

W. K. Whitefield, I, and Bill Hay talk with Larry Cunningham as they visit prospects during Central Avenue Church's growth campaign.

Growth project turns up 8000 SS prospects in Severns Valley

by Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

In a few hours on a recent Sunday afternoon, churches in Severns Valley Association found nearly 8000 prospects for Sunday school.

The following week, 5000 attended Sunday school in 23 churches, just shy of last year's 5026 average attendance for the entire 41-church association.

What's happening in Elizabethtown and surrounding Hardin County?

The association has been pegged to participate in an SBC-sponsored five-year growth project, one of five such associations conventionwide and the only one in Kentucky.

And the Sunday school campaign last month, one of the first thrusts of the project, has area churches hopping.

"This could prove to be the turnaround in our Sunday school," wrote Gene Waggoner, pastor of Stithton Church, Radcliff, in an evaluation. "It's been a real eye-opener.

Although the church didn't meet its

goal of 500 in Sunday school for the climax of the campaign, 475 "was the highest we've had in several months," said minister of education David Marlow.

East Rhudes Creek and Gilead churches had their highest ever attendances in Sunday school May 1.

"The campaign showed people what's out there and what we can do," praised John Paul Brady, pastor of Gilead Church. His church had 283 in attendance with a usual average of 230.

Many pastors noted that the campaign's emphasis on visitation and making contacts brought a good object lesson to their members. When people are contacted, they respond.

Mark Boes, pastor of Cecilia church, related that over 600 contacts brought 242 to Sunday school, the church's second highest attendance ever. He said one family was there "because an 8-year-old boy invited them." The boy told his neighbors it was "Telephone Day, the most important day of the year." Boes said the class with the most contacts received a telephone painted gold.

Most churches conducted a People Search as a part of their campaigns, having volunteers canvass area neighborhoods. One church, Berean, distributed several hundred copies of Western Recorder as the members surveyed. Two other churches mailed the state Baptist newspaper to every household on a mail route in their community.

At East Rhudes Creek church, five professions of faith resulted from one of the families surveyed. Another asked for a Bible and a return visit.

Each church hosted a guest director, convention or church staff members from several states, for the week of the campaign. Each provided training for workers and suggested improvements in each church's Sunday school organization.

Brady of Gilead said his guest director, Wally Miller, gave him ideas on how to better soundproof moveable partitions to create more Sunday school space. Miller is an associate in the state Sunday School Department.

Windy Rich, a minister of education for 45 years and now a church growth consultant, directed the associational campaign. He noted that Severns Valley's growth campaign was "twice as large as the average campaign."

Delores Baugh, who with her husband Allen directs Severns Valley's associational work, suggested: "With the staffs of 25 churches meeting together it's strengthened them."

She added that a number of churches saw growth even months ago from early planning with other churches and the excitement of the campaign.

Mrs. Baugh said the campaign was so successful some of the plans for the five-year project may be accelerated.

WMU's centennial witnessed by 11,000

With dramatic pageantry Southern Baptists celebrated 100 years of women's response to the call of God to missions May 13-14 in Richmond, Va.

More than 11,000 women rejoiced together during the centennial celebration of the founding of Woman's Missionary Union as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

In contrast with strife-torn sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention during the past 10 years the two-day celebration generally steered clear of the controversial issues that have plagued the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Each session featured a processional parade similar to the opening and closing ceremonies of the olympic games. Among the parade participants were representatives of 37 state WMU organizations, 670 associations and 24 countries. The colorful pageantry featured banners and balloons, antique cars, horse-drawn carriages and a turn-of-the-century trolley.

A drama group from Parkview Baptist Church, Monroe, La., presented reenactments of three dramatic moments in WMU history, beginning with a historical recreation of the organizational meeting of WMU 100 years earlier in Richmond.

The drama group also portrayed the creation of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville in 1907 and the role of WMU in rescuing the Southern Baptist Convention from financial disaster in the 1930s following the Great Depression.

Woman's Missionary Union was organized May 14, 1888 at Broad Street Methodist Church, Richmond, a few blocks from First Baptist Church where 835 male delegates were meeting for the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to Catherine Allen, author of the official history of Woman's Missionary Union, the biggest argument against a women's missions organization in 1888 was the fear women would leave home and enter the pulpit.

Dorothy Sample of Flint, Mich., WMU president from 1981-86 and current president of the North American Women's Union, told participants there is no better way to celebrate the centennial than to hear and respond to the call of God.

"By faith, women have given their sons and daughters to serve as home and

foreign missionaries," Dr. Sample said. "By faith, women have for more than 100 years stimulated missions through praying, giving and going."

Challenging women to respond personally to the call of God by saying, "Here am I, send me," Dr. Sample said women should make the same response as they take the leadership role in bringing healing to the convention.

Marjorie Jones McCullough, current WMU national president, said WMU's purpose has always been missions.

"We chose to be a missionary support group, not a missionary-sending agency," Mrs. McCullough said. "We still choose to be a helper and an auxiliary," she declared to sustained applause.

The two-day celebration also featured testimonies and interviews with dozens of foreign and home missionaries who thanked and praised WMU for their prayers, financial support and personal involvement in missions.

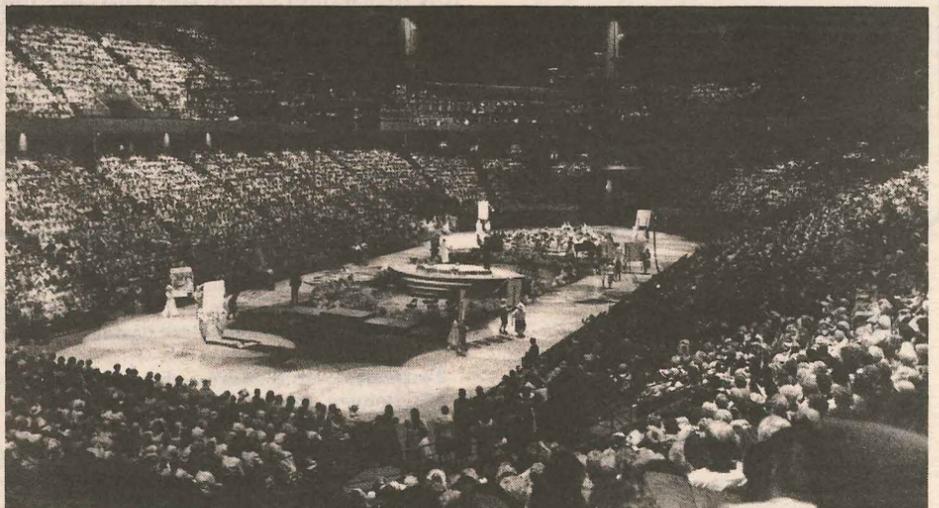
As the celebration came to a climax, the Home and Foreign Mission boards commissioned 134 home missionaries and 32 foreign missionaries for service in 25 countries in one of the few joint commissioning services in this century.

Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks called for the kind of sacrificial commitment by Southern Baptists that would "unleash God's power to flow through us and batter through the barriers" that hinder more than one billion people from responding to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Home Mission Board president Larry L. Lewis urged Baptist women to see God's vision and dreams for the future as they celebrate their past, and to become part of the healing process in the denomination.

Lewis said he dreams of a time when Southern Baptists will beat their denominational spears into plowshares and devote their major energies to planting new churches and winning people to Christ instead of fighting among themselves. To do that Lewis said there must be a great spiritual revival among Southern Baptists.

The centennial celebration ended with a time of personal commitment led by WMU national executive director Carolyn Weatherford while a choir and orchestra from First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., sang Frederick Handel's "Worthy is the Lamb" and the "Hallelujah" chorus.



More than 11,000 persons packed the Richmond (Va.) Coliseum for the Woman's Missionary Union centennial celebration May 13-14.

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sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

The following was written by Kenneth Holden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Greenup Association, in his weekly newsletter. Brother Holden has put his finger on a sore spot which constantly irritates sincere Christians. Western Recorder offers the gentle words of a concerned pastor for study and reflection by Kentucky Baptists.

TV's distorted view

There is something fresh on my mind and I want to share it with you. Last night as I was "unwinding" I began to flip through the channels on our TV (this drives my wife crazy). I came across one particular show called "The Bronx Zoo." We did not watch the whole show but I picked up enough of the story line to concern me. In fact, I couldn't get it out of my mind and it went beyond concerned to being disturbed.

The show had to do with a high school science teacher who was supposed to be a Bible believer (maybe a Christian) whose responsibility was to teach evolution.

The show centered around his personal dilemma and the effect his actions had on the whole school. Please let me hasten to say that my article today is not about evolution or any argument for or against it. Personally, I believe God in his great act of creation could have used any process he chose. My God is that big.

My concern is much greater. I am concerned with the stereotypical way TV shows and producers present Christians and Christianity. For instance in this particular episode, the teacher who I suppose was to represent a Christian was loud, aggressive, unfriendly and unstable emotionally and socially.

He "preached" in class rather than taught. He appeared self-doubtful concerning his beliefs. No love was portrayed in his character even though the Bible was his reference. In other words, the teacher was the bad guy in this show. And to be honest, I didn't like him either.

The students who "believed" like their teacher were shown to be the mean, nasty, snarling kids. On the other hand, the student cast as an atheist was shown as sincere, thinking, gentle, sure of himself and concerned for others. He accepted people whether they believed like him or not, (i.e. just the way Christ would). Now that is strange.

I'm angry. Why? Glad you asked. I'm angry because almost every time a Christian or pastor or evangelist is mentioned in a TV show they are portrayed as jerks, buffoons, or the butt of the joke. If not, then they are seen as mean-spirited, legalistic or almost demonic in their insistence that others must think, act or believe just like them. Sure, we may have caused some of the problem but this kind of misrepresentation is an injustice.

Now hear this! Every person who "barks out the Bible" is not a Christian. Christians have the Spirit of Christ living in and hopefully through them. Christians do care that others know Christ and God's plan. But they care because of love (Agape—God's love). A Christian's emphasis is always love and true Christians are attractive people!

One more thing (make that two). Christians don't win others to Christ with a club, no matter how big it is, but with love, concern and a consistent life that is tolerant of others' disbeliefs. And lastly, friends, you do not have to commit intellectual suicide to be Christian. Let's tell our youth that.

The second historic battle at the Alamo

Texans fought a bloody battle at the Alamo. Baptists are likely to fight another if the signs now appearing are any indication.

During March, April and May we have received the publications of the Advocate, SBC Cause, SBC Today and a massive mailing from former SBC president Winfred Moore. Each of these publications is nothing more than a battle cry, attempting to prepare the faithful in each camp for the coming showdown in San Antonio.

Many Southern Baptists are sick of the whole thing by the tragedy which has divided us will not go away simply because we are sick of the fight. Mark it down, there will be a battle and who wins will determine the course of our convention for years to come.

All of which is only to say we must have a large crowd at the SBC next month. It is tragic that so few messengers from the churches make decisions which affect all of us, all of our foreign and home missionaries and all those young men and women who will follow in our footsteps as the ministers of Christ in generations to come.

If we cannot hear the voice of the people because the people are not there to speak we are all losers,

regardless of who wins the war in Texas. Mostly preachers and church staff persons make the decisions because they are the ones present in the convention hall. What we need is thousands of lay people at the meeting to voice their opinion about the direction the convention is taking, has taken and will take in the future.

Whether or not the lay people come to San Antonio in the critical areas of missions, evangelism and fellowship. If those present at the convention this year cannot find a way to end the blood bath it will not matter who comes to future conventions. We will be a people whom the Lord has "put on the shelf" as he turns to others to win a lost world to the savior.

The single most important human being in this whole sordid affair is the person elected president of the convention. This person must have the spirit of Christ in dealing with brothers, must have the compassion of Christ toward a lost world and must have the mind of Christ who was in subjection to God alone. Only this attitude will turn the Southern Baptist battle of San Antonio into a love feast rather than a blood bath.

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Japanese work touches church, campus, region

by Kima Jude, *State Correspondent*

When Dr. Goki Saito decided to further his studies in Kentucky, it may have answered prayers and become a blessing in two countries.

Here, in Kentucky, Saito conducts a ministry to Japanese industrial workers, imported from their native country for employment at Scott County's Toyota factory and other corporations.

But the reason he's in Kentucky in the first place is because he wanted to better equip himself preparatory to the Japan Baptist Convention reaching its goal of doubling its 250 Baptist churches and 25,000 members by the end of the 20th century.

The immediate result was an answered prayer as the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Elkhorn Association and member cooperating churches sought ways to minister to the increasing numbers of Japanese in their communities. To that end, Saito conducts a Japanese-speaking worship service at 9:15 a.m. Sundays in the basement of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

Saito, who graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, in 1974, decided to return to the states in order to work on another dissertation as his convention undertakes the task of increasing its numbers to 500 Southern Baptist churches with 50,000 members.

"I felt God's calling to go to the states again to receive more discipline and write a thesis."

As Japanese Baptists multiply in that country, Saito figures their interest in and need for Baptist history will grow. Japanese Baptists will want to know "the face of the Baptist," Saito says. Therefore, he wanted to be ready himself with more extensive knowledge for that quest ahead. Saito has spent the past 13 years after his return to Japan as a pastor and lecturer at a Baptist seminary.

But there were practical considerations to more study in the states. He would need financial resources to support his family, which includes his wife Keiko and a daughter Mari, a freshman at Georgetown College majoring in music. He needed a place to live.

Then he read an ad in *The Commission* magazine, published by the Foreign Mission Board, detailing a missionary residence available at Georgetown College.

When inquiries were made, it was still available. No missionary had applied. On top of that, Georgetown College

president Morgan Patterson was the person who had supervised Saito's doctoral work at Southern Seminary.

Patterson, Elkhorn Association director of missions Harold Polk and Immanuel Baptist Church pastor Ted Sisk conferred, with the end result that when Saito came to Kentucky as a student, he came as a missionary as well.

Saito's services as a minister to the Japanese have been secured by Elkhorn Association and Immanuel Baptist Church. In addition, Saito teaches courses at Georgetown College in Japanese language and culture and religion.

"I came to Georgetown at a very good time," says Saito. Not only was Immanuel and Elkhorn Association already seeking ways to reach out to the Japanese, prayer for the effort had already begun.

And the way had already been paved, according to Saito. An Asbury College student had previously established a Japanese-speaking Sunday school class at Immanuel, and Elkhorn Association's International Fellowship, which meets at the Immanuel church, had drawn many Japanese.

In fact, they found a large number of participants in the English-speaking studies, handcrafts, painting and cooking and in such classes the organization offered were Japanese women.

In view of that, concern deepened, because, as Sisk pointed out to Saito, while the Japanese might identify the love of Jesus through the warmth and friendship offered them, it wasn't the same as



Erecting a sign announcing Japanese-speaking worship services at Immanuel Baptist Church helped increase attendance at the services.



Goki Saito, minister from Japan studying in Kentucky, leads a Japanese-speaking service at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

the preached word. And while some Americans were actively trying to spread the gospel to them by word of mouth, communication was generally a problem. Most Japanese don't speak English fluently. Most Americans don't speak Japanese at all.

As a result, Japanese-speaking worship services were born at Immanuel last September.

At first there were seven persons who attended on the average. Then Immanuel erected a sign on the front lawn announcing the services in Japanese. That move, coupled with a news segment on a Lexington television station, helped attendance increase. Today 12 to 20 regularly attend.

That's not many of the approximately

100 Japanese families in Lexington and eight in Georgetown and 100 single adults in both cities that Saito has identified. But it's a good start because, as Saito explains, Christianity is a foreign religion to the Japanese, a people mainly composed of Buddhists and Shintoists.

"They regard it as important to understanding American literature but not important to daily life," Saito says.

However, as the Japanese work in Kentucky, where they are surrounded by Christians, they begin to develop an interest in Christianity. That's an advantage, according to Saito, because in Japan that interest may never be sparked. Here in Kentucky it may be strengthened.

"Therefore, it's a very good time for the Japanese to have contact with Christ," Saito says.

In fact, it's a crucial time, according to Saito, because most Japanese are here only temporarily. Senior adults come for about three months. Other workers are here for three to five years before they return home.

"Even if they don't become Christians the seed of the gospel has been sown in their hearts and someday it might grow up and bear fruit."

Saito is realistic about his expectations for converting the Japanese. Of his small congregation now only three are Christians, two of them Southern Baptists. Perhaps in a year or two there will be some conversions, Saito says. "It takes time."

For pressures on the Japanese, who know they will return to their own country with its inherent religions, are strong. "It's very difficult to join and receive baptism because they know they will soon be returning to Japan." In fact, many husbands forbid their wives to take such a step, according to Saito.

Saito sees his stint in Georgetown as a period of renewing his energy and deepening his historical knowledge so he may continue the work of the gospel in Japan.

But his mission in Kentucky is "to build a foundation for the Japanese congregation."

Saito considers it important to have an independent Japanese church, although he acknowledges that second-generation Japanese, offspring of those who remain in America, generally choose to attend the English-speaking services. But this seed-sowing time in Kentucky is so critical that Saito hopes a retired missionary to Japan will take over the ministry, and services at Immanuel will continue even after he returns to Japan.

Saito will be moving to a missionary residence owned by Tatesbrook Baptist Church in Lexington. Then in the spring of 1990 he plans to return home.

By then, perhaps the one or two converts he hoped for will have been won and the seed planted in so many more.

Crittenden Association church honors its pastor of 40 years

by Conda Abbott
State Correspondent

For 40 years Carl Chipley has driven from his Lexington home weekly to Crittenden Association north of Lexington to pastor the little flock at New Friendship Baptist Church. On reaching that milestone last month, the 130-member congregation honored him.

Chipley and his wife were feted during a recognition service Sunday, Apr. 14. Revival evangelists of the past, church members and their guests at-



Carl, Emily Chipley

tended. A dinner and afternoon service followed.

Born in Harrison County, Chipley was converted at Boones Creek Baptist Church, near Lexington, while a teenager. He graduated from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and returned to his native state to preach.

Thanksgiving day will always be special to him. He was ordained to the ministry on that occasion in 1939 at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington. His first pastorate was at Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. He was later called to White Hall Baptist Church, now Corinth

Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association.

In July 1946 while at White Hall Chipley married Emily Brandenburg.

In April 1948 New Friendship Baptist Church called him, 100 years after its organization by a group of Virginians in 1848.

Chipley says the most memorable events of the last 40 years have included those who have made professions of faith, those who have married within the church and those who have been members and gone to be with the Lord.

baptist news in brief

Panel will consider 200 beloved songs for 1991 hymnal

by Charles Willis

The 200 hymns most frequently sung in Southern Baptist churches will be recommended for inclusion in the new Baptist hymnal to be published in 1991.

The first meeting of the hymnal's hymns recommendation subcommittee in early May began with a study of responses to a random sample survey in which music Southern Baptist directors ranked hymns from the "Baptist Hymnal," 1975 edition, by frequency of use in their churches.

Music directors from a scientifically valid sampling of 348 Southern Baptist churches responded to the Baptist Sunday School Board's Research Services Department, representing congregations ranging from fewer than 99 members to more than 2000. Fifty-four percent of the respondents represented churches of fewer than 300 members.

Subcommittee members reviewed the top 200 hymns from "Amazing Grace" No. 1 in frequency of use through "The Star-Spangled Banner," No. 200. They voted hymn-by-hymn to recommend them for inclusion in the new hymnal.

The nine most frequently sung hymns



after "Amazing Grace" are "To God Be the Glory," "Victory in Jesus," "Just As I Am," "Blessed Assurance," "Standing on the Promises," "Living for Jesus," "There Is Power in the Blood," "At the Cross" and "At Calvary."

Recommendations from review of the 1975 edition, as well as approval of new materials, will be final only by a vote of the 78-member hymnal committee when

it meets Sept. 22-23, 1988 and in April 1989.

Larry Black, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., said there "was a period when the choir became the focal point" but that "Baptists are returning to an emphasis on the congregation. I see that being reflected in the decisions here. I think that's exciting."

Terry York (l), hymnal project coordinator, explains informational storage and retrieval for each hymn considered by the hymnal committee to Michael Hawn (c), associate professor of church music, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Larry Black, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Michael Hawn, professor of church music at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., expressed "confidence that this process will produce a hymnal not only of theological and musical integrity but also with a fresh spirit of warmth."

Subcommittee members also reviewed hymns from the "Baptist Hymnal," 1956 edition, that were not included in the 1975 edition, recommending that more than two dozen of those be considered for inclusion. Among them are "Give Your Best to the Master," "Now the Day Is Over" and "When I Can Read My Title Clear."

Hymns from the 1940 "Broadman Hymnal," which were not included in the "Baptist Hymnal," 1956 edition, will be reviewed individually along with other material prior to a planned Aug. 4 teleconference to complete recommendations before the September hymnal committee meeting. (BP)

'Courageous conservative' will continue SBC correction: Vines

by Greg Warner

Southern Baptists should elect a "courageous conservative" as president of the Southern Baptist Convention to continue the process of theological correction underway in the denomination.

That's the advice of Jacksonville, Fla. pastor Jerry Vines, expected to be nominated for SBC president this summer and receive the support of conservatives in the convention.

Vines, copastor of 18,000-member First Baptist Church since 1982, said no one has asked to nominate him, and he is not sure he will be a nominee, but added, "I would say at this point it appears I probably will be."

While insisting the continued conservative success is not dependent on his own election, Vines said, "It is important to have someone who is a courageous conservative as president."

A graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, Vines said his two years of service on the SBC Peace Committee confirmed his suspicion that some Southern Baptists, including some seminary professors, had strayed beyond the parameters of traditional Baptist belief.

"I would not appoint anyone to any committee," Vines added, "who did not endorse the Baptist Faith and Message statement on the scripture as interpreted by the Peace Committee, affirmed by the convention sessions and interpreted by the Glorieta Statement of the seminary presidents."

Since Vines sees those interpretations as consistent with his view of inerrancy, the result is that only inerrantists would be appointed to leadership positions in a Vines presidency, he said.

The same Peace Committee recommendation that would keep non-inerrantists off Vines' list of appointments

also should keep non-inerrantists out of SBC trustee posts, Vines said.

Vines himself is criticized by opponents for his church's Cooperative Program record. According to the Florida Baptist Convention, First Church, Jacksonville gave \$200,000 from its 1986-87 undesignated receipts of \$7.4 million to the Cooperative Program—or 2.7 percent.

Opponents also say Vines has been uninvolved in Baptist work at the state and associational levels. In 1985 Vines was replaced as a nominee to the state board of missions after state convention messengers noted his lack of participation.

He has been asked to preach the concluding message at this year's SBC Pastors' Conference, a meeting that has helped launch every meeting since 1979. Vines said he is unaware of any political intentions in the invitation, which he said came last June.

Still some conservative leaders have been slow to embrace a Vines candidacy, reportedly because he is not well known outside the Southeast. Some predict he will have difficulty getting elected in San Antonio, site of the June 14-16 convention, where he is expected to face native Texan Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church.

Vines said he sees no theological differences between himself and Jackson, but he would not say why he could not support Jackson for president. "The only comment I will have about Richard is that I love him as a brother in the Lord," he said.

Vines suggested the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas would provide an opportunity to put the renewed commitment into practice, with messengers conducting crusades, street services and door-to-door witnessing—"all the things Baptists know how to do so well." (BP)

Handful of high priests should be abandoned by Baptists: Jackson

by Greg Warner

Southern Baptists are abandoning one of their cherished doctrines—the priesthood of the believer—by surrendering control of their denomination to a handful of "high priests."

That's the warning from Arizona pastor Richard Jackson, who is expected to be nominated this summer as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and receive the support of SBC moderates.

The doctrine of the priesthood of believers, which gives each Christian the right and responsibility of direct relationship with God, is applied by Jackson to the decade-long controversy in the SBC. The conflict, he says, is a struggle for priesthood—whether individuals, free-thinking Southern Baptists will determine the direction and nature of their denomination or whether those powers will reside in a handful of leaders.

"It is obviously evidenced that a small group of dominating leaders have overly influenced the direction of Baptists," said Jackson, pastor of the 18,000-member North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church 21 years. "They have led people to blindly follow rather than make individual, prayerful, informed decisions."

That trend is evident among the trustees elected in recent years to Southern Baptist boards and agencies, he said. In some cases, those trustees have carried out the "preset agenda" of a group of national leaders, he said, rather than functioning as independent "believer-priests."

The choice facing Southern Baptists when they elect a new president June 14, Jackson said, is what type of leadership they want.

Jackson has been attractive to moderates because of his conservative, theological, which makes his electable, and his record of cooperation, which makes him

acceptable.

During the 1986-87 fiscal year Jackson's church gave \$1 million to the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget from undesignated receipts of \$6.6 million—or 15.2 percent. That same year the church baptized 1206 people. The fete reportedly is the only time in SBC history when one church has led the convention in both Cooperative Program gifts and baptisms.

Jackson said messengers to the June convention will be hard-pressed to find significant theological differences between himself and the other likely nominee, Jacksonville, Fla., pastor Jerry Vines, however. By any analysis, both are conservative theologically.

Asked if he would use the presidential power to appoint moderates to SBC committees to balance out the shift of recent years, Jackson said: "Not on your life. I'm not interested in parity. I'm interested in purity."

Baptists who are appointed to committees or elected as trustees should demonstrate commitment in five areas, he said: the lordship of Jesus Christ; the absolute authority and integrity of scripture; the Baptist method of cooperation for worldwide missions; the intellectual preparation needed for responsible service; and the spiritual strength "to resist the intimidation of others who have a preset agenda."

There is some legitimacy to claims the SBC has become less conservative in recent decades, Jackson said. The denomination has no place for seminary professors "who don't believe the Bible," added Jackson, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, but "we don't need to stand up and say our seminaries are full of liberals." If any are found, they should be "prayed for, prayed with, and asked to leave before they are forced to leave," he advised. (BP)

baptist news in brief

Churches: beware of 'phonie' Mormon

A woman pretending to be a disillusioned Mormon missionary is traveling around the country allegedly trying to con Baptist churches into giving her money, Gary Leazer, director of the Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness Department has warned.

The woman, Bobbie Dintino, was last seen May 16 in Reading, Pa., where she was confronted with the allegations by the pastor of Berkshire Baptist Church and by police, reported Leazer. Because Miss Dintino had not received money from the Reading church, police would not detain her.

Miss Dintino, who allegedly escaped from a county jail in Utah, has been identified in incidents this spring with Baptist churches in Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana.

In each case, she apparently made contact with a Baptist church, claiming to be a former Mormon missionary who wanted to know more about becoming a Christian. In most cases, she made a public profession of faith during a worship service. The woman usually did not directly ask for money, according to reports. Instead, she conned Christians into assisting her by appearing to be in need.

Miss Dintino has used at least five aliases, according to the board's Interfaith Witness Department. She has been known as Laurie Maxwell, Shelly Babbitt, Jennifer Dunn, Francine Jensen and Stephanie Andrews. (BP)

Southern Seminary names alumni of year

Five graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, have been chosen as 1988 alumni of the year.

Robert B. Ford Jr., Allen W. Graves, John David Laida, Paul Truett Langston and Charles Carmen Sharp will be honored June 15 at the annual Southern Seminary alumni reunion held during the SBC annual meeting in San Antonio, Tex.

Ford, Baptist campus minister at Jacksonville (Ala.) State University, previously was campus minister at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Ala., and at Livingston University, Livingston, Ala. He also has been a pastor in Alabama.

Graves, a retired Southern Seminary administrator, was dean of the seminary's School of Religious Education, administrative dean, vice president for student affairs and executive director of Boyce Bible School. He also has been employed by the Baptist Sunday School board and has been pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Virginia and Florida.

Laida retired last year after 27 years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. Church membership at Clarksville grew from 676 to 3416 while he was pastor. Prior to going to Clarksville, Laida held pastorates in Kentucky.

Langston, a professor of music at Stetson University, joined the DeLand, Fla., school's faculty in 1960. He was dean of Stetson's School of Music from 1963 to 1985 and has been an organist-choirmaster for churches in North Carolina and New Jersey.

Sharp retired in 1984 as pastor of Louisville's Deer Park Baptist Church following 23 years of service. He also has been pastor of Clarksdale (Miss.) Baptist Church and Bardstown (Ky.) Baptist Church. (BP)



Mary Driskill

Mary Royals Driskill to be WR staff writer

A Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student pursuing the MDiv degree in communications, Mary Royals Driskill, has been named to a journalism internship at Western Recorder.

She will join the staff Aug. 15, James H. Cox, associate editor, announced this week.

Married to Mark Driskill, also a seminary student, Mrs. Driskill, 26, is a native of Atlanta, Ga. and grew up in Pensacola, Fla. A summa cum laude graduate of Judson College, Marion, Ala., she was a reporter and editor of her college newspaper.

She has been awarded previous journalism internships by the Judson public relations department, the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Communications Division. Her freelance writing has been widely circulated through the secular and religious press, including state newspapers and national magazines.

At Western Recorder she will not only write articles but will assist in editing copy, photography, page design and proofreading. She becomes the paper's 40th seminary student intern in a 15-year period.

In making the announcement, Cox also noted Western Recorder has named a new state correspondent for south central Kentucky.

Bonnie H. Hartley, 43, is reporting in these associations: Allen, Bethel, Gasper River, Liberty, Logan County, Monroe, Simpson and Warren.

A native of Dallas, Tex., she is the wife of Darrell D. Hartley, pastor of Southern Heights Baptist Church, Russellville. Their address: 109 Lafayette Blvd., Russellville, KY 42276, telephone 726-7264.

Mrs. Hartley holds degrees from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Missions questions answered 'toll-free'

Southern Baptists who have been wringing their hands over unanswered questions about home missions may now ring their Home Mission Board's new toll-free number instead.

By dialing 1-800-634-2462, callers may place orders for HMB products or receive information about any facet of Southern Baptists' mission work in the United States.

The service began Jan. 1 as an extension of the board's Orders Processing Department. Four operators answer calls from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (EDT) Monday through Friday. (BP)

Colorado averts dropping WMU head

Financially troubled Colorado Baptists have stepped back from a proposal to drop the Woman's Missionary Union director from their state convention staff. Instead, they have called for financial commitments from Southern Baptists across the state, seeking to eliminate their crippling debt.

In April, the Colorado Baptist General Convention executive board's finance committee made a motion to cut \$50,000 from the convention's 1988 budget, reported CBGC executive director Charles E. Sharp.

That budget is \$2.4 million, with Colorado Baptists expected to raise half and other sources, particularly the Baptist Home Mission and Sunday School boards, expected to produce the balance.

The finance committee's motion was referred back to that committee and to the administrative/personnel commit-

tee. "They decided the only way to cut that much money was to cut personnel and some programs," Sharp said. "The suggestion was to cut some programming and to cut the Woman's Missionary Union director effective July 1."

But during a called meeting May 12, the executive board voted to cut some supplemental program functions and approved six immediate steps and three long-range proposals to ease the budget crisis without dropping the WMU position.

The immediate steps are primarily requests that executive board members seek commitments from their churches to increase Cooperative Program gifts by 10 percent for one year and that state WMU, pastors and church staff members give \$5 extra per month during the next year. In addition, the board approved conducting a state week of prayer the last of June in which all of the 30 Colorado Baptist churches and missions will be asked to increase their CP gifts to aid the state budget.

Three major factors have contributed to the Colorado convention's financial woes, Sharp said: A \$2.3 million loss incurred by the foundation four years ago, for which the convention is liable; previous convention budgets that were "way out of line with our income"; and the weak economies of Denver and Colorado Springs, the state's largest population centers, during the past 18 months. (BP)

'Bumped' trustee won't fight status

The only person to be "bumped" this year from renomination to a second term as a Southern Baptist Convention trustee said he is shocked and saddened but will not contest the action.

The SBC Committee on Nominations chose not to propose C. Frank Jordan, pastor of Highland Avenue Baptist Church, National City, Cal., for a second full term on the board of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Jordan, a 1961 Southeastern alumnus, has been an outspoken critic of trustee chairman Robert D. Crowley, his friend of 50 years. He also has criticized trustee actions last fall that led to the resignation of president W. Randall Lolley.

The SBC nominating committee selected about 240 Southern Baptists to fill trustee vacancies for 22 of the convention's boards, commissions, seminaries and committees. Of those, 109 were current trustees who are eligible for renomination. (BP)

SBC to feed 100,000 in Ethiopian famine?

Three Southern Baptist feeding operations in the Ethiopian central highlands, closed in March by the government, reopened in early May.

Through the reopened stations mission personnel and national workers are offering monthly rations of food to 65,000 Ethiopians. Ed Mason, a volunteer mission worker from Tallahassee, Fla., who acts as a liaison between Southern Baptist mission personnel and Ethiopian officials, said he expects others to reopen during the next week.

If so, that would bring to more than 100,000 the number of Ethiopians Southern Baptists are feeding every month. Ethiopian officials have asked Southern Baptists to feed about twice that many as the severest stage of a new famine takes hold this summer.

Upcountry Ethiopians are facing starvation again because their crops were parched by a drought that started a year ago, just as they began to recover from the famine of 1984-85. The only way for relief food to reach them is by transport truck to two major warehouses, then by air from the warehouses to five remote outposts that also offer medical services. (BP)

Southern's George to be divinity dean at Samford University

A Harvard-trained church historian with pastoral experience ranging from rural Georgia to inner-city Boston has been named dean of the new Samford University School of Divinity.

Timothy George, associate professor of church history and history of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will assume the new post June 1.

A Chattanooga, Tenn., native, George holds the ThD degree from Harvard University, MDiv from Harvard Divinity School and the BS from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

George, who has been on the seminary faculty since 1987, was described as "a theologically conservative Bible-believing scholar, a caring professor, an articulate preacher" by Samford president Thomas E. Corts.

Samford's new School of Divinity, the first at a Southern Baptist college or university in the nation, will open this summer with a program leading to the MDiv degree.

Funded by the largest gift from a living individual in Samford history, the school will focus on the work of the pastoral minister.

George, 38, is married to the former Denise Wyse, a freelance writer who has written seven books and more than 200 articles. They are parents of a son, Christian Timothy, 6, and a daughter, Alyce Elizabeth, 4.

Denise George is a current Western Recorder state correspondent.



George

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SEBTS commencement emotional for students



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

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Deep in the heart

Next month Southern Baptists converge on the great southwest for their 131st annual session. As a lover of everything Spanish, I've been looking forward to this convention since we voted several years ago to meet there in 1988.

On visiting San Antonio in 1972 I reordered my list of "most beautiful cities in America," putting it at the top. It has remained there since.

Strolling at dusk along the picturesque San Antonio River and its circular tributary, the Paseo del Rio, is a sight to behold. As Mexican musicians play in the background, one is caught up in the festive sounds, sights and even the smell of Mexican dishes being prepared nearby.

The most impressive landmark, of course, is the Alamo. Originally a chapel, it is the site of a famous battle fought in 1836 as Texas struggled for its independence from Mexico.

In the latter part of that century the city was the beginning point of cattle drives to Abilene, Kan. along the old Chisholm Trail.

Today's architecture continues to reflect a mixture of Spanish and Anglo-American cultures.

The city rests 150 miles from the Mexican border at Del Rio and 150 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, quite literally deep in the heart of Texas.

I think, however, more than the good times, the music, the food, the language, the decor and everything else that fascinates me about things hispanic is the people themselves. Here are folk with a proud heritage and traditions that continue to play quite major roles in their lives. They also have just as great a need for a savior as their Anglo-American counterparts. They are lost without Jesus.

I pray that each of us who represents Southern Baptists to San Antonio may find an opportunity to share our good news with many of our tan-skinned countrymen. May we be good ambassadors for the causes of evangelism and missions which are so important to Southern Baptist faith and practice.

The Foreign Mission Board reports that—at the start of this decade—nearly 268 million of the world's citizens considered Spanish their primary language. This placed it fifth among global tongues. Of the earth's Christians, more than 255 million speak Spanish, directly behind English, which holds first place. There is still a gap.

Perhaps Southern Baptists can win many new converts—*senores y senoritas, muchachos y muchachas* (men and women, boys and girls)—to the Lord as they gather in America's 10th largest city June 14-16.

There had never been a commencement like it in the school's 37-year history. A year of confrontations, resignations, and transition was the background for the 35th spring commencement at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. For the 151 graduates, faculty and staff the day was one of mixed feelings.

Although a new president had taken office Apr. 1, former president W. Randall Lolley presided at both the Friday evening worship as well as the Saturday graduation program. He was accompanied by Morris Ashcraft, former dean of the faculty. Both had resigned their positions the previous November over differences with a majority of the board of trustees.

At the request of the senior class, the faculty invited Lolley to deliver the commencement sermon and Ashcraft to give the charge to the graduates. The graduation also included a five-member delegation from the faculty of the

Cumberland awarded \$75,000 grant for faculty development

Cumberland College has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to develop its faculty over the next several years, according to college president Jim Taylor.

Cumberland was one of 42 private institutions in a five-state area that submitted creative proposals for strengthening their faculties in a competition sponsored by Lilly Endowment Inc., a private charitable foundation in Indianapolis. A total of 17 schools was named as winners in the competition.

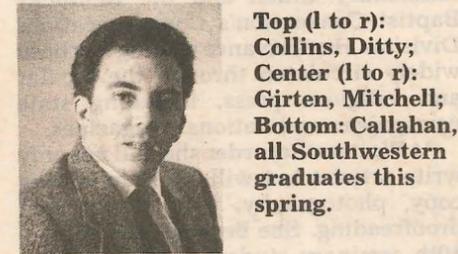
The Cumberland College program will promote faculty renewal and professional growth by allowing faculty to pursue research of artistic endeavors. Funds will be used for released time, travel expenses and computer use to support scholarly activities. Faculty will be asked to make public presentations of their work.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Lolley dedicated the worship event to pastor Nancy Sehested and Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

"Toweling Christianity," Lolley said, "is the method of ministry." Actual ministry involves servanthood, and "a towel is the very best symbol of servanthood."

Lolley cautioned the graduates to be aware of a variety of responses to the call. "... servanthood comes hard," he said, "especially in our time when 'muscle Christianity' thrives on its authority figures. Christendom abounds with the mega-church peopled by the mega-tribe, led by the mega-chief."



Top (l to r): Collins, Ditty; Center (l to r): Girten, Mitchell; Bottom: Callahan, all Southwestern graduates this spring.

In his charge to the graduates, Ashcraft, a veteran Southern Baptist educator, challenged the graduates to embrace both liberal and conservative outlooks. "Be critical," he urged, "in your study and examination of alleged truth, declared platforms and positive claims. . . . This reluctance to accept as final the temporal and tentative insights of the present is a liberal outlook."

But he went on to say that "the outlook of being faithful to that which has proved its truth and goodness is the true conservatism." He pointed out that while the scriptures call for ministers to "hold fast what is good," it also instructs them to "... test everything."

Kentuckians graduate from Southwestern

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary made history May 13 when it graduated the largest class of any graduate theological institution.

President Russell Dilday conferred 520 degrees at commencement exercises at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., making the 1988 spring class Southwestern's largest ever. The largest previous class was 503 in May 1987.

Southwestern's spring class included 278 in the school of theology, 212 in the school of religious education and 30 in the school of church music. Nineteen earned doctoral degrees.

The spring class included five from Kentucky. Thomas L. Collins, Waddy; John Glenn Ditty, Baughman; and Mark D. Girten, Princeton, earned MDiv degrees. David S. Mitchell, Louisville, and Patrick Callahan, Corbin, received MA degrees in religious education.

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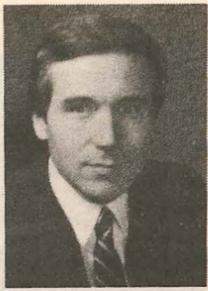


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Oldham promoted, DeBorde added by child care agency

Two Baptist administrators with more than 30 years experience in denominational life will assume new positions at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children this summer.

Robin Oldham, KBHC associate director of development/communication services since 1986, will become division director July 1. He succeeds Tom Moore who will retire after 15 years as division director.

Don DeBorde, director of admissions at Brewton-Parker College, Mt. Vernon, Ga., has been named associate director of development/communication services at Homes for Children effective Aug. 1.

Oldham, 41, was born in Georgetown, Ky. He holds both BA and MA degrees from Georgetown College and has done additional graduate work at the University of Kentucky. He served Georgetown College as an admissions counselor and coordinator of communications before being named assistant to the president in 1980.

Oldham is a member of a number of professional and denominational organizations and committees. He was national president of the Georgetown College Alumni Association in 1987.

His writings have appeared in a number of publications including the Southern Baptist Educator, Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists and the Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Institutions.

In his new role, Oldham will plan and coordinate the agency's public relations, communications and development programs.

Oldham is married to the former Jeana Cook, a native of New Orleans, La. The Oldhams have one daughter, Hunter, 10.

DeBorde, 46, is a Florida native and a 1963 graduate of Georgetown College. He has taken additional course work at his alma mater and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

DeBorde was an insurance executive in Miami, Fla. and Cleveland, Oh. before being named assistant director of admissions at Georgetown College in 1969. In 1972 he was named director of admissions at Georgetown and was responsible for developing admissions marketing strategies, promoting public relations and providing career counseling.

DeBorde became director of admissions at Brewton-Parker in 1986. He played a key role in helping that Baptist school advance from two-year to four-year status while leading the institution through a period of significant growth in enrolment.

Much of DeBorde's responsibilities at Baptist Homes for Children will focus on estate planning and deferred giving.

DeBorde and his wife, Judy, are parents of two sons.

Gratitude and warmth:

Ashland pastor reflects on anniversary event

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Gratitude" and "warmth" are words Bill Messer chose to recall his lasting memories of his congregation's recognition of his fifth anniversary with them.

Messer and his family were feted Mar. 20 by First Baptist Church, Ashland, on Pastor Appreciation Day.

Looking back, Messer declared: "It is something I would recommend that every church and every pastor be given the opportunity to experience." It need not be something "which is large," he said, but rather that the church "makes the effort" to express "genuine appreciation" within itself. That comes "with-out a price tag," Messer concluded.

Messer has served the Ashland congregation since the second Sunday of January 1983, one Sunday after his predecessor of many years, John Sykes Jr., retired. The two have become friends and colleagues since Messer's arrival in Ashland, playing golf together and teaching at the local branch of Boyce

Bible School. Sykes is currently Messer's field supervisor for the DMin program at Southern Seminary.

Converted in 1961 at Turkey Creek, a Knox County mission sponsored by First Baptist Church, Barbourville, Messer responded to the call of ministry a year later. While a student at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, he served with two missions of First Baptist Church, Monticello—South Main and New Town.

Following his graduation from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, Messer was called to pastor First Baptist Church, Loyall. After three years he accepted the call of Sand Spring (Ky.) Baptist Church, where he served seven and a half years before going to Ashland.

On Pastor Appreciation Day, special

speakers were invited to preach at both morning and evening services. Following the evening service, Messer and his family received guests and friends at the front of the sanctuary. They were then escorted to the church's fellowship hall for a program. During that event a love gift and a scrapbook containing notes, cards and letters was presented.

Messer states: "Even though I have been treated very generously and affectionately by every congregation I have served, this was the first time a congregation held a Pastor Appreciation Day in my behalf." It gave him a "renewed sense of worth" and "cemented an already solid and beautiful relationship" with the members. As a result, he is encouraging other congregations to do the same for their pastors and staff members.

baptist forum

W. R. editor experiences grief

In the last few weeks, our editor and his wife have experienced sadness and heartache in the death of two beloved family members. They have also experienced the grace of God and the special fellowship of loving Christian friends.

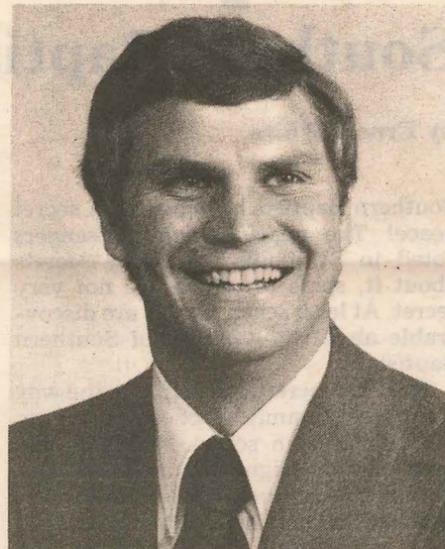
The board of directors of the Western Recorder also share the pain with our editor and his family. We want to assure them of our continued support, prayer and love. We also invite you, our readers, to continue in your Christian support of them.

Several have asked how other appropriate expressions of sympathy can be ex-

pressed. If you would like to send a gift in memory of these members of the Sanford family, our editor has suggested the endowment fund of the Western Recorder. This fund is always available to our Kentucky Baptist family to memorialize a loved one and to provide for the ongoing ministry of the Western Recorder.

Thank you for your support of the Western Recorder and its staff. At this special time, we are grateful for every expression of your love and understanding.

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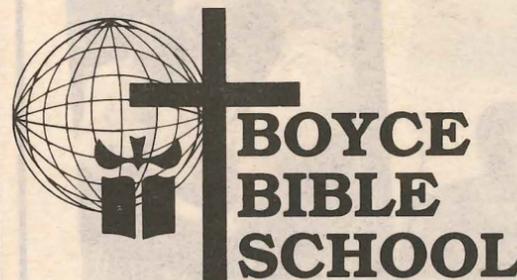
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Thompsonville signifies volunteer project's end

by **Kima Jude, State Correspondent**

Thompsonville Baptist Church in Springfield, Central Association, dedicated its new building Apr. 17, a triumph in cooperation in several different aspects. It signified bringing together elements of the past with the present, the local church with the community and the state convention through which it functions.

Bob Simpkins, state Brotherhood director, preached the morning message. The Brotherhood oversees the Kentucky Baptist Builders, an association of volunteers from throughout the state who organize to aid in construction projects. The Thompsonville project was among the first tackled by the group last summer.

Pastor Gary Shockley credits the organization with making the new building, valued at \$370,000, affordable for the church. Simply put, the congregation could not have afforded the facility without the aid of volunteer labor.

Simpkins emphasized that many builders are needed by the organization for projects ahead.

Larry Orange, former pastor, preached the dedication message. Former pastors Eugene Smith and Tommy Wright were present and recognized.

About 10 years ago the church began a building fund. The church's previous structure was dedicated in 1917 and used until it was in poor condition.

Shockley said wiring had become potentially hazardous.

The dream of that congregation a decade ago came to fruition last year when Kentucky Baptist Builders spent a couple of weeks constructing a new 225-seat auditorium, complete with educational building and fellowship hall. Because the church already had \$100,000 in its building fund, it had to borrow only about \$100,000 more. Kentucky Baptist Builders saved almost half the total cost of the project.

Assistance came not only from the congregation and statewide volunteer laborers, but the community as well. Shockley said residents became interested in the project and expressed help in the form of food donations to feed work crews labor and the like. In return, a new church on the landscape adds something to the community, according to the pastor.

More than 200 people attended the afternoon dedication service where work crews, subcontractors and others were recognized.

Shockley said the new facility, which has been occupied since last winter, has already given the church new life. Attendance increased the first quarter of this year over last year's average. Persons who attended worship services but not Sunday School have been enrolled in classes in the new structure. Some, who had not attended at all in years, have become active again.



Thompsonville Baptist Church, Springfield, Central Association, dedicated its new building Apr. 17 with special services. The church is among one of the first constructed by Kentucky Baptist Builders, an organization of volunteer builders.

viewpoint Southern Baptists' secret peace

by **Ernest White**

Southern Baptists have peace! A secret peace! The peace which messengers voted in St. Louis has many secrets about it, some of which are not very secret. At least seven secrets are discoverable about the "peace" of Southern Baptists.

The first secret took shape in the way the peace committee chose to do its work. It was in secret. Although the committee's assignment included permission to "conduct its business in open sessions, and may hold public hearings" (as is appropriate for Baptists with a congregational polity), the committee chose to follow exclusively the provision "may also hold executive sessions." Private hearings only were conducted. This practice of secret meetings continues in the "reborn" peace committee.

This led to the second secret of peace. The proceedings and deliberations of the committee are secret. No one but those on the committee knows fully what was considered in arriving at the secret peace formula. The secret proceedings are to be kept secret for 10 years with the result that no one can be held accountable for what was done or said until long after those involved have passed from the scene.

A third secret was the request from the committee that controversial matters in the convention not become matters of public debate and that denominational media avoid discussing our problems and the issues as much as possible. Baptists were asked to keep their concerns secret so that peace could come.

A fourth secret came in the manner in which the committee proceeded in its work. The secret of success was to make the principal focus of concern the work and personnel of the agencies of the convention. The committee arrived at the amazing conclusion in its very first meeting without any investigation, "the primary source of the controversy is theological differences, . . ." Yet, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Houston, Tex., 1979, explicitly took note of the beginning of the controversy

by declaring in a resolution passed by an overwhelming vote, "Whereas, there have been numerous public reports of political-type meetings and materials for the purpose of predetermining the election of officers of this convention; Be it therefore resolved, that this convention go on record as disavowing overt political activity and organization as a method of selection of its officers..."

A fifth secret to the achievement of peace was the use of anonymous charges by which to assess the orthodoxy of seminary professors and other agency persons. This process effectively avoided the necessity of those making charges having to be identified or confront those whom they accused.

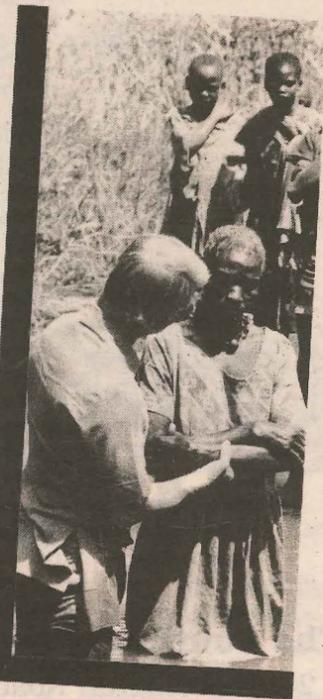
A sixth secret for the establishing "peace" was the willingness of the peace committee to conduct its affairs with conflict of interest by those on the committee. In response to my question to a member of the peace committee if conflict of interest was ever considered by the peace committee, the author of the report replied, "No." Officers of the convention whose activities involved them repeatedly in the controversy sat on the peace committee in judgment over those agencies and employees of the convention with which they disagreed.

A seventh secret of peace offered by the committee was the way in which the report was presented. It was placed at the end of a tiring day. With only 30 minutes to consider the report, it was not difficult to secure adoption of the report by the messengers while there were many waiting to ask questions about the construction and the meaning of the report. The secret of minimal discussion of the report left the impression that it was more satisfactory than subsequent events have revealed.

Southern Baptists have peace! The seven secrets of peace could possibly be enlarged to twice the number but of the secrecy of our peace there is no doubt. And Southern Baptists said, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace."

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Missionaries: Portraits of Baptist Commitment



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Refining gold

In 1976 I was privileged to preach in two evangelistic crusades in Ghana, West Africa. While at Dunkwa, Ghana, missionaries Gene and Marjorie Verner took me and my wife Marjorie to visit a gold mining and refining operation. Located at Obuasi, it is the largest gold mine in Ghana and one of the largest in the world.

The tour of the mine's refining process began by showing us pieces of gold ore which are brought from the deep mines. Next we were shown how the blocks of ore are crushed, ground and mixed with certain chemicals. Then it passes through the furnace of fire. After this first firing, it is again mixed with chemicals, washed and placed in huge basins. From these basins the residue is put in China pots for further refining in furnaces that are heated to nearly 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. When this process is complete, the gold is ready to be displayed in its refined purity.

A door leading to a large room was unlocked and we were allowed to enter. This was the room where workers would take the China pots of gold from the furnaces. With tongs, asbestos gloves, asbestos aprons and a shield for their faces, they removed the China pots, poured off the slag (impurities), leaving pure gold which cooled quickly and was taken from the China pots. Each pot produced about 300 ounces of gold bullion worth more than \$120,000. This pure gold had been through the refiner's fire, the impurities had been removed and thus it was very valuable.

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The Acteans of Calvary Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, participated in March in a reenactment of the May 1888 WMU organizational meeting in Richmond, Va. Participants in the production were Betsy Schilling, Christy Woolard, Tracey Bonner, Julie Ellis, Jenny Button, Margo Richey, Jodi Morris, Vanessa Daffron, Kara Adams, Amy Woolard, Heather Schipero and Megan Chaplin.

revivals

New Liberty Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Association, reports 27 persons made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during a spring revival led by evangelist Billy Joe Foster. Pastor is Larry Noe.

As the conclusion to a two-month Sunday school emphasis **Central Corbin**, Mt. Zion Association, held revival Apr. 24-28. Sixty-three persons joined the church, including 57 by baptism. The Sunday school high reached 1386. Evangelist was Junior Hill. Jim McGee, minister of education, directed the Sunday school campaign. Don Mathis is pastor.

David Butler, pastor of Springdale Baptist Mission, Louisville, and Paul Adams, minister of music and youth, Hawesville (Ky.) Baptist Church, led revival services at **Maceo Baptist Church**, Daviess-McLean Association. Ten professions of faith were made. Scott Ford is pastor.

ordinations

Liberty Baptist Church ordained four men as deacons: **Larry Monroe, Billy Monroe, Jeffery Jones and Craig Turner**.

Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, elected **Penny Mosier** to its deacon board May 15. She will be ordained later in the spring. James B. Lewis is pastor.

personnel

Boones Creek Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, called **Claude Alexander** as minister of youth. The church has also recently purchased 22 acres of land adjoining its property.

Bethany Baptist Church, Graves County Association, called **Charles Dinkins** as pastor. He assumed the pastorate May 8.

Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, called **Joel Worley** as its first full time minister of music and youth. He began his duties

May 1.

Worley goes to Franklin Crossroads from First Baptist Church, Hildebran, N. C. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a degree in church music.

William M. Adcock, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association, seven years, tendered his resignation Apr. 10. His last Sunday was May 8. Bill Messer is pastor.

Larry Salmon, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Blood River Association, resigned Apr. 24.

Tom Mathis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fountain Run, Monroe Association, and his wife were surprised with a money tree honoring their 25th wedding anniversary. The tree was prepared by a florist in the church with money contributed through free-will offerings. The tree yielded \$205 when harvested. Mathis has pastored the church two years and recently went to Kenya for a three-week mission trip.

Randy Thomas has resigned as minister of education and youth at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Christian County Association, to take a similar position at First Baptist Church, Rancho Cordova, Cal. Wayne C. Newby is pastor of Hillcrest.

Joe Priest Williams will retire as pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Long Run Association, May 29 after 27 years of ministry at the church.

Williams is credited with having a steady hand in guiding the Portland community church through three decades of tremendous changes in the congregation's numbers and needs. When he came to Baptist Tabernacle in June 1961 the congregation had more than 1500 members. But, its membership soon began to decline as racial tension increased in the community and whites made a mass flight from western Louisville. Membership now averages about 300.

Under Williams' leadership the church recently initiated a family ministry program and has begun trying to meet the needs of senior citizens, youths, those needing food and clothes and recovering alcoholics. These ministry efforts have strengthened relationships between many of the church's members

improving the church's image in the community as stable and dependable.

A service honoring Williams is planned for 11 a.m. Sunday, May 29. Guest speakers will be Russell Bennett, associational director of missions; Phillip Landgrave, Southern Seminary church music professor and a former minister of music at Baptist Tabernacle; David Byrd, dean of Boyce Bible School; and Dodie Crow, secretary at Baptist Tabernacle 25 years. Following the service, there will be a churchwide covered dish dinner.



Williams



Tuttle

deaths

Fred Cecil Tuttle, 81, of Mt. Sterling, died Apr. 5 after a long illness.

A retired Baptist minister, Tuttle was ordained in 1933 at Thomas Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, which he helped build. Through the years he has been instrumental in organizing and building 11 Baptist churches in Kentucky and Ohio and has assisted in raising funds for 12 small churches and nine schools on the Brazil foreign mission field.

During the 10 years he was pastor at Salem Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, Tuttle established churches in Clay City, Stanton and Frenchburg through tent revivals. His work later led to the formation of two churches in Mt. Sterling: Spring Street Baptist Church and Reid Village Baptist Church. Tuttle is also credited with reviving Macedonia Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, and helping form Owingsville Baptist Church before leaving the area in 1953.

After pastoring Immanuel Baptist Church, Hamilton, Tuttle launched three more churches in Ohio.



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Strawberries on the sly

We have some of the most beautiful gardens you ever saw. When the planting is finished, there will be approximately 22 acres.

This year's outdoor garden program began Feb. 15 with the planting of 400 cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower plants under plastic tunnels. Even though those plants went through some very cold weather we did not lose a single plant!

The man who works these wonders is a wonder himself: Dean "Bud" Underwood, an Oneida 1963 graduate, who came back to Oneida four years ago and has the supervision of more than 300 boys in their dorm life and their daily work duties. He has always had a green thumb, but never has raised gardens on such a scale before. A rather reserved fellow by nature, when he is in the garden he sometimes breaks into a cheerful whistle, smiles to himself and may even be found talking to no one in particular! The plants understand.

In early March, more of the same plants were put out plus 100 pounds of onion sets, and 200 lettuce plants. The lettuce heads are now the size of baseballs and just beautiful. Also carrots, spinach, peas, beets and radishes were planted at that time. They are now growing beautifully in nearly perfect rows.

In mid April the tomato plants were put out. They have been blooming for some days. Also there are pepper

plants, watermelon, cantaloupe plants, straightneck squash and corn. To date about 7000 plants have been transplanted from our greenhouse with about 5000 more plants to go.

Much of this will be repeated in early fall so that we will be able to extend our growing season through most of November. By that time we hope to have two more greenhouses, at least 8000 square feet in operation, so that we will be able to grow fresh lettuce, tomatoes and other vegetables right on through the winter. We also plan to grow at least 20,000 plants for transplanting in the spring.

Underwood has been using plastic mulch this year for the first time to minimize the damage of plants from weeding and hoeing by our inexperienced students. By the time we get through training these boys and girls, a new generation of lovers of the soil is coming on. We are also utilizing a new piece of equipment this year called a rotovator. It tills the soil 40 inches wide which is the size of the plastic mulch we use.

It is something to watch Underwood and his students plant. Four to six boys put down a layer of compost three feet wide in rows 200 feet long. Underwood comes along behind them with the rotovator. Immediately behind him are three boys laying down the plastic mulch covering the edges so it will not blow away. Behind them are two boys cutting holes in the mulch for the plants to be put in. A boy follows putting compost into each individual hole. They are followed by two others putting in the plants. Next comes a student putting water around each new plant. Last comes another boy putting more compost around each plant.

The gardens adjoin our athletic field. Many visiting students, parents, coaches and other fans find such activity fascinating.

In order to get the best use from the garden and not to waste space, most of our planting is "wide row gardening." That means instead of planting in single rows, we plant two and three wide.

Officially we started picking our first strawberries a week ago. Don't tell anybody. I'm not supposed to know. Our boys, who weed the patch, unofficially have been picking for about two weeks. But that is the way it is when you put boys in a strawberry patch or a watermelon patch. That is why we have planted a lot of strawberries and melons. Our kids do the work. They also get to do the eating.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 29, 1988

Life and work series

Concern for the lost

Rom. 10:1-4 Paul expressed and demonstrated a Christlike concern for those without Christ. In spite of all their unkindnesses to him, Paul labored and prayed for the salvation of his countrymen, the Jews. His strongest desire and greatest longing were that they might be saved and the Lord might be glorified thereby.

We must always remember there is a widespread need for salvation; also, there is salvation for all who need it. As Christians, we must be anxious and prayerful on behalf of the unsaved and then we must use the means appointed for their salvation.

Rom. 10:11-17 Paul declared there is only one adequate hope and help for humanity and they are to be found in Christ alone. This great salvation is offered to both the Jew and the Gentile. Therefore, this message must be carried to all. We are not responsible for their reception or rejection of Christ, but we are obligated to proclaim the gospel of Christ to them. It is our privilege and duty to share it with all who have never received Christ.

We need to recapture the vision of a lost world, the missionary passion and the spirit of sacrifice. We need to regard mission as a debt rather than an object of charity. Unfortunately, there are

multitudes of people who have never had a messenger proclaim to them the gospel of Christ. Before people can believe on Christ and experience salvation they must hear about him, the only one who can save. The purpose of our preaching and witnessing should be to bring our listeners into the proper relationship with God.

International series

God's expected service

Heb. 13:1-16 Observant of and shocked by the breakdown of Christian fellowship, the writer challenged his Christian readers to continue the cultivation of brotherly love. The prevalence and the expression of love for one's brethren in Christ must not be overlooked. However, their love must not be limited to Christians, but it must find expression in hospitality to strangers. Hospitality to strangers is one effective means of sharing the gospel of Christ and responding to human need. God will certainly bless and reward his children who are gracious and kind to others.

Marriage is honorable and should be held in high regard by all. Nobody is justified in violating the integrity of another home. Only evil can result from so doing. To each believer comes the admonition: "Let your manner of life be without covetousness." The admonition is not restricted to the speaking of the lips, but the entire manner of life is meant, including the thoughts, words and actions.

Speaking to each of his children God says: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." He has promised he will never withdraw his protecting presence from his children. Since he is our helper, we need not fear what humanity may do to us.

The Christ of yesterday, today and tomorrow is unchanging in his person. He is the same in his attributes. He is the same in his character—righteous, faithful, loving, merciful, forbearing and tender. Christ is also unchanging in his purpose—to reveal God to humanity, to redeem humanity from sin and to reconcile humanity to God. Christ is unchanging in his power to transform a human's heart, to change his/her will and to enrich his/her life.

We do not know what he may call upon us to bear and to do, but we know his grace will be sufficient for us. Let us see to it that we give thanks to God and praise him for his goodness and grace!



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on mission together

Bureaucrats

Having been a "denominational worker" for over 25 years, I've grown accustomed to, though never pleased with the inevitable "shots" people take at denominational organization.

Federal, state and city/county employees have always had to take their lumps as part of the bureaucratic systems which keep our nation functioning. In the minds of some, bureaucracy often means "people who make their money from the taxes of others and who don't have to work as hard as the rest of the population."

In the denominational life of Baptists, that roughly translates into "if you want an easier job than the pastorate, get a denominational job." Who could deny that the task of the pastor today is extremely difficult? Is my job "easier" than that of a pastor? In some ways,

probably "yes"; in other ways, probably "no." But it's like comparing apples and oranges—it's hard to find the common denominators.

Perhaps the most stinging caricature is seen in the parody of the phrase "denominational serpents." Most denominational folks just smile and go on.

I have the privilege of working with some of the most committed Baptist colleagues to be found anywhere. They do their jobs well and most of them have had offers for better paying jobs.

Several have made significant achievements recently:

• **Bill Rogers**, Minister/Church Support Division director was one of the invited guests to appear Apr. 29 on "Life Today," a talk show produced by the Radio and TV Commission to be aired on the ACTS Network. The invitation grew out of a "stress-in-ministry" workshop he conducted at Ridgecrest.

• **James G. Clontz**, Church Training associate, will receive the Doctor of Education (EdD) degree from South-

western Seminary July 15. His dissertation, "A Descriptive Study Of New Church Member Training In The Churches Affiliated With The Kentucky Baptist Convention," will provide helpful insights to strengthen the Church Training program in Kentucky.

• **Guy Futral**, Minister/Church Relations Consultant, was elected president of the Minister/Church Relations Directors of the Southern Baptist Convention during their Apr. 12-14 meeting. Approximately 25 state conventions have a similar position related to their staff.

• **Greg Hancock**, Communications director, and **Denise Hawkins**, promotion specialist, were awarded first place in the Best Overall Public Relations Program category in the annual Baptist Public Relations Association's awards competition. This was given for their Celebration '87 marketing strategy. They were one of 466 total entries.

Good job, colleagues. You help Kentucky Baptists feel good about ourselves.

Workshop provides help for ministerial placement

by Jim Newton

Southern Baptists need 35,000 bivocational ministers willing to serve in 35,000 ministry opportunities, supporting themselves financially in secular jobs, participants in a national conference were told.

Dale Holloway, national consultant on bivocational ministries for the Home Mission Board, said the denomination already has available both the 35,000 ministers and the 35,000 opportunities but has not been able to help connect the available personnel with the ministry needs.

Speaking at a conference jointly sponsored by the HMB and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Holloway said the biggest challenge the denomination faces is "to connect every God-called minister to every ministry opportunity."

"We're doing a miserable job of making those connections," said Holloway, a bivocational minister who works with the HMB and is pastor of Day Star Baptist Church, Florence, Miss.

The three-day meeting, the first conference of its kind sponsored by Southern Baptists, was designed to train and equip bivocational ministers in how to find a good secular job and a fulfilling ministry.

The Southern Baptist Convention has 7500 bivocational ministers within 500 miles of Jackson, Miss., Holloway said. Pointing to a map showing where bivocational ministers serve, he noted the ministers are concentrated in the southern states, while the urgent need for

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their services is in the northern and western states, where Baptist churches are sparse.

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The denomination is preparing an entire generation of ministers for positions that do not exist, Holloway said. Almost all churches with enough financial resources to employ a full time pastor already have one, he said. The increasing need, he added, is for pastors and staff members of small churches with fewer than 100 members that cannot afford to pay full time salaries.

Not all bivocational ministers should be pastors, but most should be in other church staff roles, he added, noting, "We could put 37,000 bivocational ministers to work immediately if all SBC churches would accept the concept of multistaff bivocational ministries in which ministers of education, youth and music supported themselves with secular jobs."

Carl Barrington, associate director of

church/minister relations at Southwestern Seminary, said most recent seminary graduates are not willing to take the small step toward a bivocational ministry. "They want to take one giant step and go to a full time church where they can achieve their ultimate goals immediately," he explained.

David Bunch, director of the HMB church extension division, pointed out the tremendous need for bivocational ministers to be involved in starting new churches as a part of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust goal for 50,000 churches by the year 2000. To achieve that goal, Bunch said, the denomination must start an average of 1300 new churches and missions a year. Currently, the SBC is starting only about 800.

Bunch distributed to conference participants a list of more than 230 specific ministry needs, most of which could be filled by a bivocational minister, and urged them to respond.

Bivocational pastors may be just as effective, or even more effective, as full time pastors, especially as church starters, he contended.

Don Beall, director of missions for

three Baptist associations in the eastern half of South Dakota, summarized a plan he developed to help bivocational ministers find jobs and a place of ministry in his part of the country. Beall actively recruited bivocational ministers for seven churches in his associations.

Each of the seven churches has approved a covenant outlining about 15 items the church and pastor would agree to do to help a bivocational minister, who would sign a similar 14-point covenant. The church agreed, for example, to arrange for five secular job interviews and find five available housing possibilities for the bivocational minister to consider before accepting the position.

Each church sent with Beall a notebook with copies of the covenant agreements, photographs of the church, its constitution and bylaws, its budget, classified ads of housing and jobs available, lists of other churches and schools, and lists of job possibilities from the state employment commission.

Beall's plan calls for the bivocational minister to work as a church staff member with the host church pastor for at least nine months under a mentor relationship. During this period, the bivocational church staff member would learn the cultural taboos of the area and discover which methods of evangelism and church starting are most effective.

Before the end of the first year, the bivocational minister would start a new mission or home Bible study fellowship with the assistance of a core group of Sunday school teachers and a pianist from the host church.

"This is a radical plan that's never been tried before," said Beall, "but we are convinced it can work." Beall plans to develop a how-to manual based on the experiences in South Dakota and further test the method in New England and other parts of the country.

Most of the three-day conference was devoted to practical training sessions to help bivocational ministers find a secular job. Sessions were led by David Yarbrough, a bivocational pastor from Montesano, Wash., who for three years led similar training conferences for unemployed people through the Department of Social and Health Services for the state of Washington. He now is a part time social worker assigned to adult services in Aberdeen, Wash.

Yarbrough led the group in practical training on how to fill out a job application, how to get an interview, how to respond to tough interview questions, how to use the telephone to find unadvertised jobs in the hidden job market where openings never show up in newspapers and how to write and prepare resumes targeted to specific jobs.

More than 1000 recent Southwestern Seminary graduates in Texas and Oklahoma who have not found a church or ministry position were invited to the conference, held at the seminary campus in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Barrington expressed disappointment that only about 50 people attended the first-of-its-kind conference. Only 22 paid registrants attended the entire three-day seminar. Barrington attributed the response to timing of the conference during final exams and inability of graduates to take two days off secular jobs to attend.

Both Holloway and Barrington, however, called the conference highly successful in achieving the purpose of providing practical help for bivocational ministers on how to find a good job and meaningful ministry. (BP)

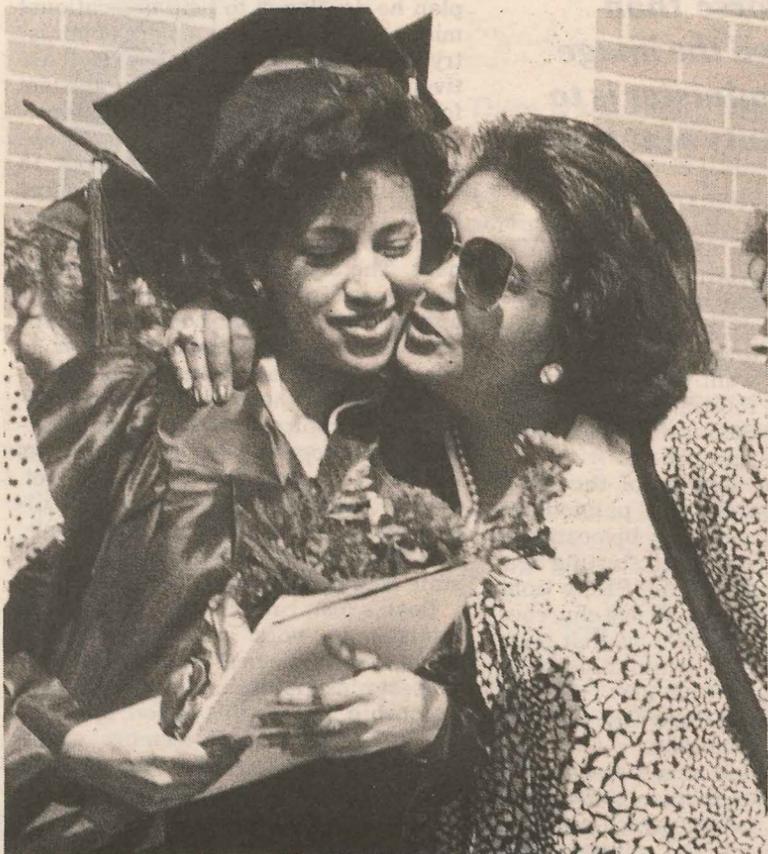


President signs bill to establish May 'National Day of Prayer'

At a White House ceremony May 5, President Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill designating the first Thursday of every May to be the National Day of Prayer. Joining him in the Oval Office for the event were religious and Congressional leaders who had been instrumental in passing the legislation.

From l to r: Representative Frank Wolf (R-Va.), cosponsor of the Prayer bill; Gladys Harrington, project coordinator, Handwritten Bible Effort; Jerry Nims, national advisor, National Day of Prayer Task Force; Vonette Bright and Pat Boone, cochairmen of the Task Force; Representative Carlos Moorhead (R-Ca.), cosponsor of the prayer bill; Rabbi Habermann, Jewish liaison for the Task Force; and Father John J. O'Connor, Catholic liaison for the Task Force.

Campbellsville College graduates 102

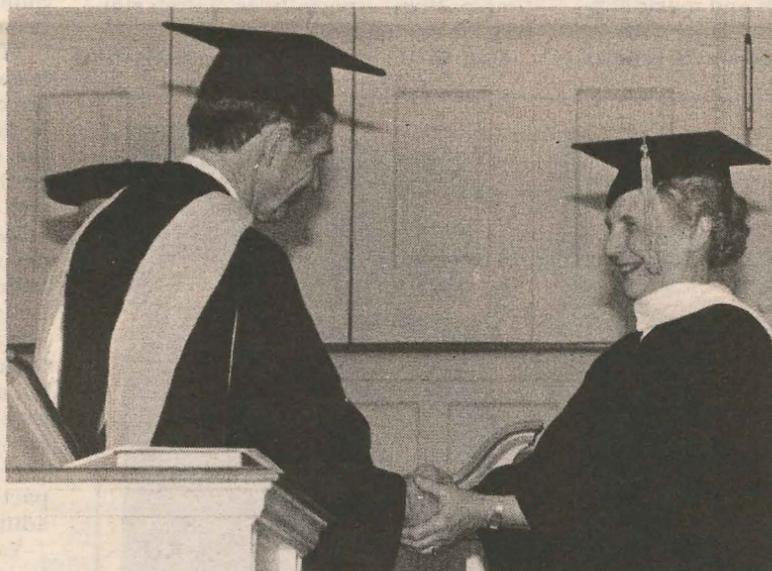


SELOME KEBEDE receives a congratulatory hug from her guardian Almaz Amalewold of Atlanta, Ga.



SARAH ELLEN GILLASPIE MUELLER of Campbellsville, formerly of Graham, Ky., pauses after graduation. At left is Deva Jo (DeeDee) Davis of Springfield and Julie Caldwell, secretary in the College's development office, is at right.

JANET CHAMBERS DAVENPORT, right, wife of Campbellsville College President Dr. W.R. Davenport receives a surprise honorary doctorate of humane letters during graduation. At far right, it was a family graduation as Rozy Kuriger Marsh of Campbellsville, formerly of Ohio, and her mother-in-law, Delora Fox of Campbellsville, graduated May 7.



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BUSINESS STUDENTS lined up for a picture after graduation. From left are: Front row -- Scott Schmuck of Elizabethtown; Shirley Risen, instructor of accounting; Cara Ballinger of Frankfort; Tammy Wade, Pam Bowlin and Betty Murphy, all of Campbellsville, and Angela McKinney of Greensburg, "Miss Campbellsville College." Back row -- Larry Downer of Manchester, Ohio; David Lowery of Columbus, Ohio; Allen Bell of Summersville, and David Lewis Boger of Russell Springs.

