocational life dedications and other Christian pilgrimage decisions in the hundreds. God has been pouring out revival upon us! This is true not only in the spiritual but in the financial as well. We find that we are ahead of budget and have a surplus.

"Because of our deep commitment to missions and out of utmost gratitude to God for what he has done, we have in a special called business meeting Apr. 24, 1988 voted unamously to send a thank and praise offering.

"Enclosed find our check for \$2000 to be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC to be added to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is

our earnest prayer that God will move many others to join us."

The amount of the gift and the cause for which it was given may be less significant than the reality which underlies it.

Notice the last line of the letter: "It is our earnest prayer that God will move others to join us."

No one "solicited" this extra gift. It came as a result of their being "moved by God" to do something about a need. They didn't wait for someone else to take the lead. They spontaneously decided that this was what they should do, and they did it.

It just goes to show us once again that God doesn't confine himself only to carefully planned programs. He is full of surprises.

Calvary Baptist Church is in the midst of revival, it seems, and this event of "giving spontaneity" reflects one of the ways God breaks through the structured for a surprise visit.

*Lord, help us never lose our capacity for spontaneity.*



Four-year-old Heidi Stevenson, a preschooler at Riverside Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., arranges figures of the nativity, an activity that will be part of preschool studies about the birth of Jesus in vacation Bible school this summer. Preschoolers and children will study about Jesus; youth will study prayer; adults will focus on sharing their faith. More than 3.3 million people of all ages will participate in VBS sponsored by Southern Baptist churches.

## Women in ministry: A healthy self-image is vital

A healthy self-image that communicates personal and professional competence and confidence is one of the most important qualities needed by women who have chosen to enter the ministry, according to a minister of youth and college students.

"The female youth minister must deal with several issues which shape her ministry and serve as constant reminders of who she is and why she serves," Jeana Fortenberry, minister to youth and college students at Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., said to a group attending a seminar on women in ministry.

The seminar was one of 99 offered to those who attended the Youth Ministry National Conference 3 sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

"A healthy self-esteem presents a woman who is confident in her role as both woman and youth minister," Miss Fortenberry said. "By effectively integrating the two to serve God and her church, she is able to use her gifts in ministry without hesitation or question because she is secure in the knowledge of who she is."

Miss Fortenberry said the congregation's perception of a woman as a youth minister is also a ministry issue.

"Is she viewed as an assistant to another staff member or does she minis-

ter in her own right?" Miss Fortenberry asked. "Is she seen and accepted by the church in places of leadership and responsibility? Does the church recognize her role in pastoral care or is she limited to activity ministry?"

These are all questions women in ministry must eventually face in their called profession, she said.

"Female youth ministers must present an image of someone who is confident and competent in her decisions," Miss Fortenberry said.

It is important that volunteer workers and parents see the youth minister as a leader and accountable for her work. It is also important that she does not let a struggle for her rightful place on the staff take precedence over her sensitivity to the ministry, Miss Fortenberry said.

Professional relationships with staff and others who work as youth ministers affect the female youth minister every day, she attested.

To communicate competence, confidence and authority, a female staff member must feel like she is part of the team and she must feel she is included in important decision-making processes, Miss Fortenberry said.

Miss Fortenberry added the professionalism a female youth minister portrays will "greatly influence these relationships and earn her the respect of her peers."

## The 24-Hour Counselor: Help for sensitive teen issues

Many times when youth face personal crises, they feel there is no place to turn for help or even information, according to Richard Ross, youth ministry consultant in the Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department.

To provide counseling in a non-threatening way Ross has compiled a series of 24 messages from professional counselors and doctors on cassette tapes in a new product from Broadman Press, *The 24-Hour Counselor*.

Messages in *The 24-Hour Counselor* come in two sets which cover 12 subjects each. Churches have permission to copy the messages and give away tapes to young people who can listen to the question-and-answer session in privacy if they choose.

Ross said *The 24-Hour Counselor* consists of 30-minute messages on cassette tapes addressing subjects about which youth find it difficult to talk to professional counselors or parents.

"The great majority of teenagers who are hurting are not receiving the counseling they need," Ross explained. "Teenagers who are the most troubled may be the least able to find the emotional strength to share their hurt with a caring adult."

Tapes in *The 24-Hour Counselor* volumes I and II come in a vinyl album that unfolds to make a wall display rack. Ross suggested that churches make copies of each of the messages on separate tapes, identified by a number only. Youth can then pick up a tape without risk of embarrassment and receive competent advice on critical issues.

Each taped message begins with a seg-

ment of contemporary music, and then a teenage narrator describes the problem from a young person's point of view. The teenager spends the next 25 minutes directing questions to the counselor or doctor.

Every message includes biblically based and clinically sound suggestions, Ross said. Also each tape gently encourages the teenager to share his or her problem with a caring adult.

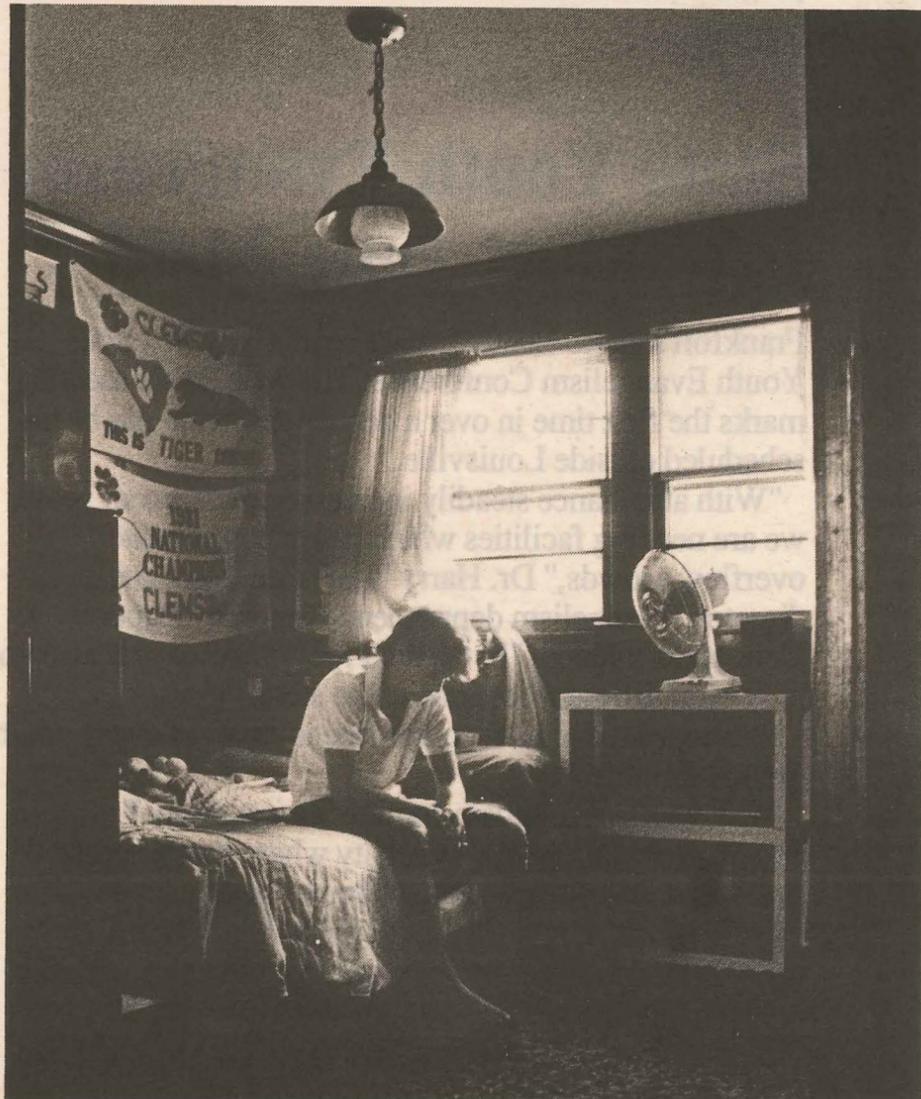
"Those who have never shared their problems with anyone will be thankful for a private way to get help," Ross said.

All of the advice on the tapes is given by professional counselors or doctors who have extensive experience in dealing with the particular topic.

Subjects in volume I include AIDS, physical abuse, suicide, running away, loneliness, anorexia, stepparent relationships, appearance, alcohol, tobacco, relating to single parents and doubts about salvation.

Topics in volume II include no desire to live, parents divorcing, drug abuse, guilt, pregnancy, parental trust, sexual abuse, dating, depression, failing in school, peer pressure and breakup with boyfriend/girlfriend.

*The 24-Hour Counselor* is available in Baptist Book Stores, on the church literature order form or by calling 1-800-458-BSSB. *The 24-Hour Counselor* I and II sell for \$65 each, which includes permission to make unlimited copies of tape masters and a guidebook to help youth leaders encourage church youth to use the tapes. Both volumes include six audiocassette tapes with 12 messages.



Competent counseling from qualified experts to help youth face personal and social pressures is available to churches in *The 24-Hour Counselor* from Broadman. The new product includes permission to reproduce the taped messages.

# Convention

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Evangelist Rick Stanley, step-brother of the late Elvis Presley, and Harbor, a music ministry team, are among the program personalities scheduled for the 1988 State Youth Evangelism Conference next month.

## State Youth Evangelism Conference meets in Frankfort June 24-25

Frankfort's Civic Center is the site of this year's State Youth Evangelism Conference. The June 24-25 meeting marks the first time in over a decade the event has been scheduled outside Louisville.

"With attendance steadily increasing over recent years, we are needing facilities which can accommodate overflow crowds," Dr. Harry "Hal" Poe, associate director, Evangelism department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, stated. "In the next few years we will also go to several different sections of the state."

Poe hopes the annual conference is a part of every youth group planning.

"The youth evangelism conference is a time of encouragement and one of reality where you see your peers love and worship Jesus Christ," he explained. "It can also provide inspiration for mission projects and provide an opportunity for witnessing to teenagers who are not Christians."

Rick Stanley, an evangelist and step-brother of the late Elvis Presley, headlines the list of program personalities for the two-day event. Stanley, whose mother, Dee, was married to Vernon Presley (Elvis' father), grew up in the Graceland mansion. Glamor and drugs played a big part

of his life until a teenage girl (whom later became his wife) led him to Christ. After accepting a call to preach, he enrolled and later graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Stanley has led over 900 revivals and is a much-in-demand conference speaker.

The musical group, *Harbor*, will perform a concert and lead congregational singing.

Another program personality includes Dr. Jerry Burgess, a member of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. A medical doctor by profession, he has developed a unique ministry as an illusionist in presenting the gospel.

Bill Cox, associate for youth, Evangelism department, South Carolina Baptist Convention, and his wife, Kathy, will present "Homecoming," a contemporary retelling of the prodigal son story using nine projectors and over 700 slides together utilizing background music by such contemporary Christian artists as Russ Taff, Michael W. Smith, Steve Archer, Mike Davis and The Imperials.

For more information concerning the 1988 State Youth Evangelism Conference, contact the Evangelism department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, at (502) 245-4101.