

## New voice in D. C. to be recommended as SBC body meets

Creation of a new Southern Baptist Convention agency to represent the convention in Washington, D. C. will be recommended to the SBC Executive Committee when it meets Feb. 20-22.

The decision to recommend formation of the Religious Liberty Commission was announced following a Jan. 5-6 meeting of a seven-member committee appointed to study "alternatives" to the relationship between the SBC and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a religious liberty coalition of nine Baptist denominations in the United States and Canada.

Since its formation in 1939, the BJCPA has been the SBC's spokesman on First Amendment issues. The program statement governing SBC participation notes the SBC recognizes the BJCPA "as the sole office in the Washington area through which it maintains contact with the federal government."

In recommending creation of the new commission, the study committee also recommended steps to alter but not terminate the relationship between the BJCPA and the SBC, including reducing SBC funding and changing the way in which those funds are made available.

If the Executive Committee agrees to the creation of the new agency, the action will be recommended to messengers at the 1989 annual meeting of the SBC in Las Vegas, Nev., and to the 1990 annual meeting in New Orleans. According to SBC Bylaw 15, creation of new agencies must be approved by simple majority vote in two consecutive annual meetings.

Other bylaw changes necessitated by the creation of a new agency must be approved only once, but by two-thirds majority votes.

If the recommendation to create the Religious Liberty Commission is approved in both annual meetings, it would be the first new agency created since 1960, when the Stewardship Commission was voted into being.

The SBC currently has 20 national entities, including the Executive Committee, four general boards, seven institutions, seven commissions and one auxiliary. (BP)

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## Calvin Fields' legacy helps 100 young men attend Camp Rabro who otherwise couldn't

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In only seven summers a little known scholarship established by the family of a strong mentor in Baptist young men's work has helped at least 100 boys attend a week at Camp Rabro.

Rabro is the Royal Ambassador camp on the Cedarmore Baptist Assembly property near Bagdad, Ky.

The memorial scholarship is named for Calvin Day Fields, state Brotherhood worker for 16 years. Begun by his family following his unexpected death in 1982, it has grown from a small initial gift invested with the Kentucky Baptist Foundation to \$8983.16 currently. Additional contributions have been received from Baptist friends in the years since.

While the principal remains intact, the endowment fund has generated enough interest to assist at least 100 young men in attending camp with partial or full scholarships.

*Calvin Fields loved God and boys. A fund established in his memory is creating some opportunities for deserving young men he could not provide in life.*

According to Rob Carr, associate director of the state Brotherhood Department and Camp Rabro program director, the gifts have been awarded to young men "who most likely could not have participated otherwise." He said recipients have largely been from families where the head of the household is out of work, families where discretionary funds are committed to sending one or more children to college currently and from families in inner-city situations.

"In the latter cases," said Carr, "going to camp may often be the only opportunity a boy has all summer for getting out of his neighborhood environment."

Carr also observed that the scholarship has helped a number of young men from the Appalachian Mountains in conjunction with a Cumberland College program. Through "Love-in-Action," operated by Cumberland students, young men have been recruited from that area and sent to Camp Rabro for a week. The college has provided half their expenses and the Calvin Fields Memorial Scholarship has underwritten the other half.

"Some directors of missions have said they have boys in their associations who have absolutely no financial means of attending camp," Carr surmised.

Lodging and meals for a four-day week (Monday afternoon through Friday afternoon) at Camp Rabro currently costs \$57 per youth. The Fields scholarship may be applied to some or all of this cost. While most boys arrive at camp



Calvin D. Fields

with at least some spending money for use at the canteen, Carr notes that "some come with nothing." The scholarship fund does not provide for incidentals a boy may wish to purchase.

To receive a scholarship, Carr said a written application must be sent to the state Brotherhood Department (Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243). A form is then sent to the applicant. He must request his pastor, or—in the absence of a pastor—deacon chairman to write a qualifying letter recommending him for partial or full scholarship funds.

The funds are awarded on a "first come, first served" basis, said Carr. When all interest earnings are depleted for a given year, "there are no more scholarships for that year."

He stated that approved scholarships could not be transferred from one youth to another. If an approved scholarship applicant is not able to attend camp someone from his church "may not automatically receive his scholarship," allowed Carr. Others must make application "in the usual way."

Seven weeks of camp season will be offered at Rabro in 1989, on the following dates: June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28, July 31-Aug. 4. Two additional weeks are provided at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora, Ky., July 31-Aug. 4 and Aug. 7-11.

During the camp "we have a chance to witness to the boys and to teach campcraft skills to them," Carr explained. "It's a great experience in a

terrific environment."

Calvin Day Fields, for whom the scholarship is named, is described by Carr as "a man who loved God and boys." He participated at Camp Rabro 29 years, 16 of them as program director, "developing standards of excellence," according to Carr.

"Calvin loved Rabro and what it stood for: Christian education and recreation in the outdoors," Carr said.

A native of Marlowe Mining Camp, near Whitesburg, Fields was a graduate of Louisville's Male High School, Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He held several eastern Kentucky pastorates and was director of missions in Salem and Three Forks associations before joining the Brotherhood Department staff as associate director May 16, 1966.

Upon the retirement of Forrest R. Sawyer as state Brotherhood director, he was elected Nov. 9, 1981 to succeed Sawyer, effective Jan. 16, 1982. Less than six weeks into his new work, Fields died of a massive heart attack, Feb. 25, 1982, while on the road recruiting summer staff for Camp Rabro.

His wife, the former Marian Wigglesworth of Cynthiana; four children—Becky, Carol, David and Randy; brother, Edsel; and late mother, Mrs. I. W. Fields, established a Camp Rabro Scholarship Fund in Fields' honor at the time of his death. On Nov. 8 of that year the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention authorized naming the fund the Calvin Fields Memorial Scholarship.

Carr had been selected by Fields shortly before his death to be nominated for the position of associate director of the Brotherhood Department and Camp Rabro program director, the position he himself had just vacated. Carr was elected to that post by the executive board's administrative committee effective Mar. 16, 1982.

He observed that increased gifts to the scholarship funds invested with the Foundation would permit "even more worthy boys" to participate in summer camp. Carr said he anticipates "even more requests for help" as time goes on and camping fees "become costlier."

Gifts to the Calvin Fields Memorial Scholarship are tax deductible and are acknowledged. They may be sent to: Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, and should be designated specifically for this fund.

## Open hearing on BJCPA funding

The committee appointed at last year's KBC to study the matter of special funding for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will have an open meeting Apr. 17 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, at 10 a.m.

Any Kentucky Baptist desiring to address the committee is invited to do so at this meeting.

The committee prefers materials be submitted in writing in advance with an Apr. 1 deadline. Written materials should be mailed to J. Howard Cobble, Severns Valley

Baptist Church, Box 448, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Persons will speak to their written material at the Apr. 17 meeting.

If an individual chooses not to submit written materials but plans to make only an oral presentation, that person should notify Cobble in advance so time on the program may be made available. All presenters will be allotted limited time.

The committee will hear the persons without debate but with the understanding committee members may ask for clarification.

# sanford's perspectives

## A new beginning?



Jack D. Sanford

Do we detect a new beginning of trust and cooperation in Southern Baptist life after last week's Christian Life Commission conference on race relations?

The persons whom Richard Land, CLC executive director, asked to share in the program presentations indicate some lessening of the turbulence which has characterized this organization for several years. He went outside the fold to include former antagonists.

Program personalities included Foy Valentine, former CLC executive, and Lynn Clayton, editor of the Baptist state paper in Louisiana and former chairman of the trustees of the CLC.

Both Valentine and Clayton were embroiled in the troubles of the CLC. Valentine drew fire as the retiring executive whose consultant compensation generated considerable criticism, and Clayton, the former chairman of the trustees whose influence and deciding vote brought Larry Baker to his short tenure at the helm of the CLC, was lambasted from all corners of the convention.

Now Richard Land brings both these men back to the CLC to lead discussions of race relations in a national conference.

This may be nothing more than recognition that Clayton and Valentine have something positive to say about race relations. That in itself would be reason enough to bring them to the platform.

However one would like to believe Land has offered an olive branch by asking former persons

who were the center of controversy to visit the place of their former confrontation. If this is the case then Land has done an honorable and gentle thing which could set a pattern for future meetings among Southern Baptists.

For the past several years speakers and discussion leaders have all come from the ranks of those in power and former leaders have been shunned as if they had the pox. If Land has indeed made a calculated move to bring some trust and healing to the CLC, then we applaud his efforts and pray his influence and example will spread to others.

We hope this is a new beginning and that more such efforts to include all Southern Baptists in national affairs will be forthcoming. The reason we have such turmoil in many of our institutions is that distrust in leadership was the main ground for the attacks made on these agencies and institutions. Land's action now encourages us to believe it possible for a new day in relationships in our convention.

Perhaps now Land, recognized as the candidate of the conservatives now in power, has had the courage and good sense to include persons who have something positive to say, not just include them because of which camp they have been in for the past several years.

Our optimism may be simple naivete and this may be a fluke. We hope not and pray the action of Land in including Valentine and Clayton is a signal that better days can come for Southern Baptists.

## A special opportunity

The announcement of a special open meeting to hear from Kentucky Baptists concerning the future method of support for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (see page 1) offers an opportunity for all of us to be heard.

This is in keeping with the best in Baptist life and surely those who have strong feelings about the BJCPA will make the effort to be in Elizabethtown Apr. 17.

Perhaps no agency in Southern Baptist life has generated more strident confrontation than the BJCPA. The subject matter with which this agency deals is frequently the subject of widely differing points of view. The result has been a constant harassment of the leaders of the BJCPA and a constant attempt to drop this agency from the budget of the SBC.

Several state conventions have addressed this issue, with some states even willing to set aside funds if the BJCPA is defunded. Kentucky Baptists were presented with the problem at the convention in Owensboro last November and a committee was appointed to study the issues involved and report back to the 1989 meeting of the KBC. That is what the open meeting Apr. 17 is all about. It affords each of us the opportunity to talk with the committee before recommendations are for-

mulated or presented for vote by the convention.

We will once again see different points of view expressed. The subject of first amendment rights, prayer in public school and other constitutional matters have been the subject matter of the BJCPA and there is no general agreement among modern day Southern Baptists in these critical areas.

Regardless of your position on the subject you owe it to yourself to at least make an appearance at the open meeting. Thus you will perhaps learn something you did not know, or you may be in position to contribute information not known by others, or you may just want to be there because you are a concerned Baptist and feel the need to share in the decision making of our convention.

It goes without saying that whatever is decided by the committee there will be those who agree and those who disagree. Our prayer must be that in the spirit of Christian love we will find the way to disagree without crippling our witness for Christ. The need for mature, conscientious decisions demands we give this matter our best thought and act in the best interests of all Baptists.

We pledge our prayer support for the committee and those who will influence what we are asked to do next year.

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## baptist news in brief

### 'I don't know who to trust' now, president tells WMU leadership

Sticking to a single purpose—missions—was the common thread during the week-long annual executive board meeting of Woman's Missionary Union Jan. 6-12.

"Threats to the concept of cooperation are rampant in our convention today," said WMU executive director Carolyn Weatherford.

"Southern Baptists are in their 11th year of unchecked controversy. We must do something about it, not simply because we don't like controversy, but because controversy has drawn our hearts, minds and resources away from our major concern—missions."

Even though WMU members might each like to say the convention controversy has not affected them, it has, said national WMU president Marjorie J. McCullough.

"The thing that hurts me personally is that I don't know who to trust anymore," she said. "But I'm not willing to give up on the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion."

"Our faith is not based on a (SBC) resolution. We have to keep on believing . . . and know that no resolution can change our faith," she said.

Mrs. McCullough also said she knows not everyone in the SBC thinks WMU is wonderful. Other women's groups are springing up within Southern Baptist churches competing for the time and attention of young women.

WMU must do a better job of "selling" itself, she said: "Missions education is not a priority today in our convention. We want it to be. But it isn't."

Four factors will carry WMU successfully into the future, Mrs. McCullough said:

—WMU leadership must be of substance and quality.

—WMU must offer a meaningful application of missions at home.

—WMU must be unified in purpose.

—And WMU must create an environment conducive to change. (BP)

### 'Preacher, prime your pump' at Williamsburg Jan. 30-31

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

The well isn't dry, preacher. The pump merely needs priming.

So goes the slogan which describes the Kentucky preaching workshop set at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Jan. 30-31.

Pastors, evangelists, directors of missions or church staff members who want to make preaching and worship more effective are encouraged to attend. Sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 and continue through 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Featured guests are Peter Rhea Jones, pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.; Harold Mauney, pastor, First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Ky.; James Barry, preaching consultant, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Jim Cordell, director, Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Conven-

tion.

Workshop topics include what's happening in preaching and worship, preaching from the New Testament, planning for preaching and worship, a biblical model for authentic worship, preaching in the context of worship, legitimate shortcuts in sermon preparation, making time for study and sermon preparation, preaching from the beatitudes, and preaching from the parables.

Small group workshops include ideas for biblical preaching, ideas for preaching and worship on special occasions and ideas for effective prayer meetings.

The event is sponsored by the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Participants will pay a \$10 registration fee.

They are responsible for securing their own lodging and meals.

### Tennessee churches named in lawsuit

Twenty Nashville Baptist Association churches have been named in a lawsuit filed by the local metropolitan government regarding the tax-exempt status of church parsonages.

Overall, the city is seeking to tax 141 tax-exempt properties the city claims are not used for religious or charitable purposes. The lawsuit, filed Dec. 29, seeks a "claritory judgment" regarding the taxability of church residential property, said Robert Taylor, attorney for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, who has been consulted by Nashville pastors.

Metro Tax Assessor Jim Ed Clary, a Southern Baptist who said he "has never advocated taxing the house of the Lord one bit," claimed the purpose of church parsonages is residential and that they are not used "purely and solely" for religious purposes.

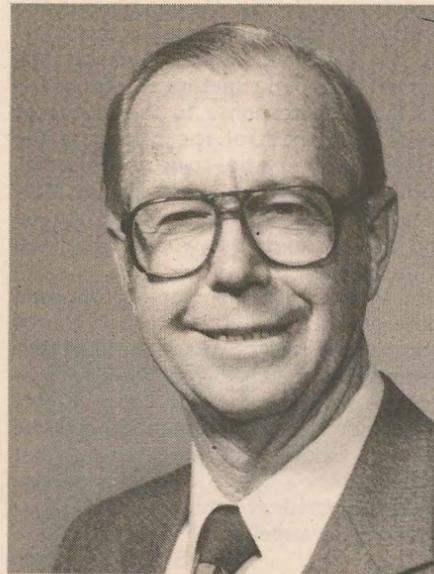
State law allows churches one exemption for ministerial housing. Taylor said the lawsuit seeks to strike down a 1984 statute that states, "For the purposes of this section, a church parsonage shall

be deemed to be property used purely and exclusively for religious purposes; provided, however, that no church shall be granted an exemption on more than one parsonage."

Clary said parsonages are built to "provide a service which every individual must have" and noted that residents of church parsonages receive the same government services, such as fire and police protection, at no cost that their neighbors support through property taxes. "I feel that everybody should pay their fair share," he said.

From a historical view, the taxation of church parsonages is invalid, said Kenneth Castleberry, pastor of Dalewood Baptist Church. "Because parsonages always have been considered part of the church's total ministry to the community, they should in effect be treated as other church property and not be taxed," he said.

The Nashville churches involved in the suit have been summoned and have until Jan. 30 to file a defensive action to the plaintiff's attorney. (BP)



Wendell R. Hull

### Missionary dies while working in Tanzania

Wendell R. "Jack" Hull, a Southern Baptist missionary from Wichita Falls, Tex., died Jan. 5 after suffering a heart attack at the construction site of Kifaru Baptist Church near Moshi, Tanzania.

Hull, 64, was shoveling dirt with a Tanzanian pastor in preparation for the arrival of volunteer construction workers from Virginia when he fell over backwards. He was taken to a nearby clinic but had died by the time he was transported to a hospital in Moshi, about 12 miles away.

Hull had a heart attack about 10 years ago, and afterwards, "would keep on working until he got to feeling real bad, then he'd slow down until he got to feeling better," said Jim Houser, Foreign Mission Board associate to the director for Eastern and Southern Africa. "His natural pace was just go, go, go."

Hull's home always was open to missionaries and Africans alike, which was one reason he was so loved by Africans, Houser said.

Hull was appointed in 1959 with his wife, the former Dorothy Edwards of Sedalia, Mo. For 10 years he was a general evangelist in Kenya, where the couple pioneered Southern Baptist work among the Kikuyu people. They helped establish 43 churches and preaching points and a Baptist high school. The Kikuyus called him "Riri Waiguru," meaning "Heavenly Sunlight." The Hulls came to Tanzania in 1970 and began work in the Mwanza area. At different times Hull was chairman and treasurer of the Southern Baptist mission organization in the country.

Surviving Hull are his wife, mother, five grown children and 12 grandchildren. The funeral service and burial were scheduled to take place in Tanzania. (BP)

### Handicap info ready for Las Vegas meeting

Information about facilities and services for handicapped messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 13-15 in Las Vegas, Nev., may be ordered from the SBC Executive Committee.

The information—for people with mobility, sight or hearing handicaps—is being prepared by people who are handicapped and have attended previous annual meetings.

The information packet is available by writing to Handicap Information, c/o SBC Executive Committee, 901 Commerce St., Nashville, 37203. (BP)

### RTVC trustees call on major networks to reinstate censors

Radio and Television Commission trustees called on the three major television networks to reinstate to program practices offices, their in-house censors.

The trustees approved a resolution to be sent to the heads of the ABC, NBC and CBS television networks, the Federal Communications Commission and "appropriate committees of Congress."

The resolution was approved after commission president Jimmy R. Allen reported that the three networks had either closed or drastically reduced the size of their offices of program practices and standards. Program standards offices were responsible for screening programs for offensive content.

The resolution deplored "the increased violence, sadism, explicit sexual content and popularizing of behavior destructive to family life in America contained in network television programming."

Trustees also reviewed the 1988 audit of commission finances, learned that the number of households able to receive ACTS programs now exceeds 9 million and heard a report of a special broadcast on mainland China television.

Trustees also reviewed two programs produced for national network distribution. An NBC special, "The Hunger Next Door," is scheduled to run on NBC Sunday, Jan. 29, and "Musical Bridges" is to be carried on ABC Sunday, Mar. 5.

"The Hunger Next Door" documents responses of churches and missionaries to the problem of hunger in America and in other parts of the world. "Musical Bridges" is a documentary produced during the visit of the Centurymen to China. It features interviews with Chinese Christians and church leaders. (BP)

### Two BJCPA staffers receive promotions

Two Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs staff members received promotions effective Jan. 1.

Kathy Palen was elected acting director of the office of information services and Oliver S. Thomas was named associate executive director, announced executive director James M. Dunn.

The BJC is a Washington-based religious liberty organization comprised of nine Baptist denominations in the United States and Canada.

The two veteran staff members have assumed responsibilities previously held by Stan Hastey, a 15-year BJC staffer who left his post to head the Southern Baptist Alliance, Dunn said.

Miss Palen has been assistant to the director of information services for the BJC and the congressional correspondent for the Washington bureau of Baptist Press since 1985. Her new post calls for her to continue to report on Congress, as well as the White House and the Supreme Court, for Baptist Press. She also directs public relations activities for the BJC.

Thomas has been general counsel and director of research for the BJC since 1985. His new position calls for him to continue with those responsibilities, and now he also serves as spokesman in the absence of the executive director and shares a policy-making role with the executive director. Both promotions were approved by unanimous vote of the BJC's executive committee, Dunn said. (BP)

# baptist forum

## A tribute to Three Fork Bacon Creek

This church sits among the beautiful farmlands midway between Hodgenville and Munfordville on 357 in Hart County. This church family honored us in so many ways in the almost eleven years we served as pastor and wife. We feel they deserve to be honored.

In 1981 they made my wife and me feel like king and queen when they presented me with a 1981 Catalina Pontiac car for my birthday and \$600 for gas.

Not once while we were with them did they fail to celebrate both our birthdays with a dinner and lots of gifts of money and other lovely things. Each Christmas they were also very generous and thoughtful. We appreciate all of these things more than words can say. We will always treasure each and every gift.

They have a wonderful group of young people that sing in the youth choir. They start the services each Sunday with beautiful singing. They take charge of the service each fifth Sunday and serve in many places in the church. They are dear to our hearts and always will be.

We enjoyed seeing many souls saved while we were there and we give all the praise and glory to the Lord. Three Fork Bacon Creek Baptist Church is a lovely church and the members are just as lovely.

We would like to say we love you Bacon Creek and thanks so very much for all you have done for us. Our prayers will always be with you.

Milton and Ortella Judd

## Why the low mission offering?

This past year Larry Lewis has stated in letters to different state papers, to pastors in the SBC and to WMU at the fall meeting of the Home Mission Board trustees the threat to the Annie

Armstrong offering. He has blamed the Southern Baptist Alliance for threatening to withhold money and he has blamed economic factors in states for the sluggish response to the giving of funds. The truth of the matter is the sluggish response has to do with the discriminatory attitude of the Home Mission Board toward women, the divorced and those who do not worship the God of inerrancy.

In March 1987 I personally opposed these policies and stated to Bob Banks what would happen if this kind of discrimination were allowed. The same objections were repeated to Larry Lewis in February 1988. As long as the Home Mission Board discriminates against women, there will be a sluggish response to its hypocritical commitment to missions and evangelism.

Steven Watkins  
Louisville

## Kentucky missionaries return home

Ruth and I are writing many persons who have been in touch with us to wish you a happy new year and to tell our plans for 1989.

We have been serving Emmanuel Baptist Church in Paris since March 1985. Our church began a new English-speaking ministry in downtown Paris in June 1988. We also started a French-speaking service at Emmanuel during Advent a few weeks ago.

It is now time for us to entrust these works to other hands and return to the states for furlough and for time with parents, children and other loved ones. We plan to be in Kentucky May 31, 1989 and remain a full year until May 31, 1990.

We have scheduled some opportunities for missions educational promotion in several states. We are eager to

tell about our experiences in Paris, France and in several other countries of western Europe. We are excited about reporting our opportunities for ministry in Russia, Hungary and Poland. This has been our most eventful and most fruitful year.

We will live at the missionary apartment of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. The address is 1607 S. Main St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240. The church address is 1400 S. Main.

We pray 1989 will be a joyful and fruitful year for you.

Bill Clark Thomas  
Paris, France

*Editor's note: These are native Kentuckians who welcome the opportunity to tell of their work as SBC foreign missionaries in Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, Germany and France. Contact the church in Hopkinsville prior to May 31 and the Thomas family after that date to schedule these experienced people for ministry in your church.*

## Support for Mid-Continent College

The Little Bethel Baptist Association is one of 15 Southern Baptist associations in western Kentucky which is a supporter of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College. The executive board of the association voted to reply to the decision of the state convention to vote down the conventionwide Christian Education report. Mid-Continent was mentioned in this report.

Mid-Continent is located in the western end of the state where a Christian college is needed. Mid-Continent is accredited through the prestigious Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Mid-Continent is considered a school that primarily caters to those who are called to the gospel ministry.

Mid-Continent serves the needs of many bivocational ministers and full time ministers who cannot move away to the eastern or central part of the state for education. Many of these ministers have gone on to one of our seminaries and are now pastors, home and foreign missionaries and professors in some of our schools.

Mid-Continent has high quality education. Many who go on to the seminaries report that their education at Mid-Continent has prepared them for their master's program.

Mid-Continent, since its institution in 1949, has been dedicated to the promotion of the Cooperative Program by instilling its worth in their students. Even though Mid-Continent is not receiving Cooperative Program funds it is still a viable institution. Therefore we encourage your prayers, good words of commendation and spirit of encouragement to continue toward our school. We go on record as encouraging our state convention leadership to be supportive, kind and considerate and cooperative toward our work as Southern Baptists. We also encourage our fellow Kentucky Baptists to uphold us in prayer and give personal and financial support to our work for Christ.

Ken Haywood, Moderator  
Little Bethel Baptist Association  
Madisonville

*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.*

# baptist news in brief

## Effects of abortion not released

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has informed President Reagan and a group of organizations he will not release a report on the health effects of abortion on women.

In July 1987, Reagan directed Koop, a longtime abortion opponent, to prepare a comprehensive report on the mental and physical effects of abortion.

## Preregistration open for Vegas child care

Child care will be provided for preschool children of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 13-15 in Las Vegas, Nev., announced convention manager Tim A. Hedquist.

The child care facility will be located in the Las Vegas Convention Center, site of the annual meeting, Hedquist said. It will be open for each session of the meeting.

A preregistration packet, which includes registration forms and information about costs and policies, is available from Marie Moore, College Park Baptist Church, 2101 E. Owens, Las Vegas, NV 89030.

Another child care option is available through hotel and professional baby-sitting services. Information is available by contacting individual hotels or by calling Four Seasons Baby-sitting Service at (702) 794-0256, Hedquist said. (BP)

Since then, Koop and his staff consulted with scientific, medical, psychological and public health experts, as well as 27 organizations with religious, philosophical, social, medical or other professional interests in the abortion issue.

Originally, Koop sent a private letter to the President explaining his reasons for not releasing the report. But after the White House made the letter available to the press, Koop sent an explanation to each of the organizations with which he met, including the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Koop said in his letter to Reagan that although some people have concluded in their own minds that the negative health effects of abortion on women are overwhelming enough to force the reversal of Roe V. Wade—the Supreme Court's landmark decision on abortion—scientific studies do not provide conclusive data about the health effects of abortion on women.

"I believe that the issue of abortion is so emotionally charged that it is possible that many who might read this letter would not understand it because I have not arrived at conclusions they can accept," Koop wrote Reagan. "But I have concluded in my review of this issue that, at this time, the available scientific evidence about the psychological sequelae (effects) of abortion simply cannot support either the preconceived beliefs of those pro-life or of those pro-choice." (BP)

## Miss Young editor of Baptist Beacon

Elizabeth Young has been promoted to editor of the Baptist Beacon, newsjournal of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, effective Jan. 1.

Miss Young had been managing editor of the publication since 1987. She joined the paper's staff as news-writer and journalistic consultant in June 1980 and subsequently was promoted to assistant editor and then associate editor. Throughout her tenure, Miss Young has been responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Arizona paper.

Miss Young, 30, is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and

Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. Her final project for her master's degree was a readership survey of the Baptist Beacon.

During her undergraduate days, Miss Young served as a summer intern with the Rocky Mountain Baptist, newsjournal of the Colorado Baptist General Convention and as a Home Mission Board summer missionary in Long Beach, Cal. Her father, J. Terry Young, is a former editor of the California Southern Baptist newspaper and currently is professor of theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

## December Cooperative Program climbs but still lags 12 percent behind its goal

Southern Baptists' unified ministry budget finally eclipsed the inflation rate in December. But at the end of the first quarter of its fiscal year, the Cooperative Program still lags almost 12 percent behind the pace needed to reach its goal.

The national Cooperative Program received \$12,151,002 in December, a 26.5 percent increase over December 1987, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Executive Committee.

December receipts brought the

budget's year-to-date total to \$32,158,188, or 6.78 percent over the first quarter of 1987-88, Bennett said.

The December contributions came following two months in which Cooperative Program receipts were lower than totals for the same period the previous year. In fact, November's \$9,055,571 total was the lowest in 37 months and pulled year-to-date receipts to almost 2.5 percent below the amount recorded for the first two months of 1987-88. (BP)

# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

**Billy Turner** resigned as pastor of Ferguson Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association. The Turners' address is 505 Lynwood Ct., Murray, KY.

Friendship Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, called **Carl Hess** as pastor. His address is 124 Hudson Ave., Irvine, KY 40336.

**Wayne Riley** is new pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association.

Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, called **Key Chambers** as associate pastor.

DeHaven Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, called **Eddie Price** as mission pastor.

**Allan Morris** is new pastor of Lynnville Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

**Jeff Stivers** resigned as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Nelson Association. Pastor is Stephen McSwain.

Dripping Springs Baptist Church, Bethel Association, called **Jerry Gifford** as pastor.

**John David Brown** is pastor of Guthrie Baptist Church, Bethel Association.

Eastside Baptist Church, Taylor County Association, called **Eugene Smith** as pastor. His address is 407 Ingram Ave., Campbellsville, KY.

**M. B. Taylor** is new director of counseling at Highland Community Ministries, an ecumenical community ministry supported by 26 different churches. He has an MDiv degree in pastoral care from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His address is HCM Counseling Services, 2233 Woodbourne Ave., Louisville, KY 40205.

**David Jones** is new pastor of Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He was formerly interim pastor.

**Tommy Dye** is pastor of Lone Pine Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

**Chester P. Culver** resigned as pastor of Poplar Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association, to accept the pastorate of Second Baptist Church, Mortons Gap, Little Bethel Association. His address is Box 317, Mortons Gap, KY 42440.

Riverside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Quinton Madden** as pastor.

**Mike Sanders** accepted the pastorate of Second Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association. He goes from Danleyton Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

## congregations

Members of **Jeffersontown Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, subscribed \$194,000 either through cash gifts or three-year commitments during their thirteen-week Together We Grow program. The program was directed by Rubin Swint, a Together We Grow consultant with the SBC Stewardship Commission, Nashville. J. Legge, a layman, was program director. Joel F. Jones is pastor.

**Baptist Tabernacle**, West Union Association, collected \$1490 for world hunger during the 1987-88 church year. Pastor Clyde T. Angel asked a child, as a reminder of hungry children, to stand at the door with an offering plate. As members left, they dropped in extra bills and change. The amount collected averaged \$4.54 per church member, well above the convention average.

The single adult ministry of **Crescent Hill Baptist Church**, Long Run Association, is sponsoring the eighth annual divorce recovery workshop. The workshop will be held at Crescent Hill Sundays in February from 5-7:30 p.m. Topics include coping with divorce and separation, psychological and Christian perspective on divorce, resources for coping and restructuring life as a single person. The workshop will provide support, practical information and a sense of community to those dealing with divorce. Cost is \$15 for all four sessions.

For more information, contact Jerry Smith (454-4595), Judy Bryson (893-2117) or Crescent Hill Baptist Church (896-4425).

**First Baptist Church**, Pikeville, Pike Association, had a miracle day Dec. 18. Sunday school attendance was 514 and over 850 attended the choir's Sunday evening presentation of "Gloria." The offering goal for the day was \$50,000 with the first half designated for Southern Baptist Convention mission causes. The total offering collected for the day was \$71,227.22, the largest offering of its type in the history of the church. Glenn Mollette is pastor.



**First Baptist Church, Martin, Enterprise Association**, had a note burning ceremony Dec. 11. Shown burning the note on the church building are (l-r) deacons **Billy Mayo** and **Fred Cochran**, pastor **George T. Akers** and director of missions **Jim Smith**.

## deaths

**Mrs. Helen Duncan**, wife of B. H. Duncan, former pastor of Marion Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, died Dec. 5 in Louisville at the age of 102.

## associations

Twenty-three youth representing churches in **Severns Valley Association** placed their hands along a length of ribbon tied to a spade for the symbolic first shovelful of dirt in a groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 18.

Codirector of associational work **Allen Baugh** said work will begin soon on a ministry center near Elizabethtown Community College.

The center will provide expanded office space for the association, meeting rooms, counseling rooms for a joint project with the personal counseling service and a permanent meeting place for the Baptist Student Union at the college.

The association is seeking to raise \$160,000 to fund construction. The property was donated by a Baptist layman.

**First Baptist Church, Loyall**, Upper Cumberland Association, hosted "M" Night in December. Attendance was 36.

## ordinations

**Sugar Creek Baptist Church**, Caldwell-Lyon Association, ordained **Louard Gray**, **A. B. Ortt** and **Lynn Taylor Poinexter** as deacons. **Jim Powell** is pastor.

**Beaver Dam Baptist Church**, Ohio County Association, ordained **Donald Sandefur** and **John Parker** as deacons. **Walter J. Graham** is pastor.

**Gary Ingleheart** was ordained a deacon at **West Point Baptist Church**, Ohio County Association. **Kimbrough Simons** is pastor.



**Bill D. Whittaker**  
President  
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College  
Pineville, KY 40977

# clear creek chronicle

## Debt free

It happened many years ago but the moment remains in motivating memory. The loan officer handed me the note stamped "paid in full." I had made the final payment on an automobile loan. A more rewarding experience came recently when savings enabled me to pay cash for a good used car. It is good to be debt free.

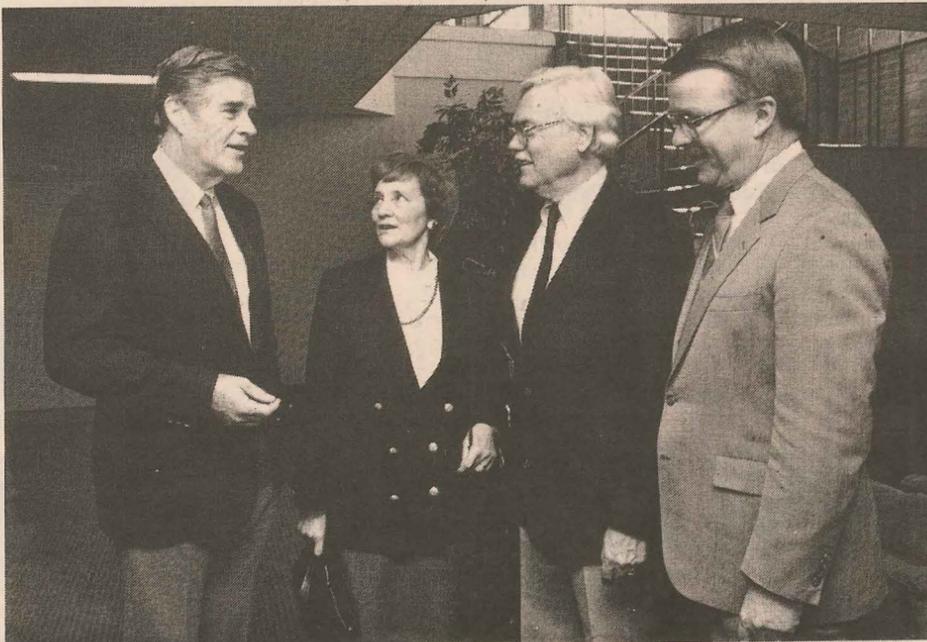
A financial goal of my leadership is to see Clear Creek debt free as soon as possible. For many years the school operated on a "pay as you go" basis. A much needed family life center was built and in 1987 funds were borrowed to complete the project. Soon after my becoming president I asked staff and students to join me in praying for \$500,000 to dramatically reduce our debt. We are getting close to reaching \$300,000. The difference in interest rates reflects this debt reduction. On one note in November we paid \$2927 interest but the January interest was \$1061.

If we are debt free, over \$100,000 in budget funds would be immediately available for critical needs. Improved student housing demands our attention. Many of our cottages were built in 1950 and need upgrading. Volunteers are available to do the work but funds are needed for materials. Student housing is only one of many needs which wait for funding. Will you help us become debt free?

Last October 20 families in Louisville's Walnut Street Church gave enough to retire the church's \$1.2 million debt. Surely among Kentucky Baptists sufficient resources exist to retire Clear Creek's debt. We are making monthly payments on time and operating in the black. It seems a waste to pay interest when the money is needed in so many other places.

Our "Miracle in the Mountains" capital funds campaign has reached one-fourth of the basic \$1.3 million goal. A growing number of individuals and churches are making gifts or three year pledges.

Retired professor J. W. Lester sends a monthly campaign pledge gift. He recently wrote, "Tell Baptists the need and they will respond." Clear Creek's history certainly proves his statement. This is a day to demonstrate it again. A stronger future waits on our present response.



**Hugh McElrath** (second from right) and his wife **Ruth** talk with **Wesley Forbis** (left), director of the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, and **Gary Cook**, vice president for church program organizations at the board, prior to a banquet where McElrath was honored for his contributions to church music.

# Southern Seminary graduates 32 Kentuckians



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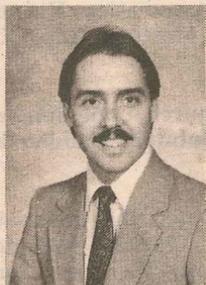
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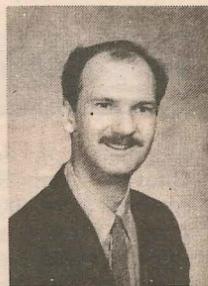
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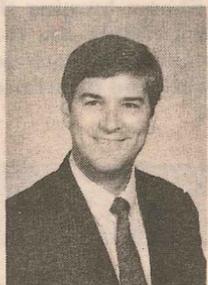
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Thirty-two Kentucky students were awarded degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the school's 162nd commencement, December 16.

The Kentucky Baptists were among approximately 215 persons to receive degrees from the schools of theology, church music, Christian education and social work.

Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. delivered the commencement address.

The Kentucky graduates included the following:

**Doctor of Ministry**—Larry Dale Holland, Russellville, son of Marvin J. Holland, Burneyville, Okla.; Jon Raleigh Roebuck, son of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd F. Roebuck of Rome, Ga.; Charles Edwin Summers, Rock Haven Community Baptist Church, Vine Grove, is the son of Mrs. Robert E. Summers, Jr., Paducah; Robert Dale Tucker, Louisville, son of Robert F. Tucker, Wynne, Ark.; and John Warren Withers, Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, is the son of Ottis Withers, Cynthiana.

**Master of Arts**—Kimberly Ann Alley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Alley, Bluff City, Ind., First Baptist Church, Madisonville; Howard Wayne Cayce, whose home church is Dixon First Baptist Church, is the son of Thomas and Lillie Pearl Cayce, Princeton; Sherian S. Cooper, daughter of W. B. Sparks, Louisville; and Joye Ardyn Durham, whose home church is Harlan Baptist Church, is the daughter of Jean and Glenn Durham, Harlan.

**Master of Church Music**—Richard Todd Dowdy, son of Richard E. Dowdy, Paducah; Craig Robert McCoy, son of Roy McCoy, Carlisle, Oh.; and Melanie Gale Isaacs, daughter of Earl Isaacs, Winchester.

**Master of Divinity**—Nancy Warf Prassel, daughter of Curtis H. Warf,

Richmond; Dwight D. Young, Somerset, son of Bob G. Young, Clinton, Ind.; Randall Everet Beard, son of Jerry Lynn Beard, Louisville, D. Terrell Bradley, pastor of New Liberty Baptist Church, New Liberty, is the son of Dewey and Helen Bradley, Corbin; Rebecca L. Cunningham, daughter of Ben Cunningham, Harrodsburg; Roger Shawn Edwards, Bowling Green, son of Carolyn Garrett, Lamb; Mark Steven Harrison, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Gravel Switch, son of Charles and Beulah Harrison, Campbellsville; James Michael Hatfield, Danville; Karen Kidd Lovett, Louisville, daughter of Estol Lee Kidd, Monticello; Jeffery Neil Murphy, Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, is the son of Verna Hickman Murphy, Perkinston, Miss.; Richard Wayne Pinkley, son of Royce E. Pinkley, Louisville; Steven Gregory Sholar, son of Ronald and Gloria Sholar, Hazard, Blackey Missionary Baptist Church, Blackey; Derek Leon Staples, son of James and Betty Staples, Fordsville, Lewisport Baptist Church, Lewisport; Alan Clay Todd, son of John A. Todd, Henderson; Joseph Lee Walters, whose home church is First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, is the son of Granville and Faye Walters, Greensburg; David Wayne Watts, Bowling Green is the son of Woodie Watts, Louisville; and Steven Layne Wilson, son of Louise Wilson, Lexington.

**Master of Social Work**—Pamela Lynn Ratcliffe, daughter of James Ratcliffe, Louisville.

**Doctor of Philosophy**—Ronald Keith Stuart, son of James Harold Stuart, Greenville.

**Master of Theology**—Bruce Wayne Hardy, Louisville, son of Bruce Hardy of Clarkston; and Scott Evan Wigginton, son of William Wigginton, Louisville.

Roy L. Honeycutt is the seminary's eighth president.

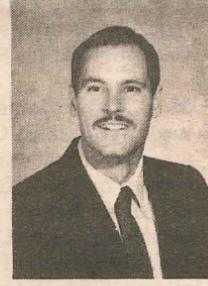
Photos not available for: Holland, Summers, Withers, Cayce, Cooper and Watts.



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Wigginton

## Boyce Bible School graduates five

Five students from Kentucky were awarded diplomas from Boyce Bible School during the school's 27th commencement Dec. 16.

Duke McCall, chancellor of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, delivered the commencement address.

Kentucky graduates included the following:

**Diploma in Christian Ministry**—John Kim Dixon; Robert Wayne Peay, son of Spurgeon O. Peay; and Dennis Shephard all three from Louisville.

**Diploma in Educational Ministry**—Donna Gail Burnette, daughter of John J. Burnette, Warsaw; and Jeffrey Louis Hudgins, son of Irvin Hudgins, Louisville.

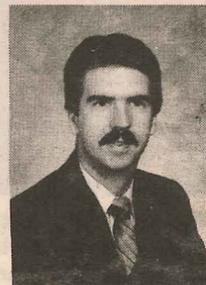
Boyce Bible School, a division of

Southern Seminary, was founded in 1974 to provide ministerial training for persons without a college degree. More than 400 persons are presently enrolled in the school and its eleven off-campus centers.

David Q. Byrd is dean.



Dixon



Peay



Shephard



Burnette



Hudgins

# christian education

## Kentucky students graduate from Southwestern and New Orleans

Ministers should exemplify a Christian work ethic and "earn what you're paid," the president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary told graduates during commencement ceremonies Dec. 16 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Southwestern Seminary president Russell Dilday conferred 298 degrees on the class, including 21 from the school of church music, 145 from the school of religious education and 132 from the school of theology. Thirty-three received doctors degrees, the most in Southwestern's history. Students from seven foreign countries received degrees.

The December class included three from Kentucky: Timothy Scott Brogan, MDiv, Middlesboro; John Edward Jent, MRE, Franklin; and Jennifer Anne Nash, MRE, Bowling Green.

Brogan is the son of Marcum and Wilma Brogan, Middlesboro. His home church is Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Middlesboro. Jent is the son of Ronald Morris and Millie Jent, Franklin. His home church is Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Miss Nash is

the daughter of Ronald and Betty Jane Nash, Bowling Green. Her home church is Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

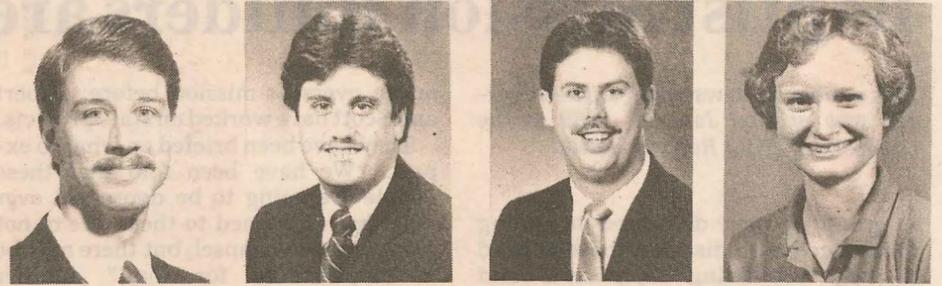
"There are churches all over America today that are in trouble because they have pastors who suffer from a lack of the Christian work ethic," Landrum Leavell told the graduates.

Leavell, who has been president at the New Orleans seminary since 1975, told students there are many lessons they didn't learn from their seminary professors.

Leavell outlined three keys to successful ministry: love of the Lord; looking for the lost; and living in the light.

"We can't teach you what you really need to know—common sense and good judgment," Leavell said, adding the most grievous problems Christian workers will face will be the result of poor judgment.

Leavell told graduates they "must will to do the will of God," adding personal and spiritual growth comes through "simple child-like obedience to the word of God" and "the convicting power and molding influence of the Holy



Sphar

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Miss Nash

Spirit."

Leavell urged graduates to develop a heart for the lost world. He quoted a Home Mission Board statistic that revealed more than 6000 Southern Baptist churches did not report at least one personal salvation in 1987.

"All we really need to do is get out and witness to the lost where we are," Leavell said.

Asa R. Sphar III from Winchester received the MDiv degree Dec. 17 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sphar, clinical associate at Jo Ellen Smith Psychiatric Hospital in New Orleans, is married to Donna Cates of Baton Rouge, La. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa R. Sphar II, Winchester.

Sphar's home church is First Baptist Church, Winchester. He holds a BS degree in accounting from the University

of Kentucky. Upon graduation Sphar has been accepted into the EdD program in psychology and counseling at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Former legislator is president of Wayland Baptist University

Lanny Hall, executive vice president of Howard Payne University, was named president of Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex., Dec. 15 by the school's trustees.

A former Texas legislator, Hall, 39, succeeds David Jester, who resigned in May 1987. Glenn Barnett has been interim chief executive officer of the school for the past 18 months.

Hall holds BA and ME degrees in secondary education from the University of North Texas, Denton and received a PhD in education administration from the University of Texas, Austin.

He is former deputy executive secretary for special programs for the teacher retirement system in Austin, spent three terms as a member of the Texas House of Representatives and was on the staff of United States House majority leader Jim Wright, 1975-78. He also has been a classroom teacher in Texas public schools.

## Palm Beach receives anonymous \$2 million

Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Fla., received an anonymous trust of \$2 million, announced president Claude H. Rhea.

The trust has been established to provide about \$165,000 per year for 20 years for the school's annual fund, Rhea said. It will support scholarships, provide maintenance for buildings, improve teaching facilities and provide future staff and faculty salaries, among other provisions, he said.

The Baptist school also received a \$150,000 anonymous donation designated for operating funds, he said.

## Alliance proceeds with seminary plans

A committee of Southern and American Baptists and Presbyterians agreed to develop plans for a new seminary in Richmond, Va. during a meeting in that city Jan. 3.

The meeting involved four leaders of the Southern Baptist Alliance, a two-year-old organization of 40,000 Southern Baptist moderates: executive director Stan Hastey, former acting executive director Allen Neely, theological education committee chairman Tom Graves and Morris Ashcraft, professor of theology and former academic dean at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other committee members are an administrator from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., representing some American Baptist seminaries; representatives from the American Baptist Board of Education; and representatives from the three members of the Richmond Theological Center: the School of Theology of Virginia Union University, an American Baptist school; the Presbyterian School of Christian Education; and Union Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian school.

Graves, spokesman for the group, reported, "We recommend that the South-

ern Baptist Alliance proceed toward the establishment of a school for preparation of ministers in Richmond."

The Alliance voted in November to allocate \$250,000 of its 1989 budget to finance a divinity school or seminary in Richmond and urged its representatives to meet with educators from other denominations to consider starting the school.

"We hope that such a school would be a cooperative venture involving the Southern Baptist Alliance and other theological institutions in Richmond and elsewhere," Graves said.

The schools in the Richmond Theological Center already relate through a consortium arrangement that allows students to study at all three institutions.

Graves continued, "We have requested Morris Ashcraft, former dean at Southeastern Seminary, to draw up specific scenarios and proposals to be presented to the parties of this ongoing consultation.

"It is understood that our discussions are still preliminary and tentative, yet moving ahead pending the approval of each of the participant institutions."

Graves outlined procedures for mov-

ing forward. "When our proposals are firmly stated and agreed upon by our committee, they will be submitted to the Southern Baptist Alliance convocation which meets Mar. 1-3. Then appropriate and formal requests will be made for cooperation with the other Richmond area institutions.

We are seeking close cooperation with the other Richmond area institutions, but no institution has made any commitment to us of support as of yet."

The new "free-standing" seminary would apply for accreditation through the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Graves said.

Planners hope to open the school next fall. Graves added, "We would begin with no more than 50 students. There would necessarily be a cap on the number of students we could accommodate so that we would not outweigh the other Richmond area schools in any effort we might undertake."

Both Hastey and Graves said the talks still are preliminary and stressed that specific commitments by Southern Baptists or by others have not been made.

## Georgetown faculty exhibits artwork

Paintings, drawings and studies by Bob Williams and Jim McCormick, professors of art at Georgetown College, are featured in an exhibit at the college's art gallery Jan. 23-Feb. 10.

Williams and McCormick have exhibited their works in numerous regional, national and international shows since the 1960s. They have displayed their art in over 200 exhibitions.

Their styles mix abstraction and representation with Williams displaying some commentary and playful expressionism and McCormick showing poetic abstractions and some representational studies.

The gallery showing is free and open to the public 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## SBTS launches unique degree

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has launched a doctoral program that combines theological inquiry with artistic creativity.

Next fall the Louisville school will offer a PhD with a concentration in religion and the arts.

"This is a historic first for Southern Baptists," said William L. Hendricks, Southern's director of graduate studies. Only one other school, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Cal., offers a similar degree, he said.

Hendricks noted the program will seek to "transcend doctrinal concerns" and provide a "new way of approaching ministry."

"The degree hopes to move beyond strictly doctrinal peculiarities to focus

on creative ways in which all doctrinal perspectives can communicate their particular understanding of the faith," he explained.

Graduates of the program will be able to teach in a variety of fields, serve as ministers in churches that utilize the arts and provide consultation to congregations seeking to minister through the arts.

Admission requirements to the program include an MDiv degree and either an MA degree or 30 semester hours in some fine art or literary studies. Students also must be proficient in biblical Greek and Hebrew plus two other foreign languages.

Seven people who meet the admission requirements have applied for the program, Hendricks said.



I have a motion and a second that we recommend to the church that  
**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**  
 giving be increased by some percentage every year in the budget.

# christian education

## Baptist Mission Builders are happy to help

This article by newswriter Lisa Richerson was printed Jan. 12, 1989 in the Greensburg (Ky.) Record-Herald.

A group of men dedicated to aiding those faced with disaster, those in need of help rebuilding their lives and churches . . . these are the Baptist Mission Builders in cooperation with the Disaster Relief Volunteers. Several men in Green County have decided to become a part of this mission.

They left Green County traveling to Miami and from there Saturday, Jan. 21 enroute to Jamaica.

Parts of Jamaica were badly ravaged by hurricane Gilbert last fall. Some of the structures and churches are still in a state of disrepair.

Eight Green Countains—Bobby Scott, Granvil Suratt, Byron Larimore, Barry Larimore, Roger Skaggs, Olen Bagby, Bill Egbert, Earl Y. Henderson—will be going there to volunteer services in roofing a church.

When the group was asked why they had volunteered, one member replied simply, "Somebody needs us."

This will be a first experience for five members of the group. Bagby has been

on an overseas mission before; Egbert and Scott have worked on state projects.

They have been briefed on what to expect. "We have been told that these people are going to be depressed over what has happened to them. We're not going there to counsel, but there may be an opportunity for that," another member added.

Most only had to be asked to go and they knew they were ready. "I had never really thought about it before, but when I was asked I knew I was interested in going right away," Henderson said.

"I feel like this is a calling just like being a minister or anything else. Things happen in your life to prepare you to deal with this type of thing," Bagby

## Youth sing at Bowling Green Eastwood

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

Kentucky Baptist youth choirs will be singing praises in Bowling Green.

The state youth choir festival takes place at Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Feb. 18. The festival begins at 10 a.m. and ends no later than 5 p.m.

Guest director for the event is Phil Landgrave, of Southern Seminary's School of Church Music. The choir, composed of all youth choir members present from the various churches attending, will perform five numbers: "Praise the Lord, Be Joyful," "Make His Praise

explained.

The Kentucky Baptist Builders and the Disaster Relief Volunteers are organizations of the Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood through the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

According to Randall Rogers, state coordinator, the purpose of the organization is to assist churches and associations of the Southern Baptist Convention that cannot afford to hire regular construction workers to do the work.

Anyone interested in further information on the builders or the disaster relief volunteers can write to: Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, 10701 Shelbyville Road, P. O. Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243-0433.



**Curtis C. Mooney**  
Executive Director  
10801 Shelbyville Road  
Middletown, KY 40243

## homes for children

### Patience

Patience is one of the Christian virtues which I have not mastered. I was reminded of my shortcomings again this past week.

I had to present some papers to a court and certify that they were accurate records. I was told to be there at 9:00 a.m. and since it required an hour's drive, I left early and arrived at my destination at 8:35. Upon arrival I learned that many others had also been told to come at the same time, so I knew it was going to be a long day.

I finally left at 5:00 p.m. and my actual presentation lasted no more than three minutes. Needless to say I spent much of the day thinking about all the things I could have accomplished if I had not had to sit and wait.

Though I am tempted to write the day off as a tremendous waste of time, reflection tells me I actually accomplished a lot that day. I had time and opportunity to visit with several individuals. I am a better person because of some of those conversations. I also had time to reflect on a number of decisions I need to make and that was helpful as well.

Most of all I increased my patience. As one who likes to see things happen right now, I have often found it necessary to pray to God for patience. This last week he gave me a great opportunity to grow in an area where I need to improve.

We are admonished in Psalms 27:14 to "wait for the Lord" (NAS). So many times we rush to human judgment and action when we should wait for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. The world is filled with plans man thought could not fail and were presented with great intentions, all of which have amounted to nothing. Whatever we do in God's name must be done according to his plan and his timing. That is a lesson which so many of us find very difficult to accept.

There is a prayer which was on the front of the bulletin at church this past Sunday. To me it expresses all that is required as we seek to do God's will. It read, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Those few words note a great need and without God—an impossible task.

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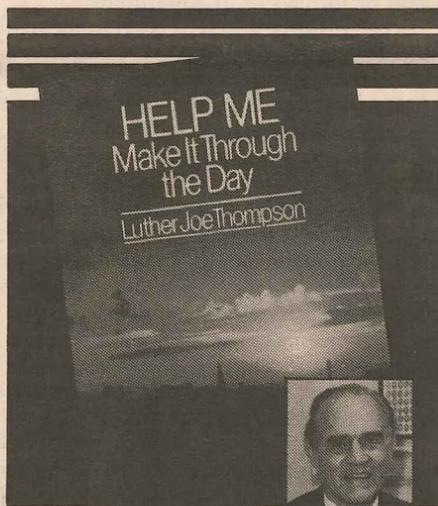
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Luther Joe Thompson is senior professor of preaching, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Thompson has pastored churches in Virginia, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and Mississippi.

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# baptist news in brief

## WMU contributions to fund top \$200,000

The Woman's Missionary Union's executive board announced Jan. 9 it had donated \$200,000 to the two-year-old Second Century Fund. The contribution brings the total amount in the fund to \$414,000.

WMU established the Second Century Fund, a permanent endowment, to observe its centennial year, 1988. The fund was created as a gift to future generations of women in missions. All contributions are invested permanently. Only the interest earned on the principal is given as grants.

The grants are given to develop women's missions organizations abroad; to enhance WMU leadership development in the United States; and to foster education about missions and WMU among Southern Baptist seminary students and faculty.

From the interest earned on the fund's investment and from a supplement from the executive board, more than \$59,000 in grants were awarded to 13 recipients during the annual January meeting, WMU leaders said.

This year's grants are:  
 —\$8000 to Colorado WMU, to assist with expenses in its first year as an auxiliary to the state convention.  
 —\$1800 to Wyoming WMU, to assist with promotional and office expenses in a new state convention.  
 —\$2000 to New England WMU, to underwrite a campaign to increase WMU awareness among pastors and their spouses.

—\$7500 to finance a WMU leadership conference for representatives from 12 ethnic groups.

—\$1800 to help fund the work of the state WMU executive director in the Dakota Southern Baptist Fellowship.

—\$500 to fund WMU associational leadership training in Michigan.

—\$750 to fund a WMU associational training conference in the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey.

—\$6000 to provide WMU literature in Southern Baptist new-work areas.

—\$5410 to produce WMU literature in Cambodian, Arabic and Korean languages.

—\$14,375 to assist the WMU of Korea to launch a missions education organization for children ages 7 through 12.

—\$7500 to the building fund of the WMU headquarters in Ibadan, Nigeria.

—\$2500 to pay the expenses of a woman from the People's Republic of China to attend the 1990 meeting in Seoul, Korea, of the women's department of the Baptist World Alliance.

A \$1133 grant was given from the Carolyn Weatherford Scholarship Fund to Eileen Mitchell, an intern with Colorado WMU. The scholarship fund was established in 1988 by the Home Mission Board to honor WMU's centennial.

This year is the second year grants have been given. The first awards were announced during WMU's Centennial Celebration in Richmond, Va., in May 1988. (BP)

## 'International Service Corps' considered

The Foreign Mission Board is working to develop clearer paths for Southern Baptists who want to work overseas in roles other than career missions, board leaders said.

In February, board trustees will consider a plan that would combine all non-career workers who serve terms from four months to two years under a program called the ISC.

The ISC would include what are now separate programs for Mission Service Corps, special assignment and journeyman personnel. Workers currently receive various levels of support depending on their program. In many instances, they work side-by-side overseas performing similar jobs but receive varying stipends and degrees of training because they applied under different programs, Prevost said.

ISC candidates selected from applications would attend one of six annual conferences at the FMB. Following the conferences, board staff members would

match candidates to job requests and work out financial arrangements, or recommend no placement, or place the candidates' files in a human resource pool for future assignment.

At its Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va., the board would train seven groups of new ISC workers each year. These would include five groups assigned to countries where Southern Baptist missionaries work, one group assigned to countries where missionaries cannot work and one group of those who choose the "journeyman option."

The Journeyman Program, which began about 25 years ago, has allowed college graduates under age 27 to train as a group and work alongside missionaries for two years. Under the ISC younger college graduates would have the opportunity to choose the "journeyman option" and commit themselves to two-year stints overseas after training with others who choose the same option. (BP)

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## oneida journal

### A special mission

Why is Oneida successful when so many schools have failed? The following excerpts of letters from relatives of our students should give some clues.

A father writes concerning his son who decided to return home at the end of last semester: "Joel has been a different boy since coming home from Oneida. Gone are all the anger and rebellion. He has obeyed our rules well. He has participated in family activities and just seems to enjoy being with us. He has even asked me to do things with him!

"He misses his friends at Oneida, but still keeps in touch. Joel really liked his teachers there, especially his English, science and art teachers. It has been several years since he expressed a like for a teacher or an interest in a class.

"My wife and I hoped Joel would return to Oneida. But we left it up to him to decide. The environment at his public school will offer many temptations to Joel and we are fearful. We don't know how he will respond academically either.

"I want to thank (the staff) for kindness expressed to Joel and the times you have given yourself to us. When he had to be expelled, we expressed our gratitude for having given him a second chance and for believing that Joel was worth continuing to work with.

"We will remember all of you in our prayers. Oneida has a special mission and a special place in our hearts.

"The enclosed check is a contribution to the school." Enclosed was \$83.

A mother writes: "I want to thank all

of you for the wonderful work you are doing with our daughter. She is still not where she ought to be, but she's sure well on her way in the right direction!! More and more she is letting the Lord Jesus into her life. It is almost like a miracle considering what she was like when we brought her to Oneida in 1983. Thanks for everything!"

The mother of a young man who graduated nearly four years ago writes: "This has been a rough year (on the farm) but we continue to be blessed. Our fondest memories are of OBI, the people and the church. We continue to uphold you in prayer. Daniel's arrival into his college senior year is due in large part to Oneida Baptist. God bless you all."

The pilot of a Pan American 747 writes: "I am sorry I have not been able to be more faithful in my support this year. Please accept this donation with my best wishes for a happy and successful 1985. My nephew is now living on his own. I will always remember Oneida for the incredible task that you all perform with God's help."

We tried very hard to make a "break-through" in the shell, indifference and rebellion of a young teenage girl last fall. Finally she forced us to expel her. Her mother recently wrote: "Here's the remainder of her bill. I'm sorry it took us so long to pay you, and sorry she caused you so much trouble. In the short time Judy was there the school did help her and I'm grateful."

Another mother writes: "I'm so pleased to receive Huey's academic report. He seems to be doing so much better. I received a letter from him today and he tells me he has accepted the Lord as his personal savior. It is the most wonderful news. I could see the change through his letter. Hopefully I will be able to get him home for 'homegoing.' He is doing so well I wouldn't want to disappoint him. I can barely get him back and forth financially. I'm very happy with his disciplinary and behavior pattern. He has made definite improvements. God bless everyone in their every endeavor at Oneida."

Another mother writing of her son says: "My son is continually growing in Christ at Oneida. You have brought out many of his good qualities which were drowning in our troubles here. Oneida is a better environment for him than a part time mother. He enjoys school and is doing much better than he did in public schools."

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## sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JAN. 29, 1989

### Life and work series

### Choosing sexual responsibility

**I Cor. 7:1-5** Paul did not state any rule as to whether or not the Christians in Corinth should get married. Paul acknowledged each state had some advantages over the other, and each was best for some people. He sought to teach them the important thing for each individual was to follow the Lord's leading.

It is the will of God for all to abstain from immorality. Before marriage God requires all to practice continence, and after marriage all are obligated to be faithful to the one with whom he or she is married, to the end of life. The sexual relationship is divinely restricted to those who are married to each other. Husband and wife should find a sense of fulfillment in sharing his or her inmost self with his or her partner. Neither has the right to deprive the other of that which is his or her due.

**I Cor. 7:6-11** To those who were capable of exercising self-restraint and self-control through divine enablement, Paul recommended his own life-style. Paul recognized a single person could concentrate on doing the Lord's work in a way a married one could not.

An unmarried Christian should not marry an unsaved person. To do so is to disobey God's word: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbeliev-

ers" (II Cor. 6:14). If they have united in marriage before they became Christians, and one became a Christian, and they continue in the union, the unsaved partner will receive a spiritual influence which may well result in the unbeliever being saved.

Whether married or unmarried, the Christian should demonstrate the love of Christ in his or her life and be a faithful witness for him throughout life.

### International series

### The significance of touch

**Luke 8:41-48** Among those who thronged Christ was a woman who had been suffering from a constitutional illness 12 long years. Her very touch was regarded as a defilement to other people so she was not permitted to enjoy the ordinary privileges such as entering the synagogue. Others regarded her illness as the consequence of her sins. When Christ came her way, she came up behind him, stooped down and touched the tassel on the hem of his garment. Her hemorrhage stopped and health beamed in her face.

Turning around, Christ said: "Who touched me?" With fear and trembling she cast herself on his mercy as she fell prostrate at his feet and told about the miracle of healing which had been wrought in her. From Christ she received the threefold word of cheer: "Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." That tender word, "daughter," indicated she had been adopted into the family of God.

**Luke 8:49-55** As Christ and his disciples traveled to the home of Jairus, a courier came saying the girl was dead. At the home they found a motley crowd weeping and wailing. Christ told them the girl was not dead, but asleep. They "laughed him to scorn, knowing she was dead." Before Jairus could speak Christ said: "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole."

Putting out the mourners and scorners, Christ took Peter, James, John and the parents into the room where the corpse was lying. Taking her by the hand, Christ said unto her: "Maid, arise." At Christ's command she arose and walked.

Christ can save and bring into the family of God any sinner who trusts in him. He will look after one's spiritual needs and provide the proper food for spiritual growth. Christ is sufficient for all our needs.



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## on mission together

### Sweet tooth

Just before Christmas, some very thoughtful friends gave Alice and me a box of chocolates.

Realizing that we would be making lots of goodies for our Christmas open house and for our family, we hid the chocolates, unopened, in a closet.

The night following our youngest's departure for school—everyone gone—the box reappeared on my chest. Since the gift had come from colleagues of mine, Alice "permitted" me to open the box.

After we paused two-seconds to scold

ourselves for being so selfish we each had a piece (well, really, more than one) of that delicious, fattening stuff. They were **good** chocolates; the kind you have to hide from yourself to keep from eating them all in one sitting.

We both agreed that they were far better than thawing out some of the cookies we had made and **already** gotten tired of. They'll taste better in March, after we've forgotten we have them.

As I sit here at 5:25 p.m. waiting for a 6:00 dinner meeting with the Brazil Planning Team, I have become aware that it isn't fair for me to have a box of chocolate candy and not share any of it with the reader.

As a matter of fact, I do have a box of "goodies" to share as we all start this new year together. I hope you will help yourself to them:

- The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Kentucky had achieved by Dec. 31 a total of \$629,314. That compares to \$247,780 on Dec. 31, 1987, **an increase of 154%**.

- Cooperative Program giving for the four months ending Dec. 31 reached \$5,415,385 compared to \$5,180,547 for the four months ending Dec. 31, 1987. That is an increase over the previous year of \$234,838 or 4.5%.

- After years of hoping, praying, and persistent waiting, Kentucky Baptists have at last been able to secure a desirable property for a new Baptist Student Union building on the campus of Western Kentucky University. Those who have been aware of this dream know that this is no small miracle! It is in itself a story of the "rewards of patience."

Maybe the box I've opened for the reader isn't "chocolates" but for those of you who love good news about Kentucky Baptists as much as I do, I suspect you'll find what I've shared is as sweet and tasty as any chocolate candy.

And I suspect that good Lord has more where that came from . . . and it will taste better when he's ready to open the box and share it with us.

# Exiled prophet encourages SWBTS seminarians

by Chip Alford

Like the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, John Moldovan knows about temptations to quit.

Both were called to share a message and both were threatened, arrested and beaten for responding to that call.

But like Jeremiah, Moldovan discovered the key to effective ministry: in times of doubt and frustration, don't quit, turn to God.

"Jeremiah was right. Obedience to the Lord at times may bring calamity and trouble," Moldovan, a doctoral student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said during a recent chapel service at the seminary. "But ultimately the servants of God will triumph.

Moldovan said he relates to Jeremiah's persecution by his own people. Born the son of a Baptist minister in communist Romania, Moldovan accepted Christ at age 14 and was called to the ministry three years later. By age 20 he was sharing the gospel in a country where open evangelism was illegal.

"Soon I realized that the communist government was determined to promote the 'new gospel' the gospel of communism," Moldovan said. "Systematic persecution resulted in thousands of churches being closed and hundreds of ministers dismissed. Bibles were confiscated and some Christians were deported to labor camps."

But in the midst of this turmoil, spiritual revival broke out in Romania in 1974. "Thousands of people were saved and many of them were intellectuals—doctors, engineers, economists, students and even members of the communist party," Moldovan said.

Incensed at the explosion of Christianity, police kept ministers, including Moldovan, under surveillance. Soon he was detained and told to refrain from religious activity.

Moldovan could not accept a silent witness. In 1980 he was arrested and interrogated for days by secret police who refused to feed him or allow him to sleep. They beat him with billy clubs and rubber truncheons.

Moldovan said God was with him and before he collapsed from pain and fatigue he was able to pray for mercy.

Convicted of treason for his evangelistic efforts, Moldovan was sentenced to 25 years in prison. However thousands of protest letters from Christians outside Romania and a visit by a U. S. human rights delegation secured his release and expulsion to America with his wife Anna and their three children.

A "passion to do a better job for the Lord" led him to Southwestern. He earned his master of divinity degree in 1987 and is currently working on a doctorate in evangelism.

Besides his studies Moldovan preaches revivals, speaks at conferences

and teaches a church growth course at Southwestern. He also translates the best Christian literature he can find for his colleagues in Romania.

More Christians are persecuted in this

century than in all others combined, Moldovan said, but he hasn't lost hope. The message he shares is one of standing firm in seemingly hopeless circumstances.



John Moldovan preaches to students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

## Cancer takes life of retired missionary

by Eric Miller

Retired Southern Baptist missionary Hazel Moon, 73, who ministered to lepers in Nigeria, died in her home in Appomattox, Va., Jan. 9.

She succumbed to lung cancer which had spread throughout her body, said her nephew, Danny Moon.

Miss Moon, a single missionary to West Africa 34 years, retired in 1981. She worked with leprosy patients, administering medicine and providing daily treatments and managed a school and adult literacy program for lepers in Nigeria. She often visited a Baptist leprosy camp near Ogbomoso, Nigeria, and participated in prayer meetings with the patients.

When she received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C., in 1982, a citation accompanying the degree read, "Whether creating special shoes and devices for those with deformities, or providing vocational training, or establishing villages for her patients' return to normal life, she brought faith and dignity, and long hours of work in late night and early morning to those from whom her love would not allow her to turn away."

An Ogbomoso church, members of which are Miss Moon's former leprosy patients, is named in her honor.

After retirement, Miss Moon spoke at many churches about foreign missions and led home Bible studies. She set up and contributed to a special bank account designated for home and foreign missions.

As her cancer required medical attention over the years, she refused to let Foreign Mission Board medical funds cover the bills. She paid them herself.

Miss Moon's last full day, Jan. 8, was



Miss Moon

joyful, he added. Accompanied by two violins, a guitar and a piano, family and friends gathered around Miss Moon in her home and sang hymns for seven hours. Miss Moon smiled and whispered the words as they sang. She died later that night.

A native of Spout Spring, Va., Miss Moon received a diploma from Ferrum (Va.) Junior College and a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va. She graduated from Stuart Circle Hospital School of Nursing, Richmond. She also attended the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Wesley Martin of Spout Spring, and Mrs. Noten Webb of Lynchburg, Va.

Her funeral was Jan. 12 at Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox, with burial in Concord Cemetery in Appomattox County.

Before her death, Miss Moon requested that people not send flowers in her memory. Instead, she asked that donations be sent to the FMB.

## Florida church reaches hurting pastors

by Jim Lowry

"Pastors need to know they have the support and confidence of church members to effectively lead a congregation," claims Rea Mangum, a north Florida pastor who has ministered to hurting pastors through the fellowship of his church.

Mangum decided several years ago to become involved in helping and healing Southern Baptist pastors who had been removed forcibly from their pastorates in Apalachee Baptist Association.

Just before Christmas, Mangum and the deacons of First Baptist Church, Blountstown, Fla., sponsored the second annual fellowship for pastors, staff members, deacons and their spouses from 11 churches in Apalachee Association, site of about 20 forced terminations in the last 14 years.

This year's fellowship dinner, which featured remarks from Mangum and two deacons from his church, drew more than 100 people representing all the churches in the association.

Mangum underscored communication

and the need for a covenant between pastors and churches to spell out responsibilities and expectations from both viewpoints.

"Pastors and deacons are not adversaries, but servants of the Lord working together in the Lord's church," Mangum said. "Communication will solve a lot of problems and misunderstandings."

Mangum acknowledged that some pastors who were terminated from their positions were irresponsible to the churches they had been called to serve. Even though the ministers acted inappropriately, Christians still are told to be compassionate, he said.

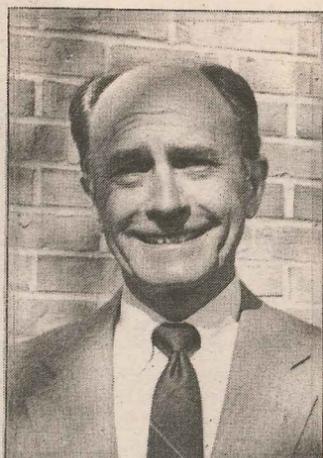
"If we can't help our own people, who can we help?" Mangum asked in an interview prior to the fellowship dinner. "We've been shooting our wounded. If we can't help our wounded, we might as well forget about winning lost souls because we are manufacturing lost souls in preachers' families."

"It's devastating to the families of pastors. I think we are going to have to help them in order to maintain our integrity." (BP)



Rea Mangum (center) talks with deacons Howard Johnson (left) and Jim Yelvington.

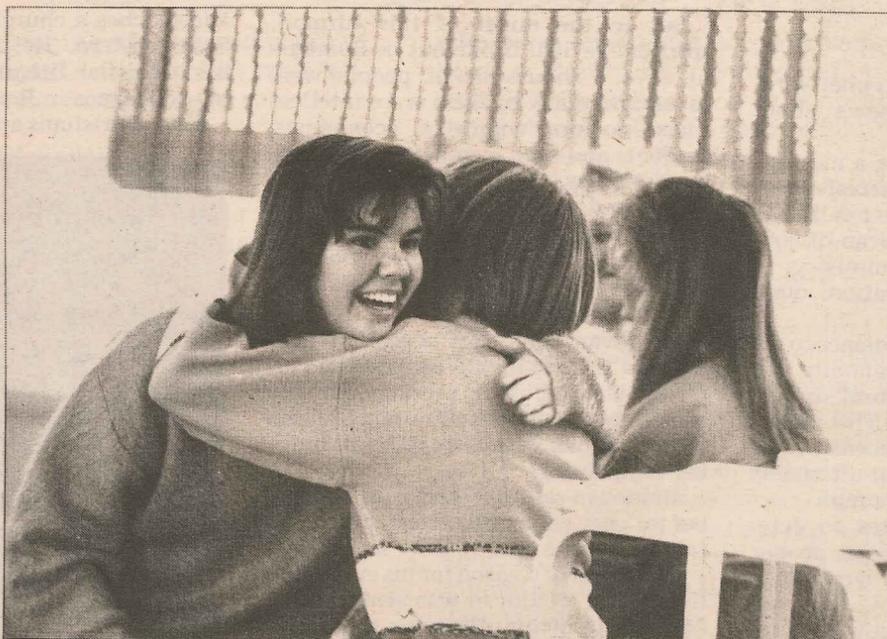
# Good news from Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children



Dr. Lindsey Horn, an Owensboro, Kentucky layman, was elected president of the KBHC board of trustees during that group's fall meeting at Glen Dale. Elected vice-president was Mrs. Dorothy Bailey, a registered nurse from Bowling Green.

Mrs. Jane Cross, a Louisville business woman, was elected secretary-treasurer for 1989.

Four trustees were elected to the KBHC board during the 1988 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. These new trustees are Grover Corum, Auburn; Tim Dievert, Danville; Mrs. Lou Langley, Rineyville; and the Rev. Bill Messer, Ashland.



Baptist churches across Kentucky continue to play a major role in the life of Homes for Children. Recently, the youth group from Providence First Baptist Church entertained Spring Meadows residents. Here, Amy Perkins shares a hug with Spring Meadows' Nicola Neal.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard, of Radcliff, Ky., sponsored a banquet at Glen Dale as an expression of gratitude to God. Their daughter, Stephanie, was a survivor of the tragic bus accident in Northern Kentucky that claimed the lives of so many children. Shown following the Glen Dale banquet are (left to right) Kenneth Howard, Mrs. Howard's mother, Sharon Howard, Stephanie (in rear), Chrisie Sherrard, Todd Bostwick (in rear), Faye Sherrard, and Pastor and Mrs. Darwin Bostwick of the First Assembly of God Church in Elizabethtown.

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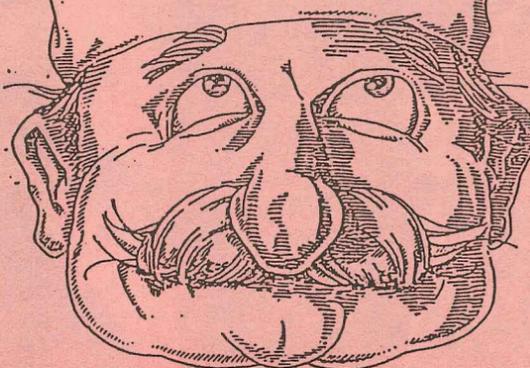
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