

Board occupies new facility, helps 19,000 annuitants

Trustees of the Annuity Board dedicated a new headquarters facility and heard reports of increases in Southern Baptist retirement funds and losses in medical insurance plans during their Jan. 30-31 meeting in Dallas.

A gathering in the new leased headquarters building included tours of the seven-floor structure and a dedication dinner in its conference center. The building is owned by Equitable Real Estate.

The staff was to move from the board's 511 North Akard building during the weekend of Feb. 10.

The Annuity Board has a 20-year lease on most of the new office space. Rent will be paid from Annuity Board earnings on invested assets. No Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget funds are used directly in Annuity Board operations.

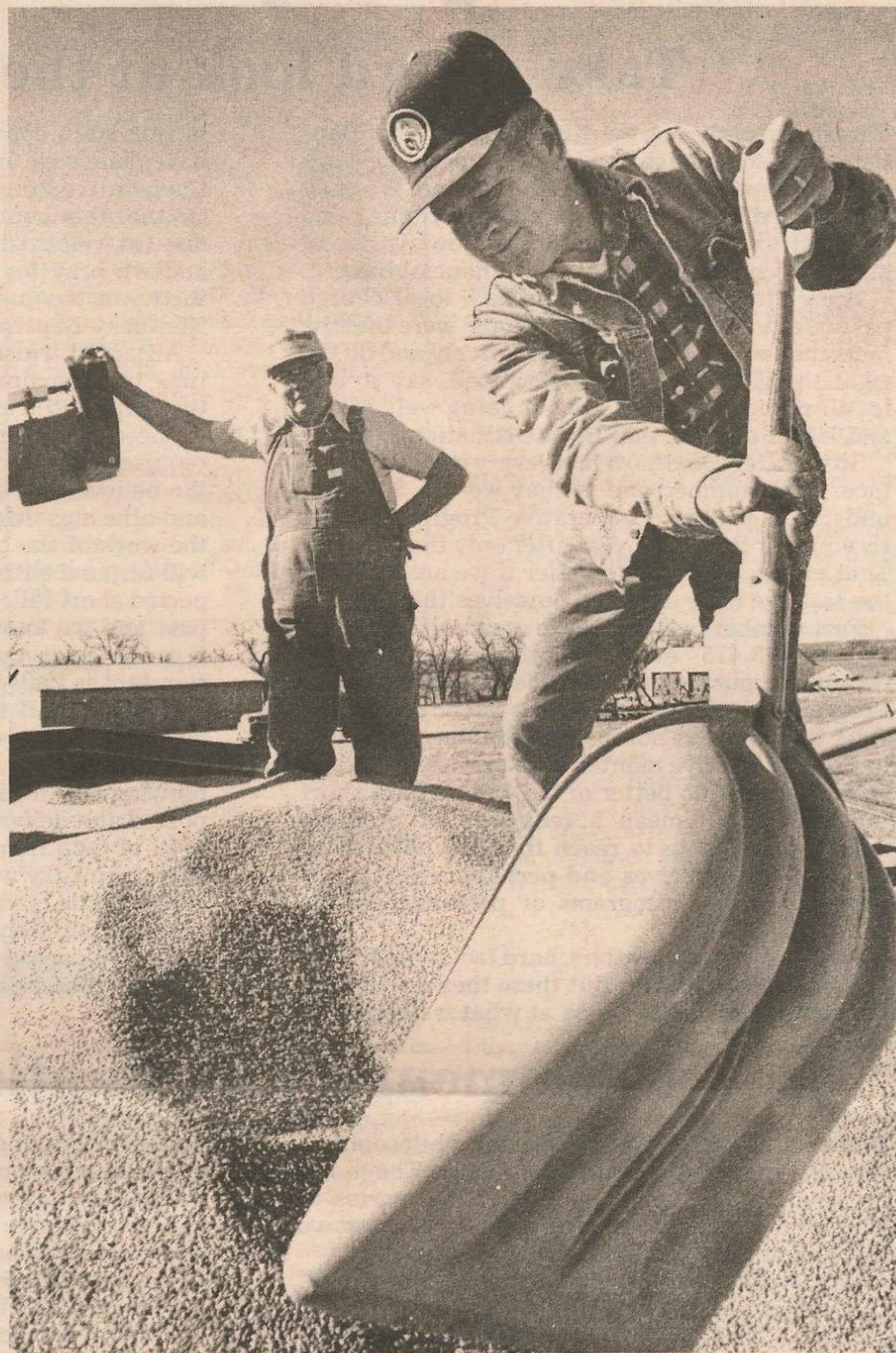
Trustees reelected B. J. Martin of Pasadena, Tex., as chairman.

During his formal report to the trustees, board president Darold H. Morgan noted growth in assets and earnings of retirement funds and losses in the medical insurance funds. Growth in retirement funds was attributed to the successful launch of expanded features in the Church Annuity Plan, which became effective Jan. 1, 1988.

By Dec. 31, 1988, 34,057 members and 20,310 churches were participating in the plan, Morgan said. Contributions to the plan totaled \$74.5 million, almost \$26.2 million more than was contributed in 1987. Total retirement and relief contributions reached \$155.5 million at year end, an increase of 17.6 percent.

The board distributed almost \$71.35 million in retirement and relief benefits in 1988, nearly 28 percent more than in 1987. Most of the money was paid to 18,873 annuitants. More than \$640,000 was distributed to needy annuitants and widows through relief programs funded by the Cooperative Program.

An additional \$238,000 in supplemental assistance was distributed through the board's "Adopt An Annuitant" program. At year end, 443 people were receiving monthly checks through this relief effort, funded by the board's endowment department. (BP)



Harold Jones (foreground), a wheat farmer and member of Calvary Baptist Church, Columbus, Kan., represents God through his daily lifestyle to others, including neighboring farmer and friend Damon Ruggels. The importance of Christians knowing what they believe and living out their faith is highlighted during the 1989 Baptist Doctrine Study observed in many churches Apr. 17-21.

Morgan warns against 'mistake'; successor pastor?

With a warning fresh in their ears that a misstep could undermine integrity and trust and bring a ruinous "instant exodus of major agency accounts," trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board approved guidelines they will follow in seeking a successor to president Darold H. Morgan.

Trustee chairman B. J. Martin of Pasadena, Tex. told the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptists' weekly newsjournal, he expected to name a search committee within a week or 10 days to seek a new president. The trustees met Jan. 30-31 in Dallas.

Morgan, who will be 65 next March, announced last fall his intention to retire. The trustees' administrative policies committee was given the responsibility to draw up a set of guidelines the board would follow in seeking his successor.

The committee, with the assistance of Hay Management Consultants of Philadelphia, brought its recommendations to the board at its Dallas meeting. The recommendations included a new organizational structure as well as the presidential guidelines, which were ap-

proved unanimously.

The guidelines specify that the president will be an ordained Southern Baptist minister, recognized and capable of broad acceptance and support within the convention. He should have a demonstrated understanding of financial management, be approachable while not intimidating, with exposure to issues in insurance, investments or an-

Church Training up in commonwealth

According to Uniform Church Letter records at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, for 1987-88 Kentucky experienced a gain of 4212 enrollees in Church Training, a 5.7% increase.

Kentucky enrolment stood at 78,687 at the year's close. Total SBC Church Training enrolment gain for 1987-88 was 39,824 persons. Kentucky experienced more than 10% of the SBC increase.

Land tells trustees CLC 'soon solvent' after financial woes

The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission will be back in the black financially by late March or early April, executive director-treasurer Richard Land told commissioners during their called semiannual meeting Jan. 30-31.

Land, who was elected to head Southern Baptists' moral and social concerns agency in September 1988, said he found the agency " \$60,000 to \$80,000 in the hole" when he assumed day-to-day direction Oct. 24, 1988.

Financial woes were brought about by a "combination of factors," he said. "We (the commission) had been consistently in the red for about a year. That came about because of the unusual demands on the resources of the commission."

Land said among the unusual demands were expenses for a consulting arrangement with Foy Valentine after he gave up the office of executive director. Details of that arrangement were not made public, but commission sources said the CLC paid Valentine in excess of \$100,000 for salary, office expenses and travel.

Another unusual demand was the coming of N. Larry Baker as executive director-treasurer, in March 1987 and a severance package of \$41,835.45 when he left June 10, 1988, after 15 controversial months.

Contributing to financial troubles was "flat Cooperative Program" support. For the first quarter of the 1988-89 budget year the CLC was \$30,427 under projection in contributions, including a deficit of \$14,029 in Cooperative Program funds.

The good news, Land said, was that the agency was below budget in spending by \$74,547. "We have been very, very careful," Land said. He also pointed out the commission did not replace staff members who had left.

Lamar Cooper, dean of graduate studies and professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Criswell College in Dallas, was elected associate director of the CLC, with responsibility for conferences, seminars and church and denominational relations. (BP)

nunities on an institutional basis.

He should be a respected and cooperative Southern Baptist with a solid record of service and have potential for several more years' service.

He cautioned the board about its selection of a new president, urging members to lay aside "personal bias" and to make decisions based only in view of "the Lord's will for what is best for the Annuity Board."

Tens of thousands of Southern Baptists are secure in their confidence in the board, he said.

"The entire denomination has a vested interest in what the Annuity Board does," he said, adding that all eyes would be on it as it selects a new president.

"One misstep, one confrontational board meeting, one publicized liability suit emerging out of what some construe to be poor fiduciary responsibility—just one—and I predict you will see an instant exodus of major agency accounts which would be devastating, ruinous, an irretrievable loss and an immediate stoppage of significant amounts of money from the churches," he said. (BP)

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Take a hard look at the facts



Jack D. Sanford

This is certainly not the time for Kentucky Baptists to be squeamish about our cooperative work and hide our collective heads in the sand. We must take a hard look at the facts and determine to do our best to keep the programs and ministries of our state convention on a solid financial base.

The editor, during his years as a local church pastor, always felt that if the people were told the facts they would respond affirmatively and do the right thing. If things are going well, say so and let all rejoice. If things are not going well, say so and let all pitch in and fix the situation.

So we offer some hard facts every one of us must face. Fact number one is that we are \$376,741 under our goal for Cooperative Program budget receipts for this fiscal year after only five months. That means we must do better if we are to finish the task we have assigned ourselves this year.

Fact number two is that we must raise an average \$1,473,475 every month from February through August in order to reach our Cooperative Program operating budget this fiscal year. Consider this, we have not reached that level of giving in three of the five months thus far in this budget year. We must do better or we will suffer a short fall which will mean a reduction of program money, a hardship to reach the SBC portion we have set for ourselves and perhaps reduction of state convention programs or personnel in the next budget year.

These are serious matters, hard facts which none of us likes to consider. But there they are and all of us must take a good look at what is happening

in our state convention. Many of our churches have done well, increasing their gifts through the Cooperative Program and we thank God for that. On the other hand, some of our churches have not done so well in support of the ministry of the KBC and we pray for a new, deeper commitment on their part to what God is trying to do through the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A Baptist truism which has been around a long time but remains true nonetheless is this, "Tell the truth and trust the people." The truth is that we need help from our people to meet the budget requirements for our work and we need it now. We believe that when the people who give tithes and offerings through the local church know that the work of the Lord in the state is in need, they will respond with generosity and make up the expected short fall. That has been the pattern of the past and we know of no compelling reason why it cannot once again be our way of fixing a situation that is badly in need of fixing.

It is not as if the state convention is about to go out of business. Far from that. All agencies and institutions and departments of our work are plowing ahead with vigor. However the work supported and delivered by the state convention is in need of help if continued progress is to be made in the ministry we have from God.

The truth is your help is needed. Now is the time for all Kentucky Baptists to respond and raise the level of cooperative giving for the sake of advancement in the ministry of our state convention.

A commentary on Baptist life?

Bumper stickers have become the philosophical display screens of modern life. They are everywhere and tell some interesting stories as well as offer pungent commentaries on how we feel and act in practically every area of life.

Last week an unusual bumper sticker caught the editor's eye and provoked some serious thought. The sticker read, **Who Knows, Who Cares, Why Bother?**

That seems to express eloquently, bluntly and pointedly the attitude often encountered in our society, even among God's people called Baptists. We seem to have little knowledge of what is happening outside our narrow circle of personal concern. We appear to care little for things which do not directly affect our personal fortune. We tend to dismiss the cares and concerns of others since they do not directly touch our own personal life.

We show signs of ignorance, Who Knows?; indifference, Who Cares?; and contentment with things as they are, Why Bother? It is disturbing to realize that this attitude does indeed characterize far too many of us.

As we reflected on the bumper sticker we could

not help thinking of our Baptist goal to see that every creature on God's earth has an opportunity to hear the gospel by the end of this century. We called this noble aspiration Bold Mission Thrust and committed ourself to its realization. But some of the thrust has been lost in our apathetic attitude of Who Knows, Who Cares, Why Bother?

Perhaps our goal to reach all the earth's people with the gospel has been pure fantasy from the beginning, a dream beyond reach created by some denominational bureaucrat sitting behind a desk in a comfortable office. Yet the concept of world evangelism seems rooted in the life of Jesus and especially in his last words, according to The Great Commission. Thus we do have a biblical mandate for this sort of effort and the world seems as ready for our witness as it has ever been in history.

Where, then, is the will for the task? Our strength has been squandered in lesser pursuits and the power to mount an effective campaign to win the world is missing. Are we Baptists models of the bumper sticker message, Who Knows, Who Cares, Why Bother? God help us if we are.

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kentucky baptist opportunities

Recreation mini-lab

First Baptist Church, Owensboro, will be site of a recreation mini-lab Mar. 10-11 sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Training Department, which has responsibility for coordinating church recreation.

The schedule opens with registration at 6:30 p.m. Friday followed by orientation at 7 p.m. The evening concludes at 10 p.m. and the mini-lab resumes at 9 a.m. Saturday, ending at noon.

Participants may choose three 75-minute specialized conferences from these: children's recreation, youth recreation, senior adult recreation, how to begin a crafts ministry, church recreation without a facility, the church recreation committee, recruiting/training volunteer coaches, fellowships, making retreats effective, clowning, quicki crafts.

Conference leaders will be staff from the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department, Nashville, and Kentucky church recreation directors.

Senior adult retreats

Two senior adult retreats are set at state Baptist assemblies in Kentucky.

At the May 15-17 retreat at Cedar-

State assembly reservations

These per person daily rates apply:

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more Baptist Assembly, near Bagdad, featured speaker will be Harold Mauney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

A week later, May 22-24, H. Garrison Coltharp, pastor of First Baptist Church, Madisonville, will address participants at Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, near Aurora.

Each retreat begins with registration

Monday at 3 p.m. followed by supper at 5:30. Lunch Wednesday at noon is the final activity of each retreat.

James Whaley, retired long time KBC staffer and former Kenya partnership coordinator in east Africa, is special senior adult consultant for the convention and will direct each retreat.

Optional conferences each day include: "In the Company of Others," "Relating to Adult Children," "Homebound Ministry," "Bible Study," "Senior Adult Leadership," "Partnership Missions."

Chaney retirement

Margaret Chaney, sales floor supervisor at Louisville's Baptist Book Store, will be feted at a buffet dinner next month in Louisville.

Miss Chaney retires Feb. 28 from the Louisville Baptist Book Store after a 44-year career, longest tenure of an employee in one store in the 62-store chain's history. (See *Fourth Estate* column, this page.)

The dinner is planned for Friday, Mar. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave. Tickets, at \$6 each, may be ordered by Mar. 3 from Baptist Book Store, 1235 Hurstbourne Ln., Louisville, KY 40222, telephone 502-423-1422. Checks should be made to Baptist Book Store, according to Wayne Hager, manager.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

Farewell to a colporteur

I admit to a deep and abiding appreciation of Baptist book stores. This dates back as early as 1965 when I became advertising editor in the stores' corporate headquarters in Nashville. I soon discovered there are some wonderful people associated with Baptist book stores. I'd like to tell you about one.

The Louisville store came into being in 1890 as the Baptist Book Concern. It was privately operated until 1925 when the Sunday School Board purchased it as the first in a national chain now encompassing 62 stores. Christina Stokmann, who had been manager pro tem of the Baptist Book Concern from 1918-22, was hired by the board and succeeded E. E. Porter as Louisville store manager in 1927. In 1945 she hired a young woman from New Albany, Ind., Margaret Chaney—three years out of high school—who was destined to become a link between those formative years and now.

Margaret, who is retiring Feb. 28, has worked under seven managers in the store's 64-year history: Christina Stokmann, Davis C. Hill, Blanche Mays, Margaret McKinney, Ruth Ouzts, Edwin Poindexter, Wayne Hager.

Margaret laughs over her experiences with all those managers "I've either broken in or broken down!"

She's never been one to think too much of herself. I called the store last fall in a period it was "between managers" and Margaret was temporarily in charge. Recognizing her voice answering the phone, I exclaimed, "I thought you had an assistant to do that." Her reply: "I AM the assistant!"

Answering the phone was her first job. But Davis Hill saw untapped potential there and elevated her to office supervisor. Margaret was unhappy. She missed the people. When a vacancy occurred on the sales floor, she asked him for it and has supervised that area since.

While Margaret knows book stores must make money to operate, her theme has never been to make a sale but to serve people. "God called me here as much as pastors in a pulpit," she says. "You touch so much in people's lives when you put good material in their hands."

In retirement, she'll be active at First Baptist Church, New Albany, where she has taught Sunday school young adults for years and is pianist and assistant organist. She loves to entertain, is close to her large family of four generations and volunteers time to patients in mental wards through a mental health association.

Margaret Chaney has been an inspiration to thousands of Kentucky Baptists who have appreciated her warm smile. I hope to encounter many more Margaret Chaney's along life's way.

baptist forum

Praise for Kentucky's Kenya ministry

I recently returned from an evangelistic trip to Kenya. While there I became acquainted with the extensive mission work Baptists of Kentucky have done. I worked with missionaries Clyde and Ann Berkley in Nyeri. They spoke very highly of the numerous Baptists of Kentucky who have worked with them and stayed in their home.

I became aware of a very valuable gift made by your brothers and sisters to the Baptist Mission in Kenya. I refer to the tent to be used for evangelistic crusades. I personally saw it in use. I preached in it. I saw people gather by the hundreds as we crowded into the tent to see the film Jesus. I would never have believed you could put as many people into that tent if I had not witnessed it with my own eyes.

We raised the tent Jan. 6 and left it in place until Jan. 16. Every day evangelistic services were conducted in the tent. Some days two or three services were held.

I want to thank the Baptists of Kentucky for the tent. It is a good tool. It can be placed almost anywhere and it provides an immediate space for a controlled environment for preaching. It protected us from rain, wind and the hot sun. It permitted us to show the movie any time of day. It gave us some privacy in which to minister to people. The tent was ideal. We had some evangelistic helpers who spent the night in the tent.

I think you begin to see how much I appreciated the tent. Again, thank you Baptists of Kentucky for your generous gift.

James M. Morton Jr.
Livermore, Cal.

Time to say, "Enough"

If a new agency (actually a lobby) representing Southern Baptists in the nation's capital is instituted, as proposed,

the trigger for schism will have been pulled. It is probable the convention will weather the current doctrinal controversies perpetrated by the so-called inerrantists, despite provincial threats posed by various splinter groups of all persuasions. However, when a cadre of narrow-minded elitists presumes to purvey convention policy regarding a national social agenda, free thinking Baptists will say, "enough."

It is at this point that individual Baptists, seeing their viewpoints misrepresented and prostituted in congressional hearings and in the offices of legislators, will withdraw their financial support from the Cooperative Program. There being absolutely no consensus among Southern Baptists on such matters as abortion, war, defense, social programs, entitlements, civic religious observances, education, taxes, tax exemptions and other matters handled by government, it ill behooves any convention agency to arrogate to itself the authority to speak for all.

The priesthood of the believer remains an operative concept in civil as well as spiritual matters. While the dogmatists on all sides rant and rave in Washington and elsewhere I can send my tithes and offerings to other storehouses, such as the Foreign Mission Board, colleges, seminaries and medical research agencies. In fact, that might be a good idea now. Not the least bit impressed by self-appointed keepers of the convention conscience, I have had enough already.

Jim Clark
Danville

Resolution 5 creates serious problems

I was unaware that Southern Baptists relied on "five major writing systematic theologians" as the final authority for our beliefs. According to Resolution No. 5 this appears to be the case, thus it is imperative we begin to study these men's writings exclusively in our Sunday schools lest we be guilty of minin-

terpreting scripture. Obviously these unidentified men are not our final authority. Whether or not they mention the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer is not important. God is our authority as revealed through the Bible and Holy Spirit.

Yes our pastors are leaders and teachers. They are also human and subject to error. Even Paul constantly warned believers to be on guard against false teachers and leaders. This requires freedom to make one's own spirit-led decisions concerning scripture.

Resolution No. 5 says the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer does not "license to misinterpret" scripture. Unfortunately the right to interpret scripture carries with it the risk of misinterpretation. Thus to deny the "license" to misinterpret denies the right to interpret, a basic right of every believer. Even if one does not agree that the right to interpret is being denied the question must be raised as to whom falls the authority to determine when scripture is being misinterpreted? Does being a pastor make one's interpretation above suspicion? Surely we are aware that our pastors cannot agree on interpretation of scripture. Nor can those in our seminaries who have devoted their lives to the study of the Bible.

Resolution No. 5 raises more problems and threats than it attempts to lay to rest. That such a resolution was passed by our convention is a sure sign, however, that we are failing to take seriously our responsibility as God's priesthood.

Bonnie L. Abraham
Louisville

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baptist news in brief

Medicare second carrier for aged church staffers

Medicare rules now require people 65 and older employed by churches or related organizations to receive primary medical coverage through a private carrier, such as the Annuity Board's church comprehensive medical insurance plan, board trustees learned during their Jan. 30-31 meeting in Dallas.

"This is another way the federal government is shifting costs from the drain on Medicare funds to the private sector," said board president Darold H. Morgan.

Of 2107 people participating in the board's church Medicare supplement insurance, an undetermined number will be affected by these changes and may see premium increases effective Apr. 1, Morgan said.

Up to 100 other participants with dependents age 65 or older also will be impacted by the change in Medicare benefit rules, he added. The board now is notifying individuals who could be affected by these changes.

Rate increases range from 30 percent to 300 percent per month. New rates will be reflected on the statements mailed in March for April's coverage.

Under the new federal rules, if a person is working 20 or more hours per week for a Southern Baptist church or related organization, Medicare considers that person as actively employed and Medicare becomes secondary insurance coverage for all family members. (BP)

SBC Exec Committee considers 'new approach'

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee will consider a new approach to convention budget planning at its February meeting, said William Harrell, chairman of the committee's program and budget subcommittee.

Using the new approach, Harrell said, the basic budget goal each year will be based on the amount of Cooperative Program receipts in the last budget year completed. "This takes the challenge of an increased budget away from a committee and places it on people of the Southern Baptist Convention, who will determine by their gifts what will be the Cooperative Program budget goal for the following year," said Harrell, pastor

of Abilene Baptist Church, Martinez, Ga.

At its Jan. 18-19 meeting, the program and budget subcommittee responded favorably to a request for change from the SBC Inter-Agency Council composed of the executives of convention entities. "As chairmen of the subcommittee I am extremely thankful for the leadership and statesmanship demonstrated by the Inter-Agency Council in its presentation of a suggested council to eliminate the problem we are facing with our budgeting," Harrell said.

"The dilemma came because during years of high inflation the SBC set growth goals that could not be main-

tained when the economy slowed down and 'our receipts and overall growth did the same,'" he said. "Our problem began when we did not fully recognize this slowing process, and we continued to budget as if inflation was still at the double-digit rate."

Consequently, the subcommittee's recommendation will be to change from a "goal-oriented" budget to a "performance-oriented" budget, he said.

"This coming year, we are going to have to 'bite the bullet,' but it will be worth it in the long run as we work toward a positive, realistic approach to budgeting which will be fiscally sound," he added. (BP)

Agreement is key to Bold Mission Thrust

The Great Commission has not been fulfilled because Christians, in their 22,300 denominations and 4000 foreign mission agencies have failed to cooperate.

That assessment reverberates throughout the pages of a new book, "Seven Hundred Plans to Evangelize the World" by David Barrett and James Reapsome.

Barrett, an Anglican missionary from Wales, is a missions researcher who has been based at the Foreign Mission Board since 1985. Reapsome is the editor of two missions publications, Evangelical Missions Quarterly and World Pulse.

Barrett and Reapsome provide an array of information examining various plans by Christians over the centuries

to carry out the Great Commission, Christ's command to share the gospel with all peoples. Of 788 plans, 401 have failed and 133 are "in danger of collapse," the authors state.

Barrett and Reapsome offer 14 recommendations "for a new strategy for world evangelization." Several focus on the need for Great Commission Christians to seek greater acceptance of each other and affirm good aspects of each other's global plans. Christians also must work together to reach each of 3030 people segments identified by missions researchers as unevangelized. These encompass 1.3 billion people in 30 countries, 1000 major cities and 2000 ethnolinguistic people groups where Christian influences are minimal or nonexistent.

"If we could all agree on some such new overall strategy," Barrett and Reapsome write, then Christians may finally be "on track for fulfilling the Great Commission by the year 2000." (BP)

Biblical conference on imperatives canceled

The Conference on Biblical Imperatives planned by the six SBC seminaries for Apr. 24-27 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center has been canceled.

The conference was to be the third of three planned by the seminaries as part of the Glorieta Statement issued to the SBC Peace Committee in 1986.

A May 1990 conference is being planned to focus on many of the issues of biblical imperatives as well as the need for renewed commitment and cooperation among all Southern Baptists.

HMB project 'depends on volunteers' says Lewis

Volunteers will be the "feet and legs" of the Home Mission Board's newly re-focused efforts to reach the nation for Christ, HMB president Larry L. Lewis told state Baptist Brotherhood leaders.

His remarks came at the annual Brotherhood Leadership Conference Jan. 24-28, hosted in part this year by the HMB in Atlanta.

"Our plans and strategies need to include one another. We are completers, not competitors," he said. "Everything we do must be tied to winning this nation to Christ, and we can do much together."

One of the strategies referred to by Lewis is the board's marketplace evangelism project, introduced to Brotherhood leaders with the help of two longtime Southern Baptist students of evangelism, Leonard Sanderson and Findley Edge.

Sanderson called marketplace evangelism "the most significant and far-reaching approach we have used in our history" to reach the lost.

Edge added Christians must find specific and significant ministries to which they are called and that they consciously choose, he said, "Incidental ministry—simply doing good things on an occasional basis—is a cop-out." (BP)

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SBTS students join forces with resort missionaries at international ski meet

As ski enthusiasts from around the globe gathered in Vail, Colo. for the world Alpine ski championships the first two weeks in February, Southern Baptists were there to greet them with the gospel. Resort missionaries and 14 students from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary provided the only reported evangelistic witness at the international event.

David Burroughs, a semester missionary of the Home Mission Board's Special Mission Ministries Department, coordinated the ministry with Steve Hoekstra, pastor of Vail Baptist Church. Hoekstra doubles as a home missionary and resort ministries director with the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

The ministry was targeted to reach some of the 600 athletes from 50 nations and nearly 50,000 spectators who flocked to the alpine resort high in the Rocky Mountains.

Burroughs said he is confident the fledgling Alpine Resort Ministry will be around long after the ski championships have ended. David Mears, a Southern Seminary student from Florence, S. C., said the ministry is a creative way of reaching the nation's unchurched population with the gospel.

"What we're doing at Vail is evangelism. We're here to carry the good news of Christ." (BP)

Books by Wire offered by BBS

Baptist Book Store customers throughout the United States may now order Bibles and hardback books by telephone to send as gifts within the continental United States.

According to William S. Graham, director of the 62-store national chain, the Books by Wire service "will permit customers to conveniently purchase books as gifts from the nearest Baptist Book Store for distant and timely delivery just as flowers can be sent to other cities."

Handwritten, personal messages from the sender can accompany the gift-wrapped book on orders placed

in advance of the desired delivery date, Graham said. Most orders can be delivered in two to five days, with next day delivery available for an additional charge. Credit card purchases will be accepted for telephone orders, and on all Books by Wire orders, \$5 is charged for the service.

Graham said the decision to affiliate with the new Florida-based service will expand the Baptist Book Store ministry "to persons who would like to send Christian books as gifts but who are unable to shop in person at a Baptist Book Store."

History meeting to focus on Baptists in America

"Baptists in America: 175 Years of National Organization" is the theme of the April 1989 annual meeting of the Historical Commission, SBC, and Southern Baptist Historical Society.

According to Lynn E. May Jr., commission executive director, "1989 is a pivotal anniversary for Baptists. Since forming their first national body in 1814, Baptists have made a major impact on the shape of American religion and life."

Participants will meet at the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville Apr. 25-26. Registration and hotel information can be obtained by contacting the Historical Commission, SBC, 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203. Or call (615) 244-0344.

Speakers include B. Gray Allison, president and professor of evangelism, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.; William H. Brackney, vice president and dean, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; Claude L. Howe Jr., chairman, Theological and Historical Studies Division and professor of church history, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; William L. Lumpkin, retired pastor, Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; H. Leon McBeth, professor of church history, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director, Education Commission, SBC, Nashville.

Giving for world hunger trend reverses

Southern Baptists in 1988 reversed a downward trend in giving to the denomination's program of world hunger ministries, according to figures released by the Foreign and Home Mission boards.

Southern Baptist contributions for domestic and foreign hunger last year reached \$9,009,764, representing an increase of about one percent over similar giving in 1987. It is also the third largest amount ever given by Southern Baptists to hunger causes.

The figures do not reflect receipts for

"general relief" at the Foreign Mission Board nor money given for hunger that were utilized in local Baptist churches, associations and state conventions.

"The upswing in hunger contributions in the midst of declining giving across the convention signals that the hunger issue is a priority issue among Southern Baptists and that Southern Baptists have a growing confidence in the hunger ministries of our mission boards," said Robert Parham, associate director of the Christian Life Commission, which coordinates education and action on hunger issues among Southern Baptists. (BP)

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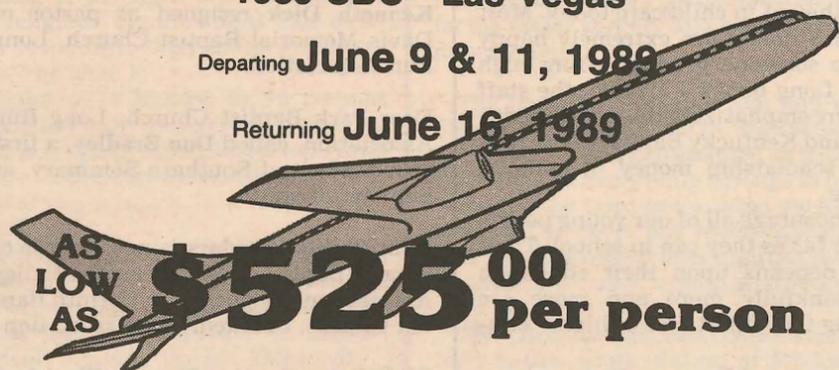
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homes for children

Beyond the campus

Two of our young men who are studying at Georgetown College have visited me recently. I was very impressed with both of them. They are enjoying school and are taking every advantage of the opportunity to learn.

In addition to these two, ten other young people from our programs are attending college and two more are in vocational school. That is a remarkable accomplishment in child care today. Most children's homes are extremely happy to have someone graduate from high school. Long before I arrived, the staff here were emphasizing the need for education and Kentucky Baptists were providing scholarship money to make it possible.

We encourage all of our young people to go as far as they can in school. Their future depends upon their education and thankfully more and more are realizing the importance of higher education.

When our youth go on to school, we help them apply for scholarships and other assistance but we promise to help pay for whatever such monies will not cover. We also see to it that each of our students have weekly spending money and for those who have no place to go during the summer we provide a place to live. Many of the young people return to the home over weekends or school holidays for a visit.

We have a full time worker, Robert Warren, who helps each of these young people as well as those who are planning to attend next year. Right now we have seven children who are high school seniors and who will be going to college this fall.

The majority of the youth in college are from Glen Dale, though Spring Meadows' numbers are growing. Buckley Carlin, his wife Sue, and the staff at Glen Dale have done a tremendous job encouraging these young people to continue their education.

College or vocational school is not for everyone and we have programs to train youth who leave us directly for work. But I am encouraged by the number of our young people who are choosing to pursue higher education. It is such an important choice in our world today.

personnel

Greenbriar Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Leonard Dunn**.

David Hargis resigned as pastor of Oak Grove No. 2 Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Flat Rock Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **Brent Stephens**.

Himyar Baptist Church, North Concord Association, accepted the resignation of pastor **John Engel**.

Mark Shelton accepted the call as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Providence Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, called **Wayne Riley** as pastor.

David Cheek resigned as pastor of Red Hill Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

F. Wayne Carter resigned a second tenure as pastor of West Fork Baptist Church, Blood River Association, to accept pastorate of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

During Carter's second pastorate at West Fork a building debt was retired, mission gifts doubled, the parking area was enlarged and Sunday school attendance last year was the highest in church history with 187 on high attendance day.

Loyal Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, called **Joel Cox** as pastor.

Kenneth Dick resigned as pastor of Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Deer Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Don Bradley**, a first year student at Southern Seminary, as minister of youth.

John Phillip Meadors is new pastor of Sonora Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. He goes from Corinth Baptist Church, Breckenridge Association.

West Point Baptist Church, Blackford Association, called **Randall Brown** of Cloverport as pastor.

Leonard H. Harmon, director of missions, McCreary County Association, has accepted the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church, McCreary Association.

East Hickman Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association, called **Keith Rowlkes** as minister of music.



Brian Rogers

Brian Rogers received the missions challenge service award, base unit, for high school Baptist young men, Brotherhood Commission, SBC. Rogers is a member of Loyall First Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, where his father is pastor. He is a student at James A. Cawood High School.

The missions challenge award was presented for 150 hours of volunteer service related to missions in church and community. Rogers is state high school Baptist Young Men's president. He will attend the Southern Baptist Convention as the Kentucky page with other high school Baptist Young Men and Acteens.

Dennie Francis is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association.

Second Baptist Church, Mortons Gap, Little Bethel Association, called **Chester Culver** as pastor. He goes from Blood River Baptist Association.

Laurel Chapel Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Darrel Jessie**, a student at Clear Creek College, as pastor.

David Walters of Russellville, Ky., is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Laurel River Association.

Mark Slaughter is new minister of music, Zion Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

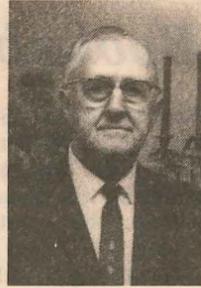
Erik Fearing resigned as minister of music and youth of Liberty Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. Fearing goes to Sunnycrest Baptist Church, Marion, Ind., as associate pastor and minister of music.

deaths

Russell Henson, 86, died Jan. 25. He had been pastor of eight Kentucky Baptist churches and taught at Oneida Baptist Institute in the late 30s.

He was a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Survivors include three children, David, Martha and Sarah, who request memorials be sent to First Baptist Church, Osprey, Florida.



Gilmer Pursley

Gilmer Bell Pursley died Jan. 14 in Hopkinsville.

Pursley, 93, was educational director at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Christian County Association, 1924-55. In 1955 he joined the staff of Bethel College as business manager and worked there until his retirement in 1963.

The congregation of First Church voted to name its educational building The Gilmer Pursley Educational Building in his honor.

Pursley, survived by his wife Lilly Gary, was active as a deacon in Hopkinsville's First Baptist Church and served on various civic committees as well as participation in the work of the Christian County Baptist Association.

ordinations

First Baptist Church, Franklin, Simpson Association, ordained **John Mark Fones, Neal Gentry, Carl Stoner** and **James Henry Turner** as deacons. Ray E. Cummins is pastor.

Millville Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, ordained **Franklin Jackson** as a deacon Jan. 29. Jerry Tooley preached the ordination sermon. Mike Hamrick is pastor.

James Curtin Patton was ordained to the ministry by Muldraugh Baptist Church, Salem Association, Dec. 11. Patton earned his MDiv degree from Southern Seminary and is interim pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church, Hamilton, Oh.

Immanuel Baptist Temple, Green Valley Association, ordained **Bob Crafton** and **Rickie Johnson** as deacons. Dennis R. Plank is pastor.

Larry Banister, Mark Cooper, Steve Gray and **Jimmy Bahn** were ordained as deacons by Northside Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association. David Royalty is pastor.

Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Bell Association, ordained **Lawrence Greshem** to the ministry.

Mike Taylor, pastor of Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Booneville Association, was ordained by the church to the ministry.

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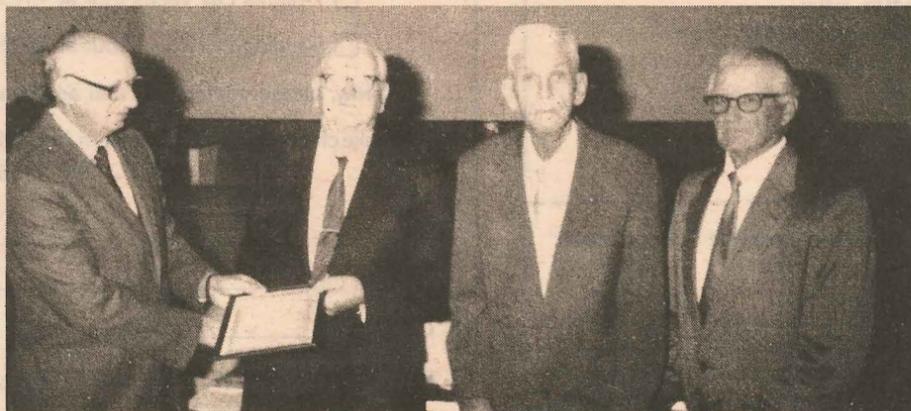
Oneida Baptist Church, Booneville Association, baptized 51, added three by letter and saw 205 other decisions during October. Joel A. Rackley is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski Association, voted unanimously to become the mother church to Lakeside Mission. Robert Browning is pastor of First Church.

Kettle Island Baptist Church, Bell Association, changed its name to **Pioneer Baptist Church**.

Booneville First Baptist Church, Booneville Association, began a Bible study at a senior citizens' apartment building.

Rockhouse Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, began a Sunday school class at a nursing home.



(l-r) **Ralph Morris**, chairman of deacons, **Salvisa Baptist Church**, Mercer Association, presents certificates of appointment as "deacon emeritus" to **Johnathan Barker**, **Denton Montgomery** and **Harry Daulton** for 40 years of service.

christian education

MWBTS professor preaches, teaches in Kenya

The first faculty member to participate in the "professor on mission" program at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary recently returned to the Kansas City, Mo. campus after a five-week trip to Africa.

F. William Ratliff, registrar and associate professor of Christian philosophy and theology, went overseas through the program which links the seminary in partnership with the Foreign Mission Board.

The program meets specific missions needs by involving Midwestern faculty members directly in short-term teaching and ministry assignments overseas. The program is financed by the V. Lavell Seats Fund, an endowment named in

Leading worship scholar to address Southern's preaching conference

William H. Willimon, one of America's leading worship scholars, will be among the speakers at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's fourth annual National Conference on Biblical Preaching Mar. 6-10.

Willimon, minister to the university and professor of the practice of Christian ministry at Duke University, Durham, N. C., will address the conference and deliver the seminary's E. Y. Mullins lectures on preaching.

Other speakers will include Dan Griffin, pastor, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas; Charles Page, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville; and John Hughes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Independence, Mo.

The conference is sponsored by the seminary's National Center for Christian Preaching. For further information, call the seminary's continuing education office toll free at (800) 626-5525 or in Kentucky call (502) 897-4315.

Virginian joins SBTS as regional director

John S. Farrar has been named regional director of development for the east at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Farrar, retired pastor of Culpeper (Va.) Baptist Church, will make development contacts for the seminary on a part time basis in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. He pastored the Culpeper congregation 26 years before his retirement in 1984.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest (N. C.) University and Southern Seminary.

Georgetown College surpasses campaign goal

Georgetown College president W. Morgan Patterson announced at the winter meeting of the board of trustees Jan. 27 that the college had surpassed its \$7.5 million challenge goal to reach \$7.8 million during the school's current "Investing in People Campaign."

According to J. Richard Carlton, vice president of development, the campaign, which began in 1985 and will conclude in 1990, had an original goal of \$5 million. "We passed the original goal in mid 1987 and we are thrilled that the response of our alumni and friends has made it possible for the college to reach its challenge goal," said Carlton.

honor of the institution's senior professor of missions.

Ratliff taught classes in historical and systematic theology at International Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa in Limuru, Kenya. His students were African Baptists involved in various ministries in the area. They included pastors, church starters and directors of missions.

"I enjoyed the students immensely," Ratliff said. "They were well prepared and had good English skills. Just getting to know them was the highlight of my trip."

Discussions with the students triggered some theological reflections for Ratliff. "I had some very good conversations with them about the nature of sacrifice in tribal religions," he reported. "That will help me in thinking about and teaching the doctrine of atonement."

In addition to his teaching duties, Ratliff preached in area churches every Sunday. He only needed the help of an interpreter twice, when his sermons were translated into Swahili, he said, noting most of the Kenyans he met understood English.

Ratliff also talked with administrators at the African seminary about possibilities for future contact through the professor on mission program. He

Summer institute on aging at Baylor

An innovative approach in ministering to the aged is expected to attract participants from throughout the United States to the fourth annual Summer Institute on Aging for Religious Workers to be held at Baylor University June 18-30.

Directed by Baylor's Institute of Gerontological Studies, the interfaith program is designed for all religious groups committed to developing ministries with older persons.

The two-week session will provide participants with the essential knowledge and skills needed to be more creative and responsive in their ministry with aging population, according to Ben E. Dickerson, director of the Institute of Gerontological Studies.

"The program will develop leadership in the design and implementation of

Louisville artists exhibit Feb. 13-Mar. 3

Two Louisville artists are holding a joint guest artist exhibit at Campbellsville College's Gosser Fine Arts Center Feb. 13-Mar. 3.

Artworks by Shawn Lee and Martin Rollins are on display from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

A reception for Rollins and Miss Lee was held Mon., Feb. 13.

Miss Lee is showing mixed media, assemblages and graphite drawings. Rollins is exhibiting still life paintings that incorporate media images of current political events and personages, landscapes and interiors. All of Rollins' work is in either oils or oil pastel media.

Miss Lee said, "Many of the works featured in this exhibition are based on oral histories and stories of south central Kentucky. This period of work was made possible by a grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women Inc."

Miss Lee's artwork combines oral histories with her artist interpretation of them. Her work shows elements of the

said the Kenyans were "excited about the program and appreciative of the initiative Seats and Midwestern have taken along this line."

They also discussed the possibility of faculty and student exchange programs between the two seminaries, he said. "I think we had a very good first experience with the professor on mission program. The nationals and missionaries in Kenya like the approach we're taking and want to encourage it."

Ratliff said he gained a great deal from the trip. He appreciated being able to visit with two Midwestern graduates now missionaries in Kenya, Ben Hess and Sam Turner.

"After being on the field with them I think I now have a keener insight into the parameters in which a missionary works these days," he said. "I'm more sensitive to the relationship with national conventions and have a more realistic perception of the lifestyle and requirements of contemporary mission work."

These insights will affect his teaching in the classroom and will help him be a better advisor to students interested in career missions, Ratliff said. "Now I can share from firsthand knowledge what I think might help a person be better prepared for missions service," he explained.

ministry arrangements for the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of a diverse and rapidly growing group," Dickens said.

"Participants will gain an understanding of the 'new' older person and how religious organizations can creatively respond to their unique ministry needs," he said.

Enrollment is limited to 40 persons who should have an interest in meeting the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of older persons and should be in a leadership position in a religious organization.

Tuition is \$450 and covers the costs of instruction and course materials. For more information contact Ben E. Dickerson, director, Institute of Gerontological Studies, Baylor University, B. U. Box 7292, Waco, TX 76790 or call 817-755-1164.

lives of rural women including uncertainty, birth, death, isolation, religion, history and the seasons.

Miss Lee has a BA in printmaking from the Louisville School of Art and was a participant in the Kentucky Arts Council Artists in Residence, 1983-89. She was also involved in the visual arts faculty for Governors School for the Arts, 1987-88.

Her past exhibition experience includes the Water Tower Annual, Small Works National and Realism Today plus solo exhibitions at Marshall University and Bellarmine College.

Rollins has a BA from the Louisville School of Art and a MA from the University of Cincinnati.

His past exhibition experience includes works at the University of Cincinnati; Arts Consortium, Cincinnati; Floyd County Museum, New Albany, Ind.; J. B. Speed Museum, Louisville; and 101 Wooster Street, New York.

The public is invited to both the reception and exhibit.



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

clear creek chronicle

He will supply

Last October students and faculty joined me in asking our Lord to send Clear Creek \$500,000 by mid January to reduce our debt and meet other needs. On Jan. 13 almost two-thirds of the request had arrived. That day a retired business man called the campus. He was facing major surgery and wanted to update his will.

The next day, I visited him and was blessed by his Christian stewardship testimony. "The Lord enabled us to earn and save and everything belongs to him. We want the Lord to use what we leave behind. I've never had much education and now my health won't permit me to go and serve. I want to help send others."

The Lord directed this couple to leave their entire estate, valued at \$250,000, to Clear Creek. They have no children and other family members possess adequate resources.

This man has never visited our campus and no alumnus has been his pastor. He knew of our Bible-centered, mission-emphasis training and our long tradition of equipping older individuals.

This estate gift may not come to us for several years but the Lord let me know about it as a reminder of his adequate resources. I identify with Oneida president Barkley Moore. In reflecting about his job he said, "It took a lot of faith to come here but now my faith is even stronger." Nearly half of our support must come from private gifts. This encourages faith praying and is a constant reminder of our Lord's sufficient ability.

On Apr. 27 students, faculty and trustees will celebrate the retiring of a \$377,000 loan signed Mar. 16, 1988. \$3000 monthly will now be available for other needs. Another larger note remains to be paid but the promise has already been made—"My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

For this family, the secret to waiting is faith

This article by Mickey Meece was printed in *The Sentinel-News, Shelbyville, Jan. 25, 1989*. The family in the story is active in *Shelbyville's First Baptist Church*.

Smartly clad in black slacks and crisp white blouse accentuated by dark hair and dark sunglasses, Angie Doyle could have been mistaken for a model.

The 18-year-old Jefferson Community College freshman was casually sitting on a concrete wall, nibbling on a messy Taco Bell Tostada during a break between classes Monday afternoon.

A former Shelby County High School basketball player and honor student, Angie is in her second attempt at first semester classes such as literature, algebra, education and psychology.

Angie's first semester at Lake Forrest College in Illinois was rudely interrupted halfway through when she became deathly ill.

It wasn't the flu that kept her in the school infirmary and then a hospital for 10 days.

Angie, who had never been in a hospital before, learned her liver had failed because of a rare, inherited disease called Wilson's.

Later doctors determined both her mother Deana and her father Max carried an abnormal gene. Neither of them contracted Wilson's disease but Angie did.

With the onset of Wilson's disease the body begins to accumulate excessive amounts of copper in the liver, brain and kidneys. Undetected for 18 years, the disease depleted Angie's liver capacity to a mere 10 percent. Her brain and kidneys are apparently unaffected.

Angie, who had never been in a hospital before, learned her liver had failed because of a rare inherited disease called Wilson's. Undetected for 18 years, the disease depleted Angie's liver capacity to a mere 10 percent.

Because her liver can no longer function normally Angie must have a liver transplant. She will do so at the Medical College of Virginia when a donor organ is available.

But her problem goes beyond the transplant.

As a result of Wilson's Angie is a bleeder. This makes any cut, scratch, bump or bruise deadly. Her doctor Richard Wright has already ruled out competitive sports, such as basketball.

In addition Angie cannot eat foods high in salt and copper content such as chocolate, nuts, granola, lamb, shellfish and pork.

"Yes, I miss it but I can do without it."

If her body does accept the liver, which she is confident it will, Angie will face the life-long task of taking anti-rejection drugs. Plus, she must take medicine to combat any further deterior-



Members of the Doyle family are (l to r): Emily, Deana, Angie, Julie and Max.

ation of her liver, kidney or brain because of Wilson's disease.

With such an incredible burden dropped on her young shoulders Angie could have returned to Shelbyville, dropped out of school and kept to herself.

But Angie, who was voted wittiest of her senior class last year, is resilient. She is a fighter, an exceptional patient.

"That's helped a lot of people treat me the same," she said. "I don't sit around making other people feel guilty about being healthy."

Instead Angie pursues her dream of becoming a school psychologist. Three days a week Angie drives 30 miles to JCC for classes. Though her routine could be interrupted at any point during her college career, Angie keeps plugging along.

"I'm just keeping the same attitude I had before," Angie said. "I could sit at home afraid of getting killed in a wreck but I could have been killed before."

Common sense, faith and hope are all traits Angie inherited from her parents. Though the news of the illness has touched them deeply, they remain determined things will work out, steadied by a rock solid faith in God.

"We've got a lot of things going for us," said Angie's mother. "We feel like everything will be fine."

"I think the thing is to have faith in the Lord," said her father who is a computer operator.

Monday evening the family gathered in their quaint, comfy, country style living room in a one story house off Smithfield Road.

"We try not to think very far ahead," said Mrs. Doyle. "We try to keep things as normal as we can."

"You really don't think about it," said Julie, the middle daughter who attends West Middle School. "She's gotten better."

Julie's right, her Mom notes, because her big sister does not look sick, though there are clues she is. The other day for example, Angie wore heavy clip-on earrings that left bruises on both ear lobes. And Angie still has bruises from where she cut her legs shaving recently.

On her hands and face there are tiny red dots characteristic of Wilson's disease. When she presses the dots, the area

becomes engulfed in red.

Angie's baby sister Emily curled up beside her in a chair as the family talked about their fear of the unknown.

So much could happen without warning. Angie could be called out of class when a donor liver becomes available.

"What am I going to tell my professor?" she asked jokingly. "Excuse me, I've got to get a liver transplant?"

When that news comes, Angie and her parents must fly immediately to Richmond prepared to stay for three

Mid-State youth sock it to the needy

by Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

Christmas is a time of sharing gifts, cars, food and . . . socks?

The youth from Lebanon Junction Baptist Church, Nelson Association, found socks to be the ideal gift. On a Sunday afternoon in December they presented 400 pairs of socks to needy people at the St. Vincent DePaul Center, Louisville.

The project began several months ago when the young people went to the center to do a puppet show. They were well received by their audience and thoughts soon turned to Christmas. It would be wonderful to return with gifts. But what can one youth group give so many people? Realizing the individuals at the center would probably not receive any gifts, the youth decided on something very practical.

Soon a full scale campaign was under way. Led by youth ministers Gary and Vicki Abston, the adolescents asked the church to bring socks. They placed a collection box in the front of the church and encouraged members to ask their friends for socks as well. Unwilling to leave anything to chance, the youth followed up their initial announcement with skits in worship and countdowns to their goal.

Their efforts met with success. Twenty-one people took 400 pairs of socks to St. Vincent DePaul's. They performed a puppet show, sang and gave testimonies. Wanting to emphasize the gift nature of the socks, the youth had

months or more.

They are trying to find friends in Richmond or a Ronald McDonald House to defray the cost of having to rent an apartment during her hospitalization.

Reportedly the surgery costs an estimated \$250,000 but the Doyles do not know if their insurance will cover it completely.

Common sense, faith and hope are all traits Angie inherited from her parents. Though the news of the illness has touched them deeply, they remain determined things will work out.

Meanwhile friends and family have been offering the Doyles constant support, words of encouragement and advice.

Friends at Citizens Union Bank have started the Angie Doyle Fund, care of CUB, P. O. Box 189, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Employees there chipped in about \$300 while the bank added \$700 to get the fund started, according to Joanna Ayers, organizer.

"After that we're just trying not to worry," Mrs. Doyle said. "It's so overwhelming."

carefully wrapped each pair. As people went through the food line that day, Lebanon Junction youth handed each one a package decorated with a candy cane. They also presented some with mittens donated by Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

On the group's first visit to the center an elderly man dug deep into his pocket and gave Abston \$1 to continue their ministry. This day the people were equally grateful. One woman holding a tiny baby asked for extra socks and mittens to take to her children at home. An elderly lady asked if she might have a pair of mittens though most of the sizes were children's.

The Lebanon Junction group will not soon forget the experience.

"They were really touched," Mrs. Abston recalled. One of the youth cried and all discussed the impact on their lives. "Our kids don't often see people that needy," Mrs. Abston explained. One of the church's adult men noticed another man digging through a pile of free clothes trying to find a coat. The Lebanon Junction member quickly removed his own coat and handed it to the other gentleman.

Eager to share the result of their visit with the fellowship that had made it all possible, the young people performed one last skit for their church. They reenacted their giving and stressed the gratitude of the recipients.

Mrs. Abston rejoices in the continuing spirit of ministry she sees in her youth. They have already completed another service project and are busily planning more.

Reaching the neighborhood

Walnut Street targets needs in unique "mission"

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

For Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, ministering to people from all walks of life is not a new idea. Television ministry helps attract a membership from the larger Kentuckiana area.

Neither is it a new idea to minister to the neighborhood, a neighborhood now composed of rental properties and old restored homes occupied mostly by low income disadvantaged blacks and whites.

Establishing and supporting a mission isn't a novel idea either.

But establishing a mission on the supporting church's own property to minister to the neighborhood is a new idea, at least for Walnut Street.

In effect, that's what pastor Kenneth Chafin says the church has done. Members are calling the ministry "Wednesday school and worship."

The ministry evolved out of a long term commitment to reach the neighborhood. Efforts began with Wednesday evening recreation and a Bible study for children known as "Bible Buddies." Both have been successful for several years. Two years ago, Wednesday workers began using Sunday school literature for the children's and youth Bible studies, initiating the concept of "Wednesday school." In September 1988 concerned lay people began two adult Wednesday school classes.

Those involved in Wednesday school classes are enrolled in Bible study just as those involved in Sunday school. There is no dual counting system for attendance.

Wednesday worship began in January as a natural outgrowth of Wednesday school. Lela Hendricks, minister to students at Walnut Street, terms the service "alternative worship" offered in a different setting for those who either cannot attend traditional Sunday worship or cannot be reached by the traditional Sunday time and environment.

Actually the idea almost seems traditional. Adults, teens and children are involved in Bible study and worship. Worshipers participate in a short song service and worship leader Ronnie Davis presents a message and offers an invitation for salvation, rededication or church membership.



Ronnie Davis and Sari Laucirica lead Wednesday worship.

But there are very distinct differences. Both Wednesday school and worship meet in the education building, not the sanctuary. Children are fed a light snack after arriving from school. Youth participate in recreation while adult Bible studies and Bible Buddies meet before worship. Youth Bible studies meet after worship while children participate in



recreation. "Our group is characterized by fluidity," Mrs. Hendrix says. "We have teenagers who 'come through.' We hope to begin to provide them with a place they want to claim and keep coming to." Once a month children meet with youth and adults for worship. Mrs. Propst claims participation in Wednesday worship provides role models for

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recreation.

Mrs. Hendrix and Pam Propst, minister to children, stress the importance of adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of the children and youth. The actual teaching basically consists of short term, upbeat, fast-paced projects. Teachers must be flexible in implementing values clarification as well as listening and support groups.

children within their own culture and peer groups. "It offers children exposure to worship when they don't go to Sunday worship."

But one of the most significant differences, according to Mrs. Hendrix, is motivation. "These are kids who want to be here," she says. "Nobody makes them. They are always welcome at the foot of the cross, but they don't have to

be in Bible study groups."

She smiles as she remembers requesting one eighth-grade boy not return to Bible study until his behavior was appropriate. Three years later he still attends, bringing family and friends with him.

Chafin and the Wednesday workers count the success enormous. Almost 200 children, youth, adults and workers participate in Wednesday school and worship. "That's more than most Kentucky churches average in Sunday school," Chafin says.

Worship leader Davis sees the potential to create a sense of community within the group as the key to further success. "We want people to feel comfortable enough to participate in worship," he says. "They already have support groups in their individual Bible studies. We hope this will increase on a larger scale in worship."

"The mission inside the church is as much a part of the church family as any other part," Chafin adds. "It's a successful mission in our own property, just in a different way. It's bigger than any new mission around, and it's made up of 95 percent prospects!"

"The kids feel like this is their church," Mrs. Propst says. "Ask them what church they attend and they say 'Walnut Street.'"

Of course the coordinators and workers have goals and dreams for Wednesday school and worship. During the Feb. 5 Sunday evening worship Walnut Street congregation commissioned over 100 Wednesday evening leaders.

"We want the church to recognize this ministry, to pray for it and to uplift the workers," Chafin says.

"We're not just doing 'religious welfare,'" minister of education Bob Bailey stresses.

"As people come to know Christ and come into the church, we hope they will become involved in Wednesday leadership just as people in any other church would," Chafin explains.

"We hope leadership evolves out of the spiritual gifts of these people," Mrs. Hendrix adds.

"Alternate schedules aren't unique," Bailey concludes. "Cultural barriers and language barriers are almost the same. Wednesday school and worship targets needs in an atmosphere where decisions are more likely."



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Our educated pigs!

I just had a salad of fresh lettuce and tomatoes. Delectable! Delicious! Delightful!

The lettuce and tomatoes were fresh from our greenhouse, growing in January. Also we have beautiful cabbage and cauliflower, and our own greenhouse radishes have been a part of our salad bar for weeks.

It is exciting.

Also excited are many of our young people, largely middle schoolers, who are working in the greenhouse each day developing a 'green thumb.' One cannot measure or imagine the effects on each for a lifetime, but certainly for the good.

Litter after litter of new pigs are coming on.

Children and adults alike delight in seeing our cute "babies." Also they enjoy seeing our hogs drink water after they become bigger and are weaned from their mother's milk. We don't let our pigs drink out of some old trough or other container that they might step in or otherwise get dirty.

No sir! We educate our Oneida hogs to put their two front feet on a small raised platform and drink from a nipple waterer. That is a spring loaded nipple on our water system that flows by gravity from a reservoir we built some years ago in the hills above our farm. By this method the water is always fresh for our hogs, and there is very little waste.

Every time I think of our hog operation, I recall an episode summer before last. I took a number of visitors on a sunny afternoon to see the farm. I saw

no one and heard not a sound. I assumed our students were in some field out of sight. I showed our 3000 sq. ft. farm shop building that includes our agriculture classroom. Then I directed the guests over to the hog barn.

Imagine my surprise to open the door and find 17 of our boys ranging in age from 10 years to 19. They were standing in absolute silence. There was no talking or giggling, there was no pushing or shoving. One might have imagined oneself in a temple.

What was happening?

An old sow was giving birth to a large litter. One little pig followed another. For most of those boys, it was their first experience seeing a live birth of anything. They were in awe. No matter how many times one might see birth, of pigs or whatever, it is a revelation of the mystery and wonder of God's great creation.

I will never forget that scene that afternoon. There is more to an Oneida education than books and ball games. There are few schools in the nation that offer its young people as varied an experience and opportunities as does the Oneida school. The word-of-mouth reputation of our school has attracted students from all parts of Kentucky, and 23-29 states yearly, but from many nations as well. Of the more than 500 different from a total of 60 different countries, only nine had heard about OBI from a missionary. The rest just heard. That is nearly as awesome a thought as a little pig being born.

January was such a beautiful, sunny, springlike month. We got a tremendous amount of hill grubbing done on our farm clearing more pasture land. We average 10 students a day, five days a week, working with ax and matto. One beautiful Saturday we had 37.

Another interesting daily sight on our campus every day except Sunday is watching our compost crew at work during their daily chore time.

All the leaves raked from our large campus last fall is in great piles near our gardens. These leaves are constantly turned over week by week with some manure and sawdust mixed in along. We also have a shredding machine that cuts up twigs and sticks that fall from the trees through the fall and winter and is added to the compost. We also shred all our cardboard boxes to make a mulch to go around young growing garden plants. We think this natural fertilizer preferable to the "store bought" kind.

We teach our students that food comes from something other than a can.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR FEB. 19, 1989

Life and work series

Evaluating worship and relationships

I Cor. 11:18, 23-29 Paul sent the Corinthian church some explicit instructions about the proper observance of the Lord's Supper.

Christ instituted the Lord's Supper in the Upper Room at Jerusalem on the night of his betrayal. He did this in express recognition and for the everlasting remembrance of his death, torture, agony and ignominy. Because our Lord said, "This do in remembrance of me," there shall not be any question in the mind of any Christian as to the importance of the Lord's Supper. When he instituted the Supper, Christ took the bread, which represented his own body and gave thanks unto the Father for a body that could die for the sins of men. He also took the wine, which represented his blood, gave thanks for it and interpreted the meaning of this symbol to the disciples. Then he gave it to them and commanded them to drink. This memorial of his death was established and is to be observed until he returns.

Concerning the observance of the Lord's Supper, Paul emphasized three great truths:

1. Practice. The regular, prayerful and scriptural observance of the Lord's Sup-

per enriches the lives of believers and causes them to love Christ more.

2. Proclamation. The silent who watch the voiceless wine tell those who watch the observance that Christ died and sinners receive eternal life through his broken body and poured-out blood. His death is what is held up to view in this Supper. His sacrifice for our sins was sufficient for our salvation. The fact that Christ died for us should give gratitude to our hearts, purity to our thoughts, quality to our words and tone to our actions.

3. Prophecy. Every time we observe the Lord's Supper, we proclaim to the world that Christ is coming again according to his own promise.

International series

Wealth and discipleship

Luke 18:18-30 On his last journey to Jerusalem Christ was sought out by the rich young ruler who possessed many praiseworthy virtues. His seriousness was one of the first signs of his greatness. He was unusually discerning. His morals, habits and conduct were commendable. His character and reputation were above reproach. He was justly proud of his clean record. He was reverent in the private but his piety was purely negative. All that he could boast of was the evil which he had not done.

He was interested in knowing how he might obtain eternal life. He thought he could obtain it through his own efforts. He believed he was prepared to do whatever was necessary to get it.

Christ wanted him to see that eternal life is an inheritance and not something bestowed upon one for moral excellence or faithful service. No man has ever been saved because of what he did to or for his fellows. Although some are teaching salvation by works with new vigor and viciousness today, it is still true that nobody has ever been able to save himself. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3:5). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourself: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

When Christ offered this young ruler eternal life on terms which were different from what he expected, he declined to accept it. He wanted the blessing of eternal life, but on his own terms. Refusing to yield to Christ, he went away in great sorrow, without salvation and without any hope of heaven.



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on mission together

A promise kept

The mountains of eastern Kentucky have long presented a challenge to Kentucky Baptists.

As part of the strategy to reach this area for Christ, Kentucky Baptists have provided a mountain missions director, to live near the area and to concentrate his time in assisting churches, associations and pastors in that area. We have no other similar position anywhere else in the state.

Ross Figart is "our Mountain Man." Living in Winchester, he circulates around this rugged area now made more accessible by a greatly improved road system.

I've been with him on two "orientation journeys," seeing places I've never heard of much less visited. He knows how the names are pronounced and a

good many are not pronounced like they look. And some, like "Hell fer Sartin," you've got to be careful with. I'll be taking another such journey with him in April. No doubt, I'll be seeing more places I've never been and some I've wanted to visit but didn't have an invitation.

Ross produces what I presume is the only regional Baptist publication around. "Mountain News and Views" is only a four-page piece but it always includes, along with insights from Ross, news from 10 or more associations.

From this monthly publication I always learn something new and get a glimpse of what is important to the churches there.

These are examples from the January issue.

Booneville Association: Oneida church baptized 51, added three by letter, and saw 205 other decisions in October. (This is the church most Oneida Baptist Institute youth attend.)

Every church in the association par-

ticipated in a food collection for Clear Creek Baptist College which resulted in a value of over \$4000.

Chop Bottom Mission received a gift of \$60 from the WMU at Macedonia, chairs and tables for children from Manchester church and baptized their first convert Dec. 11.

Pulaski Association: Community Mission saw eight professions of faith and several transfers of membership.

Somerset First voted unanimously to become the mother church to Lakeside Baptist Mission.

I suspect that if the apostle Paul had compiled and mailed a "News from the churches in Asia," it would have looked and sounded much the same as "Mountain News and Views."

And it's a great encouragement to realize that Kentucky Baptists, though nearly 2000 years later, are still writing an "extended version" of the Book of Acts.

That shouldn't be a surprise. That's what Jesus promised!

MWBTS president shares with Soviet Baptists

There was a time when Christians in the Soviet Union suffered great persecution for their faith. Their pastors were sent to labor camps. Their church property was confiscated and many worship centers were boarded up.

Today, winds of change are sweeping through the country. Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev uses terms like "glasnost" (openness) and "perestroika" (restructuring) to describe the new goals he has set for his government.

On a recent trip to the Soviet Union, Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and his wife Bettie, saw evidence of these changes in the lives of Soviet Baptists. During a Jan. 24 chapel service at the seminary, they shared their experiences with students, faculty and staff.

Although they do not enjoy the same freedoms as Christians in the United States, Soviet Baptists are seeing a new openness in their government toward religious groups, the Fergusons affirmed.

"The exciting thing which is happening now is that government leaders under Gorbachev seem to be opening up the world of religion . . . so the churches currently are experiencing significant new freedoms," Ferguson noted. "They have made it legitimate to talk about religion again."

The Fergusons joined three other Southern Baptist couples on the two-week trip. They included Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Landrum P. Leavell and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fagan. Bennett is president and treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee;

Leavell is president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisiana; and Fagan is president of the SBC Stewardship Commission.

The group traveled to the Soviet Union in response to an invitation extended by the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB). They were the third such group of SBC agency executives to visit the country.

The AUCECB is composed of three denominations: Baptists, Mennonites and Pentecostals, according to Ferguson. Most of its members are Baptists.

Ferguson noted there are about 5000 Soviet Baptist churches registered with the government. Approximately 500,000 members make up those congregations.

"This is by far the largest number of Baptists in any country in the world, except the United States," Ferguson pointed out.

"The purpose of the trip was to visit and preach in the churches, to share our common fellowship in Christ and to encourage each other," he said. "We gained a better understanding of the work of Baptists in the Soviet Union and they gained a better understanding of Baptists in the United States."

The Southern Baptist leaders visited four large Baptist churches in the Soviet Union. They were located in Moscow, Leningrad, Kishinev and Beltsy.

The worship services typically were two to three hours in length, Ferguson said. They included two sermons, several testimonies and periods of scripture reading, greetings to visitors and three or four anthems performed by large choirs, sometimes without instrumental accompaniment.

"Prayer is central to their worship," Ferguson noted. "During the service, the congregation would pass prayer requests on little slips of paper to the platform. Several times during the service, associate pastors would take those prayer requests and share them, leading the congregation in prayer."

Large Soviet Baptist churches commonly have one senior pastor and eight to 15 associate pastors, he pointed out. Since there are no Baptist seminaries or colleges in the country, ministers are trained for service through years of involvement in local congregations.

Laypeople are encouraged to lead in prayer, read scripture and share their testimonies, Ferguson expounded. Through the years, those who show leadership abilities will be selected by the congregation to serve as deacons, associate pastors and senior pastors.

Churches meet several times each week and are usually crowded with people. Moscow Baptist Church, for example, holds services on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and during the evenings on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. When the Fergusons visited the congregation, every seat was filled, both on the floor and in the balcony,

and a number of people stood at the back of the sanctuary throughout the service.

"Their music is beautiful and their worship services are very joyful," Ferguson said. Numerous professions of faith in Christ were made at each of the services the Southern Baptist group attended.

Though they were impressed by the Soviet government's new openness toward religion, the Southern Baptist visitors also noted many restrictions Soviet Christians must still observe.

"Anything the churches do, they do at a place and time authorized by the government," Ferguson explained.

In addition, Ferguson said Soviet churches cannot advertise or erect any kind of sign identifying their building as a church. Christians cannot initiate a conversation inviting their neighbors to attend church. However, if asked about their religious beliefs, they may respond by telling others about their faith.

None of the churches can sponsor educational programs, such as Sunday school. However, the Fergusons found that Soviet children were not afraid to approach them and ask them for children's Bible study literature.

Precaution may be the answer to lawsuits

In a day and age where "everybody sues anybody for everything," church recreation leaders must take extra safety precautions when administering recreation activities in their churches, a university professor said.

Ankle injuries on a basketball court will happen but situations where injuries might have been prohibited with extra precautions could cost churches money, said Steve Morrow, assistant professor of recreation, Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.

Morrow, who taught a seminar on legal aspects of recreation during Rec Lab at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly near Leesburg, Fla., said recreators would be wise to avoid perceived negligence or carelessness in their ministries.

During the two-day seminar, Morrow gave some practical steps in avoiding a lawsuit.

Recreation ministers should emphasize preventive measures "or act rather than react" as a means of avoiding negligence, he said, noting, "By devising special playing rules, you can take action ahead of time to ward off a situation which might be harmful."

Also, recreation ministers can look at specific aspects of their operation on a regular basis, "checking facilities and areas to be sure that they are safe," he said. Even observing support personnel from "time to time to see if they are carrying out their responsibilities wouldn't hurt," he added.

Enlisting and maintaining a qualified staff is very important, especially when an injury happens, he said.

Staff members should be provided regular training, especially in the areas of first aid and safety measures, he said.

"There is no way you will get off the hook in a court of law if your staff is not trained and a serious, potentially avoidable injury occurs," he said.

Recreation ministers should establish a plan to deal with routine matters such as an injured ankle, as well as emergencies such as severe injuries. Recreation ministers should provide skilled supervisory control over people who participate in high risk activities, such as collision sports, white water rafting or rap-

PELLING, he added.

"It's not enough to have an adult there with your young people while they are taking part in a high risk activity. You need someone there who can supervise the activity and knows how to do it," he said. "They should also know how to administer first aid if something happens."

Meanwhile, Morrow listed four conditions for a church to be considered liable for an accident.

In the first—duty or standard of care—a church must prove it provides reasonable safety in its activities.

"It is reasonable to assume you can prevent some accidents such as an injury from a water puddle on a gym floor but there are some injuries which just cannot be prevented," Morrow said. "But that can be a subjective area and that's where a judge comes in."

In the second condition of liability—breach of duty—a plaintiff must prove the church committed a breach of duty or was negligent of its duty of creating and maintaining a safe environment, said Morrow.

Under the third condition—causal relationships between the breach and the duty—the plaintiff must prove the accident occurred because of the breach of duty or as a result of a lack of a particular safety precaution, Morrow said.

"In other words, the guy who breaks his leg has to prove he did it slipping on the water puddle in the gym and not just under some normal circumstance," he said.

And finally, Morrow said, some type of injury or loss must occur. People cannot sue the church if they only experienced the potential for injury.

"They might have slipped and fallen in the water puddle, but thank goodness they got up and were not hurt," he said.

Avoiding negligence "is really the bottom line" in recreation activities, he added.

"I don't want you to worry about getting sued all the time," he said. "You just have to have an attitude or think about preventing negligence. It's when you're not thinking about it that negligence occurs." (BP)



CONVENTION NEWS

KBC FEATURE

Pastor/Staff Convention is Kentucky's First

Kentucky's first Pastor/Staff Sunday School Convention at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church will soon become a reality April 14-15 as a result of the success from a similiar event in Texas two years ago--the first of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Harry Piland, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Division, was so impressed with this approach that he later, during a state Sunday school directors meeting, encouraged other states to consider implementing this idea. Piland even offered a limited amount of funds to states which committed to such a task on a first come, first serve basis.

What state was one of the first to commit? Kentucky!

Chip Miller, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department, felt this was the "kind of event we needed in Kentucky." Following approval, Miller approached Piland and requested assistance.

"We were then given a \$10,000 Baptist Sunday School Board grant to organize the pastor/staff Sunday school convention in Kentucky this year," Miller explained. "I might add, though, that such assistance could not be possible today because of their budget crunch."

The pastor/staff convention will bring pastors, church staff members, directors of missions, associational Sunday school directors and general officers in administrative positions together for inspiration and information on how to have a growing Sunday school. Participants will be shown how Sunday school can be the evangelistic arm of the church. Through the general sessions and conferences, leaders will be given practical helps to take home and implement.

Bob Bailey, minister of education at Walnut Street Baptist Church, was so enthusiastic about the possibility of such an event, he issued an invitation to Miller for the downtown Louisville church to serve as host. Bailey also serves as chairman of the steering committee for the pastor/staff Sunday school convention.

Originally, the pastor/staff convention projected having 500 participants in attendance but early registration figures show that this total may exceed 700, which could prove the largest of its type in any state convention to date.

Six major speakers will be featured during the two-day event. They include Kenneth S. Hemphill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia; Harry M. Piland, Baptist Sunday School Board; Perry R. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana; Sidney Smith, Jr., manager of the black church development section in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Special Ministries Department; John N. Vaughn, professor of the chair of church growth at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri and Gary Young, pastor of First Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

An extensive Baptist Book Store as well as a complete Sunday school curriculum display with a Baptist Sunday School Board consultant will be available during the convention.

A free and informative luncheon is planned for 200 pastors on Tuesday, February 28, at 12:15 p.m. (CST) in First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. This event will offer further details concerning the upcoming pastor/staff convention. Free tickets can be picked up at the Sunday school booth during the Evangelism Conference.