

New KBC staff members elected at board meeting

by Jack Sanford, Editor

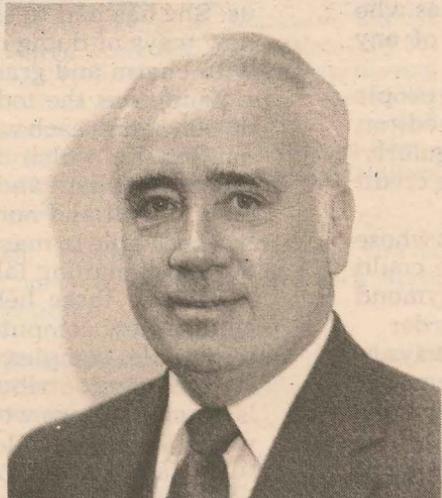
In a congenial atmosphere of affirmation the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board elected three new staff members to fill vacancies created by transfer and retirement. The action was taken at a called meeting of the board Apr. 4.

B. J. Watts was elected director of the Administrative Services Department; Harold W. Barnes, was elected manager of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly; and Deward Hurst was elected manager of Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly.

Watts assumes the position vacated when Richard Carnes was appointed executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. Watts has been the administrative assistant to the executive director-treasurer, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. He has worked as a staff member of the Indiana convention since 1980.

Prior to service with Indiana Baptists, Watts spent 16 years in secular employment as an accountant and supervisor with Stokely-Van Camp, Inc. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

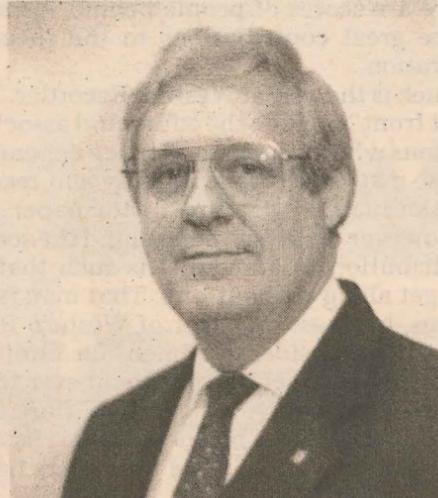
Barnes takes over the position vacated by the retired Marshall Phillips. Barnes is former director of missions for Lib-



B. J. Watts

erty Association in Kentucky. He has been pastor of several Kentucky Baptist churches, including a 10-year tenure at Horse Cave Baptist Church. He has worked with national prison ministries, Youth for Christ and public housing ministries, as well as consultant work in various Baptist disciplines. He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Cedarmore manager, under Phillips, was also director of the Camps and



Harold W. Barnes

Assemblies Department. However, that title and job responsibility will no longer be used and Barnes will be designated manager of Cedarmore with responsibility for that facility only. The Camps and Assemblies Department is under the direction of the business division with Barry Allen, business manager of KBC and division director. Barnes and Hurst will report directly to Allen.

Hurst replaces the retired George T. Gray and will be no stranger to western Kentucky Baptists because of long pas-



Deward Hurst

toral tenure in that section of the state. He is currently associate pastor in education at First Baptist Church, Lone Oak. Prior to his work at Lone Oak, Hurst was pastor of several churches in western Kentucky and Illinois. Thirty-two of his 36 years of ministry have been spent in western Kentucky, all of the past 25 years have been in this section of the state. He is a graduate of Murray (Ky.) State University, and has done additional work at Campbellsville College and Seminary Extension.

Annual meeting is harmonious

SBTS trustees authorize charter study; approve budget

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees voted to appoint a special committee to conduct a legal study of the school's charter in the annual trustee meeting held Apr. 3-5 in Louisville.

The move comes as an effort to dispell rumors that the board of trustees is self-perpetuating. According to Wayne Allen, pastor, Briarcrest Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., the committee will study the charter "sanely, sensibly, and legally" to explore possible revisions to clarify the method of electing trustees.

The motion to authorize the two year study came after trustees failed to pass a motion to amend a bylaw which would have allowed the annual meeting to include the mail ballot election of trustees conducted within 60 days of the annual SBC convention.

The board also voted to immediately elect those trustees nominated by the SBC at its Las Vegas meeting in June. The move is an effort to expedite the election of trustees and follows a long precedent set by Southern Seminary, according to seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt.

In addition the board adopted a \$14.95 million budget for 1989-90 with no increases in current revenue. The budget "provides funds for salary increases for all full time and regular part time faculty and staff, a new faculty position in church social work, the filling of four vacancies in existing faculty positions, the implementation of revised compensation policies for Garrett fellows and professors' assistants and significant cost increases in employee benefit programs."

The budget provides for salary increases as the highest priority. Salary scales will increase by two percent for all categories of regular employees. Full time assistant and associate professors will also be eligible for additional merit step adjustments.

The budget provides a \$37,000 allocation to fund a new faculty position in the Carver School of Church Social Work. The position is required as a condition for accreditation.

All increases are the result of budget reallocations including decisions to fund less travel and publications and to eliminate funds that have previously been available for employment of some

part time and temporary personnel.

About half the appropriation of \$200,000 in year-end surplus offsets a reduction in Cooperative Program funds. The reduction results partly from a change in the present method of budgeting Cooperative Program funds, which now has its basis in prior year actual income rather than projected income.

The board also approved the appointment of three tenured faculty members: Charles B. Bugg, pastor, First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., as Carl E. Bates professor of Christian preaching; John P. Dever, professor of religion and sociology and assistant dean for academic records, Averett College, Danville, Va., as professor of church and community; and John W. Landon, professor of social work and associate dean of the college of social work, University of Kentucky, Lexington, as professor of church social work.

In addition the board granted tenure to David D'Amico, who was appointed Billy Graham professor of evangelism by the trustee executive committee in February.

The board also granted tenure to five other faculty members: John H. Dickson, assistant professor of church music; Lloyd L. Mims, assistant professor of church music; Patricia L. Bailey, assistant professor of social work; Donosco Escobar, assistant professor of social work; and R. Michael Harton, associate professor of adult education.

In other action the board:

—Reelected trustee officers for 1989-90: Alton Butler, pastor, Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., chairman; Sam McMahan, chairman of the board, Southeast Commercial Corp., Charlotte, N. C., first vice chairman and

chairman of the executive committee; William Causey, pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., second vice chairman; and Fred Pfannenschmidt, vice president, Coldwell Banker, Louisville, secretary.

—Endorsed the "Institutional Plan 1989-90" for the seminary.

—Raised student matriculation fees \$25 per semester effective fall 1990.

—Approved the \$14.6 million updated construction plan of the campus center complex. Two of the three wings are presently under construction.

—Endorsed the seminary's participation in the Lilly Endowment grant competition program for trustee development in theological schools.

—Voted to present the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award, the seminary's highest award, to R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board.

—Established the George W. Norton Distinguished Service Award and presented the first award to Alberta Ellen Wood Allen of Louisville for her significant contributions to the seminary.

—Instructed the trustee chairman to meet with the board chairpersons of the other five SBC seminaries to petition the SBC executive committee to increase the seminaries' receipts from Cooperative Program funds. Current cumulative percentage is 20 percent.

—Elected John J. Owens, member of the faculty since 1942, as professor emeritus of Old Testament interpretation.

—Authorized the establishment of the J. M. Frost Sunday School Board Chair of Christian Education, effective Aug. 1, with a majority of funding to be provided by the Sunday School Board, and appointed associate professor R. Michael Harton to that chair.

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sanford's perspectives

Behind the scenes



Jack D. Sanford

Every person in a position of leadership knows there are scores of people behind the scenes who make great contributions to the success of any operation.

Such is the case at Western Recorder. The people "out front" include the editor and associate editor, persons whose picture and name appear regularly. These men have high visibility and receive credit for the success or failure of the paper.

However there is a man behind the scenes whose contribution to our effort is such that we could not get along without him. That man is Raymond Hayes, business manager of Western Recorder.

Ray has considerable talent for finding ways to do things no other person would ever think possible. He has energy, imagination, flare for the unusual and a sound business head. His ability has been demonstrated in the nine years he has spent at the paper.

For example his careful attention to little things and his persistence in following up on leads has resulted in postal savings of more than \$500 per week for the paper. These savings would not have come our way unless Ray doggedly pursued all the avenues open to Western Recorder.

Another example of his uncanny ability to push ahead is the production revolution he has produced in the past five years. We went from an old, antiquated typesetting machine to the latest computer typesetter, laser printer and other electronic operations. As a result we seldom fail to have our work done ahead of time and the usual frenzy of Monday morning madness to finish the paper on time is a thing of the past.

Perhaps his most important contribution is his work with Landmark Newspapers, Inc., our printer. He has negotiated contracts with this company and maintained a personal relationship with the people in the shop which has given us the lowest print costs possible. This is directly attributed to Ray's personal touch with the people who actually do the work. It is not unusual to see him in the print plant, with ink on his hands, working alongside those workers who actually print the paper late Monday night each week.

Hundreds of Kentucky Baptists know Ray and his charming wife Danita because of the trips these two have conducted for Western Recorder. They are a combination of congeniality, helpfulness and humor. Any person who has gone to the Southern Baptist Convention with them will testify they are two of the finest people on God's earth, willing to go more than a second mile in helping people.

Hundreds of other Kentucky Baptists know Ray because he has been in your churches as a preacher of the gospel. He does supply work for pastors across the state and they know he will do a good job proclaiming the riches of Christ.

Hats off to Ray Hayes. He is one of God's noble people and we are grateful for the chance to work alongside him.

Working alongside Ray behind the scenes are two veteran Western Recorder employes, Ann Tatum and Sandy Teague. These women are the force which makes our office run with efficiency.

Ann has been on the scene 30 years and knows

more about Western Recorder than anyone among us. She has had to shuffle her work habits, learn new ways of doing old things and she does it all with charm and grace.

Sandy has the tedious job of keeping up with 50,000 names each week and wrestling with a bulk mailing list which changes day-by-day. She too has had to adapt and adjust to new ways. She has done it well and none of us is surprised that she has been able to master the machine which grinds out those mailing labels and address lists.

Each of these behind the scenes women has studied new computer methods and learned how to handle complex machinery in professional style. Their contribution to producing the paper is crucial and we would not be able to do our job without their excellent work.

We salute Ann Tatum and Sandy Teague. They make life more pleasant and work more enjoyable at our shop.

Another valuable person in our effort to serve Kentucky Baptist churches with a quality paper is our graphic artist, Holly Oliver. She is a Southern Seminary student from Missouri and does all the graphics and typesetting for the paper. Her work is the final effort before the paper goes to the printer and her hand is prominent in the style of what we produce each week. We are grateful to have such a gifted young woman on our staff and rue the day she will graduate, along with her husband, and leave us for wider fields of service to our Lord.

Last, but by no means least, are the interns we use in day-to-day production. They are as good as any we have ever had.

Mary Royals Driskill is a Floridian who has seniority among the others. Mary does layout, page composition, photo sizing, news writing and reporting. She has recently produced a piece about Southern Seminary students whose long distance travel to school was so well done Baptist Press picked up the story and sent it around the country on the BP line.

Lawanda Smith is from Arkansas. She puts together our Mountains to Mississippi page, does news writing, reporting and will cover the next meeting of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary as principal reporter. You will see her byline on that story in a future issue.

Greg Hodnett came to us for experience this semester and works without compensation or seminary credit. However he has proved himself a worthy member of our team and helps behind the scenes in many ways, including feature writing and news reporting. He is from Indianapolis and seeks a career in Christian journalism.

All Kentucky Baptists benefit from the work of Southern Seminary students who intern at Western Recorder because their work touches all those people who read our paper.

They are behind the scenes but make the paper possible. We are pleased to give this space and this attention to persons whose contribution to our work is beyond measure. The next time you pick up Western Recorder, remember those behind the scenes people you seldom see are largely responsible for the paper you hold in your hand.

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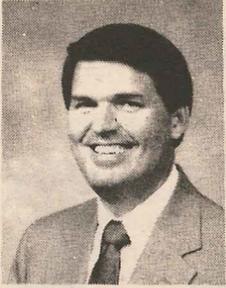
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mountains to the mississippi



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clear creek chronicle

A home visit

Pete Lowe knows "the rest of the story" on me, at least a few episodes. During January Bible study at Calvary, Bowling Green, he recalled with delight a tale or two from my youth. The calendar has flipped 25 years since ordination but familiar faces remain in my home church. My baptism and ordination came under the ministry of B. A. Houchens and the visit home included some moments with these faithful servants who have celebrated three retirements. The Whittaker children grew up with Calvary. The small Raven Street mission relocated to an 11th and Fair streets basement. A beautiful steeple rises above the neighborhood which pastor George Carneal and Sunday school director Perry Lowry seek to reach.

Former Clear Creek trustee Frances Allen encouraged Calvary to support our Miracle in the Mountains campaign. Church treasurer Charles Allen presented the first installment of their \$1000 gift.

Jackson Grove church in the Bristow community of Warren County risked their pulpit to me in 1964. One August Sunday, Garland and Velma Graven cast votes on a one year call. Now members of Calvary, the Gravens still set a delicious country lunch in the home where Rebecca and I visited as newlyweds. When I married Rebecca the church issued an indefinite call and we enjoyed three more happy years. Lyndall Graven was a teenager then and now is Jackson Grove treasurer. Last month he sent us a check with the "hope this can be of some help in the work." The church action means much but "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (3 John 4).

Jesus declared a prophet often discovers less honor in his own country. This is an experience unknown to me. Home connections led these two churches above Cooperative Program giving to support our capital fund campaign. They join 150 other Kentucky churches. The present offers an opportunity to strengthen the family ties. The initiative must be taken by an individual presenting the need to the pastor, finance committee, Sunday school class, or missions group. Untapped Baptist resources can surpass our \$1.6 million goal. You have helped other members of the family. Clear Creek needs you now.

personnel

Malcolm Marler, minister of pastoral care, is leaving St. Matthews Baptist Church, Long Run Association, July 30, 1989. He and his wife Penny are moving to Connecticut where she will be faculty associate in the Center for Social and Religious Research at Hartford Seminary. Pastor of St. Matthews is William Tuck.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Graves County Association, called **Jack Acree** as pastor.

Elvin Milam resigned the pastorate of New Sulphur Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

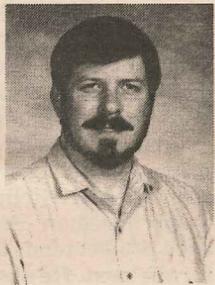
David King is new pastor of Sinking Valley Baptist Church, Pulaski Association. He is former pastor of Hopeful Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Jimmie Molden is new pastor of Hopeful Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Calvary Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, called **Wesley Brockway** as minister of music. He and his wife Sue have two children, Glynne and Jessica. Brockway is a student at Cumberland College. David Walters is pastor.



Anne Smith



Wesley Brockway

Mrs. Anne H. Smith is the new minister of education at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. She has over 25 years' experience in local church work. Mrs. Smith was director of younger youth, preschool and children's ministry at Green Acres Baptist Church, Long Run Association, 12 years, and minister to children at Shively Baptist Church, Long Run Association, 10 years.

Mrs. Smith has a BA degree in music and physical education from the University of Louisville; an MA degree in counseling psychology from Catherine Spalding University; and has done doctoral work with an emphasis on family life at the University of Louisville.

She has been an adjunct professor in religious education at Southern Seminary and a conference leader at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist assemblies. She has also written extensively for Southern Baptist publications.

She is responsible for establishing a pastoral visitor program for the emergency room at Kosair-Children's Hospital and worked with the recreation therapy program at Bingham Child Guidance Clinic.

A native of Louisville, she and her husband Jerry have two daughters.

Robert DeFoor was honored on his 10th year as pastor of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Mercer Association. Recognition activities included a reception and ceremonies. DeFoor's first service at Harrodsburg was Apr. 15, 1979, Easter Sunday.

He has also pastored in Atlanta, Ga. and Glendale, Ky. Among his community



Harlan Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, presented a living dramatization of Leonardo Da Vinci's "Last Supper" Mar. 24. Directed by Pat Carlton, the drama featured a cast of more than a dozen members portraying the events of Good Friday. Narration was by Ewell Balltrip. Songs included "Worthy is the Lamb," "God So Loved the World" and "Were You There." Pastor of Harlan is Roy Carlton.

involvements are service on the Harrodsburg Board of Education; Mercer County United Way Board of Directors; officer of the Harrodsburg Rotary Club; and head of the Mercer County Ministerial Association.

His wife Sandy is a registered nurse at James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital. They have three children: Jennifer, 25; Bobby, 21; and Stephanie, 18.

A native of Decatur, Ga., DeFoor holds degrees from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Mike Lassiter resigned as minister of youth/activities of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. He goes to Second Baptist Church, Liberty Mo., as minister of youth/family activities.

Roy Alexander resigned as pastor of Duke Memorial Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

First Baptist Church, Somerset, Pulaski Association, called **Mark Johnston** as associate pastor/ minister of youth.

First Baptist Church, Oak Grove, Pulaski Association, called **Glen Singleton** as pastor.

Sunnyside Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, called **Rick Reynolds** as pastor.

Bronston Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, called **Ralph Morris** as pastor.

Gene Livingood has resigned as pastor of Decoursey Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, after 13 years. He takes the pastorate of Gardnerville Baptist Church, Crittenden Association.

Blue Like Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called **Kenny Isaacs** as pastor.

Shawn Madden, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Irvine Association, resigned.

Dale Griffith, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greenup Association, resigned.

David Childers, formerly at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association, accepted a position of minister of music at First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

Truman DeBord resigned as pastor of Old Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Bell Association, to accept the pastorate of a new church in Middlesboro.

Pastor of Wayside Baptist Church, Greenup Association, **Richard Kiger**, resigned.

Jack Geurin, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, North Concord Association, resigned.

Vicco Baptist Church, Three Forks Association, pastor **Carl Lindsey** resigned. He goes to Red Hill Baptist Church.

Berea Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association, called **Sanford Hill** as part time minister of youth and education. Pastor is John Chapman.

On Feb. 13, 1989, Highland Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Shelby County Association, was 40 years old. A weekend celebration is planned for this anniversary, Apr. 15-16.

A fellowship is planned for Saturday night, Apr. 15 in the church fellowship hall. This will be an informal time of sharing with old friends followed by a special program and refreshments.

On Sunday, the adult Sunday school lesson will be taught by charter member Robert S. Clark, academic vice president and dean of Campbellsville College. The morning message will be brought by John A. Hatcher, the first pastor of the church. Hatcher is presently on furlough from the Brazilian mission field, where he has served since 1955.

Following the fellowship meal, an afternoon service will be led by Phillip D. Basinger, former pastor and present pastor of Hawesville Baptist Church.

The Baptist Chapel began as a mission of First Baptist, Shelbyville on May 7, 1941. On Sunday Feb. 13, 1949, the mission was organized as the Second Street Baptist Church with 48 charter members. On Oct. 8, 1958, the church moved and changed its name to Highland Baptist Church.

William A. George has been pastor since June 1977. Present resident membership totals 653.

Kentucky Baptist Builders are making 'a contribution to something worthwhile'

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Kentucky Baptist Builders don't have a list of needs a mile long, essentials that would really make volunteer church construction work a whole lot easier.

But they do have a list.

They were in Middletown in late March contributing to the sanctuary facility of Lakewood Baptist Church, a new congregation constituted last Sept. 25. While there, Kentucky Baptist Builders coordinator Randall Rogers of Greensburg took the opportunity to share his list of immediate needs for the statewide volunteer team.

It starts off big—a 3/4 ton utility truck, at a minimum purchase price of \$5000. When you get past that, the needs are more reachable.

They include a contractor's wheelbarrow, two 6 lb. sledgehammers, three 7/4" skillsaws, three framing squares, two 4 ft. wood levels, two 18" push-brooms, two regular house brooms, a scoop shovel, a round point long handle shovel, two all purpose handsaws and a finish handsaw.

Rounding out the list are two swing-line staple guns and straps, a 10" contractor's table saw, three 6" squares, a T-square for drywall, drywall trowel and tools, three sets of sawhorse brackets, a heater and concrete for winter work, a mixer saw set and concrete tools.

Rogers said tools and supplies, new or in good condition, may be donated to Kentucky Baptist Builders directly through the state Brotherhood Department. (Address: Box 43433, Middle-

town, KY 40243; telephone: 502-245-4101.)

On the Lakewood Baptist Church project, Don Perkins, a semiretired contractor who's a layman at First Baptist Church, Central City, is job foreman. Perkins, 53, is assistant coordinator of Kentucky Baptist Builders.

He supervised an initial group of 14 volunteer men at the construction site. They included six from Second Baptist Church, Ashland; four from First Baptist Church, Cannonsburg; two from Bethlehem Baptist Church, Greensburg; and one each from Wurtland (Ky.) Missionary and Campbellville (Ky.) Baptist churches.

The Lakewood congregation had already paid professional contractors to erect brick walls before the Kentucky Baptist Builders arrived. The volunteer group was to spend several days putting up stress-skin beams, floor trusses and subfloors. Another Ashland church was expected to send a volunteer team to help them before completing this phase. Later, other groups would arrive to do drywalling, wiring, plumbing and siding, according to Rogers.

Rogers explained that KBB members pay their own way to construction sites, or receive help from their churches.

The Lakewood project is typical of what happens when they arrive. The men brought their own sleeping bags which they placed on the floors of a frame house in which the congregation presently meets. Lakewood women arrived to prepare meals, three meals per day, for the duration of their construc-

tion time. The frame house is equipped with a full bath with shower, plus a half bath, kitchen, and dining and bedrooms converted into meeting space, where volunteers sleep. Since they do not work on Sundays, there is no disruption of the church's Sunday routine.

Rogers said he anticipated that men of the Lakewood congregation would also be involved in the construction late in the afternoons and evenings and on Saturdays.

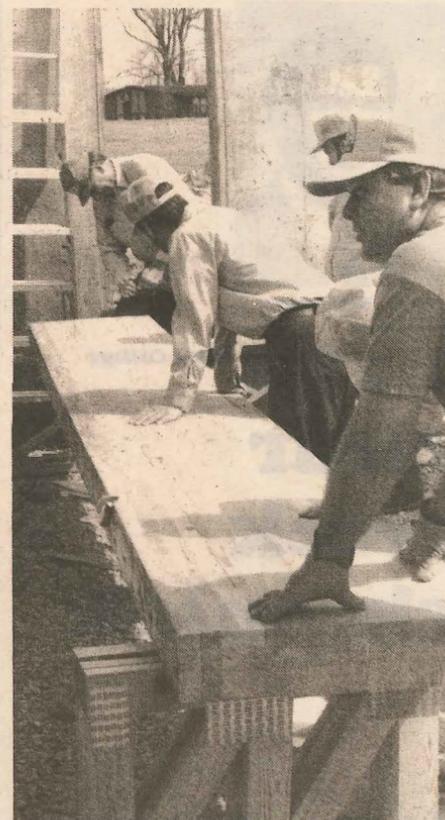
Most of the men on the Lakewood project had worked on an earlier Builders project or on the Brotherhood's Disaster Relief team. Rogers said he initially volunteered for Disaster Relief and went on two missions, then volunteered for Builders.

Married with three children, the 50-year-old layman took a disability retirement following an automobile accident, thus now has time to devote to Builders. The Green County native is a former school teacher, farmer and pharmacist.

Most of the men in Builders take vacation time or time off from their jobs to volunteer, or are retired. While 185 names statewide are on the permanent list now, Rogers says, "We need 3000."

Rogers noted that the group is spread thin, currently working on about five church construction projects with several more requests pending. "New church starts (such as Lakewood) are a priority," he allows. "They come right after Disaster Relief."

Job foreman Perkins chips in that each project tends to "generate activity" for the next. He observed that when one project is completed, invariably some of



Kentucky Baptist Builders arrived in Middletown to carry construction forward on the sanctuary of a new congregation, Lakewood Baptist Church.

those volunteers "turn up at the next site." There is "enthusiasm and fellowship" among the men, he allows.

Perkins noted that only two of the volunteers in the early stages of the Lakewood project besides himself had made their living in the carpenter trade. "We just take warm-hearted, able-bodied men," he concluded, "who want to make a contribution to something worthwhile."

Spring Meadows time off: not your typical vacation

by Beth W. Prassel

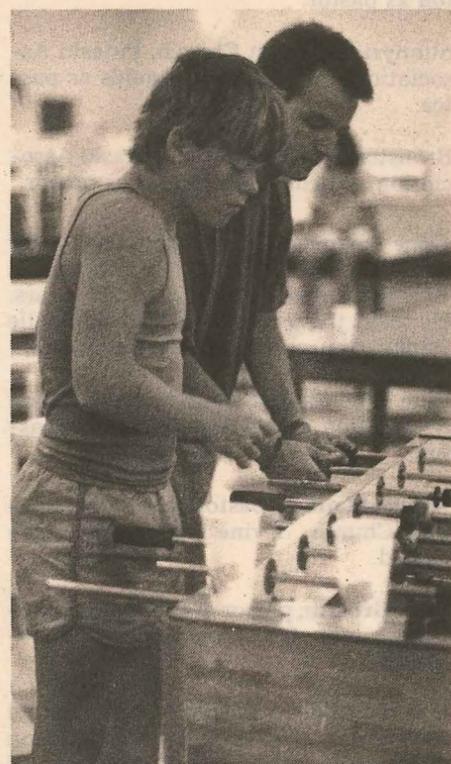
When several Middletown boys take a summer vacation this year, they won't be taking it easy on the beach. If plans are approved, boys from Bradley Cottage at Spring Meadows Children's Home will be backpacking in the mountains, rappelling, rock climbing and whitewater canoeing. Called Discovery, the six-day trip is sponsored by Montreat-Anderson College near Swannanoa, N. C. and intends to help people "make self discoveries that are basic to self esteem and an understanding of themselves and God."

This group's trip to North Carolina is a part of Spring Meadow's spring/summer recreation program.

Mike Dixon, former Christian education director at Spring Meadows and current central region coordinator for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, describes the program as following a "two-fold game plan."

First, youth participate in campus activities planned and supervised by staff. "At Spring Meadows we've tried to coordinate summer vacations for each cottage around a Christian camp or event," explains Dixon. "That helps focus the whole trip as opposed to going to the beach, lying out in the sun and getting sun-burned. They have something to do when they get there—something Christ-centered, structured and fun. They actually meet people as opposed to being in their own little tourist group."

One group went to Colorado last year for the National Christian Youth Congress. Another group spent three days in Pennsylvania working at a Christian music festival, called Creation. They heard speakers, attended seminars and Bible studies, and heard professional



Two Spring Meadows residents take advantage of the campus' game room.

Christian musicians.

Scott Shouse, former house parent for Spring Meadows and current activities director for the campus, remembers a particularly meaningful trip he led as a house parent last summer. Shouse took three boys to San Diego, Cal., for Riptide '88, an interdenominational camp sponsored by a Christian organization called Youth Specialties. The group took one day to travel to Mexico where they helped build a house for an older, poverty-stricken woman.

"It was really an eye-opening experience," says Shouse. "Not only did they see someone in need they also had a chance to help that person. It helped our kids realize there are others out there who have it worse than they do."

Because of their own difficult situations, these boys have received much from those who have been willing to give to them. "This time," Shouse says, "they were able to give rather than receive."

In addition to vacation trips, Spring Meadows sponsors a five-day camp each summer. According to J. T. Sutherland, Christian education director for the campus, youth went away to camp in 1987 but participated in day camp on campus last year. This year's camp might be a combination of day camp and overnight camp.

Shouse, campus activities director, says camp is scheduled this year Aug. 14-18. "My goal for this year," he declares, "is to get away from competition." He wants to plan things everyone can feel good about—"things that won't

take a whole lot of skill."

"This is the biggest event for the whole summer. I want it to be a good experience."

Other planned activities for spring and summer include a Louisville Red-birds game, a trip to see the Stephen Foster Story, tickets for King's Island and a Fourth of July celebration. Shouse also will supervise daily recreation such as a newly-formed walking club and swimming pool activities. Available throughout the year are aerobics classes, cross-stitching instruction, a weight room and a game room.

Shouse says he wants to remain conscious of the variety of personalities on campus and plan accordingly. He realizes that "different youths help different kids" and knows youth need to relate to the things they do.

"The activities that go over better are ones like the weight room and game room," Shouse notes, "because they promote interaction with each other." This type of recreation allows the youth to use their skills and to build self-confidence. In the weight room, for instance, Shouse sees youngsters taking pride in themselves, while allowing the exercise to relieve some of the stress and anxiety in their lives.

As Shouse continues planning spring and summer recreation, he hopes to start a ceramics class and an arts and crafts class. "I want to provide opportunities for them to use their hands and their talents so they can have a product to show for their work."

baptist news in brief

Ministers' wives will be laughing in Las Vegas

Led by entertainer Jerry Clower, Southern Baptist ministers' wives will spend the lunch hour laughing June 13 in Las Vegas, Nev.

"We (ministers' wives) take criticism too personally, and we analyze why people treat us the way they do," said Joy Yates, president of Southern Baptist Conference of Ministers' Wives. Yates' husband, James, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Miss.

"It's time we start laughing a little," she said. "That's why we have chosen 'A Joyful Heart' as the theme of the luncheon."

Court refuses to review clergy malpractice case

The U. S. Supreme Court has refused to review a dispute that has been described as the nation's first clergy malpractice suit.

The high court's decision, which was announced in a one-line order Apr. 3, leaves standing a unanimous ruling by the California Supreme Court that individuals who are not licensed as counselors or therapists cannot be held legally liable for failing to provide proper advice or for failing to refer their counseles to licensed therapists.

Walter and Maria Nally sued Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, Cal., because their son, Kenneth, committed suicide in 1979 after receiving counseling from members of the church's staff. The Nallys charged the staff members with malpractice for failing to urge their son to seek psychiatric help or to inform them he was contemplating a second suicide attempt.

The couple contended the church did not properly train its counselors and that the counselors who talked with their son discouraged him from seeking further medical help.

The decision by the California Supreme Court overturned two appeals court rulings that the case should go to trial because a reasonable juror could find that the counselors acted negligently. (BP)

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Terry Peck, author and consultant

Ridgecrest reports more than 700 decisions

More than 5000 young people attended the Winter Youth Celebration and three Winter Weekends at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center where a total of 722 public decisions were made.

Registration at Winter Youth Celebration, held Dec. 27-29, 1988, was 1462. Registration at Winter Weekends I, II and III, respectively, was 1285, 1583 and 2106. The Winter Weekends were held Jan. 27-29, Feb. 17-19 and Mar. 17-19.

The winter conferences for youth are sponsored by the youth section of the Sunday School Board's Church Training Department.

At the four conferences, a reported total of 120 young people made professions of faith; 538 rededicated their lives, 20 committed themselves to some type of church vocation and 44 made other types of decisions.

Activities at Winter Youth Celebration and Weekends include Bible study, discipleship training, worship, group devotionals, concerts by Christian entertainers and recreation.

with the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department, Nashville, will be the special guest. Peck has written the book "Parenting in the Minister's Home." A copy will be given to each person attending the luncheon.

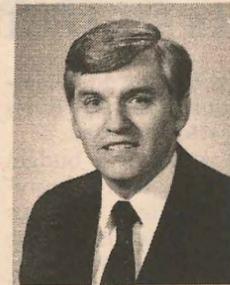
Advance tickets for the luncheon are \$13 and may be ordered from June Myers, Box 5010, Reno, NV 89513. Advance tickets must be ordered by June 1. All orders must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Tickets will be \$15 if purchased on site. (BP)

Northwest Foundation elects executive director

W. L. (Bo) Childs Jr., vice president for administration of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, has been elected executive director of the Northwest Baptist Foundation, Portland, Ore.

Childs, 47, will begin his tenure with the foundation Apr. 16. He will work with Southern Baptist churches in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. He will assist Baptists in creating trust accounts designed to help Christian causes throughout the world and will administer about \$5 million in managed accounts.

Before joining the Alabama foundation, Childs was pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala. Previously the Mobile, Ala. native was head cashier at the Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co. (BP)



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baptist news in brief

RTVC cuts staff after ACTS sale fails

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission reduced the size of its staff by 20 percent, effective Mar. 31.

The cuts are the result of a budget crunch created when the sale of the commission's ACTS television network failed Mar. 14, said officials of the RTVC, located in Ft. Worth, Tex.

The RTVC dropped 12 full time and six part time employees through a combination of attrition and layoffs, RTVC officers said. The cutbacks reduced the RTVC staff from 91 employees to 73.

Trustees voted to continue operating the RTVC's American Christian Television System after the sale of the cable TV network could not be completed. Friends of ACTS, a group based in San

Antonio, Tex., had contracted to buy ACTS for \$34 million but could not raise the money by the mid March deadline.

"Extraordinary expenses" related to the attempted sale of ACTS caused the budget problem, RTVC officers said.

Those expenses included legal fees paid to RTVC attorneys, fees paid to auditors to prepare for the sale, a \$435,000 exit penalty incurred when ACTS left the Spacenet satellite transponder and moved to the Galaxy III satellite requested by Friends of ACTS and continued employment of people who would have been let go when the sale originally was to be completed last fall, said RTVC executive vice president Richard T. McCartney. (BP)

Supreme Court rejects chaplain dispute

The Supreme Court has refused to review a dispute over whether public hospitals may employ chaplains.

In a one line order the justices rejected the appeal of three Iowa residents who claimed the employment of chaplains by publicly supported hospitals violates the first amendment's religion clauses.

The high court's action leaves stand-

ing a decision by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals that upholds the constitutional right of public hospitals to employ chaplains.

The appeals court rejected a challenge that the hiring of a chaplain by Broadlawns Medical Center—a county public hospital in Polk County, Iowa—constituted an establishment of religion. Rather the court found the hospital's action had the secular purpose of enhancing "its wholistic treatment approach to patient care."

In addition the 8th Circuit held the hiring of a chaplain was a permissible accommodation of hospital patients' free exercise of religion rights. (BP)



"Calling Out the Called: Supply and Support" is theme of Life Commitment Month, observed in April and sponsored by the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Marne Phipps (center foreground) has been called to home missions in social services, and is presently working in the child care facility in First Baptist Church, Carthage, Mo., while enroled at Missouri Southern State College.

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"Do not merely ascertain for us Bible truth; show us how to apply that truth

to life," said convention president Jerry Vines during the installation service in Kansas City, Mo. "Do not merely find Bible teachings; show us how to follow that Bible teaching in Bible living. Do not satisfy yourselves merely to state doctrine but stimulate duty."

The installation ceremony was held in conjunction with the commission's annual seminar.

Theologian/author Carl F.H. Henry, founding editor of Christianity Today magazine, told the installation-service audience of about 425 an "appalling culture-crisis" swirls through the nation today, and Southern Baptists must respond by promoting "authentic and effective evangelical solutions." (BP)

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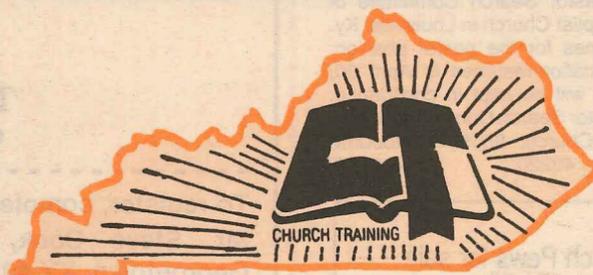
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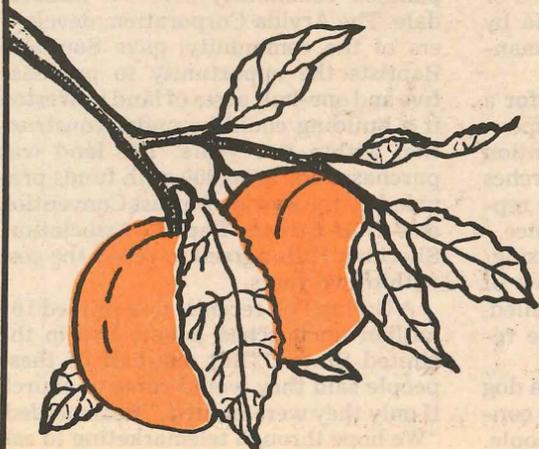
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The city of lights

Where do the most stressful people in America live? A university study says Las Vegas. Suicide, alcoholism, divorce and bankruptcy are disproportionate there. The city claims 99 percent of visitors gamble, spending \$700 each on their pastime.

A dozen years ago I visited Las Vegas, not to gamble, but to see the city of lights. I saw neon-lit streets as bright at night as day, gambling's accessibility at every hour, scores of small wedding chapels under signs reading "Marriage in a Minute" and extremely low prices for excellent meals in hotel restaurants. Someone in our party explained the latter as a "come-on" to move patrons into hotel casinos. We went, but as observers only.

I watched little old ladies drop quarters into slot machines and pit bosses instruct employes at gaming tables. I was seeing stuff for real I had only seen on the screen before.

When the SBC Executive Committee recommended to the 1983 SBC at Pittsburgh that we go to Las Vegas, I was uncomfortable. I had read of gambling's link with organized crime, addictive qualities and impoverishment of families. I voted against Las Vegas that year and three times since.

I've struggled with the decision to meet there. Mamas and daddies holding traditional Southern Baptist values whose children go to Las Vegas are going to be ill at ease. Even the casual observer will quickly discover from outside the pleasure palaces the sanctity of marriage, fidelity and the family are lightly taken. Nevada's legalized prostitution is openly flaunted. Most of us will be often embarrassed; the overtly modest among us will be convincingly devastated.

Some think we will make a lasting impression on this city of 650,000 residents and its thousands of good time seekers. We may win some souls, and all of us will rejoice. But don't expect the multitudes to refrain from the roulette wheels and supper clubs because the SBC is in their midst.

Suppose a morally upstanding preacher lets curiosity, accessibility and temptation get him. He drops a quarter in a slot machine, bells ring, lights flash and \$10,000 tumbles out. The secular media records it for posterity and our lofty motives evaporate.

We have met in evil places before and Christ went there, too. I'm aware born again Christians live in Las Vegas. Yet, can you name another city whose economy and image is wholly based on "respectable" sin? Las Vegas symbolizes everything Southern Baptists oppose. Perhaps there is a redeeming virtue, for it's our best opportunity yet to be literal ambassadors for Christ.

Bivocational minister finds opportunities abound in hospital Radiology Department

by David L. Taylor

Farrill Davis Sr., pastor of the Milton Baptist Church, often finds the opportunity to utilize his ministerial background in his everyday work experience. Sometimes his work experiences provide inspiration and illustrations for sermon material.

"I'm what's called a bivocational minister," he explains. In addition to his pastoral duties, he works five days a week as a Radiology Assistant at The King's Daughters' Hospital. The hospital is located across the Ohio River in Madison, Ind.

Davis explains that often in the Southern Baptist Convention, the pastor of a small church may seek an additional position to supplement his income. In this way he is still able to live in the community and be available to his church and its membership. Frequently, small churches hire students from a seminary who are available only on weekends.

"Bivocational ministers are not something we just thought up in the twentieth century. The first bivocational minister was the apostle Paul. He supported his ministry and his travels by being a tentmaker," the pastor explains.

Farrill Davis entered the ministry in 1982 and attended Boyce Bible School, an arm of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He came to Milton to pastor in September 1988. He previously was pastor of the Sulphur Baptist Church in Henry County, Ky. While there he was a state government employe who worked with the food stamps program.

It was through his pastorate at Milton that Davis learned of an opening at the hospital. A member of his church who was a recent high school graduate, died of a terminal illness. She was a student at The King's Daughters' Hospital School of Radiology at the time of her death. Many fellow students and the Radiology Department director visited her often in the hospital.

"I spent a lot of time with her when she was in the hospital," Davis recalls. He became well-acquainted with her hospital friends during the illness. Through that relationship he got a job at the hospital.

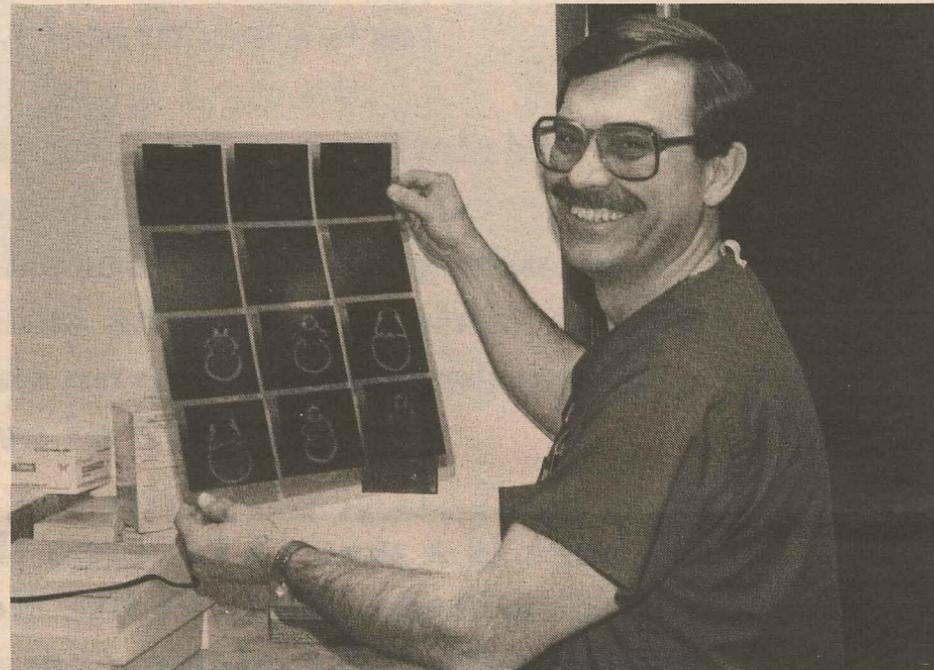
On the job each day Davis helps trans-

port patients from their rooms to x-ray, then back to their rooms. He also develops film for the department. The pastor usually works with Special Imaging, Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound.

"Sometimes when I'm wheeling patients around I have an opportunity to talk with them. When they find out I'm a minister they always want to know what church and they want to talk about their own church. Sometimes, when patients are worried or upset, Davis engages them in conversation "and it helps take their minds off their situation," he says.

the opportunities to minister and help people on the job, Davis has found another benefit in working at the hospital.

"You always have a tendency of drawing from your experiences in a secular job to use in sermons," He observes. "Sometimes the people you work around will laugh and say you're drawing on them for sermon material. We've had a lot of recent sickness and death in our church. I recently had a sermon on terminal illnesses in which I assured my congregation that God is with us and cares about us in times of disease and



Farrill Davis

He is also available in the event the hospital's volunteer chaplain is not readily available to counsel a patient.

On one occasion a patient was told by her doctor that she was suffering from a terminal illness. With no family members present at the time, the elderly woman was distraught. "A nurse on the floor knew I was a minister and had me paged stat (immediately) to her room. I had a word of prayer with her and talked with her for a few minutes and she had calmed down" considerably by the time her family arrived, he recalls.

In addition to a supplemental income,

death and he helps us get through it."

Davis is a native of Fredricksburg, a farming community in southern Indiana. His family moved to Louisville when he was 13, then on to Lexington, Ky., where he graduated from high school. It was at Lexington he met and married his wife, Phyllis.

While the ministry is his number one calling, Davis is pleased with his hospital position. "I enjoy it. It's very interesting work and different from anything I've ever done. I'm thankful that God has led me into a situation where I can further serve his people."

Telemarketing reaches more than 60,000 Floridians

by Barbara Denman

Four new Florida Baptist churches, including the largest new church in Florida Baptist history, were begun during March as a direct result of telephone-marketing campaigns that "reached out and touched" more than 60,000 Florida households.

Following one successful telemarketing campaign that dialed 18,701 homes, 341 people attended the first service of First Baptist Church, Weston, making it Florida Baptists' largest church start ever. Sponsored by Sheridan Hills Baptist Church, Hollywood, the Weston congregation's first service was held Easter Sunday in a theater and led by David Hughes, mission pastor. Two people made professions of faith in Christ, and six others rededicated their lives during the service.

Over the past two years, telemarket-

ing has been used throughout the United States to add hundreds of thousands of people to church rolls of numerous denominations. The most popular telemarketing campaign, "This Phone's For You," was developed in California by Norm Wahn, a Quaker businessman-turned-minister.

Wahn was the keynote speaker for a telemarketing training session sponsored by the Florida Baptist Convention last November. All seven of the churches that reported gains in March were represented at the November conference.

Telemarketing uses an advertising/marketing principle called the law of large numbers—the more people called, the higher the number of positive responses.

"I can get 200 people to come to a dog fight," Wahn said at the November conference. "When you ask 20,000 people, you can get at least 200 to do anything."

The process allows churches to start and grow at an accelerated rate.

A quick-start approach was exactly what was needed in Weston, a new planned community near Ft. Lauderdale. The Arvida Corporation, developers of the community, gave Southern Baptists the opportunity to purchase five and one-half acres of land in Weston if a building could be under construction within two years. The land was purchased for \$200,000 with funds provided by the Florida Baptist Convention and Gulf Stream Baptist Association. Sheridan Hills agreed to repay the cost within two years.

A Gallup Poll recently determined 167 million unchurched people live in the United States. "But one-half of these people said they would come to church if only they were invited," Beam added. "We hope through telemarketing to ask that 50 percent in South Florida." (BP)

Booneville Baptists carry the cross at Easter

by Beth Wyatt

More than 100 pastors and lay persons gathered at Manchester Square Shopping Center, Mar. 26, to carry a huge wooden cross to the top of town hill. The hectic shopping center parking lot must have resembled the marketplace of long ago when Jesus was required to carry his cross. It was a clear sunny day. People from all walks of life stopped to look at the strange procession; many asked questions and some joined the group; others continued on their busy way. The shopping center serves three counties. The Easter traffic added to the confusion.

Those participating distributed gospel tracts and sang hymns as they traveled the distance of about two miles. The last half-mile is straight up a hill. The cross, thought to be similar to the one Jesus carried, was about 15 feet in height and weighed about 500 pounds.

The event was sponsored by pastors of the Booneville Baptist Association

and was open to the public. According to Bob Blevins, director of missions, "We are attempting to bring to the attention of the general public that we do serve a Savior who gave his life on a cross, was buried and rose again. We see so many Christmas decorations and are constantly reminded of Jesus' birth, but so little is said of this season and why we celebrate Easter."

Booneville, one of the smaller associations in the state, has 22 churches and one mission. Of that group 17 leaders participated in the cross carrying event. Members from several congregations participated.

"We are attempting to win Clay County to Christ, a county where more than 70 percent of the people say they are not Christians. We are evangelistic; a number of our churches were listed in the top 10 and top 100 in baptisms in a recent state listing," Blevins reported.

Once the group reached 'courthouse hill' the cross was leaned against a tree and Kenneth Felty, pastor of Macedonia

Baptist Church, challenged the group with a message from Isaiah 53. Felty urged his listeners to cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it one day for a crown. In his remarks he stressed how Booneville Baptists love Clay County and need to be about the business of carrying the cross of evangelism, always seeking to win the county and the world around to Jesus Christ.

Roy Lyttle, a pastor in the association, told the group of the importance of Christ in his life. According to Lyttle, he was the town drunk and spent most of his time in the jail located behind

where the service was held until salvation made the difference in his life. "I don't live here anymore," he said as he jubilantly pointed to the jail.

Bruce Alvis, pastor of Island Creek Baptist Church testified, "While we cannot begin to know what our Lord felt, I believe our preaching will have a different flavor from this day. Carrying the heavy cross in many ways brought to life the suffering of our Lord."

According to Blevins, the Easter drama will be an annual event of the association and hopefully will grow into a real evangelistic outreach.



Pastors and lay persons in Booneville Association carry a large wooden cross down Highway 421. More than 100 persons participated.

SWBTS prof makes pitch for teaching

Charles Ashby once had to decide if his calling in life was to preach or to pitch.

In a way, he still does both, teaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and pitching hay to his much loved miniature horses.

But during his teenage years in Denton, Tex., Ashby spent his time earning a 19 year Sunday school pin and learning how to pitch baseballs. He gave up a career in professional baseball to enter the ministry.

"God instilled in me a far greater love to do his will and all that involved," Ashby said.

As he entered his 11th year at Southwestern, Ashby, associate professor of foundations of education, said his work as Baptist Student Union director and Bible instructor gave him an ability to relate to students and created in him a desire to teach.

With the thought of baseball behind him, Ashby and his wife Barbara moved to Abilene, Tex., where he attended Hardin Simmons University. It was there that he became a pastor and pitched semiprofessional baseball.

The Ashbys never left their native Texas. Ashby became associate pastor of his home church in Denton and began work on a masters of divinity degree at Southwestern. But he began to feel uncomfortable in that role.

A man who was soon to become significant in Ashby's life, W. F. Howard, state BSU director in Texas, intervened and encouraged him to consider student work.

For the next several years Ashby learned some valuable lessons as BSU director and Bible instructor at Odessa College and Sam Houston State University.

But Ashby was frustrated about his teaching. In a seminar on principles of teaching taught by Jack Terry, dean of the school of religious education at Southwestern, Ashby found help.

His old philosophy of, "you sit still while I instill," was changed to, "how can I help them learn to chew their own food," Ashby said.

Ashby left BSU work in 1975 to join the faculty at Southwestern.

Ashby said he strives to be practical in his teaching, with a genuine and real attitude toward students.

And while Ashby is "real" in the classroom, he is most himself when he is outdoors, long-distance running or caring for his miniature horses.

The Ashbys began raising miniature horses for investment and enjoyment.

"What you see is what you get," Ashby said. "My wife keeps telling me to grow up, and I keep saying no, I'm having too much fun."

97 Missionaries Couldn't Go

A record number of 733 missionaries were appointed or approved last year for service on home mission fields throughout the nation. But 97 qualified candidates were unable to go because there were no funds to send them.

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Recommendation enough

We've just had a wonderful chapel service on a beautiful spring day. It was our first service after the 10-day "break." As the prelude began with organ and piano, there was immediate silence. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in that moment and throughout the entire service.

Normally we have a sermon, but this day service consisted largely of hymns students and staff requested. Each song was especially beautiful, and each had a particular message for this time. Only the Holy Spirit knew who would ask for what. Rather the requests, I feel, were prompted by God's spirit.

In the service were 25 new students worshiping with us for the first time. They arrived yesterday for the fourth academic quarter. As each quarter ends, some leave having finished their work and occasionally some are asked not to return. Therefore, places are made for those waiting to enrol in our school and begin their Oneida experience. There are always many waiting to come to us.

It is always exciting to receive a new student. We spend hours with each one in showing them what we do here and talking about possible difficulties. For years I did all this by myself, but now several other staff assist as we have nearly 500 here at any given moment. But I still do a lot of this work because I simply enjoy it.

As a result, I am always far behind with the "paper" work of being president. But I hope I'll never put the paper above the people, even though many well-meaning folk, who really don't understand, often advise me to take care of more "important" things. I hope nothing will ever seem more important to me than PEOPLE. I do very little in the way the "executive" is supposed to do but, somehow, God blesses anyway despite my obvious failings. It is wonderful that God has greater discernment than we mortals. He looks on our heart.

Each day has its share of pressures and problems, and yet almost always something happens to give me a feeling of exaltation, something to remind me God is still in control and we are his. While in his will doing his work, we have the most powerful ally in all this earth or heaven.

The motivation with which we work makes all the difference in the world. The true perspective can only be in the fact that **God is love**. A loving heart with a throb for suffering humanity makes the hardest work a pleasure, the heaviest burden light, the longest day all too short and the hottest sun set too soon.

That is how I see this work at Oneida. I saw it in the lives of some of God's very choice saints that worked and labored with us little fellows when I was a small child. They taught me so much, more by example than by words. I learned that there are no little places for God's people to serve because by God's measuring rod there are no little people.

Many seek the high place, the great place, but I am content with God's place. That for me is Oneida and that is his place for me. While that is his will I want no other.

I find it a great privilege to work alongside the great people God sends to be my collaborators. They are special. It is my joy to help minister to those God sends to us. We do not recruit our students. We do not pick and choose those we are to minister to. We do not investigate our girls and boys. We simply take them as they come and as we have room. We take them regardless of color, economic condition or religious training. We just take them, love them and work with them and, by God's grace, there are many miracles in lives truly changed.

We need no one's reference. It is enough for us that each is created of God, and Jesus died for even the least. That is recommendation enough for us.



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LESSONS FOR APR. 16, 1989

Life and work series

Making personal commitments

Josh. 5:9 In obedience to God's command circumcision was administered to the Israelites. For some unexplained reason the generation born in the wilderness had not been circumcised, so upon their arrival at Gilgal, God's command to carry out the law through the rite of circumcision was carried out.

Josh. 5:10-12 After an interval in which they had not observed the Passover the children of Israel gladly did so at Gilgal. With their obedience complete the Israelites were able to celebrate this Passover festival in their own land. After the celebration the manna ceased to fall and they ate unleavened cakes and parched grain. This indicated that God was still providing for his people by enabling them to sow, harvest and work. God's care of them continued in a new and different form and they enjoyed "the fruit of the land of Canaan."

Josh. 8:34-35 After the people had taken their places assigned to them Joshua had the law proclaimed loudly by the Levitical priests. Joshua had set up other stones close by the altar which had been erected, plastered them over with cement and before the cement dried wrote upon the stones the epitome of the law's principles and spirit contained in the blessings and the cursings.

All of the family of God needed to listen to God's law, hear his expectations and be governed accordingly by its teachings.

International series

Pressing on in Christ

Phil. 3:7-21 While Paul was on his way to Damascus in the midst of persecuting Christians, with a loving grasp Christ saved him to divert his great ability into the right channel and to make a great missionary out of him. Paul gave up everything which he had trusted in order to have Christ. Thereafter, he had an entirely new standard of values. To him, Christ was superior to anything that could be gained by natural birth or human effort.

From the time Christ saved him, Paul had a great longing to possess more of the riches of Christ (3:8), a great desire to learn more about his Lord (3:10a), a passion for enough of the power which had raised Christ from the dead to enable him to live victoriously (3:10b) and a longing for his translation into glory (3:11).

Paul was not satisfied with what he was, what he possessed or what he had done for Christ. He knew he was not living as much like Christ as he should, but he resolved to keep on striving to achieve perfection. His ruling passion was to get nearer to Christ, to grow in his grace and knowledge, to be more like him and to do more and better work for him.

Paul told his readers he was devoted to a single aim, "forgetting those things which are behind." He challenged his readers to forget the things that cripple, hinder and defeat. Paul did not have the inclination or the time to look back, but he persisted in bearing down upon the goal and sought above everything else to please his Lord.

Paul made it clear the secret of his great and useful life was four-fold: He was dissatisfied with his accomplishments, he was desirous of spiritual achievement, he was devoted to a single aim and he was diligent in strenuous activity. From verses 20-21 we learn Christians have a heavenly citizenship by the grace of God. Realization and appreciation of it should cause us to live up to the standards of heaven instead of conforming to the standards of this world. How wonderful to be citizens of heaven! The principle is sound, the privileges are delightful and the prospects are bright.



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on mission together

What goes around, comes around

In reading old issues of Western Recorder recently, I came across a matter being debated among Baptists today.

The following is the Editor's response to a letter on the subject of "messenger instruction."

Does the Recorder mean that churches may instruct their messengers, and when so instructed, the messengers in convention assembled should be faithful to vote in accordance with these instructions? A. S. Hall, Van Alstyne, Tex.

"The point we made in the editorial was simply that the matter of churches instructing their messengers was something to be left to the churches, and not to be taken up and passed on by conventions or boards. As to whether a church

may instruct her messengers or not, as a matter of fact, churches have done it; and if churches see fit to do it, where is the power to prevent it?

"Whether it be wise or unwise, proper or improper, is a different matter. The churches can do it if they will, and nobody can prevent them.

"The arguments pro and con—and brethren have a perfect right to freely discuss the question—must of necessity be left to the churches.

"When messengers are instructed and do not carry out their instructions, the matter must also be left to the church sending them. Conventions and Boards should not 'lay down the law' to the churches either as to whether or not they should instruct their messengers, or as to what they should do with messengers who disregard instructions. These are matters which of necessity must be left to the churches.

"We are frank to say, however, that if a church should ask our advice as to whether in a given case they should in-

struct their messengers, our advice would be to select the wisest men and to trust them without instructions.

"But the church might go ahead and, disregarding our advice, instruct the messengers anyway, and we would have no power to prevent it.

"We can give advice to a church but it is for the church to say whether or not that advice shall be taken."

In that same issue was an editorial concerning a group in Arkansas who were threatening to create a "second" state convention within their state.

The issue was over whether or not there should be a recording secretary (Executive Secretary).

In the last paragraph of the Editor's response (editorial) he stated:

"We understand that it is claimed that a large majority of the Baptists in Arkansas sympathize with the brethren who have organized the new body. If this be true, why separate? Why not take possession of the Convention?"

All of this was going on in April, 1902.

Georgetown grads' adoptions have impact in Israel

by Art Toalston

Noor, a frolicking child, is a rarity among Arabs in Israel. She's adopted.

Adoption raises few eyebrows in the United States, but it's nearly unheard of in Tur'an, Noor's new hometown in heavily Arab northern Israel, as well as in Arab culture in general.

That doesn't bother Noor's adoptive mother, Fayrouz Abu Samra. No one, she says, can know "how much I love this child."

"Except someone else who has adopted," adds Ray Hicks, who once lived in the village.

Hicks and his wife Bev understand Mrs. Samra's elation. The 1983 Georgetown grads have adopted three children. Their example stirred Mrs. Samra and her husband, Micah, to dare to think about adopting a child.

The Hickses, Southern Baptist representatives in Israel, worked with the Baptist center in Tur'an for several years, and Mrs. Samra saw a naturalness to the love expressed in the adopted family. "It's a possibility for us, too,"

she remembers telling her husband. "Why can't we do the same thing?" The couple had been childless about 10 years. Three years later, Noor was in their arms.

One Easter morning, adoption officials "told us to get a bottle ready," Mrs. Samra recounts. "We had two reasons to celebrate"—Christ's resurrection and a certainty "that this is what God wanted us to do . . . for our lives and for the life of a child."

The Samras wondered what reactions they would face in the community. They often had encountered puzzled looks after mentioning that they might adopt a child. "People didn't know anything about it," Mrs. Samra says. But the couple was pleasantly surprised when, in traditional village fashion, Christian and Muslim friends came to offer their blessings and bring gifts for the infant.

The couple is thinking about adopting again, Mrs. Samra says. She wants another girl; her husband wants a boy.

For Ray and Bev Hicks, the frustration of childlessness has been supplanted by adoption-related joy en-

compassing, in Mrs. Hicks's words, "some of the times we have felt God's presence more than in any other experiences."

Their adoptions haven't been encumbered with paperwork and legal tieups, either, in part because they were willing to accept children with interracial backgrounds. They adopted their first child, Sommer, before being appointed as Baptist representatives to Israel 10 years ago. They have since adopted two other children, Melakee and Micah. Arrangements for each child were handled by the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, New Orleans, La.

Hicks, meanwhile, has become administrator of the Baptist Convention in Israel, the organization of Southern Baptist representatives in the country. The family now lives in an Arab community near Jerusalem.

Many societies still have hangups about adoption, the Hickses say. Some parents tell their adopted children to keep quiet about it. Sometimes people aren't told they were adopted until they reach young adulthood, when such news can be traumatic.

To the Hickses, however, adoption is central in the teachings of the New Testament. "I think it is one of the least emphasized concepts within the church today," Hicks says. Jesus, for example, was adopted by Joseph. And Christians are "the children of God. We are adopted, chosen. Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. . . .'"

The Hickses are trying to explain the positive aspects of adoption to Sommer, Melakee and Micah. "They are going to hear the negative things whether they want to or not. They are going to hear things that, at times, are cruel from kids who just don't understand," Hicks acknowledges.

"But we feel God has given us the opportunity to give three kids a special foundation so they can cope with the world that will be facing them. The kids will always have a safe haven here. They will always have support and love. Those things can overcome a lot of problems."

"We feel so positively that God

brought us all together—each of our kids and us—for a very special reason and in a very special way."

To celebrate adoption, the Hickses have a "special day" for each child, much like a birthday, on the date each joined the family. They get out a picture album of the child's early months and recall their thoughts and feelings leading up to the child's arrival.

"They love it," Mrs. Hicks says. "They want us to repeat it over and over again. They want to hear how excited we were."

Each child also gets to pick a favorite eating place where the family will go that night.

Another way the Hickses sought to impart a positive view of adoption was by waiting in another room while Sommer went ahead to be the first member of the family to see and hold Melakee. A few years later, Sommer and Melakee were the first to see and hold Micah.

The Hickses have no worries about rearing their children overseas, and their adoption agency expressed no reservations. "How many kids are bilingual by the fourth grade or have the opportunity to see different parts of the world?" Hicks asks. The children will gain a more realistic view of the world, he believes.

Opportunities for ministering to childless couples seem to abound whenever the Hickses return to the United States. "It is really hard to understand what somebody is going through," Hicks explains, "if you have never been through that process—all the tests, feeling like God has abandoned you because you can't have biological children."

"It is like a grief process you work through," Mrs. Hicks says.

Until a few years ago, Hicks confides, he occasionally felt that grief—until he would hear a child's voice or the patter of feet around the house.

"I can't imagine loving a biological child any differently than we love our children," he reflects. "They are special in our eyes and in God's eyes, which is no different from a biological child."



(l-r) Bev and Ray Hicks share family photos with Micah Abu Samra and his wife Fayrouz. Mrs. Hicks adopted Micah and Mrs. Samra holds adopted Noor.

Pastor "strikes chord" with seniors

by Chip Alford

What made Tiny Tim famous, costs less than \$50 and strikes the right chord with senior citizens at Glenview Baptist Church, Haltom City, Tex.?

It's the four-stringed ukelele, one of the less-heralded strummed instruments which has been a stranger to most church auditoriums. But that may be changing.

Glenview pastor Dennis Baw borrowed the idea for a ukelele band from his father's church, Baring Cross Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark.

Baw talked his own senior citizens group into giving it a try six months ago, dubbed them "The Hallelujah Chorus" and hit the road for a tour of nursing homes, retirement centers and churches. The response has been so overwhelming the group has a full appointment book for the next several months.

"Some of our senior citizens thought they couldn't do it but once I got a few to try it, they realized they could and then they became really excited about it," explained Baw, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Church members lease or buy the

ukeleles (\$50 for baritone ukes and \$20 for sopranos) from a local music store. Most of the band members don't read music so Baw writes out chords for the songs and personally directs the group's one-hour practice sessions each Sunday evening. The group already has a repertoire of about 10 "old-time religion" tunes, including the crowd-pleasing novelty number "The Preacher and the Bear."

"We're not musicians. We're just a bunch of folks who love the Lord and like to have fun," said band member Bob Taylor, who serves as minister to senior adults. "The ukelele is really an easy instrument to learn how to play and it's a lot of fun, too."

The Hallelujah Chorus currently boasts 20 strummers with 15-20 backup singers. Members, who were drawn from Glenview's "Live Longer and Love It" Sunday school class, range in age from 65 to 80.

The group will accompany Baw on two revival trips this year and will continue to make about two appearances at local functions each month.

Baw is also writing a musical for the band to perform based on the biblical



Dennis Baw (center), pastor, Glenview Baptist Church, Haltom City, Tex., leads the "Hallelujah Chorus."

character Caleb. The musical will be videotaped this summer and aired as a 30-minute special program on the 120-station Christian Family Network.

"It's really turned out to be a great ministry for us," said Baw. "It's teach-

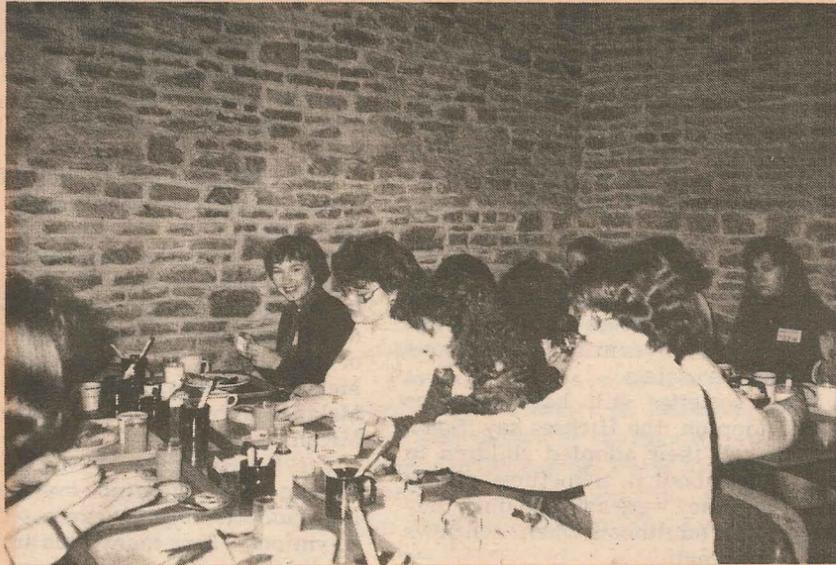
ing our folks to never quit."

And it looks like the ukelele idea will never quit at Glenview either. Baw said the senior citizen response has been so good the church is starting a band for children.



KENTUCKY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Campus Baptist Young Women Retreat



Campus Baptist Young Women is a group of women students who are interested in missions and want to make a difference in the world. It is an organization, yes, but it is more. Experiences in Campus BYW will have lasting effects on members. The focus of the organization is missions. It is a part of Woman's Missionary Union. It carries out the four tasks of WMU. Those four tasks are:

- Teach missions
- Engage in mission action and personal witnessing
- Support missions
- Interpret and undergird the work of the church and denomination

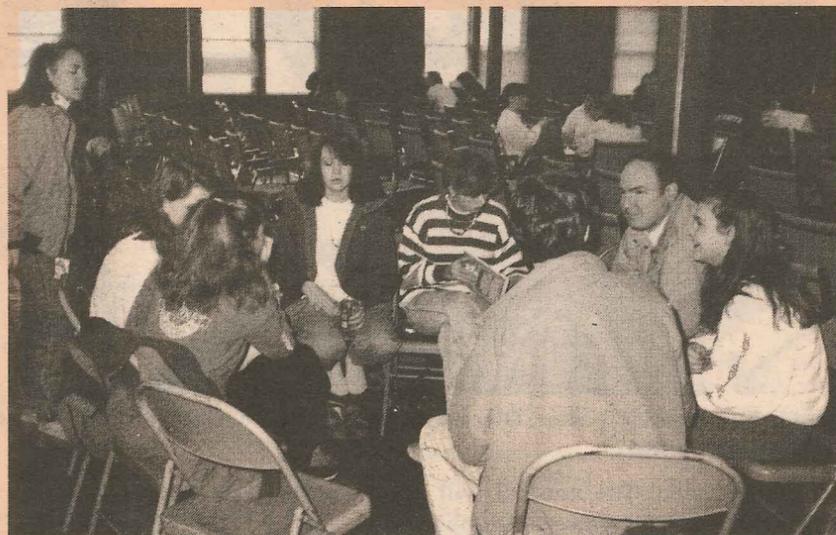
"God's Call to Obedience" was the theme for the Kentucky CBYW retreat at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, March 3-4. It was a retreat that brought CBYW members to one place for fun, fellowship, praying, learning, and growing together. Retreat leaders included Katrina Knox, Southern Baptist missionary to Rwanda, Mary Anne Poe, Director of Student Development and Financial Aid, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Grace Powell, CBYW Consultant, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union.

Youth Missions Workshop Missions: "Hearts Open to Serve"

Youth Missions Workshop provides an exciting opportunity for planning and training youth and leaders for mission action. Youth Missions Workshop is one way that the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions is used in reaching out to others. This workshop took place at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly on March 10-11, and was sponsored by the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky.

On any brochure for the Youth Missions Workshop, you will find a logo with open hearts. This logo is to encourage youth to have open hearts and an openness to use their abilities in ministry. The interests and abilities of young people vary, and Youth Missions Workshop offers conferences to encompass many of these interests. Ministry can be done by youth through various activities. Clowning, puppets, games, media, personal witnessing, mission Vacation Bible School, and Backyard Bible Clubs are ways to share Christ's love through missions. Youth Missions Workshop offers training in these areas.

The workshop provided "hands-on" experience for youth and gave structure to preparing for youth mission projects.



Youth group meets for planning and prayer.



Don Keith (left) and Sharon Adkerson (right) led workshops on clowning.



Shirley Gross led a conference on non-competitive games.