

Whittaker becomes 4th president at Clear Creek

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Calling on those who love Clear Creek Baptist Bible College to "respond by faith," the institution's president delivered a stirring appeal at his inauguration Oct. 28.

Addressing a packed house at Pineville's First Baptist Church, Bill D. Whittaker, the school's fourth chief executive, declared: "People over the years have watched this school and seen what God can do with a little when people respond by faith."

The student body now represents 12 states, people who have "come by faith to prepare themselves as workmen." He continued: "I trust those of us who lead and work with them will not disappoint them and their faith."

Pointing out that graduates of Clear Creek now serve in 46 states and six foreign nations, Whittaker cited several personal hopes and dreams for the theological school in the southeastern Kentucky mountains:

—Retire an indebtedness of about \$600,000. (Meeting Oct. 27, the school's trustees approved contributing \$100,000 toward this immediately.)

—Establish and endow the D. M. Aldridge (second president) Chair of Missions and Evangelism.

—Enlarge the student body.

—Provide additional housing.

—Provide more scholarships.

—Upgrade the faculty through training opportunities.

—Provide a new library.

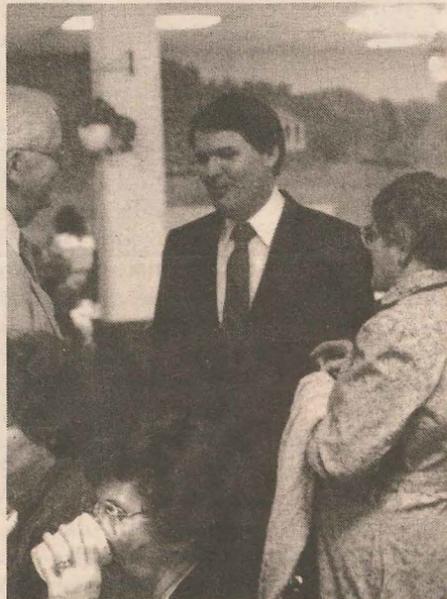
—Provide increased child care facilities.

—Provide for a regular furloughing missionary on the campus to be accessible to students and faculty.

Concluding, Whittaker observed, "Faith sees more than is humanly possible but we shall not waver. We shall join with God through whom all things are possible."

Three charges to Whittaker were offered at the inaugural ceremonies.

Speaking for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer, reminded those who brought Whittaker to his responsibility had "sought the mind of God." That calling is "different from



Clear Creek president Bill Whittaker with well wishers during his inaugural luncheon Oct. 28.

most of the secular world," he told Whittaker. "God called you. That is precious. Remember it."

He urged Whittaker to remember his call to Kentucky Baptists, too. Noting that nearly a half million dollars is provided by Baptists of the commonwealth to the school this year, he said, "Churches of this state like what Clear Creek is and what it does. May God strengthen you and lift you up as you serve him and Kentucky Baptists here."

Earl Clark, Clear Creek New Testament professor, spoke on behalf of the faculty and staff. Addressing Whittaker, he said: "You have said the college exists

for the students and not the students for the college.

"We want you to make clear to us our role for your goals," he allowed. It is "essential" to have a faculty who will grow and mature, he went on. "I charge you to make us reach the limits of our capabilities."

Clark urged the new president to "give us a chance to provide input" in some of the decisions made, saying "we believe in a team concept."

Alumnus Arnold Moon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ludlow, offered a charge from the school's graduates, declaring "we are not expecting this school to be the same." He said Whittaker "had a love for this school when he had no vested interest in it . . . and now, he loves it even more."

Presiding at the inaugural ceremonies was trustee Don Mathis, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, chairman of the school's presidential search committee. Others with program assignments included J. T. Rafferty, student body president; Mike Kettering, divinity student; Elmer Gambrel, Corbin, immediate past trustee chairman; Roy L. Honeycutt, Louisville, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; G. T. Moody, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Murray; and the Clear Creek College Choir, directed by Ron Goodwin, instructor in church music.

Dignitaries present included the presidents of four Kentucky colleges—W. Morgan Patterson, Georgetown; Jack C. Phillips, Union; James H. Taylor, Cumberland; and Kenneth W. Winters, Campbellsville. SBC, Tennessee and Virginia Baptist denominational leaders were recognized.

In addition, Mrs. L. C. Kelly, widow of the college's late founder, was also present.

Hundreds braved rain and brisk temperatures to attend an inaugural luncheon hosted by the trustees, faculty and staff in Whittaker's honor at Clear Creek's Kelly Hall. The luncheon followed the ceremonies at First Baptist Church.

Whittaker, 45, who assumed the presidency in late August, is a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention (1980-81). A native of Bowling Green, he is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and holds MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Seminary.

He is married to the former Rebecca Howard of Bowling Green and they are parents of John, 16; Karen, 15; and Mary, 12.

The Whittakers were Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, 1983-86. His pastorates include Jackson Grove, Bowling Green, 1964-69; First, Sturgis, 1969-75; First, Murray, 1976-82; and Downtown, Orlando, Fla., 1986-88.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College dates its origins to 1923 when L. C. Kelly, pastor of Pineville's First Church, purchased 450 acres on Clear Creek near Pineville and began conducting summer programs for mission organizations. Three years later, Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School was established. Kelly was elected first president of the institution, then known as Clear Creek Baptist School, in 1943. Upon Kelly's death in 1954, D. M. Aldridge succeeded him. When Aldridge retired in 1982, he was followed by Leon D. Simpson. Simpson resigned earlier this year.

KBC hosts fit for tight squeeze next week

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

First Baptists of Owensboro are anticipating the arrival of 2000 or more guests next week for the 151st annual sessions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. They aren't sure where they will put them all, but they are anxious to host again, the first time in a decade.

Speaking for the 2545-member congregation, pastor David A. Nelson said last week, "We look forward to seeing our many friends. Baptists enjoy getting together. We will share reports of victory and agonize with each other in our defeats. We are a part of the family of God. It has been almost 10 years since we have had the convention meet with us. We join in prayer that it will be a convention on the march."

There will be two major physical crunches Kentucky Baptists must deal with at Owensboro.

The main auditorium, including the balcony, can accommodate 1000 persons. At peak times during the KBC, however—officer elections, business matters and principal addresses—experience indicates as many as 1750 persons may try to participate. The KBC Media Department will offer closed circuit TV in the church's two chapels—East and West—which accommodate an additional 125 persons each. Beyond that, it will be "standing room only" for the overflow. Church officials suggest messengers and visitors "arrive early," not only for a good seat but "for a seat at all."

The other crunch comes outside the church, which has no off-street parking. Because of expected demands for parking space the Owensboro Police Department has agreed not to issue citations for overtime parking in the downtown area during the convention.

In addition, the church will provide shuttle service to and from the mammoth downtown Executive Inn, where hundreds of convention participants will be housed. The bus and van service starts 30 minutes before each session and will make 10-minute round trips until all riders have been transported. The bus will be at the Executive Inn on the hour and half-hour during sessions to provide further transportation.

First Baptist Church, at Third and Lewis streets, was organized May 9, 1835, two years before the Kentucky

Baptist Convention. Initially meeting in a school, the church erected a building in 1840 at the Ohio River. In 1860 the congregation moved to its present site and that building served until 1923.

In 1924 the current sanctuary was completed. It was renovated in 1974. An educational building was erected in 1961 and a Christian life center in 1985.

The congregation assisted in starting several other Baptist churches in Owensboro. The most recent include Wing Avenue and Crabtree Avenue. The church's 1989 budget is \$1,102,000.

David A. Nelson has been pastor of First Church, Owensboro, since January 1962. Other staff members include Clarence Nemitz, associate pastor; Grover S. Waller, minister of music; Timothy Whipple, minister of youth; and Robert E. Farmer, minister of activities.

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New church starts



Jack D. Sanford

The Northern Plains Baptist Convention started 20 years ago with 75 churches. Last week that convention dissolved, forming two new fellowships.

In the 20 years of its existence the Northern Plains Convention grew from 75 churches to 253 scattered across Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota and North Dakota.

The significant thing about this new move is that it illustrates just what Baptists can do if they set their mind to it. In 20 years 178 new churches were organized in territory which has not been known as fruitful ground for Baptist work. Those churches came about because Baptists saw a need and moved to meet that need.

Here in our own state we are discovering that when we want to accomplish new and exciting things for God we can do it if our mind is made up. We seem to have that mind set just now as we celebrate more than 200 new work starts in our beloved state. That is significant in light of the short time we have been engaged in a concerted effort to start new work.

Of course all of the new starts in Kentucky are not churches. Some of them may never reach that status. But the important thing to remember is that whenever a new work is started there will be people reached who would never be reached by established churches thus bringing people to God who would be lost had we not done the work of starting a new place of witness.

We rejoice with the people in Northern Plains Convention and also salute ourselves for the job we have done thus far in the important task of reaching people through new Baptist work. We salute ourselves because this has been a statewide cooperative effort which has created a spirit of missions and goodwill across the state.

Kentucky Baptists can and should be proud of this achievement. However, we must not think the task is done simply because we have reached a significant plateau. Our goal is 400 new starts by the end of this decade and we are only halfway there. However there is good reason to believe we will reach the goal and for this we thank the Lord and determine to do even more in the years ahead.

Southern Baptist musicians in China

This is a call to prayer for the 100-voice Centurymen, a church music ensemble now touring China. We must pray for these fellow Christians as they have an unprecedented opportunity to witness for our Lord in the heart of China.

Sunday, Nov. 13 the Centurymen will be singing in local Chinese churches. What a strength they will feel as they know thousands of Southern Baptists are praying for them during this time.

We were honored to be in attendance at Pulaski Association earlier this fall when Doyle Searcy and his wife were asked to stand before the congregation and receive the prayers of all assembled before their own departure for the Centurymen trip. Searcy is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Somerset, and a member of the singing group. It

was a thrilling time as we joined hands and sent prayers for this brother and sister who would represent our Lord in the land where Christian believers have suffered much in recent years.

Those men and women who are even now touring mainland China with the message of salvation come from churches across the nation, many of them in Kentucky. They have a glorious opportunity and the least we can do is hold them up before the Father whose hand must be upon them if this venture is to produce fruit for the kingdom.

So we call all Kentucky Baptists to a moment of prayer, especially Nov. 13, as our friends and fellow servants will be singing in the churches of China.

The rumor mill is grinding again

We have had three calls this week alone about a rumor, started in 1975, which will not die.

The rumor is that Madalyn Murray O'Hair is once again trying to stop religious radio broadcasting by petitioning the FCC for a hearing.

This is untrue. She has not petitioned the FCC to remove religious broadcasting. In December 1974 two California men filed a request (designated RM 2493) with the Federal Communications Commission, asking a freeze on issuing licenses for additional educational television and FM radio stations to individuals or groups planning to air only religious or quasi-religious programs. RM 2493 would Not have prohibited religious programs and Mrs. O'Hair did not request nor was she

granted a hearing before the FCC.

RM 2493 was unanimously denied by the FCC Aug. 1, 1975.

However some folks still persist in circulating the petition, sure they are right that an attack has been made upon broadcasting religious programs. A more believable rumor is that Madalyn Murray O'Hair has herself resurrected these rumors just to make Christians look foolish. That is a rumor, but it sounds like it might be the way things would go if she had her way.

Forget RM 2493. It is untrue and to sign such a petition and deliver it to the FCC is to guarantee it will be thrown in the trash, thus wasting money for postage and time which could be invested more wisely in service to Christ and the nation.

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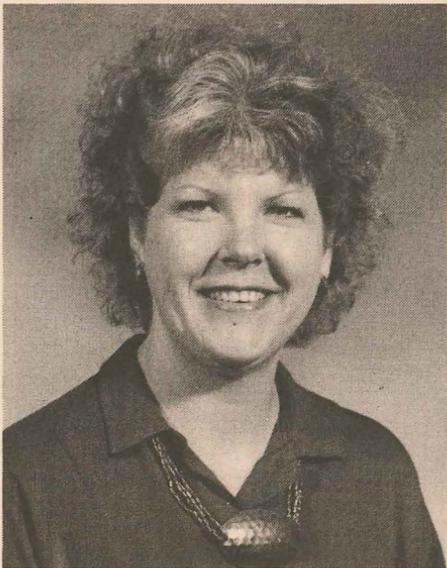
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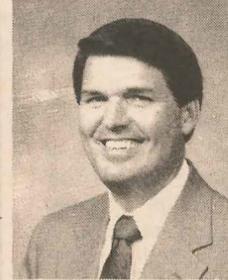
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clear creek chronicle

The vision continues

Gladys McNeil Kelly returned to Clear Creek for the inauguration. "I don't come back to see the campus. I come to feel and renew the vision caught many years ago."

Born in Jonesville, Va., Gladys attended Lee Baptist Institute in Pennington Gap. Godly teachers made a lasting impression and she "caught a vision" of being a Christian teacher. The vision was pursued through college in Alabama and the Louisville WMU Training School. She refused to date boys who did not share her dream.

In 1926 a telegram brought an offer to teach in Barbourville Baptist High School. Two years later the assignment was a North Carolina public school. "I determined to be a Christian teacher there also."

Her mother's death took her back home and for 13 years she helped rear four brothers. "I refused to let the vision die."

In the seminary she had met L. C. Kelly's sister-in-law. The friendship was strengthened during summer mission work in eastern Kentucky teaching in Bible schools and doing evangelistic visitation. On one trip to Manchester a feud erupted with gun shots. Asked if she wanted to return to Clear Creek, Gladys responded "No, if the Lord wants me now he can take me."

Twenty-four men enrolled in her first English class in the Clear Creek summer assembly. She faithfully kept this assignment until 1942. She married L. C. Kelly the following year. Mrs. Kelly's vision continues. Her generosity funded the L. C. Kelly Chair of Biblical Interpretation occupied now by her former pastor Jackson Robertson. Trust funds handled by the Alabama Baptist Foundation produce an annual student scholarship in her honor. Others have encouraged Gladys Kelly to support larger, better known schools saying they would continue long after Clear Creek was gone. She believes Clear Creek will be needed as long as the Bible is needed. May others join her to continue the vision.

Virtually confined to a wheelchair Mrs. Kelly made the long trip from Alabama with her sister Mary McNeil who has also had a long time interest in Clear Creek. She is a retired public school music teacher. Other inauguration guests included former faculty-staff Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lester, Robert and Velois Fitts, Carl Hunter and nurse Evelyn Mottram. Their presence affirmed Clear Creek's heritage and future.

missions

Bonnie K. Brown was among 34 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Brown will live in Nigeria, where she will be working with students and involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

She is a chaplain resident at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Tex.

Born in Hancock County, Ky., Miss Brown is the daughter of the late Jess and Pearl Brown. While growing up she lived in Lewisport, Pellville and Owensboro, Ky. She considers Lewisport her home town and Lewisport Baptist her home church.

She received the BME degree from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and the MDiv degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

She has been music coordinator at Glendale Baptist Church and Christian School, Bowling Green, Ky.; a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board summer missionary in British Columbia, Canada; and youth minister at Alta Mere Baptist Church, Ft. Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. William G. Harrington were among 64 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 11.

The Harringtons will live in Tanzania where he will be supervising curative and preventive medical clinic work. He is a physician. Both will be involved in outreach ministries. They attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. They consider Richmond, Va. their hometown.

He received the MD degree from Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, and also attended the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Mrs. Harrington, the former Sandra Newsom, received the diploma in nursing from Riverside Hospital School of Nursing, Newport News, Va., and the BS degree from Medical College of Virginia. She is a registered nurse.

The Harringtons have a daughter, Christine Lee, born in 1985. They will attend a seven-week orientation in Rockville, Va. in June prior to leaving for the field.

Stephen W. and Susan Bowers were among 64 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 11 at Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

The Bowerses will live in Ecuador where he will be starting and developing churches and she will be working in

social ministries. They will also be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Stephen Bowers is associate pastor in religious education at Vine Street Baptist Church, Louisville. A native of Arkansas, he considers Baton Rouge, La. his home. He received the BS degree from Louisiana State University and the MDiv degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He was an intern in the Evangelism Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a consultant in evangelism for the KBC.

Mrs. Bowers, the former Susan Underwood, is a native of Georgia. She received the BA degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, the MDiv degree from New Orleans Seminary and the MSW degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville. She has been a social worker at Home of the Innocents, Louisville.

The Bowerses will go to Rockville, Va. in January for a seven-week orientation prior to departing for Ecuador.

deaths

Homer Davis Long of Harrodsburg died Oct. 10. He was 68.

The retired pastor held pastorates in Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Paint Lick, and Cornishville Baptist Church. After retirement he was supply minister and a member of Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Long attended Campbellsville College, Clear Creek Baptist School and was a graduate of Georgetown College.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Tilghman Long; a son, John Davis Long of Versailles; three brothers, Clyde Long of Mercer County, Bill Long of Willisburg and Ray Long of Louisville; two sisters, Mrs. Cordie Lay of Harrodsburg and Mrs. Leona Burns of Louisville; one grandson, Jody Davis Long of Versailles, and several nieces and nephews.

Emily C. Jaegle of Louisville died Oct. 21 at Baptist Hospital East. She was 91.

The former Emily Clark, Mrs. Jaegle was treasurer of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union from 1948-77. The Ferguson-Jaegle Conference Center at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly is named for her. Kentucky WMU is giving a memorial gift to the Second Century Fund of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, in her honor.

Mrs. Jaegle was a member of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville. Funeral services were held Oct. 24 with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. She is sur-

vived by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Robert DeFoor and Henry Johns. Burial was in Versailles Cemetery.

associations

Groundbreaking for a new \$120,000 educational building was held by Elk Lick Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Logan Association, Sept. 25. The new addition will consist of 10 Sunday school rooms and rest rooms. Pastor of the church is William G. Humphrey.

Drs. Glen and Rose Davis of **Thornhill Baptist Church**, Frankfort, Franklin Association, left in August to serve for two years as English teachers in Najing, China. William Hartung is pastor.

Liberty Baptist Association, Glasgow, called **John Nunley** as director of missions. For the past seven years he has been director of missions for Powell River Baptist Association, Jonesville, Va. He is a graduate of Cumberland College and has held pastorates in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

Bell Baptist Association passed a resolution against the state lottery at its annual session Oct. 13-14. The resolution encouraged ministers, messengers and members of Bell Association "to use all resources available" to defeat the state supported lottery. Chairman of the resolutions committee is Melvin Sulfridge.

ordinations

First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, was to ordain **Mark Long** to the ministry Oct. 16 in the evening service. Pastor of First Church is J. Robert White.

Larry Hargrove, Mike Conyer and Tim Porter were ordained as deacons at Salem (Ky.) Baptist Church, Ohio River Baptist Association, Oct. 9. Pastor of Salem is Charles Woody.

Gethsemane Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, ordained its pastor, **Bob Taylor**, July 31.

Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, Marion, Ohio River Baptist Association, was to ordain **Roy Jacobs** Nov. 6. Pastor of Caldwell Springs is Lester Watson.

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homes for children

A special person

During a recent speaking engagement at Victory Baptist Church, Providence, I had an opportunity to visit for a few minutes with someone who has had a significant impact on my life, but whom I have not seen in many years.

Wayne Morris, now a teacher in Providence High School, was my history teacher at Dixon and then at Webster County High School. He was also the high school baseball coach at both schools.

Morris really made history come alive in his classroom and sparked a lifelong love of history for me. I majored in history at Western Kentucky University and I am still fascinated by it today.

Morris also gave me an opportunity to work with the baseball team. I am not an athlete, but I loved baseball and wanted to be a part of the team. He allowed me to serve as the team manager and to keep the score book for the high school games for four years. That experience is one that was very meaningful to me for it gave me a way to participate with the players and taught me a lot about the game itself.

Children and young people gain so much from relationships with significant people in their lives. Though peer influence is so vital in the life of a young person, the most important impact still comes from the adults to whom they look for example and leadership.

Many of us can look back to those special people who really influenced our lives. While parents are very important, so often we are influenced by a school teacher or Sunday school teacher or some other adult who takes the time to really get to know us as individuals and who let us contribute in a meaningful way.

For so many of the young people at Baptist Homes for Children, that significant person is a child care worker with whom they feel real acceptance and value. It is that person who truly impacts the life of a child.

I have witnessed many phone calls back to a house mother just to touch home base after a child has left care. Those phone calls really show the significance of people in an individual's life.

I believe it takes a special gift to be able to care and reach children in such a way. I salute those teachers, child care workers and others who day in and day out make a real difference in the lives of children.

Melzoni Foundation to aid mountain school

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Melzoni and Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Sharon Melzoni) Black of Dayton, Oh. have established The Melzoni Foundation in honor of their father, two uncles and in memory of one uncle. The Foundation will assist persons entering Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky.

The Foundation is in honor of Tom Melzoni Sr., pastor emeritis of Miami Shore Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh. where he pastored 25 years; Pete Melzoni, pastor emeritis of First Baptist Church, Lebanon, Oh., and Bill Melzoni, pastor of Teetersville Baptist Church,

Harlan, Ky.

Tom Melzoni Jr., pastor of Central Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, Tenn., followed the family tradition by becoming a pastor. He has been the pastor of Central for the past four years after spending four years as the associate pastor of First Baptist, Dallas, Tex. He and his sister, Sharon Melzoni Black, established The Melzoni Foundation to help provide additional funds for those who enter the ministry late in life. The average Clear Creek student is 32 years old, has a family, lives on campus and is starting over by leaving one career to begin another.



Pictured l-r: Tom Melzoni, Tom Melzoni Sr., Bill Melzoni and Pete Melzoni.

"Boys will be boys" at Georgetown

"Boys will be boys" as the old saying goes and so it was in 1932 when three freshman pranksters at Georgetown College stole the dinner bell from Rucker Hall, a woman's dormitory which housed the college's cafeteria. The bell would be rung by an honor student to call students to breakfast, lunch and dinner.

After 56 years of missing, the famous bell was returned to the campus during Georgetown's homecoming weekend, Oct. 21-22, by George B. "Swede" Wilson, a 1933 graduate of Georgetown College and a resident of Dowagiac, Mich.

Wilson was a senior at Georgetown when the bell was taken. Although he was not involved with the heist, he did know the three who took it. According to Wilson, two of the three "boys" are still living.

"Swede," as he was known to his friends because of his blonde hair, was brought into the missing bell caper approximately a month ago when he, by chance, "met one of the freshman who

took it" at an Elks Lodge dinner in Dowagiac.

"This fellow came up to me and asked, 'Swede'? I acknowledged to him I was known by Swede, but I didn't recognize him," laughed Wilson. "He told me who he was and that he was one of the fellows responsible for taking the dinner bell at Georgetown. I then recognized him."

Wilson continued to say that the gentleman had felt so guilty all these years that he brought his minister with him to confess the minor incident.

"He asked me if I was planning to attend Georgetown's homecoming this year and I said I was. He then gave me the bell and asked me to return it to the college. When he handed it to me he said that it greatly relieved his conscience," said Wilson.

The bell, which is estimated by Wilson to be about 100 years old, was formally presented to Georgetown College president W. Morgan Patterson at the school's annual alumni banquet, Friday evening.

SWBTS trustees transfer Hispanic Seminary

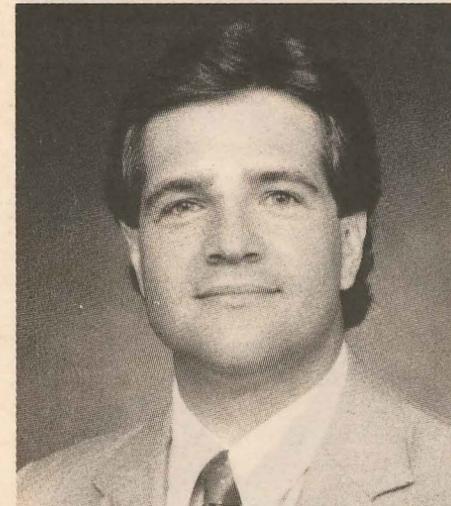
Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary approved the transfer of Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary to the Baptist General Convention of Texas and voted unanimously to support a sister seminary during their fall meeting Oct. 17-18.

Southwestern's trustees gave approval to transfer Hispanic Seminary in San Antonio, Tex., to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The school had been part of the Texas convention until 1982, when it became a component of Southwestern, located

in Ft. Worth, Tex. Since becoming part of Southwestern, Hispanic Seminary has received accreditation and increased its endowment.

But the Texas convention asked Southwestern to transfer the school back to the BGCT as part of the Bold Mission Texas evangelism/church-starting campaign. The action "moves it (Hispanic Seminary) back into a mission context rather than the academic setting," said Southwestern president Russell Dilday. (BP)



Paul Fruits

Georgia pastor to become director of prospective student services at SBTS

Georgia pastor Paul Fruits has been named director of prospective student services at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Fruits, 32, will assume the new responsibilities in mid November.

A 1984 Southern Seminary graduate, Fruits has been pastor of Hillsboro (Ga.) Baptist Church since 1986. He also has been director of admissions at Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., and director of church relations at Mercer University, Macon, Ga. He and his wife Cynthia have two children, Ryan and Lauren.

At Southern, Fruits will direct a program offering information and services to persons across the country who have expressed an interest in attending the seminary.

Campbellsville alumna's art is black and white

Loretta Collins Schoonmaker of Rochester, N. Y., a 1984 alumnus of Campbellsville (Ky.) College, is exhibiting her art at Campbellsville College's Gosser Fine Arts Center Gallery through Nov. 18.

The exhibit is open to the public Monday-Friday 8 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m.

The exhibit is a collection of black and white drawings.

Her past exhibit experience consists of a first place award in the Campbellsville College Student Art Exhibit in 1982, her senior exhibit in 1982 and exhibiting in 1987 at the Bativa National.

Spring preregistration for Cumberland College set for Nov. 7-17

Preregistration for spring semester at Cumberland College will be held Monday, Nov. 7 through Thursday, Nov. 17, according to Cumberland College president Jim Taylor.

Students planning to take classes during the spring semester, including graduate students and students not enrolled this semester, should preregister.

Preregistration will be held in the Preregistration Center, Gatliff Building, Room 223 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students who do not preregister during their scheduled times must wait until Friday, Nov. 18, or the beginning of the spring semester.

For more information contact the office of the Registrar at 549-2200, ext. 4316.

A growing family tree for Jamestown congregation

by Virginia Flanagan
State Correspondent

Using the symbol of the growing tree, Jamestown Baptist Church celebrated the success of its "Together We Build" program.

The total Sunday morning program on Oct. 9 was in recognition of the completion of the plan to enlarge the existing physical plant.

The new facility, which was built at a total cost of approximately \$400,000, includes an enlarged sanctuary area, remodeled kitchen space, and three mini-wings.

These mini-wings included a pre-school wing, a children and youth wing and a young adult and activity center

wing. An office suite and additional rest rooms are also included in the new space.

A big part of the celebration was due to the fact that the plan had called for five years to complete. The church support was great enough that the program was completed in four years.

The Sunday school lesson was written by the pastor, Dan Grider. It was based on the theme of the "Together We Build" program. The guest speaker for the morning service was Wayne Dehoney. Dehoney is the retired pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. His topic was the building of the church and he told those present there was no higher calling than to build the church of Christ. Dehoney said that long after the

stones and mortar are gone, what the church had done would be remembered.

A multi-media presentation, prepared by Grider, showed the progression of the building following Dehoney's message.

The service then moved outside to plant a white dogwood tree symbolizing the growth of the church. Each member was given a small bag of dirt to sprinkle around the roots.

The motto of the Jamestown Baptist Church is "The Church With A Growing Spirit." This motto is part of the basis for the building program theme and is illustrated with a genealogy tree that has been placed on the wall in the foyer of the church. On the tree trunk are the names of the cornerstone builders who built the first phase of the church which was dedicated 20 years ago.

On the leaves are the names of the "Together We Build" partners who have built the second phase which was dedicated on Oct. 9.

The names on the apples appearing on the tree are the new families who have joined the church since May 1987 when the second phase was launched.

Following the tree planting ceremony was a fellowship meal. During the afternoon, a community open house was well attended.

Grider said the church was celebrating four years of growth. He pointed out that Jamestown was not a rapidly growing community in population, but the church has experienced growth in spite of that. He emphasized the church wanted this celebration to celebrate

what the Lord has done.

Grider added the church wanted its motto, "The Church With A Growing Spirit," to communicate to people the positive spirit and the Lord's spirit which is making them grow. Grider said many, like the late Judge Kenton Cooper, had worked hard to bring this second phase into reality. According to Grider, Jamestown Baptist Church is a positive and exciting place to be.

Downtown churches plan for the future

Across Kentucky, there has been considerable publicity concerning downtown churches. These represent some of the oldest, largest and most visible of institutions.

According to Kenneth W. Brooks, an architect with the Johnson and Romanowitz firm of Lexington, downtown churches are planning for the future. They are making commitments to remain in their downtown locations; they are involved in planning or construction projects; and they are growing and prospering in their locations.

Downtown churches are not without challenges. Land is still expensive, parking is still a problem and security can be a concern.

Brooks suggests churches should meet these challenges by comprehensive mission program and building planning for the future.

Jamestown Baptist Church members (l to r) H. K. Cooper and Lois Meece sprinkle their bags of dirt over the white dogwood planted to celebrate the dedication of its new facility.



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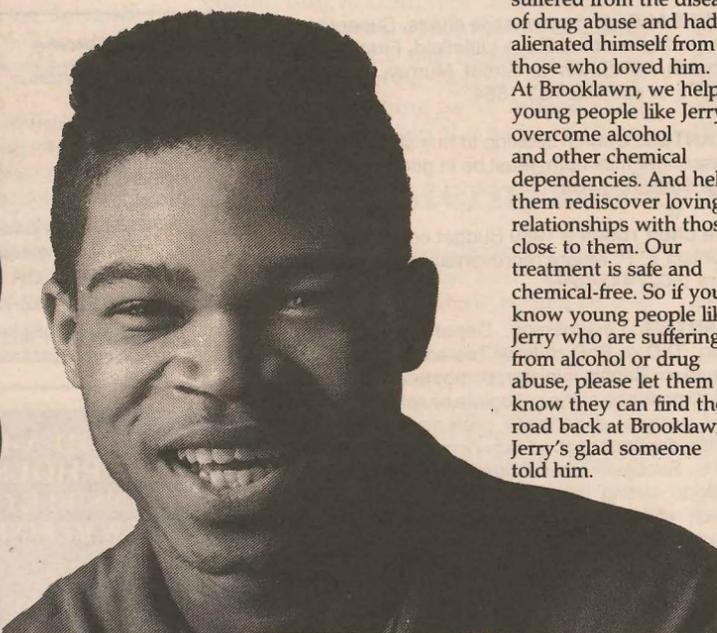
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baptist news in brief

Memphian to head state Baptist Hospital network

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Roger Struble of Memphis, Tenn. has been elected to succeed Ben Brewer as president and chief executive officer of Baptist Hospitals Inc. His appointment is effective Dec. 1. Brewer is retiring after a 30-year career with the multi-hospital system.

BHI is Kentucky's largest system of not-for-profit health care facilities, operating acute care hospitals in Paducah, Corbin, Lexington and Louisville, as well as Health Data Network, a computer services division.

Struble, 40, is senior vice president in charge of health care corporate development at Baptist Memorial Health Care



Struble



Brewer

System Inc., Memphis.

Making the announcement, Leonard Hardin, BHI board chairman, president and chief executive officer of Louisville's First National Bank, said: "We're

confident the corporation will move forward in seeking new opportunities to meet the diverse health care needs of the communities we serve. The choice of Mr. Struble will greatly enhance these goals."

Brewer has been president and chief executive officer of Baptist Hospitals Inc. since 1984. He joined BHI in 1958 as administrator of Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah. In 1965 he transferred to Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, as president. He became president of Louisville Baptist Hospitals in 1976.

Struble has 16 years' experience with his present firm. That system includes the nation's largest private hospital, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and nine regional hospitals in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Struble began his health care career in 1972 as administrative resident at Baptist Memorial Hospital. In 1973 he

was promoted to administrative assistant and in 1975, assistant vice president. In 1980 he transferred from the hospital to its parent company, Baptist Memorial Health Care System Inc., where he was appointed vice president. He became senior vice president two years ago.

Struble holds a master's degree in hospital administration from Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex. Earlier, he received the BA degree in experimental psychology from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton.

His professional affiliations include membership in the American College of Health Care Executives, American Hospital Association and Tennessee Hospital Association.

Struble and his wife Hope have two sons, Eddie, 15, and Timothy, 10. He is a deacon at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and chairman of the trustees of Evangelical Christian School there.

Christian leaders urge video 'E.T.' boycott

Christians should continue to protest "The Last Temptation of Christ" by boycotting the just-released video version of "E.T.—The Extra-Terrestrial," according to a statement signed by leaders of more than 25 denominations and religious groups.

The religious leaders' statement calls on Christians to take five actions:

—"Pray for those responsible for the film, that they become sensitive to and develop respect for religious beliefs.

—"Express appreciation to those theaters which elected not to show 'The Last Temptation of Christ.'

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tation of Christ' and those theaters which show the movie.

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Southern Baptist signers of the protest statement are convention president Jerry Vines, Jacksonville, Fla., and Larry Braidfoot, general counsel, Christian Life Commission in Nashville. (BP)

Trustee fun includes work, too

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees filled two vacancies on its board and heard a report from its executive committee during a called board meeting Oct. 19 that concluded a two-day trustee retreat.

Although Southern's trustee board has only one full meeting annually, the trustees' third annual fall retreat also included a brief business session. The first two retreats were held in Louisville, where the seminary is located, but this year's event was moved to Orlando, Fla., at the invitation of a trustee who provided accommodations.

Two trustees added to the 63-member

board are James E. Harris, Baptist associational religious education director in Dayton, Oh., and Samuel Carey Heard, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark.

Harris, whose election is subject to ratification by the full board at its 1989 annual meeting in April, will fill the unexpired term of Ohio trustee Ronald E. Stewart, who moved out of the state. Heard, who will serve until the 1989 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, will fill the unexpired term of Arkansas trustee Mark Coppenger, who left that state.

During the 90-minute business session, trustees authorized an off-campus program of professional and graduate theological education by the seminary, including degree and diploma programs, for the Northeast, beginning with seminary centers in Pittsburgh and Boston.

Southern will be the lead seminary in an agreement between the six SBC seminaries and the Northeast Task Team for Theological Education to develop opportunities for theological education in the Northeast. (BP)

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ACTS sale set Dec. 13

The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has set a special meeting of the commission for Dec. 13 to complete transfer of the ACTS network to a for-profit corporation, commission president Jimmy R. Allen announced.

Friends of ACTS, a San Antonio, Tex., corporation, contracted to assume operation of ACTS in an agreement signed June 9, Allen said. The contract calls for Friends of ACTS to continue the programming policies currently in effect for the network and provide up to 35 hours per week of time for commission-produced programs for 30 years.

In addition, the commission is to be paid \$11 million at closing, Allen noted. (BP)

China TV special features Centurymen

The gospel will be heard for the first time over television in the People's Republic of China when the Centurymen, a 100-voice men's chorus representing Southern Baptists, is featured on a nationwide TV broadcast in mainland China during November. (See editorial, page 2.)

The chorus, made up of choral directors from all over the United States, left for Beijing Oct. 31, where they will produce a TV program on the new Central China Television studios.

Jointly sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission and Cooperative Services International, the program of gospel, folk and traditional American and Chinese music will be broadcast throughout China Nov. 16. The government-owned television system claims 500 million viewers.

Several songs will be sung phonetically in Mandarin, the language understood by most Chinese. Arrangements written by Centurymen conductor Buryl Red will feature the chorus and the China Broadcasting Traditional Orchestra, Ft. Worth, Tex. Baptist Book Store. After holding several positions in the one-hour program. Orchestra director Peng Xiu Wen also has written an original composition.

The Centurymen and their spouses will remain in China for a public concert in Shanghai sponsored by the Christian churches of that area. Groups of Centurymen will sing in a number of churches Sunday, Nov. 13.

Bob Thornton, the commission's vice president for production, is director for the program and heads a crew that will produce an hour-long documentary to be aired in the United States during 1989 over ABC television. The documentary will chart the growth of Christianity in China and will feature the stories of both pastors and laypeople in the world's most populace nation, Thornton said. (BP)

Six sought to fill associate's role in Church Music Department

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The administrative committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board has approved restructuring the presently vacant church music associate's position. It will be divided among six part time consultants. The new plan takes effect as soon as the consultants are employed.

The rationale behind the restructuring includes the fact two other Baptist state conventions, Mississippi and Louisiana, report positive experiences after having adopted similar plans. In addition, a Baptist Sunday School Board official has encouraged it.

LeRoy McClard, field service supervisor in the board's Church Music Department, suggested that a contract consultant plan "improves the effectiveness of the state church music program."

The Kentucky music consultants will be specialists in a given area of expertise, including: adult music, youth music, preschool-children's music, keyboards, handbells-instruments and associational music.

The Church Music Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, headquartered in Middletown, formerly included a staff of three full time employees—director, associate director and secretary. It will now include two full time employees—director and secretary—plus the six contractual consultants who will each work one day per week, plus a part time secretary and a seminary music student intern.

Jim Cordell, former department as-

sociate, was elected earlier this year to succeed Eugene F. Quinn, director, upon Quinn's retirement.

Cordell is presently seeking qualified persons to fill these six posts. Applicants must live in or near Middletown and be available one day per week. Cordell may be contacted at Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, telephone (502) 245-4101.

Contract consultants will be paid on an hourly basis and guaranteed a minimum number of seven hours and a maximum of 10 hours weekly. Insurance coverage and retirement benefits will not be provided. While not receiving travel expenses to and from work, each consultant will be reimbursed for travel while conducting department assignments.

Consultants who participate as faculty members, adjudicators or clinicians at camps, festivals and retreats will receive expenses, travel allowances and honoraria as provided for all special workers according to convention policy.

Cordell said the consultants might include part time ministers of music, full time musicians whose churches consider Sunday as one of their five weekly work days and spouses of musicians who, themselves, hold music degrees and are seeking part time ministry opportunities.

He said the concept was shared with a 30-member Kentucky Baptist music evaluation task force in August. "Without exception," said Cordell, "they all agreed this approach has the best potential for meeting the church music needs in our state."

BSSB veteran Clark to retire at 57

James W. Clark, senior vice president for publishing and distribution at the Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced his intention to retire in 1989.

Clark, a 34-year employee of the board, told members of the board's trustee executive committee, "The effects of stress are evident in my life, and it is time for me to make a change." However, he said he will work with president Lloyd Elder to set a retirement date to enable him to complete "several pieces of essential work which would be easier for me than for a new replacement."

Clark, 57, said he "will be working in religious publishing as an independent contractor." He said the work "will re-

quire less than half my time, so I will be able to do many of the things developing some new skills to playing golf and racquetball."

Clark became an employe of the board in 1954 as a visual aids worker in the Ft. Worth, Tex. Baptist Book Store. After holding several positions in the Broadman Division, Clark in 1962 became manager of the Church Literature Department and was promoted to Broadman Division director in 1971. In 1976 he became interim executive vice president and was elected executive vice president in 1977, a position he held until assuming his present post in 1987. (BP)

Southeastern faculty seek Silers' return

The faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has called for Mahan and Janice Silers' return to the classroom.

The Silers have been adjunct professors at the Wake Forest, N. C. seminary six years, team-teaching a marriage enrichment course. He is pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in nearby Raleigh, and she is a marriage and family counselor.

Southeastern trustees met in a closed session during their Oct. 10-11 meeting to discuss the Silers' situation. Afterward, chairman Robert Crowley announced the trustees had upheld their instruction committee's decision not to continue the Silers' adjunctive status.

The reason for the Silers' discontinuation has not been made public. Comments made by several indicate the action was taken because of statements by Mahan Silers outside the classroom, not

because of Silers' teaching.

The Southeastern Seminary chapter of the American Association of University Professors, which includes all the seminary's full time faculty, some adjunct professors and some staff, now has called on the trustees to reverse their decision. A statement issued by the AAUP chapter notes it "expresses outrage and deep regret and perceives that the board of trustees has acted in a capricious and arbitrary manner to dismiss Mahan and Janice Siler, noted professionals, from the instructional staff of the seminary."

Michael Hawn, president of Southeastern's AAUP chapter and a professor of church music, said, "While no specific reason was given, it appears to us the Dr. Siler is being dismissed not for what he teaches at Southeastern but for what he preaches from his pulpit and what he believes in his heart." (BP)



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Searching the scriptures

Do you have a favorite Bible passage? John 3:16? The great commission? The golden rule? The beatitudes?

I love them all. There are other passages I associate with events, places or people which have significance for me. Several set to music remind me that I sang them in a youth choir:

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee (Ps. 51:10-13).

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches (Ps. 104:24).

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:6-7).

At Ridgecrest, I often paused at Johnson Springs prayer garden during five seasons as a summer staffer. A little sign in that lovely spot spoke to me: *Be still, and know that I am God (Ps. 46:10)*. That verse reminds me of a place I talked with God beside rhododendron near a brook on a secluded hillside.

But the scripture I associate most with Ridgecrest is the love chapter (1 Cor. 13). The late Willard K. (Daddy) Weeks, assembly manager, 1950-67, chose it as the staff theme. Not a weekly staff meeting was held in 17 summers that it was not read. It is difficult for me to separate its closing words from Weeks himself, for he lived it daily: *And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (1 Cor. 13:13)*.

The beloved H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, our pastor for many years, is a profound biblical scholar. His sermons, the ordinances and other parts of services he conducted included memorized passages from King James. The truths he quoted weekly on receiving the offering made lasting impressions on me, as: *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:6-7)*.

His annual Christmas sermon, "Searching the Scriptures" (Jn. 5:39), was a recitation of passages prophesying and proclaiming Jesus' birth.

I love this holy Bible, book divine. Yes, *The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever (Isa. 40:8)*.

baptist forum

Why publish a man's downfall?

I am writing in regard to the article telling of a Dallas pastor who resigned because of sexual misconduct. It is indeed to be regretted a man of his ability has been taken out of God's service.

Why was the publication of this man's downfall publicized in Kentucky and no doubt in many other areas? Are our Baptist papers that hard up for news? Wouldn't it have been kinder for this story not to have appeared in our state paper and other state papers? Scripture tells us love is kind. In circulating the story of this man's downfall we have not helped him or advanced the kingdom. Such action is not kind.

I do not condone or excuse the conduct of this pastor. My heart goes out to him. The Lord can again use him and, like David, he may experience a deeper sense of God's love and purpose.

We need to let him know we remember him in prayer.

H. B. Kuhnle
Lexington

Hospital ad ill advised

I think the ad for Baptist Hospital Inc. on the back of Western Recorder, Oct. 18, was ill advised. Black magic, crystal gazing and astrology are anti-Christian and they should not appear in a Christian publication. Besides, I see no connection of the picture and the copy.

Harold Greenfield
Princeton

The hospitals responded to Mr. Greenfield in the following letter:

I thank you very much for your letter of Oct. 24. Baptist Hospitals Foundation is very concerned about its image. The ad that you referred to in the Oct. 18 issue of Western Recorder did not include a very important line of copy under the picture. That line of copy is "Creating the Magic of Giving."

This oversight on our part could in fact create confusion to the reader of the ad. Please accept our sincere apology for this oversight on our part. I am sure you can appreciate the many levels of supervision that an ad goes through before it is ready for publication. Our attention to detail will drastically increase because of this error.

The theme of the Baptist Hospitals Foundation is "The Magic of Giving." It is a theme that best conveys our support of Baptist Hospitals Inc. This theme has been in place for over a year and has received many accolades and several "professional" awards. The young man who is the illusionist in our ads is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and is starting his 13th year as a minister to children in a Kentucky Baptist church. As an illusionist, he performs nationwide well over 100 times per year. The closing remarks in all his performances center around the beauty of God's world and the effect we all can have on others through God's love.

"The Magic of Giving" theme has been

instrumental in sharing the many programs that are available through the Foundation whereby individuals like yourself can share of their resources in helping others.

I have enclosed some of our most recent publication and hope that you will share those with your friends as you evaluate your participation as a FRIEND of Baptist Hospitals Foundation, as it supports the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. We are also very happy that we have a seven-minute video titled "The Magic of Giving." It has played a dominating role in sharing the good works of Baptist Hospitals Foundation.

If at any time Baptist Hospitals Foundation can be of service to you, your family or your friends, we would be more than happy to do so. Have a happy day and don't let the day end without sharing the love of Jesus with someone.

Charles W. Cox Jr.
Vice President
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A double blessing from WR

The weekly edition of Western Recorder has become the weekly newsletter for the members of First Baptist Church, Morehead. We were mailing a weekly newsletter to 275 families and sending Western Recorder to about 65 households. A year ago we combined these two publications by asking Western Recorder to print our newsletter on the back page of the paper.

The result has been a double blessing. First we cut our weekly publication costs by nearly 50 percent. Second every member of our church now receives Western Recorder. This combination gives our members weekly information about events in the SBC, news and program events from the KBC, the monthly newsletter of our local association and the latest on the happenings in our own church.

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Don Mantoath
Morehead

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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.

Kentucky native proving Christ's love real in Mali

by Beverly Coad

The Baptist Mission farm is located in western Mali in a valley walled in on three sides by mountains and steep slopes. A narrow, 10-mile track which was carved on the edge of the cliffs by a Catholic mission in the 1950s is the only access to the village on the mountaintop. Rarely is there anything more than foot traffic that attempts the hazardous journey over the roadbed of stones laid side by side.

When you can do something to help them that you don't have to do . . . they search for the reason that motivates it.

In November 1987 Kentucky cattleman and pastor Mike Krahwinkel and his family moved to the Mali farm to serve as agricultural evangelists. The first thing he did after their move was to make the trip up the mountain in his four-wheel-drive pickup which barely fit the narrow trail.

Krahwinkel went because a mountain man from Golea, a village of 2000 people, invited him. During his visit he explained that he was a Christian and that he would like to come from time to time to talk to them about Jesus Christ and his love for them. The people invited him back the following Sunday to visit with the village chief and elders and explain what he wanted to do.

The following Sunday he and his wife, Pat, and daughters (Kariss, 9, and

Kamille, 7) made the hazardous journey once again to the top of the mountain. During the visit with the village authorities, Krahwinkel asked how he might help the people. They told him their greatest needs were water and health care. The visit ended with permission for him to come as often as possible to share his religious beliefs.

Krahwinkel and his family began to make the hour-and-15-minute trip twice weekly to Golea. They gave first aid, transported barrels of water from a creek to the village, told Bible stories and taught Christian songs. They also transported the seriously ill down the mountain to the hospital at Kenieba.

Then, a group of lepers began to come each time Krahwinkel made his visits. Many of them had open sores and were losing their extremities. Krahwinkel talked to the medical people in Kenieba and was informed that there was a nationally sponsored program to help lepers. A medical person from Kenieba began to accompany him to Golea to treat the lepers and to train a village person to dispense medicine and monitor the progress of the disease.

After the Krahwinkels became well known in Golea, a second village, Sitokoto (population about 1000), sent an invitation to them to visit their village. They began similar ministries there.

In these villages there were 20 severely anemic children. They were about two-years-old, but they were no larger than a four-month baby. He transported many of these children to the clinic in Kenieba. However, to those who were financially unable to go, they began to supply vitamins, minerals, baby cereal and powdered milk.

Of a little girl at Krahwinkel said, "She looked like the horror pictures that you see of famine victims: large skull,



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Krahwinkel

no hair, toothpick arms and legs, blouted belly. She had no muscle control and she was totally unresponsive."

After one month's care the father came to Krahwinkel with a gift of manioc root. He explained, "This gift is because now our baby plays, now our baby laughs, now our baby is alive."

Krahwinkel responded, "This is all possible because of Christ. Christ cares about people and will help them."

In March 1988 the women of Golea spent all their time walking long distances trying to find water. Krahwinkel suggested to the village authorities that they try to dig a well. The villagers, Krahwinkel and his helpers, dug by hand for two days.

Then, they hit solid rock. Krahwinkel furnished air compressors and jack hammers and trained the workers to use them. They used this method for three weeks. It was too slow and expensive.

Krahwinkel found a worker who knew how to use dynamite. For a month-and-a-half, they blasted the rock. They finally reached a depth of 40 feet but there was not a significant amount of water. Everyone was discouraged.

People from two other villages came to ask assistance with their hand dug wells. Krahwinkel and his workers increased the depth of one well by 10 feet with dynamite and the water production increased from two barrels to 20 barrels

a day.

Just before planting time this year the president of Mali instructed all the gold miners in the villages in the Kenieba region to stop their mining and to start cultivating when the rains came. These people had no seed in reserve. When they tried to procure grain on credit, there was none.

The rains came early in June and the people who are traditionally farmers planted their seed. Then the rains stopped for several weeks. There was not enough seed to replant.

Krahwinkel and his workers made the 20-hour grueling trip to Bamako, Mali's capital, to procure grain. They transported 12 tons of peanuts, two tons of rice and one ton of corn back to Kenieba where they were distributed to 350 farmers, enough grain to plant 525 acres, about 50 percent of the grain needs in the immediate Kenieba area.

Many of the farmers continue to visit Krahwinkel to watch the progress of his own gardens where he planted 50 varieties of produce unknown to the people of Kenieba. Men who traditionally leave gardening to women are asking for seeds to try.

Krahwinkel believes that helping to meet human need is tied directly to sharing the gospel.

"Just to come and present the gospel with words has little effect," remarked Krahwinkel. "People aren't searching for something new. They are happy in their tradition. They don't see anything wrong with it," he added.

"When you can do something to help them that you don't have to do or that is not of direct benefit to you, they search for the reason that motivates it," he explained. "By helping with food, water, medicine, by helping the lepers, by providing seed, it proves that Christ's love is real."

BSU state president walks through doors God opens

by Kima Jude, State Correspondent

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

Hunter Bates was a mere boy, age 7, when he committed himself to the Lord. He opened the door and let Christ into his life.

Since then, the doors have been opening to him.

Only 20 years old now, he has already amassed a list of rare and unusual accomplishments.

A senior at Eastern Kentucky University, the Williamsburg native is state president of the Baptist Student Union.

He also was elected president of EKV's Student Senate, a position which carries rank as president of the university's entire student government.

He spent last summer working as a legislative correspondent in U. S. Sen. Mitch McConnell's office in Washington, D. C.

Earlier, he was on an Olympic outreach team which traveled to Calgary to minister.

He served another summer on a travel team which ministered in various churches and camps around the state.

He was awarded two years in a row as best supporting actor for roles in collegiate dramas.

He graduated valedictorian of his high school class.

The list is longer, but Bates defers credit.

"The only thing I've ever done in my life is walk through open doors."

The making of the man came early in his life. Bates was 10 when his alcoholic father died unexpectedly in circumstances which ultimately resulted in a manslaughter conviction against responsible persons.



Twenty-year-old Hunter Bates is BSU state president and president of Eastern Kentucky University student government. He credits the Lord with providing him opportunities of serving his fellow man.

"It was the truest valley of my life. Looking back, I see that time as really the foundation building of my life."

Bates said his mother led by example. She sought comfort from God. So did he. It also came from his church family and friends. Bates is a member of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

"God pulled me out of it." His three-year-old commitment was sealed. "How could I turn my back on him?"

In high school he sought involvement. He quarterbacked the football team. He played basketball. He was introduced to notoriety through his sister, who became the first female in the state to play high school football. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steely, he has two sisters and two brothers.

In his church he became actively involved with its youth group from the seventh grade on. "It was the first door I ever walked through."

Familiar with the BSU program from youth camps, Bates chose to attend EKV, in part because of its strong BSU, despite the fact he had better scholarship offers elsewhere.

"It became my main involvement on campus."

The summer after his freshman year of college he traveled throughout Kentucky, visiting churches and youth camps as a member of SonShare Players, a travel team for which he had auditioned and been selected.

"It was the best summer I ever had. I really grew so much."

Back at EKV as a sophomore he was worship coordinator for the campus BSU, which conducts weekly services. He performed in a drama and was awarded best supporting actor that year. He auditioned for SonLife team, a creative arts performing team which went to Calgary that summer in preparation for the Winter Olympics.

When the winter games opened in February he returned to Calgary for the first week of the games.

"I had an opportunity to meet and minister to the world. That's one of those lifetime experiences you'll never forget."

In his junior year of college Bates became president of the campus BSU and active in the Student Senate. He performed in a second university drama and was again awarded best supporting actor.

"Spring '88 would be considered the apex of excitement in my college career." In February he returned to Calgary for the Olympics. In late March he entered the race for Student Association president. Saturday, Apr. 9, he was elected state BSU president. The next Tuesday he was elected EKV Student Senate president, and on Friday Mitch McConnell's office called and informed Bates he had been accepted as an intern.

He spent last summer answering constituents' mail, attending committee meetings and summarizing reports.

As student government president he represents the students on the Board of Regents, making student appointments to various committees.

Meantime, he's maintained about a 3.7 grade point average while juggling his various duties. As state president of BSU, Bates recently presided over the fall BSU convention. In the spring his major duty will be to preside over a leadership conference. He also makes student appointments to link campuses and state leaders.

To facilitate his schedule, Bates spends any time outside of class in his

Student Association office and evenings in his various meetings. He divides his time equally between student government on one hand and classes and BSU on the other hand, noting that the scholarship which he received as Student Senate president combined with his other academic scholarships equate to a full time scholarship, which he considers should be returned by his personal investment in the university.

He remains active with BSU, attending Tuesday worship services and staying involved with a Wednesday disciple group, choir and a dramatic musical. He also worships with First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Bates carries 12 hours, planning to delay graduation until fall of 1989. "I want to graduate with a degree but also with sanity," he quips. "I also felt I could make the most of my opportunities."

Hunter Bates walks through doors when they open to him. And he does it fully conscious of who opens them.

"It's a constant prayer of mine that Hunter would decrease and that Christ would increase and that everywhere I go . . . that people would see there's something different about that person, and that difference is he has Jesus Christ in his heart and a smile on his face."

Therefore, he seeks involvement with purpose.

Accordingly, Bates is straddling the fence between seminary and law school for his future plans. He envisions himself as a minister, a pastor, a lawyer, or a politician. To prepare himself he majored in English with a minor in business administration, hoping to hone communication skills which will serve him in either capacity.

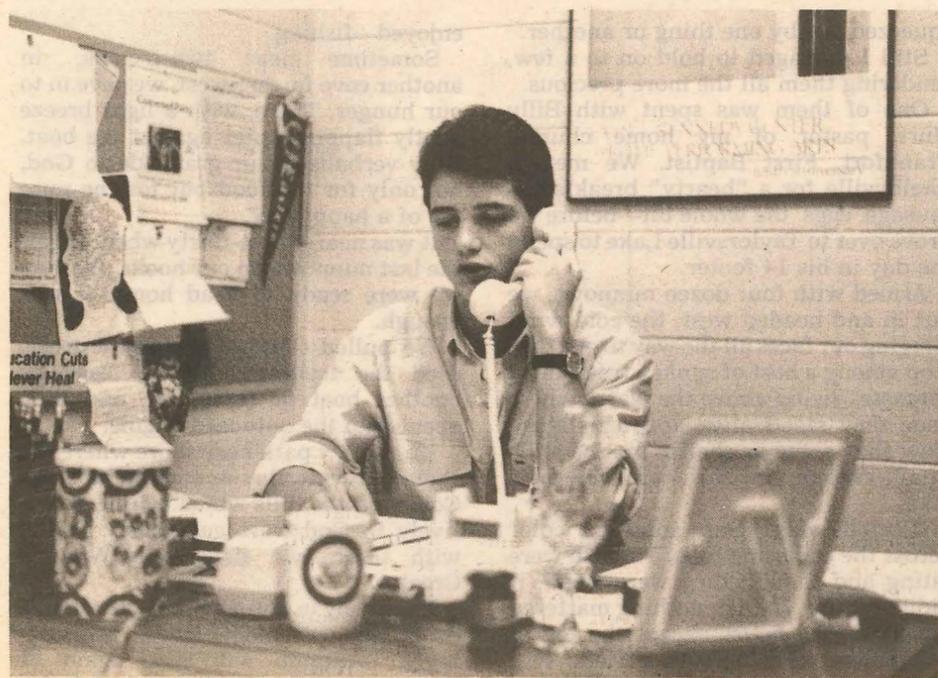
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"But the bottom line is I want to be a minister, regardless of which of these vocations I choose. And I want to be with people every day and hopefully make their lives better in any way, large or small."

Rick Trexler, Baptist campus minister at EKV, credits Bates with having an "immediate impact" on EKV's BSU program. Despite his increased activities and responsibilities, Trexler says Bates manages to keep BSU in the forefront of his life.

He envisions a bright future for the young man. "Hunter has an unlimited potential," he says. Most importantly, Bates has "enough commitment to Jesus Christ as savior and Lord to continue to grow in him."

Bates only knows that when a door opens, he'll go through. He also is aware that doors sometimes close. But, "everywhere I've been and everywhere I'm going is where God's taking me."



Bates talks to students on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.



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A deer runs through campus

Saturday, Oct. 29, our marching band members, cross country team, coaches and other staff were up by 6 a.m. to eat a hearty breakfast prepared by our cooks and several student assistants.

At 7 a.m. they left in three buses in heavy fog. The marching band was headed for Ashland County for an all-day event of performances by 20 bands from varying places. The cross country team went to Paintsville to compete in the annual Regional Championship run.

Two of the band members are also on the "starting five" of our boys Middle School basketball team who were scheduled to play at home at 5 p.m. So a staff member drove his car to bring them back after a 1:30 p.m. band performance for their 5 p.m. game. At the same time a staff member in a car accompanied the cross country team to bring back a third member of the basketball team's "starting five" for the game.

Most schools today are so large that most of their young people are forced to be mere spectators. Oneida is large enough to have a tremendous program, yet small enough that every boy and girl can take part in varying activities if they meet the eligibility requirements.

Many schools limit their students to participation in only one major activity. At Oneida it is our policy and practice to encourage our students to take part in as many things as they physically and emotionally can handle. We want to help

each one discover talents they never knew they had to be successful and achieve.

Staff members must work extra hard and cooperate together to enable the students to have such opportunities. The teachers who went along to chauffeur the students back from the band contest and the cross country meet did not get an extra dime of pay. They volunteered their Saturday to help in this way. That sort of attitude and action is routine at Oneida.

By 9 a.m. the fog had lifted and the sun cut through at Oneida. By that hour scores of students were busy raking leaves on the many acres of the campus and 10 were busy on the compost piles interlading piles of leaves with piles of manure. One could also hear the whir of weed eaters along the campus banks and public highway in front of the school. Passing the swimming pool one could hear the sound of the diving board as each diver makes their dive in their routine Saturday morning practice.

Looking down onto the athletic field I could see a flurry of activity as seniors prepared for a fall festival to help raise money for the annual trip to Washington. Two highlights were the water dunking booth and an old junk car on which one could vent their frustrations with a sledgehammer for a dollar.

Looking beyond to a flurry of activity around the farm shop and new greenhouses across the valley, I was startled by a deer, a doe, running past me and bounding across the athletic field toward Goose Creek! We've never had that happen before. It had run through the entire campus causing great excitement I soon learned.

Then guests began to arrive: a 1980 graduate and several young girls from Indiana; a group of GA's from Calvary Hill, Stanford; a large group from Somerset First Baptist; another large group from Calvary, London; a couple from Cincinnati that hadn't been here in 30 years; eight persons from Masonville and several others.

In the meantime, our boys cross country team placed second in the Regional with all of them, and four of our girls qualifying for the State Tournament. Six of the previous seven years we have won the Regional. Our band did well at Ashland and our middle school boys basketball team won their fourth victory.

The band got back about 11 p.m. Many of them were up at 6 a.m. Sunday to go with the choir to sing at Forest Hills, Belfry, on the West Virginia border.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR NOV. 20, 1988

Life and work series

Sharing the gospel: opportunities

Acts 16:10 Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to go to Bithynia to proclaim the gospel, Paul and his colleagues landed in Troas. On his first night, Paul received a vision of an European, standing with outstretched arms, begging, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Interpreting the vision as a call from the Lord to preach the gospel in Europe, he and his party—in which Luke was then included—set sail for Philippi, the metropolis of Macedonia in Europe. In Philippi many were saved and a church was organized.

Rom. 15:18-24 Paul explained to the Roman Christians that Christ had commissioned him as a minister of the gospel to the Gentiles. He was careful to give all the credit to his Lord.

Paul's ministry was powerful because he fully yielded to Christ and allowed himself to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. He rejoiced in the privilege of preaching to those who had never heard about Christ.

Paul's ministry was purposeful. His aim in preaching, as well as in performing miracles, was to lead the Gentiles to believe on Christ and to obey him: He knew beyond a doubt that to accept Christ as Savior was the way to pardon,

peace, purity and power.

Col. 4:2-4 Prayer is not a spiritual luxury. It is a fundamental expression of the Christian life. It is regrettable so many ignore prayer until a crisis comes. Prayer is a divinely appointed weapon which can be used most effectively against the sinister attacks of Satan. The maintenance of an effective and victorious spiritual life is dependent upon perseverance in prayer.

Vigilance will make us mindful that we have been the recipients of many blessings because we have prayed. This should result in cultivating the spirit of thanksgiving to God. Such a spirit pleases God, enriches the lives of those who hear our expressions of gratitude and greatly benefits those who possess that spirit.

International series

Suffering for the truth

Jer. 38:4-6 Knowing that the besieged city of Jerusalem was going to fall into the hands of the enemy, Jeremiah urged the inhabitants to surrender so their lives might be spared and their city left intact.

The patriotic princes approached King Zedekiah, charged Jeremiah with treason and urged that he be put to death. The king gave them permission to do with Jeremiah whatever they pleased and they cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah. In that deep, dark and damp place they expected him to die. Jeremiah was not in the hands of the wicked conspirators, but in the hands of God.

Jer. 38:7-9 Upon learning that Jeremiah was in the dungeon unjustly, Ebed-melech courageously went to his monarch and called his attention to the cruelty of his princes toward Jeremiah. He got permission to remove the prophet from the dungeon.

Jer. 38:10-13 Ebed-melech went into the palace, got a supply of rags and took with him 30 men from the king's household and proceeded to the dungeon.

Notice his tender solicitude in instructing Jeremiah to put the old, soft rags—which he was about to lower to him—under his armpits so when they began to pull the ropes Jeremiah would not be subjected to pain. Wasn't it wonderful that those worthless clothes could be used to lessen the pain of a man of God? God not only uses humble persons in his service, but he also uses some things which men do not think are worth very much.



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on mission together

Not long 'a lingering

The past four weeks have been about as irregular as any I can remember of late. In the midst of our move, I've been on the road almost 3,000 miles and spent a bunch of "overnights."

Like spring, autumn lasts for such a short time. Outside my office window, the maple flashes her gold, trying to get my attention from the paper work and telephone calls. The leaves are falling . . . not much time left.

Something within me remembers that last year I "blocked out" a few days on the calendar for **this year**. But "things came up" and some of those days were

squeezed out by one thing or another.

Still I managed to hold on to a few, rendering them all the more precious.

One of them was spent with Billy Hurt, pastor of my home church, Frankfort, First Baptist. We met in Shelbyville for a "hearty" breakfast—sausage, eggs, the whole bit—before we drove over to Taylorsville Lake to spend the day in his 14 footer.

Armed with four dozen minnows, we put in and headed west, the cold wind stinging our faces all the way to our first stop among a host of sunken trees; dead carcasses rising above the water where once they stood alive and leaf-laden. Now they serve as shelter for the still-small crappie in this relatively-new lake.

Glorious day! Sun splashed color across the enclosing hills. The fish were biting and though they were small, it didn't matter. In fact, nothing mattered for those few hours except the joy of being alive; of being with a friend; and of doing what I have since childhood so

enjoyed—fishing.

Sometime near two-o'clock, in another cove farther west, we gave in to our hunger. There, with a light breeze gently flapping water against the boat, Billy verbalized our gratitude to God, not only for the food but for the pure joy of a happy day.

It was nearly four-thirty when we put the last minnows on our hooks. By then we were ready to head home. It was enough.

We pulled slowly through the trees, used the trolling motor to ease by another boat of fishermen, and then opened up the outboard engine.

He chose a path near shore where the sheltered water lay as smooth as slate. Colors on the hills which belong exclusively to God were generously shared with these two fishermen. What a Creator!

I'm sitting in my office now, the maple dropping her golden leaves begrudgingly. "Autumn will soon again be gone," she cries. "It is growing late."

Youth: making a difference in Baptist life

Youth—real people with real problems, youth Sunday school writer affirms

by Frank W. White

Working with youth means listening to their music, even though it is nerve-racking, and loving them when they are difficult to like, according to a veteran youth worker who has been honored for excellence in writing youth Sunday school material.

"If you don't like youth, don't even start working with them," advises Lottie Crim, a home missionary in Green River, Wyo., who has taught youth since she was 18.

Mrs. Crim is one of three writers for the Baptist Sunday School Board inducted into the Youth Sunday School Writers Hall of Fame Oct. 14 during a youth Sunday school writers' conference.



The Baptist Sunday School Board views youth as building blocks of a strong church. Curriculum designed for youth bring biblical truths to everyday experiences.

Also inducted in the second hall of fame class were Alice Dawson Cheavens, member of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., and Barbara Kent, member of Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Four writers were inducted in the first class of the hall of fame last year as a recognition for long-term, significant achievements by youth Sunday school writers.

Reflecting on the responsibilities of teaching youth, Mrs. Crim said the job should be approached as a ministry. "Youth are real people with real problems. It's challenging to be involved in helping get them ready for adulthood."

While teaching youth requires a commitment to care for them, writing Sunday school curriculum which will be used by churches of all sizes is a challenge that needs the same understanding.

"I try to anticipate what specific needs youth have related to the scripture passage. I try to open their understanding to how the Bible relates to them," she said.

Mrs. Crim said youth in Wyoming have the same interests, wear the same style clothes and listen to the same music as youth elsewhere in the country. "There are some culture differences with accents and such, but youth have the same problems and concerns," she pointed out.

Writing Sunday school material for youth or working with them requires spending time with them, Mrs. Crim explained.

"Listening to kids is more important than talking to them," she said.

Ministering to youth is a long process that can't be done on Sunday morning. "They need to see you during the week. They need to see you are committed to the church. They need a caring adult other than their parents," she said.

The need for involvement and commitment makes it difficult to have a one-year job of teaching youth, Mrs. Crim said. "It needs to be a long-term commitment. It's a ministry."

Mrs. Crim first wrote a set of mission vacation Bible school materials published in 1977. She has written for the Life and Work Series, youth VBS, youth January Bible Study, *encounter!*, *event* and *Youth Leadership*.

Mrs. Cheavens first wrote for the 1950 *Intermediate Quarterly* and *Intermediate Teacher*. She has written for the Life and Work Series since it was introduced in 1970. In 1971, she published a book, *Youth Questions: God Answers*, dealing with questions youth often ask.

Mrs. Kent has written since 1971 for Convention Uniform Series, Life and Work Series, Youth VBS and Youth January Bible Study. She is coauthor of *God's New People in Action*, a book of the Youth Bible Survey Series.



Missions programs have been central to Baptist youth. Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, SBC, speaks to thousands of GAs annually about the cause of missions.

Baptist Pen Pals for Peace—one youth's quest for international friendships

by Sherianne Bangham

For Courtney Walsh, a day without a letter is a rarity. In fact, a day without six or seven is unusual.

It takes that many for her to keep up with her 200 pen pals.

Miss Walsh, a seventh-grade student at White Station Junior High School in Memphis, Tenn., is founder of Baptist Pen Pals for Peace, an international effort at bringing Baptist young people together in a quest for peace.

"I've grown up being taught that Jesus taught peace. It was the only way in his life, and it should be the only way in our lives," said the 12-year-old student.

God made the world for all people to share, Miss Walsh said. And it is important for people to get to know people in other countries.

Through Baptist Pen Pals, she hopes to help make such relationships come about.

Miss Walsh proposed the project last August at the International Baptist Peace Conference in Sjovik, Sweden. She attended the conference with her parents. Tom Walsh, her father, is vice president of the Baptist Peace Fellow-

ship of North American.

When she read her proposal before the 175 delegates from 26 countries, she received spontaneous applause and promises of support. *Baptist Times* of London even ran a front-page article on her proposal.

Thirty participants from Canada, Sweden, Australia and the United States have joined her. And Courtney receives requests for information from others each week. The organization is for young people up to age 18.

The idea for Baptist Pen Pals began with Courtney's interest in making friends in other countries. Last year she placed an ad for a pen pal in a teen magazine, and her hobby grew from there.

"I thought it was really fun," she said. "A lot of people don't know how to get pen pals."

So she began helping her friends. "I've hooked up some of my pen pals with some of my other pen pals,"

The formation of Baptist Pen Pals was an obvious next step. Through it she finds a natural blend of her hobby and her commitment to peace.

"I think it's important for children to get to know children in other countries," she said. "Maybe as kids they'll do something that will carry on as adults."

Ken Sehested, executive director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American, agrees. "It's hard to hate someone who has a face," he said.

The peace fellowship supplies Courtney with stationary, stamps and space in its office at Prescott Memorial Baptist Church in Memphis. Sehested thinks this is a good idea.

"So much of what we do in this office has a long-term payoff," said Sehested. "Twenty to 30 years from now (participants in Walsh's project) will be part of a generation with a different worldview because they have had contact with other cultures."

He feels more people will respond to Courtney Walsh's pen-pal project.

And so does she. One letter at a time. (BP)



Publishing material for youth and children has been a vital part of Baptist life. From the *Kind Words for the Sunday School Children* to the pages of *encounter!* Sunday school writers continue to communicate the message of Christ.

Audrey Puryear Named Director of Community Services at KBHC



Audrey Puryear (left), new KBHC director of community services discusses a file with her secretary, Kathy Cornetet.

Audrey Puryear, former director of social services at Buckner Baptist Benevolences, South Texas Center, San Antonio, has been named

director of community services at Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, effective September 7.

Miss Puryear, a native Texan, earned the bachelor's degree at Southwest Texas State University and the master's degree in social work at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Prior to joining the Buckner staff, Miss Puryear was a child protective services worker and later, supervisor of child protective service units in the Texas Department of Human Resources. She also has been a summer missionary at Baptist Friendship House, New Orleans, Louisiana, and was interim music and youth director at Bellaire Baptist Church, San Antonio.

While at Buckner she developed and coordinated a number of child care services. Much of her professional experience has been devoted to assisting children and families through crisis intervention and counseling. She also has supervised residential maternity care and special needs adoption services.

At Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Miss Puryear will be responsible for coordinating services of the agency's regional offices in Louisville, Madisonville, Morehead, and Winchester, as well as in the crisis care facilities in Dixon, Elizabethtown, and Morehead. Additionally, she will oversee the intake process of each child entering Baptist Homes for Children.

Miss Puryear is a member of several professional organizations, including the National Association of Christians in Social Work.

She was a member of Baptist Temple in San Antonio where she taught Sunday School, directed the children's choir, and served on the missions, personnel and day care committees.

Audrey Puryear succeeds Edna Woofter who has retired as director of community services.



KBHC Awarded Cooke Foundation Grant

The V. V. Cooke Foundation of Louisville has awarded a grant of \$40,000 to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children for several renovation projects on Cooke Hall at Spring Meadows Children's Home.

Cooke Hall was built in 1949 with funds provided by the V. V. Cooke family. The building is located in the center of Homes for Children's Spring Meadows campus and provides space for staff offices, kitchen facilities, a large dining and recreation area, apartments, and rooms for tutoring.

The V. V. Cooke Foundation grant will be used at Cooke Hall to replace the existing roof, exterior columns, and floor in the the dining/recreation area and to provide a new boiler for the heating system.

Prior to his death in 1973, Louisville businessman V. V. Cooke, Sr., was actively involved in Kentucky Baptist life. Much of his energies focused on helping neglected, abandoned, and abused children. As a supporter of the old Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, Mr. Cooke dedicated himself to a growing outreach to children and was a leader in seeing that the bright new Spring Meadows campus was developed in eastern Jefferson County in the early 1950's.

Additionally, Mr. Cooke was elected the first president of the Baptist Board of Child Care when the Glen Dale Baptist Home and the Spring Meadows Home came together as Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Following Mr. Cooke's death, the Cooke family has continued to play a major role in Kentucky Baptist's ministry to children. Through the years, the Cooke Foundation has supported the agency with several significant grants.

In expressing appreciation for this most recent gift from the V. V. Cooke Foundation, Curtis C. Mooney, KBHC executive director, said, "Few families have played such an important role in the life of Baptist Homes for Children as the V. V. Cookes.

"Each of us at Homes for Children is deeply grateful for this most recent grant from the V. V. Cooke Foundation which will enhance the lives of children who are unable to help themselves. This important gift will be used to touch the lives of untold numbers of children in the years ahead.

"I am grateful to God for the vision of V. V. Cooke and the Cooke family."



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