

Update: Fields fund increases by 20% after news article

In the weeks since Western Recorder reported Jan. 24 that an endowment exists to send boys who most likely could not attend summer Royal Ambassador camp, that fund has increased by more than 20%.

The Calvin Fields Memorial Scholarship, honoring a man who devoted his life to nurturing young men, reached \$10,787.16 last week. The fund stood at \$8983.16 at the time the article was printed.

The article observed that the principal remains intact while interest from it has already underwritten partial or full cost for 100 worthy young men to attend a week of camp who could not afford it. The state Brotherhood Department staff believes such camping experiences have been "a turning point" in the lives of some youth.

Fields, associate in the state Brotherhood Department 16 years, had just been elected director of the department in 1982 when he died of a massive heart attack.

Contributions to the scholarship are tax deductible and acknowledged. They may be sent to: Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Evangelism's 'imperatives' theme of 1500 at Bowling Green meeting

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"The Imperatives of Evangelism" were legion at last week's Kentucky Baptist evangelism conference but one imperative seemed to be on every speaker's mind.

Prayer.

Not one of the 15 major presentations overlooked it, and some made it a thread running throughout their addresses.

KBC Sunday School Department associate Jack Palmer questioned: "Why is it on Wednesday nights we always pray for the sick folks by name but seldom for the lost?"

He urged the 1500 or more persons in the audience to encourage organizational groups within the church to an all-out prayer effort on behalf of lost people. Focusing on those who could be reached during 1990 simultaneous "Here's Hope" revivals, Palmer provided opportunity for people to commit themselves in writing to pray for lost persons. A prayer time for the revival effort was held.

Earlier, Barkley Moore, president of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute, told how prayer had been a key factor on that campus in realizing more than 1100 baptisms in a decade. "As we work, we don't know who we're affecting," he declared. "We just know we're not only dealing with things of this time, but of things of eternity."

T. W. Hunt, whose professional responsibility is as a prayer consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department, Nash-

ville, cited "some of the greatest prayer warriors" who failed in their mission: Moses, Elijah, Job.

"But," he intoned, "when you become an intercessor you are becoming like Jesus. When you see a lost man and pray that he will come into the kingdom you are doing exactly what Jesus does."

Hunt went on to say the "greatest secret" to prayer is to "know who God is." He identified the "second greatest secret" being "God knows who you are."

The evangelism conference Feb. 27-28, held for the first time at Bowling

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gers also noted that four of the state's counties have only one Southern Baptist church.

There's not enough (church) staff members in Kentucky to win Kentucky to Christ," Jagers declared. "We've got to train the laymen and the women to do it."

In three addresses at Bowling Green Frederick D. Haynes III stressed that Jesus "is more concerned about our potential than our past."

The pastor of Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., said, "If a man has a sense of the not yet he can handle the right now." Haynes continued: "The ministry of Jesus was all about preparing people to meet him in the not yet. The worst thing that happened to Jesus was the best thing that could have happened to him and to us. He was, in the opinion of some, the victim of a religious and political scheme that provided for your salvation."

Earlier, John R. Bisagno, pastor of Houston's First Baptist Church, reported the "delicious ecstasy" his congregation has experienced in starting new churches and helping failing ones.

"I've got to believe it's the mind and heart of God," he beamed. Telling of the church's 17 missions, projected goal of 100 missions before he retires and 20 small struggling congregations First Church has "rescued" since 1986,

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In prayer, there are no experts. We're all babies.

—T. W. Hunt

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450 youth explore missions at seminary

by Greg Hodnett, Staff Writer

Kentucky Baptist Convention and Foreign Mission Board personnel teamed with seminary students and faculty to staff the 33rd annual student missions conference Feb. 24-26 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Seminars included traditional subjects and programs of the Foreign Mission Board as well as more innovative approaches. Keynote speaker R. Keith Parks of Richmond, Va., Foreign Mission Board president, used seminar time to deal with options recently developed and now implemented in foreign missions. In addition Parks challenged students to reuse old ideas in fresh, new ways citing a "circuit riding preacher approach" currently utilized. He then added, "We're doing that now, but instead of horses we're using jets."

Kentucky Baptist Convention program personalities included Rob Carr and Carol Noffsinger from Brotherhood Department and Woman's Missionary Union respectively. Carr and Miss Noffsinger presented ideas for laity involvement in missions while Beth and Kenneth Perkins, missionaries to Transkei, discussed career missions.

Helen Woods, Missionary Nurture Department, Foreign Mission Board, emphasized, "Career missions will always be our stackpole, but alternative means of doing missions must be utilized in countries where missionaries are not officially allowed."



Miss Woods, who served with her husband 15 years in Luxembourg, Belgium, encouraged students to do graduate studies or take jobs in countries which have no official missionary penetration.

The Home Mission Board also took part in some of the 20 various seminars during the missions weekend, including highlights titled "Urban Missions," "For Campus Ministers Only," "Ministry with Migrants" and "US-2er: Missions in the USA."

Nathan Porter, HMB hunger and disaster relief consultant, praised Kentucky Baptists for their increasing contributions to hunger relief through the HMB. "Last year people from Kentucky churches and agencies gave in excess of \$72,000 to hunger relief," Porter

applauded. He identified 77% of those in poverty as women and children. Quoting Larry Lewis, HMB, president, Porter allowed: "Ministry to human needs is not an option; it is an imperative."

W. Bryant Hicks, M. Theron Rankin professor of missions at Southern Seminary, was impressed with "an extremely deep, quieting presence of the Holy Spirit" at several worship services during the conference. He noted some 100 decisions made by students who were "contemplating God's call into mission service."

Hicks observed that over 450 students plus guests attended. The program was planned by seminary students, chaired by Amanda Jones and Lizzy Mills.

sanford's perspectives

A spiritual feast



Jack D. Sanford

The gathering last week at Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was a spiritual feast fit for children of the King.

Bill Jagers did a magnificent job organizing a program which spoke eloquently to every person present. Jagers has been a moving force in Kentucky Baptist life for many years and now he has the opportunity to call us together around the great task of winning lost people to the Lord. He did a good job in Bowling Green and we know he will do even better in the years ahead. A tip of the hat to this gentle man of God whose good will and warm humor endear him to all of us.

The emphasis on prayer and personal witnessing and the stirring sermons and testimonies were well worth the trip to this delightful city where pastor Jim Haskell and the conscientious people of Eastwood did a superb job entertaining and helping all of us. We say thank you to this fine congregation and pray the Lord will continue to bless their efforts.

High on the list of items for special notice was the work done by people from Kentucky. This is a Kentucky paper, this was a Kentucky conference, so this editorial will take the liberty to praise our fellow Kentuckians for their part in a great conference.

We can be proud of our own people. Jagers takes first notice because of his fine message on "The Imperative of Reaching Kentucky for Christ." Out of his rich pastoral background he touched the pastors and stirred them toward soul winning.

The Kentucky Baptist Chorale, composed of ministers of music from Kentucky churches, was outstanding. Under the direction of Southern Seminary professor Ron Turner, they held us captive to the great message of the gospel, especially the story of the Prodigal Son and his return to the Father. These people went a second mile with the presentation by the Kentucky Baptist Chorale Instrumental Ensemble conducted by Ken Goforth,

a Kentucky minister of music from Scottsville.

Naomi King, Andy Clifton and Roger Cowen gave sterling performances and led us in a truly worshipful experience at each session. These soloists from Kentucky Baptist churches were representative of the quality people we have working in the music ministry of our churches. At the opening session all of us were ready to go to war for the Lord at the conclusion of Andy Clifton's rendition of the great "It is Finished."

The choir of Eastwood Baptist Church and a quartet called Promise from Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, served us well in sending out the message that Jesus saves. The music was a contributing factor to a good meeting and we thank all those who had a part on the program.

A feature which contributed to the good spirit of the meeting was in the testimonies given at each session. Persons who had done the job for the Lord spoke directly to our needs. We thank Billy Compton, Don Mathis, Betty Harney, Joe Mobley and Steve Hooks for their witness.

We would like to see more Kentuckians preaching at this annual meeting though we had great preaching from others. Who can go beyond Barkley Moore when it comes to challenging a crowd? Who is more deeply committed to evangelism than our own Bill Jagers? Who will spend more energy and time in planning and working for revival than Gene Enlow and Jack Palmer? These men all spoke to us and it would be good to hear from more of our own people at our evangelistic meeting each year.

The meeting was good. We were refreshed and revived. We thank God for times when we can come together and feast on the gospel. This meeting is a favorite with many of us and we are glad it went well in Bowling Green last week. We look forward to next year and the gathering at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church. May the Lord lead our planners to give another spiritual feast.

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Prayer is high priority at state evangelism meet

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Bisagno disclosed: "We are in the missionary business like we have never ever been."

He went on: "It's not how many people you reach under a certain pile of bricks," saying his church had decided not to grow larger but to start and help other churches. "It's how many you reach."

Bisagno averred, "I can tell you that giving ourselves away has been one of the most blessed things we've ever done."

"Every great decision is made with an element of risk, but God is waiting for churches to accept risk. Start 'em (new churches and missions)—God will bless you, the kingdom will expand and Jesus will thank you for it."

Two Home Mission Board staff members addressed the Bowling Green crowd separated by an emphasis on the Home Mission Board-sponsored revival effort for 1990, "Here's Hope. Jesus Cares for You."

Said Eugene I. Enlow, state coordinator for the effort in the KBC Evangelism Department: "It is the spring of hope for Kentucky Baptists. You have been waiting for an opportunity for your life to count for something. This is it. It is an emergency imperative. It is an opportunity to have faith to see and courage to do."

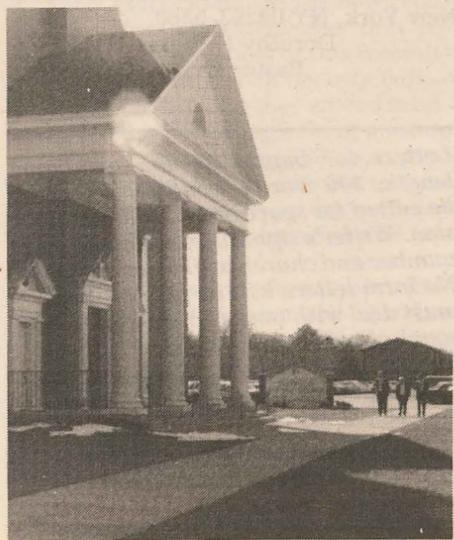
The nationwide revivals are planned simultaneously during the six-week

When we find ourselves in despair it's because we're looking down and not up. The answer is prayer.

—Dale W. Cross

period Mar. 18-Apr. 29, 1990. Churches are asked to select one week for their local crusades during that period.

Representing the Home Mission Board at one session at Bowling Green was Kentucky native Richard H. Harris, director of the board's Mass Evangelism Department, Atlanta, Ga. "I feel like when I get to the throne of grace I'm going to be as responsible for Kentucky as you are," he stated.



The new sanctuary of Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was site of the 1989 evangelism conference.



Part of the packed crowd during the state evangelism conference last week meeting in Bowling Green's Eastwood Baptist Church.

Harris said he believes a lot of God's servants are hurting, quoting some Baptist Sunday School Board statistics about known forced terminations of ministers. There were 116 per month in 1988, a figure up 28% above the previous year.

"I don't think we're going to have revival until we deal with hurting people," he allowed. "We'll never reach this nation for Christ until we have people in the pulpit and the pews who are victorious in Christ."

Harris went on to say "we've emphasized buildings, budgets and bellies to the exclusion of babies."

To ministers, he declared: "Some of you think you're up against a mountain where you work and serve and live. We must stick to the gospel of Jesus Christ, whether we see any results at all. No-

thing has changed; we have no alternative."

In an earlier session Dale W. Cross, director of the Home Mission Board's Associational Evangelism Department, Atlanta, said he was encouraged that Southern Baptists are "believing again."

As the denomination moves toward its 150th anniversary in 1995 and the last decade (1990-99) of its Bold Mission Thrust emphasis, Cross surmised "we can say nothing better to America than 'Here's hope. Jesus cares for you.'"

The pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., noted that "people are the only creatures God didn't finish." Said Franklin D. Pollard: "We decide our own destinies. We become what we are because God lets us decide for ourselves."

Pollard continued: "Around us today people are crying out for help. God says I have seen, I have heard, I'm coming down to help. Baptists with their pantries full of food, their closets stocked with clothing will help you. Baptists of Kentucky, come here and let me use you."

"We need to play the role of encourager," Pollard concluded. "Baptists of Kentucky, God is waiting on you."

Each of the five sessions of the evangelism conference spotlighted a testimony by a Kentucky Baptist. Included were Billy Compton, associate director, KBC Evangelism Department, Middletown; Don Mathis, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Corbin; Mrs. Betty Harney, homemaker, Cynthiana; Joe

You will never have public victory until you precede it with private time with the Lord.

—Richard H. Harris

Mobley, vocational evangelist and president, Conference of Kentucky Southern Baptist Evangelists; and Steve Hooks, high school teacher and coach, Franklin-Simpson High School, Franklin.

Vocalists during the evangelism conference included three Louisville Baptist church ministers of music: Naomi King, associate, Lyndon; Andy Clifton, Shively; Roger Cowen, Hurstbourne.

Choral groups on the Bowling Green agenda included the Kentucky Baptist Chorale, choir of the host church and a quartet, Promise, of Lexington's Porter Memorial Baptist Church.

The 1990 evangelism conference is scheduled Feb. 26-27 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.



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baptist forum

An offer of help

I want to shout in all directions for whoever can hear. But most of my words are for the pastor who lost his church. His article was so moving I had to respond.

Evangelism must always have a place of priority in everything we do. But we also need to start giving more emphasis to care giving at church. We are taught pastoral care in our seminaries but we must also teach people how to care for the pastor. Our calendars are full but since we have an evangelism conference every year couldn't we also have a care giving conference annually to help people learn how to love one another once they are saved?

We have friends who were foreign missionaries for 20 years. They returned to the state where he was pastor of a Baptist church for four years. They came to visit us for four days last September and during this time he talked about how wonderful his church was and the deacons in particular. A month later we learned that on their return from visiting our house the deacons asked him to resign, which he did. No reason has been given for his dismissal. I know this man as a hard worker, a warm-hearted person and a good person.

I want to make an offer. There must be something I can do so I will make three suggestions. First, I want to be of moral support if possible. If whoever this person is will write me I will be happy to correspond and call him on the phone.

Second, I offer possible employment. I am a director of missions in Mansfield,

Ohio, and one-half the churches in one of my associations are without a pastor.

Third, God knows how to turn the worst experience into the best and there may be other kinds of work that are very noble and almost as fulfilling.

Darrell Cruse
Mansfield, Oh.

Editor's note: The person who lost his church has contacted Darrell Cruse. Another Baptist leader in Ohio has arranged a preaching assignment in view of a call for the brother whose cry we published. This is an example of how we can care for one another when we have opportunity and the will to try. The following letter indicates how another man has been treated by his peers in ministry.

Support has come to a brother in need

I am writing in response to "A lonely cry from God's servant" in Western Recorder, 1/31/89.

I almost felt like I was reading my own obituary. The statements were so familiar. The hurt, grief and sorrow were real. Forcing one to leave with no immediate place to go is hard to understand.

The loss of doing what we believe God has called us to do sometimes causes some serious problems. There is a need for personal, professional and financial support during this time. Even more important may be the need for emotional and spiritual support.

My fellow Baptist pastors are supportive and encouraging. I do not try to ignore the issue. I cry out to them for help.

Phone calls, letters and prayer support have come from all parts of the state and even outside.

Southern Baptists are facing a serious problem in the breakdown of relationship between the shepherd and the flock. Everyone "knows" what the pastor is supposed to do, but sometimes there is not common agreement. It may be time we looked more seriously at a covenant agreement between pastor and people. Thus responsibilities and expectations can be dealt with from both sides in a more realistic manner.

Let me offer a word of praise and thanks to our KBC for some financial support. Bill Rogers, Guy Futral and John Lepper of the KBC gave a lot of emotional and spiritual support. Jim Clontz of the KBC Church Training Department and DOM Charles Young gave support. Members of First Baptist Church, Louisa, citizens of the town and of Lawrence County all gave their support.

God requires us to preach his word, love the people, work hard to keep our lives clean. When we do this he will have a place of service for us.

Leon Greer
Louisa

Proud to be Larry Baker's daughter

The recent article regarding the CLC and Larry Baker was an extremely painful one to read. I am glad the "struggle" is over but was hurt to see the way it ended.

The article, by Baptist Press, stated Baker had done nothing wrong yet still seemed to cast a shadow of doubt over him. The purpose of this recent action appears to be yet another attempt by a group of people who are commissioners of a MORAL concerns agency to cast that shadow.

Larry Baker not only did nothing wrong he did his job well and with integrity. Perhaps he could have taken legal action against the commission but he chose not to. He is tired of the hurt and wanted it to end for his well being and that of his family.

I am proud to have a father who is concerned about me in such a way. I am proud to have a father who in the wake of attack from the right chose to do the thing that would cause less pain.

Larry Baker is a man of moral vision and integrity and I am proud he is my father.

Angela Bush
Louisville

Church anniversary scheduled

Greetings from a fellow Southern Baptist in West Germany.

Our purpose in writing is to ask a favor. Our Southern Baptist work here was constituted in June 1964. Since we are primarily an American military congregation our former members get scattered all over the world. We believe some of them may now be living in your area and would welcome an opportunity to celebrate our 25th anniversary with us.

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Warner Baumgardner
Germany

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W. D. Hulette
Burlington

Pastoral opportunity

The Aviano Baptist Church, a congregation of approximately 75 people located in Aviano, Italy, about 40 miles north-east of Venice, is in need of a pastor. The congregation is mainly people connected with the American military. Our church is affiliated with the European Baptist Convention (English language) and is founded on the principles and doctrines of the Southern Baptist Convention. If God is leading you to pastor in a mission setting, please contact: Mrs. Dorothy H. Bates, PSC Box 1209, APO New York, NY 09293-5360.

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'Centrist' leaders oppose proposed new SBC agency

Leaders of a "centrist coalition" in the Southern Baptist Convention have announced they oppose the creation of a proposed new Religious Liberty Commission and instead urge support of the existing Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Seven spokesmen for the coalition called "Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention" voiced wide ranging opinions during a Feb. 20 news conference at the Stouffer Nashville Hotel two hours before the SBC Executive Committee was scheduled to convene at the SBC Building two blocks away.

Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., presided at the news conference for three other pastors and three laymen involved in the organization created last December "to preserve historic principles" in the 14.8-million-member denomination.

In his opening statement, Moore said the group came "to urge the SBC Execu-

tive Committee to take specific action to reject creation of a separate Religious Liberty Commission" as a new SBC agency.

The group also requested the SBC Pastors' Conference and SBC Forum to schedule their meetings after the Southern Baptist Convention rather than before the denomination's annual meeting "in order to depoliticize both meetings," voiced support of the faculties of SBC seminaries and urged support of freedom of the press.

In addition to Moore, participants in the press conference were Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; Daniel Vestal, pastor, Dunwoody Baptist Church, Atlanta; James Slatton, pastor, River Road

Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; and laymen John F. Baugh of Houston, George McCotter of Lillington, N. C., and Steve Tondera of Huntsville, Ala.

Jackson argued that the Southern Baptist Convention has upheld the Baptist Joint Committee three times since 1984, and that the subcommittee proposal to create a new agency was in direct contradiction to votes of three conventions.

Vestal, who recently moved to Atlanta from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., said he felt Southern Baptists have a much stronger voice in the nation's capital when they cooperate with the eight other Baptist conventions that support the Baptist Joint Committee. (BP)



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homes for children

Turning nightmares into dreams

Recently I heard J. D. Herndon, former administrator of Spring Meadows and the first director of development for this ministry, tell about the day Spring Meadows was integrated. Spring Meadows has a number of firsts to its credit, including being the first Southern Baptist child care work. It was also the first Southern Baptist child care work to accept a black child.

J. D. told of that day and all the preparation that went into planning the event. There was a lot of social significance to that event, but the whole day can really be summarized in what happened at dinner.

The first two black children were little boys from a really nightmarish background. They had been malnourished and abused, and much of their condition was obvious from their appearance.

Their first meal here was roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, a salad, rolls and some huge chocolate brownies.

The boys were nervous and did not eat much. The housemother kept encouraging them to eat the meal in front of them. Both of the children kept eyeing the big brownies and it was obvious that they might be persuaded to eat one.

They were told that when they had eaten some beans and other items they could have a brownie. Finally the boys ate enough for the brownies. The oldest boy picked up the brownie and it disappeared almost instantly, much to the child's obvious delight.

One of the girls who was at the table saw the relish with which the youngster ate the first brownie and gave him hers. This one lasted a little longer and when he had finished, the youngster leaned back, rubbed his tummy and said, "Man, this place is a dream."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has been in the business of turning nightmares into dreams for 120 years. The children come from many different backgrounds and have different needs, but our job is to help them learn that life does not have to be a nightmare—that life can have joy and happiness and in comparison be a dream.

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News conference remarks called insult, untruth

Remarks made during a news conference of a "centrist coalition" have been called insulting, untrue and unfounded by members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Seven spokesmen from a coalition calling itself "Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention" held a news conference on the eve of the February meeting of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

The day after the news conference, one Executive Committee member, Fred Wolfe, asked for a "point of personal privilege" at the conclusion of the committee's evening plenary session. Wolfe asked for a "public apology from this centrist group for sowing seeds of discord and mistrust of our present leadership."

"I attended that meeting in its entirety, except for the first two or three minutes and was there an hour," said Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala. "In this press conference . . . this group emphatically stated that the present crisis in the Southern Baptist Convention is an integrity crisis.

"The point was that there is a lack of integrity in the present leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention, including members of this committee elected in recent years. Our present president, Jerry Vines, and other recent presidents had their integrity called into question."

"Their (participants at the news conference) clear statement was that recently-elected members of this committee—and I heard it with my own ears—were selected because they agreed in advance to support the agenda of a group of people. "We were implied to be puppets, who must vote as directed to vote. These statements made by the so-called centrist group are unfounded and untrue."

In addition to asking for a public apology, and deploring that the centrists "chase the Executive Committee further to call this press conference setting divide us," Wolfe also asked committee members to "join me in prayer that the so-called centrist group will stop sowing seeds of discord and distrust in this convention."

The Arkansas pastor called for passage or a resolution or a motion—"whatever needs to be done" to go on record against the news conference. (BP)

Senior adult conferences announced

The second year of national discipleship conferences for senior adults will be held May 8-11 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Centers.

"Discipleship: Living and Serving in the Better Years" is the theme of the conference which begins at both conference centers with registration Monday afternoon, May 8, and concludes Thursday morning, May 11, with breakfast.

At Ridgecrest, Wayne Dehoney,

senior professor of Christian preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will be the keynote speaker.

At Glorieta, Tal Bonham, executive director of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, will be the keynote speaker.

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Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children names Mike Dixon region coordinator

by Beth W. Prassel

Mike Dixon, former Christian Education director, Spring Meadows Children's Home, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, began duties Feb. 1 as KBHC central region coordinator. A staff member of the Community Services Division, Dixon works out of the central office in Middletown.

As a regional coordinator, Dixon works with families and state workers to determine placement for children. He helps place youth in short term, long term or foster family care and provides intake services, referrals and other family aid.

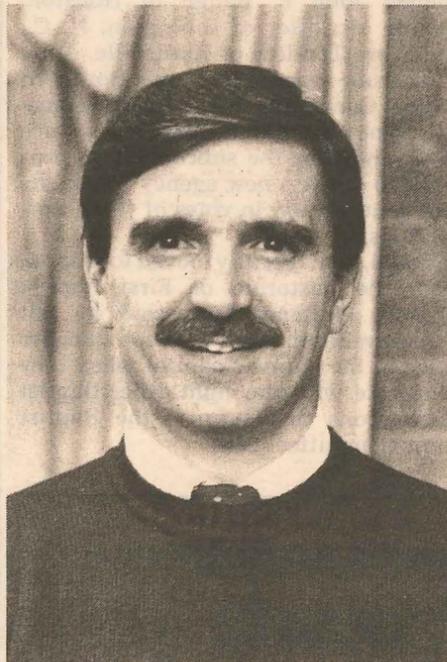
"I look forward to getting involved with the central region," says Dixon. "I love that area of the state. Professionally, I look forward to developing and enhancing my skills in working with families. I think the cutting edge of missions for America is the family. The biggest problem in America, sociologically, is the loss of the sense of family. I think we have an opportunity to try to help people get that back. I'm looking forward to working on the cutting edge."

Dixon believes the breakup of the family affects the church. The perception of the family also affects the view of the family model presented through the church. Dixon wants to help people "regain that basic theological model of family, or get it for the first time."

He also has a long term goal to become a bivocational pastor. "My basic concept is to help break down some of the institutional stereotypes we have of the church," he explained.

Dixon believes these stereotypes of the church create barriers for the intended purpose of the church. As a bivocational pastor, he hopes to help the laity rethink the role of pastor.

Dixon and his wife Carla first joined the KBHC staff as house parents for Spring Meadows Children's Homes in January 1978. They were there until



Mike Dixon

September 1979. From December 1980 to May 1981, Dixon worked as an overnight worker for one of the temporary care shelters.

As Christian Education director from February 1986 to January 1989, Dixon worked with "statewide promotion of ministry to abused and neglected teenagers, fund raising, education of the laity and volunteer recruitment." He also developed and coordinated Christian activities on Spring Meadows campus.

Originally from Boyd County, Kentucky, Dixon earned the BS degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and the MDiv degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Dixon received the PhD degree from Southern Seminary in December 1988.

Dixon and his wife have two daughters and are members of Lakewood Baptist Church, Louisville.

Journey of renewal leads to Kentucky

by Jim Burton

A journey that began more than 20 years ago in Florida has become a quest in Kentucky for Don and Nora Lee Putnam.

The Putnams kept a steady course through the years. A stop in New Jersey tested their will and defined their call before they landed in the bluegrass state.

They didn't journey for money or fame. Instead, they sought their identity in Christ.

And what they found has brought satisfaction that exceeds silver and gold. They found through the church renewal journey that God has equipped them for ministry with society's displaced people.

The seeds of compassion were planted in Florida and nurtured by their pastor, George Ballantine.

"Ballantine made Christ real to us," Putnam said. "Christ became incarnate to us. Then renewal came along and allowed us to experience what was happening."

"Renewal said it was OK to be laypeople and be ministers. We could have a sense of call and not have to go to seminary. It's a way of life. It's a way of truth."

The spiritual growth through church renewal, a program emphasis of the Brotherhood Commission and Home Mission Board, brought them to the point that they would even consider moving their family.

When the Putnams were faced with a company move to northern New Jersey in 1975, they opted instead to move to Kentucky when they learned about cleftRock, a retreat center near Lexington.

As staff members at cleftRock, the Putnams led retreats and consulted with churches in renewal. Their personal ministry to displaced people continued as they served as foster parents.

CleftRock originally was designed to be a multifaceted ministry center, Putnam said. Keeping foster children was a part of that strategy. But when the cleftRock administration chose to deemphasize the foster home ministry, the Putnams resigned.

After serving at cleftRock six years, the Putnams returned to private business in Lexington, Ky., and joined Trinity Baptist Church. There

they found another couple with similar interests in handicapped ministries.

Joe and June Richey saw a need among mentally handicapped children. With their pastor's support, Richey started a Sunday school class for them at Trinity Baptist.

Mrs. Richey was a special education teacher in the public schools. Together, their commitment to the mentally handicapped grew.

As the Richeys struggled over how to address the problems of the mentally handicapped, they met the Putnams. Together they dreamed of a place for mentally handicapped people that allowed them to develop their potential.

With the support of Trinity Baptist, Quest Farm was founded in 1984.

Quest Farm, located north of Lexington near Georgetown, Ky., accepts trainable mentally handicapped men and women and calls them farmers. Each farmer has daily responsibilities, including gardening.

When the final residence is built, the farm will have 18 permanent farmers.

In addition, Quest Farm eventually will offer short term care for mentally handicapped persons while their families are on vacation.

The Richeys pointed to the influence of the Putnams as a significant factor in their decision to manage Quest Farm.

"Had we not met them, we might not have been here," Mrs. Richey said.

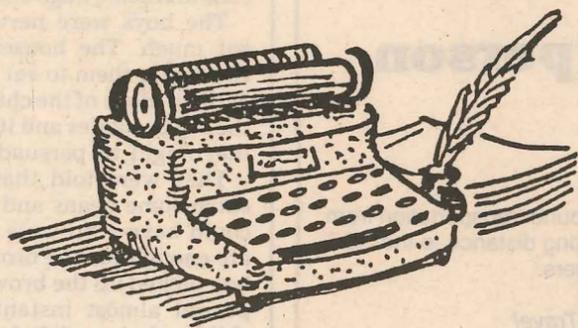
The Putnams serve on the board of directors; she is the treasurer for the corporation. When needed, they serve as weekend house parents.

On Sundays, they teach the Sunday school class for mentally handicapped people that was started by Richey 29 years ago.

"We had been on the front line doing it," said Mrs. Putnam. "Now we are in a separate role—encourager."

"The responsibility of church is a big part of what we do week in and week out," Putnam said. "Renewal has been a combination of ministries for us. It gives us an outlet for expressing who we are in addition to what we do at church."

And the journey continues. (BP)



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With the support of their church, Trinity Baptist of Lexington, Ky., Joe and June Richey (l) and Don and Nora Lee Putnam realized a dream to help mentally handicapped persons with Quest Farm.

Miss Weatherford announces retirement, engagement

by Karen Benson

Carolyn Weatherford, 59, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, announced Feb. 17 she is retiring and will marry a Southern Baptist pastor.

Her fiancé is James Joseph "Joe" Crumpler Sr., 61, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Oh. He is a former president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and has served on the state convention's executive board. He also is a former trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The announcement ends years of speculation about what may be the most closely watched romance in the Southern Baptist Convention. Of all agencies and institutions in the SBC, Miss Weatherford is the only female executive director. She has served in WMU's top post 15 years and has dated Crumpler the past five years.

The wedding will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, Birmingham, where Weatherford is a member. Miss Weatherford's nephew, W. P. Weatherford Jr. and her former pastor, C. Otis Brooks, will officiate.

Although they have not finalized wedding ceremony plans, both want the wedding to be a happy, worshipful experience, Miss Weatherford said, adding that the closing song will be the WMU centennial hymn, "God Our Author and Creator."



Miss Weatherford and Joe Crumpler.

The reception will be held at the national WMU headquarters building on the outskirts of Birmingham. The couple is planning a honeymoon trip to Europe. They will live in Cincinnati.

Although Miss Weatherford's official retirement date is Sept. 1, she will take accrued vacation time the final weeks,

making her last day in the office Aug. 11.

Miss Weatherford made the announcement during a called meeting of all WMU national headquarters staff. She introduced Crumpler, who had flown to Birmingham the day before.

Letters announcing her retirement and engagement were mailed simultaneously to members of the WMU executive board. Marjorie J. McCullough, national WMU president, said she will appoint a search committee immediately, with hopes the committee will have a recommendation to present to the board at its next meeting June 10 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Following the announcement in Birmingham, Miss Weatherford and Crumpler flew to Cincinnati where Crumpler made the announcement to his congregation Sunday morning, Feb. 19.

Crumpler has no plans to retire from the pastorate at Mount Carmel where he has pastored since 1962.

The wedding will be the first marriage for Miss Weatherford, the second for Crumpler. Crumpler's first wife, Elenor Ford Crumpler, died of cancer in 1982.

Crumpler has three children. His oldest, James Joseph "Jim" Crumpler Jr., is a high school government teacher and track coach in Cincinnati. He and his wife Susan have Crumpler's only grandchild, Amy Elizabeth, who at one year and four months already calls Miss Weatherford "Grandma."

Crumpler's daughter, Molly Crumpler Miller, is a Spanish teacher in Cincinnati where she lives with her husband Kim.

His youngest son, Tom Crumpler, is a high school band director in Trenton, Oh.

The WMU staff has affectionately referred to Crumpler as "Mr. Weatherford," and his children have teased him about which one's last name will be used. But Miss Weatherford made clear she will change her name to "Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler" and will not hyphenate it.

The timing could not be better to step aside, Miss Weatherford said. Just last year, WMU paid the debt on its new \$8.6 million headquarters complex and observed a year-long celebration of a century of mission support, missions education, mission action and personal witnessing.

Events in her personal life made it difficult to consider marriage prior to now,

Miss Weatherford said. Her elderly mother, who lived in Arcadia, Fla., with Weatherford's sister, Eileen Hall, required care. Her mother died in January 1988. Weatherford's sister was diagnosed with cancer and died in January of this year.

"This is a good time to be making a transition," Miss Weatherford said. "I could not have walked away three years ago. But now, our building is paid for, we have an able, capable staff and we've gotten a good start on our second century."

Although she feels good about the timing, Miss Weatherford admits it will be difficult to leave 31 years of professional WMU work. Prior to becoming national executive director, Miss Weatherford worked on the state WMU staffs in Florida and Alabama.

"I'm not sure what will be left of me when you take WMU away," Miss Weatherford said. But she is anxious to fulfill her new role of pastor's wife and she anticipates continuing to speak and write, where appropriate.

Becoming active in Ohio Baptist activities and entertaining members of Mount Carmel in her new home are also high on her list, she said.

"I'm excited too," Crumpler said. "I know it will be an adjustment for both of us—it will be a total adjustment for Carolyn and it will be an adjustment for me, too, to marry again."

But the adjustment for Crumpler actually started years ago when he first started dating Miss Weatherford. The two have courted in a "glass bowl existence," Crumpler said with a laugh. "We've had a lot of chaperones. Everywhere we'd go, people would be watching us. But it's been fun."

Although Crumpler and Miss Weatherford knew each other casually when they both were students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, they did not renew their acquaintance until October 1983 when Miss Weatherford went to Ohio to speak at the state convention meeting.

Helen Allen, WMU executive director in Ohio, had asked Crumpler to host Miss Weatherford for dinner one night during the state convention, thinking she might enjoy some male companionship, Weatherford recalled. "She asked me if it was all right for one of their pastors to take me to dinner, since she thought I might tire of having WMU women hover around me all the time," Miss Weatherford explained.

Crumpler treated her to a Mexican dinner that night and they talked for hours. "It was immediate electricity!" remembered Miss Weatherford.

Within the months following that meeting, the two had several occasions to see each other, including a week-long visit to the New Orleans seminary campus for an alumni officers' workshop. Both happened to be alumni officers that year.

"During that week, I decided I was going to marry that man," Miss Weatherford recalled. "I think it took him a little longer to decide the same thing."

But according to Crumpler, it was never a question of "if" but of "when" the two would marry.

In the meantime, Miss Weatherford is committed to fulfilling her role as national WMU executive director at a variety of national meetings between now and her wedding date.

In fact, she said, "I don't know when I'm going to find time to get ready to get married."

Times are hard in this county—but that's no excuse for a church

by Virginia Flanagan
State Correspondent

Lets say the Baptist church you belong to is located in a county in Kentucky which is ranked next to last of 120 counties in having the lowest per capita income—\$4,500.

There are other related statistics such as: 58 percent of the population is below the federally established poverty levels and the current unemployment rate would be a minimum of 29.5 percent. This rate would further increase if those who are no longer eligible for unemployment benefits were counted.

What if the county your church was located in had a population of 16,400 people and lost over 350 direct jobs just this last year? Then you would not be surprised with an active membership of 200 to 250 in your church. And you would not be surprised that in a year one major employer shutdown and pulled out of the county a payroll of over \$6,500,000 and your church did not meet its Lottie Moon offering goal.

These are facts of life for members of First Baptist Church, Stearns, which is located in McCreary County.

In the 1987-88 budget year the Stearns church set a Lottie Moon goal of \$3700 in the middle of economic crisis. The church gave \$3201.19 and pastor Phil Majors said that the church was "very discouraged." Majors said the church has always been very supportive of all mission activities and to fail at the Lottie Moon offering seemed only to increase the economic worries. Praying for the unemployed is always a part of each Wednesday night service.

It was in this atmosphere the task of setting the 1988-89 goal for the Lottie Moon offering arrived. So the church set a goal of \$4000 which was \$300 more

than its last year's goal and approximately \$800 more than they had given the year before. The economic picture had not changed.

The church felt the goal could be met if everyone understood just what they were giving to and how much each dollar could mean, Majors said. He wrote to each member of the church stating the goal and explaining the campaign would not be drawn out. Majors said the church wanted to conclude the Lottie Moon offering by Christmas day.

Everyone in the church got involved. Majors said in a church where people are unemployed, on fixed incomes and worried, the excitement was wonderful. Even children gave school lunch money.

On Christmas day 1988, the Stearns Baptist Church had not only met their \$4000 goal but had gone over by giving a total of \$5015.

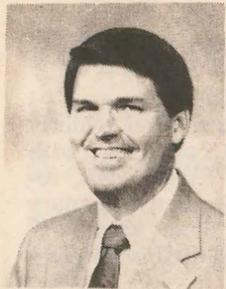
Majors said the success had "given the church a sense of accomplishment to be able to set and reach such a goal and to be proud of what the church had been able to do financially." Majors shared the good feeling of "family" and the great rejoicing of the church on Christmas day.

Majors feels the Stearns church is a group of people "God laid a need on their hearts and the people responded to that need. We have a commitment to ministry and we back it up with our pocketbooks."

Times are not much better in McCreary County. The unemployed are still a matter of prayer at First Baptist Church, Stearns. Projects at the church are still supported by sacrificial giving. Majors said he had always believed that if God's people knew and understood a need they would respond to that need.

Stearns, said Majors, "is a place where I have experienced that."

mountains to the mississippi



Bill D. Whittaker
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clear creek chronicle

Bring the children

Our students' children add an enjoyable dimension to my work. Before cold weather hit, fourth grader Matthew Garrick fulfilled a promise to show me his Bear Trail fort. The two of us found walking sticks and made our way through the woods and across the creek. How many other children have enjoyed "his" fort? I met one at Pleasant Grove Church, Owensboro, where 1984 alumnus Odell Beauchamp pastors. His son Greg accompanied me to an after church fellowship. We reminisced about his Clear Creek days and Greg wanted an update on "his fort."

Campus youth really enjoy the Family Life Center. It daily proves its worth, especially when cold weather hits or schools are closed. A Friday evening winter swim brought a refreshing close to a busy week. Amy and Adam Jessie greeted me, "Hello, Mr. President." Third grader Amy motioned me to the shallow end and soon began to splash me. She told me her hometown was Glasgow. "Nobody over here knows where that is." Adam, a fourth grade student at nearby Harmony School stated, "I really like the pool and Bear Trail. My friends live there and I like the woods and trails. I miss my friends in Glasgow." The family lives in Harmony Heights trailer court where Knoxville men built a wooden playset for the children. Adam let me know, "I helped them build it." Daryl Jessie will soon complete his second year of ministry training. A former grocery store manager, he pastors Laurel Chapel, East Bernstadt, and works in the school library.

On Valentine's Day, the four year olds requested my presence at the Preschool Center. Eight bright faces presented me with a big cookie heart decorated with red icing. Jeffrey Macri quickly stated his mother baked it. Patricia Delano has worked with our preschoolers for two years. She and James moved from Maryland where he was an engineer at Walter Reed Hospital.

While we train church leaders their children receive life changing influences. That may be one reason why so many families come our way.

ordinations

Lewisport Baptist Church, Blackford Association, ordained seven deacons: **Steve Drury, Buddy Johnson, Bob Keenan, Bob Lee, Steve Rice, Joel White** and **Mike G. Young**. Ron Williams is pastor.

Chris Butler was ordained to the ministry at Glendale Baptist Church, Warren Association. Richard P. Oldham is pastor.

Fairland Baptist Church, Freedom Association, ordained **Danny Duvall** to the ministry. James Simpson is pastor.

Roger Hicks was licensed to preach by Oaklawn Baptist Church, West Union Association. Ernest A. Carpenter is pastor.

J. C. Riley was licensed to the ministry by Woodlawn Baptist Church, Central Association. He is available for supply, interim or pastorate. Charles Overton is Woodlawn pastor.

Fairview Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, ordained **Carl McCray** to the ministry. He is pastor of Pine Hill Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association. Harvey Pensol is pastor, Fairview.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, ordained **Jimmy Siler** to the ministry. Dennis Borden is pastor.

Bob Gregory and **Maribeth Hambrick** were ordained deacons of Georgetown Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. Richard Allison is pastor.

personnel

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, called **Delbert Walker**, Cumberland College student, as pastor.

Campbell Kendrick resigned as pastor of Parmely's Grove Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

J. Duane Holland resigned as pastor of Kevil Baptist Church, West Union Association, to accept the pastorate of Hickory Baptist Church, Graves County Association.

Providence Baptist Church, West Union Association, called **James Franks** as pastor. He goes from Sassafras Ridge Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Norvin E. Forester resigned as minister of education and administration, First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Graves County Association.

Baptist Tabernacle, Long Run Association, called **Sam Roberts** as pastor.

John Chowning has been called as pastor of Cane Valley Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Vernon Ware resigned as pastor of Pikeview Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

Ernest York resigned as pastor of Grace Union Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

James Cason resigned as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Pike Association.

Michael Rogers accepted the pastorate of Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. He and his wife Debi have been missionaries to Venezuela with the Foreign Mission Board since 1984. They have two children: Corey, 17, and Summer, 10.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, called **Gary Messer** as pastor.

C. M. Riley accepted the pastorate of Brodhead Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association.

Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Rockcastle Association, called **Jack Bruce** as pastor.

Henry Ellis resigned as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association.

Chet Cantrell resigned as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. He will work with street youth in St. Louis.

Scott Eaton resigned as minister of music and youth, Gethsemane Baptist Church, South District Association, to return to his Marietta, Ga. home.

Russell L. Cook resigned as minister of music and youth, Lancaster Baptist Church, South District Association, to accept a similar position at Southside Baptist Church, Martin, Tenn.

Kelly Kennedy retired after pastoring Knoxville Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, for 16 years. He had pastored Kentucky churches since 1944. Knoxville Church honored Rev. and Mrs. Kennedy with an open house.

Dwight Parker accepted the pastorate of Knoxville Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. He goes from Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Crittenden Association. Parker and his wife DeAnna have one son, Jody.

Gary R. Pate has resigned the pastorate of Ridgeview Baptist Mission, Long Run Association, to accept the pastorate of Hurricane Baptist Church, Little River Association.

Sidney Baptist Church, Pike Association, called **J. T. Rafferty** as pastor.



James Jones (left) president, Kentucky Baptist Convention and pastor, Campbellsville Baptist Church, talks with **Bill D. Whittaker**, president, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville. Jones was featured speaker in a recent chapel at Clear Creek.

deaths

John Charles Hedrick Sr. died Feb. 15 in Louisville. He was a retired Southern Baptist preacher and evangelist from Pleasureville.

Hedrick served pastorates in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri. He organized more than 15 Baptist churches and was an early pioneer in Craigsville, West Virginia.

His ministry spanned more than 55 years and included broadcasts on 41 radio stations and preparations were being made for a cable TV ministry at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Jones Hedrick, Pleasureville; two daughters, Mary Frances Garrett, Louisville, and Kathryn Ann Wallingford, Pleasureville; three sons, John Charles Hedrick Jr., Mt Vernon, where he is pastor of First Baptist Church; Donnee Lynn Hedrick, Sylvester, Ga.; and David Hedrick, Pleasureville; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

Hedrick's oldest son, Charles, along with his wife Carrie, was recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, to serve in missionary service in Nigeria.

Tribute to William F. McKibney

Editor's note: The following was submitted by George Stack, DOM for Owen County Association, as a tribute to a man who served our Lord with distinction and went to his reward last year. Western Recorder is pleased to share this information with our readers.

Dr. William F. McKibney, Owenton, died Feb. 23, 1988. "Brother Mc" was one of the best known and most widely respected preachers Owen County has ever produced. His ministry was an inspiration and encouragement to everyone who came in contact with him.

He was ordained at Lusby Mill Baptist Church, Owen County Association. He was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Southern Seminary and Central Baptist Seminary, St. Louis.

During his 57-year ministry he pastored churches in Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio. He preached in every

church in Owen County Association. Upon retirement in 1976 he and his wife returned to Owen County where he spent the remainder of his ministry serving interim pastorates and doing pulpit supply work. He also served as associate pastor of Owenton First Baptist church for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah L. Brown McKibney; one son, William B. McKibney, minister of music at Horse Cave Baptist Church; and three grandchildren.



He will always be known for his dedication to the Lord, his genuine friendliness and his humor. He will be remembered in Owen County as one of the finest we ever knew.

Midstate congregations make reconciliation reality

Denise Spencer
State Correspondent

"... First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Jesus' message in Matt. 5:24 is plain. And the spirit of reconciliation was plain as two Nelson Association congregations worshiped together in early December.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Eagle Heights Baptist Church held a joint worship service in the Pleasant Grove sanctuary Dec. 4.

This was a historic meeting, since Eagle Heights began when a group of people left Pleasant Grove two years ago. Thirty-eight Pleasant Grove members originally followed their pastor to the new location. Since then, a few of these have returned to Pleasant Grove, but most have stayed. The pastor has moved on to a new field.

Eagle Heights and Pleasant Grove are only two miles apart. Eagle Heights has been meeting in a medical office building and hopes to break ground for a sanctuary within two years.

Distance is not the only tie that has remained between the two congregations. Many members of the original

Pleasant Grove church were related so when the split occurred whole families were affected. Members of both groups have continued to relate to each other in family and community settings.

The decision to have a reconciliation service was a gradual one. Pleasant Grove pastor Mark Ross reported his church invited Eagle Heights to attend a service for the Fellowship of Concern, an associational ministry. Eagle Heights members came and the two pastors began talking. Eagle Heights pastor Michael Smith told Ross his people had been wishing for a formal reconciliation.

As ideas began flowing both congregations became excited at the prospect. Ross and Smith worked together to plan the service but it was definitely a lay-led meeting. Side sections of the Pleasant Grove sanctuary were roped off to encourage everyone to sit together in the center. Deacons from both churches were posted at every entrance to welcome incoming members.

Smith and Ross both made statements of reconciliation. These were followed by hymns and prayer. Mark Baskin sang "Help Us to Accept One Another" and Paul Shepherd read I Corinthians 13. Approximately 20 people gave "words

of love," testimonies of feelings and hopes. All were careful to refrain from placing any blame. Instead, they stated their desire for both churches to prosper.

The climax of the service was the celebration of the Lord's Supper, led jointly by Ross and Smith. They used Pleasant Grove's original communion set. Following worship, all enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The reconciliation has made a definite impact on both churches and the community at large. Pleasant Grove member Omer Procter shared, "I've never seen a service that was anything like this. I was apprehensive to start with, but afterwards the old wounds were all healed. A lot of us see each other two or three times a week and it gives you a lot better feeling to know you're still family."

The apprehension Procter mentioned was a feeling shared by others, including Ross. He admitted, "It was a very meaningful service, but we entered it with anxiety. There was some risk involved." Perhaps that risk accounts for the fact that the reconciliation was a feat not attempted by many in this situation.

Eagle Heights member Dayton Foster concluded, "Evidently it's not something that's easy to do, but it was easy for me because I knew everyone personally." Foster was impressed with the sincerity of all involved.

"It was maybe the most interesting meeting I ever went to, because of the feelings of the people. All the speakers

were really coming from the heart. We all felt something good could come from it. In fact, we were counting on it."

Perhaps that "counting on it" attitude was what made this service a success. Ross acknowledged, "There was a great willingness on both parts to weld things back together and have fellowship once more. It was a good feeling to hear their hopes for us, to hear them pray for us." Since both congregations are so close geographically they hoped the reconciliation would be a positive influence in the community. Ross stated, "We wanted to make a statement for the community that there's togetherness here now."

"Togetherness" sums up the goal of the meeting. Both Ross and Smith stressed that neither church ever hoped the service would reunite them in the practical sense. Eagle Heights sees the need for two churches in the area. Smith explained "The people have a vision for making a difference in the community. Even though we're in separate buildings, we're one body now."

What of the future? Smith and Ross have established a good working relationship. While the two fellowships will remain separate, they hope for further worship experiences and community involvement together.

Reconciliation not only soothes hurt feelings, but can be evidence of a lesson learned by all. As Procter concluded, "The Lord's work goes on, no matter how bad we mess up."

Ludlow congregation honors pastor

Arnold Moon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ludlow, Northern Kentucky Association, was honored Feb. 26 by the congregation in special services.

Moon accepted the call as director of missions for the Mountain State Association, Princeton, W. Va., and left the Ludlow pulpit Mar. 5, concluding an eight-year ministry in the northern Kentucky city.

The Home Mission Board, SBC, and the West Virginia Baptist State Convention will be sponsoring agents in Moon's new work.

Members and friends gathered in the church's newly-built fellowship hall for a farewell dinner and lots of fun and good-natured ribbing of their pastor and his family.

Moon is a native of Tennessee but has spent his entire ministry in Kentucky, except for a brief mission pastorate in

Ohio. He has been pastor of eight churches during his 32-year ministry in Kentucky.

He is a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, Campbellsville College and Southern Seminary. He has been involved in mission crusades in Trinidad and has traveled to the Middle East on several occasions.

Moon has served Kentucky Baptists as moderator of three associations, Mercer, Northern Kentucky and Taylor County. He also served an eight-year term on the board of Baptist Homes for Children as well as three terms on the executive board of the KBC. He currently is serving on the Historical Commission.

He and his wife, Ruth, are parents of five children and have made their home in Princeton, W. Va., after Mar. 5, 1989, his last Sunday in the Ludlow pulpit.



Ruth Moon (second from left) and Arnold Moon enjoy a fellowship meal during their farewell luncheon in Ludlow.

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oneida journal

Happy birthday, Preston Baker

Preston Baker was born 80 years ago today on Mar. 7, 1909. He was named for the Oneida community and school doctor, Preston J. Jones. He was the first of the eight children born to George and Lillie Hensley Baker.

Young Baker grew up on a farm near Oneida and was a hard worker from his earliest years. Among his favorite chores was gathering the eggs. He is still doing it 80 years later.

His school years were spent in school here at Oneida. He was a student under Oneida's first three presidents: James Anderson Burns, T. L. Adams and Sylvia W. Russell.

He graduated from Oneida in the class of 1928 which celebrated its 60th anniversary last commencement. He is the only man still living in the class.

Mrs. Russell got him his first regular job working on the farm of a friend of the school in upstate New York. Prior to that his only travels had been driving the mail wagon for his father between Oneida and Manchester and back.

A mountain boy away from the hills, he was soon homesick and returned to Oneida where his parents insisted he become a school teacher. In their minds that was the only job worth having. Young Preston taught in a one-room school with some of his scholars bigger

and older than he was. He rode horseback that year a total of 3000 miles.

Between school sessions he would go to college at Eastern.

On Nov. 7, 1931 he married Ruby Robinson and they will celebrate 58 wonderful years together this year. She is a worker just like Pres and "the smiling two" have been a tremendous team all these years. They began their married life living in the home of Ruby's parents.

Years later when Ruby's mother died, "Papa" Robinson came to live with his daughter and son-in-law Pres. He was with them 30 years dying a few months before his 103rd birthday. All of them testified there was never an ill word between "Papa" and themselves in all those years. The old man was mentally alert and active until just a few days before his death.

Pres and Ruby have two children and nine grandchildren. Son Roy, an OBI graduate in 1950, is a former teacher and principal, now a very successful businessman in Ohio. Daughter Brenda, a 1960 Oneida graduate, is a registered nurse in Owensboro, and a marathon runner.

Pres and Ruby came to serve at the Oneida school in the 1930's serving during the administrations of Charles Goins, Saul Houchell and Eri Shumaker. Ruby was the only cook the school had for 12 years, working many of those years at one dollar a day. "Mr. Baker" as he was now called was a teacher all those years, softball coach, dean of boys many of those years as well as work supervisor.

Then he became elementary principal and spearheaded the drive to build the Oneida Elementary School, the first consolidated public school in Clay County. He continued as principal in that new facility from 1958 until his retirement in 1979. He was widely recognized as one of Kentucky's most outstanding school men, tremendously respected and even loved by his students and those who worked with him.

All the while he has been a great supporter of Oneida Baptist serving as a trustee under the administrations of presidents Sparks, Jackson and myself. Mr. Baker was my math teacher in the 7th grade and my principal during all my elementary years.

Our newest 112-bed dorm was named for Pres and Ruby in 1982. They have been directly associated with OBI longer than anyone in the school's history, and still lavish their famous hospitality on staff and students alike.

Happy birthday, Mr. Baker!



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAR. 12, 1989

Life and work series

Love, the better way

I Cor. 12:31b Paul made it clear that each believer in Christ is the recipient of a spiritual enablement or a capacity for a specific service. These gifts are the manifestations of God's power, whereas love is the manifestation of his nature. They are bestowed with the intention that they will be used for the glory of the Lord.

I Cor. 13:1-3 The coveted gifts of eloquence, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, charity and martyrdom are without value apart from love. Love adds great value to each of these gifts.

I Cor. 13:4-7 True love will color the thoughts, prompt the speech and direct the actions of the Christians.

Love is not impatient (verse 4) but is slow to resent and retaliate. Love is not envious (verse 4) and does not have any ill feeling because of the honor, success or prosperity of others. Love is not boastful (verse 4). Instead of looking for applause, love is interested in the welfare of others. Love is not rude (verse 5), discourteous or unmannerly. Love is not selfish (verse 5), but seeks the welfare of others. Love is not easily provoked (verse 5), or likely to think evil about others. Love is not resentful (verse 5), but tends to be charitable toward the weaknesses of others. Love does not take pleasure in evil (verse 6), or rejoice over

the downfall of another.

Love rejoices in trust (verse 6) and rejoices when people accept the truth, live in conformity to it and faithfully proclaim it. Love bears all things silently (verse 7) and without complaint. Love believes (verse 7) the best rather than the worst about others. Love is hopeful (verse 7), remaining optimistic in the face of unfavorable appearances and adverse circumstances. Love endures (verse 7), as in the case of the aged mother who waited at the entrance of the penitentiary to take home with her a son who was soon to be released.

I Cor. 13:8, 13 In a splendid manner these verses bring out the glorious truth of the durability, permanence and imperishableness of love. It simply never fails. Love began with God and will go on with him through eternity.

International series

Citizens of a new kingdom

Col. 1:1-14 Directed by the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote this epistle to counteract the teachings which were subversive to the Christian faith and dishonoring to Christ. After identifying himself, Paul added that he was "an apostle of Jesus Christ." He associated with his own name that of Timothy, his brother in Christ and loyal colleague in the Lord's work. Paul designated his readers as "the saints and faithful brethren in Christ." He rejoiced that the expression of grace on God's part had resulted in the enjoyment of peace on their part.

After commending them for the progress which they had made in the Christian life, Paul thanked God for their faith in Christ, their love for all the saints, their hope for the future and their effectiveness in disseminating the gospel.

To be "filled with the knowledge of his will" is a primary need of every Christian. When we discover and understand his will, we sorely need his grace and strength to enable us to make our lives conform to it. If we are to overcome our temptations, to grow in grace and knowledge, to be fruitful in all good works, and to be thankful as we should, we must study God's word, pray and depend upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

In verse 12-14 Paul mentioned three things which should cause Christians to be thankful: the portion which they have been delivered, and the price at which they have been redeemed.



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on mission together

The beat goes on

The Kentucky-Kenya partnership ended officially in December 1987. Unofficially, it still goes on.

A group from Porter Memorial in Lexington is now in Kenya, working with Jim Musen south of Mombasa.

Six groups are being enlisted to participate between July and November on projects near Malindi. Clay Coursey is the missionary coordinating the efforts there. Anyone interested may contact James Whaley (502-245-4987).

Other groups will journey to share their lives and testimonies among the thousands of Kenyans who seem so open to hearing and receiving the Good News.

There are some Kentuckians whose lives the partnership has so impacted that they will do more than volunteer for another project.

I was with such a couple the last Sun-

day in February. Charles and Carrie Hedrick have served as pastor and wife of First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, for the past eight years. Under his leadership the church's Sunday school attendance has increased by more than 50%. However, the Hedricks are leaving.

Only two weeks before, they were appointed as foreign missionaries. I was asked, together with Dr. D. M. Aldridge, to lead the church in a commissioning service for the Hedricks.

Charles had participated in several overseas projects, including the Kentucky-Kenya partnership.

Within the Kenya experience, Charles saw how badly needed were pastors with his gifts and abilities. The impression never left him.

Months ago, Charles invited me to pray with him about the Lord's leadership in this matter. There were a number of things to work out, including concerns about passing the rugged physical examination.

As the days passed the Lord continued

to open the door of service—not to Kenya but to northern Nigeria, a nation with more than 100,000,000, where there is not even one Southern Baptist preacher-missionary for every one million persons.

As I sat among the empty cardboard boxes in his study I remembered an earlier year when we were appointed. It was a bittersweet experience.

In the first four rows of the congregation were members of Charles' and Carrie's family. Their parents, siblings, children and grandchildren. Missing from among them was Mr. John Hedrick, Charles' father. He had died after surgery, only two weeks before.

Following the service was an outpouring of affection, as one by one church members shook hands, hugged and wept with those whom they had come to love.

As I headed down the road, still somewhat "full" myself, I knew that there would never be an end of the Kentucky-Kenya partnership in my lifetime... it would go on, and on, and on.

SWBTS president emeritus couple stay in stride

Although Robert Naylor turned 80 Jan. 24, keeping pace with him is not easy. Naylor hasn't lost a step.

With youthful vigor, Naylor, president emeritus, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., still bounds up a stairway like a first-year seminary student.

But there is one person who stays right in stride with Naylor—his wife of 58 years, Goldia. She turns 80 Mar. 14.

However Mrs. Naylor's birthday will not be the only celebration for the Naylor family that day. That is Founders Day at Southwestern and the couple is being recognized as B. H. Carroll Award recipients, the seminary's highest honor.

The Naylor's run with Southwestern began 61 years ago when they arrived on the seminary campus as 19-year-old students. L. R. Scarborough, president, had to give special permission for Naylor to enter Southwestern because the minimum age for entrance was 20.

The same year, Goldia Dalton, from Virginia, started Southwestern. She too needed special permission to enrol.

After a two-year courtship, the couple was married in 1930.

From pastorates in Arkansas, South Carolina and Texas, the Naylor's have stayed in stride together. "Ours has always been a shared ministry," Naylor said.

That's why when he talks about the 20 years he was president of Southwestern, Naylor refuses to talk about "my 20 years," he said.

Still there are definite marks on Southwestern Seminary left by the Naylor's. Some of those marks were made when Naylor was a trustee from 1941-55. He served as chairman from 1955-58 when he became president.

In his history of the seminary, *Tell the Generations Following*, Robert Baker, distinguished professor of church history emeritus at Southwestern, titled the chapter about the Naylor years "Unprecedented Growth."

Included in the growth was the con-

struction of the student center and children's center named for the Naylor's, the medical center and the recreation/aerobics center.

An official residence for the president was also built. "That home sits here on the campus by design," Naylor said. "Where it is gives it an identity with the seminary. This is my family."

That spirit is what the Naylor's hope will be remembered from their tenure.

"This is the seminary," Naylor said. "It's a spirit larger than anything physical. We talk about being the largest seminary in the world? We mean a great deal more than bricks and mortar. The seminary is a living thing," Naylor added. "It is not an institution."

Naylor's association with Southwestern has been paced by what he calls "the thrust of the seminary. This has always been primary to me, even as a student," he said.

That thrust, Naylor said, is "to train God-called men and women for a witness to the whole world."

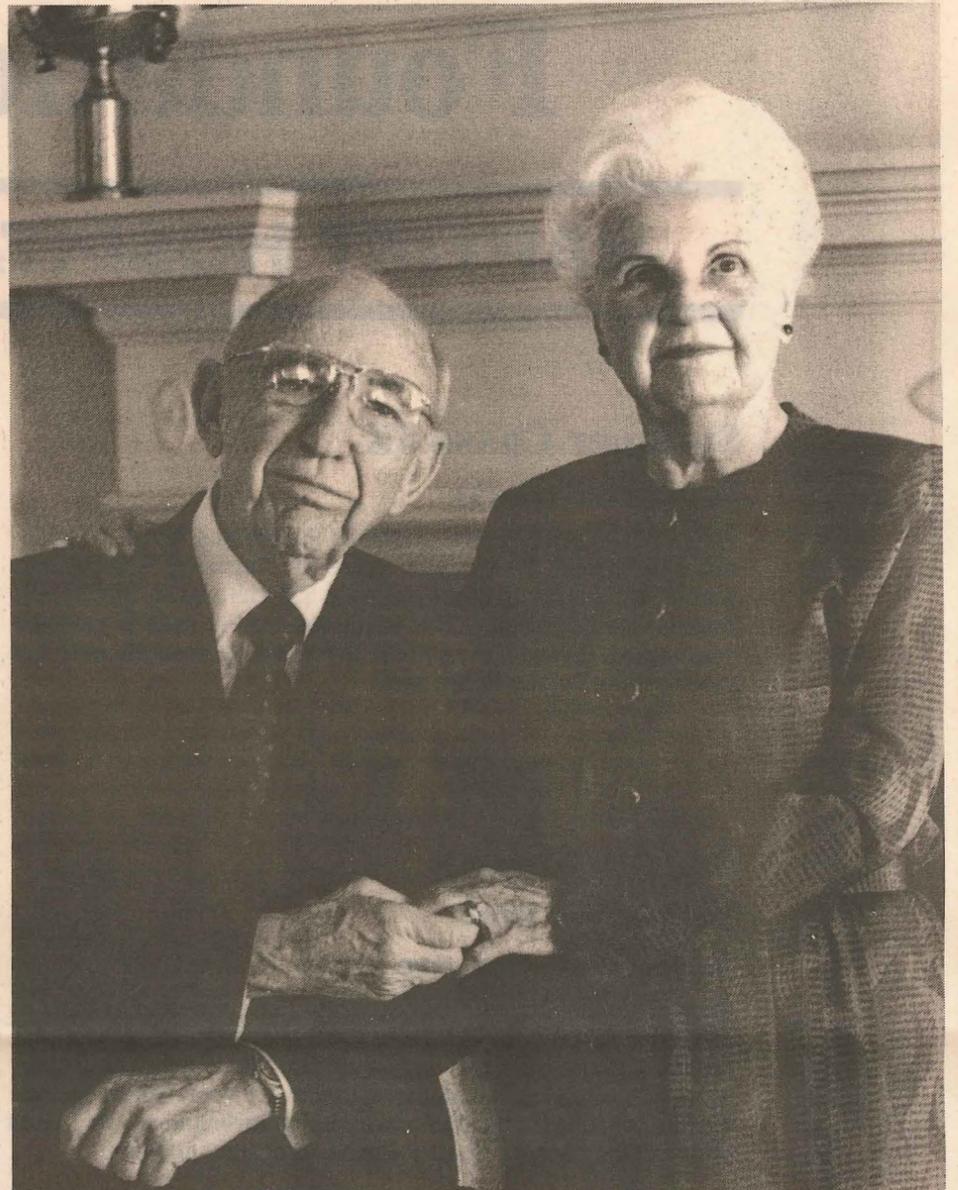
Although Naylor may not measure his years with physical accomplishments, growth which occurred during those 20 years is evident today.

In addition to the buildings, historians cite an increase in the seminary's annual budget from \$1.3 million to \$6.3 million, increase in faculty from 53 to 125 and an enrolment jump from 2300 to 4000.

Always, however, the Naylor's go back to the family atmosphere at Southwestern. To foster that attitude, they often opened their home to guests. Naylor calls his wife the "perfect hostess."

But Mrs. Naylor also used her gift for decorating in the many new buildings constructed. She designed rooms in the president's home, student center, children's center and oversaw the remodeling of Barnard Hall.

As the Naylor's think about receiving the B. H. Carroll Award, they find themselves identified with past recipients they knew during their 20 years leading



the school. "This is a wonderful group of people," Naylor said.

And while many people would say the award is deserved for a job well done,

the Naylor's don't see it that way.

"Being president was never burdensome," Naylor said. "It was never a job to be done; it was a ministry to be lived."

Southwestern professor has world of influence

David Garland loves to tell about the time he and his wife Ellenor were on a ship headed to Europe.

Mrs. Garland went to the wash room to do laundry when she started talking to two women there. The women were headed to Africa as missionaries. Mrs. Garland, sensing the women were Southern Baptists, said her husband taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Stunned, both women said their husbands graduated from the seminary. It wasn't long before they realized the husbands had studied with Garland.

Since that time, Garland has believed the quickest way to reach the world for Christ is through his teaching at Southwestern.

Garland, professor of Old Testament, is entering his 31st year of teaching at the seminary. In that time, he has influenced thousands of students in ministry around the globe.

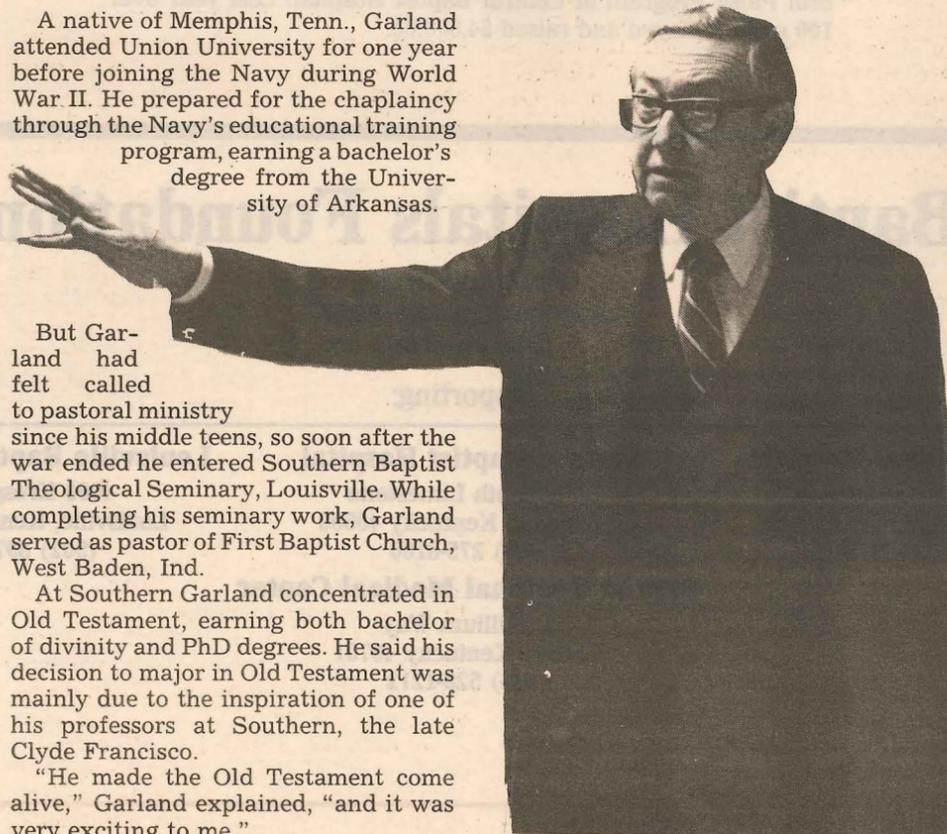
"I think the thing that encourages me the most about Southwestern is that I can stay in this place and go around the world," Garland said. "And perhaps some students will take with them some ideas that I shared or something we have learned together. There is no way I could take it out there alone."

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Garland attended Union University for one year before joining the Navy during World War II. He prepared for the chaplaincy through the Navy's educational training program, earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas.

But Garland had felt called to pastoral ministry since his middle teens, so soon after the war ended he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. While completing his seminary work, Garland served as pastor of First Baptist Church, West Baden, Ind.

At Southern Garland concentrated in Old Testament, earning both bachelor of divinity and PhD degrees. He said his decision to major in Old Testament was mainly due to the inspiration of one of his professors at Southern, the late Clyde Francisco.

"He made the Old Testament come alive," Garland explained, "and it was very exciting to me."



After his seminary career, Garland served as pastor of Baring Cross Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark., for more than seven years. And while he thought teaching might be in his future, he was not seeking a position when Robert Naylor, then president of Southwestern, approached him about a position in 1958.

"I thought after a number of years in the pastorate I would spend part of my life in the classroom, but I thought it would be much later in life than it turned out to be," Garland said. "But I felt it was the right thing to do, so I had the privilege of being the first faculty member Naylor added after he became president."

Garland's knowledge of the Old Testament is evident in his authorship of study guides for Amos, Isaiah, Job and Hosea. He has also written commentaries on Habakkuk and I Samuel.

But this professor's heart is in the classroom.

"If I have any talent or gifts, I think they are probably in the classroom," he said. "I'm most comfortable there, plus I enjoy and appreciate the students. I have a lot of confidence and trust that they are going to make a difference in the world."

Foundation Update

BAPTIST HOSPITALS FOUNDATION

Summer Chase 5K

Louisville, Kentucky

For the third year Baptist Hospitals Foundation and local sponsors will present the Summer Chase 5K (formerly River Banks Run), which attracts approximately 550 runners to the Baptist Hospital East's campus. The exact date of the race is yet-to-be determined. It should even prove to be an improvement over the successes we've had in the past.

1989 Metro Classic

September, 1989

This will be the first time we have sponsored one of the oldest tennis tournaments in the state. We are looking forward to the many people that will be introduced for the first time to the mission of Baptist Hospitals Foundation as it supports the Baptist Hospitals in Kentucky.

Sunday School Charity Fund

Support needed all year.

The gifts to the Sunday School Charity Fund are used to assist in underwriting a portion of the indigent patient's bill at all of our hospitals. Some churches have a special offering for the Sunday School Charity Fund on Mother's Day every year. Others include the Sunday School Charity Fund in their yearly budget. Your gifts to the Sunday School Charity Fund are needed all year.

Baptist Regional Medical Center/Lexington Philharmonic Concert

Corbin, Kentucky

Summer of 1989

For the fourth consecutive year, Baptist Regional Medical Center, the Foundation and local sponsors will bring the Lexington Philharmonic to Corbin, Kentucky on a yet-to-be determined date. We hope this year's concert will be a picnic atmosphere and not only will introduce the Philharmonic to local residents, but will also endorse Baptist Regional Medical Center's and the Foundation's commitment to providing quality healthcare close to home.

Cerebral Palsy Golf Tournament

Griffin Gate Course, April 28, 1989

Lexington, Kentucky

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