

Six will address messengers

## Owensboro First site of 151st annual meeting of Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 15-17

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

When Kentucky Baptists converge at Owensboro Nov. 15-17 in annual meeting they will signify completion of 151 years of Baptist cooperative witness, fellowship and work in the Bluegrass State.

Meeting in the historic First Baptist Church of Owensboro, their theme this year is "Encouraged by hope: empowered to minister."

J. Howard Cobble, pastor of Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church, will preside at the convention's 151st session this year. The agenda begins at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday and ends at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

In between there will be seven sessions devoted to convention business and reports of agencies, institutions and executive board departments; inspiration; singing; praying; education; and fellowship.

**A HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAM AGENDA** includes a Wednesday night session at Owensboro Sports Arena. Professional entertainer and Baptist layman Jerry Clower will address the messengers and an anticipated several thousand visitors.

Also, Tuesday, following the evening session, Kentucky Baptists will honor three of their institutional executives who have retired in 1988: Ben Brewer, president of Baptist Hospitals Inc.; Randy Davenport, president of Campbellsville College; and Eldred M. Taylor, executive director of Baptist Homes for Children. All three will be feted at a reception at First Baptist Church.

The election of a new convention president to succeed Cobble is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. Tuesday. If needed, a run-off election will be held at 4:30 p.m.

In addition to resolutions, miscellaneous business and adoption of committee appointments, a major issue of business to come before the messengers is the final report of a special committee named several years ago. Its purpose was to study the convention's ascend-

ing-descending liability, particularly as it relates to institutions affiliated with the KBC. The convention determined last year that, because the KBC exercises no authority over "such friendly and fraternal organizations," it is "not liable" for these organizations. The committee is chaired by Willis W. Henson, Paducah, who is expected to bring the panel's final report in Owensboro.

**IN ADDITION TO THE CONVENTION PROPER** about two dozen smaller fraternal groups will be meeting before the convention and during periods that the larger body is recessed. These include the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, Kentucky Baptist Music Association, seminary and college fellowships and other entities.

This will be the 11th time the convention has met in Owensboro. Six of those meetings have occurred in the last 41 years—1947, 1953, 1962, 1973, 1978, 1988. Two (1953, 1962) were held at Third Baptist Church, the others at First.

In Kentucky Baptists' last meeting in Owensboro in 1978 John W. Kruschwitz, then of Ft. Thomas, presided. Elected new president at that convention was T. Hicks Shelton, Paducah.

**IN ADDITION TO GRAND OLE OPRY COMEDIAN CLOWER**, a retired Yazoo City, Miss. chemical company employe whose travels carry him before national audiences of thousands annually, five other speakers will appear before the convention. They include Cobble, delivering his presidential address; a home missions message by Wendell

Belew, Atlanta, Ga.; the convention sermon, from J. Robert White, Paducah; a Christian education message by James H. Taylor, Williamsburg; and a WMU centennial address by Alma Hunt, Roanoke, Va.

**Cobble**, of Elizabethtown, has served the pastorate of Severns Valley Church since 1981. He had been pastor of First Baptist Church, Avondale Estates, Ga., 1974-81, and during that time also chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

A native of Andersonville, Tenn., Cobble holds degrees from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., where he later was director of student activities and assistant to the president (1960-65), and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Additionally, he has pastored Hopewell Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ga. He filled staff roles on two occasions at South Avondale Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

**Belew** is associate vice president for missions strategy interpretation, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The Keefer, Ky. native is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He pastored First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ky., 1947-51, before becoming the state convention's director of mountain missions, 1951-56. He has held a half-dozen missions-related positions at the Home Mission Board since 1956 and been frequent visiting professor of missions at seminaries and divinity schools.

**White** has been pastor of Paducah's First Baptist Church since 1981. His earlier pastorates include Dabney Baptist

Church, Holton, Ind., 1969-72, and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ga., 1974-81. He has held other staff positions at four Alabama churches.

A native of Montgomery, Ala., White holds degrees from Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Southern Seminary. He has held a variety of elective denominational offices and is a frequent speaker before church groups.

**Taylor** has been president of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., since 1980. He had been vice president for development of that institution, his alma mater, since 1973. Earlier, he pastored South Main Mission, Monticello, Ky., 1966-68, and Saxton (Ky.) Baptist Church, 1968-72, and was on the staff of Scarritt College, Nashville. He held various positions on the Cumberland staff from 1968-73.

A native of San Antonio, Tex., Taylor is also a graduate of Union College, Barbourville, Ky.; Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He has written extensively and is sought after as a consultant by other institutions of higher learning.

**Miss Hunt** retired in 1974 after being executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, Ala., a quarter-of-a-century. She now lives in Roanoke, Va., her native city.

Educated at State Teachers' College, Farmville, Va., and Columbia University, she was a public school educator in Roanoke from 1929-44. Before joining the WMU staff, she was dean of women at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., 1944-48. She continues in retirement to be in wide demand as a speaker.



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Churches desiring to become affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention should immediately contact the office of the executive secretary-treasurer (Bill Jagers or Naomi Paul) to request necessary forms be completed and returned to the executive office no later than Sept. 15.

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% Chg.	-17.1	-0.2
Budget	1,365,053	15,015,578
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Year	\$Over/-Under Budget to Date	%Increase Over Prev Year
87-88	-428,012	-2.9
86-87	315,637	2.2
85-86	-646,913	-4.5
84-85	-372,985	-2.8
83-84	-303,013	-2.4
82-83	616,595	5.7
81-82	1,174,395	12.4

# sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

## Bus safety is important

The tragic church bus accident near Carrollton a few weeks ago has put church buses in the spotlight and raised a hue and cry for their inspection. The Commonwealth intends to inspect all church-owned buses, as well as others, and we offer the following information to all Kentucky Baptist churches which own and operate a bus or buses in the program ministry of the church.

The Transportation Cabinet of state government has developed an inspection form which will be used to judge the safety of buses using Kentucky roads. Items on this form are listed below for your help in bringing your bus or buses up to the standard the state has set.

What all churches must do is check the items on the inspection form and see that the bus is in reasonably good shape prior to the inspection. It is unlikely the bus will be impounded unless it is in practically non-driveable condition. However this is pure speculation and care must be taken to see that the bus you present for inspection is in good condition.

The items on the form include a check of **lights**. Turn signals, high and low beam headlights, tail lights, stop lights, parking lights, emergency flashers are included.

The **horn** is an item and presumably if the bus you drive does not have a working horn you are in trouble.

**Tires** are included and the form notes the tread depth on both front and rear tires will be checked.

Several items are lumped together, including rearview mirrors, fire extinguisher, windshield wipers and emergency door exit. Each of these has a separate place for approval or disapproval and could determine whether or not the bus passes inspection.

There is a section regarding **brakes**, which includes both air and hydraulic. There is a stopping test, a parking brake test and a check of the air tank for buses with air brakes.

**Wheel lug bolts or nuts** is an item on the list presumably because some buses operate without proper lug nuts in place.

The **steering system**, including tie-rod ends, and the exhaust system are also on the check list.

The most extensive part of the form deals with the **fuel tank**. Such items as the type of fuel, gas or diesel; support straps or hangers for the tank; tank condition; fuel line condition; and a place to note whether or not the tank is shielded or has a steel cage are part of this section.

There is a general space for the inspector to add additional items which, in his opinion, are reason for concern.

The inspection form is not unreasonable for safety, though it will require some churches either to stop using the bus they now use or else have extensive repairs made.

There are those who see this as another encroachment by the state in the affairs of the church. They claim the cause of the Carrollton accident was a drunk driver, not the fault of the church bus.

Be that as it may, the fact remains some of our church buses are not road-worthy, especially when they are loaded with children and used for high speed, long distance travel on interstate highways. This is one place where we could cooperate with the demands of the state without losing anything except a few dollars. Our willing compliance would serve as a good example of responsible citizenship in a day when defiance seems to be the watchword.

Regardless of how we may feel about this matter the fact remains, the state will require inspection and those who fail because of unsafe buses will see those buses put off the road.

Further questions may be addressed to Milo D. Bryant, Secretary, Transportation Cabinet, Frankfort, KY 40662.

## Give us your opinion

As you know we print two versions of the Sunday school lesson each week in a column by H. C. Chiles. We believe this is a popular feature, used by many Sunday school teachers in our churches and has been a part of our paper for many years.

A letter from Mrs. Rose Leach, Maceo, suggests the feature is important to her and she asked us if we could print the lesson a week early when we do not publish the paper. As you know we do not publish two weeks each year and so the Sunday school lesson is lost for those two weeks to those who depend upon it.

Now, here is where your opinion would be helpful. Do you want us to print the Sunday school lesson commentary a week early so that you will not miss a single week in the year?

If enough of you want this we will do it. However, if we do not hear from you then we will assume you do not care and we will not do the extra work it would require to produce the lessons out of sequence.

To register your opinion drop a post card to the Editor, Western Recorder, Box 43969, Middletown, KY 40243. Simply write on the card, "Print the lesson early." That's all you need do. If we receive enough cards telling us to print early we will.

Thanks to Mrs. Leach for calling to our attention a matter of concern to her. We want to be responsive to our readers, for after all, the paper exists to serve the people and we want to serve as effectively as possible.

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# baptist forum

## Change the date for KBC

For a number of years the Kentucky Baptist Convention has been meeting in the first part of November according to the accepted recommendation of the convention.

One of the features of the convention's time of meeting is that it comes after the general elections in Kentucky. This is especially significant this year when the citizens of our state will vote on the proposed change in the constitution of the state to permit a state lottery.

It seems to me it has come to the place where Kentucky Baptists are going to be compelled, in view of the Lordship of Christ, to have greater impact on moral issues faced by Kentuckians.

I firmly believe Kentucky Baptists need to change the time of the annual meeting to a date prior to the general election.

In addition poor weather conditions common to the convention's late date clearly warrant an earlier meeting date.

I would like to know what others think about an earlier meeting date for the KBC.

Gifford Walters  
Monticello

## Enjoy and celebrate diversity

My heart goes out to Michael E. Willet and others like him who have spent many years in preparation for service in the kingdom of God and now find their way blocked by prophets of "unity in sameness," whose message is boring and lifeless.

Many of these are answering ques-

tions not being asked any more and with answers that have not been acceptable by Christian educators since the 17th century. The only unity possible is unity in diversity.

These enforcers seem to feel that a thinking mind is a lethal weapon that must be silenced at any cost. Christ has made us free and we must not submit again to the yoke of bondage.

Too many laymen are checking their brains as they enter the sanctuary each Sunday morning and in many cases failing to pick them up on the way out. They should help their pastor by giving him some feedback when his sermons don't pass the test of reason and common sense and are unbelievable by intelligent people in the 20th century. The church can ill afford to lose all the intelligent people to a secular religion.

The church, the body of Christ, needs to hear the call of Isaiah, "Come, now, let us reason together." It's dialog we need, not complete agreement on everything. Any person of character and integrity should not, cannot and will not allow anyone, be he prophet, priest or king, to do his thinking for him. Only what one really believes and has experienced in his own life will be acted upon.

Let's speak the truth in love and abandon the myth that unity in sameness is possible or desirable and enjoy and celebrate our great and glorious diversity.

James H. Peterson  
Radcliff

## Church uses ACTS creatively

Our church is doing several unique things through the ACTS network

which we sponsor on our local cable outlet. We may have even made Baptist history according to Mark Snowden, with ACTS in Atlanta.

During vacation Bible school this year we offered the opening assembly and the adult Bible class, taught by me, live to our community.

For all our homebound adults who watched every night we awarded a VBS certificate of attendance.

The response within our community was tremendous among church and non-church people. At the end of the week we awarded five homebound adult certificates for attendance, some for the first time in many years.

Other live telecasts we do are Sunday morning pastor's Sunday school class, Sunday morning worship, Menifee News six times a week, homebound Sunday school class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, blood drives, emergency preparedness interviews, etc.

Some of what we are doing is unique. Our folks have worked hard to give our community this opportunity and would like to share our ideas with others.

John Ramsey, pastor  
Frenchburg Baptist Church

## Diversity does not tolerate unbelief

Your article on the young missionary in the July 19th issue of Western Recorder has helped me immeasurably in explaining to people the real issue at stake in our denomination. It could not be more clear.

For over 40 years I have been personally monitoring this terrible phenomenon.

This young man is not altogether at fault. The real culprit that has brought about his attitude toward the scriptures is his theological training. This final outlook on the Bible is very prevalent anywhere, or time, that the so-called historical-critical method of Bible study is used.

Any time the seed of doubt is planted along with the seed of faith, the seed of doubt (tare) will choke out the seed of faith (wheat). The Bible is very clear on this.

Already it has rendered most other denominations virtually useless in the work of the Lord and now it is threatening the Baptists.

No, we cannot effectively do the work our Lord has set for us by arguing, etc., yet neither can it be done by unbelievers. Yes, we are truly a diverse group of people and this is good. But diversity does not tolerate unbelief. This is the prime prerequisite for our salvation.

Everyone who considers himself Christian should ponder very deeply these thoughts.

Frank Crabtree  
Owensboro

## Support the effort against a lottery

As a non-Baptist who reads Western Recorder faithfully I have noticed repeated comments which oppose a Kentucky lottery.

As a representative from my church appointed to work with Citizens Against the State Lottery (CASL), I have found it is not easy to get cooperation from some large churches in fighting this evil we are facing. Typically small and relatively poor churches give willingly and readily to the war chest CASL so urgently needs to oppose the lottery. Some large churches seem like the Church of the Laodiceans. They are neither hot nor cold concerning the lottery. They are rich and need nothing and they have

thrown up many roadblocks to the dispensation of their funds.

All CASL is asking is \$5 per family from the churches to buy television time. If it isn't bought now lottery forces will get it and when the money finally trickles in from the churches it will be too late.

All churches have members who are ambivalent concerning the lottery. Many have "closet gamblers" who secretly want it. Others have politicians who are for anything the governor wants.

It is time pastors and church board members stand and be counted. This lottery can be defeated if Christians will act. If the battle is lost it will be due to the apathy of Christians, and that will be a terrible indictment. Surely we will be judged by God.

Contact CASL, Box 2926, Louisville, KY 40201.

H. H. Farmer  
Henderson

## Questions Barnette's interpretation

I am distressed. Henlee Barnette dismisses biblical inerrancy as theological "trivia." Real trivia is the worn and tired argument he uses. He accuses those believing in inerrancy of "retreating" behind the "notion" of autographs. No retreat is involved.

Adhering to inerrancy of the autographs is recognition that (1) every copied document has behind it an original, an autograph; and, (2) the copies of the Bible we possess contain textual variances and discrepancies.

It does make a difference whether we possess an errant copy of an inerrant original or an errant copy of errant original. If it did not, textual criticism would be a pointless and futile exercise.

Barnette attempts to establish guilt by association by equating claims of inerrancy for the Christian scriptures with similar claims by Mormonism and Islam. Both these faiths claim ultimacy and salvific efficacy. Are we to dismiss Christianity's claim that only Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life because other faiths make similar claims?

Barnette claims all but God is imperfect and finite. Finite, yes; but can't a perfect God create a flawless Bible? Was not the creation before Adam's fall pronounced "good" and by implication "perfect?"

He follows with a list of moral and social problems. Certainly Christians should apply themselves to these problems, but in regard to arguments against inerrancy they constitute a non-sequitur. Since when did engaging in theological discussion preclude engagement in ethical concerns?

Perhaps there are those for whom inerrancy is a tool for "ego enhancement" and "power brokering" but there are those of us who hold to inerrancy because we take the Bible so seriously. It is precisely because we take the Bible seriously that we are moving forward in the weightier matters of the faith: love, justice, evangelism, missions and education.

Michael W. Nicholson  
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.



Brett McDonald, a senior at the University of Texas at San Antonio and president of the Baptist Student Union there, is working part time at Eastern Airlines both to help pay school expenses and prepare for a career in aviation. He typifies the theme for 1988 On-to-College Day, "Directions for My Life," sponsored by the Student Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board. Churches will observe On-to-College Day on a Sunday in August to recognize the contribution of college students.

# baptist news in brief

## Arkansas pastor named Indiana executive director

Mark Coppenger, 40, pastor of First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark., has been elected executive director-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, effective Sept. 1.

Coppenger's unanimous election by the 33-member SVBI executive board comes after 18 months of turmoil in executive leadership of the state convention. Two key leaders—R. V. Haygood, executive director-treasurer, and Glen Ray, missions director, both resigned Mar. 20, 1987, in a dispute over the use of hunger funds in the state.

Two other men—Church Growth and Ministries director Lew Reynolds and Indiana Baptist editor David Simpson—

were named to be "coadvisers" following the Haygood-Ray resignations. Reynolds, however, resigned Dec. 31, 1987, and Simpson left the state Mar. 10.

Don Moore, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind., and chairman of both the executive board and the search committee which selected Coppenger, told Baptist Press: "We have waited a long time looking for what we felt was the Lord's will and the Lord's person. I think for the most part that (the turmoil) is behind us. Time has been an aid to us, and we believe Mark Coppenger is a healer."

The executive committee of the executive board was the search committee. Moore said a small screening committee was selected which presented "10 or 12 recommendations" to the whole search committee. The search committee interviewed in person two people, including Coppenger, who was then recommended to the entire executive board.

The new executive described himself as a biblical inerrantist who "would want my staff to be (inerrantists)." However, he added he "can work with folks who are not (inerrantists)."

The controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention, he said, is "between those who see peril in incipient liberalism or neo-orthodoxy and those who do

not. I am of the opinion that we need to take action, and what is underway in the elections of (SBC) presidents in the last nine years is an important thing. I was appointed to the board of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as a result of those elections, and I think there is important work yet to be done."

Coppenger, born in Lebanon, Tenn., graduated from Ouachita Baptist Uni-

versity, Arkadelphia, Ark., and earned a PhD from Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He taught at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., from 1975-81, when he "felt drawn to church work" and entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., where he received a MDiv degree in 1983. He accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, El Dorado, following graduation from Southwestern Seminary. (BP)

## WMU exhort to commit to Christ's cause

Southern Baptist women must isolate the one divine cause from all other worldly causes, an executive of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board urged.

"Causes in the world today range from the trivial to the traumatic," said FMB executive vice president William O'Brien, "from feeding birds in Brooklyn to peace in the Middle East."

O'Brien addressed more than 1100 participants of the Woman's Missionary Union summer conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Trivial causes pale in light of the eternal cause of sharing Christ with lost people in the world, O'Brien said. He asked the group to consider and compare their commitment to trivial causes and to God's cause.

Sharing the gospel with people who have never heard about Christ will take more than "a light commitment, to second- and third-rate causes," O'Brien

said. So will meeting the needs of people throughout the world.

Although the goal of sharing the gospel with every person in the world may at times seem impossible, O'Brien affirmed, "We have been given the cause, and it stands to reason that if the originator of the cause puts the cause in our hands, he will give us the means to reach the cause."

"But it won't happen until financial priorities are rearranged and people are willing to sacrifice, O'Brien said. Money that is spent on luxuries is money that is being drained from meeting the needs of a lost world. And as the financial support of sharing the gospel decreases, the number of people who need to hear the gospel escalates," he said.

Of the world's population, 1.7 billion are Christian, O'Brien claimed. Another 2.1 billion have been exposed to the gospel but are not Christians, and 1.3 billion have never even heard the gospel. (BP)

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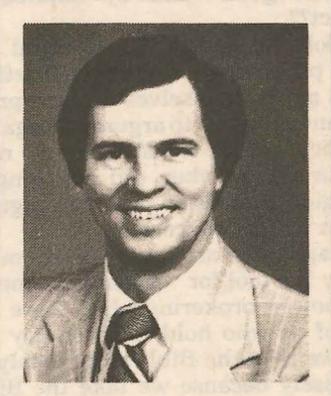
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Registration is \$15 postmarked 30 days before the workshop and \$25 up to 14 days. Full refund of registration up to the 14-day deadline. No registrations or refunds can be made after the 14-day deadline. Registration fee includes all materials. It does not include travel, food or lodging. Workshops with less than 20 participants will be rescheduled. To register, send your name, address and telephone number. Make checks payable to the state Evangelism Department.

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## Broskie is assigned to enlist missionaries

Danny L. Broskie has been assigned by the Foreign Mission Board to coordinate enlistment of missionaries in states east of the Mississippi River.

Broskie, who calls Marion, Va. his hometown, has been named Eastern USA associate director in the boards Missionary Enlistment Department.

He was a pastor of First Baptist Church, Pennington Gap, Va., before joining the board staff in June. From 1976-86 he and his wife, Brenda, were missionaries to Costa Rica and then the Dominican Republic.

He coordinates the work of 10 missionary enlistment assistants. There are furloughing missionaries working in states east of the Mississippi River to recruit pastors to serve as missionaries. Broskie conducts information conferences and rallies for pastors and other potential missionary candidates, participants in pastor's conference and evangelism conferences and initiates and answers inquiries in that area.

Broskie, 41, replaces Bob McEachern, who was reassigned to the western United States after Michael Norfleet left that position to become pastor of a Virginia church.

Broskie has a BA degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg and a MDiv degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

## HMB executive claims evangelism not priority

Southern Baptists should quit kidding themselves and face facts about their commitment to evangelism and missions, a Home Mission Board leader has charged.

"We talk a good game, but by practice and results, evangelism is not a priority of our convention, Southern Baptist churches or individuals," said Robert Banks, the board's executive vice president, told more than 1100 Woman's Missionary Union at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Only through prayer and the power of God found in prayer will Southern Baptists be reconciled to the missions vision of winning nonChristians to faith in Jesus Christ, Banks said.

"I've come to one conclusion," he said. "It can't come through men. It can't be done through committees. There is too much ego, too much quest for power and control, too much winner-take-all, too much of the world in us."

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The need for a vision of increased missions and evangelism has never been more needed in the denomination and in the nation, Banks said. "The Southern Baptist Convention is at a crossroads, a critical crossroads. In the last few years, we have talked more about the Bible, the word of God, and yet we have lived it less.

"We have debated more about the book with the message of salvation, yet we have shared it less. We have talked about love and reconciliation, yet we have experience it less, Banks said. It is

time for Southern Baptists to come together on "the common ground around the cross," he said.

Banks applauded Woman's Missionary Union for staying on that common ground and for keeping missions and evangelism as top priorities. "My conviction is that WMU wants no distraction, no division, no diversion to deter us from achieving the vision of increased missions and evangelism. And this attitude, this commitment, spells hope loud and clear for this denomination and the whole nation," Banks said. (BP)

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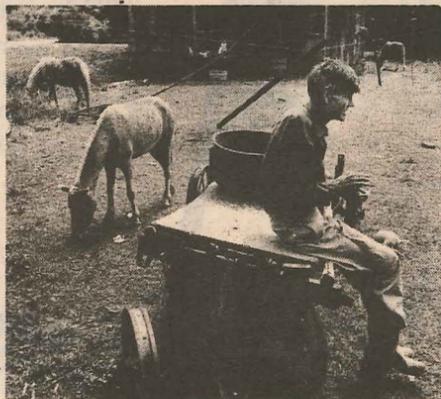
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# Letters from Camp RABRO...

by Todd Deaton  
Staff Writer

Illustrated by  
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Monday

Dear Dad and Mom,

Although it's only been about five hours since you dropped me off at RABRO, I'm already so excited about camp that I had to tell someone!  
You probably saw the covered wagons where we sleep when we were registering. Living in these wagons is like living in a Western movie—I keep waiting for the Lone Ranger to come riding up on his horse or for Indians to try to cut us off at the pass. Did you get to see the inside of the wagons? Ours' has four built-in bunk beds, all made of wood. There are mattresses on each bed to make it somewhat more comfortable. It's sort of like sleeping under a tent, though. Hope we don't have a major thunderstorm their week!

The staffer in my wagon is Rob West. He is from Lexington and is a student at Western Kentucky University. He seems really nice. He says there are a lot more boys here this year. There are around 45 boys in camp, plus staffers. I think they had around 30 last year. I guess everyone is hearing how much fun going to Royal Ambassador Camp can be.  
Maybe Dad can bring Matthew to RABRO before the summer ends for a Dad/Lad weekend. But, you'd better make plans now because I overheard a staffer say they are expecting around 110 persons this weekend.  
Well, it's time to go eat supper in the dining hall.

Love . . . Mark

Tuesday

Dear Mary,

You should see this place! I'm having a fantastic time, even though I am out here in the middle of the woods with no electricity, no phone and—worst of all—no television. Believe it or not, I really don't miss any of these things. I've been so busy doing other fun things. This afternoon a couple of guys I just met and I went to the craft hut. I've started making a wooden paddle boat from a model kit. When I finish it, I'll probably make a leather belt for Dad and stamp his name on it for him. Don't worry, I won't forget about my dear, sweet sister! (ha, ha) I'll bring you a T-shirt or maybe a rabbit pelt.

During our chapter meeting today a missionary to Zimbabwe spoke to us. I don't really know where that is, but I think it's in Africa. Anyway, he brought lots of neat things from his country to show us—masks, bamboo blow guns and bead necklaces. Then, he told us about how he shared Christ with the people in that country. Maybe one day when I'm older I'll be a missionary. Do missionaries come to Girls in Action camp at Cedar Crest? I bet so because they're a missions camp, too.

This afternoon we went to the archery range. It was fun but I kept having to chase down stray arrows which flew all over the place. Luckily, no one else seemed to be doing much better.

Tell Mom and Dad "Hi" for me, and don't forget to feed my dog.

Your brother . . . Mark





Thursday

Dear Dad,

I've just returned from fishing with Tom, a new friend from Bedford. You'd love it here. Today made me think of the many weekend fishing trips we used to take. I still don't know how to bait my hook and "the biggest one" got away again. Maybe we can go fishing again soon before school starts.

Well, the week is almost over. Although I really want to see you all, going home will be kind of sad. I've made so many new friends here. Some have promised to write me. In fact, the only bad thing about the week is that Sam, one of the boys in my wagon, kept most of us awake with his snoring. You would have thought someone was sawing down half the trees at RABRO the way he was snoring! But, we figured out how to get some sleep. Just before bedtime, a couple of the guys told him that Russell Cole, the assistant program coordinator, wanted some help finding the key to the flag pole. By the time he found Russell and figured out there was no key to the flag pole, we were all asleep. Smart thinking, huh?

Our wagon group got to eat first at lunch today because we won the clean-up inspection. I know that may come as a surprise to you since the government has declared my room a national disaster site and is sending you relief funds annually. Anyhow, we had hot dogs and french fries for lunch. Yeah! The taste of victory really is sweet.

Thanks again for sending me to camp this year. It's been great! See you tomorrow.

Love . . . Mark



Wednesday

Dear Bill,

Do you miss me yet? How are all the guys doing back in Pleasureville? I really wish you could have come to Camp RABRO this year.

Today we went to the ropes challenge course. Boy, was it fun! They have a swinging rope ladder, hanging between two trees. I was the only one in my wagon to make it to the top without falling off! (But, it took me three tries.) They also have something they call a cargo net. It's like a big hammock that lays on the ground and the object is to crawl from one side to the other. Trust me, it's not as easy as it sounds! There's also a nitro-crossing where you swing on a rope from one platform to another. But, it's not really dangerous since there really isn't any nitro and the staffers supervise us closely. All day we have been learning camping skills. We learned how to build a fire safely. We also learned how to tie and use an overhand knot, a square knot and a clove hitch. Tonight we will have a cookout and we're suppose to camp out in the woods.

Tomorrow, we get to go swimming all afternoon at the pool. But, I'd better start working on a leather belt for Dad since I wrote my sister and told her I was making one for him. She probably told him and he'll be expecting it when I come home on Friday.

Your friend . . . Mark

Dear Pastor Watson,

Friday

I am writing to inform you of my decision to accept Christ as Lord and savior. During the week at Camp RABRO, I have had a lot of fun—swimming, hiking, fishing, camping out, singing, making crafts, etc. But, at yesterday evening's campfire I really felt God speaking to me. The camp pastor told me that God loves me and sent his son to die to redeem me from my sins. I spoke with him some more afterward and he told me to write Camp has really been something extra special for many boys this summer. There have already been more than 40 boys who made decisions for Christ. And, the staffers I met—Keith Shoulders, Matt Reule, David Ramsey, Richard Johns and Samuel Paul—have been a lot of fun. They have also been outstanding Christian models. I can see Christ at work in their lives. Why else would they be at a Royal Ambassador camp? Do you know Rob Carr? He is associate director of Brotherhood for our state and is director of Camp RABRO and Jonathan Creek during the summer months. I like him. He is doing such a great job here and really seems to enjoy his work. And, Pete "Doc" Baxter was so friendly. He patched up my scrapes and took care of the poison ivy rash I got on the overnight campout. I hope I can go to camp again next year. Even if I can't, I'll sure tell others they should go. It's an experience every boy should have!

Sincerely . . . Mark Adams

# mountains to the mississippi

## ordinations

First Baptist Church, Hindman, Three Forks Association, ordained **Phillip Childres, Steve Pratt** and **Mike Sloane** as deacons June 27.

**Michael Wayne Spivey** was ordained to the ministry by Waco Baptist Church, Bates Creek Association, June 26. Fred Livingood is pastor.

**Randy J. McPherson** was ordained to the ministry by Freedom Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. He was called as pastor of Ellisburg Baptist Church, Casey County Association, and will continue his education at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Lewis Waiter is pastor of Freedom.

Freedom Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, was also the scene for an ordination service for a father and son. **Stephen McKinney** was ordained to the ministry and his father, **Charles S. McKinney**, was ordained a deacon. Stephen is pastor of Flat Rock Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

## congregations

**First Baptist Church, Loyall**, Upper Cumberland Association, presented Keith Rogers and his family a love offering in recognition of his 10 years as pastor.

**Third Baptist Church, Owensboro**, Daviess-McLean Association, recognized Paul M. Welch and his family on his fifth anniversary as pastor. Long stem roses were given to Mrs. Welch and the pastor was given a love offering to finance a mission trip with the Foreign Mission Board.

**Ormsby Heights Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, has set aside Aug. 21 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Dallas Vincent as pastor. Russell Bennett, director of missions for Long Run

Association, will be principal speaker and a musical program will be presented by Lois Jane. All friends of Vincent are invited to share in the services. During his tenure Vincent has baptized more than 1500 people into the church fellowship. He is currently moderator of the association.

## personnel

Redbud Baptist Church, Blood River Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **David Napicr**.

**Bob Goree** resigned as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

**Bob Swift** resigned as pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Graves County Association, to teach at Mid-Continent Baptist College.

Carrsville Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Joel Cox**.

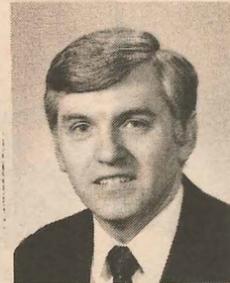
**David Dunn** has resigned as pastor of Lees Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to accept a pastorate in Miami, Fla.

The July 16 issue of Western Recorder reported that **Ken Fendley** retired as director of public relations at Georgetown after seven years. He has been in the position nine years and was also with that department from 1955-72.

## missions

"Kentucky Baptist Day" at the State Fair is Aug. 18. Representatives of Baptist Ministries, **Long Run Association**, will sponsor a booth next to WHAS Studio. The work of Baptist schools, hospitals and children's homes will be featured in radio reports.

**Mike and Debi Rogers**, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed their first term of service and are on furlough 215 Sheridan Ave., Perryville, KY 40468, telephone (606) 332-8971. Rogers is the former pastor of Bethlehem (Ky.) Baptist Church. Mrs. Rogers is the former Deborah Smith, a native of Glasgow. The Rogers consider Lexington Avenue Baptist, Danville, their home church. They have two children: Corey Michael, 16, and Summer Lea, 10.



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## homes for children

### Morehead accepts first child

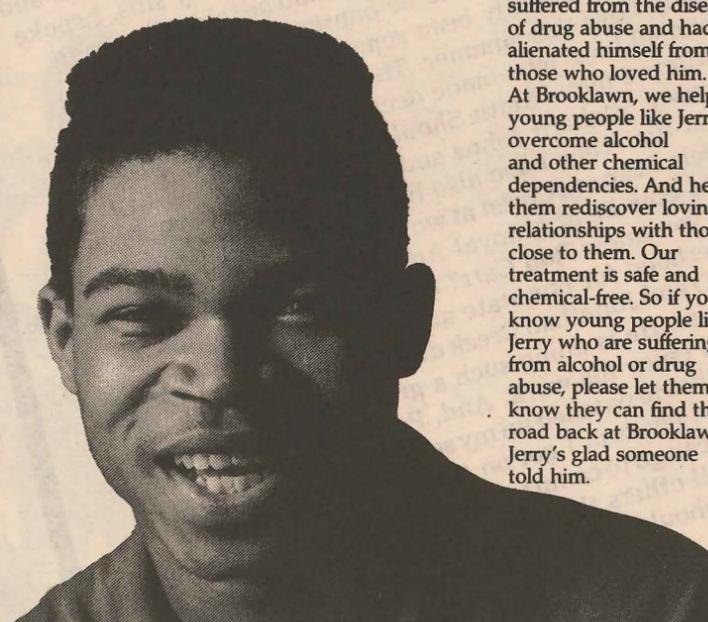
Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has returned to eastern Kentucky. The new Morehead Crisis Group Home is open and has received its first resident, a boy from Ashland. This is a special day for Kentucky Baptists, for we now have facilities to receive children in each of three geographic regions of the state: Dixon in western Kentucky; Elizabethtown in the central region; and now Morehead in the eastern region.

For the child from Ashland and those who placed him, there is no longer a drive to Elizabethtown, formerly our closest crisis home. In the research completed prior to locating the home in Morehead, it was determined that a real need for services existed in that area of the state. We are expecting to meet the immediate needs of a large number of children through this program. Dean Harney is the regional coordinator for the eastern region. He comes to us after seven years of experience in working with abused and neglected children. He has a BA degree in social work from the University of Kentucky, and he brings a strong commitment to Christian service. His office is at First Baptist Church, Morehead, and his phone number is (606) 784-3969. Please contact him as you have need for our services in eastern Kentucky.

The opening of the shelter ends the 17 year absence of Homes for Children from eastern Kentucky. The Pinecrest Home, also in Morehead, closed in 1971. The churches in eastern Kentucky now have a program with which they can identify more closely. Already a number of churches and individuals have provided personal supplies and kitchen items. The Woman's Missionary Union of Central Baptist Church is planning a Christmas in August celebration to help with recreational equipment and miscellaneous needs. Funds are still needed to underwrite the capital cost of the building as well as a portion of the opening costs.

Baptists have been reaching out to the children of Kentucky 119 years. Today we are reaching out even farther as we expand to additional regions of the state. As God leads and provides, it is my dream new programs can be located in other regions of the state as well so we can better serve the children who so desperately need us.

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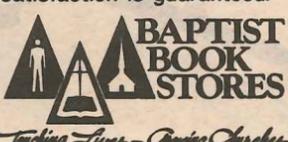
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# 'Tourists' to Mombasa reap 4720 decisions

by Craig Bird

It was a Swahili Pentecost.

Five days of evangelism through street preaching, door-to-door visitation and medical clinics in Mombasa, Kenya, led by 104 Southern Baptists who came to eastern Africa on a tour, has produced 4720 professions of faith in Christ.

Several churches were organized, including one in an area where Baptists had been thrown out violently three times previously; a witch doctor accepted Christ and gave the woman who witnessed to him his beads; and bewildered German tourists halted in their walks along the beach as the Indian Ocean was turned into a baptistry.

Laymen who never had preached saw scores of people respond to their sermons, people who never had told another person how to trust Christ successfully shared the gospel—the message of Jesus—with those anxious to accept it.

"You volunteers are making us professional missionaries look bad," Ralph Bethea Jr., the career missionary who was host for the group, joked one evening after listening to person after person recount almost unbelievable experiences of responses to the gospel.

But the joyful tears in his eyes revealed his true feelings about what is happening in the 1000-year-old city that has long been a Muslim stronghold. The significance was enhanced since the decisions were made during Ramadan—a sacred month of fasting for Muslims.

Groups of volunteers teamed with local Baptist church members, and the response staggered the Americans. "You can feel the spirit of God all over this place—but I'm not used to almost everyone I talk to accepting Jesus," was a typical testimony.

And the Mombasa Baptists gently chided the visitors for repeatedly asking new converts if they understood what they were doing: "They told you they understand, now hurry up—some more people (are) waiting to talk to us."

Over and over the contrast between Mombasa and the United States dominated conversations. "I took CWT (Christian Witness Training) a few years ago, and I figured I would use it here," said Bennie Norton, of Smyrna, Ga. "But I usually couldn't get past the second point before the person I was talking to would say he was ready to accept Christ."

John Bryan, pastor of Curtis Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., used interpreters simultaneously. One gathered a crowd by telling them a man had come all the way from the United States to tell them something, another translated Bryan's sermon from English into Swahili to a second group while the third local Baptist took the names and addresses of people who had made decisions from the previous sermon.

"We were seeing the power of the Holy Spirit at work," explained Hoyt Dees of Atlanta. "We just needed to share a little bit, then get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit work."

The "tourists" were mostly from Georgia and Kentucky but included people from North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Illinois, Florida, Tennessee, Missouri and Texas.

They were led by Wayne Dehoney, former Southern Baptist Convention president and a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Dehoney owns a travel agency that specializes in evangelistic trips all over the world, often working with the volunteer section of the Foreign Mission Board to tie in with Southern Baptist missionaries on the field.

Like other tour groups, this one traveled in rented vans, wore safari suits, carried cameras and struggled to convince waiters that, yes, they really did want a full glass of ice with their soft drinks instead of the two cubes Europeans prefer.

But unlike normal tourists, they pressed their Kenya van drivers into service as translators for medical clinics and spent most of their time far from the typical tourist haunts.

"You people are going where tourists never go," Bethea told the group the first day. "These people are going to know you care about them just because you are going into their communities."

After worshipping in local churches on Sunday—"They prayed and sang and preached for five-and-a-half hours!"—the Monday-to-Friday schedule called for medical/dental clinics during the morning and evangelism during the afternoons.

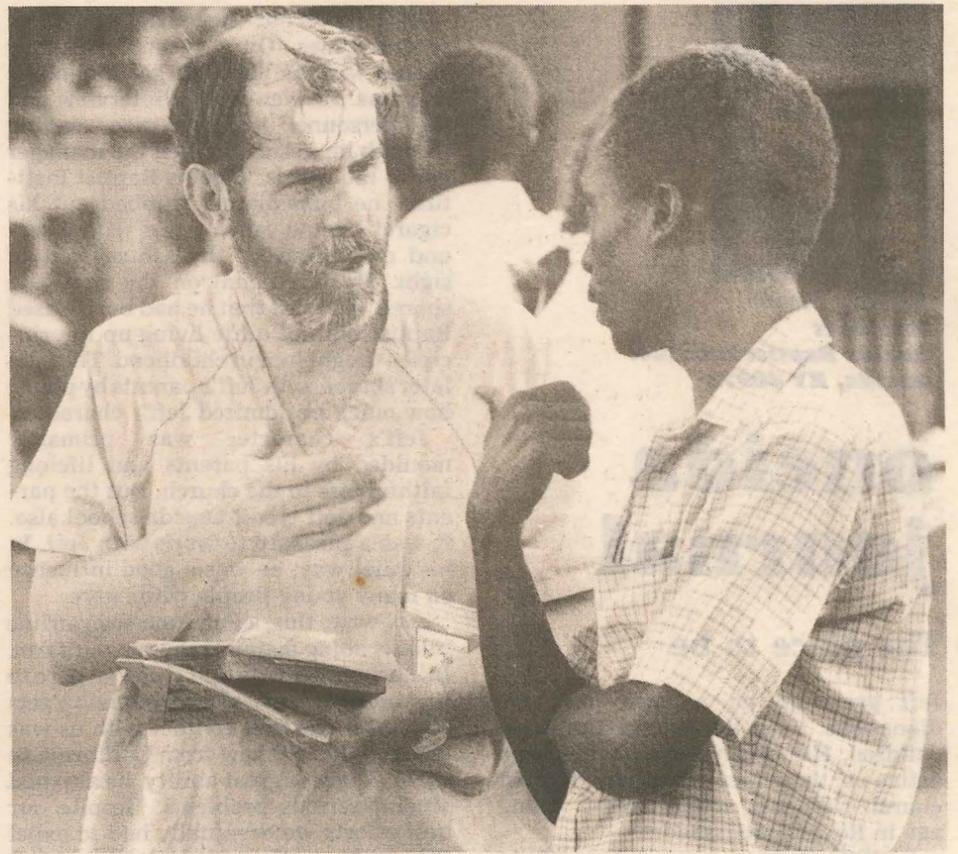
More than 3700 patients were treated at the clinics which, according to Bethea, "provide a living picture of what we are saying to the people of Mombasa—that we love you because Jesus loved us. Many people are afraid to come to a church, but when they get help at a clinic their ears are opened to the meaning of the gospel, that God does want good things for them."

Of course participants felt different levels of enthusiasm for doing evangelism on vacation. Six group members complained about the emphasis to Jerolyn Morrison, a tour director for Dehoney's company, before the group left the United States.

"They said I was cramming Christianity down their throats and that all the schedules were for going to church and witnessing," she admitted. "I told them



Wayne Dehoney finds an audience with the children in Mombasa, Kenya, where he led a tour group of more than 100 Southern Baptist volunteers. Dehoney is a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



Dentist John Martin of Atlanta, Ga., shares a witness with a passer-by in Muita, a heavily Muslim area of Mombasa, Kenya, considered difficult to reach with the gospel.

they could set up their own tours if they wanted, but we were running an evangelistic tour, and I was not going to set sight-seeing tours to compete with evangelism.

"I didn't put their names on any of the teams, but every one of them wound up joining either a medical team or an evangelistic team because they saw how excited the others were and wanted to be a part of it."

The results, although impressive, were not unique. Team members followed in the footsteps of several volunteer groups that have journeyed to Mombasa in recent years and have had good results.

"Volunteers have given us tremendous support," Bethea said. "They have plugged in at a time when we needed manpower and a way to get a hearing platform for our national preachers. Most of our pastors come from the lower economic class and don't have a lot of stature in the community. But when they are seen working with visiting

Americans, it opens doors for them—it gives the pastors a rapport and respect, and the gospel has a hearing it couldn't get before."

But Bethea stressed the recent results in Mombasa are built on the planting and watering of others: "For decades Cooperative Program (unified budget) money has been pouring into Mombasa, and missionaries have been giving their lives here—and weeping over the lack of response," he pointed out. "The beauty of the Cooperative Program is that it gives us staying power in the tough places and then the resources to respond when revival breaks out."

And revival has broken out.

In 1985 the Kenya Baptist Convention reported six churches in Mombasa with a combined membership of 350. But in the past three years, more than 10,000 new believers have been baptized, including more than 1000 Muslims, and more than 80 churches have been started in Kenya's second-largest city. Ushindi Baptist Church does not even have a building, but attendance runs 2000 to 3000 and it has established 25 house churches and sent out 50 missionaries in two years.

"We are absolutely covered up with discipleship training, and we've used up our entire budget already for Bibles. We can't give them to everyone who wants them," Bethea admitted.

Shortfalls in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions or low levels of contributions through the Cooperative Program may seem like mere numbers until they translate into a new Christian going without a Bible because Southern Baptists in the United States failed to give.

But while Bethea, a first-term missionary from Mississippi, is frustrated by the unmet needs in personnel—there are only two SBC career missionaries working in church development in Mombasa—and budget, he accents the positive.

"Working in Mombasa is like living the book of Acts," he insisted. "The Christians here read about the early church and don't see any reason it should not be the same on the Kenya coast."



**Barkley Moore**  
President  
Oneida Baptist Institute  
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## oneida journal

### The place to be

Jeff grew up on a farm near Indianapolis. He is the youngest of three children. His family have always been active in their local Southern Baptist church. Jeff was active from a young age in Royal Ambassadors.

In 1982 there was an article about Oneida in the RA magazine Probe. Jeff read the article and determined to be a student of Oneida. But it took him nearly six months to persuade his parents to even come for a visit. They are a close knit family.

But near Christmas they did come. They toured the campus and saw the Oneida film. The parents agreed for Jeff to enrol in January 1983.

Jeff had never liked school. His achievement and grades reflected that fact before he came to Oneida. We initially did some remedial work with him. He really liked Oneida, became more enthused about the educational process and his grades reflected that.

A quiet, almost shy, young man Jeff won an ever increasing number of friends. An ever present smile helped to brighten everyone's day. He was very active in the Baptist Student Union. He sang and traveled with our choir. He was on several of our athletic teams.

He became a good supervisor in our daily student work program. He learned carpentry skills from a master carpenter who was on our staff.

Jeff graduated with honors in 1985 and two years later married. He brought his lovely bride to see Oneida and permitted us the privilege of meeting her.

His parents have been back to visit us several times. On a recent visit they shared with us how Jeff got the job he now has. He went for an interview and the personnel manager was reading through his resume. When the manager got to the words "Oneida Baptist Institute" he immediately stubbed out his cigarette in an ashtray and with a second motion swept the ashtray out of sight. He hired him on the spot! He shared with Jeff that he had been raised Baptist but not quite living up to principles taught him in childhood. The man later shared with Jeff's parents by phone how much he admired Jeff's character.

Jeff's character was primarily moulded by his parents and lifelong faithfulness to the church. But the parents and Jeff credit Oneida school also. It was a pleasure to work with Jeff. In his quiet way, he was a good influence on many young people while here.

As I write this, a Pan American airline pilot is doing manual labor on our farm. Bill brings his wife and children here to do volunteer service everytime he gets a chance. His first contact with us was bringing his nephew from California to enrol. A boy of great ability, he also had several serious problems. Despite our best efforts we eventually had to expel the nephew. Nevertheless this active Cumberland Presbyterian uncle became an enthusiastic supporter of Oneida. He arrived several days ago from his home in South Carolina with bushels of fresh peaches for our Oneida family. The last several days he and his fine son have been bush-hogging some Oneida land four miles from the main campus.

Just last week Bill was here bringing a friend and his son to enrol at OBI. Last year he brought a medical doctor friend to see the school. The night before he left for his most recent Oneida trip, another acquaintance called and said he was trying to find a boarding school for his child and had been told of Oneida. "Do you know anything about it?" Bill replied, "Do I!?" Within hours he had Oneida's 33-minute video, "Oneida—A Special Place," in the man's hands.

Also here doing volunteer service for a week are Larry Lambert, a certified electrician and Pete White, a wonderful wood craftsman. Both are from Robard Church near Henderson.

Lambert's fine daughter graduated here a year ago. Her mother and a large group of Robards women did some volunteer painting and worked in the craft house two weeks ago. Lambert is wiring our greenhouses. White is building shelves in for our growing craft house.



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## sunday school lessons

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**Nehemiah 2:17-18** Some Jewish brethren—including his brother—went to visit Nehemiah. With sad voices they reported that the Jews in Jerusalem were in a miserable condition, that the walls around the city were broken down, its gates burned, its streets filled with rubble and its people living in poverty.

Upon hearing this report of the sad plight of his people, Nehemiah, who was normally happy and buoyant, was burdened to the point of tears. He sat and prayed. Nehemiah confessed his sins and those of his people, asked for God's forgiveness and invoked the divine blessings upon them.

When the king inquired as to the cause of his unhappiness, Nehemiah explained he was grieved because Jerusalem was in ruins and his people were suffering. He requested permission to return to his beloved city to lead in the reconstruction. The king granted his request, gave him assistance and even provided a military escort for protection on the perilous journey. After Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he made a personal investigation of the existing conditions. He called a meeting of the Jewish leaders and informed them of his intentions. Nehemiah's faithfulness in the stewardship of his life and work in-

spired others to join him in discharging their duties also for the glory of God.

**Nehemiah 4:15-20** Nehemiah knew how to plan, how to handle people, and how to instill in them the desire to cooperate and the willingness to sacrifice, and how to assure them that God would bless them in their work and prosper their undertaking. Like every other worthy venture of faith, this project encountered opposition. They had to contend with shrewd and persistent enemies, who did everything possible to prevent the reconstruction of the walls. Nehemiah wisely organized groups to work and other groups to ward off attacks.

#### International series

#### Moses intercedes

**Numbers 14:10b-20** After feeling disappointment and anger, the people spent the night in self-pity and weeping. They blamed God for the circumstances in which they found themselves. They directed their bitter resentment against his servants for bringing them face to face with a task which demanded so much faith, courage and dedication. The people criticized Moses and Aaron and resolved they would depose their leader, elect another and return to Egypt.

Since the people deliberately rejected God's rule, thwarted his plan and mistrusted his promises, they deserved extermination. God had been patient with them but the time had arrived when further patience would not have been a virtue; it would have been an indulgence.

God revealed he intended to wipe out the rebels and start a greater nation with the descendants of Moses. When his glory appeared in the midst of the people, God said, "How long will this people provoke me? And how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed them?" God has a perfect right to visit his people with severe judgment when they are disobedient to him. It always grieves him when those who profess to belong to him refuse to do as he commanded.

Moses pleaded with God not to wipe out the rebellious people. Convinced God's reputation was involved in the entrance of the Israelites into Caanan, Moses mentioned different reasons why God should not get rid of them: his slowness to anger, his abundant mercy, his loving kindness and his forgiveness. Moses earnestly besought God's pardon and God answered his prayer.



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## on mission together

### Twenty one days

During the next 21 days Kentucky Baptist churches will decide whether or not we will move ahead in our mission or be forced to consider phasing down some of our ministry together within the KBC and SBC.

In my report to the executive board in May I demonstrated that the growth of Cooperative Program income from the churches has dropped from a 10.5% average growth during the five years between (1978-82) to a 5.2% average annual growth the past four years.

In spite of that downward turn, the executive board has continued to increase the funds to SBC causes in order to achieve the goal of sharing 40% (rather than the previous 35%) for SBC

mission causes. At the end of June, of the 15 largest state conventions, Kentucky was **second only to South Carolina** in percentage of increase after **nine months** into the SBC fiscal year. **Kentucky has increased its giving to SBC causes the past nine months by 4.73%, while Kentucky Baptist churches increased their Cooperative Program giving during that same period by only 1.6%**

Now, after 11 months, **Cooperative Program giving from Kentucky Baptist churches is actually below the same time last year!** (See box on front page.)

However, because of the way the calendar falls this year, August will be a five-Sunday month. (We receive in August the gifts from churches for July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28.) That could be a factor in helping achieve a level slightly ahead of last year.

However, it would take a **whopping new record month of \$1,793,063 to end this fiscal year having made the budget.**

Beginning Sept. 1 we start a new budget year which calls for a 4% in-

crease over this year's budget.

What the churches contribute over the next 21 days will determine whether or not the business and finance committee can recommend an increased budget for the fiscal year 1989-90.

The prevailing outlook is questionable: (1) The five year KBC trend in CP giving is downward; (2) the overall Kentucky economy is still sluggish; (3) the SBC giving trend is downward (only a 2.19% growth after nine months); (4) increasing indications that some churches will either not increase or reduce CP giving as a result of the SBC controversy.

The purpose of this column is not to initiate dialog about the causes. Rather, I am addressing the fact that CP giving is down and we are behind last year's giving as well as our current year's budget.

The next 21 days will provide Kentucky Baptist churches their finest opportunity in recent years to demonstrate our seriousness about our mission together.

## Organist shortage reaching crisis proportions in SBC Church musicians meet at Glorieta to address problem

by Charles Willis

A growing shortage of church organists—reaching crisis proportions in Southern Baptist churches—brought concerned musicians together at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center to address the problem.

In a think-tank session during the Church Music Leadership Conference, more than two dozen keyboard musicians discussed the circumstances that have created the crisis and ways church musicians can help alleviate it.

Sharron Lyon, music/recording editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, said the crisis is not limited to Southern Baptists.

In a recent meeting of the American Guild of Organists, 25 participants representing several major denominations questioned if musicians would be considering careers as organists by the end of the century.

"The problem is universal," said Miss Lyon. "All denominations have the same

problems. For example, youth are singing with tape tracks, so they don't always hear an organ in church. Also, an orchestra sometimes takes the place of the pipe organ or the organ is placed in the background."

Miss Lyon also acknowledged "the busy-ness of youth today and the lack of opportunity for some to play an instrument. The fine arts have taken a back seat in public schools, so many times church is the only place where children are exposed to music."

Consequently, a shortage of organ majors exists in colleges today, she said.

Russell Hodges, organ professor at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., said organ majors who graduate are many times employed immediately, often by churches of other denominations.

"All of us who teach organ are constantly being asked if there is anyone we can recommend for church staff positions. Usually there isn't anyone available," said Hodges.

"Very few Southern Baptist churches can employ an organist full time," Lyon

said. "The opportunities just are not there."

Therefore, for organ students who are determined to use their talents in a Southern Baptist church, an extra commitment may be required, such as earning a degree with two majors. The church position, Miss Lyon said, becomes a moonlighting position, while the full time job is in a different field.

Changing technology contributes to the decrease in organ use in churches, participants agreed. For example, some churches are buying synthesizers instead of organs. In other congregations, taped or computer-generated music is considered the most economical solution for accompaniments.

Waning interest by would-be accompanists has come about in part because of the use of taped music and a decrease in Sunday school opening assemblies, according to the musicians. Allowing young piano students to play preludes and offertories for worship services can be a great encouragement for continued study, they said.

Beverly Scott of Emmanuel Baptist

Church, San Jose, Cal., said her church uses a churchwide survey to determine musical talents and interests. As a result of the survey, classes are established to help people with interests in keyboard instruments, guitars and directing music.

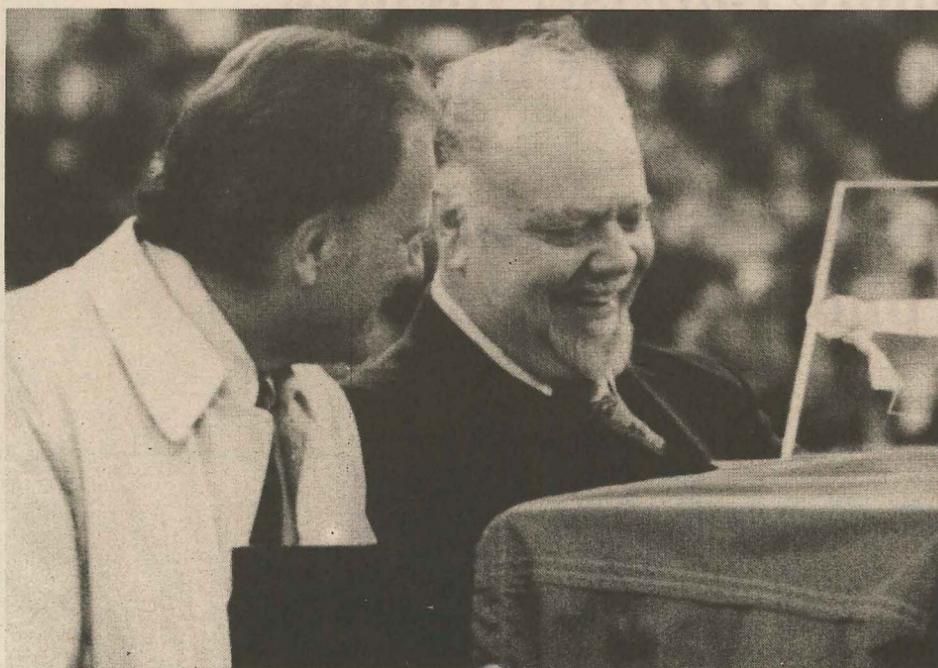
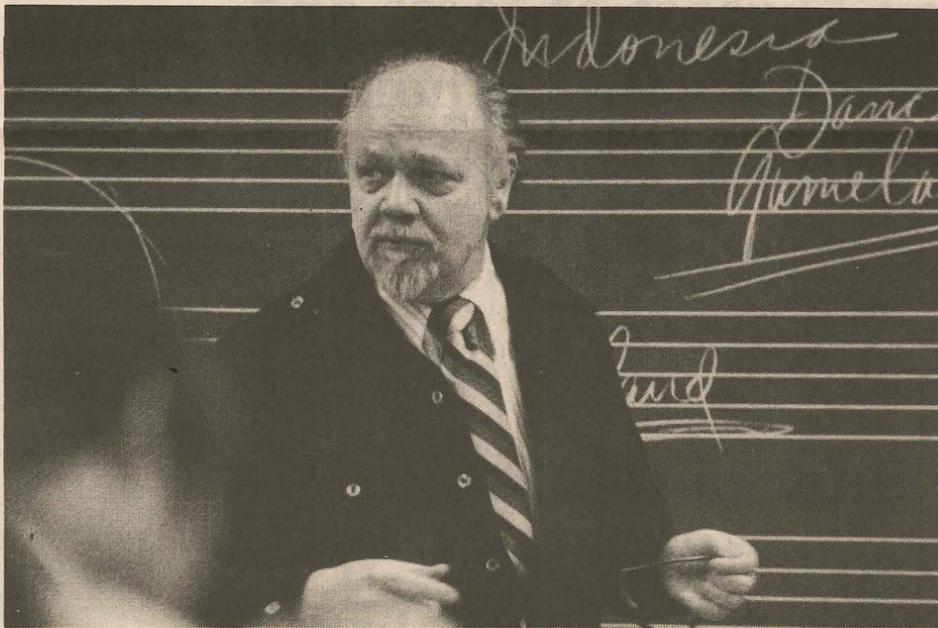
Participants from Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi and New Mexico said state convention-sponsored music festivals have helped sustain interest among keyboard students of all ages.

Dale Owens, organist at First Baptist Church, Natchez, Miss., supported the idea of statewide competitions, noting he is "a product of the state music festival program."

Teresa Thomason, keyboard consultant for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, said the Louisiana festival offers five levels of participation, for ages 5-9.

"This is our future," she said. "If we don't get them up there to play, we're losing out."

The Church Music Leadership Conference was sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department.



Southern Baptist Theological Seminary church music professor Donald Hustad, who was a full time organist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in the 1960s, has occasionally returned to the crusades as a guest organist. These photos were taken around 1980.

## Hustad displays musical versatility

by Pat Cole

If Donald Hustad were to show his true colors as a musician, he would project the varied hues of a brilliant rainbow.

In a career spanning more than 40 years, Hustad's contributions to church music have been multiple. His expertise is acknowledged in performance, worship, leadership, music education, composing and hymnology.

Hustad, senior professor of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has performed before crowds of thousands, written and spoken widely on the role of music in worship, authored numerous compositions, edited eight hymnals and trained hundreds of church musicians.

In the classroom, the Minnesota native has stressed the importance of music as a means of worship. "In local church worship, music and the musicians should be, in the words of Luther, 'the handmaiden of theology and worship,'" says Hustad, who has taught at Southern 22 years. "The music the musician prepares should fit hand-in-glove within the worship service in which it appears."

Music, he emphasizes, is not preparation for worship but is an element of worship. "It is not performance but another way of worshiping," he says.

Hustad also notes a distinct difference between music in a worship service and music in an evangelistic crusade. He explains that in an evangelistic crusade, the emphasis for the musician is on attracting people to the crusade and supporting the work of the evangelist. "The musician confirms the message of the evangelist by singing it," he says.

Although Hustad has gained competence in several facets of music, his major energies have been devoted to performance and education.

"Throughout my lifetime, I have been pulled (between education and performance), but I've tried to keep both aspects of my work going and I have kept myself involved in both," he says.

Perhaps Hustad's greatest visibility as a performer was during the 1960s, when he was a crusade organist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Hustad joined the Graham team in 1961 as the regular crusade organist. Two years later he resigned his duties as director of Moody Bible Institute's sacred music department to devote full attention to his responsibilities with the Graham organization.

Hustad's association with Graham goes back to the 1940s. While working as a staff musician at WMBI Radio, a Chicago station owned by Moody, Hustad met Graham "when he was a young Baptist pastor" and George Beverly Shea, who would later become a featured soloist in the Graham crusades.

During his radio days in Chicago, Hustad, a graduate of John Fletcher College, also pursued a master's degree in music at Northwestern University.

After completing the degree, he began his career as a music educator. He taught for three years at Olivet College, Kankakee, Ill., and later moved to Moody, where he directed the sacred music department from 1950 to 1963. While at Moody, Hustad completed requirements for a doctoral degree in church music at Northwestern.

As an organist with the Graham team, Hustad played before crowds of thousands in crusades all over the world. Although he believed the ministry of the evangelistic team was important work, he longed to return to church music education.

His opportunity came in 1966, when he accepted an offer to join the faculty of Southern Seminary. In 1975, he was named V. V. Cooke professor of organ, a position he held until his retirement in 1986. He still teaches on a part time basis as a senior professor.

Hustad continues to be in demand across the nation as a performer and an educator. He is invited to give organ recitals and to play at organ dedications. He often also serves as a workshop leader, lecturer and guest conductor.

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