

## Davenport receives house from trustees

Campbellsville College's board of trustees presented retiring president W. R. Davenport with the deed to his Campbellsville home during a June 23 "Day of Honor."

Lawrence Hall, chairman of the college's board of trustees and president of Kentucky Guard Rail Company, pre-

sented Davenport the deed to his house on Lebanon Avenue. Hall said the trustees had voted to give the Davenports their house in action about three years ago.

Various persons with whom Davenport worked during his 19 years as president paid tribute to the Kentucky Bap-

tist leader. About 200 faculty, staff, trustees and friends attended the recognition/appreciation ceremony in the Alumni Building theater.

William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said Davenport has fostered the concept that any student who needs help in getting a Christian education can get it at Campbellsville College.

"Campbellsville College is a place where a student can get a good education but can also encounter Christ," Marshall said.

John Frazer, executive director of the Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, said, "I never saw him (Davenport) without a smile" because of his relationship with his God.

President Davenport performed "service marked by intelligence unmarred by vanity," Frazer said.

Executive director of Gideons International, Wendell C. McClinton, called Davenport, "A God-fearing man" who has godly wisdom. Davenport has served more than 33 years with the Gideons and has been the organization's international president.

Davenport's pastor, James Jones of Campbellsville Baptist Church, shared that he and Davenport had a pact to pray together every Tuesday morning. Jones confided there were days when he needed the spiritual help Davenport provided.

"The City of Campbellsville is most grateful to Randy Davenport for his years of service at Campbellsville College," said Robert Miller, mayor of Campbellsville.

Miller said Davenport genuinely cares about students and about the Campbellsville community. He presented Davenport a cap with "City of Campbellsville" printed on it, a City of Campbellsville lapel pin and a pen and pencil set.

Jerry Bennett, president of the college's alumni association, remarked that Davenport's leadership had left its mark on "hundreds and hundreds of Campbellsville alumni throughout the world."

Campbellsville College academic vice president Robert S. Clark presented the Davenports with a book of letters from various colleagues and friends.

Following the ceremony Davenport and his wife, Janet, were honored with a reception in the college's dining hall. They were accompanied by three of their four children, Liz, Susan and Mary, and their grandchildren.

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#### September-May Gifts

	Month	YTD
May 88	1,072,455	11,864,029
May 87	1,034,399	11,693,071
\$ Chg.	38,056	170,958
% Chg.	3.7	1.5
Budget	1,365,053	12,285,473
\$(under)/over	-292,598	-421,444
%(under)/over	-21.4	-3.4

Year	\$Over/-Under to Date	%Increase Over Prev Year
87-88	-421,444	1.5
86-87	-7,379	7.5
85-86	-825,149	7.4
84-85	-710,500	4.5
83-84	-433,997	-0.5
82-83	820,829	11.8
81-82	959,985	10.8



People gather at site for new ministries center in Northern Kentucky Association.

## Northern Kentucky begins work on ministries center

by Conda Abbott  
State Correspondent

Growth and progress in Northern Kentucky Association has brought about the need for a new ministries facility. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Sunday, June 5 on Riggs Avenue in Erlanger.

The Northern Kentucky Baptist Association Ministries Building, as it will be titled, will be a 4000-square-foot structure to house offices of the director of

missions, religious education director, Bullittsburg Assembly Camp manager, Media Center and the Northern Kentucky branch of Boyce Bible School and its library. A new position, Christian social ministries, will also have an office. The facility will be used as an administrative, fellowship and training sessions location.

Randall Jones, director of missions, explained that this building is fulfilling long-awaited goals.

The existing associational office is located at the Baptist Convalescent Center, Newport. It has been a temporary part of the center since 1970. Due to the growth of both agencies the association sought for the new location. Erlanger was selected for its central location for 63 churches and two missions in four counties. Each church is participating in a special offering/building fund.

Various ministers and church members were involved in the groundbreaking ceremony. Contractor for the building is Ben Beers and Sons. Trinity Design is the architect.

Jones expressed thanks to everyone involved with the project, especially the association building committee.

Estimated completion of the facility is mid to late October 1988.

### No paper next week

In keeping with a longstanding policy there will be no issue of Western Recorder published July 8. The next issue will be dated July 15. Western Recorder does not publish one week of July and one week of December each year, in compliance with postal regulations.

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## Former Kentucky pastor loses life in accident

A former Kentucky pastor, his wife and their two-year-old daughter were killed on I-55, near Brookhaven, Miss., last week while returning home from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Daniel J. Martin, pastor of Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, his wife Patricia, and their daughter Joy, suffered fatal injuries when their van flipped over. He was pastor at Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, before moving to Nashville in 1986.



Martin's daughter, 12, had skull injuries and lacerations but as of Monday was out of intensive care at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and in a regular room.

Their two other children, Joshua, 10, and Julie, 7, were taken to Louisville with Martin's parents, Joan and Edward Martin. They suffered lesser injuries.

The family was returning from the San Antonio annual meeting of the SBC when the accident occurred about 1:45 a.m. Police initially theorized Martin had fallen asleep and lost control of his van.

However, after further investigation, Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper Carl Brown of Brookhaven, said Martin's vehicle "was struck from behind and forced off the road" and then struck by a pickup truck, which also ran over Joy, who had been thrown from the van.

Trooper Brown said both the driver of the car and the pickup truck had been drinking. He said a blood test was taken from the truck's driver. The woman driving the car was not tested, he said, but witnesses later said she had been seen drinking prior to the accident.

Martin, who had been pastor of the Nashville congregation only a short time, was a prolific letter writer and had introduced three resolutions during the annual meeting. Ironically, one of the three dealt with drinking drivers.

The resolution, incorporated into a statement adopted by messengers, supported "stringent laws which will both deter drinking and driving and also ensure swift prosecution of those who are accused of such."



Lawrence Hall presents the W. R. Davenports with the deed to their house in Campbellsville.

# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Below is a guest editorial by William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Western Recorder has asked the executive secretary, the president of the KBC, Howard Cobble, and the chairman of the public affairs committee, Ted Sisk, to address the issue of a lottery in guest editorials throughout the summer. In the fall Kentucky Baptists could be the deciding force in defeat or passage of a proposed constitutional amendment to allow a lottery in our state. We feel it is the obligation of Western Recorder to inform our people about this very important legislation and to encourage all Kentucky Baptists to vote against this proposal. The Kentucky Baptist Convention, as well as the executive board of the KBC, has already gone on record in strong opposition to the lottery as a way to finance state government. For these reasons we have asked distinguished leaders in our convention to use this space to call us to sober reflection and courageous action in opposing the lottery in the election this fall.

## Kentucky Baptists must vote against a lottery

by William W. Marshall  
executive secretary-treasurer, KBC

Two opposing groups will test which is the stronger Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Behind the veil of hundreds of precinct voting booths thousands of Kentuckians will cast a ballot "for" or "against" an amendment to support an organized state lottery.

In November last year Kentucky Baptists meeting in annual convention made clear their stand against the lottery. This was further reinforced by action taken at the May 2-3 meeting of the convention's executive board.

A letter has since been sent to all pastors from convention president Howard Cobble and the executive secretary urging that churches provide every possible assistance to Citizens Against State Lottery (CASL) and to vote their convictions at the poll in November.

One of every five Kentuckians is a member of a Kentucky Baptist Convention-affiliated church. The next largest church group in Kentucky is hardly half in number. We do represent a significant amount of "poll power."

Kentucky Baptists have not been "rabble rousers," though we, along with other church groups who are opposed to the lottery, will be accused of such. It's part of the price of taking a stand on public, political issues.

Although not every Kentucky Baptist is concerned about this issue, **opposition to a state lottery is felt strongly by the vast majority of Kentucky Baptist leadership.** Among this group it is a unifying issue—not a divisive one. This is crucial if we are to make a difference in November.

Pastors and key church leaders wield significant influence in the church. What these leaders do

between now and November is the most crucial element in stimulating a strong vote against the lottery.

Pastors and key church leaders can:

—Provide nursery facilities for church members on election day.

—Provide transportation to the polls for church members who need it.

—Provide opportunity on the two Sundays prior to election day for brief testimonies from persons on "Why I am opposed to the state lottery."

—Provide adequate information concerning the shortcomings of a state lottery. This can be secured from CASL.

—Encourage Sunday school leadership to address the matter at least on the Sunday morning prior to election Tuesday.

—Contribute some financial assistance to CASL for their efforts in our behalf.

—Pray for the enlightenment of those who are, at present, unable to see the detrimental effects of a state operated lottery.

We are not alone in our opposition to the lottery. Other evangelical church groups are active and are supportive of CASL. They too will encourage their congregations to get out and vote Tuesday, Nov. 8.

We already know we will be "out-dollared" by the sponsors of a lottery, including organized gambling. They will use the media to their greatest advantage.

We can, I believe, "out vote" those who favor the lottery. And that's where it finally counts!

Baptist leadership should take initiatives now in planning exactly what they can and should do between now and November. Defeating the lottery depends on it!

For the information of all Kentucky Baptists, contributions or inquiries to Citizens Against State Lottery may be addressed to: Jim Holladay, East Baptist Church, 400 E. Chestnut St., Louisville, KY 40202, or the CASL office, 810 E. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40204. The phone number is (502) 587-6735. CASL has the support of the leadership of our convention and churches are urged to help this organization with prayer and offerings as the struggle comes down to the finish line. Revenue regulations allow as much as a \$4000 contribution from a single church before tax exempt status is threatened.

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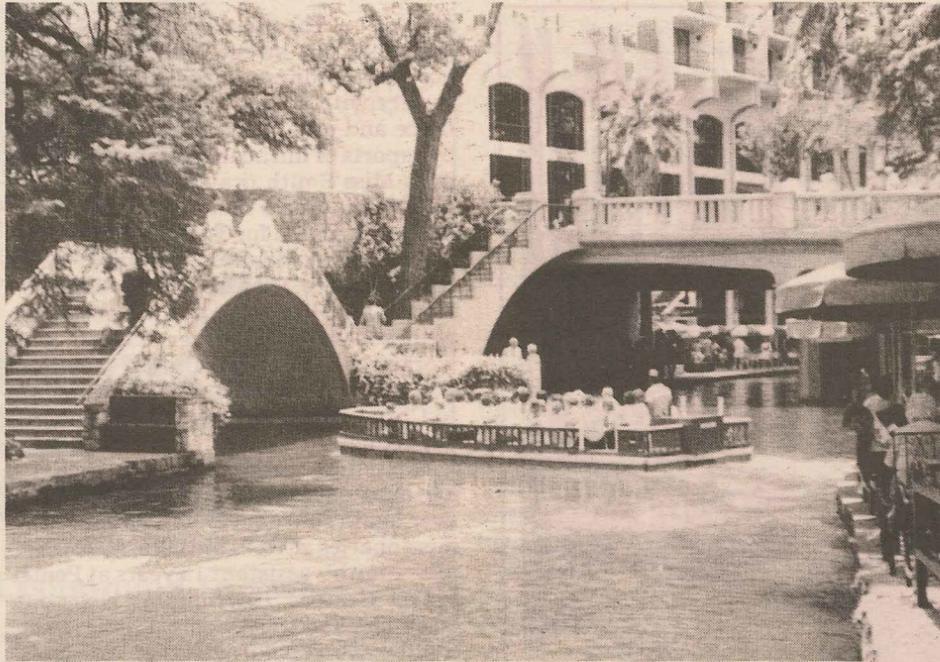
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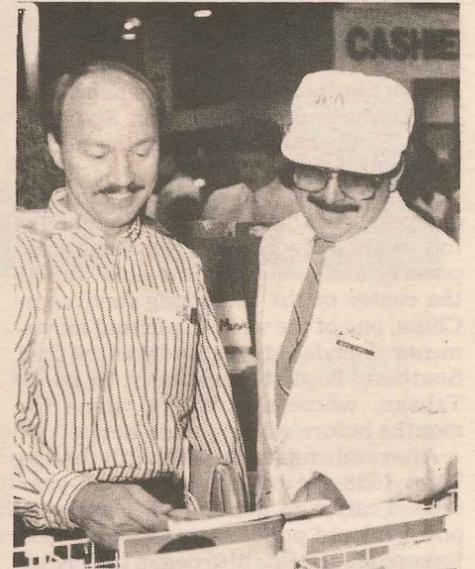
# Kentucky memories of a San Antonio summer



Many Kentucky messengers relaxed after the laborious SBC business sessions by touring San Antonio's picturesque River Walk by boat.



Emma Hicks of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association, selects a gift for a grandchild from the Baptist Bookstore exhibit. Her husband, John, is a Southern Seminary trustee.



Steve O'Neal (r), minister of music, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, assists a Baptist Bookstore customer. He was the only Kentuckian to work in the SBC Bookstore exhibit.



Joyce and Bob Martin cross paths with Chester Blakeman in the courtyard of the San Antonio convention center. All were messengers of Campbellsville's Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.



Worn out from the long week of SBC meetings, a group of Kentucky messengers rests as they are shuttled back to their hotel rooms by bus.



Tony Carney of Kings Baptist Church, Long Run Association, provides vital directions to messengers while staffing the SBC Information booth.

## GEORGETOWN COLLEGE



Steve Cook (l), director of development at Georgetown College, talks with parents from Shepherdsville Baptist Church about their daughter who is a student at the school. Georgetown was the only Kentucky Baptist institution represented in the exhibit hall.

(photos by Ray Hayes, Business Manager)

# Foreign Missionary Bertha Smith leaves Baptist legacy

by Erich Bridges

Olive Bertha Smith, one of the best known Southern Baptist missionaries of this century, died June 12 in Spartanburg, S. C., barely five months before her 100th birthday.

"Miss Bertha" worked for 42 tumultuous years in China and Taiwan, enduring wars, revolution, imprisonment, poverty and isolation. She also was at the center of the Shandong Revival in China, one of the widest spiritual movements of modern times, and was the first Southern Baptist missionary to go to Taiwan, where she worked alone for months before others joined her.

After retiring (very reluctantly) at age 70 in 1958 she began a nearly 30-year second career in the United States as a powerful and popular speaker and conference leader. She also began the Peniel Prayer Center in 1973 across the street from the house where she grew up in Cowpens, S. C. Hundreds of spiritual seekers found direction for their lives there under Miss Smith's guidance. She spoke at a prayer conference as recently as April.

"She was a law unto herself. There was nobody like her," said long time friend and missionary colleague Martha Franks, who lived and worked with Miss Smith in China and Taiwan. Miss Franks visited Miss Smith shortly before her death at Mary Black Hospital in Spartanburg. "I spoke to her in Chinese and she spoke right back and called my name in Chinese."

Miss Smith never lost her love for China, where she went in 1917 as an excited but lonely young single missionary teacher. In her 1965 autobiography, "Go Home and Tell," Miss Smith wrote that her isolation increased as she worked in an alien land and watched the family lives of happily married missionary couples. Walking alone in despair one day, she struck an "agreement" with God.

"The only thing that will take the place of my own children will be spiritual children," she prayed. "If you will take from my heart this pain, I will be willing to go through with just as much inconvenience, self-denial and pain to see children born into the family of God as is necessary for a mother to endure for children to be born in the flesh." From that day on, she wrote, "there were no more tears. . . . The transaction has lasted until this day."

Miss Smith became a master of personal evangelism and Bible teaching, with a gift for confronting individuals of any age or station with their sin and need of salvation.

She also replaced her former timidity with remarkable personal courage. During the Depression she returned to China from a U. S. furlough with no salary and worked two years without pay. Other missionaries and donors helped her survive.

After the Japanese invaded north China she witnessed more military action than many soldiers, including sieges and counter-sieges, skirmishes and street battles, and the bombing of her own home. For weeks at a stretch she spent more nights on the floor than in her bed because of flying bullets.

Before the United States entered the war the Japanese were reluctant to mistreat an American woman. Miss Smith used that advantage to personally protect many Chinese families from death.

Once she ignored an evacuation order to American women and children by in-



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terpreting it as applying only to women "with" children. Another evacuation plea to all Americans "without exception" came from President Franklin Roosevelt himself, who warned he could guarantee no protection to those who did not heed the call. Miss Smith's response: "The President had not sent us to China. . . . The Lord carried me to China." She stayed at her post.

Persuaded to retreat to the coast at one point, she soon returned to her work in an occupied region, alone, on a train which avoided being bombed by travel-

ing at night. She was finally placed under house arrest by the Japanese after the Pearl Harbor attack and was repatriated to the United States in 10 months later in a prisoner exchange.

After the war Miss Smith promptly returned to China, only to find herself in the middle of civil war and communist revolution. She weathered the renewed violence with the serenity of faith and experience.

But the most profound experience of her missionary career had nothing to do with physical danger; it was a spiritual

revolution. The Shandong Revival of the '20s and '30s swept missionaries and northern Chinese churches first, then society with a conviction of sin, repentance and joyful renewal, accompanied by reports of miraculous signs and healings. Miss Smith prayed long and hard for it with others and saw it all.

She left China for Taiwan in 1948 and worked alone in Taipei at the "Miss Smith Baptist Mission." Other missionaries joined her later, but her obsession with soul-winning never flagged. She worked 15-hour days until she left Taiwan, and counted seven conversions to Christ during her last 10 days before departing.

Mandatory retirement went against her nature. "She said if she had to do it over again she'd never vote to retire the missionaries at 70," said Ollie McCarley, Miss Smith's assistant 15 years at Peniel Prayer Center. "It wrung her heart out when she had to go home. I believe she could have stayed over there 25 more years."

McCarley said Miss Smith took little interest, even in her last years, in leisure. "She had no time for worldliness, no time for pleasure. She was single-eyed to God and the truth of the word. And she knew the word. She had read her Bible through 59 times." But she wasn't a grim-faced saint. She loved flowers, showed frequent flashes of humor in her speaking and writing and never lost her zest for life.

The recent theological feud in the Southern Baptist Convention grieved and angered her. McCarley said Miss Smith was "looking forward to going to the SBC in San Antonio, already had a room and everything."

Born in Cowpens, Miss Smith received the BA degree from Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., and a bachelor of missionary training degree from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now part of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Louisville. She taught and was principal of several schools in South Carolina before being appointed a missionary by the Foreign Mission Board in 1917.

## KBC donation helps Jasper Bend grow, reach out to community

by Denise Spencer  
State Correspondent

This spring has been full of exciting change for the Jasper Bend Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

The church dedicated its new building May 1. The congregation met May 25 for a business session in which it received a \$1750 check from the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

The check was presented to pastor Major Nolan by associational director of missions David Aker.

This event was a highlight in the recent rapid growth of Jasper Bend. Officially constituted since 1972, the church possessed few resources. Finally, in 1986 they approached Pulaski Association and asked for help. Jasper Bend joined the association in October 1987.

Meanwhile, the Lord was preparing Nolan for his eventual relationship with Jasper Bend. He had pastored Pulaski Association's Providence Baptist Church two years before attending Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. After graduating in 1986 he did supply

preaching while awaiting a call.

In March 1987 the association asked him to supply at Jasper Bend. The church soon asked him to be their pastor.

"When I first arrived, the congregation consisted of four people meeting in an old house," Nolan recalled. To make matters worse, the house was in very poor condition.

Soon, however, Jasper Bend became the association's fastest growing church, and work began on a new facility. Nolan, a carpenter by trade, has given countless hours to the project. He has been joined by others donating their time so that the labor has been almost free. Jasper Bend now averages 35 in worship.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention pays part of his salary, so Nolan keeps in touch with state workers. One such contact is Bill Jagers in the Direct Missions Department. This department arranged the cash donation which Jasper Bend plans to use to pad the used pews they have purchased from Bronston Baptist Church.



Major Nolan (far l) and David Aker (far r) fellowship with members outside Jasper Bend's new sanctuary.

# christian education



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## homes for children

### I commend to you—

Forty-six years ago on June 12, A. L. Kerrick stood at the altar in the old Brushy Fork Baptist Church, Daviess McLean Association, and gave his youngest daughter, Marjorie, to be married. On that hot June afternoon Marjorie became my beautiful bride. When Kerrick gave his daughter away, he was really saying, "Eldred, I commend Marjorie to you." This meant I was to be faithful to see that she was protected, loved and cherished. It meant he committed her to my care and responsibility. It also meant that he trusted me with one who was very precious to him.

I received that commendation, and for 46 years have been faithful to that charge and trust. Marjorie and I have enjoyed our wonderful love and companionship. We look forward to the continuation of this relationship to the end of our lives on this earth.

Now it becomes my responsibility to commend the leadership of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children into the hands of another. As I retire June 30, I place the care of this ministry in the capable hands of our new executive director, Curtis C. Mooney. It is a good feeling to commend this work into the hands of a person so well qualified.

Curtis Mooney is a native Kentuckian who is happy to serve God and children in his home state. Educationally he is prepared to be the leader of Kentucky's largest private child care agency. He earned his AB degree from Western Kentucky University and holds a master's degree in social work from Washington University. Most of his work is completed for a doctor's degree in business administration.

His experience has also prepared him for this task. He served the Hudelson Baptist Children's Home, Centralia, Ill., seven years, beginning as recreation director and continuing up through the ranks to executive director. For the past seven years he has been with Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Texas. In this, the largest Baptist child care agency in the Southern Baptist Convention, he was executive vice president, supervising several children's home campuses and other multiple services. Furthermore, Mooney is a committed Christian and family man.

Mooney has been working with me since June 1. I have watched his close relationship with him causes me to enthusiastically commend him to you. You have a strong, capable leader in Curtis Mooney. Love him, pray for him and support this ministry.

## Golden Gate fetes Louisville native

A native of Louisville received the first-ever Inspirational Instructor of the Year Award at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Barry A. Stricker was given the award during the seminary's 10th annual Awards Day chapel service May 18. The award is for outstanding commitment to ministry, Christlike example and personal encouragement/service to other students.

Stricker has been assistant professor of theology and Christian philosophy at Golden Gate since September 1987.

He received a BA degree from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. He also earned MDiv and PhD degrees from Golden Gate.

From 1983-86 he was manager of the seminary's Baptist Book Store and has taught philosophy courses since 1984.

Stricker is the son of Kentucky Baptist Convention staffer Jesse Stricker and Elva Stricker, Middletown.

## Louisvillian receives SBTS preaching award

Karen Lovett of Louisville is one of three Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students to receive the Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award.

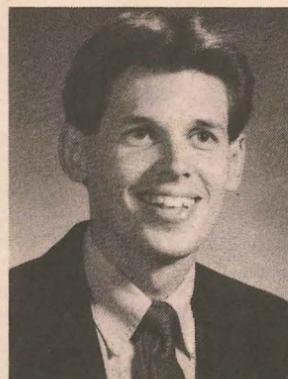
The award, named in honor of the late Old Testament professor at the Louisville seminary, recognizes outstanding achievement in preaching. Mrs. Lovett, a graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, is a theology student at Southern Seminary.

Other recipients of the award are Stephen Whitten, Anniston, Ala., and Kelly Milstead, Rockingham, N. C.

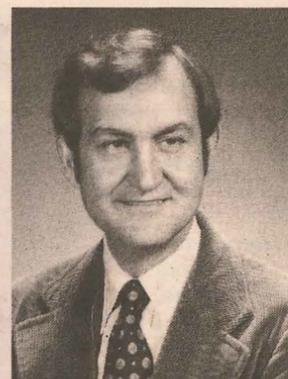
## Summer Studies program slated for July 12-15 at Campbellsville

Campbellsville College is offering its third annual Summer Studies in the Scriptures July 12-15, according to H. E. Coker, chairman of the Christian Studies Division.

Jon Stubblefield, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will teach the Gospel of John. His sessions will be each morning Tuesday through Friday



Stricker



Smith



Norris

## Campbellsville plans July 'Elderhostel'

Campbellsville College will host its first "Elderhostel," an educational program for those over 60 years of age, July 17-22.

Sylvia Morris, Campbellsville's vice president for student development and coordinator of Elderhostel, said the program offers senior citizens a "time of fellowship together." Three courses will be offered and those enrolled may stay in Stapp Hall. Meals will be served in the dining hall.

The courses scheduled include "Abraham Lincoln's Kentucky Connection," taught by Robert S. Clark, vice president for academics; "Religion in Early Kentucky," taught by Jerry Kibbons, professor of Christian studies; and "Health and Fitness," taught by David Cundiff, professor of health and physical education.

There will be a fee of \$215 which includes meals and housing for the week. Those who wish to commute will have a reduced fee of \$50. There are no examinations during the course and no college credit is given.

Two field trips are planned. One trip will be to Hodgenville to visit Lincoln's

birthplace and boyhood home and to Springfield to see the Lincoln home-stead. The second field trip will be to Shakertown at Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg and Bardstown.

July 8 is the last day to enrol. Eighteen people have currently signed up to participate. Registration will be Sunday, July 17.

Another Elderhostel is planned Oct. 9-14. The same courses will be offered then, with the exception of "Health and Fitness," which will be replaced by a course on China taught by Shirley Meece, professor of English.

For more information or to enrol contact Sylvia Morris at (502) 465-8158, ext. 6223.

## Smith graduates from Golden Gate

One student from Kentucky was awarded a degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary during the school's annual spring commencement May 28.

William Howard Smith received his PhD degree. He was among 97 persons to receive diplomas from the Mill Valley, Cal. seminary.

Dan Stringer, executive director of the Florida Baptist Convention, delivered the graduation address at First Baptist Church, San Francisco.

## Norris awarded degree from Southern Seminary

Paul Kevin Norris was among the 51 Kentuckians awarded degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary May 20. Norris, 27, a native of Owensboro, received the MDiv.

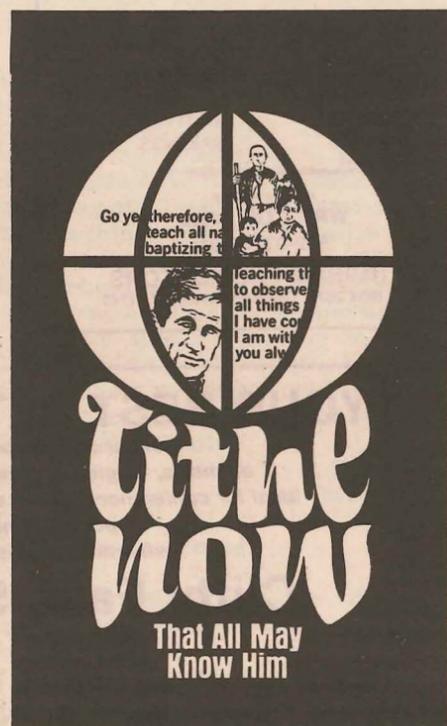
Due to a seminary computer error regarding his home address, his name failed to appear on a list as pictures were made for a composite. His picture was not included in the selection sent to Western Recorder and published earlier.

## Kentuckian elected to seminary office

Kentucky native Rebecca Church has been elected Student Government Association president at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Miss Church, a theology student from Louisville, is a graduate of the University of Louisville.

Other officers for the 1988-89 academic year are: Lynn Rivers, Columbia, S. C., vice president/secretary; Angela Wilson, Nashville, Tenn., vice president/treasurer; Sandra Fruland, Rogers, Ark., spiritual life chairman; Terry O'Toole, Summerville, S. C., recreation chairman; and Cathy Hughes, Portsmouth, Oh., social life chairman.



# baptist news in brief

## Baptists will witness at political conventions

Southern Baptists in Atlanta and New Orleans are planning ministries in conjunction with the Democratic and Republican national conventions this summer.

Local Baptist associations and the SBC Home Mission Board are working together to provide food, chaplains, entertainment and medical assistance to delegates of the two political parties.

Eight Baptist associations in the greater Atlanta area plan to transform the parking lot of Baptist Tabernacle into "Good News Corner," using the "Good News America, God loves You" logo. The downtown church is located just a few blocks from the Georgia World Congress Center, where Democrats will meet.

Bill Junker, director of the HMB's Editorial Department, is a member of the planning committee.

In New Orleans, Southern Baptists are participating in a city wide effort to provide chaplains at the Superdome and at area hotels during all sessions of the Republican convention. Jimmie Knox, Special Missions Ministries missionary in New Orleans, said he hopes to enlist 60 volunteer chaplains.

Southern Baptists who are interested in helping with these ministries should contact Junker or Knox through the HMB. (BP)



This young woman is singing at Baptist Village, at Petah Tiqva, Israel, during a young adult conference. Southern Baptist representatives help organize Bible conferences, camps and seminars.

## Midwestern honors Kentucky Baptist

John Hendrix, Basil Manly Jr. professor of Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was among three persons named "Alumni of the Year" by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during the institution's annual alumni luncheon. The award honors alumni for significant contributions to Christian ministry.

Ray Kesner, director of MBTS alumni affairs and denominational services, noted Hendrix was a member of the first class ever to study at the Kansas City, Mo. seminary. "Since his graduation in 1962, he has engaged in distinguished Christian ministry without interruption," he said.

Hendrix has been a Christian education professor at Southern Seminary

since 1984. Previously, he has been supervisor of the adult section, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. He also served as program planning and design coordinator for the BSSB Church Training Department.

He has been an adjunct professor at Midwestern and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He also was minister of youth, music and education at churches in Missouri and Louisiana.

Hendrix holds the BA degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He earned the MDiv at Midwestern Seminary and the MRE and EdD degrees at New Orleans Seminary.

## Former Kentucky pastor joins BSSB as editor

Ralph W. Hodge has joined the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department as editor of Church Training Magazine.

A Baltimore, Md. native who grew up in Corbin, Ky., Hodge joined the board in May after serving as pastor of Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.

Previously, Hodge had been pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky. and Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville.

Hodge received the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and the DMin degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. He received his undergraduate degree from Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

Hodge has held several positions in the Kentucky Baptist Convention and in Kentucky Baptist associations.

## Russell Dilday elected ATS president

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary president Russell Dilday was elected president of the Association of Theological Schools for 1988-90 during the 36th ATS biennial meeting in San Francisco.

Dilday, president of the Ft. Worth seminary since 1978, is the second Southern Baptist to be elected president of the 70-year-old association. Olin T.

Binkley of Southeastern Seminary was president during the 1964-66 biennium.

Dilday said although Southwestern is a relatively young institution among ATS members, his election recognizes the seminary as a quality theological graduate school. "Schools like ours, which fall in the conservative/evangelical category, are as vital a part as are the traditional, mainline Ivy League institutions with long histories," he noted.

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# baptist forum

## Who won in San Antonio?

The media said fundamentalists won and continued their control of the denomination's appointment process of trustees for the institutions. They did win in number, but were they really winners?

Does being a winner not also require the grace of the victor? There has been no grace in the creation of the conditions that forced out two denominational executives in the past year. There was no grace in the organizational meeting of the Executive Committee in which an attempt to terminate Al Shackelford failed by two votes nor in the rumored plan to create a search committee for Harold Bennett's position, which is not vacant.

Neitzsche's statement of the abuse of power, "Be careful when you fight the dragon lest you become a dragon," is applicable here. These attitudes and actions do not make fundamentalists winners.

The moderates were the losers on paper and tragically some, through a bitterness of spirit, lost also. They lost with a meaningless demonstration at the Alamo.

The institutions and agencies lost again because many of their trustees do not understand Baptist life and provide little support to the Cooperative Program. One seminary president lamented that many of the later trustees have no theological training and some little more than a high school education.

Who lost? Who won? No winners! The trust level continues to deteriorate. The gap widens as we are more polarized. Our witness to the world in need of a savior continues to diminish because they see little difference between our convention and those political conventions which will meet later this summer.

While we may sermonize against secularism we have embraced it in convention behavior.

There were no winners in San Antonio. The greatest loser was our witness to the world.

John Dunaway  
Corbin

## Servant leaders praised

Given the growth of church leadership styles which seek authority and power rather than service, I believe "Towel and Basin" leaders should be applauded when they appear.

For several years Russell Bennett has hosted a bus load of Long Run Association people to the Southern Baptist Convention. This year the trip included visits to Mexico, Baylor University, etc. Bennett arranged everything from rooms to buying food and, with help from Jennye Bennett and others, preparing brown bag lunches for the Tuesday session. It is obvious this is a sacrificial service which enables many persons to attend the SBC. Surely the Bennetts could be more comfortable flying or going by auto. But they choose to serve and facilitate the participation of others in our convention.

Could pastors and denominational leaders take a cue and duplicate this practice and facilitate participation by more laity at SBC meetings? Should churches help underwrite some of the bus expense by sending a group rather than just staff? Has the time come for churches to go to the SBC rather than simply sending a single representative? The Bennetts are demonstrating it can be done by "Towel and Basin" leaders. They merit the gratitude of our churches.

I rejoice over Bennett's selection as

vice-president of the SBC directors of missions and as president-elect for 1989-90. He is a leader worthy of emulation.

William R. Cromer Jr.  
Louisville

## Affirmation for Larry Baker

I failed Larry Baker when I refrained from making a public show of support during the struggles of his work at the Christian Life Commission. I've finally chosen to speak but searching for words has been difficult.

I've wanted to shout of the unjust treatment he has received by some who claim Christ as their model and I could go on for pages giving examples.

I've wanted to point out example after example of his exemplary Christian behavior towards those who have wronged him.

I have instead decided simply to say thank you. His work at the CLC has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

He has shown us what it means to put Christian ethics into practice by the way he has lived. My prayer is that Larry will continue to be a wonderful Christian example and blessing to others as he continues his ministry elsewhere. I pray also that some of the hurt inflicted on Larry and Wanda will heal as they continue doing God's work.

A. Bush  
Louisville

## Create a loving church environment

There seems to be a lot of difficulty between leaders and the people in our churches. Maybe we need to reevaluate the purpose of the church.

What is the purpose of the church in our society? Christ made it clear when he taught his disciples to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Our purpose as Christians should be to be a group of people where the will of Christ is so demonstrated they become a small haven on earth. That will attract people who will want to be a part of Christ's kingdom.

We should accept Christ as our Lord and seek to follow Christ as our authority. In order to do this we must have his love. He said, "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you." That means we are to deny ourselves and take up his cross and follow him.

We should be sure we seek Christ's will in calling a pastor. The pastor and every member should seek to follow Christ's will instead of their own.

He said, "By their fruit ye shall know them." Since the fruit of a Christian is other Christians, we should be busy winning people to Christ. Not to do so will open the church door to all kinds of dissatisfaction. If your church has a problem getting along with one another, start reaching out to the unsaved in your community, winning them to Christ. We will become a Christ-like people. We will become a caring people and have a Christ-like spirit. If we are to have Christ's blessing we must have his love. Every church member should ask: Am I the kind of person Christ wants in his kingdom for eternity?

P. E. Taylor  
Owensboro

## Editorial is challenged

This is in reference to the editorial printed June 7, entitled "Kentucky Baptists do it right."

It seems to be bordering on impropriety for a person to be allowed to select those persons who will make decisions

concerning their employment. A man who is able to appoint his own boss is his own boss.

Neither does it necessarily follow that when a committee fails to check with the persons who are affected by the appointments they make, they are appointing persons who have an agenda, as you suggest in your article.

It is not the responsibility of the committee to accept or reject your suggestions. It is your responsibility to accept and work in harmony with whomever they choose to appoint. You should suppose they have sought and followed God's leadership until such time as it is proved conclusively they have not. It is when less than this is done by convention employees, etc. that discord results rather than harmony.

Charles T. Gresham  
Central City

**Editor's note:** The editorial to which Gresham refers clearly stated that "ultimately the committee will accept or reject the names we suggest... our suggestions are merely guidelines..." Let it be clearly stated: The KBC Committee on Nominations has the final word on who is nominated for election to all places on boards of all institutions of the convention. Administrators do not choose their own "boss," nor should they. It is worth repeating, "Kentucky Baptists do it right" by working through a representative committee rather than allowing any person to name the persons who will serve on trustee boards. That is what the editorial said.

## Don't print painful truth

We are writing regarding the article in the June 7 issue of Western Recorder by Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board, entitled, "Annuity Board's ministry 'touching lives with love.'"

We were appalled and ashamed, but mostly ashamed that the editor of Western Recorder could print an article such as this one, sponsored by the Annuity Board and the SBC, for the world to see.

The SBC sends multimillions of dollars all over the world in the name of

the Lord for housing, for those who are hungry and to spread the gospel. At the same time we let our own retired pastors and wives live on poverty level. Most of them have served the Lord, the church and the SBC faithfully until retirement and end up in this shameful situation.

At the same time we as the SBC secure the largest arenas, hotels and motels to hold our political, elementary debates on whether the scriptures are true.

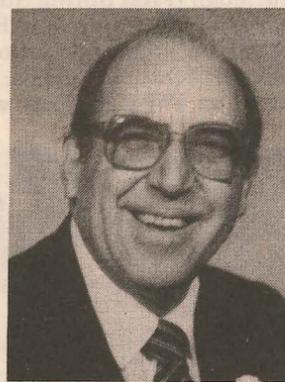
We are sure some of the retired pastors could use some of this expense. We believe the scripture as truth when we are told to care for our own and that it is true when we are told to first clean our own house before we start on others.

We as the SBC are moving in Satan's trap through our petty political bickering—identifying with the world until the world cannot see any difference. We are life-long Baptists and support the SBC but we had better wake up.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wallace  
Ft. Mitchell

**Editor's note:** The concern of the Wallace family is mirrored all over the convention. It is a shame former pastors and their families do not have adequate income. But should Western Recorder not inform the Baptist public of this tragic situation? We believe we must tell you so you will do something positive about the situation. For instance, the Wallaces, as well as thousands of other Baptists, could adopt an annuitant and provide some needed income. How will you know what to do unless you know what conditions exist in our common life? Western Recorder feels proud to tell this story, but we weep with you that there was such a story to tell.

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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## fourth estate

### Second string

Not long ago J. Marvin Crowe passed away. Dr. Crowe would not have been known by most Kentucky Baptists but he was a denominational servant whose rather significant contributions were made behind the scenes.

To me, he typified those individuals whose role in life is often cast as "number two men" or "second bananas." They play "second fiddle" to somebody else. They may be women as well as men, hence "always a bride's maid, never a bride" is appropriate here.

They frequently "make somebody else look good." They do their work quietly while another "gets the credit" if any is given. We find them in the business and professional world, in clubs and organizations and in church and denominational life. They are characteristically "workaholics," putting in lots of overtime. They are usually "perfectionists," too, wanting to see every job done right.

Dr. Crowe played second fiddle more than once to James L. Sullivan, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. In 1953, when Dr. Sullivan accepted the monumental task of guiding the board, he realized he must have a reliable helper he could trust. He turned to the minister of education who was faithfully serving the Texas church he had just pastored. Marvin Crowe answered the call, and the two labored side by side until both retired the same day in 1974. Upon Crowe's death earlier this year, Sullivan commented, "I never knew a better man."

So genuinely rewarding was that lengthy relationship, and so highly did Sullivan value Crowe's insight, Sullivan delegated day-to-day running of most internal operations of the board to Crowe.

I viewed the Sullivan/Crowe administration as a "paint by numbers" operation in the 11 years of my employment at the board. Sullivan wrote the numbers on the canvas and left them to Crowe to paint in the colors. Sullivan then became the "front man," making public appearances and gaining respect and stature as a denominational statesman. This worked well, and gave credence to a teamwork approach.

There are plenty of ministers of education and music and denominational servants who contribute significantly as subordinates to somebody else. While they aspire to nothing, they "stay by the stuff" and perform tasks in unassuming ways that bring honor and glory to the Lord whom they serve. While all men and women are created equal in God's sight, some are given opportunities to perform out of the glare of the limelight. One day, God will reward them for their faithfulness as equals, too.

### personnel

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association, recognized minister of education **Bob Bailey** as pastor of the year for the Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Bailey worked with the Louisville Redbirds professional baseball team and the University of Louisville football team.

**Richard Steele** resigned as pastor of Welfare Baptist Church, Russell County Association.

First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Three Forks Association, called **Mary Wrye** as minister of education. Pastor is Thomas S. Stokes.

**Barney Ferguson** resigned as pastor of Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to accept a church in Birmingham, Ala.

Ferguson began his ministry in the Louisville church in 1969, during which time he organized a day care program, supervised youth summer mission tours, preached in evangelistic crusades in Jamaica and Haiti, started a senior adult ministry and led a ministry of building and installing church pews for churches on Indian reservations in Lame Deer and Billings, Mont. as well as Tok, Aka.

**Jim Weaver** has been called as minister of education at Wildwood Baptist Church, Greenup Association. S. Wayne Kuhner is pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, called **John Christopher Kurtz** as minister of music and youth. He began his ministry the first Sunday in June and plans to continue his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Chester C. Irvin is pastor.

### missions

**Long and Mary Pham**, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the states for furlough (First Spring Street, Altamonte, FL 32701). Both were born in Saigon, Vietnam, and consider Louisville and Saigon their home towns. She is the former Van Thi Dao. They were

appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1983.

**Frank and Snow Sedra**, missionary associates to Kenya, have arrived in the states for furlough (6101 Yellow Sands Dr., Louisville 40219). He is a native of Mobile, Ala. The former Snow White of Kentucky, she was born in Edmonson County and grew up in Louisville. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

**Gary and Sandy Light**, missionaries to Peru, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Apartado, 810, Trujillo, Peru). He was born in New Orleans, La. and considers Horrell Hill, S. C. his home town. The former Sandra Stephenson of Kentucky, she was born in Covington and grew up in Union. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

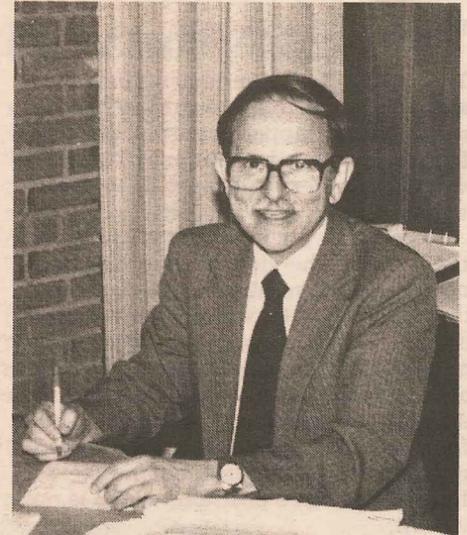
**Dennis and Margaret McCall**, missionaries to Zaire, are the parents of John Robert, born May 20. They are in France for language study (25, rue du Grand Marche, 3700 Tours, France). He is a native of Vicksburg, Miss. The former Margaret Hill, she was born in Atlanta, Ga. and considers Louisville her home town. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1987.

### deaths

**H. Douglas Olive**, a former member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board and pastor in this state, died June 11 at age 45 in Montgomery, Ala. after an extended illness. At the time he was pastor of Gateway Baptist Church of the city, having previously served Dalraida Baptist Church, Montgomery.

Olive's Kentucky pastorates included DeHaven Memorial Church, LaGrange; Lebanon (Ky.) Church; and a pastorate in Shelby County. He was a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Olive is survived by his wife, Eileen Dabbs Olive, Montgomery; two daughters, Mimi Sanders, Atlanta, Ga., and Maria Olive, Montgomery; two sons, Howard and Philip Olive, Montgomery; his parents, Howard and Marjorie Olive, Dadeville, Ala.; two sisters and a



**Larry Dauenhauer**, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's director of administrative services, observed his 30th anniversary at the agency May 1. Dauenhauer, a Louisville native became the agency's first financial director in May 1958. An active member of Deer Park Baptist Church and former moderator of Long Run Association, his belief in and enthusiasm for child care have intensified over the years.

brother. Funeral services were held June 13 at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Montgomery.

**Miss Bessie Cummins**, 80, died June 6 at Harrodsburg. She was a houseparent for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children at the Glendale facility from 1945 until her retirement in 1972, a total of 27 years.

**Miss Emily Yocum**, Salvisa, died this month. She worked for the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children 16 years before retiring in 1969. Miss Yocum was a cottage parent at Spring Meadows and at the Pine Crest Home in Morehead during her years with the child care agency.

**James A. Reese**, 33, of Crane Nest, died Friday, June 10, as a result of an automobile accident.

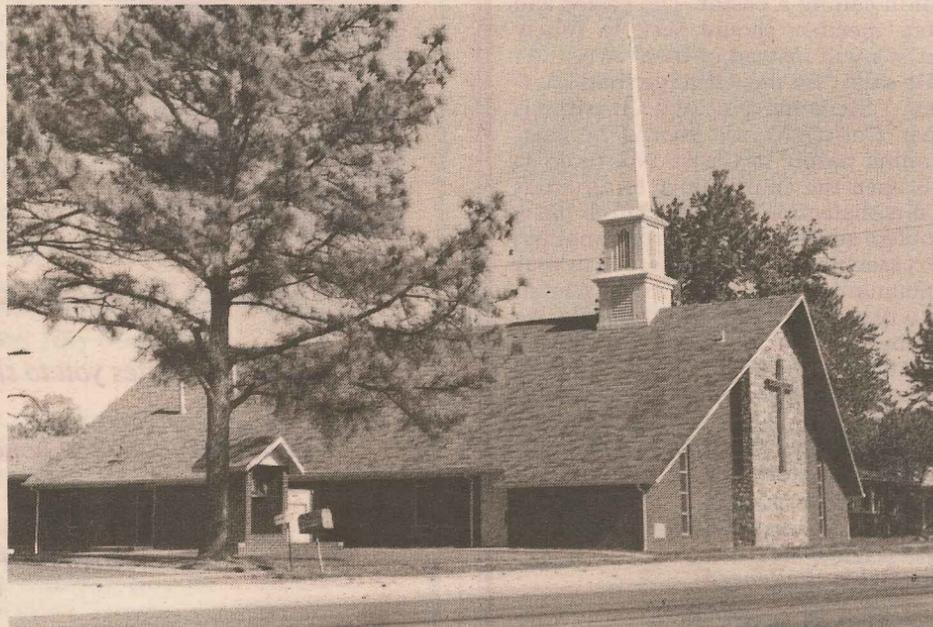
Survivors include his parents, M. A. and Viola Reese; Two daughters, Francie and Carrie, and one sister, Elizabeth Kay Reese. M. A. Reese is pastor of First Baptist Church, Barbourville.

Funeral Services were conducted June 12 by Robert C. Jones and David Lyons.

**Bert E. Blevins**, 85, of Wurtland, formerly of Ashland, died May 12 following a short illness.

Blevins was a retired employe of Johnsons Dairy, a retired Southern Baptist minister with 40 years' service and had been caretaker of Hudgins Hill Baptist Camp. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Grayson, and Greenup Baptist Pastor's Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lucy Blevins; three sons, Henry E. Blevins and Robert E. Blevins, both of Worthington, and Emmett B. Blevins of Ashland; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Stewart of Whitehouse, Tenn.; four brothers, Gomer Blevins of Flatwoods, Lewis Blevins of Ashland, Carl Blevins of Summit and Clarence Blevins of New Orleans, La.; three sisters, Mrs. Harriet Wheeler of Haverhill, Oh., and Mrs. Irene Stevens and Mrs. Lucille Wallace, both of Ashland; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



The congregation of the Sacramento Baptist Church celebrated the 90th anniversary of the church May 8. The church was founded in 1898 when 39 members of Station Baptist Church voted to move to the town of Sacramento. In 1975 the old church building was razed and the present structure was built. Presently there are 235 members.



When Kimball completes the 90-minute trek to pick up churchgoers, children pour out of the van to attend Sunday school at Caney Creek Baptist Church.

## Danny Kimball: wrapped up with Christ in Pippa Passes

by Jim Burton

Danny Kimball pulls out of the gravel parking lot of Caney Baptist Church in Pippa Passes, Ky. and drives through the campus of Alice Lloyd College. He is alone as the 15-passenger van heads down state highway 899.

Kimball won't stay on this road long.

Soon he will veer off and snake through the creeks and hollers of eastern Kentucky. By 9:30 a.m. he returns to the church with 43 screaming kids and two adults.

"Abigail, don't pull my hair."

"Danny, Pee Wee hit me."

Kimball doesn't even flinch. The noise and swarm of kids is worth the trouble.

Before these 43 children and two adults load up to return home, seven will make professions of faith in Christ.

From an affluent family in South Carolina, Kimball finds himself ministering as a layman in Appalachia. Much of what Kimball sees today existed 100 years ago. But Baptist Brotherhood participation has given him a vision for ministry.

Kimball says he was searching for a place of ministry. He attended seminary briefly, then joined several organizations, including the Gideons. He also was a volunteer prison chaplain in Aiken, S. C. and helped form the Habitat for Humanity chapter in Greenville, S. C. Still, he didn't feel these were the ministries God had for him.

Four years ago, the director of missions for North Greenville Baptist Association asked Kimball to become the associational Brotherhood director. Kimball told him Brotherhood was dead.

"But I found that Brotherhood is not dead," says Kimball. "Brotherhood is a very live organization. Brotherhood is actually involving men and boys in missions, and that the mission is Jesus Christ."

Through the years, Kimball learned the heating and air conditioning trade. When Jerry Davis, president of Alice Lloyd College, offered him a job, Kimball saw the potential for ministry in the area surrounding Pippa Passes.

"I have dreams in this area of doing a lot of things," says Kimball. "But you just have to start in some place and do one thing good."

Kimball hopes to lead Baptist men of Caney Baptist Church to begin active ministry. Among the first projects was purchasing a trailer home for a single mother with eight children. With "sweat-equity" and help from the South Carolina Baptist Men organization, the family lives in a restored trailer.

Kimball would like to design programs for area residents to help themselves. That might include setting up a sawmill so people could help each other build new homes.

"We've got a lot of young people in this area that are good workers," says Kimball. "They just don't have jobs."

Joy in the Christian life comes from helping others, Kimball believes. He recalls a volunteer church-building mission trip to Puerto Rico and watching rich people board cruise ships in San Juan.

"I enjoyed seeing people get on board, but I really felt better about what I was doing down there," he says, "slopping in the concrete . . . making the sweat pour off of me."

He compares Christ to putting on coveralls: "I think that when I became a Christian, I just sort of wrapped up with Christ. It's not just me driving me, it's Christ in me driving me."



Danny Kimball steers the Caney Creek van through the hollers of eastern Kentucky on Sunday mornings to pick up churchgoers.



**Barkley Moore**  
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## oneida journal

### A journey backward 186 years

Early in June I made a sentimental trip to Newfound Baptist Church, eight miles outside of Ashville, N. C. It was the nearest to my "roots" I have ever been. My great-grandfather Don Ponder Jr. and great-grandmother Elizabeth Holcombe Ponder, seven generations back, were among the charter and organizing members of the oldest church in Buncombe County.

The year was 1802. My ancestor Dan was ordained a deacon of the newly constituted church. He hauled the logs with which their first house of worship was built. Today there is a large modern sanctuary and a large educational plant. Approximately 400 worship there each week and it is obviously a vibrant ministry.

In the foyer, carefully preserved under glass, is a gavel made from one of those logs that my ancestor Dan pulled to the original site with oxen. More importantly the church has its minutes from the year 1802. Those pages are filled with references to Dan and his work as deacon. Between the years 1802 and his death about 1816, he was designated to help settle many disputes among the congregation. He was regularly elected to represent the church at the annual associational meetings. The church delegated him to buy a new coat for their pastor. Apparently in failing health, he asked to be relieved of his duties as deacon some months before his death.

But the church refused his resignation and he agreed to continue to serve.

So, for the first time, accompanied by 14 other relatives and two invited guests, I made the pilgrimage to this ancestral church. On the morning I spoke, we found there were several score others also descended from Dan who also were there worshipping for the first time. They had heard a Ponder descendant was coming to speak in this church of our common ancestor. They were people of whom I had never heard, sixth and seventh cousins. Six different states were represented.

Meeting all these people after the service we fellowshiped around a dinner prepared by the church. We met again in the sanctuary afterwards to share stories. Each told which child of Dan from whom he or she descended.

It was amazing the closeness felt with one another. Although we are practically strangers, we are of a common blood, we are family. Yes, family by blood kinship and also family by the shed blood of our savior and Lord. It was thrilling, but a pale shadow of that great reunion awaiting all of God's children one day in heaven.

Some years after Dan and Elizabeth's deaths, four of their seven children migrated for several weeks with oxen and wagons to Clay County in Kentucky.

From these four children, two of our cousins have traced over 10,000 descendants and published their names, many mini biographies and hundreds of pictures in a 600-page book three years ago. In several months a second book will be printed.

Exactly 100 years after Dan was hauling logs to build Newfound Church, a great-grandson and great-great-grandson, Bill and George Ponder, were hauling newly sawed lumber for the flooring, chapel pulpit, benches and the varying room walls of Marvin Hall, the first brick building of the three-year-old Oneida Baptist Institute. Seventy years after George donated and helped saw that lumber in the Ponder mill for the Oneida school in 1902, his grandson, myself, was elected Oneida's ninth president in 1972.

Physical and spiritual legacies are passed from generation to generation. Each living being is a link in an unbroken chain extending back to the first human in whom God breathed life.

I was filled with an indescribable emotion as I spoke to the Newfound congregation sharing God's faith and love. I will never forget. Hopefully those hearing will not either.



**H. C. Chiles**  
Clear Creek Bible College  
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## sunday school lessons

### LESSONS FOR JULY 3, 1988

#### Life and work series

### Unfaithfulness to God

Hosea, a native of Samaria, was the only important literary prophet the 10 tribes of Israel ever produced. In his day social conditions were grievous. The nation was on the brink of disaster. The people had broken their covenant with God, and had drifted thoughtlessly into ease, extravagance and oppression. The kingdom was reeking with sensuality and the courts were corrupt. Regard for the sanctity of marriage and the home had been lost. Hosea was heartsick because of the sins of his people, who were attracted to the gods of the Canaanites. He dreamed of a happy home with a wife whom he could love and trust and who would comfort him.

**Hosea 1:2-3** At this juncture, Hosea met Gomer and they were united in marriage. In due time the young wife presented the poet-preacher a son, to whom Hosea called "Jezreel," the name of an ancient battlefield. The name meant "vengeance" or "God scatters" and was symbolic of the retributive justice of God, which was to come upon Israel.

**Hosea 4:1-3** The people of Israel had

broken their covenant with God. They were proud, worldly, corrupt, ungodly and idolatrous. God had a controversy with them because of their gross violations of his law, their inexcusable idolatry and their desperate incorrigibility. Moreover, the priests were so unfaithful to their trust they allowed the people to perish for lack of knowledge.

**Hosea 4:10-12** Hosea lamented that the people had been enticed and lured away from the worship of God and had plunged into idolatry. He was grieved deeply because the true God no longer interested them. Hating idolatry with a passion, Hosea exposed their disgraceful moral attitudes and practices. He knew that a calamity was inevitable.

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### Moses institutes religious festivals

**Ex. 12:14-17** The plan which God devised whereby each family of the Israelites could protect their firstborn from the plague was for each household to take an unblemished yearling male lamb, slay it, catch its blood in a basin and with a brush of hyssop apply the blood to the lintel and the sideposts of the door to their house. They were to remain inside until God gave permission for them to come out. If the blood were in evidence, the messenger of death to the firstborn would assuredly pass by the house.

Likewise, the blood of Christ alone provides safety from judgment against all sin. The blood of Christ satisfied God's holiness, maintained his righteousness and vindicated his justice. Every soul who would escape the wrath of God must personally accept the finished work of Christ.

**Ex. 12:21-27** Upon the arrival of the Israelites in their own land, God commanded them to observe the Passover faithfully, constantly guarding against the danger of forgetting its significance.

Having received from God the instructions for keeping the Passover, Moses faithfully conveyed them to the elders of Israel. He knew that only compliance with God's command could protect the Israelites from disaster.

God was deeply concerned that each future generation receive careful instruction about him—his will and his work. This was the Israelites' responsibility. The same task has been divinely committed to God's children in our generation.



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### Late summer, 1989

Was it just a year ago that crowds of youth filled the public pool across from old Shelbyville High School? The pool is empty now; the hot sun peeling the paint in random curls along the sides.

It is Tuesday, and I am on my way to work on the only day the Kentucky Baptist Building is open. The year long drought has so impacted our churches that only a handful of employes could be kept at greatly reduced salaries. I am grateful for a job.

For months the road between Shelbyville and Louisville has been strewn with carcasses of wildlife migrating toward the Ohio River where, still, a small stream flows. Beside me is a canteen of precious water.

The Courier Journal, which now publishes only three days a week, has reported continuing progress on the ar-

rangements with Canada to provide new sources of water to the United States. The few states across the northern belt of our country are unable to supply the needs of the rest of America. Billions of dollars are being set aside, but tax money languishes with increasing joblessness.

I pass a water-station just outside Simpsonville. Though it is early, a large line has formed to purchase the five-gallon limitation. Rich and poor stand in line together; the poor given some assistance in the new "water stamp" program.

The cities are hardest hit—especially Louisville. Water is turned on twice a week for four hours. Human waste is collected in special containers and picked up by state-owned vehicles which have been requisitioned for the task. Treatment centers have been established in outlying areas.

Cattles have long since been sold off; dairies have closed; ponds and lakes, like dry cow-piles, dot the Kentucky

landscape. Boating is not permitted on the few lakes which still contain water.

Our meat is frozen and imported from New Zealand and Argentina. Small farmers' markets dot the main arteries with a few seasonal vegetables for sale; the gift of the countless springs that have refused to go dry. In the prayers of Kentucky churches we thank God for the small farmer, for he has learned to exist on minimal resources. Now he is teaching us. They, too, are praying for the breaking of the drought. They know that even the strongest spring must have a source.

Most of the time at the Southern Baptist Convention this year was spent in praying for rain. Only 3219 messengers registered. The struggle for life back home was more urgent.

The Convention passed a resolution on rain: "We do hereby resolve to stop fighting, Lord, if you will just send rain."

I arrive at the building. The sky is clear. No sign of rain today.

## on mission together

# Brazil success develops initiative for student ministry

by Frank White

The success of a student missions project in Brazil earlier in 1988 has accelerated attempts to develop a Brazilian Baptist student ministry program much faster than planners envisioned.

Brazilian and Southern Baptist students participating in Brazil-USA Global Student Missions Encounter last January made more than 30,000 evangelistic contacts and recorded more than 800 professions of faith.

The project represented a new approach for Brazilian Baptists of using college students for outreach, evangelism and missions projects.

"The project showed us what we could be doing with students in missions and

evangelism," said Josua Campanha, executive director of the Brazilian Baptist Youth Board.

Campanha recently spent three weeks in the United States meeting with leaders of student work from the Baptist Sunday School Board, other convention agencies and state conventions.

"We've developed an initiative for student ministry that we didn't have before," Campanha said.

A partnership between Brazilian Baptists and Southern Baptist student ministry leaders developed from the January student missions project.

At the close of the project, Campanha announced the intentions of Brazilian Baptists to work with Southern Baptists to develop a plan for student ministry

in the country. His visit to the United States is one part of that commitment.

Previously, student ministry in Brazil has been part of the broader Youth Board program for persons from high school age to age 35. No Brazilian Baptists leaders have been assigned specifically to student ministry. The only full time workers in student ministry have been four Southern Baptist missionaries. Two additional missionaries have been appointed in student work since the project.

"We are years ahead of where we expected to be in developing Brazilian student work," said Charles Johnson, director of the BSSB's Student Ministry Department.

"We expected it to take three to five

years for the partnership to develop to this point," Johnson said.

Already, Brazilian Baptists have appointed a committee of the four Southern Baptist missionaries in student work and four Brazilian youth workers to design a philosophy for the country's Baptist student ministry.

Financial resources will be a continuing problem for the new work but the problem will not deter the work, Campanha said.

Inflation in Brazil has ranged as high as 400 percent in recent years thus playing havoc with budgeting plans and limiting financial contributions from church members.

Campanha demonstrated the willingness to overcome financial roadblocks during his visit to the United States by paying much of his own travel expense when his agency was unable to do so.

While Brazilian Baptist student ministry efforts are blossoming from the project, Southern Baptist student ministry programs also are benefiting from the experience, said Brad Gray, Student Ministry Department consultant who coordinated the Brazil-USA project.

"Brazil will be a model for what can happen in other nations with similar projects. The project has the potential for a significant strategy for foreign missions," Gray said.

## Citizenship Sunday: "live as free men"

Freedom has special meaning for Christians. Jesus modeled an authentic freedom which he called his disciples to follow. They endured hostility from Jew and Roman alike because they had found life and freedom in Christ. And in describing their responsibilities related to government, the early Christians were called upon to "live as free men" (I Peter 2:16, RSV).

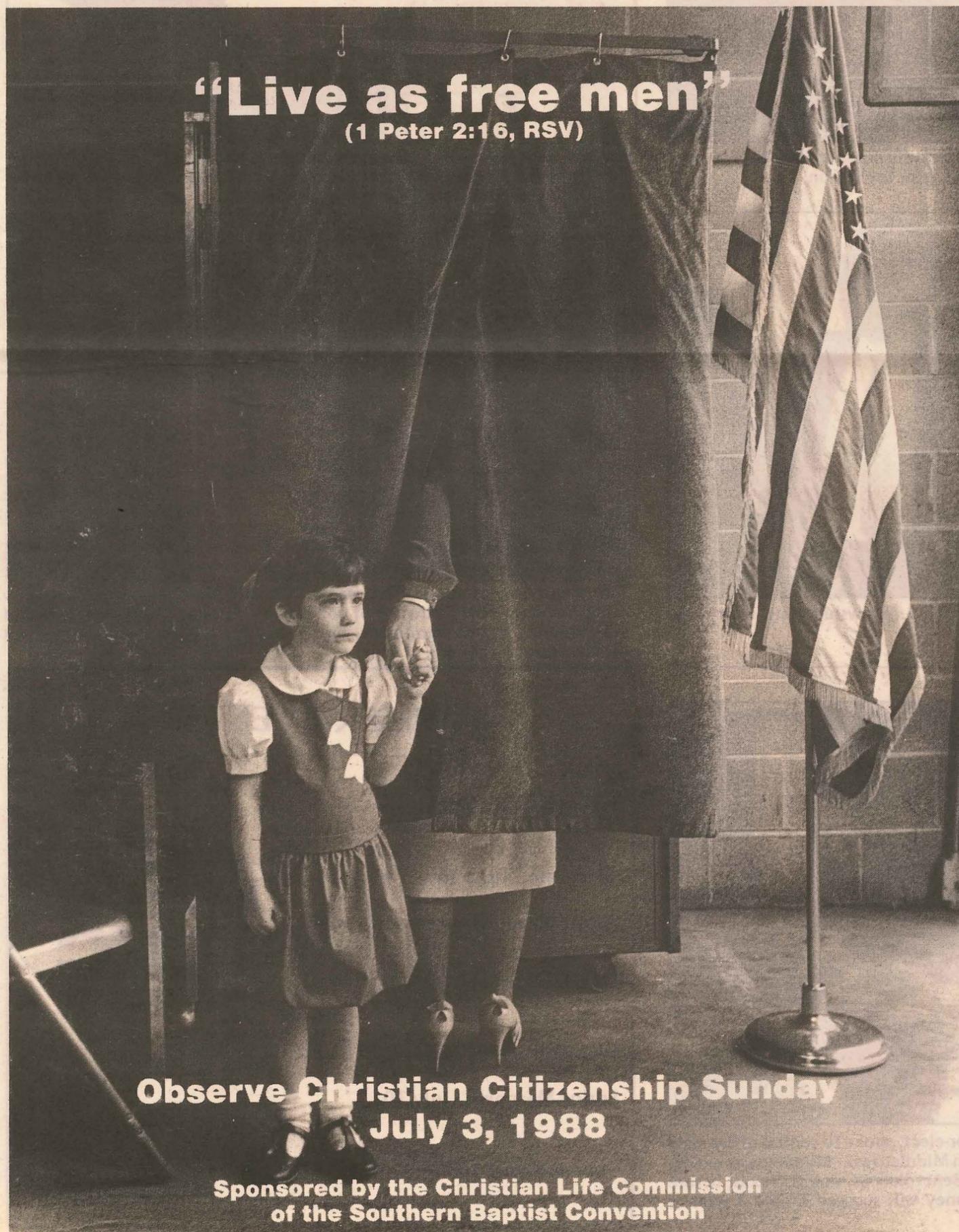
These words may sound to us like strange instructions to Christians of the early church. As members of a minority religious faith who were increasingly persecuted, these early Christians might have been regarded by the casual bystander as anything but free. They lived under the iron-fisted rule of the Roman empire which was often cruel and tyrannical. Political participation was closed to most people of that day.

Yet, those early Christians were admonished to be subject not only to all human institutions and to honor the emperor, but also to "live as free men."

Living as free persons limits the degree to which we are to submit to any human institution, including government. Recognizing that government is ordained of God, Christians have a loyalty to God which imposes a duty to obey God even if that comes into conflict with laws and governing officials.

But freedom also has a political dimension that requires involvement and participation. Christians are to exercise their political rights and privileges, whatever they are and however broad they may be, with the realization that responsible participation is a form of serving God.

Christian Citizenship Sunday, July 3, is a time to emphasize our commitment to a Christian understanding of government as ordained of God and of political involvement as an expression of our servanthood. Since Christ has set us free, let us truly "live as free men."



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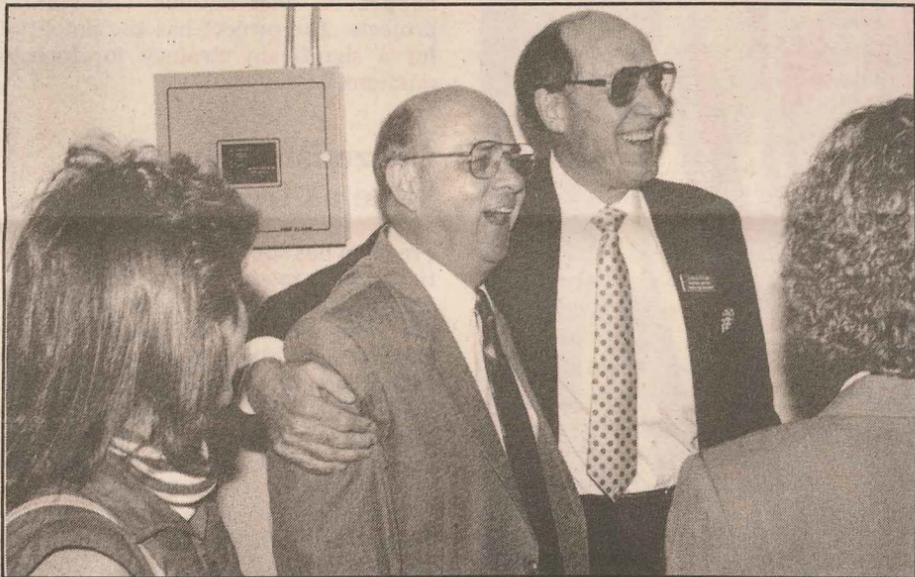
# Friends in Eastern Region provide warm reception for new KBHC Morehead shelter



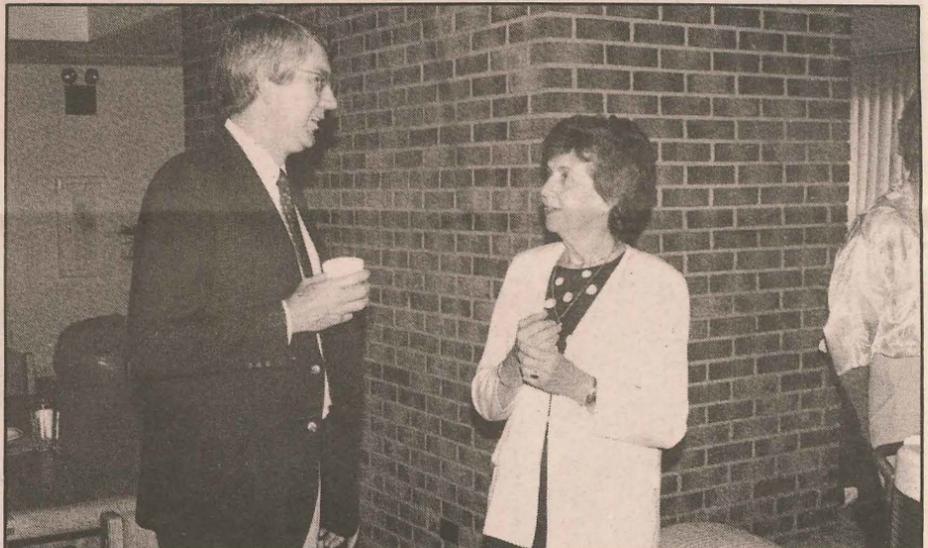
Eastern Region coordinator Dean Harney welcomed guests to the new Morehead shelter as Marjorie and Eldred Taylor looked on.



William Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, was the featured speaker at the June 5 dedication. He spoke with Mrs. Curtis Mooney prior to the morning program.



Bill Jagers and Eldred Taylor enjoyed the fellowship time with other friends of Baptist Homes for Children.



Don Mantooh, pastor of First Baptist Church, Morehead, was greeted by Edna Woofter, KBHC director of community services. Both Mantooh and Miss Woofter played significant roles in helping the dream of a Morehead shelter become a reality.



Curtis Mooney, KBHC executive director-elect, spoke to central office staff members during an informal luncheon in Middletown. Mooney was executive vice-president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas, Texas, before returning to his native Kentucky. Mooney will succeed Eldred Taylor as KBHC executive director July 1.

## SUMMER EVENTS

### HOMECOMING

Glen Dale: June 26

Spring Meadows: August 6

### CHILD CARE DAYS

Glen Dale: July 23

Spring Meadows: July 30



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