

Illinois claims Rob Carr as state staffer resigns in Brotherhood work

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Robert (Rob) W. Carr Jr. has been elected director of Brotherhood services for the Illinois Baptist State Association, Springfield, effective May 1.

The 37-year-old Carr has been associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Department since Mar. 16, 1982.

In his role at Middletown Carr has been primarily responsible for Royal Ambassador leadership and training and summer boys' camping programs at Cedarmore (Camp Rabro) and Jonathan Creek Baptist assemblies.

Carr said he was "especially proud" that a five-year statistical survey released by the KBC Computer Services Department in 1988 showed Brotherhood posted the largest percentage membership increase in the state among five church program organizations. The gain of 1287 members to 24,453 total in 1987 reflected a 5.56% increase, the last year of the five-year study.

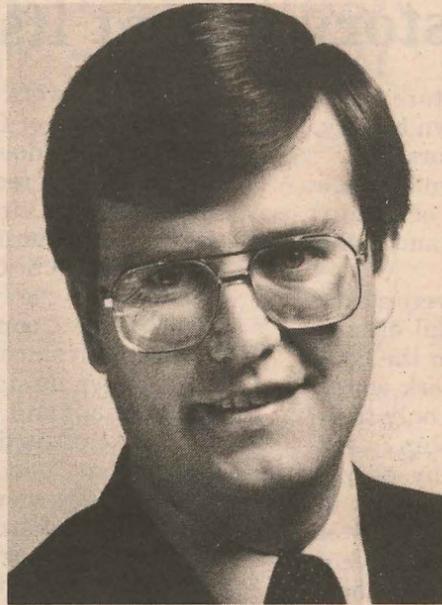
Carr also noted that annual Royal Ambassador congresses held earlier this year across the commonwealth posted their third highest attendance, with 1663 persons registering.

His "greatest joy," however, has been in working at Camp Rabro. "I'll miss that, for there was a lot of pleasure in it," Carr allowed. He will also be responsible for camping programs at two Illinois assemblies in his new assignment.

Carr was a direct link in the Brotherhood Department with long time Kentucky young men's leader Calvin Fields. Fields directed the Camp Rabro program 16 years while state associate Brotherhood director. He served on the Rabro staff 29 consecutive summers.

Upon Fields' election to succeed Forrest R. Sawyer as state Brotherhood director, Fields chose Carr as his own replacement. Shortly before Carr assumed the position, Fields died of a massive heart attack.

Carr, who had worked at Rabro as a camp staffer under Fields in the summers of 1976 and 1977, reflected on the



Robert (Rob) W. Carr Jr.

link with his well known mentor.

"I owe him my start," he said. "Calvin saw something in me that suggested there was potential there. He taught me not to take things too seriously, to laugh in tense situations. He also had a tremendous amount of integrity," Carr went on.

"He was what he was and he made no apology for it for he didn't have to. I decided I couldn't be like him, but I would be me. I shall always be grateful for everything Calvin Fields did for me."

Carr gave guidance to both Baptist Men's and Royal Ambassador work for nine months before Fields' successor, William L. Kaufman, arrived. The men of this state were a "great encouragement" to him during that period, he recalled. "They were supportive, and always seemed to be there when I needed them," he remembered.

Carr said he would miss his Baptist Building colleagues in Middletown. "I appreciate the team and their good spirit in trying to help each other and the fact they work so well with each other," he concluded.

Carr is married to the former Cynthia Anne Blair of Warner Robbins, Ga. They have three children: Elizabeth, 5; Robby, 21 months; and William, 8 weeks.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Carr is a graduate of Southern Illinois University (BA, 1973; BS, 1974), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville (MRE, 1977).

From 1977-80 he was minister of youth and recreation at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis. He was interim minister of education and administration at Kirkwood (Mo.) Baptist Church before returning to Louisville in September 1981 as minister of education and youth at Bethany Baptist Church.

Southeastern trustees respond to accrediting agency questions

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have ratified their responses to the two agencies currently investigating the school's accreditation.

They twice voted 19-7 to "approve and adopt" the documents at the conclusion of their semiannual meeting Mar. 13-15 on the seminary campus in Wake Forest, N. C.

They also approved procedures for developing an "institutional response" to one of those accrediting agencies. And they changed procedures for selecting faculty, a move recommended by both agencies.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada are evaluating Southeastern Seminary following 17 months of controversy.

Conservatives gained a majority on the seminary board in 1987, eight years into the Southern Baptist Convention's theological/political controversy. The new majority changed the school's faculty-selection policies in October of that year, vesting more responsibility with the president and trustees.

President W. Randall Lolley, seven other administrators and three professors subsequently resigned. Lolley cited the policy change—which he said en-

ures that only biblical inerrantists can be added to the faculty and disallows faculty leadership in selecting teachers—as the reason.

SACS and ATS then sent investigating teams to the school, just as new president Lewis I. Drummond was launching his administration.

Southeastern is "a very troubled campus and divided institution," the initial ATS report states. "The provisions and principles internal to an academic institution have been severely threatened and in some instances abrogated."

The SACS report says Southeastern does not conform to some accreditation standards in matters of faculty selection, academic freedom and organization and administration. It also raises "serious questions" about the effectiveness of the school.

Trustees voted 20-9 to approve the process for preparing an "institutional response" to SACS, due July 1. The action notes SACS' request "to respond to certain alleged violations of academic standards calls for an institutional response, and that must be met by entering in good faith into a process in which representatives of the various constituencies of (the seminary) are involved." (BP)

At Southeastern

'Unsettled feeling' results from Drummond's speech to trustees

President Lewis A. Drummond shared his "plan of goals and dreams" for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during the Wake Forest, N. C., school's trustee meeting Mar. 13-15.

But trustee discussion of a resolution to affirm those dreams caused some observers to believe faculty members were told to adopt the dreams or leave.

"My personal big dream is the development of a world mission and evangelism center," he said.

Drummond proposed a \$12 million to \$14 million development campaign to fund capital needs, endowment of the mission/evangelism center and general endowment for personnel salary increases. Enrollment should grow from 780 students now to 1500 in 1995 and 2000 by 2000.

He proposed requiring all students to take witness training or discipleship courses, encouraging all students to be involved in prayer and Bible study groups on campus, making personal witnessing opportunities available to students and launching "a spirit of revival and spiritual awakening" on campus.

Drummond's dream also included development of the faculty's classroom and writing skills; formation of new curriculum to help students minister in a "secular-humanistic society"; enlargement of continuing education programs; development of "research centers"; more faculty; encouragement of a "wholesome evangelical, church-oriented spirit"; creation of "delivery systems" to provide off-campus education; and formation of centers for teaching ethnic students.

Following his speech, James R. DeLoach, an associate pastor from Hous-

ton, offered a resolution commending Drummond and pledging that trustees "buy into" his dream. DeLoach said, "I hope any faculty or administrator (who) cannot buy into this dream . . . will be man- and woman-enough to absent themselves from the seminary."

Mark Caldwell, a pastor from University Park, Md., who cast the lone dissenting vote to the motion, said: "I do not agree that if a faculty member does not agree, he or she should leave the school, that a trustee who does not agree should resign. We're moving too fast without regard for people involved."

C. Michael Hawn, president of the seminary's American Association of University Professors chapter, asked: "How can you have a school of academic integrity when you don't allow opposing views?"

"Also, I would doubt that he has ever in his life encountered such integrity as exists on this campus, especially the faculty. They were dedicated to the vision of this school as its founders stated it, and there was every indication it had prospered."

Hawn cited the high percentage of faculty who are former missionaries and the students' participation in "praxis" church-starting programs as evidence that "charges against our commitment to missions and evangelism don't hold up."

In an interview, DeLoach said he did not mean to threaten faculty: "That statement in no way is intended to ask anybody to leave. . . I was simply asking students, faculty, administrators and alumni to take steps toward Drummond. I will take no part in a movement to move faculty out of this seminary." (BP)

Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

March 28, 1989

Are you moving?

Please give us three weeks' advance notice. Clip this portion with your old address label, supply new address above, and send to Western Recorder, Box 43969 Middle-town, KY 40243

MK volunteer dies in Ethiopia accident

Southern Baptist MK volunteer Stan Cannata died in Ethiopia Mar. 17 shortly after he plunged down a mountainside trapped in his pickup truck. Cannata, 27, was trying to free the truck from soft mud at the edge of a cliff. Most recently Cannata had been capping springs to produce clean water in the area. The son of Southern Baptist missionaries Sam and Ginny Cannata, he was engaged to be married this summer to Elizabeth Chism of Dallas, Tex.

sanford's perspectives

Will history repeat itself?



Jack D. Sanford

One of the strange facets of human nature is our absolute inability to learn from our own history. We continue to make the same fatal errors.

Life in the Southern Baptist Convention is a classic example of our dull perception of history and so we are doomed to repeat again and again the mistakes of the past.

For example, the 1950s, 60s and 70s were a time in Southern Baptist life when a handful of men constituted a closed circle of leaders in the convention. It was a "good old boy" network which meant those in the circle saw to it that only their friends were put into places of leadership in the affairs of the convention. Many worthy people were excluded simply because they were not in the network, were not friends with the power brokers who ran the convention. This system went on for a long time, and those left outside the network seethed with resentment, waiting for their chance to do something to reverse the tide.

That chance came in 1979 with the election of Adrian Rogers as president of the SBC. Almost at once the "good old boy" network began to be dismantled and a new day began to dawn for Southern Baptists. Many people saw this new dawn as the coming of a modern-day millennium in Baptist circles.

However, the inclusion of all Southern Baptists in places of leadership was not forthcoming. In fact nothing really changed in the structure of our work. On the contrary, suddenly one set of "good old boys" was replaced by another set of "good old boys" and the convention found itself once again in the grip of an exclusive, almost elitist group of leaders who shut the door to those who once had been in the other camp.

When the bubble burst in 1979 many people said it was a fresh breeze which would free the convention to do a mighty work in missions and evangelism. They said this new day would see great increases in the real work of the churches because the Bible would be given its rightful place as the sole rule of faith and practice. Some people even believed this line of emotion-laden propaganda because they also believe the former "good

old boy" network did not have regard for the Bible as THE word of God.

The record does not bear out these optimistic forecasts. The record shows a flat, almost negative, trend in virtually every area of our work, even though our present-day leaders say the Bible IS THE word of God.

Even now the lifeline of our work as Southern Baptists, the Cooperative Program, is weaker than at any point since its beginning in 1925. Baptisms have shown no significant rise. Mission programs are stagnant and will no doubt decline in light of the freeze of funds projected this year. All in all, the current "good old boy" network with all its talk of a high view of scripture has not produced any more forward movement than the old "good old boy" network.

What is forecast as surely as there is a Southern Baptist Convention is that another explosion will come, sooner or later. It may take another decade, for it took more than 20 years of trying for the old "good old boy" network to be stripped of power. The people now frolicking as the new "good old boy" network will someday face a young challenger, much like the old "good old boy" network faced in Adrian Rogers.

When will that day come and what will it mean? No one knows when, but all of us know what. It will mean another period of political shuffling and another period when the gospel we preach and believe will be put on the shelf while the struggle for power shifts to yet another set of "good old boys." It will mean Southern Baptists have once again traded the high calling of God in Christ for a mess of political pottage.

That is a sad commentary on Southern Baptist life but it is the way it is today. Yes, our history will repeat itself mainly because we do not have sense enough or grace enough to join hands and walk together as brothers and sisters. We prefer our own little band of "good old boys" and care little for a lost world waiting for God's people to grow up and live out their faith.

We may deny this harsh indictment but our actions declare its truth and that is what is so sad.

Let it happen more often

Last Sunday we went to Harrodsburg to celebrate with Bob DeFoor and the congregation of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church the 10th anniversary of DeFoor's pastorate there. We went because DeFoor is a friend and also a former member and chairman of the board of directors of Western Recorder.

The people of Harrodsburg, including ministers from other than Baptist churches, have respect and admiration for Bob and his family and demonstrated it Sunday. The DeFoods have put down deep roots in the church and city and have given their full energy to serving God and the people of that particular community.

It was a good time of warm fellowship and gentle satire. The jibes given the pastor by deacons and others indicates just how much respect and love there is for the pastor and his family. Gifts

were given but the real meaning of the day was that the church took time out to pay respect and honor to the one whom they believe God called to be their undershepherd.

What a happy time it would be if every church and every pastor had such warm, mutual respect and love for each other. It ought to happen regularly, but alas, we too often hear of churches which breathe a collective sigh of relief when the pastor moves on. Not so at Harrodsburg. DeFoor is not moving on and the congregation gives a sigh of relieve because Bob, Sandy and the children will stay to serve a little longer.

The people love the pastor and the pastor loves the people and each show it in day-to-day expressions of love. That is how it ought to be and we pray it will happen again and again for pastors and churches across Kentucky.

western recorder

(ISSN 0043-4132)

JACK D. SANFORD, Editor
JAMES H. COX, Associate Editor
RAY L. HAYES, Business Manager
C. R. DALEY, Editor Emeritus

Western Recorder is published weekly by Western Recorder Inc., Box 43969, Middletown, Ky., except for one week in July and December. Second class postage paid at Louisville, Ky.

Postmaster: Send address changes to Western Recorder, Box 43969, Middletown, KY 40243.

Subscriptions: Single, \$7.88; foreign, \$8.50; church budget, \$6.00. Payable in advance, except church accounts, which require tax exemption number.

Advertising: Rates available upon request. Institutional columns on an inside page are paid space.

Directors: Richard Bridges, Bowling Green, chairman; Greg Earwood, Murray, vice chairman; Glenn Mollette, Pikeville, secretary; Bill Crosby, Erlanger; Denzel Dukes, Owensboro; Glenn Durham, Harlan; Paul Godsey, Burlington; Garnett Hulette, Frankfort; Don Mantooth, Morehead; Isaac McDonald, Hodgenville; John Searcy, Franklin; George Smith, Leitchfield.

baptist news in brief

Alabama pastor takes 'most important position' in SBC

A new vice president for evangelism, a record year for conversions and church starts, and a plan to reduce 1989 budget expenditures by nearly 10 percent highlighted the spring meeting of the Home Mission Board.

Darrell Robinson, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., unanimously was elected vice president for evangelism during the Mar. 10 meeting. He succeeds Robert Hamblin, who left the board last December to become a full time evangelist and direct a religious foundation.

"There is no position in Southern Baptist life any more important than this one because of the urgency of winning America for Christ," said HMB president Larry Lewis.

During his annual report Lewis announced year-end gains in baptisms, missionary appointments, church starts and volunteerism. However, he warned that these records may not be repeated if funding for the board does not increase.

The Cooperative Program 1989-90 allocation budget features a 2.05 percent decrease to most agencies, as the SBC moves to a "performance-oriented" rather than "goal-oriented" budget. The

Annie Armstrong offering has increased only slightly in recent years.

Because of projected decreases in funding, Lewis announced that each HMB section had been asked to reduce 1989 budget expenditures by an average of 9.69 percent. Cuts will come from Atlanta-based operations and will not affect funding to missionaries, he said.

The board will operate on a contingency budget for the remainder of the 1988-89 fiscal year, Lewis said, because of reductions in Cooperative Program funding, less retained income available, and the small increase in receipts from the 1988 Annie Armstrong offering. New officers elected by the board of directors are Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., chairman; Troy Morrison, director of church-minister relations Alabama Baptist State Convention, vice chairman; Lawson Schroeder, layperson from First Baptist Church, Atlanta, second vice chairman; Ann Frazier, layperson from Roanoke Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., secretary; and Llwyn Walker, layperson from First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., assistant secretary. (BP)



Jane Taylor Howell

Owensboro pastor's wife to report for state paper

Jane Ann Taylor Howell, public school teacher at Stanley, Ky., has been appointed a Western Recorder state correspondent representing six western Kentucky associations.

Mrs. Howell, wife of Gerard E. Howell, pastor of Owensboro's Bellevue Baptist Church, will submit news and feature articles from Daviess-McLean, Green Valley, Little Bethel, Muhlenberg, Ohio County and Ohio Valley associations.

Her appointment is effective immediately, said James H. Cox, the paper's associate editor, who announced it last week. She succeeds Betty Anderson, formerly of Livermore, whose husband, Doug, was called to a Hopkinsville pastorate earlier this year. Hopkinsville is outside her assigned reporting territory.

A native of the Canal Zone, Jane Howell also lived in Maryland and Covington, Ky. during her youth. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain (Miss.) College and holds a master's degree in education from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. She has done additional graduate work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

In addition to her husband, her family includes two daughters, Ansley Jane, 20, and Anita Joy, 19.

Mrs. Howell has written for Southern Baptists' daily devotional guide *Open Windows* as well as freelanced for several denominational publications, including *Contempo* and *Sunday School Growth Journal*. When the family lived in Frankfort she was stringer and food columnist for the *Frankfort State Journal*.

She has taught public school in several Kentucky localities and maintains an interest in music, having been a church organist at one time.

allocation is being cut by about \$1 million, it is not good stewardship to propose creation of a new agency," Lewis said.

He reminded the board members that the Executive Committee estimated funding of the new agency would require a minimum of \$500,000 to \$750,000 a year—money that normally would be channeled to home and foreign missions endeavors.

SBC Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks "rightly pointed out to the Executive Committee that 50 percent of the new agency's Cooperative Program allocation will come from the Foreign Mission Board, and 20 percent will come from the Home Mission Board," Lewis said.

"If the proposal is approved, missions will be crippled and hobbled at a time when we need to move forward unhindered in our efforts to achieve the goals of Bold Mission Thrust," he said.

Lewis then said he equally is opposed to plans announced by the Alliance to start its seminary.

Lewis said the move "is divisive and will weaken foreign and home missions by draining resources that might be used to support our cooperative mission efforts." (BP)

MISSION 90 for students to impact world

Backyard Bible clubs, street witnessing and work with inner-city missions are a few of the missions opportunities Southern Baptist college and seminary students will have during MISSION 90, a national student missions conference Dec. 27-31 in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Lifelong involvement in missions will be the focus of the conference at the Ft. Worth-Tarrant County Convention Center. Six thousand may attend.

The conference is coordinated by the Student Ministry Department of the

Executive Committee action for non-SBC schools incurs wrath

Three key challenges facing New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—a declining pool of ministerial students, a decrease investment income and decline in support from the Southern Baptist Convention—were outlined during the annual board meeting Mar. 14-15 by president Landrum P. Leavell II.

Attracting students is more difficult now because of presence of nonconvention-related schools and new in-house theological programs at Baptist universities.

The situation "took a turn for the worse" when the Southern Baptist Executive Committee granted annual convention exhibit space to Criswell College in Dallas, Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla. and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn., Leavell said.

"The six Southern Baptist seminaries are no longer competing in the family for students." Now they must compete with schools that have no accountability to Southern Baptists, Leavell noted.

In addition, Southern Baptist seminaries are bound by convention policy to solicit funds only from individuals, corporations and foundations, while the nonSBC schools have no such restrictions and can approach churches for funds, he said.

Despite the concerns, trustees approved a new budget that represents a 1.5 percent increase from the current year. Budget documents noted the "careful, conservative projection of income" in a "no-frills, basic needs budget that deals realistically with the reason we are here—theological education."

The approved 1989-90 budget stands at \$6,759,091. More than \$4.6 million of that is expected to come from the SBC Cooperative Program. (BP)

Southeastern elects Bush despite faculty protest

L. Russ Bush III survived faculty disapproval and a split vote by trustees to be elected academic vice president/dean of the faculty at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Trustees of the Wake Forest, N. C., school discussed Bush behind closed doors for more than three hours Mar. 13, before electing him on a secret-ballot vote, 22-8.

Bush, 44, is associate professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., where he has taught since 1973.

After the election, C. Michael Hawn, professor of church music and president of the AAUP chapter, said the faculty's votes against Bush and its stated reasons for opposing him speak for themselves. "We have made such a clear, strong statement that there is nothing else to say. He is our dean. We will work with him."

During his acceptance speech, Bush told the trustees, "I realize there was a significant number of you who said you did not want me here." Bush quoted from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God." He said, "God called us to be peacemakers. He led more than two-thirds of you to vote for me. Under God's providence, if he will give me life, I will try to do the job that needs to be done." (BP)

HMB's Lewis says he opposes Executive Committee's action

Wrestling with shrinking funds for home missions, Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis opposes creation of a new Southern Baptist Religious Liberty Commission and plans for a new Southern Baptist Alliance seminary.

Creation of the new agencies would drain resources away from home and foreign missions, Lewis told trustees during the board's spring meeting Mar. 10 in Atlanta.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has recommended creation of the Religious Liberty Commission to represent the convention in Washington. The Alliance, an organization of convention moderates, has approved plans to begin a new seminary in Richmond, Va.

The denomination does not have adequate financial resources to fund another agency, Lewis charged, and said the new Washington-based Religious Liberty Commission would duplicate efforts being addressed by the SBC Christian Life Commission and Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

"Please do not misunderstand me. I do not oppose the decision to fund an office of the Christian Life Commission in Washington to represent Southern Baptists regarding critical moral and social concerns. I simply fail to see the wisdom of having three offices representing Southern Baptists in our nation's capital," said Lewis.

The new commission, in order to become a reality, must be approved by majority votes by messengers to two consecutive SBC annual meetings.

Lewis noted that at the same meeting in which the creation of the new agency was approved, the SBC Executive Committee proposed a 2.05 percent decrease for the denomination's allocation budget, the Cooperative Program.

"During a year in which the Home Mission Board's Cooperative Program

baptist news in brief

Louisvillian will follow Harwell in controversial Georgia post

Fifteen months after ousting the editor of the Christian Index by a 57-54 vote, the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention Mar. 14 unanimously elected a new editor.

Richard Albert Mohler Jr. of Louisville will succeed Jack U. Harwell as editor of Georgia's weekly Baptist newspaper June 1. Mohler, 29, currently is director of capital funding/assistant to the president at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also is associate director of the Southern Seminary Foundation.

Harwell, currently editor of SBC Today, an independent, autonomous publication in Decatur, Ga., left the Index Dec. 31, 1987 after the executive committee voted not to ask him to reconsider his plans for early retirement.

Harwell was under fire for several years by convention conservatives who accused him of favoring moderates and abusing conservatives in the on-going Southern Baptist controversy.

Following his election, Mohler declined to identify his stance related to the denominational conflict but said, "I will let my ministry stand for itself." He did say he hopes to assume a "mediating position" among fighting factions within the convention.

W. Ches Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tifton, Ga., and chairman of the Christian Index board, presented Mohler to the executive committee with a unanimous recommendation from the 11-member search committee. The executive committee elected Mohler without discussion.

"It has been a long, tough road, but we have come to an oasis," Smith told the executive committee. "If you had asked me 12 months ago, I would have said we couldn't have a unanimous recommendation."

Mohler is a candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree from Southern Seminary. He holds the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary and a bachelor of arts degree in religion from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

He has been in his current position with Southern Seminary since 1987 and previously served four years as coordinator of foundation support there. Mohler also was pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, Bedford, Ky., 1982-87.

Although not a trained journalist, Mohler said he believes there is a valid role for the editor as theologian and statesman. "Journalism is one very important way for a theologian to function in the denomination." (BP)



Kentucky Baptist Convention staff members Calvin Wilkins (l) and C. Benton Williams (r) sign papers initiating the partnership between Kentucky Baptists, the Foreign Mission Board and Baptists in Espirito Santo, a state north of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. FMB representatives: Boyd O'Neal (second from left), associate director of Volunteers in Missions; Thurmon Bryant (c), associate vice president for mission management; and Bill Damon (second from right), associate area director for Brazil and the Caribbean.

Futral thanks ministers, wives at Daviess-McLean gathering

by Jane Taylor Howell
State Correspondent

Monday evening, Mar. 6, over 80 ministers and wives and staff ministers and wives of Daviess-McLean Baptist Association were guests of the KBC Minister/Church Relations Department for dinner at an Owensboro restaurant.

This fellowship gathering was the third of many the department hopes will be held across the state.

Jim Spaulding, director of missions for Daviess-McLean Association, applauded attendance. "It was the best attended event for ministers I have seen in the five years I have been director of missions."

"Our aim is to get ministers together for reasons other than programing. I promise it will not be heavily planned for the best part is the association around the tables," Guy Futral, Minister/Church Relations Department consultant, Middletown, suggested in his invitation to the dinner.

Nancy Futral spoke briefly to the wives, recalling the previous Novem-

ber's State Minister's Wives' banquet in Owensboro during the annual state convention meeting.

Mrs. Futral gave insight into the third Minister's Wives' retreat to be held at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly Oct. 27-28. "The exciting news is the worship leader will be Carolyn Weatherford, who by the retreat date will be a minister's wife herself, Mrs. Joe Crumpler. Joyce Cordell, a Shelbyville, Ky. musician, will lead the music."

Daviess-McLean encourages the wives to attend the retreat each fall, providing the registration fee for those that do.

Ministers in Daviess-McLean Association meet every Monday morning for prayer and fellowship. The wives meet once a month. But ministers, wives, staff members and wives seldom get together for the sharing and fellowship experienced Mar. 6.

"It's one way for our convention to say 'thank you' and a time of affirming the ministers and teammates who faithfully serve our churches," Futral concluded.

Larry High, first WR intern, resigns N. C. Baptist journalism ranks

Lawrence E. (Larry) High, managing editor of the Biblical Recorder, news-journal of North Carolina Baptists, since 1982, has resigned effective Apr. 15.

High, 38, has accepted a position with a Raleigh, N. C. firm for landscape design and implementation. High has maintained a hobby interest in landscape design and has taken professional training in the field.

He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Prior to joining the Recorder, High was editor of the Maryland Baptist, now called the Baptist True Union. While at Southern Seminary, he was news director, first on a part time basis and, following graduation, full time.

While a seminary student, High became the first intern at Western Recorder. In 1983 he started a similar program for college and seminary students at the Biblical Recorder and five students have studied writing, layout, design and newsgathering in the program.

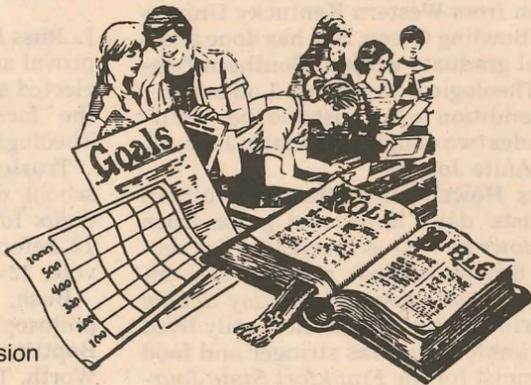
High's wife, Jan, is with the Woman's Missionary Union Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. (BP)

KENTUCKY'S FIRST PASTOR/STAFF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

April 14-15, 1989

Walnut Street Baptist Church
Louisville, Kentucky

Foundations
for the Future



PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY-

- 2:00 Registration Open
- 3:30 Early Bird Conferences
- 5:30 BANQUET
- 7:00 Opening . . . General Session
- 8:30 Conferences

SATURDAY-

- 8:30 General Session
- 9:30 Conferences
- 11:00 Conferences
- NOON BREAK
- 1:20 Conferences
- 2:30 General Session . . . Closing

Three Major General Sessions...Speakers...Music...Testimonies

Twenty-five Plus Conferences led by choice leaders who will give all who attend workable ideas and plans

Free Banquet for first 350 who pre-register by sending your name to the Sunday School Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Complete Sunday School curriculum Display with Baptist Sunday School Board Consultant available to answer your questions

Extensive Baptist Book Store

Free On Site Parking

Motel list available upon request



Vaughn



Hemphill



Agonizing, Jackson says independent route may necessarily be next step for his church

Concerned that Southern Baptist Convention leaders are "more interested in establishing a lobby in Washington than reaching people for Christ," Richard Jackson said he is considering leading his church to go "independent" or possibly to cut its support of the SBC budget to the level given by churches of the denomination's presidents of the last decade.

Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church the last 25 years, said he is considering the "independent" route.

Jackson noted the presence of independent Baptist Jerry Falwell on the program of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists in Las Vegas, Nev., in June.

"Who would have thought in 1980 that in 1989 Jerry Falwell would be

Tentmakers may match volunteers, tasks abroad

Southern Baptists who choose to work in secular professions overseas to help spread the gospel could play a vital role in mission strategy if a proposed new program is approved by the Foreign Mission Board.

Foreign Mission Board staff members are developing a new personnel category known as "tentmakers."

The "tentmaker" label dates back to the apostle Paul, who supported himself by making tents. Throughout Christian history, people employing their trades in distant areas have played key roles in missions.

Modern tentmakers have special strategic value in limited access or "closed" countries where traditional missionaries are unable to work, said Harlan Spurgeon, vice president for mission management and personnel.

Tentmakers could be teamed up with the board's new nonresidential missionaries, who explore ways of evangelizing populations inside limited access countries. (BP)

SWBTS trustees pass budget but express displeasure over it

Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary approved a reduced 1989-90 budget and reelected Ken Lilly, a physician from Ft. Smith, Ark., as chairman of the board Mar. 13-14.

The \$18.5 million budget passed by the trustees is a 1.2 percent cut, or \$226,410 from 1988-89. The new budget freezes salaries and cuts back some programs.

The budget was passed amid concern by the trustees over a reduction of Cooperative Program funds allocated by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. As a result, the board passed a resolution calling for the Executive Committee to reconsider its procedures for administering the unified budget funds of the denomination.

Wayne Allen, trustee from Carrollton, Tex., who offered the resolution, called for trustees to "express our concern about the way the Cooperative Program dollars are allocated and our concern about the support of the Cooperative

preaching at a Southern Baptist Convention meeting and Richard Jackson would be considering being an independent Baptist?" Jackson said.

Jackson's church has contributed more than \$1 million each year for the last three years—more than \$7 million this decade—in support of the Cooperative Program and has baptized almost 12,000 new converts in the last 10 years—1106 in 1988.

Jackson's mention of a Washington lobby was a reference to the proposed establishment by the SBC of a new Religious Liberty Commission in Washington to represent the denomination in church/state affairs. Jackson opposed the proposal while attending the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville.

It broke his heart, he said, to see the Executive Committee approve the Religious Liberty Commission proposal after SBC Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks had told them it would hurt the SBC missions program.

"They not only didn't agree with him, they didn't even listen to him," Jackson said. "They showed him no respect. That was the sense I got.

"My people are Southern Baptists because I am," Jackson continued, "because North Phoenix Baptist Church is Southern Baptist and they joined it. They have supported the Cooperative Program because I have asked them to do it, and they have done it gladly. But it costs us to do it. And considering what has been happening, I don't know if I can continue to ask them to make the sacrifice."

Jackson said he had mentioned his concern at his church's annual deacons' retreat Mar. 10-11 and asked the 200 men there to pray about it and any decision to be made by the church.

"I feel so bad about calling myself a Southern Baptist and even talking about cutting support of the Cooperative Program," he said.

Whatever North Phoenix does, he said, "any decision will take a long time

Program by all of our churches. The purpose is to say to the grassroots churches. 'This is where it hurts,'" Allen said.

During his report to the trustees, Russell Dilday, president of SWBTS, said its 2.8 percent cut in Cooperative Program funds is a result of money being used for capital needs in other agencies and a no-increase budget adopted by the Executive Committee. "This will be the first time in over 30 years, and maybe in the entire history of the seminary, when the amount of denominational support will be less next year than it is this year," Dilday said.

"We are grateful for the Cooperative Program and we must continue to promote that and motivate our churches to increase the amount of denominational support," Dilday said. "All of these efforts to hold money back or to get our way in the Convention by saying we're not going to give through the Cooperative Program are destructive. I oppose that kind of effort, no matter where it comes from. That's not the way to do the Lord's business." (BP)

and a lot of prayer, and I hope the decision can be that we can stay as Southern Baptists and continue full cooperation and full support."

"I don't say these things lightly, but with an aching heart," he said. "This is not an idle threat, but it is not something I am going to do overnight. I pray I will never have to do it." (BP)

"I'll quit if he will," says Jackson about Pressler

If Paul Pressler will get off the denominational stage, Richard Jackson will move aside, too, and try to lead his church to continue or even increase its Cooperative Program support, Jackson said.

Pressler is a Houston layman, generally considered the architect of the conservative movement that has taken control of the Southern Baptist Convention over the last decade. He is a member of the SBC Executive Committee.

Jackson is pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church and outspoken opponent of the changes in the denomination. He has been unsuccessfully nominated for president of the SBC four times, including 1988.

In a telephone interview with the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptists' weekly newsjournal, Jackson said he made his offer to step aside from further denomi-

Annuity Board requests resumes for president

Resumes for the next Annuity Board president will be accepted until June 1, according to George H. Balentine Jr., chairman of the search committee. Current president Darold H. Morgan has announced his desire to retire in early 1990. He will be 65 Aug. 5.

Resumes should be mailed to Balentine at 211 Old Town Way, Simpsonville, SC 29681.

national involvement recently through a second party to Southern Baptist Convention president Jerry Vines.

"I told a friend of Jerry Vines that if Vines could get a pledge from Pressler he would resign from the Executive Committee, promise never to hold office among Southern Baptists again and not to politic or voice his opinions, not pressure anybody—just go back to Houston, to his church—then I would make a pledge to never nominate anyone for office or be nominated or hold any trusteeship in Southern Baptist life," Jackson said.

"And I would try to lead my church to keep its giving level (more than \$1 million yearly) as it is now and try to increase it."

He has received no response to the offer, Jackson said, "but it still stands." (BP)

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of offers to buy any of these securities. The offering is made only by Prospectus.

\$10,000,000

SERIES D

HOME MISSION BOARD

OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

CHURCH LOAN COLLATERALIZED BONDS

MINIMUM PURCHASE—\$500.00

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, along with other available funds of Home Mission Board, will be used to make direct loans to Baptist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention for the financing of sites and the construction of buildings in keeping with the Bold Mission Thrust emphasis of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable semi-annually. The Bonds will be offered with maturity dates varying from six months to fifteen years and the interest rate will vary from 8.5% to 10.5% depending upon the maturity date as set forth in the Prospectus.

Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained by calling or writing the Home Mission Board.

HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC
ATTENTION, CHURCH LOAN DIVISION
1350 Spring Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30367

1-800-HMB-BOND (462-2663)

Please send a copy of the prospectus for the Series D issue of Home Mission Board Church Loan Collateralized Bonds.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

mountains to the mississippi



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

clear creek chronicle

Letters

Letters we receive encourage our ministry. A retired missionary in North Carolina writes, "I regret to ask you to remove my name from your mailing list but I am now 87 years of age, living in a rest home as a result of a car accident. As a retired missionary my funds are somewhat limited. In the summer of 1933 my husband and I spent a happy time at a retreat held at Clear Creek. Your wonderful ministry has since held a tender spot in my heart realizing the blessed work you have through the years given to our denomination in preparing men and women who are called of our Lord to his ministry. I also spent a happy week during a school of missions with you sharing my experiences on the mission field. I am thankful God is still using you in such a blessed work and may your service continue to prepare more young people for the ministry. Since donating to Clear Creek is now difficult I feel I should not impose on you in allowing the expense of keeping me on your mailing list. Thank you for your blessed services through the years." We are happy to keep this dear friend on our mailing list. Her prayers are an invaluable contribution to our work which impacts world missions.

A Jonesboro, Ga., couple writes, "Please find enclosed a small check. Use as you see fit. We are interested in your Bible school. May God always bless it." A western Kentucky friend mailed us a box of clothes for the Thrift Shoppe. "I hope someone can use these things. I wish I were able to send money but I do pray for the school each day." We sell good used clothing at 25¢ per item which enables our families to stretch their dollars.

People share their concerns with us as this Florence, Ky. letter indicates. "Keep up the good work. You all are doing God's work. I wish I could do more. Pray for me in my upcoming brain surgery." The request was included in our chapel bulletin and the campus family lifted this need to the Lord.

I love to receive the mail. Clear Creek appreciates your encouraging response.

personnel

David Wotier resigned as minister of education and youth of Edgewood Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, to accept the pastorate of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owen County Association.

Ray Sullivan resigned the pastorate of Valley View Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga.

Liberty Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, called **Doyle Eddings** as pastor.

Cliff Long resigned as youth minister of Crestwood Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, to accept a similar position at Central Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Anderson Association, called **Jim Hartz**, a Southern Seminary student, as pastor.

Jerry Tomlinson is interim minister of music and youth at Lancaster Baptist Church, South District Association.

Jon R. Roebuck resigned the pastorate of Burgin Baptist Church, Mercer Association, to accept the pastorate of South Avondale Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

James Fox is new pastor of Vertrees Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. He is KBC coordinator for the disaster relief team.

Fred Lewis Miller is new associate pastor and minister of activities at Friendship Baptist Church, Taylor County Association.

Laurel River Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Bryan Powers** as minister of music.

Campbell Kendrick is new pastor of Big Sinking Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

Lewisburg Baptist Church, Bracken Association, called **Cecil Mullins** as pastor.

Jerry Lacefield is new pastor of Beech Fork Baptist Church, South District Association. He goes from Oak Hill Baptist Church, Lynn Association.

Stephen M. Spencer resigned as pastor of Worthville Baptist Church, White's Run Association, to accept the pastorate of Maple Grove Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Greenbriar Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, called **Dennis Williams** as pastor.

Jack R. Studie, pastor, Faith Baptist Church, West Union Association, attended a familiarization and learning tour of Greece Mar. 17-24. He and his wife were hosted by Southern Baptist missionaries Ray and Evelyn Benfield. Studie preached at Trinity Baptist Church, Athens, on Palm Sunday.

Paul Stearman is new pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Green Valley Association. He was ordained to the ministry at Airline Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

Powell's Valley Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, honored **Marion Brewer** with a dinner on his 22nd anniversary as pastor.

congregations

Harold Skaggs celebrated his 10th anniversary as pastor of **Cadiz Baptist Church**, Little River Association. The church honored Skaggs and his wife with a covered dish luncheon Mar. 5.

Donaldson Creek Baptist Church, Little River Association, in rural Trigg County, will be 175 years old Apr. 10 and in honor of the occasion its members have planned a two-day celebration.

The event begins Saturday, Apr. 8 when members will dress in pioneer costumes and enact scenes of the past including a chronology of the progress of the church through the years. One of the highlights will be the dedication and unveiling of a highway historical marker containing facts about the founding of the church and its long history of providing spiritual guidance to the community for nearly two centuries.

Sunday, Archie Brock, a former pastor, and Ralph Benningfield will bring anniversary messages.

One of the oldest churches in Trigg County, Donaldson Creek was organized with 27 members as a mission of Dry Creek Baptist Church, Apr. 10, 1814. Three pioneer ministers—Thomas Ross, Dudley Williams and Thomas McLean—were present for the first service. Ross was first pastor.

Donaldson Creek became a self-supporting church July 12, 1818 and affiliated with Little River Association. Today it is the oldest church in that association. It was the "mother" of three other churches in Trigg County—Oak Grove in 1875, Boyd's Hill in the 1920s and Maple Grove in 1943.

In its 127 years of existence the church has had over 50 pastors and some 2000 names have been on the church roll; among them are several generations of individual families. Baptismal services are conducted today in nearby Donaldson Creek just as they have been since the church was constituted. Membership today is 250. William B. Taylor is pastor.

missions

Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders led witnessing at the Feb. 18 basketball clinic at Greensburg Middle School. There were 18 professions of faith.

associations

What may well be the first new work started in Kentucky to receive the name "Hope" during the "Here's Hope" evangelism effort has been established according to W. O. Willham, director of missions, South District Association.

Feb. 8 **Lancaster Baptist Church** approved a new work called **Hope Baptist Mission**. The mission meets in the community room of the Lancaster Housing Authority and Sherman Willoughby is the mission pastor. Attendance has ranged from 20 to 41 with an average of 25.

In the spring of 1987 South District Association conducted a survey of its total area including parts of five counties. One of the many needs discovered

was ministry to persons living in multi family housing. In 1988 David Beal, national consultant in multifamily housing ministries for the Home Mission Board, led a blitz campaign.

Hope Mission is one of the results of these actions to find, identify and reach people who are not being ministered to.

Pastor of Lancaster is Bob Rush.

deaths

Mrs. Adelaid Standiford, 101, oldest member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association, died recently. She was a member of the church for 90 years. Mrs. Standiford is survived by three children: James Lane, Hugh Boyd and Elisabeth Standiford. Robert A. Hill is pastor of Cedar Creek.

ordinations

Mike Bruce was ordained a deacon of LaGrange Heights Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association. Henry Beach Jr. is pastor.

Tommy Robinson, McGrew Foster and Albert Helm were ordained deacons of Hampton Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. Raymond Aldridge is pastor.

Clay Early and Bruce Mills were ordained deacons of Valley Station Baptist Church, Long Run Association. Charles W. Shacklette is pastor.

Sam Satterly was ordained a deacon of Union Baptist Church, Henry County Association. The ordination message was brought by Marshall Phillips, retiring manager at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. Larry Lindsey is pastor.

Mike Lindon was ordained to the ministry Easter Sunday at Faith Baptist Church, Red River Association. Earl D. Brooks is pastor.

Cash Creek Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, ordained **Thomas "Pert" Howard and Mike London** deacons. Morris Little is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Carlisle, Bracken Association ordained **Kevin Thomas and Tom Biddle** as deacons.

Tommy Robinson, McGrew Foster and Albert Helm were ordained deacons of Hampton Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. Raymond Aldridge is pastor.

Curtis Wheeler was ordained to the ministry by Upton Baptist Church, Lynn Association. Richard R. Lloyd III is pastor.

Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, ordained new pastor **David Jones** to the ministry.

Finchville Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, ordained **Stuart A. Terry and Dale A. Raines** to the ministry. Both are associate pastors in music and youth at Finchville.

Pine Grove Baptist Church, Bell Association, ordained **Russ Taylor** to the ministry.

West Pineville Baptist Church, Bell Association, ordained **Gary Stumbo** to the ministry.

UNTIL JESUS COMES

*He which hath begun a good work in you
will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:6

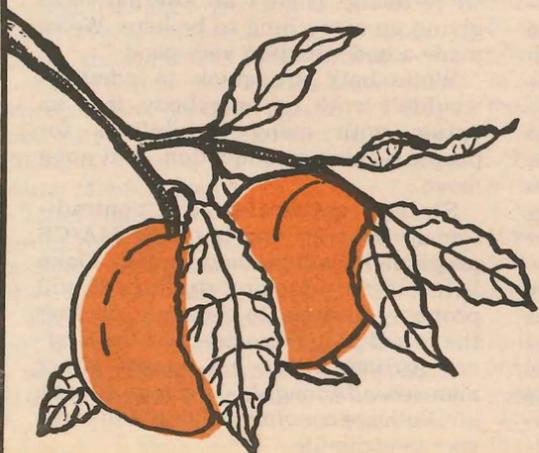
For more than 16 decades your state Baptist news journal,
Western Recorder, has been the principal means of
transmitting news of interest among Kentucky Baptists.
It continues a proud tradition today, telling Baptists the
facts—accurately, honestly, rapidly.

But escalating postal, paper and printing costs threaten
that freedom in contemporary times. These culprits are
demanding more and more dollars which otherwise would
be available to missions causes. In a recent year Western
Recorder had to rely on the Cooperative Program for
nearly \$2 of every \$5 it spent.

There is a way to reverse the trend, however—through
endowment. Gifts to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation
in Western Recorder's name will help the paper hold the
line on rampant inflation.

Your gift will provide a permanent informational supply
line to thousands, even millions of readers yet unborn.
The interest it generates will underwrite Baptist
communications needs from now until eternity.

Won't you help us by sharing what you can until Jesus comes?
Clip the coupon and mail it with your check to:
Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243



I want to share something with Western Recorder that will outlive me, providing for others until
Jesus comes. Enclosed find my gift of (check one):

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |

Another amount \$ _____

Name _____ Street/Box No. _____

City, State, Zip _____

Gifts are tax deductible and will be acknowledged. If you would like to designate your gift as a memorial to
individual(s) living or deceased, include name(s) here:

'Frequent flyers' land at Southern Seminary

by Mary Royals Driskill
Staff Writer

Students who commute aren't new to Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary but students who commute over 1000 miles each week are. For Tom Daku of Kissimmee, Fla. and E. Wayne Shelley of North Myrtle Beach, S. C., commuting means flying round trip to Louisville each week.

"I feel like we're using modern technology for the Lord's service," said Daku. "The hardship for me would have been moving to Louisville."

For both men, the decision to commute was better than moving their families.

"I knew I had to go and I knew I had to go to Southern," said Shelley. He estimates his two years of commuting has cost him \$6500. "It's been a better deal (than moving)."

Shelley and Daku buy 14 tickets each semester. "I paid for three semesters flying and my fourth semester is free," added Shelley. His "free" semester was purchased with frequent flyer points accumulated over the semesters.

"There's a lot of people like me and

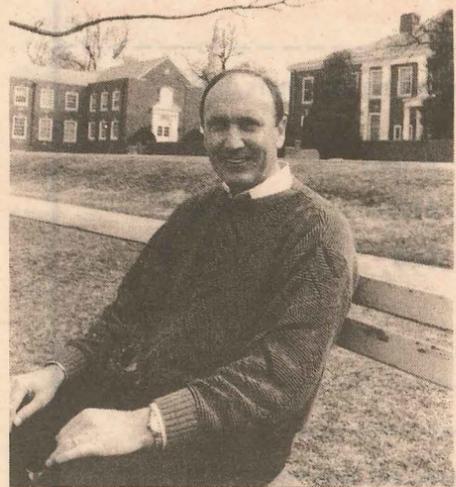
"If they'd put a pencil to it, anyone could do what we're doing. There's an alternative."

Wayne who are being led to seminary but the cost and thought of moving family is scary," said Daku. "We're only in school 28 weeks of the year."

Daku and Shelley insist commuting is financially better than uprooting their families for two or three years. Each came to the decision to commute after carefully weighing the pros and cons. They started seminary in the fall of 1987 but began considering seminary several years before.

"It was a long process," said Daku. He told his pastor at First Baptist Church, DeLand, "I don't know why I want to do this but I want to go into service for the Lord." His pastor surprised Daku by saying, "I've been waiting for you to tell me that."

Daku was a successful businessman and entering the ministry meant starting college—at 37. When he began his



Wayne Shelley

undergraduate work at Stetson University in DeLand he tried his first semester commuting from Ormond Beach. Then he moved his family to DeLand. He sold his lucrative time sharing and condominium business to pursue his studies.

Tom and his family went from living in a 4400-square-foot house on 10 acres to a 1600-square-foot house.

"It took Martha (his wife) a good year to adjust," added Daku. "I've always said God's gotta call two people, not just one." Martha went to work and he began selling cars.

When it came time to begin seminary, Daku received a scholarship from Southern Seminary. He and his wife visited the campus in May 1987 but could get no firm promise of housing. They returned home and his wife was offered a job managing a resort. Daku's new condo cleaning business was doing well in Florida. That's when they started considering commuting.



For Wayne Shelley (l) of North Myrtle Beach, S. C. and Tom Daku (r) of Kissimmee, Fla., commuting means traveling more than 1000 miles each week.

"I had seen an article in The Tie (seminary alumni periodical) about a guy who commuted from Atlanta," said Daku.

He and his wife sat down and "put a pencil" to the idea of commuting. Daku figured he would only make a fraction of what his business was earning in Florida if he found part time work in Louisville as a student.

Besides trying to find work for both of them, Daku was concerned about the expense of moving his four daughters and not being able to find housing in Louisville. There were no guarantees.

The cost of round trip tickets from Orlando, Fla. to Louisville was from \$120 to \$170 each week.

"I've bought them as low as \$92," said Daku. He estimates his commuting costs him \$4000 a year. "We just did what seemed to be the best option," insisted Daku. "The cost of moving my family here would have been astronomical."

"It was five years after I felt called before I actually came to seminary," said Shelley. "Of all the things I could think of, a preacher was the most horrible."

He had sold his hotel business in 1985 in anticipation of his call to ministry. Neither he or his wife Betty liked the idea of moving. It was more difficult for his wife to make the move than for him.

For her, it was "like offering up Isaac." When she finally accepted the

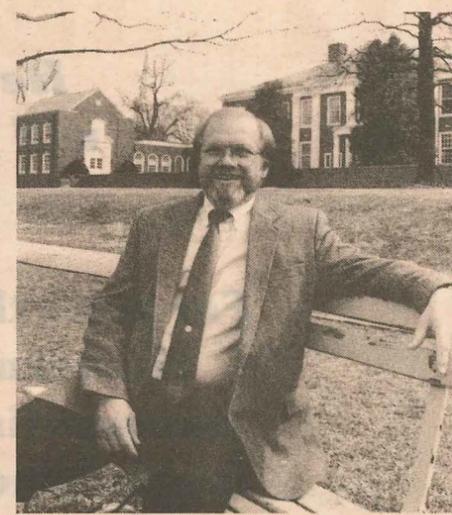
idea of moving, she saw the same article in The Tie as Daku did. She asked Shelley if he would consider commuting.

"I knew God was telling me to commute," smiled Shelley. Their home was already paid for in North Myrtle Beach so moving would have meant selling or boarding it up for two years. Commuting would allow Shelley to continue his involvement in his home church, Lakeside Baptist.

"You don't have to mess up your ongoing ministry at home," said Shelley. "I know I'm doing exactly what God wants me to do. We're doing the same thing all the other commuters do," insisted Shelley, "we just do it with a greater distance."

Both men attest the separation from family four days each week isn't that bad. In fact, both agree the time spent with family is probably better than if they lived on campus with their families.

"We probably spend more time with our families this way," said Shelley.



Tom Daku

summer.

Shelley has met his wife for the weekend in several places across the U. S. He says it makes things more exciting. He and his wife also took a trip to London and have a rendezvous in Boston on the calendar.

Both men are firmly convinced this is the only way to go to seminary.

"We're doing the same thing all the other commuters do. We just do it with a greater distance."

"The first time I got on the plane, I said, 'This is it,'" said Daku.

Both also say it helps reduce the stresses of seminary life. "When we get on that bird on Fridays it's great—we're outta here!" said Daku.

Shelley's boys welcomed him home recently with a huge banner reading, "Welcome Home Daddy!" He was quick to say, "That's my sign! Those are my boys."

They feel this experience of commuting has opened many doors for them. "Wherever the Lord wants to send us, we now have no problem," said Daku. "The world's open."

They hope others will consider commuting an option for people who have established families and homes who may not want to move but need a seminary education.

"We're not pioneers in this," said Daku. "The priority is the education. This makes it attainable."

There is an alternative. If they'd put a pencil to it, anyone could do what we're doing. There's an alternative to giving up everything to be here. We've made a bad situation very good."

While both are quick to admit it wouldn't work for everybody, it is an option with many possibilities for people seeking an education—but not a move.

Shelley anticipates a "nontraditional" ministry and is in the MA/CE program. He will graduate in May. Daku is considering doctoral studies and will probably continue to commute. Neither the recent plane disasters nor the Eastern Airlines strike has caused either man second thoughts on commuting by air. Both are convinced flying is the only way to commute.



Mrs. Rachel Hobbs sits with Brazilian friends in the church in Bangu, Rio de Janeiro.

Mayfield widow finds fulfilment in volunteering at home, abroad

by Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

Rachel Hobbs was widowed in 1980. The experience was traumatic.

She struggled through various stages of grief. Going to church was especially hard because she and her deacon husband had worked side by side 29 years as members of High Point Baptist Church, Mayfield. Seeing his vacant place each Sunday was difficult.

Now, in retrospect, Rachel knows the Lord used her adversity to lead her step by step to higher levels of Christian service.

Gradually she got back into church work. When her daughter suggested she take some college courses, Rachel was awakened to opportunities to learn more about helping others through crisis.

"I felt the Lord had given me a tender heart," Rachel said. "I can relate to the emotions of others going through difficulty."

Attending Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College for several semesters, she took courses which would teach her to counsel. Signing up for a Dale Carnegie course, she hoped to overcome her shyness and learn to speak in public.

The Lord opened new doors and she had an opportunity to teach a Sunday school class of widows. Later she worked with Hospice and formed new relationships as she grew spiritually.

More opportunities became available. She became involved with Theos, a religiously oriented national organization for widowed people. Because of her own experience, she was able to assume a leadership position and relate to lonely women. Having organized and worked with several chapters of this support group, she continues to be involved.

Rachel had another chance for service when she went with her pastor, Al Cobb, and others from High Point to Silver Creek, N. Y., on a trip sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

Later she went with a Graves County group to Washington, Vt. She worked in food preparation which was a new channel of service for her.

The apex of her opportunities came last summer when she volunteered for a mission trip sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board. There were 30 workers from Graves County Association and others from Melber, Briensburg, Hamlet

and Hardmoney Baptist Churches.

"I went because I wanted to be used of the Lord. I just prayed that something good would come out of that trip. I wanted to be able to walk up to people and say, 'Are you a Christian?' and witness boldly," said Rachel.

Her prayers were answered.

Working in Parque Independencia Church, Bangu Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, she, Mary Westfall of California and Charlie Simmons (present director of missions, Graves Association) were associated with pastor Helio de Oliveria Barbosa. They visited in homes each afternoon and conducted church services at night.

Rachel has glowing memories of Brazil like: the warm fellowship, the people, the street vendors who would listen to the gospel, the fervent spirit of the Brazilian Christians, the eager children who poured into church after hearing about the crusade, a young man saved on the street, women saved in their homes and many more.

"We were treated like queens," she marveled. "And the fervent spirit they had in serving God warmed me. I never saw anything like it."

"People taught us how to sing and praise the Lord. We were impressed by the music and spirituality," interjected Al Cobb. "We learned how to do more with less. Brazilians are so happy in their relationship with the Lord. They would work long hours and then ride a bus across the city to church.

But there were negative memories too. Many homes had tall fences due to insufficient law enforcement. The economy is unstable and many medical facilities are lacking compared to the United States. Most people claimed to be Catholic but were nonpracticing. The strong influence of spiritism, a combination of magic, religion and worldly things, was evident.

But Rachel's team reported 13 conversions and several rededications.

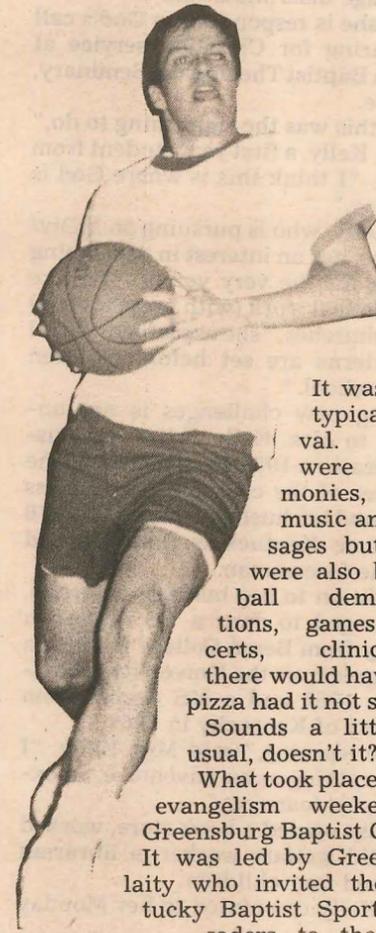
Rachel found she could give her testimony fluently in the services even though she was speaking through an interpreter for the first time.

"The Lord was there. I didn't need notes," she smiled. "It's wonderful what the Spirit can do if you give him free reign."

She can't wait to see what new things the Lord is planning for her.

Evangelism weekend with Sports Crusaders draws 750 to Greensburg

by Virginia Flanagan
State Correspondent



Jeff Gumm

It was not a typical revival. There were testimonies, special music and messages but there were also basketball demonstrations, games, concerts, clinics—and there would have been pizza had it not snowed. Sounds a little unusual, doesn't it?

What took place was an evangelism weekend at Greensburg Baptist Church. It was led by Greensburg laity who invited the Kentucky Baptist Sports Crusaders to the many planned events for the Feb. 17-19 weekend.

The plan for the evangelism weekend was that it should begin with a ball handling demonstration by Crusader Rich Barker at the Green County and Glasgow basketball game. Following the game 240 youngsters had registered to attend a free pizza supper and concert by Mike Ash with Crusader Robby Speer speaking after the concert. This was all canceled because of snow.

But on Saturday morning everything was go.

From 9 until 11, 95 youngsters from the Greensburg Little League basketball teams and the seventh and eighth grade teams were participants in a basketball clinic. The clinic was led by Crusaders Larry Pursiful and Robby Speer. Crusaders Phil Pike, Mike Pollock, Jeff Arington and Jim Fox also taught at various stations.

At the end of the clinic about 150 parents and children heard the plan of salvation presented by the Crusaders. Eighteen children accepted Christ and four others requested more information.

During the afternoon approximately 200 people gathered at Green County High School gym to see a basketball game between the Crusaders and the Green County All Stars. The All Stars were composed of outstanding players of Green County High School from recent years. The Crusaders won.

Saturday night the Russell Creek Association Youth Rally was held at Greensburg Baptist Church with about 180 youth and adults attending. During the rally there was a concert with Mike Ash and testimonies by Larry Pursiful and Phil Pike. The Crusaders closed the Saturday evening service with a musical slide presentation of their softball and basketball ministry.

Sunday morning 50 young people were involved in a question and answer period led by Crusader Robby Speer and

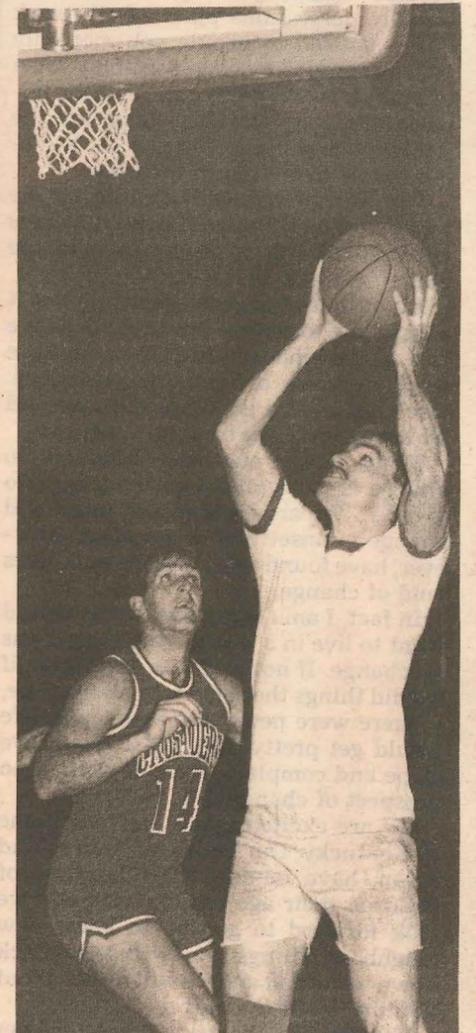
his wife Jan. In the morning service Crusaders Terry Patterson, Bob Speer and Mike Harris shared testimonies, sang and led in the song service. Robby Speer brought the morning message.

The evangelism weekend ended with the evening service in a musical presentation by the Crusader quartet consisting of Bob Speer, Robby Speer, Mike Harris and Jim Hardy. Crusaders Randy Lawless and Mike Pollock gave testimonies.

Asked how he evaluated the evangelism effort, pastor Ty Clenney exclaimed, "The whole weekend was fantastic!" Clenney told of the effort that went on behind the scenes to help make the weekend a success. There were many contacts that had to be made to ensure arrangements were in place with the Green County school system. There were locations to be secured for all the events.

There were hours of preparation to have the refreshments ready for active children. There was publicity that had to be taken care of in order to bring in the youngsters to this special event. Clenney said his church was eager to be a part of it all.

But of course the most important part for Clenney was the lives of the young people who were changed. There were young people from 30 churches among all denominations who gave responses during the weekend. From the 18 decisions reported three more have been made for Christ as a direct result. Many of these 30 churches are reporting other decisions in their services as results of the evangelistic weekend.



Crusader Jeff Arington watches as Greensburg All-Star Troy Curry goes for the basket during the exhibition game over the evangelism weekend at Greensburg Baptist Church.

christian education

72-year-old prepares at Southern Seminary

by Sheila Sullivan



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

homes for children

Moving

This week my family and I completed our move from Texas. It has been almost a year since the board hired me. Because our house had not sold, we leased a house here. This week we moved into our permanent home.

As anyone who has moved recently knows, in the midst of a move you promise that you will never go through this process again. Having all of your worldly possessions placed on a truck and entrusted to people you met only that morning is indeed unsettling. Then of course is the mammoth task of unpacking boxes and searching for the items which you use every day but somehow were misplaced in the move.

The furniture does not quite go the way you thought it would and it always takes a few nights to get used to the noises of a new place.

All of that change is unsettling but it causes one to realize how much change is a part of modern life. We now have lived in three different communities. Each has been a good place to live and we have some close friends in each area.

Many times our first reaction to change is to try and figure out how to avoid it. We are creatures of habit and change is unsettling. Most of us, however, have found we cannot live our lives void of change.

In fact, I am not sure we really would want to live in a world where there was no change. If nothing new happened, if we did things the same way all the time, if there were never any new ideas, life would get pretty dull. What would we gripe and complain about if we had no prospect of change?

We are excited about our new home in Kentucky. Our children, Andrea and Jason, have found a neighborhood of children their age to play with and we look forward to getting to know new neighbors. Things soon will settle back down to normal and we will forget about the turmoil of the move.

The greatest change in all of our lives comes the day Christ enters at our request. He brought to our world a message that is changeless but one which brings great change. As we seek to do his will, there is no end to the change that occurs in our lives.

Claire Kelly is proof that God doesn't practice age discrimination.

At 72, she is responding to God's call by preparing for Christian service at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

"I felt this was the right thing to do," said Mrs. Kelly, a first year student from Pikeville. "I think this is where God is leading me."

Mrs. Kelly, who is pursuing an MDiv/CE degree, has an interest in developing curricula for the very young. "I'd like to do practical work (with preschoolers) in local churches," she explained. "I feel that patterns are set before children come to school."

Meeting new challenges is not unfamiliar to Mrs. Kelly. After her husband's death in 1958 she delved into the intricacies of the coal mining business that she and her husband owned. In 1976 she became Kentucky's first certified coal mine forewoman.

In addition to her business interests, she managed to earn a BS degree in sociology from Berea College in 1962, a MLS degree from the University of Kentucky in 1967 and a MS degree from University of Kentucky in 1968.

"I like learning," said Mrs. Kelly. "I take everything as an adventure, an experience for learning."

She also owned a book store, worked as a child welfare worker, a librarian and raised four children.

Mrs. Kelly commuted to her Monday

classes in the fall (a five hour drive to Louisville) but she has moved into a dormitory room on campus for the spring semester.

She is leery about advising others who may be considering a return to school after years out of the classroom.

I guess I'd say, try it in a little way and see how it works. If you like it, go for it in a big way—all the way," Mrs.

Kelly suggested.

"I love being on campus," she continued. "I love hearing other people's ideas—listening to people tell about their ministries."

Although Mrs. Kelly said she may decide to work on a doctorate her interests go beyond scholarly research.

"I don't care about being an authority," she said. "I just want to be useful."



Claire Kelly has opened a new door into Christian education.

Founder's Day at Georgetown Apr. 2-4

Georgetown College will observe the 160th anniversary of its founding and the centennial of coeducation at the college through events planned Apr. 2-4, announced W. Morgan Patterson, president. The celebration will be climaxed in a Founders' Day Convocation at 11 a.m. Tues., Apr. 4 in John Hill Chapel. Patterson will be principal speaker.

Sunday, Apr. 2 festivities will begin with a luncheon and a program in Cralle Student Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Tim Stewart, a junior communication arts major from Georgetown, will be

featured in the program as professor J. J. Rucker. In his character he will reminisce about the beginnings of women's education in Georgetown from the female seminary days through the establishment of coeducation at the college.

Jane Allison, president of the Georgetown College Woman's Association, will address the role of the association in providing scholarships and loans to women students.

Campus minister Jack Birdwhistell will trace Georgetown's emphasis upon Christian values throughout its history.

The college hymn, rediscovered through the research in preparation for the program, will be "introduced to this generation of Georgetonians," according to Eugene Hall, chairman of the Founders' Day committee.

Following the luncheon tour groups will be formed to visit the three antebel-

lum buildings on the campus: Giddings Hall, built in 1839; Pawling Hall, 1844; and Highbaugh Hall, 1861. At each a person dressed in period costume will describe the design and construction of the building, outline its past and present use and point out its features. Georgetown College students will participate through the presentation of historical vignettes based upon the traditions associated with each building. Groups will also visit Cooke Memorial Library where displays of historical materials may be viewed.

Finally the tour groups will visit the fourth antebellum building, the white pillared residence of Dr. and Mrs. Patterson on Main Street. Dessert will be served and visitors will enjoy a program of music presented by professors Daniel Tilford and Ilse Newbery who will play the harpsichord and recorder.

FOR CHURCHES ONLY
BUILDING MONEY
BELOW PRIME
call ANDY HARDY
1-800-231-0373

Kentucky Pastors—

CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE'S
Excellence In Action Scholarships

DEADLINE IS APRIL 1

Call collect (502) 465-8158 Today!

Criswell to expand to Belgian school?

A decision on whether Criswell College in Dallas will buy an evangelical school complex in Belgium should be announced by the end of April, according to Criswell president Paige Patterson.

Patterson was in Brussels in mid March to lead a Bible study at International Baptist Church and to consult with leaders of the financially troubled Belgian Center for Biblical Education at nearby Louvain about purchasing the 10-acre complex.

Pledges of funds to help with the purchase have come in well, Patterson said Mar. 17, "especially in the past two weeks," but he cautioned that the transaction still is not a "done deal." (BP)

Jim Oaks elected by Cumberland trustees

James C. Oaks, assistant vice president for coal development of CSX Transportation, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.

A native of Gadsden, Ala., Oaks began his railroad career in 1956 as a messenger boy for the L&N Railroad. Since 1956 he has worked with L&N, SCL and CSX Transportation in various capacities including car distributor, supervisor of car utilization, supervisor of loss and damage prevention, director of train operations, chief dispatcher, man-

ager of customer service, trainmaster, assistant superintendent, senior assistant superintendent and division superintendent.

Oaks has been honored as one of CSX Transportation's "Masters," a program which recognizes employees who throughout their careers have shown a high level of commitment to quality and professionalism.

Active in several church and civic organizations, Oaks is chairman of the board of deacons at First Baptist Church, Corbin; member of the board

of directors, First National Bank and Trust Co.; member of the advisory council, Baptist Regional Medical Center; vice chairman of the board of directors, Southern Kentucky Economic Development Corp.; member of the board of Forward in the Faith; member of the Transportation Committee, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; and is in the Executive Reserve of the Department of Defense.

Oaks is married to the former Hazel Strange. They have two children: Aleatha and Chet.

Visiting artist Ensor displays at Georgetown

Don Ensor, visiting artist at Georgetown College and a resident of Crestwood, Ky., will display his works in the college's Cralle Student Center Mar. 31-Apr. 7.

Although his subject matter varies, Ensor is best known for his still life works. According to the Kentucky artist, his two most popular prints have been "mules." "Stubborn As," released in 1974 and "Great Kate," 1979, both won him Printing Industries of America awards. Only about 20 such awards are given in the United States each year.

Articles about Ensor have appeared in leading magazines throughout the South including Southern Living, The Louisville Times Scene and People Magazine (SBC, Nashville).

One of his prints, "The Good Things," commissioned by Ball Corporation, Muncie, Ind., was reprinted in the Saturday Evening Post.

His commissioned prints include work done for Hillerich and Bradsby, manufacturers of baseball bats; Convenient Industries of America; Kentucky Special Olympics; and Green River Electric Co.

A member and past president of the Kentucky Heritage Artists, Ensor has had exhibits throughout Kentucky, at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and a one-man exhibit in Indianapolis.

He has also participated in exhibits in Merida, Mexico, October 1978 and in Bermuda, November 1980 as part of a Christian Arts Festival.

Ensor's exhibit at Georgetown College is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Georgetown College at (502) 863-8106.



Cumberland College trustees: (l-r) Judge William Lamkin, vice chairman, Louisville; Jim Oaks, president, Corbin; Jim Taylor, president, Cumberland College; Charles Osborne, secretary, Corbin.

Georgetown coach posts successful collegiate basketball career

For 16 years, Jim Reid has been the head basketball coach at Georgetown (Ky.) College. The past eight he has posted a record of 189-60. His Tigers are the only collegiate team in Kentucky to win 25 or more games each of the past five years. Two years ago, Reid directed Georgetown to the final four NAIA championships.

In January Reid achieved another milestone, earning his 300th collegiate victory. His record now stands at 308-164.

This year his Tigers posted a 21-7 season, clinching the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season crown.

There is always the question of advancement, but Reid says, "The opportunity would have to be just right. I don't want to be marked as someone who would never leave Georgetown, because I think you have to keep yourself open. But I don't have any plans of leaving."

—classified ads—

WANTED: The Pastor Search Committee of Central Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., is accepting resumes for a senior pastor position. Requested deadline for resumes is Apr. 15, 1989. All resumes will be kept in confidence. Send to: Pastor Search Committee, Central Baptist Church, 1644 Nicholasville Road, Lexington, KY 40503. 3-14-4T

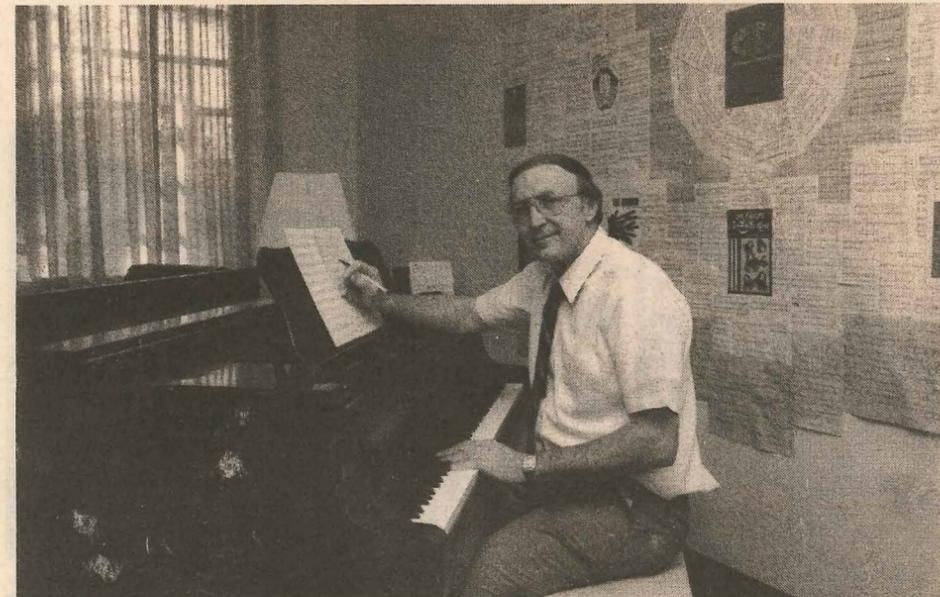
FOR SALE: Need a ticket to Southern Baptist Convention. One Airline ticket from Louisville to Las Vegas leaving June 10 7:30 a.m. Returning June 15 2:30 p.m. Super saver fare. Contact Rob Carr 502-245-4101 ext. 319. 3-14-3T

FOR SALE: 2 motor coaches, 1969 GMC and 1973 MC-8. Both 47 passengers, restroom, air condition. Contact 502-465-4259 3-28-2T

ORGANIST NEEDED: for Baptist Church—Southern Parkway/Third Street area in Louisville—502-368-2521 3-28-2T

WANTED: Accomplished Pianist for a Baptist Church in East End. Call 454-0972. 3-28-1T

SEE THE GREAT PASSION PLAY & STAY AT KELLER'S COUNTRY DORM RESORT (for Groups of 12 or more) Rt. 4, Eureka Springs, Ark. 72632. NEW AIR CONDITIONING, IN-GROUND POOL, \$7.50 TICKETS, lodging, and meals. ALL FOR \$21 EACH! Call 501 253-8418 today! EOW



Phil Landgrave, professor of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been a prolific composer of church music in both contemporary and traditional styles.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

A rose by any other name

For the fifth time in this century Southern Baptists' on-going training hour, traditionally set in churches on Sunday nights, will get a new name. An announcement was made by the Baptist Sunday School Board last month renaming the program Discipleship Training next Oct. 1 if approved by the SBC. You may recall the earlier titles: Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU), Baptist Training Union (BTU) and Training Union (TU). Now, if all goes well, after Church Training (CT) we'll have Discipleship Training (DT).

Board officials are painfully aware of their unsuccessful attempts in 1968-69 to change the name of Training Union, then in use, to Quest. It was to be a secret, with only the whispered suggestion that a new name would be introduced in the board's report to the convention at New Orleans in 1969. The feisty John Jeter Hurt, editor of Texas' Baptist Standard, learned the new name months before it was to be announced. He suggested editorially that his readers "send your reQUEST to the Sunday School Board and perhaps they'll tell you the name."

The best kept secret among Southern Baptists remained so not for long. Convention messengers were apparently well informed when they arrived in New Orleans, didn't like the name, said so emphatically and it was withdrawn. A few months later the new name of Church Training was rolled out.

Church Training today is operated much differently than when I grew up. Then, we gave memorized "parts." I must have prepared scores, perhaps hundreds across the years. We were told BTU taught us to stand in public on our own two feet. It did more.

It nurtured my faith and secured my roots in my Baptist beliefs. I well remember programs on Baptist agencies and institutions, when I grasped what and where the Home Mission Board and Southeastern Seminary were. We studied doctrine, the ordinances, church covenant, Cooperative Program, Baptist beginnings, church autonomy, separation of church and state and other historic principles. My formal grounding in who my denomination is occurred in BTU.

Sadly, I think we have raised a generation which has not availed itself of such opportunities. I know times change, as names do, but I believe the chaos in which Southern Baptists find themselves now is due, in part, to our lack of understanding of who we are.

Does a rose by any other name smell as sweet? Let us hope Discipleship Training will offer fresh appeal to the masses. For without a return to the basics, much of what we cherish as Baptists may wither and die.

Covington Southside: on the field every day of the week

by Greg Hodnett, Staff Writer

A. Harold Pike says he is the "quarterback" of a quarter-century-old ministry team.

The father of Buffalo Bills' Mark Pike, Pike has pastored Southside Baptist Church, Covington, more than two decades. He sees similarities between church and football operations. He claims the real work is out there every day on the practice field.

Martha Pike, his wife, supervises 33 day care workers in the church's weekday ministry. She must plan for the physical care of the 195 children enrolled but also senses a deep responsibility for their spiritual development. The parents have spiritual needs as well, and some have economic and emotional needs, too.

Doris Overbay, who has been working with preschool toddlers 23 years, said she loves children so much "I keep coming back." Mrs. Overbay said some of the children call her "Mommy" and learn their first words under her care.

Pike offers a heaping helping of "cornbread and beans theology" to the children every Wednesday. He makes Bible studies as simple as possible claiming there is no place for "big words and fancy cloaks" here. Children hear a basic gospel message.

Southside's serious approach to day

care is a mirror of its approach to Sunday school. Every day is Sunday, as far as Bible teaching goes. Southside has enrolled twice as many in weekday Bible study as it maintains on its resident membership roll. Most of its Sunday school enrolment comes from the unchurched community.

Pike has practiced "weekday Sunday school" over 20 years. He says scolding people for lack of Sunday attendance does little good, if any. He would prefer people attend Sunday activities, but that is not what is happening. So the pastor has traded a "come and hear" gospel for a "go and tell" gospel.

One reason for starting Bible studies during the week is the way it enhances the prospect file. The "Big A" program after school on Mondays is an example.

Helen Cummins, "inner city missionary," has turned Sunday school into Monday school. The kids do not always remember what Big A means, but they remember to meet in the church cafeteria at 3:30 for snacks. Fifty to 80 children divide into groups and play in the gymnasium or attend Bible study. Then they switch places. Most of the children do not attend anyone's Sunday school.

Miss Cummins has worked on Southside's staff since 1975. She receives a portion of her income from Northern Kentucky Baptist Association where she



Helen Cummins leads an after school Bible study for inner city Covington children.

receives help and support from sister churches. Asked how she got her start in inner city missions, Miss Cummins drew from her childhood.

She saw how the church could make a difference in a person's life, as she received help from a Baptist church.

While Southside concentrates much time and energy on weekday ministries, it does not forget about Sundays. Spirited "down home" gospel songs and Bible preaching comprise Sunday worship. The sanctuary, newly remodeled and complete with padded theater seats, is filled with the "main stage" of the church. Financial and prayer support comes primarily from the Sunday crowd. About a third of its undesignated receipts (not including day care receipts) go to missions.

The church provides training for leadership and ministry. The pastor is a certified "MasterBuilder" in the MasterLife discipleship program of the Southern Baptist Convention's Church Training program. Pike picks group members who will learn basic and advanced discipleship and leadership techniques. His goal is to help Christians discover and develop their spiritual gifts for ministry.

Training is important to Southside Baptist Church, especially when it comes to the major event of the summer, vacation Bible school.

Southside still conducts two-week vacation Bible schools. Over 500 children attended last summer.

In addition, Southside conducts backyard Bible clubs. Temporary Bible study locations are set up in parks and back

yards. Teachers use a flip-chart format to teach Bible lessons. They sing songs, eat snacks and engage in Bible learning activities. Many of these children are not enrolled in Sunday school, at least they aren't at the beginning of the sessions. Teachers soon learn they can enrol anybody in Sunday school, even if they haven't attended three Sundays in a row.

Summers are full, but the work goes on all year around. Miss Cummins uses adult vacation Bible school literature in Thursday evening classes. Out of a typical 60 adults present, 15 will be related to the church. The remaining 45 will be unchurched. As their teacher discovers and meets physical and spiritual needs, class members often make commitments to Christ and the church.

One way Southside helps people with their problems is through a food distribution program. From 10 to 15 families receive help each week. Sister churches assist in this endeavor, but Miss Cummins says she could use more help. Statistics (baptismal reports) do not measure all results of the church's ministries. Some parents will not allow their children to be baptized. Other children are baptized at other churches. Miss Cummins said, "We're not doing this for recognition or for numbers."

Pike continues to "quarterback" the team year after year. He cites the growing need for a consistent Christian witness in a community forsaken by business and financial opportunity. They may not get a touchdown every time, but Southside Baptist Church is on the field week after week.

9th annual

Western Recorder Charter Express

1989 SBC—Las Vegas

Departing **June 9 & 11, 1989**

Returning **June 16, 1989**

AS
LOW
AS
\$525.00
per person

Price includes: 7:30 p.m. departures, round trip airfare, ground transportation from airport to hotel, lodging at Las Vegas Imperial Palace, walking distance to the SBC convention site, fellowship with Kentucky Baptist Messengers.

Arrangements made through Woodside Travel

Enclosed is \$75 per person deposit for the

7-nights Las Vegas tour at \$575 per person

5-nights Las Vegas tour at \$525 per person

Ray, please contact me with additional information

Make check payable to: Western Recorder-Travel, Attn. Ray Hayes
P. O. Box 43969, Middletown, KY 40243

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Home (____) _____ Office (____) _____

Church _____



Southside Baptist Church's weekday ministries include a day care program which provides care for 195 community children.

baptist forum

Another distressful situation

I am writing in response to "A lonely cry from God's servant" printed in Western Recorder Jan. 31, 1989.

This made the pain my husband and I are experiencing even sharper.

My husband is also out of a church after pastoring 28 years. His calling is very real to him. It makes me rejoice every time I hear him tell about how real it was when God called him to preach his word. And I believe if God calls someone to preach there is no way to be happy doing anything else.

My husband and I both lost our mates in death. We have only been together a few years. But I have never seen anyone take his ministry any more seriously and be any more dedicated to his work than my husband. Yet because he is 59 years old and doesn't have seminary, churches will not even consider him. He has never been without a church in 28 years, until now.

He has taken many seminary courses and done all he could to prepare himself to do God's work.

It breaks my heart to see him suffer so much. His heart is broken. He doesn't know what to do with himself without a church to pastor.

We have lost many nights' sleep because we are so disappointed and upset over this. We think it's wonderful for pastors who had opportunity to get seminary. But do you really believe it is God's will for churches to rule you out because you don't have as much education as someone else, even though you know for certain God has called you to preach his word?

He has spent all his life since he was 30 years old in the ministry and now when he is too old to go out and get any other job no one wants him for a pastor because he has grown older and doesn't have seminary.

Yes, we know how the pastor feels who lost his church. Our hearts and our prayers go out to him.

Name withheld by request

A new education proposal

On a recent visit to Southern Seminary I observed a very troubling situation. The situation was an attempt to integrate (for the sake of peaceful coexistence) teaching philosophies and styles foreign to Southern Seminary. One could sense the apprehension, frustration and uncertainty that permeated our beloved campus. There was a real sense of futility, loss of hope and extreme uneasiness.

I believe this atmosphere has and will continue to have a detrimental effect upon our schools. To interject divergent styles and philosophies into an already proficient theological educational system is, in my opinion, counter productive; but to exclude segments of our denomination would not be in the best interest of Southern Baptists.

I propose we immediately recognize two non Southern Baptist seminaries (Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tenn., and Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Tex.) as full participating Southern Baptist seminaries. I suggest an ad hoc committee, selected by the current president of the SBC, give careful consideration to this proposal.

This would alleviate the concerns of some about equal participation and would remove the concerns of our present educational people. The teaching styles and philosophies at the existing schools could remain intact, yet other views would be expressed by those assuming the leadership in the newer

seminaries.

This would also correct the problem surrounding appointment of missionaries from non Southern Baptist schools.

D. Gene Crowder
Elkhorn City

Support for college and the Cooperative Program

Little River Baptist Association, meeting in regular monthly session Feb. 6, 1989, voted to reaffirm support and commitment to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College.

We generously support, through the Cooperative Program, our Kentucky Baptist schools and over and above this we support Mid-Continent, which is owned and operated by alumni, churches and associations of this region.

We are loyal Kentucky Baptists. We affirm our commitment to the Cooperative Program and also our commitment to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College.

We hope you receive this in the spirit and love that was expressed in our meeting.

Wayne Knoth, Moderator
Berlin Moore Jr., Clerk
Cadiz

Several questions with comments

Isn't the president of the SBC supposed to be chosen at the annual convention?

Looks like these former presidents and their cohorts have already taken care of that at their closed-door meeting in Atlanta—at the church of the pastor who had pistol-carrying guards on the platform steps to keep dissenters away from the podium when he presided in Dallas (I speak as a witness, not from rumor).

Is the SBC Executive Committee responsible to the membership when it recommends a new political lobbying organization in contradiction to the votes of three conventions?

Why do Christians need paid political lobbyists anyway? Is this any way to be using the Lord's money?

Didn't the SBC originate as the pro-slavery Baptist convention? Wouldn't it be ironic if the Southern Baptist Alliance should indeed break away from the slave-holder mentality of the entrenched SBC leadership?

Marshall Hacker
Covington

Proud of Kentucky literacy missions

I am looking forward to hearing Lillian Isaacs at our Kentucky WMU convention. Unlike most of us who helped get literacy missions started in Baptist circles she has continued in this program.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College helped literacy missions become a permanent part of SBC programs. In 1959 when a Clear Creek student asked president D. M. Aldridge how to help a member of his mission learn to read, he was referred to Mrs. Isaacs, a professor's wife. She conferred with Wendell Belew of the HMB, then arranged for Richard Cortright, literacy professor at Baylor University, to lead a workshop on our campus. Lillian then worked with Bell County WMU and Clear Creek personnel in arranging the meeting.

More than 200 persons attended the workshop and interest ran high. The Appalachian Literacy Council was organized with Aldridge as president and later he and Cortright set up literacy councils in 16 Kentucky counties.

The HMB employed a full time liter-

acy worker with Clear Creek furnishing office and room and board. Thus Clear Creek campus became the hub of HMB literacy missions program in the beginning.

Because of widespread interest in literacy the Sunday School Board began publishing the "Training Union Quarterly Simplified" in 1963. They turned to Clear Creek for help and chose me as the quarterly's first writer because of my training and experience in literacy.

You can understand why I am eager to hear some of Lillian's great stories about literacy missions in Alaska.

Mrs. D. M. (Kay) Aldridge
Lexington

Let's gamble to save the SBC

Our beloved Southern Baptist Convention has been plunged into dark and dastardly times. The world jeers and God weeps as Christians persecute Christians.

Yet it is not too late to stop this madness. I suggest we use the ancient and prestigious biblical method of settling disputes and appointing leaders: the "casting" of lots. You know—rolling dice or drawing straws.

According to the inspired Word of God, "Casting the lot settles disputes, and keeps strong opponents apart" (Prov. 18:18, NEV). God himself instructed Israel's leaders to make decisions by casting lots (Lev. 16:18; Num. 26:55; Joshua 18:10). The Bible confirms that using lots yields the right answer (1 Sam. 14:24-43 and Jonah 1:1-7). God's hand determines the roll of the

dice: "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord" (Prov. 16:33, NEV).

Turning to the New Testament we see in Acts 1 the first administrative decision of the New Testament church was made by "drawing" lots. The 11 Apostles needed a replacement for Judas, so the believers nominated two well-qualified candidates, had a season of prayer and drew straws. Thus God chose Matthias to fill Judas' place.

The time has come for Southern Baptists to turn to the biblical method of settling disputes and electing leaders. We need to let God control our convention instead of our personal opinions. What better time or place for Southern Baptists to turn back to God than this summer in Las Vegas?

Most Southern Baptists are conservative, Bible-believing folks. But do we have enough faith and trust in God to let him decide who our leaders should be? If so, let's make a motion to elect our next SBC president by drawing straws.

Bruce T. Gourley
Louisville

Letters for baptist forum: maximum length, 300 words. Longer letters will be edited for space or returned for revision. Writer's signature, address, phone number and church affiliation required. No form letters will be printed. Letters must deal with issues and not make personal attacks.

BHF
BAPTIST HOSPITALS FOUNDATION

Dear Friends:

If you were asked the question "who is the greatest lover of all time," what would your response be?
Casanova? Valentino?
Paul Newman Tom Cruise?

Being associated with the Baptist Hospitals Foundation, causes me to believe that the greatest lover of all time has to be Jesus Christ. His love is never ending and he is available to everyone.

An Extension of his love is the healing ministry given in the BHI hospitals. We would like very much for your church and your family to join us in Jesus's healing ministry.

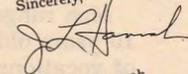
The gifts from the Sunday School Charity Fund are used to assist in underwriting a portion of the indigent patient's bill at all of our hospitals. Some churches have a special offering for the Sunday School Charity Fund on Mother's Day every year. Others include the Sunday School Charity Fund in their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

So, be a lover and experience the greatest love affair of your life! Send your check in the amount of \$100.00, \$50.00 or \$25.00 today to the Sunday School Charity Fund to the following address, you'll be glad you did!

Baptist Hospitals Foundation
4007 Kresge Way
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 896-5000

Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,


James L. Hannah
Chairman

P. S. One of our representatives would be happy to make a presentation to your church or group. Give us a call.

Baptist Hospitals Foundation

Serving

Baptist Regional Medical Center
Corbin, Kentucky

Central Baptist Hospital
Lexington, Kentucky

Louisville Baptist Hospitals
Louisville, Kentucky

Western Baptist Hospital
Paducah, Kentucky



Barkley Moore
President
Oneida Baptist Institute
Oneida, KY 40972

oneida journal

Charting courses

No doubt we are all doubting Thomases at times needing to thrust our hands into the pierced sides of our savior. Often we are unfaithful Peters fearful of sinking beneath the waves until the savior stretches forth a supporting hand.

Truly these are tempestuous times with billows rolling over the surface of the whole earth. It would be a calm soul indeed who did not find cause to wonder what lies just ahead. Humanity's only guide and dependence is to walk by faith from day to day. I also know even better how infallible is the wisdom and foreknowledge of God. How clearly he sees each tomorrow through all the succeeding ages yet unfolded. How unerring is God's hand which can chart the course of empires, of nations and of institutions like Oneida.

I can doubt the power and wisdom of nations and peoples. But I can never doubt the power, wisdom and justice of him who created this universe and set the course of planets, of nations and men. Assuredly he brings each to its end exactly as he planned it in the beginning.

But that faith does not hinder doubts of the part we are to play on the stage

of time nor the fate of the things of our greatest love and interest.

This brings us to the concern of the fate of Christian education and of Christian schools over the country that have been supported on humanitarian principles, a feeling of charity and a desire that each and all may have an equal opportunity to develop and prepare for a life of Christian service.

There is a greater need for Oneida Baptist Institute than there was when this work began in 1899.

(1) Eighty years ago every public school in America was a Christian institution where the Bible was taught, chapel was held and prayers were offered. Not so today which is all the more reason for us to support our Christian schools as an alternative and to keep that plurality in American education that has been and is a bulwark of our freedom as a nation and our vigor as a denomination. The Congregationalists were once the largest church body in America. But they cut themselves adrift from their institutions like Harvard and Yale, and have nearly disappeared from the American scene.

(2) Eighty years ago nearly every school in America was a small school where everybody could be somebody. Not so today in our age of consolidation and belief in the concept that bigger must be better. All the more reason to support our Christian schools, which remain relatively small schools, where each student can be taught that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" and where each young man or woman can be led to an awareness of self as important to God thus to one another. It is important that each student catch the vision of a Christ who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister" and to go forth to do likewise.

(3) Eighty years ago divorce was nearly unheard of in America. Today, nearly half of all marriages end in the divorce court. This affects the lives of literally millions of young people. The Christian boarding school is not only a school; it is a home where that boy or girl with a single parent who must work can have discipline, structure, security surrounded by the love and an example of a dedicated Christian staff.

So little money is required to maintain schools like Oneida. We must look to our brothers and sisters in Christ to see to it that we have continued life and service.

*Reprinted in Western Recorder
May 17, 1988*



H. C. Chiles
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
Pineville, KY 40977

sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR APR. 2, 1989

Life and work series

Following faithful leadership

Josh. 1:7-9 Moses, God's great leader of the Israelites, was very solicitous about their future and was greatly concerned that a capable, trained and qualified successor be named as their leader before he left. Moses besought God to provide his successor who would honor him and be a great blessing to his people. In answer to his prayer, God instructed Moses to ordain Joshua for this position, and to charge him with the responsibility of being faithful in the performance of his numerous duties. Separation, service and satisfaction were involved in this call for the divine enabler said: "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

God very definitely called Joshua to lead the Israelites into the promised land and to enjoy the blessings that were in store for them there. God graciously promised he would go with them and drive out all of their enemies if only they would believe him enough to take him at his word and act accordingly. Joshua was encouraged greatly by the assurance of God's constant and unfailing presence with him. God assured Joshua

that he would enable him to do all that would be required of him. With the duty there inevitably would come the power to discharge it for God never fails his own.

Josh. 1:12-13a, 16-17 Nobody can effectively get others to be devoted to God unless he sets them a worthy example. By his example and urgent appeal, Joshua besought the Israelites to commit themselves completely unto God and spend their lives faithfully doing his will.

International series

To live is Christ

Phil. 1:12-26 Paul had longed to preach the gospel in Rome and had prayed that God would open the way for him to do so. His prayer had been answered and he was in Rome in the capacity of a prisoner. Even though he was chained, he was both joyful and hopeful.

Paul rejoiced in the fact that his imprisonment had contributed to his spiritual development and served as a channel through which the knowledge of Christ had been brought into a sphere which otherwise would have been closed to his preaching. He was grateful that God's grace enabled him to adjust to difficult situations, and to maintain a spirit of composure and serenity.

While Paul was in chains he acquired a quality of life that he could not have obtained elsewhere. He was fortunate to see the hand of God when things went against him and when he found himself in adverse circumstances. Instead of Paul's imprisonment curtailing his missionary work, it actually enlarged his sphere of usefulness and contributed much to the dissemination of the gospel in widely scattered areas. Paul rejoiced that Christ was being preached and that was what really mattered to him.

Paul equated life and Christ in the word, "For to me to live is Christ." Christ was the source of life and the sustainer of life and the summary of life. He firmly believed that the power of the in-dwelling Christ was sufficient in every emergency, enabling him to be victorious over every obstacle, fruitful of all good works and full of complete satisfaction.

Surveying the two possibilities—continued life on earth and death—Paul was ready for either and faced both with equanimity. It was simply a question of whether he should serve Christ on earth or enjoy him in glory.



William W. (Bill) Marshall
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, KBC
Box 43433
Middletown, KY 40243

on mission together

A taste of heaven

Although I am most often in another church speaking, my Sunday school class is special to me.

Men range from 10 years younger to 10 years older and represent a variety of vocations. Dr. Page Kelly and I are the only two "preacher-types."

Each class member takes his turn at teaching the class. My turn was Easter Sunday, one of those dates I always reserve for "my" church with "my" family.

The basis of the lesson on the Resurrection is taken from 1 Corinthians 15. As of this writing, I am still studying and not quite fixed in the approach I will use to teach it.

I've been reading the chapter devotionally over the past several weeks.

It was this morning, however, that the

meaning of it took on a refreshing renewal.

I had been nursing the flu for several weeks and couldn't quite get on top of it. A combination, reduced caffeine consumption and a new humidifier in the bedroom induced a significant change. And one day last week when I awakened, I **knew** I was better.

A few days later I completed my annual physical. Dr. Charles Smith, a classmate from days at Georgetown, gave me a clean bill of health.

With the excellent medical report and the new bounce I had already begun to feel, I headed to work next morning. With the push of a button, I was surrounded by my favorite music. The sun had already scattered the frost and I found myself "dancing" inside.

I felt good physically; I felt good emotionally; and I felt very alive spiritually.

I suppose some would call it a "spiritual high." I've been there before, but I've lived long enough and experienced the Christian life deeply enough

not to demand those moments nor to expect them to be the dominant tone of my life's experience.

From the time I received Christ as my savior, there have been those special moments; those moments when my relationship to Christ seemed to overshadow everything else; a closeness; an experience when I was more deeply assured that Christ is indeed **alive** and that I am the receiver of his wonderful gift.

This morning, having moved from the sluggishness of illness to the renewal of strength, energy and spiritual aliveness, I shared with the Lord my great gratitude for life—for health—and for this special, though brief, reminder of his presence.

The passage I had been studying came bursting into my mind:

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

"O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?"

This morning on the way to work, I had a taste of heaven.

Cooperation . . . Southern Baptist style

by James L. Powell
executive vice president
Stewardship Commission, SBC

Steps in mission giving

Every year during April a day is observed by Southern Baptist churches throughout the nation. This day of celebration provides an opportunity for every church member to learn more about the Cooperative Program and how Southern Baptists undergird and support their mission causes at home and around the world.

By planning for and participating in Cooperative Program Day every year, a church can reflect on its concern for sharing the gospel with the world. A part of faithful stewardship is every individual bringing offerings to the church and the church using these funds to minister at home and throughout the world. In 1925 Southern Baptists chose to unify and conduct their cooperative mission endeavor by giving through the Cooperative Program.

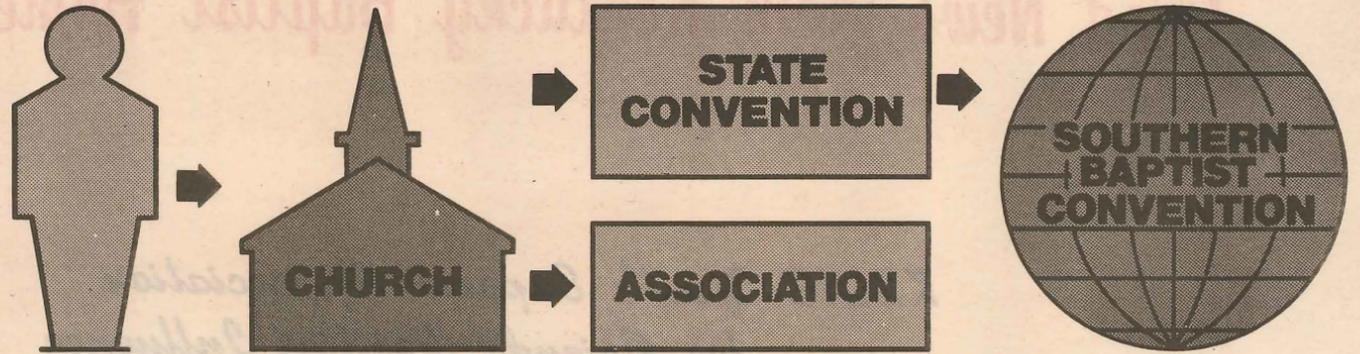
No individual Christian, no church by itself can carry the good news of the gospel to the world alone. How then can we accomplish this great task? Southern Baptists have believed for 64 years that the Cooperative Program is the way to unify our efforts around one mission support method.

Cooperative Program Day is an excellent time to challenge every church member to (1) give boldly to his or her church; (2) support world mission efforts through the Cooperative Program; and (3) seek diligently to learn more about the needs of our world and the opportunities available for sharing the gospel around the world.

Cooperative Program Day also concentrates the efforts of a church toward informing members how Southern Baptists spread the gospel throughout the world. By faithfully proclaiming God's word and relating it to the missionary task of the church, each person will become more aware of the nature and purpose of Cooperative Program support.

Every redeemed person committed to Christ and to his church, should accept the responsibility of taking the Christian message to a lost world through a cooperative effort by the whole body of Christ. We call this cooperative missions effort the Cooperative Program.

Plan to observe Cooperative Program Day this year in your church.



by James Austin, vice president
Stewardship Commission, SBC

The year was 1976. The meeting place was Virginia Beach, Va. Were you there?

It was an exciting time of dreaming, thinking and committing ourselves and our denomination to sharing the gospel with everyone on this planet by the year 2000. We called this Bold Mission Thrust.

Since the adoption of the challenging Bold Mission Thrust goals, the number of dollars given through the Cooperative Program annually is up dramatically.

In 1987 Southern Baptist churches shared \$134,787,542 with the Southern Baptist Convention. Compared to the \$46,718,469, given in 1976, Cooperative Program dollars are up and have almost tripled.

Well, if Cooperative Program dollars are up, then why aren't we celebrating instead of saying there isn't any real growth in giving?

Let me explain. While the number of mission dollars have grown from almost \$46 million to about \$135 million, the percentage of undesignated income in Southern Baptist churches has dropped from 8.83 percent in 1976 to 8.41 percent in 1987.

Instead of a bold growth in commitment to sharing the gospel with every person in the world by 2000, there has actually been a decrease of financial involvement.

Let's consider using the percentage plan rather than the dollar method to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust. The percentage plan clearly indicates the exact proportion of a church's total

budget receipts currently being given for world missions. It provides attainable and regular steps for increasing the proportion of Bold Mission Thrust gifts. The percentage plan permits a growing commitment and much needed annual increase.

The Bible teaches proportionate giving. As God blesses us he expects us to give more to his work through the church. As churches grow in size and maturity, their ability to support missions grows. God measures what we do in relation to our ability.

The percentage plan is easy to follow. Lead your church to adopt a specific percentage of its undesignated budget receipts to be given through the Cooperative Program. Set a challenging percentage goal and increase each year toward that goal by some percentage.

In 1987 gifts through the Cooperative Program supported 7,522 Southern Baptist missionaries

In 1980 5,981

In 1970 4,723

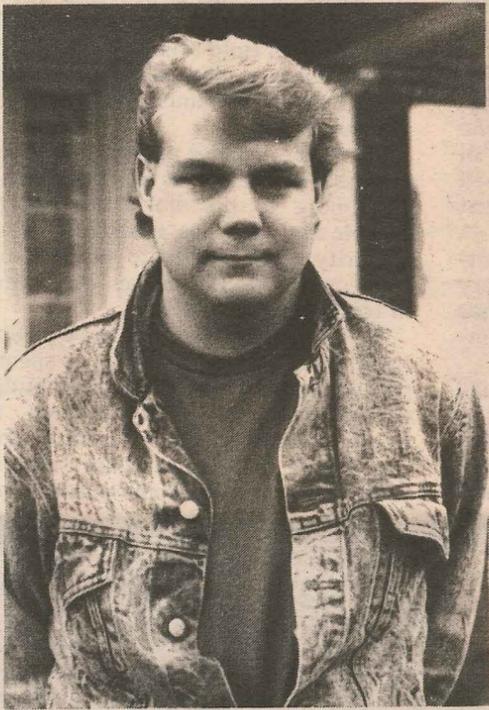
In 1950 1,451

In 1925 1,555



Good News from Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children

KBHC Youth Express Appreciation for Friends' Positive Influence



Robert Martin, above, admires child care workers Kenny Nallia and Paul Hereford at Spring Meadows.

Visiting with the young people at Glen Dale and at Spring Meadows always proves to be an inspiration. During recent visits we spoke of the people who had had an influence in their lives.

At both Spring Meadows and Glen Dale it was interesting to note that many of the youth admire other youth for the qualities they feel they need in their own lives. Some mentioned their admiration of houseparents and other child care workers, both current and from the past.

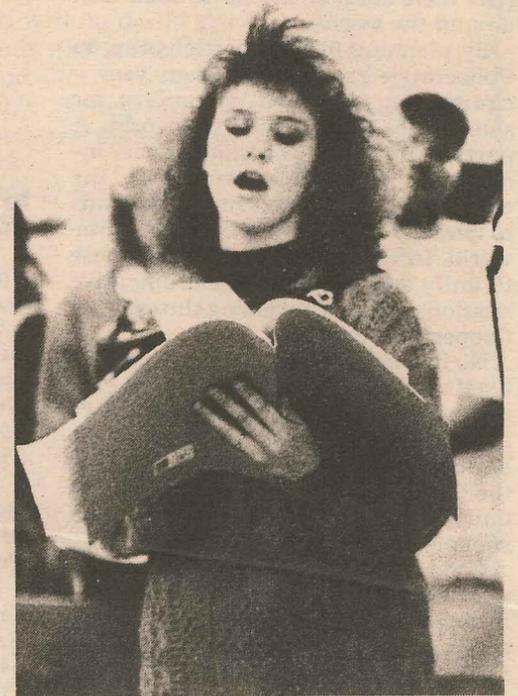
At Spring Meadows, Carrie Wright named Nicky Martin as the one she looks up to. (Several of the girls agreed that they admire Nicky because she is an honor student and because she has reached level 6, the highest level one can reach in the Spring Meadows level system.)

Other role models mentioned at Spring Meadows include a relief houseparent (Lon Usher—"she relates to us more than most people"); Scott and Claudia Shouse, houseparents at Moss Cottage, who strive to create a genuine family environment; Paul Hereford, houseparent at Iler Cottage; and Kenny Nallia, houseparent at Hunter Cottage, who was admired for his sense of humor.

Kim Endsley at Glen Dale holds Deborah and Robert Warren in high esteem. (Robert Warren is our new continuing care coordinator.) Kim feels that the Warrens are good Christian people and that she can talk with them about anything. Haywood Riner, former activities director at Glen Dale, also has been very influential in her life.

Kim, herself, serves as a role model for Glen Dale resident Mary Jo Sonner, as does Jennifer Asbury. These two young people personify the strength that Mary Jo wishes to build into her own life.

These represent only examples of the actual role modeling which is taking place day by day, not only at Spring Meadows and Glen Dale, but in our crisis care centers as well.



Nicky Martin (center) is admired by her friends, Carrie Wright (left) and Tiffany Beamon.



Jennifer Asbury (at top, singing with the Homeland Singers) and Kim Endsley (above, showing her prize heifer) are models for Mary Jo Sonner (left).