

Campbellsville helm to be taken by Kenneth Winters

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Kenneth W. Winters, dean of the College of Industry and Technology at Murray State University, will succeed W. R. Davenport as the eighth president of Campbellsville College Aug. 1.

Chairman Lawrence Hall announced the unanimous decision of the college's board of trustees June 8 in Elizabethtown.

Winters was selected by a search committee headed by George Ransdell, of Louisville, from a field of more than 80 candidates to fill the vacancy created by Davenport's early retirement due to health reasons. Davenport has held the presidency 19 years.

"We feel that Dr. Winters' education, his experience and his Christian commitment make him an individual who will be an outstanding leader at Campbellsville College," Hall said.

Winters, 54, faculty member at Murray 23 years, has been dean of the largest of its six academic schools since 1977. His other staff posts include assistant dean, chairman of the Department of Engineering Technology, coordinator of technology programs and assistant professor for the College of Applied Science

and Technology.

"I pledge to you to devote all my energies to make Campbellsville the kind of school that its students and graduates will be proud of," Winters stated. He hopes to "spread the word about what Campbellsville is and what impact it can have on Kentucky's future."

While Winters said he would continue to stress a "strong, strong liberal arts education component" at Campbellsville, he admitted, "I really believe that some changes need to be made."

Citing the 82-year-old college's physical appearance as a key target, Winters' explained, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

He also hopes to develop the college's strengths in video production, business and computer science and put more emphasis on adult education.

The financial status of Campbellsville is another "obvious area of concern," Winters continued. "One of my strengths is in this area and I am most delighted with the (Vision 2000) development program that is already in place.

"But, this development effort will not happen solely on the vice president of development's work," Winters said. He



Winters

Davenport

anticipates being "highly visible" and involved in student recruitment and administrative development.

Winters' wants to start a push to involve more alumni in the life of the Kentucky Baptist college. "As the state dollars continue to dry up, resources will become critical. One thing I hope to accomplish early on is the establishment of a student/alumni organization.

"Expanding the football program will be a positive step for the institution" he claimed. "The athletic program... will tend to keep alumni active on campus from time to time."

A 1957 graduate of Murray State, Winters received the MA from the University of Indiana and the EdD from the

University of Northern Colorado. Professional achievements include being a member of college accreditation teams in Massachusetts, California, Illinois, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky; chairman of a subcommittee for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools self-study; and frequent contributions to a variety of academic publications.

He has also completed 12 years of combined active duty and U. S. Army Reserve assignments.

Winters was a telecommunications training program consultant for the Syrian Government and a staff training assistant with the Department of the Army in Owensboro.

A member of First Baptist Church, Murray, Winters is a deacon and has held almost every capacity of lay leadership. He has also been a member of the board of directors of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce.

He belongs to the American Society for Engineering Education, the American Vocational Association, the Kentucky Vocational Association and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was director of the National Association of Industrial Technology in 12 states and served as its president.

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10 Kentuckians on SBC agendas, only one on SBC program

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Roy Lee Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, holds the distinction of being the only state's Baptist scheduled to address the Southern Baptist Convention meeting this week in San Antonio, Tex.

While nine other persons from the state were to participate in official capacities on programs of several preliminary events surrounding the convention, only Honeycutt was asked to speak to the SBC proper. He is scheduled to give the seminary's annual report at 3:10 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 16, about an hour before the convention ends.

Only two of Kentucky's official spokespersons this week come from outside Louisville. They include Dean

Gray, Hartford, and Leslie M. Huff, Henderson.

Gray, minister of music at Hartford Baptist Church, was to offer the benediction at the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference's annual meeting Sunday evening at Castle Hills First Baptist Church.

Huff, director of missions in Green Valley Baptist Association, was to do the same at the close of the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions Monday morning at La Mansion del Norte Hotel.

In addition to Honeycutt, other Louisvillians include Darrell Adams, Dan Aleshire, Pat Bailey, Russell Bennett,

Bill Leonard, Hugh T. McElrath and Carmen Sharp.

Adams, Christian artist, was to perform Monday at a noon meeting of Southern Baptists Concerned about Justice and Peace at Trinity Baptist Church.

Aleshire, Southern Seminary professor, was to lead a workshop Monday at the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association annual meeting at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Mrs. Bailey, assistant professor of social work at the seminary, was to address the Southern Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting last Saturday at Manor Baptist Church.

Bennett, director of missions in Long Run Baptist Association, was to speak Sunday afternoon at the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions at La Mansion del Norte Hotel.

McElrath, president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference and professor of church music at the seminary, was to preside at sessions of that conference Saturday, Sunday and Monday, meeting at Castle Hills First Baptist Church.

Sharp, retired pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church, was to address the Southern Baptist Women in Ministry annual meeting Sunday morning at Arneson Theatre on the River.

Forks of Elkhorn celebrates 200th anniversary

by Jack Sanford, Editor

In spite of storm, fire, Indian massacre and raging floods, the church has withstood all and survives today.

Friends, members, former staff members and former pastors gathered Sunday afternoon, June 5, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, Franklin Association.

The church was founded by pioneer Baptist preacher William Hickman in

1788 and was the first Baptist church north of the Kentucky River. There were 23 founding members and "three colored people" on that Sunday in 1788. At the conclusion of the service six other persons joined the congregation.

Among the famous men who served as pastor were John R. Sampey, F. H. Kerfoot and John A. Broadus.

A unique feature of the three-day celebration presided over by current pastor Aaron Striegel was the presence of four direct descendants of founder

William Hickman. The descendants are Priscilla Hatler, widow of H. G. M. Hatler, a prominent Kentucky Baptist preacher; Evelyn Wilson, Versailles; Colleen Farney, Frankfort and Rose Jordan, Louisville.

Anniversary activities included a Friday evening service at which Benjamin R. Bruner, pastor of the church from 1943-45, spoke and an old-fashioned ice cream social followed.

The celebration continued Saturday afternoon with presentations by former pastors Robert Leroy Carlton (1970-73); Herman J. Ellis (1957-59); and Johnny McKinney (1976-78). The day's activities concluded with a fish fry.

The Sunday morning worship celebration was lead by J. Carroll Trotter, retired professor of preaching at Southeastern Seminary and pastor of the church at the close of World War II, 1945-51.

Dinner on the grounds, a message by Hugh Busey, pastor 1936-38, special music from several neighbor churches and other musicians and a trip to the Frankfort Cemetery gravesite of William Hickman to dedicate a memorial to the famous minister concluded the 200th anniversary celebration.



Direct descendants of pioneer Baptist preacher William Hickman (l to r): Priscilla Hatler, Colleen Farney, Evelyn Wilson and Rose Jordan.

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SBC preview



Jack D. Sanford

By the time you read this issue of Western Recorder most of the events during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting at San Antonio will be history.

High on the interest agenda of messengers is the election of a president to succeed Adrian Rogers. Most prominently mentioned as candidates prior to the convention were two men whose involvement in support of Southern Baptist causes reflects a wide range of difference.

Jerry Vines, copastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., comes from a church which last year contributed \$200,000 through the Cooperative Program from a budget of \$7.4 million. The church baptized 950 people during the year.

Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., saw his church contribute through the Cooperative Program \$1 million dollars from a budget of \$6.6 million. The North Phoenix church baptized 1206 people and led the SBC both in baptisms and Cooperative Program giving. This is the first time in history a church has been the leader in both these significant categories.

In the mind of many messengers cooperative giving and baptisms reflect the real commitment of a true Southern Baptist. If this is true then neither candidate should be rejected because of his baptism record. Both are superb.

However, cooperative giving as a measure of commitment to the convention is another matter. Jackson should win in a walk if this is a factor, since his church gave 15.2 percent while Vines' church gave only 2.7 percent. But not many people expect this to happen since the lines among us have blurred considerably through our recent history. By the time you read this you will know which of these two men actually claimed the loyalty of the majority of Southern Baptists, and just how important cooperative giving is in the mind of the modern Baptist.

It is a matter of fact that several recent presidents are leaders of churches whose low Cooperative Program giving characterized them more than any other single factor. In spite of this record, votes piled up for men who were considered inerrantist in Bible interpretation regardless of what else may have been present in their identification, or lack of identification, with Southern Baptists. This is the pattern we have seen for several years and few people are willing to bet the farm it will not happen again this year.

Inerrancy should not be a factor this year since both leading candidates for the presidency claim an inerrantist position. However, each of these men has a following along political lines and one question will be on everyone's mind: "Which side in the continuing battle for control of the convention will be able to garner the most votes?" That is a shabby way to do the business of a great denomination, but that is where we are in the convention.

Other items of concern which have generated some preconvention heat will be the election of trustees and the status of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Both these items have been at center stage in the SBC controversy throughout the last year and no doubt will once again be items of fierce contention.

A member of the Committee on Nominations has already declared he will present a minority report which challenges two Kentuckians who have been nominated for positions of trust. Raymond T. Boswell, an insurance executive from Shreveport, La., has said he will nominate Harlan Blount, member of Melbourne Heights, Louisville, to replace John Hicks, member of Cedar Creek, Louisville, on the board of Southern Seminary. He will also ask that Charles Johnson, pastor of First Baptist, Albany, replace Allen F. Harrod, pastor of First Baptist, Bellevue, on the Baptist Sunday School Board.

President Rogers has said he will wait upon the parliamentarian's ruling before deciding if Boswell can make his report and receive action from the body, even though minority reports are a matter of precedent since the Christian Life Commission minority report was heard last year.

Boswell has vowed to ask the body to decide if the chair does not permit his report.

The matter of the BJCPA is even more muddled than other matters. A group within the trustees wants to take the funds designated for the work of the BJCPA and use them to fund the entire Southern Baptist mission in Washington under the control of the Public Affairs Committee. Several attempts to make this fly have been beaten back, most recently in the SBC Executive Committee, but the battle is not over and fireworks are expected in San Antonio.

None of this is very spiritual nor is it calculated to do very much to strengthen the witness of God's people to a lost world. We have spent so much time and energy fighting each other these past years we have seen baptisms slip and mission offerings plummet to a dangerously low level. There is much speculation that these declines are directly related to the fighting among us. Others among us deny the relationship, but the fact remains, we have not given ourselves to mending our own fences and perhaps there is a correlation between the fight and the loss.

In any event the need for prayer is greater now than ever before and all Southern Baptists are urged to call upon God to heal the differences between his children. We are a family of faith with varying perspectives and various methods of doing God's work. Yet we must be one in spirit and one in dedication to the task of world evangelization if we are to make progress. If we refuse to come together, is it possible God will turn to others to get the work done? That is a sobering thought which should send all of us to our knees.

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homes for children

If!

When something does not turn out the way one had hoped, the response often is, "If I had only done . . ." At times when we speculate we use the expression, "What if?" If you knew our Lord would return tonight, what would you do? If you knew you had only one day to live, what would you do?

Of course, none of us knows when Jesus is coming and we do not know how many days we have to live. However, I know that at the time of this writing there are only three weeks until the time for my retirement as executive director of Baptist Homes for Children. Since I have only three weeks to complete one of the major tasks to which I have been called in my ministry, I have been thinking about how to use the remaining days.

Although the task of caring for dependent, neglected, disturbed children will not be completed until our Lord returns, I have a strong sense of having accomplished something of what I was called to do at Baptist Homes. My first responsibility has been to place a spiritual dimension at the center of this work, making it unashamedly Christian. Secondly, I have sought to communicate to my fellow Kentucky Baptists the needs of children in our care, the kind of care we provide and the opportunity for Kentucky Baptists to more adequately support this ministry. Third, I have worked hard to see that Baptist Homes is operated in a financially sound way so that we are efficient and trustworthy. None of these things has been realized 100 percent. But I believe substantial progress has been made.

Now with only three weeks left, what will I do? The same kinds of things I have been doing week in and week out for almost seven years as executive director. I will go on trusting God and Kentucky Baptists to give strong support to this ministry. I will continue encouraging every facet of this work to be thoroughly Christian. I will rejoice in every indication of progress in the lives of youth. I will continue to tell people everywhere I can of the importance of this ministry.

Much of my last days in office will be devoted to sharing with our new executive director, Curtis Mooney. I want to provide him with all the information possible to help him as he takes the leadership and builds beyond where we are today in caring for children.

revivals

Howard Davenport was evangelist for revival services at **Pleasant Point Baptist Church**, Booneville Association. Two professions of faith and church renewal resulted. Robert Wyatt is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Brandenburg, Salem Association, had a lay led revival team conduct services May 19-22. Team members came from North and South Carolina and were from the same group that Kentucky Brotherhood president Russ Adkisson accompanied to Hawaii in 1985 to conduct revivals.

Brandenburg pastor Billy Marcum reports 19 professions of faith and a number of other decisions.

About 300 committee workers, pastors and interested Christians met May 14 at Bell County High School cafeteria to hear Jack Stanton, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the **Tri-State Crusade for Christ** kickoff banquet. Stanton will be conducting a crusade in Middlesboro July 10-17.

Stanton, who is also director of the institute of evangelism at Southwest Baptist University, Boliver, Mo., has conducted many crusades all over the world. Public is invited to attend the Middlesboro crusade at 7:30 p.m. at Bell County High School on U. S. 25E between Middlesboro and Pineville.

At the May 14 meeting 10 working committees shared progress reports on their plans for the crusade. Branville Watson, field director for the crusade team, spoke in three Bell Association churches during the weekend: Mill Creek, Kettle Island; Old Yellow Creek and Southside, Middlesboro.

missions

Eugene F. Quinn, former director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Music Department, has accepted a one-year appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to teach at the Baptist seminary in Bagu City in the Philippines.

The Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders have just finished a successful 10-day mission trip to Alabama and Mississippi. In their first full season of softball the team returned with a 16-3 record highlighted by a fifth place finish in a tournament in Jackson, Miss.



More than 300 persons gathered to hear Jack Stanton, SBC first vice president, at a Bell County High School banquet May 14.

With evangelism and missions as the focal point of the trip the southern tour was filled with speaking and playing engagements in four prison facilities. They also spoke at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home, led chapel services at one of the Baptist high schools and shared testimonies at a senior adult luncheon at Alta Woods Baptist Church.

During the trip there were reports of about 20 professions of faith and numerous other decisions.

Team members include: Robby Speer and Wes Roy, DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange; Dennis Wainright and Rich Barker, Central, Winchester; Greg Smith, Darrel Smith and Jim Lockard, Shively; Duane McClure, Mt. Zion, Elizabethtown; Bob Speer, Hawesville; Duane Dunagan, Perryville; Everett Lasley, Immanuel, Lexington; Jim Hardy, Campbellsville; and Tony Harbold, Second, Hopkinsville.

If anyone is interested in having the team in their area, write: Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders, 309 W. Jefferson, LaGrange, KY 40031.

personnel

Maretburg Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Don Cummins**.

James Smith accepted the call of Enterprise Association as director of missions. He left the pastorate of Friendship Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association.

Zion's Cause Baptist Church, Blood River Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Ron Wells**.

Andy Gambrel accepted the call as pastor of Old Flat Lick Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Island Creek Mission, Pike Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Tom Moore**, who will move to Cynthiana.

Jeffrey Branum has been called as pastor of River Baptist Church, North Concord Association.

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called interim pastor **Robert Taylor** as pastor.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, licensed **Jimmy Siler** to the ministry.

Charles R. Keller resigned as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Rick Reynolds resigned as pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Booneville Baptist Church, Booneville Association, honored retiring pastor **James Reed** with a dinner in recognition of his ministry as pastor of the church.

Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association, called **Kim Walker** as minister to children. She is a graduate of Bluefield (Va.) College and Southern Seminary and has served churches in Virginia, Kentucky and Arkansas. Dan Cooper is pastor.

Gordon Mink accepted the call as pastor of Roundstone Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Corinth Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, called **Kenneth Whitehouse** as pastor.

ordinations

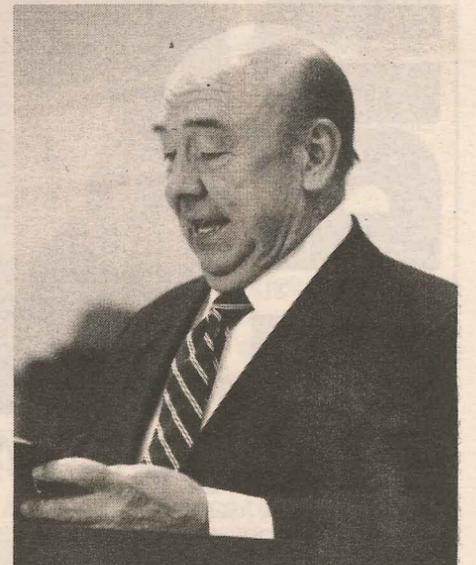
Oakton Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, ordained **Bobby Kelly**, **Ricky Byassee** and **Willis Stroud** to the diaconate May 15, and accepted the previous ordination of **Joe Bill Russell** and **Frank Martin** in electing them to join the body of active deacons. Oakton pastor Rick Harrison preached the charge and Columbus Baptist Church pastor Joe Thorn was moderator of the nine-man council.

associations

Daviess-McLean Association elected David Marlow as assistant to the director of missions by a 74 percent vote in its Apr. 25 executive board meeting.

Blackford Association honored its director of missions, Rick Robbins, May 22 upon the occasion of his six years of ministry to the churches of the association. Moderator Phillip Basinger presented Robbins with an engraved plaque and a money tree on behalf of the association at a reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins assumed duties in the Blackford and Breckenridge Associations in 1982, after serving three years with the Mission Service Corps in Spain.



Jack Stanton will be keynote speaker of a Middlesboro crusade July 10-17.

christian education

Kentuckians receive New Orleans degrees

Two Kentuckians, James K. Pierce III and Michael R. York, participated in the May 21 graduation exercises at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

A native of Taylor Mill, Pierce received the DMin degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Pierce of Lexington.

Pierce, pastor of Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, is married to Shelley Chollett from Minnesota. He holds the BS degree from the University of Kentucky and the MDiv from the New Orleans, La. seminary.

York, from Pineville, received the MDiv degree. His home church is Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Middlesboro, and he holds a theology degree from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

He is the son of Mrs. Lola Wynn of Romulus, Mich. and is pastor of Eastview Baptist Mission, New Orleans. He is married to Carolyn Jane Mowdy of Mississippi.



Pierce



York



Hicks



England

Midwestern confers degrees to Kentuckians

Two persons with Kentucky ties were among 124 individuals receiving degrees during recent commencement exercises at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. This represents the largest graduating class in the 30-year history of the institution.

Ronald Julian Hicks received the MDiv degree and Jim England was awarded the DMin degree.

Hicks, who considers Bowling Green his home town, is the son of Berry F. Hicks of that city and Dolliemae Brown Hicks of Missouri. He considers Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green, his home church and is pastor of Anchor Point Baptist Church, Independence, Mo. He is a 1971 graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton where he earned the BS degree, majoring in recreation administration.

England is the son of George and Dorothy England of Covington. He con-

siders Latonia Baptist Church his home church and is pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he earned the BA degree in 1970, majoring in sociology.

Bailey will direct preaching center

Raymond H. Bailey has been named director of the National Center for Christian Preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bailey, professor of Christian preaching at the Louisville seminary, joined the school's faculty in 1979. A native of Athens, Tex., he earned the BA degree from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary. His wife, Patricia, is a social work professor at the seminary.

Cox accepts position at Mississippi College

Larry Cox, interim director of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men, announced his resignation June 1 to accept a position as assistant to the president of Mississippi College, a Baptist school in Clinton.

The fellowship is a ministry of the Adult Division of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn. Before joining the commission staff last year, Cox served in Burkina Faso and the Ivory Coast with the Foreign Mission Board.

Cox was appointed interim director of the fellowship, which coordinates missions volunteers and assignments with the Home and Foreign Mission boards, in January. The fellowship's executive committee had planned to recommend him as the next director at the group's June 3-4 general council meeting.

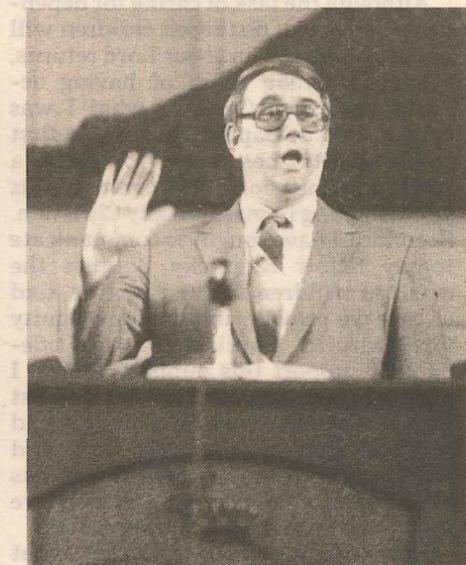
He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Mississippi State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

Southwestern names public relations chief

Mac Sisson, assistant director of public relations at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., has been named director of public relations at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Sisson, 41, has been at Ouachita 13 years. He directed the school's news bureau and supervised a team of student newswriters.

At Southwestern, Sisson's duties will include the publication of seminary promotional materials. He replaces Ward Walker, who resigned to accept the pastorate of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pullman, Wash. (BP)



Danny R. Jones, of Germantown, Ky., leads music during a student-led chapel service at New Orleans Seminary. He is a senior in the MCM program.

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Dramatic conversions: a day in Mombasa, Kenya

by Glenn Mollette
State Correspondent

It was 6 a.m. and the sun was boldly rising over the crystal blue Indian ocean. The beach in front of our hotel was quiet, with only a handful of persons watching the sun or preparing for their morning stroll.

I stormed out onto the beach with the wind behind my back as I began my 3 mile run. I wanted this to be the grand finale of my experience in Mombasa. My prayer as I began the day was, "God, use me this day." I did not even sense what might happen, but God answered my prayer.

The week had presented a bunch of experiences. The trip from Pikeville to Mombasa took three days of travel beginning early May 5 and arriving there on May 7 at 3 p.m. To put it mildly everyone experienced some fatigue from the trip.

The week had been a time of emotional and spiritual highs and lows as we met Mombasa pastors, preached in their villages and churches and witnessed human need as never before.

The group I traveled with consisted of 115 people including pastors, medical doctors, dentists, nurses and folks from all walks of life. Throughout the week we worked in 30 different locations, witnessed over 4700 conversions and treated over 5000 persons in the medical clinics.

Missionaries Ralph and Linda Bethea, stationed in Mombasa, worked tirelessly to help make our project a success. Mixon Cowert, Jim Musen and Tom Long from Nairobi poured themselves into the meeting as well.

After my morning jog, shower and a breakfast of pineapple, bananas, croissants and white eggs, I dressed to leave at 7:30 with one of the medical teams. Herbert Booth, a medical doctor from Florence, Ky., and Allen Brasselton, a dentist from Augusta, Ga., headed the team assisted by five nurses. This was to be my first opportunity to work in such a setting.

Upon arriving at our destination we found approximately 200 persons waiting to be treated. The team proceeded to a little shanty structure with only a roof, a few boards for siding and a dirt floor.

Brasselton made a make shift dental chair while Booth instructed the set up of the pharmacy. My job was crowd control, personal witnessing and checking the children's teeth for holes. I examined 138 little mouths.

When one of the nurses gave me a bag of balloons chaos almost broke out. The children pounced me. Finally one of the national pastors was able to get them in a line for me to examine their teeth.

One after another, persons were examined, given medication and had their teeth examined or abstracted. Brasselton abstracted 51 teeth.

The greatest joy I had was in personal evangelism. I was privileged to lead 31 persons to Christ on this morning.

More than once I was hugged by those who were treated. One man who had carried two little children four miles cried when it was finally his turn to get his children into the clinic. Taking me by the arms he said, "Thank you, thank you." Yet the deep gratitude in his eyes was far more expressive than the words from his lips.

Another man who had lived with four absessed teeth for over two years finally

found relief on this day as well.

The sadness of that day which may be eternally etched upon my mind was when we ended the clinic and folks began to beg us to see them or their children. We left more than 100 persons, some crying for help. It was one of the most heart rendering experiences of my life to see the incredible mass of human need and our inability to meet all those needs. But there was another clinic to go to, another multitude of hurting humanity that awaited the team. It was this way at every clinic I am told. The needs were great but the volunteers were too few.

The sunburn I received during this morning of clinical work was the worst in my life. My face and arms hurt as I traveled back to the hotel with the team. By the time we arrived back to the Neptune Beach Hotel I was feeling nauseated. It was then I decided I was too tired to preach in the afternoon session.

However, God has a way of picking us up and giving us the strength we need. And again this faithful saying was affirmed in my life, "The will of God will never lead you where his grace will not sustain you."

After a cool shower and a bite of lunch I teamed with roommate Gary Haskins of Poteau, Okla. Haskins had worked with a national pastor named Apollo Joe during the week who was working to start a new Baptist church in Mombasa.

After climbing into a van I began to feel reluctant again. My sunburn was like a flame and the nausea was not letting up. Yet, there was no turning back.

Our first stop was at the apartment of pastor Joe. He is a very enthusiastic and gifted person. Kenya Baptists will hear more about him in the years to come.

However, I grew concerned as I sat in this one room apartment with Joe, Haskins and three other men who were members of Joe's new church. The heat was unbearable, the flies were relentless and drizzling rain kept us inside. I thought, "What a wasted afternoon!" But I learned anew that man's availability is God's opportunity.

The sun finally beamed again and the intensity of the heat grew worse. We made our way into our vehicle and hastened to the downtown bus stop in Mombasa. There we found a field of about 300 persons at any given moment.

Stationing our vehicle we turned on our portable address system and began to invite the folks over to hear what we had to say. I was sunburned so badly that whenever I stood in the sun I felt like an egg frying on a rock. I encouraged my roommate Haskins to preach first. He did and more than 100 people gathered. After 10 minutes of preaching an invitation was extended and it seemed as if half of the crowd responded by publically confessing Christ as personal savior.

The second 8-10 minute sermon was mine. Another 100 or so gathered around. When the invitation was given 40-50 persons responded to the invitation. One of the women was a muslim. Dressed in her black veils and wrap around apparel it was an emotional and exhilarating sight for us as she confessed Jesus Christ as Lord.

After we preached two more sermons and gave two more invitations a total of 193 people were saved. Most of these were adults.

We rejoiced and gave thanks to God. Suddenly my sunburn and nausea be-

came secondary. My eyes had seen nothing like it before.

We were ready to pack up and head home. What a day we had experienced! But God was not finished. A young national preacher came to us saying, "No one has preached at my field this week. Please come to Chungumwe."

It was 5:15 and dusk fell about 6 p.m. We feared a wild goose chase and reluctantly agreed to go.

Arriving at a market area in Chungumwe we discovered this was a type of bus stop where folks got off the buses after a day at work. There was some open air vendors and some folks were loafing it seemed.

At 5:45 I began through our interpreter pastor Joe to invite the milling multitude over to hear a message I had traveled more than 8000 miles to deliver. In less than two minutes a congregation of 300 or more persons gathered around. Intently they stared into my eyes. Folks in the surrounding condominium buildings looked through the windows. Individuals sat on buses with their faces peering through the glass.

My sermon was approximately eight minutes. I told them about God's love and about the death of Jesus on the cross. I told them Jesus rose from the grave and through him they could become God's children. I talked about eternity. I asked if they wanted to have

their sins forgiven, know God's love, walk with him and go to heaven when they died. "Jesus Christ is the only way," I said.

When the invitation was given over 100 persons stepped forward. We took them to the other side of the van and immediately began giving them materials and writing down their names and addresses. While we were doing this Haskins was preaching a second sermon to another multitude of persons.

At 6:15 we were finishing our second follow-up. Another 100 persons had come forward. When conversions of this one half-hour were tabulated it totaled 256. What a harvest! As we traveled back to the hotel we realized God had let us in on something big. In two hours of street preaching we had witnessed 449 conversions.

What a miracle, what a day! With the 31 conversions in the morning clinic I was privileged to see 480 conversions during this one day.

Haskins and I rejoiced into the night and gave thanks to God for the harvest of lost souls.

Such events are life changing. My perspective concerning missions, human need and life itself has been dramatically changed. I would recommend volunteer missions to anyone who wants to experience a unique joy that the world cannot give and money cannot buy.

This was a day in Mombasa.

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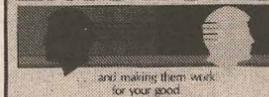
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BROADMAN

Christian physician sees Pentecost in Mombasa

by Herbert R. Booth, M. D.
Florence, Ky.

The Spirit of Pentecost visited Kenya last week and I was there to witness it. One hundred twelve men and women from all walks of life descended on Mombasa, Kenya, Africa last week; they came full of expectation, the Holy Spirit descended and 4720 souls were added to the eternal kingdom.

Doctors, nurses, dentists, pastors, ministerial staff, laity of all origins, housewives, old and young, optimist and pessimist, tough and frail, all came to reap the harvest sown by the Kentucky-Kenya partnership for the last few years. Southern Baptists came from all over the country, many from Kentucky, and four of us from Florence, Ky. Included in the group were at least one Methodist and one fundamentalist. We gathered together, reviewed our game plan and split into about 30 mission teams that were assigned to the various churches in Mombasa.

Five medical-dental teams rotated daily into 21 different church fields in Mombasa and treated about 3500 patients during the week. While the medical-dental teams were ministering to the ill, the others of the team were preaching, witnessing and leading souls to Christ.

We found a hunger and thirst for the gospel. People came seeking Christ. Many came to us asking, "How can I be saved?" Some of these experiences shared by the groups each evening were enough to lift your soul to heights of glory.

My own group was assigned to Mvita, an inner city, very poor, strong Moslem area. Just a few months previously there was riot of over 4000 Moslems throwing stones and garbage and burning trash in front of the hall where the infant church meets. The local missionaries were thrown out. Over 22 Moslems were

still jailed at this writing for their activities in the riots.

On Sunday morning, our first day on the field, we accompanied our resident national pastor, Ronald Khaemba, to a place in Mvita where under a large tree some 30 or more men were fashioning wooden souvenirs for sale. We gave our testimony, prayed and asked for any interested in receiving Christ to raise their hands and about 20 did so. We were astonished at the receptivity of the Kenyans. We then talked to them one by one and they prayed to receive Christ and were saved.

After the morning service in the hall we fanned out into houses, apartments, the railway station and street corners where we proclaimed the gospel and distributed tracts in Swahili. At the railway station, I was talking to two young

men who were being led to Christ; we bowed our heads and prayed to receive Christ. I heard several other voices joining us in the confessional prayer and as we raised our heads four others had joined in receiving Christ with the two young men to whom I was addressing. That day, our first on the field, our group of three Americans and the resident national pastor had led almost 100 souls to Christ in this area of Mombasa that only months before had forced the missionaries to leave.

In one village the Moslem chief prohibited the medical-dental team from coming into the village and the people of the village surrounded his hut and threatened bodily harm to the chief for his actions. He recanted and invited the medical-dental clinic into his village and gave a tract of land overlooking

Mombasa harbor to the church on which to build a church building. Plans are to also build a huge illuminated cross there to declare to entrants to the harbor that Mombasa has a Christian influence.

A recent nursing graduate from Augusta, Ga. was a member of my medical-dental clinic team. She confessed that she was a novice, had never been exposed to such experiences and was apprehensive toward the prospect of village medicine. After the crush of the first day's clinic in a village called Bangladesh she had matured into a veteran. By the end of the week she was a trooper. She assisted in examinations and treatment, measured and dispensed medications, then later in the afternoon was passing out tracts at the railway station, witnessing before the crowd and telling the good news of the kingdom of God.

Our team had the pleasure of baptizing two recent converts. One, John Kabira, came to the clinic in Mvita because he was ill. While waiting to be seen he was led to Christ and healed. He proceeded from there to witness to others both in the Mvita area and later in the railway station. We baptized him and another convert in the Indian Ocean. Several fishermen were sitting on the banks observing the baptism. We proceeded to witness to them and led them to Christ.

As we shared our experiences, with amens, tears of joy and songs of praise, we all realized that we received more than we gave. The joy of being a part of such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit was a reward that we will never forget.

Last week the Holy Spirit was poured out in Mombasa, Kenya. The Spirit of Pentecost was revisited on all of us. We were astonished and awed at the power of the Lord in a receptive society. We have all been changed, forever. And the Lord added 4720 souls to the eternal kingdom.

They paraded on WMU's 100th birthday in London

by Beth Wyatt
State Correspondent

The Woman's Missionary Union of Laurel River Baptist Association hosted a centennial parade in downtown London May 7.

Dee Gilliland, Kentucky WMU executive director-treasurer, riding in a horse drawn buggy, was grand marshal.

Members from 17 of the association's churches participated.

Floats represented each of the age level organizations and the Royal Ambassadors showed how WMU teaches mission action. Personal witnessing was emphasized on a float picturing the "Give a Gift to Give" projects, the monthly birthday parties at Laurel

Heights Home for the Elderly and Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center. Ministry to women in jail was equally portrayed. Floats symbolized foreign, home and state missions offerings. A truck carrying volunteers from the association who have gone mission tours to Kenya, Korea, Indonesia and Puerto Rico depicted the way WMU supports missions. Associational pastors rode in horse drawn wagons, a visible sign of the way WMU supports the work of the denomination.

The marching band from Oneida Baptist Institute filled the streets with music.

Laurel River Associations' WMU was organized Oct. 3, 1914.

Emma Lou Cissell is the association's WMU director.

viewpoint

The decline and fall of leadership in the SBC

by Ernest White

A decade of decline in leadership has descended on the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. The convention took note of leadership's downward turn in the 1979 Houston convention. Thereafter, the descent was hastened by accommodation. The stages of leadership's decline are clearly visible even though some were developing simultaneously.

The first stage of decline was the call for "parity." Some leaders justified overt political action on the basis that their theological positions were not represented in "parity" in institutions and agencies of the convention. The "parity stage" proceeded on the claim of theological discrimination and lack of "equality."

The second stage was the "pressure stage." With officers of the convention exercising prerogatives never before acquired by convention officers, boards and institutions were pressured to theological conformity to the elected officers. While some institutions with-

stood the increasing insistence (such as Midwestern Seminary), a more intense level of political action and use of convention resolution process inflated the pressure.

The "power stage" succeeded the "pressure stage." Firmly in control of the electable powers of the convention, officers (especially convention presidents) wielded presiding power to achieve the political ends sought. The convention found it necessary to supplement and support incompetent leadership actions by hired parliamentarians, guards at the podium and a defensive lawsuit. Nevertheless, the power stage achieved the change in the character and makeup of governing boards of many of the convention's agencies.

The fourth stage of leadership's decline was the "purging stage." In this stage executives and leaders of agencies began to quietly exit their posts without calling attention to the earlier stages they had experienced. Golden Gate Seminary, the Home Mission Board and the Christian Life Commission saw the handwriting appear on the wall. Other leaders attempted accommodative

stances to ride above the inevitable waves of theological conformity. The convention was being purged of contrary voices.

The fifth stage arrived as the "pacification stage." In this stage efforts to pacify the demands of the more powerful political forces included the work of a "peace committee" and the "Glorieta Statement" by the seminaries. This stage completed the process by which leader selection for the boards and leadership positions was based on creedal conformity rather than convention and cooperative competence. Thus, Judge Pressler recently celebrated the selections of William Crews, Larry Lewis and Lewis Drummond because they represented the "conservative victories" and not on the basis of their administrative and leadership ability to manage large Christian agencies.

With these stages of leadership decline nearing completion the results began to appear in the fall of strong leadership 1988. This fall of leadership is in progress. Boards of agencies' selections result in single agenda members whose commitment is to a creedal and

political position. Many are quite unfamiliar with and sometimes devoid of understanding the agencies' and institutions' work. Many also have little or no experience of corporate denominational service. Thus, several have attempted to act for their boards independent of the boards and without the authority of the boards to which they are elected. "Caucuses," executive sessions and secret meetings have become the rule more than the exception. Simultaneously, baptisms, mission offerings and growth are suffering in the churches.

The fall of leadership has forced resignations under the threat of creedal domination by such persons as Randall Lolley and Morris Ashcraft. Other leaders may also soon fall as boards such as the Public Affairs Committee and the Christian Life Commission are led by members who act independent of their boards and force their agendas on those who serve the agencies as leaders. Leadership is falling in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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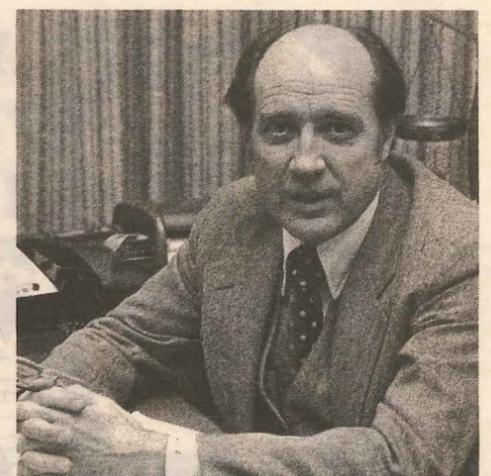
On Taylor's final Sunday at Somerset, Mrs. Mae Tandy, a resident at the old Louisville Orphan's Home, says "bye."



As president of the state Ministers' Conference in 1965 Taylor is flanked by Bob Jones (l), and Austin Roberts (r).



The heart of the child care agency is children. Taylor's love, concern and care for them is well known.



In his office, a pensive Taylor contemplates his future upon retirement in a few days.

Eldred M. Taylor

When his denomination called, he answered 'yes'

by Todd Deaton, Staff Writer

Nearly a decade of Taylor-made child care will draw to a close when Eldred M. Taylor, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, steps down July 1.

Taylor's initial contact with child care came as early as 1947 when he was finishing his seminary training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As a student pastor at Rosedale Baptist Church in Richmond, Taylor attended the Kentucky Baptist Convention, meeting in Owensboro that year. V. V. Cook, chairman of the board of what was then Louisville Baptist Orphans Home (now Spring Meadows), gave a speech at the Owensboro Hotel.

"I was extremely impressed with his presentation and went home to my church to request we take up an offering for child care in Kentucky," Taylor remembers. "From that day forth, I have been involved in giving and promoting the Thanksgiving offering."

That experience would prove to be a formative event in Taylor's life. As a pastor in Somerset, he was a trustee of Georgetown College 17 years. When his fourth term expired in 1977, the Kentucky Baptist Program of Child Care, now Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, elected him to a four year stint on its board.

"Quite honestly, I really didn't want to be nominated to its board," Taylor confides. "The children's home ministry was at a low ebb then and many Kentucky Baptists were questioning if we should continue the ministry."

"But, the committee insisted, 'We need you,'" he explains. "I have always felt if the denomination needs me I'll serve. So, I joined the child care board."

After only one year as a director Taylor was named president of the board. He served three years until the former director of the KBHC, Bill Amos, resigned in October 1980 to go to a pastorate in Florida.

In December the search committee, which Taylor had appointed, wanted to talk to him about the position. But Taylor refused for three reasons.

"First, I didn't feel I was qualified to be an executive director; second, my roots at Somerset, where I had been pastor 23 years, were deep, I had no reason to leave, and I had planned to retire there; third, I had appointed the committee," he says.

The committee continued with the interview process and extended a call to

a man who was brought before the board in April 1981. Two weeks later, he wrote a letter to Taylor saying he could not accept the position.

"I knew right then I'd have to talk with the committee again. I even told my wife that night they would be back," Taylor recalls.

"I prayed about it, asking God to put up some red lights to prevent me from going, but all I saw were green lights. God seemed to be saying if you really want to serve me, do this now."

Only a few days later the committee returned with a unanimous decision to consider Taylor. "I prayed about it, asking God to put up some red lights to prevent me from going, but all I saw were green lights. God seemed to be saying if you really want to obey me, do this now."

At age 59 Taylor resigned at Somerset to accept a totally new challenge.

Taylor went to KBHC with three commitments. "I wanted to move the agency toward becoming a spiritual institution and not just a social work ministry," he claims. "I felt this was important—if the churches supported it, it ought to be a ministry that is an arm of the churches to provide a service they couldn't do individually. This meant we would not be ashamed to admit anywhere that we were a church-related agency and would seek to lead all our kids to a faith in Jesus Christ."

As a result, KBHC has had a good number of children to make decisions to accept Christ as savior each year. Two years ago the child care agency had 74 accept Christ; last year, around 40.

"I also wanted to communicate to Kentucky Baptists the truth about who we are and the needs of the children," Taylor continues. "This has been easy because I was born and bred a Kentucky Baptist."

"That's the secret to it—it's not me but what Kentucky Baptists have done. They have given me their trust and I have always sought to honor it."

Taylor sees the first thanksgiving offering collected while he was in office as an example of Kentucky Baptists' support. The agency received an offering of \$97,000, a 19 percent increase. In

addition, the offering has grown steadily during the last seven years.

Finally, Taylor wanted to pull the agency toward a stable financial situation. This desire led to the dream of a \$3 million endowment campaign, which delayed his retirement beyond 65 by almost two years. The final amount

pledged totaled more than \$3,560,000.

One of Taylor's fondest memories of his labors as executive director of KBHC concerns the endowment campaign.

"We needed a single donor who would contribute a quarter of a million dollars to reach our goal. The Lord did not answer that prayer until after we had completed the pledge drive," he relates.

"One night a person called requesting a commitment card. He told me to 'go to sleep knowing that you've met your goal.' When the pledge card was returned several days later, the amount was \$300,000!"

But, the memories Taylor really cherishes are those of "so many lives turned around" because of their stay at the children's homes.

A recent high school graduate from Glen Dale is one example. At age 13 this youth had an extremely troubled family life. He attempted suicide, was threatened by his sister with a butcher knife and was admitted as a patient on the psyche ward of a local hospital.

Eventually, the young man was placed in the Glen Dale Children's Home. While there he made a commitment to Christ and has become an honor student.

During his administration Taylor has also tried to move the ministry closer to the people by establishing crises centers in the other three corners of the state. The one-cottage units have been constructed in Dixon, Elizabethtown and Morehead.

Prior to his tenure as executive director of KBHC Taylor was superintendent of missions and evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 1951-57. He assisted then executive secretary-treasurer W. C. Boone in coordinating the

work of all directors of missions and missionaries whose salaries were supplemented by the state convention.

Taylor reminisces about those early days when the KBC building was located on Broadway Street in Louisville. "We used to hold workshops all over the state with representative KBC leaders who demonstrated how to do Sunday school, Training Union and missions."

"In one particular association in which we were conducting a conference a brother who had a habit of 'amening' everything was sitting down front," he muses.

"During a prayer in which another man thanked God for just about everything imaginable, the brother just kept amening," Taylor laughs. "Then, the man who was praying said, '... and Lord, Dr. Boone and all these folks from the denomination are here to teach us...' Before he could finish the sentence, the brother interjected, 'Lord help us!'"

Taylor, who has been superintendent of missions for Daviess-McLean Association, president of the Kentucky Baptist Ministerial Association and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, met his wife when he moved to a farm next door to her home at eight years of age.

"I was sitting under a tree in the yard when Marjorie (Kerrick) came out on her porch. I looked at her and winked," he confesses. "She turned around, ran back into the house and slammed the door behind her like she didn't like it."

Mrs. Taylor now admits that she later came back out to see if he would do it again. "But, I just sat there and stared across the field," Taylor chuckles.

The two were married during Taylor's sophomore year at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He later transferred to Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, where he was pastor of Rosedale Church, 1943-48.

Yet some of Taylor's fondest recollections are of the people at Somerset, where he served 23 years. While he was pastor, the church advanced to second place in Cooperative Program gifts, where it remains to date. In 1972 Somerset constituted Beacon Hill Church, which has the second largest resident membership in Pulaski Association. It also launched Buena Vista Church.

Even though he is retiring Taylor is not going to hang up his ministerial shoes. He will join the staff at Boyce Bible School as director of its 12 national off-campus centers in the fall.

baptist news in brief



All types of intense communication occurred during MissionsFest Alabama, held May 26-28 at Samford University. Zeb Moss, former missionary and now the Foreign Mission Board's associate area director for Eastern and Southern Africa, holds these children and their mother spellbound with stories from Africa. The Alabama event was the first of a series of regional conferences planned to bring foreign missions closer to Southern Baptists.

HMB promotes abortion alternatives

The Home Mission Board will encourage churches to address abortion as "the No. 1 social and moral issue of our day" by starting crisis pregnancy centers, HMB president Larry Lewis said.

Board directors in February elected Sylvia Boothe, a former foreign missionary, as the agency's first coordinator for abortion alternatives. For the past two years, Boothe directed a crisis pregnancy center in Oklahoma City, the first such center begun by a state Baptist convention.

Boothe's responsibilities are among "the most important and vital ministries" of the HMB, Lewis said. While agencies such as the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission are charged with educating Southern Baptists about moral issues, the HMB is charged with ministering to people affected by moral issues.

The board's ministry will provide resources for churches, associations and state conventions to begin crisis pregnancy centers, Lewis said. The board will not operate any centers itself.

A crisis pregnancy center is a pregnancy testing and counseling ministry conducted in a neutral, non-threatening

State Baptist secretaries set July 28-30 session

The Kentucky Baptist Secretaries Association will hold its summer conference July 28-30 at Georgetown (Ky.) College. Emphasis will be given to developing personal and professional helping skills.

There will be interest conferences, featured speakers and a banquet. Featured speakers: Don Spencer, director, KBC Annuity Department; Billy G. Hurt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Frankfort; Dee Gilliland, executive director/treasurer, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

Conferences include: "Helping Families in Crisis," "Personal Profile," "Human Needs Resources," "How to be a Professional on the Job," "Newsletter Layout and Design," "Looking Good, Feeling Good," and "Getting to Know our Kentucky Baptist Programs."

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environment, Boothe said. A center's purpose is to promote positive solutions to unwanted pregnancies.

Boothe plans to begin training courses, a newsletter and a referral system for churches interested in crisis pregnancy centers. She teaches a 20-hour course for training volunteer counselors. (BP)

Highview Baptist publishes 2nd book by foreign missionary James McKinley

by James H. Cox
Associate Editor

Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, has entered into a second publishing arrangement with Clinton County, Ky. native Jim McKinley, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh.

Help! Helpers and Hope, McKinley's newest book, is due for release in early July. It comes on the heels of McKinley's very successful earlier work, *Death to Life: Bangladesh*, also published by Highview Church.

Proceeds of both texts are being donated by the author to missions work in Bangladesh. According to McKinley the first book has earned \$113,000 to date. Of this sum, \$104,000 has already been spent for a Baptist center with Immanuel Baptist Church in the heart of Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh.

The new book will be produced for similar missions purposes, said McKinley. The 150-page paperback will sell for \$7.00 and may be ordered in advance from Jim McKinley Books, Highview Baptist Church, 7711 Fegembush Ln., Louisville, KY 40228.

McKinley, speaking of the newest book, *Help! Helpers and Hope*, said, "Help is the cry of the world. Helpers is our response to this cry—personal, on the spot, through our missionaries. Hope is that beautiful response from those crying when we who are helpers do what is right under our Lord."

All sales income, after expenses, will be forwarded by Highview Church to the Foreign Mission Board. That will be forwarded to Bangla-

Search committee for CLC director named

A search committee to seek a new executive director for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission was named during a closed-door, called meeting of the CLC executive committee June 3.

The committee also accepted the resignation of director N. Larry Baker, effective June 10, and named CLC staff member Robert Parham as interim executive director, effective June 11.

Joe Atchison, director of missions of Benton Baptist Association in Rogers, Ark., and vice chairman of the CLC, will be chairman of the search committee. Other executive committee members to serve are Rudy Yakym, a stockbroker from South Bend, Ind., and secretary-treasurer of the CLC; Richard G. Elkins, a land developer from Albuquerque, N. M.; Larrey Noia, a private school administrator from Fountain Valley,

Calif.; and C. Nolan Phillips, pastor of University Baptist Church, Middletown, Oh.

Other members are Alma Ruth Morgan, a homemaker from Bartlesville, Okla., and Hal Lane, pastor of Eutawville (S. C.) Baptist Church.

CLC chairman Fred Lackey said, "Alma Ruth Morgan is the oldest female member with the exception of Mrs. (Virginia) Hendricks, who also is from New Mexico. If she had served we would have had two from New Mexico since Dick (Elkins) is from there and we did not think that was a good idea." (BP)

BSSB standing orders offer time savings

Standing orders for dated church literature materials are now available from the Baptist Sunday School Board as part of an effort to upgrade services to churches.

Charles Livingstone, director of the board's Church Programs and Services Marketing Department, said approximately 40 percent of the churches ordering material from the board leave their quarterly literature order virtually unchanged throughout the year.

By requesting a standing order, Livingstone said churches will not have to fill out a literature order every quarter and they get first-priority shipping of materials, since the orders will be on hand when the shipping begins for the quarter.

Changes can be made in a standing order by writing to the Baptist Sunday School Board or calling on the toll-free telephone number to the customer service center at least two weeks before the expected shipping date, he said.

Churches which participate in the standing order program will still receive the five percent cash discount if payments are received 72 days prior to the beginning of the new quarter. Livingstone said a reminder notice of the standing order will be sent for the next quarter with the church literature order forms.

Undated materials will still need to be ordered as necessary by churches, and all churches will receive dated and undated literature order forms each quarter for information on new materials.

WMU offering tallied from centennial event

WMU "Centennial Celebration" participants in Richmond, Va., May 14, gave \$58,654.22 to the Centennial Thank Offering, according to leaders of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

The offering, which was collected from the more than 11,000 celebration participants, was the final offering of the Centennial Thank Offering.

The offering was established by the executive board of WMU as a way by which individuals could contribute toward the debt retirement of the national WMU headquarters building in Birmingham, and at the same time honor missions leaders and organizations.

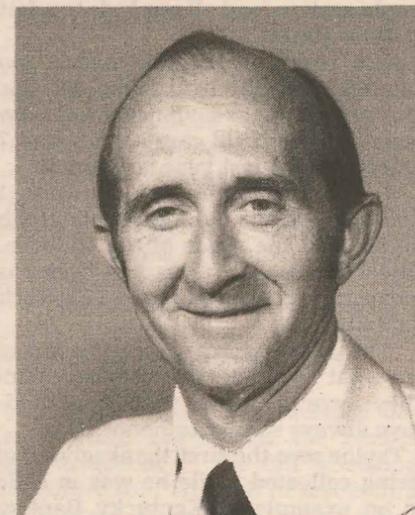
WMU officials are continuing to receive offerings which were collected in associational and state celebrations held in conjunction with the May 13-14 Centennial Celebration.

As of May 31, \$925,210.51 had been contributed toward the retirement of the national headquarters building debt. Cost of the property, building and furnishings totaled \$8.6 million. (BP)

Son of BWA executive dies after transplant

Robert S. Denny Jr., of Port Charlotte, Fla., the son of retired Baptist World Alliance executive director Robert S. Denny Sr., of Orlando, Fla., died May 30 in Jackson, Miss., following an unsuccessful heart-lung transplant. He was 44.

Denny suffered from a hereditary disease similar to cystic fibrosis. He had a double lung transplant during a 12-hour period May 19-20, then a heart-lung transplant May 21. Death was caused by infection, according to a hospital spokesman. (BP)



McKinley

Missourian named to Maryland newsjournal

Pam Parry of Kansas City, Mo., has been named associate editor of the Baptist True Union, newsjournal for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware.

The 25-year-old native Missourian was elected by the two-state convention's administrative committee in May. She began work June 6.

Born in Rolla, Parry is a recent graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City. She worked previously as a news writer at Word and Way, Missouri Baptists' state newspaper, and in Midwestern Seminary's public relations office. Most recently she has been employed as a media intern at Clay-Platte Baptist Association in Kansas City.

She is a graduate of University of Missouri. While in college she was a sports reporter for the Columbia Missourian, the university's campus paper, and copy editor for Anew, a magazine published by the Baptist Student Union.

Parry fills a vacancy created in March when Robert Allen, associate editor since 1985, was elected editor of the 15,000-circulation weekly newsjournal.



This little girl in Thailand and all children worldwide will benefit by attending vacation Bible schools this summer, to learn at their own level how faith in Jesus Christ can change them. This photograph was taken in the village of Tha Atong Dam during a Bible study. The Thais have begun responding in significant numbers to the message of Jesus Christ.

Middlesboro church seeks volunteers

Church-building volunteers are needed to rebuild West Cumberland Baptist Church, Middlesboro, which was destroyed May 9 by a tornado.

The tornado killed one person and injured 15. It destroyed a 15-block by one-half mile wide area.

According to Bob Simpkins, director of Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Department, the state needs help meeting this urgent need.

"We are obligated to a number of pro-

Requests bring change in senior adult quarterly

Southern Baptist who have requested larger print for *Senior Adult Bible Study* should find what they want with the October/November/December issue.

Until recently, editors and consultants responding to the frequent inquiries from Life and Work Series users could say only that a large-print edition was planned along with other curriculum changes in October 1991.

Enlarging the pages in the production process will allow the change to be made almost immediately, said Michael Fink, manager of the adult Life and Work/Vacation Bible School curriculum section.

With the change, *Senior Adult Bible Study* will be available in the large-print edition only. The print will be 28 percent larger than is currently used in *Senior Adult Bible Study*. The cost will increase from 77 cents per copy to 91 cents in order to recover some of the additional materials cost, Fink said.

Obituary list needed

James E. Casey Jr., chairman of the obituary committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, needs the names of all ministers, Baptist leaders and lay Baptist leaders that have deceased from Aug. 1, 1987 through June 1988. Please send names to James E. Casey Jr., 107 W. Locust St., Greensburg, KY 42743, or call (502) 932-3665.

jects already and the Middlesboro church has stretched us beyond our limits," said Simpkins. "I know they (building volunteers) are out there. We need more building volunteers to register with the state Brotherhood office."

West Cumberland's pastor, David Bullock, said the church plans to begin rebuilding within a month. The former facility was valued at approximately \$300,000. Bullock said the church hopes to receive \$160,000 from an insurance company to cover damages to the church and parsonage.

Tentative plans call for a brick building with an auditorium that seats 250 people. Volunteers interested in assisting West Cumberland rebuild should contact the Kentucky Brotherhood Department, (502) 245-4101.

Jerusalem congregation receives building permit

Narkis Street Baptist Church in Jerusalem has received permission to rebuild after five and one-half years of negotiations with Israeli authorities.

"The Lord answered our prayers," said John Anthony, a Southern Baptist representative who has worked with the international English-language church since 1974. "We finally received, in hand, a stamped and approved building permit."

The congregation, which lost its building in an arson-suspected fire in October 1982, spent \$90,000 for various fees while seeking the permit, Anthony said in a telephone interview.

The license, good for three years, allows the congregation to build a 350-square-meter auditorium, with seating for up to 450 people, and a 175-square-meter second floor for Baptist House, an adjacent bookstore and ministry center. Cost of the project will be at least \$800,000, Anthony said. The size of the former chapel, built in 1933, was about 150 square meters.

The congregation has been worshipping under a tent-like structure of tin walls and plywood roofing since the fire. Attendance has grown by 100 people, to 350 to 400 each Saturday, the Sabbath in Israel. (BP)

Should religion be in public schools?

Religion should have a place in the public school curriculum, announced a coalition of 14 national religious and educational groups.

The diverse organizations—which represent a broad spectrum of political and religious viewpoints—joined together to sponsor a publication focusing on the proper role of religion in the public school curriculum.

"This publication demonstrates that people with widely divergent views about many other issues can and do agree that study about religion in public schools, when done properly, is both constitutionally permissible and educationally sound," said Charles Haynes, project director for Americans United Research Foundation, one of the brochure's sponsors.

Haynes and Oliver Thomas, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, served as the chief spokesmen during a press conference held to release "Religion in the Public School Curriculum: Questions and Answers," which is to have nationwide distribution. They were joined by representatives from some of the other sponsoring organizations.

"Completion of this year-long project confirms what many of us had hoped was true—widespread consensus does exist about the proper role of religion in the public school curriculum," Thomas said. "Moreover, we have dem-

onstrated that dialog rather than litigation may provide the solution to many current church-state controversies.

On the issue of teaching biblical creationism in public schools, the brochure says—based on court cases—that while science instruction may not endorse or promote religious doctrine, the creation account found in various scriptures may be discussed in a religious studies class or in any course that considers religious explanations for the origin of life. (BP)

Cumberland highlighted by Historical Society

Over 100 Kentucky Baptists participated in the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society May 20-21 at Cumberland College under the theme "A Special Purpose, A Special People."

Through presentations of papers by distinguished faculty and alumni, a video and a dramatic monolog, the society joined in the centennial celebration of the college.

1988-89 officers are president Gerard Howell, Owensboro; vice president Terry Wilder, Lawrenceburg; secretary-treasurer Barry G. Allen, Louisville.

The next annual meeting will be July 21-22, 1989 at Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

baptist forum

An offer of help to Kentucky Baptists

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau, Alaska, would like to offer assistance to Kentucky Baptists who may visit southeast Alaska, including the offer of limited space for overnight parking of self-contained recreational vehicles. If interested write Box 33861, Juneau, AK 99803 or call (907) 789-4016.

William E. Hamilton, Pastor
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Juneau, Aka.

A mission director's vision

Serving 145 churches and missions is a joyous honor. If I could lead them, I would lead to our mission field. God is a missionary for in Christ "dwells the fullness of the God head bodily." Jesus is God's sent one and he has sent us. He has not sent us just to preach and baptize, but to disciple. We are to disciple not just our kind but the ethnic, the gentile, those who are different. How can we do this?

We must share the Word. "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved . . . how may they hear without one heralding?" We are to not preach politics, gossip and bad news but the good news: Jesus. *But that is not all!*

We must be Winsome. For the lost to be saved we must be loveable. "One not loving his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." Church is neither building, liturgy nor organization. Church is a fellowship of believers who love one another and the lost. The important matter is not the size of the church but the winsomeness of its people. If the lost are to be saved we must be loveable. If they cannot love us they cannot love our Lord.

We must be One. People will not join the church to fight. Jesus prayed, "that they may all be one." As body of Christ

"the hand cannot say to the foot I have no need of thee." Ken Whitehouse, pastor of Parkwood Baptist Church, well asks his folk to develop "tolerance for differences."

The householder is looking for the lost coin and the good shepherd for lost sheep. If we're going to bless our father and help him win the lost we're going to have to have the Word, Winsomeness and Oneness.

Russell Bennett, DOM
Long Run Association
Louisville

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

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Ten glasses of milk

Father's Day morning 8:55 a.m. The phone is ringing. There have already been three calls. This time I hear the broken voice of a young man. "Hello, Mr. Moore. Do you know me?" I do not recognize the voice. "No, who is this?" He tells me. It has been many months since I've last seen him or heard his voice.

He shares with me personal things. Several times he pauses between choked words. I can hear him sniffing from time to time. I visualize the husky young man on the phone. He so often seemed so self assured, the body of a man, yet just a confused young boy. His mother has never married. He has no brothers or sisters. Suddenly he reminds me that this is Father's Day. "You know Mr. Moore, I've never had a father. I am told he is a school principal in . . . but I've never seen him in my life. He has never written or called me. I don't know what he looks like. But he must be a good man to be a principal."

As I consider that, he continues, "Mr. Moore you are the nearest to a father I've had." I am a little startled. He goes on to relate to me a conversation I had with him once in the laundry room as he washed his clothes. I don't remember the particular conversation, but he says, "You'll never know just how much that meant to me."

We never know when we are saying something that sticks with someone a lifetime. Sometimes it is for good, other times for ill. I am reminded of what

Brooks Adams wrote a century ago: "A teacher affects eternity; he never knows where his influence stops." That is true, of course, of every teacher. How much truer it is of the Christian teacher, how much greater even is our challenge, our responsibility, our opportunity.

I remember my own father. I have two gifts chosen from our craft house, a student made, and I go to give them to him. It is church time.

It is a beautiful service. It is the first Sunday service since the start of summer school. We have over 80 new students, worshiping with us for the first time at our local church. We are reminded that with the start of each session, we are starting over in many ways.

Joel Rackley, our pastor, preaches a powerful message on love and God's forgiveness. He reminds us of Peter's thrice denial of Christ in the courtyard. Later Jesus asks by the shore of Galilee, "Peter, do you love me?" Three times he avers his love. Then Jesus said, "If you love me, feed my sheep."

Teachers and staff at OBI have been trying to do that with greater or lesser success for 87 years. It is invitation time. A young man goes forward. He has been with us two years. He will finish his work with this summer session. He makes his profession of faith, but wants to return to his home church to be baptized.

I watch another young man. I am six rows behind him. He clutches the back of the pew. Several nights ago he talked to me about accepting the Lord publicly. I remember his being so belligerent when he first came to us. He asks for baptism.

Standing on the church porch with our farm manager, I idly watch a car pull to a stop. A young man strides toward me. I suddenly realize who he is.

It is lunch time. Beef from our farm, smothered in gravy, boiled potatoes from last year's crop, cooked carrots, lettuce and other vegetables on the salad bar which we have daily, noon and night. Hot rolls and freshly baked blueberry pie make the meal.

I watch a new boy, only 13 and already 6'3". He downs 10 glasses of chocolate milk! I make a mild comment that he may be overdoing it considering all he has eaten. He admits to the start of a tummyache. It is great to see healthy young people eat. We need to be as grateful for good appetite as for good food.

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JUNE 19, 1988

Life and work series

Seeking harmony in diversity

Rom. 14:1-3 Paul's concept of Christian living included a concern for the spiritual welfare of those whose faith was weak and in need of encouragement. Paul was unwilling to compromise the truth, but he urged his readers to be considerate of others' opinions. Paul reminded his readers not to disrupt the fellowship of the church.

Rom. 14:19-21 Strong Christians should consider the spiritual safety and welfare of the weaker Christians. Christians need to be aware of offending others. Let us abstain from any action which is contrary to the law of love for Christ and for others. Let us avoid doing anything that will hinder the work of the Lord or cause another person to do wrong.

Rom. 15:1-7 Paul urged the strong Christians to recognize their obligation to have a vital interest and concern for the weak. True Christians are to devote themselves to helping others, even though it may involve difficulties and lack of appreciation.

A robust Christian faith does not create selfishness but always enjoins helpfulness. Christ did not stop working with those who needed him even though

they did not respond favorably to his overtures. Those of us within the fellowship of the redeemed must not set any limit to our love that Christ has not set. Let us do our best to use wholesome influence over other believers and to point those who do not know the savior to him who is able to save them.

International series

Moses: call and protest

Ex. 3:1-2 Upon learning that Pharaoh was seeking to take his life, Moses fled to Midian. There he married Zipporah, the daughter of a Midianite priest, and settled down to the life of a shepherd for 40 years. Those years were very helpful in his spiritual development. Moses learned many things about God's will for his life.

Ex. 3:3 While Moses was keeping the flocks of Jethro, he saw a flame burning in a bush, but the bush was not consumed by the fire. Moses approached this strange phenomenon to examine it.

Ex. 3:4-5 God told Moses to remove his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Moses removed his shoes and hid his face in reverence. The call of Moses was simply to be an instrument in the accomplishment of God's purpose. God never makes a mistake when he calls any person to do a given task.

Ex. 3:6-9 God had seen the Israelites' afflictions even though he had not taken any action to relieve them. He had heard their cries and knew all about their sorrows. In compassion God announced his purpose to Moses saying that he had come down "to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land, . . . flowing with milk and honey."

Ex. 3:10-12 Moses was the agent whom God used in bringing his people out of Egypt. Moses was eminently qualified for the position God intended him to fill. The commission he received was urgent: "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh." Moses exclaimed, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?"

This mission appeared too great for Moses, so he voiced his objections. Possibly the objections which he offered were prompted by a sense of his own weakness, but Moses discovered what we need to know and to remember, namely, that God never calls a person to a task without supplying adequate strength for its accomplishment. What God commands us to do, he always enables us to achieve.



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on mission together

Just passin' thru

The night walks that Alice and I take have grown later the past several months. Sometimes it's 10:30 before we put on our walking shoes and head out.

Neighborhoods look different after dark. Half or more of the houses in the area we walk are dark. Folks are already asleep.

The muffled sound of teenagers on a front porch signals that school is out. The giggles remind me of other things . . . the thrill of early romance . . . the ride home on "cloud nine" after a kiss from a pretty girl in a game of spin-the-bottle.

Life for us seemed simple then, though in retrospect I'm certain my parents never thought it was simple. They made

it possible for us to have a childhood, seldom rushing our growing up. Maybe that's why they looked older to me than I think we look to our children. Or maybe I'm fooling myself.

A young man wheels his bike through the night, turning at the street light just ahead of us. My first bike was a combination of bike parts my granddad had put together and painted blue. It was a splendid gift! And it lasted through several years and paper routes.

Frankfort counted a population of around 12,000 in the 1940s. Over a period of years I delivered the State Journal, the Courier Journal, or the Cincinnati Enquirer to just about every home in town. That made it possible for me to know a whole lot of folks in our town.

As the bike and its driver moved on into the night, I had that fleeting pang of yesteryears, too soon spent. Maybe he was on "cloud nine." Maybe he had just been kissed by his first love.

As we held hands, I was aware that

we will soon celebrate 31 years of marriage. We have been "nomads" most of our lives, having lived in 14 different houses—none for more than six years. As we contemplate our circle of friends, many of them, too, are "nomads." We meet once in a while at some "watering hole" and pass on back to the places where our tents are pegged.

"We made the choice to be nomads," I say to myself. Or was it chosen for us and we concurred? Sometimes I feel we have overplayed the gospel hymn: "This world is not my home, I'm just passin' through."

We passed the home of a family we know who has lived in the same house for over 20 years; another, just a block away, for more than 30. But they, too, are just "a passin' thru."

I was more quiet than usual on this night. My closest friend was beside me. She is the most permanent human relationship the good Lord gave me. And we are growing older.

She didn't notice the tears.



Favorite hymns Baptists sing Part II

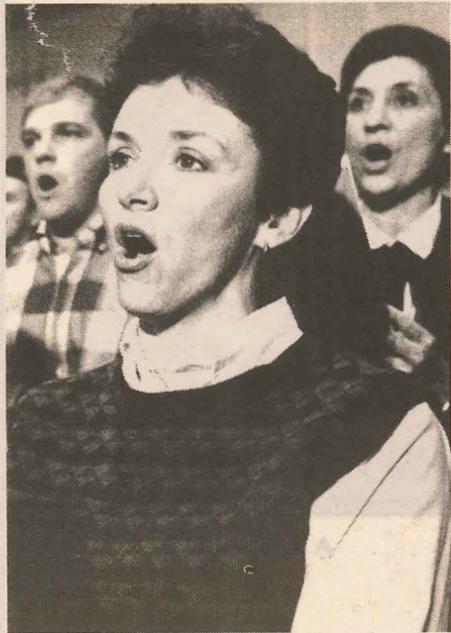
by William J. Reynolds, professor of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The following are background stories of four familiar hymns, as researched by William J. Reynolds

"God Will Take Care of You"

Civilla Martin and her husband, W. Stillman Martin, were in Lestershire, N. Y. for a few weeks in 1904, at the Practical Bible Training School. Martin, an ordained minister, was invited to preach in churches of that area.

Usually his wife accompanied him on Sundays, but one Sunday she was ill and remained home. In the quietness of a lonely day, Mrs. Martin found inspira-



Hymns provide many adults with an opportunity to express their praise for what God has done, is doing and will do through Jesus Christ.

tion and strength in writing this hymn. The assurance of God's care and providence in times of adversity are expressed in the hymn. There comes the repeated affirmation that God will provide sustenance "through days of toil when heart doth fail," "when dangers fierce your path assail," and "no matter what may be the test."

When her husband returned from the preaching appointment, Mrs. Martin showed him the poem she had written. At the small reed organ in their home, Martin composed the tune as it now stands.

In 1916 the Martins moved to Wilson, N. C., where he became professor of Bible at Atlantic Christian College. Three years later they moved to Atlanta, Ga. and spent the following years in Bible conferences and evangelistic meetings.

Mrs. Martin wrote many gospel song texts. One of the best known is "His Eye Is on the Sparrow," one of the favorite songs of the late Ethel Waters.

"Have Faith in God"

The depression of the early 1930s left its mark on Southern Baptists as well as the rest of the nation. Family fortunes and even meager savings were wiped out unexpectedly as business failed and banks closed.

Early in 1934 B. B. McKinney was leading the music in a revival meeting in the First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Ok. At this time McKinney was serving as music director for the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. Many friends in that congregation were suffering financial hardships and McKinney was concerned for them.

During the days in Muskogee, he thought about his friends back home and remembered them in his prayers. One evening during the preaching of C. C. Morris of Ada, Okla. McKinney began

writing some lines of encouragement for these friends. Later in his room in the Severs Hotel, he compiled words and music. During the two-week revival he wrote letters to his friends and enclosed the words of the new hymn.

In 1935 the hymn was published and it has been sung in our churches for more than 50 years.

Late in 1935, McKinney moved to Nashville to become music editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board. In 1941 with the establishment of the Church Music Department, McKinney became its first head and served until his death in 1952.

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

This hymn is a poetic version of Psalm 27:1-3 made by James Montgomery in 1822. The beauty of the psalm and the psalmist's confidence in God are clearly evident in these two stanzas.

Montgomery was an ardent newspaper publisher in Sheffield, England. He fearlessly spoke his convictions even when it brought him great difficulty. Imprisoned twice for his editorials, he championed humanitarian causes and was a strong voice for the abolition of slavery in England. In his newspaper he openly supported missionary enterprise and the British Bible Society.

The tune "Wedlock" was found in North Carolina in 1918, by the English folksong collector Cecil Sharp. Working among the people of the Appalachian mountains, Sharp invited individuals to sing for him folksongs, which he wrote down. Several collections of these songs were published in England in the years that followed Sharp's work there.

The excellent harmonization of this folksong melody was made by Donald P. Hustad of the school of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Joseph Hart, author of the words, was born in London and reared in a Christian home. He received an excellent education and, because of his knowledge of the classics and languages, became a highly esteemed teacher.

For a number of years he drifted from the faith of his family and, by his own confession, became a "loose backslider, an audacious apostate and a bold-face rebel." At age 45 he experienced a spiritual awakening and became a joyful, radiant Christian.

Writing verse was a frequent pastime because of his classical education. Now in his newfound joy, he turned his tal-

ents to the writing of Christian hymns. He published a collection of hymns, including this one, which was widely used.

Baptist Hymnal has two tunes for Hart's words—"Arise," which appeared in William Walker's tunebook of 1835, and "Beach Spring" from B. F. White's *Sacred Harp* of 1844.

White, who lived in Hamilton, Ga., named the tune for the Beech Springs Baptist Church, near Pine Mountain. Established in 1837 the church was built near two beech trees that stood by a gushing spring. New converts were baptized in an improvised pool, using the spring water.

In White's *Sacred Harp* the name of the tune was misspelled "beach" instead of "beech," and the error has been retained in all subsequent printings.

"Spirit of the Living God"

Early in 1926 the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party conducted a citywide revival in Orlando, Fla. Daniel Iverson, a Presbyterian minister from Lumberton, N. C., spent several days in Orlando visiting with the team members of Stephans' group.

Greatly impressed by a sermon he heard on the Holy Spirit, Iverson wrote this chorus that same day. E. Powell Lee, the music director for the Stephans' team was impressed with the song and introduced it that evening in the tabernacle service. In later years Lee worked in music and education in several Southern Baptist churches and his later years were at the Home Mission Board.

Throughout his ministry, Iverson pastored Presbyterian churches in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. During the 24 years he was pastor of the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church, Miami, Fla., he led in the organization of seven other churches.

Iverson retired from the active pastorate in 1951, and in 1962 moved to Asheville, N. C. where he lived until his death in 1977 at age 87.

The song he wrote in Orlando, Fla., is sung frequently in our churches as congregations pray that the Spirit of our Lord will "fall fresh on us."

Editor's note: This is the second part of a series on backgrounds of favorite hymns Baptists sing. The histories of the first four songs were published in the Apr. 29 issue.

Reynolds is editor of Baptist Hymnal, 1975 edition; was for many years director for music for annual meetings of SBC; and is former director of the Music Department, BSSB.



Children learn to participate in corporate worship through music at a very early age in many Southern Baptist churches.

Cumberland College

Centennial Celebration

“A Bright Shining City Set On A Hill”



Cumberland College in Williamsburg opened its doors on January 7, 1889. In January of 1988 Cumberland College began a year long Centennial Celebration in honor of its 100 years of Christian educational service to its students.

As a part of this celebration, Cumberland College's president Jim Taylor has compiled and written a history of the College, "A Bright Shining City Set On A Hill" from which the stories below are excerpted. Continuing for several months, Cumberland College will feature brief stories taken from the history. These stories will appear approximately every two months as Cumberland College receives its allotted space in the *Western Recorder's* Back Page Cycle.

“A New Day Dawning”

A TIME OF TRANSITION

Albert Robinson Evans was asked to serve as acting president following the resignation of Dr. Wood on March 29, 1919.

Evans was one of three Cumberland College alumni to become president of the College, the other two being James Lloyd Creech and James H. Taylor. Other graduates who became presidents are A.S. Petrey, President of Hazard Baptist Institute; A.J. Meadors, President of Conway Female College; Arliss Roaden, President of Tennessee Technological Institute; Betty Siegel, President of Kennesaw College (incidentally, Dr. Siegel is the niece of President Creech); Vivian Blevins, former Director of the University of Kentucky's Southeast Community College and now President of Lee College in Baytown, Texas; and Michael Colegrove, President of Hargrave Military Academy.

ALBERT ROBINSON EVANS

Professor Albert Robinson Evans (1880-1957) was another of Cumberland's Phi Beta Kappa scholars. The son of James George and Sarah Miracle Evans,

he was raised in Knox County, Kentucky, and attended the Williamsburg Institute, being graduated from the Collegiate Department in 1905. Evans then taught at the Institute for a few months before entering Brown University. In 1908 he was graduated from Brown University, and returned to the Williamsburg Institute where he remained except for a few years until his retirement in 1955. Evans did additional work at the University of Chicago and received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky.

Professor Evans at times taught Latin and philosophy, but his main interests were in the area of education and social science. He was considered an excellent teacher.

Sometime in the early part of 1914, Evans was approached about considering the principalship of the Jellico, Tennessee, high school. The trustees of the College got word concerning this offer and called a meeting of the Board because the "inducements being offered were rather attractive." According to the Board's *Minutes*, May 11, 1914, the trustees acted immediately "to

affect an agreement whereby he remains as teacher in the Cumberland College." The agreement was reached and the *Cumberland College Monthly*, June 1914, reported "Professor Evans has been offered the principalship of the Jellico High School, but has decided to remain with us. Everyone here is highly gratified at his decision."

Evans, however, did not confine himself to the College. He was active at the First Baptist Church, teaching the Florida Moss Gatliff Sunday School class and serving as chairman of the Deacons. He was also a member of the Williamsburg City Council.

Dr. Ralph Denham, in his letter dated July 1986, has the following recollection of Mr. Evans as a teacher:

"Professor A.R. Evans ran a tight ship as far as his sociology class was concerned. His pronouncements at times were seared into the memory, such as: 'The characteristics of the proletariat is not its poverty but its insecurity.'

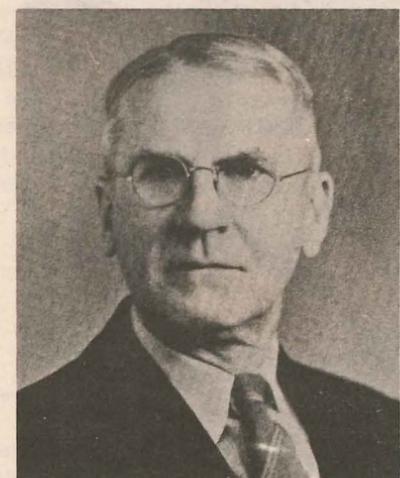
"Most of his chapel meditations centered on the book of Job, but his major theme seemed to be: 'Be sure your sins will find you

out.'

"A hapless student caught looking at his pocket watch during a class would become the center of a mini-lecture: 'I don't mind your looking at your watch but do object to your shaking it and holding it to your ear to find out if it is still running.'"

A.R. Evans and his wife Mabel Carrie Gatliff were the parents of two daughters, Helen and Virginia.

Professor Evans served as acting president from March 29, 1919 until May 26, 1921, but he continued to serve the College as a teacher until his retirement in June 1955. He passed away on September 28, 1957.



A.R. EVANS