

Utah-Idaho team stresses needs of lost, ministers

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

With the anticipated 1990 Kentucky/Utah-Idaho partnership, Kentucky volunteers will once again be offered the opportunity to assist ministry projects in a pioneer mission area.

But beyond that, Kentuckians will have the opportunity to minister to the pastors and home missionaries themselves.

Six members of the Kentucky Baptist Convention staff and two local pastors recently returned from a second trip to the Utah-Idaho Baptist Convention, where they began to lay preliminary plans for the proposed partnership. They found the overwhelming need to be emotional, physical and spiritual support of Southern Baptist workers there.

According to Robert Jones, director, KBC Direct Missions Department, "The pressure on families is unbelievable. It's a different kind of stress—isolation, loneliness. Southern Baptists are definitely part of a minority group."

The primary religion of the area is Mormonism, with Catholics second and Southern Baptists third. An estimated

91% of the 2.4 million population is lost and only one in 100 people are Southern Baptist. Forty percent claim no connection with Mormonism or any other religion.

"Baptists really feel ostracized among Mormons, especially the young people," Jones stressed.

KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall and Darwin Welch, Utah-Idaho executive secretary, led the preparatory trip. Others traveling from Kentucky included Direct Missions director Jones; C. Benton Williams, director of the KBC's Missions and Church Services Division; Calvin Wilkins, partnership missions director, Direct Missions Department; Dee Gilliland, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union; Robert Y. Simpkins, director, Brotherhood Department; Philip Majors, pastor, First Baptist Church, Stearns, McCreary Association; and Mark A. Keith, Hebron Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

The team was divided into three groups led by Utah-Idaho convention personnel: executive secretary Welch; Lavoid Robertson, director, Evangelism and Stewardship Department; Bruce Gardner, Brotherhood and State Missions director; and Jim Myers, catalyst missionary in northern Idaho.

The groups toured areas on the field from Wednesday-Saturday, Apr. 12-15. In addition five members spoke in churches on Sunday. Wilkins reported good contacts, visiting primarily with pastors.

The convention covers almost 1500 miles, from the Canadian border to Arizona. "It's 75 to 100 miles between Baptist churches," Wilkins noted. "Many of these churches meet in houses or other substandard buildings."

Ninety-six Southern Baptist churches and 38 missions comprise 11 associations. "The vastness of the territory covered by directors of missions is astounding," Jones emphasized. "One director even has an airplane!"

According to Wilkins, the teams traveled a total of 3500 miles by car while Marshall and Wilkins traveled an additional 1500 miles by air, reaching as far as Spokane, Wash.

Each of the three teams visited with pastors, churches and associations to explain the proposed partnership and to let Utah-Idaho personnel explain needs Kentuckians could help meet.

Team members found hundreds of churches had closed their doors, partly due to the closing of coal mines. But they also found Baptists reported much success in reaching nonpracticing Mormons.

In addition Marshall and Wilkins toured 12 churches in Salt Lake City Saturday morning. They found the need of support tremendous.

"The churches were struggling," Wilkins reported. "One or two are what you would consider 'up and going' with future building plans and the like."

The group found one of the greatest needs is for retired church staff personnel. Wilkins reported a need for retired pastors to give six months or more as interim pastor of struggling churches. Churches could also use retired music and Christian education ministers for three to six months, he added.

The team found other needs:

—Teacher training, discipleship and foundation in Baptist doctrine for small churches.



KBC Utah-Idaho team (l-r): Philip Majors, Mark A. Keith, Dee Gilliland, C. Benton Williams, Robert Jones, William Marshall, Calvin Wilkins and Robert Y. Simpkins.

—Workers to help volunteer personnel at Baptist student unions.

—Retired college professors and administrators to help begin a branch of Grand Canyon College.

—Strong leadership for Baptist men's and women's work.

—Youth groups and other volunteer teams to help with vacation Bible school, backyard Bible clubs, music programs, evangelism and beach ministry on Priest River in northern Idaho.

—Volunteers to help Salt Lake churches that use social ministries as a means of reaching internationals and Indian tribes.

—Pastors and other staff members to supply for local pastors who receive little time away from the stressful situation.

—Building teams to do repair on churches and parsonages.

Jones noted that the Utah-Idaho churches were not asking for money, though there are obvious financial needs.

"Some pastors receive as little as \$75

a week salary. Many are bivocational, their wives teach school, or they are partially supported through the Home Mission Board," Wilkins explained.

"They see the importance of missions," Jones added. "They are on the receiving end, but they see the importance of giving. One small church in Idaho gave \$300 to both the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings."

Yet the overwhelming need is a plea for prayer support for Baptists who experience tremendous aloneness. Though Utah-Idaho Baptists value that prayer link, Jones stressed that Kentuckians have the opportunity to do much more in reaching the lost and ministering to Baptist workers alike.

The proposed partnership is to be presented at the annual Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in November, and KBC mission personnel feel confident of its approval. "People from Kentucky will be attracted to Utah-Idaho who might not have been attracted to Brazil, Ohio or eastern Kentucky," Jones expressed.

Vestal: 'bridge over troubled SBC water'?

by Mark Baggett and Toby Druin

Offering himself as a "responsible reconciler, a bridge to call our people back together," Daniel Vestal announced Apr. 16 that he will permit his nomination as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., June 13.

Vestal made the announcement to Dunwoody (Ga.) Baptist Church, Atlanta, where he has been pastor since October 1988, following a 12-year pastorate at First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex.

"I am theologically and biblically conservative and have proved that I am committed to the cooperative approach to missions," Vestal said.

"He hopes to return to the 'time-honored principles of Southern Baptists: the authority of scripture, the priesthood of believers, the autonomy of the local church, the separation of church and state, and the cooperative approach to missions rather than the independent approach,'" he said. "Because of our allegiance to those principles, we have thrived. But we are no longer thriving, because we are drifting away from those principles."

Vestal, who in February was among several people who spoke at a meeting sponsored by Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, said he welcomed the group's support of his nomination, but insisted he

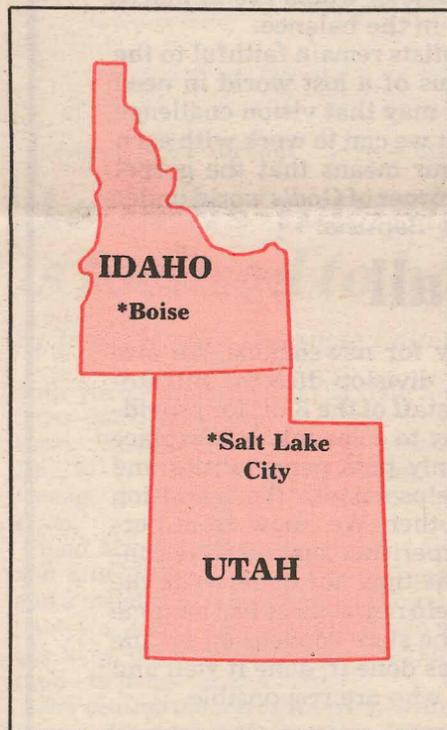
does not belong to Baptists Committed or any group: "I am not owned by anybody. I am owned by Jesus Christ. I welcome the support of others, but I am my own person."

His decision is "not so much to run against Jerry Vines personally," Vestal said. Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., is completing his first year as SBC president and said in February he is willing to be nominated for a second term.

"I served with Jerry Vines on the Peace Committee for two years and love him as a Christian brother and value his friendship and his ministry," said Vestal.

Vestal, 44, noted his Southern Baptist roots. He is the son of the late Southern Baptist evangelist Dan Vestal and was an evangelist as a boy and young man himself, preaching more than 300 revivals. He earned two degrees each from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He was pastor of two churches before moving to First Baptist Church, Midland, in 1976. The Midland church has led the SBC in Cooperative Program giving over the past decade and gave more than \$1 million in 1988.

The 3500-member Dunwoody church gave \$295,036 to the Cooperative Program in 1988 and will give 12 percent of undesignated receipts this year. (BP)



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Lottie Moon tops \$1 billion



Jack D. Sanford

The Foreign Mission Board announced that total Lottie Moon gifts since the beginning of the offering topped \$1 billion in mid April for a milestone in mission giving.

The success of this offering during the past 100 years is a tribute to the perseverance and dedication of Southern Baptist women who have given leadership to Woman's Missionary Union. WMU has been the driving force in keeping this offering before Southern Baptists and they have been the prime givers to the offering each year.

The first Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was taken in 1888 when Lottie Moon, a foreign missionary serving in China, wrote to the newly organized WMU asking the members to take an offering to send another missionary to China to help her do the Lord's work.

The women in America set a goal of \$2000 that first year, but went beyond that goal and raised \$3,315.26, enough to send three missionaries to help Lottie Moon.

All of us who share in this offering know that every penny given by members of our churches goes directly to the mission field for use by our missionaries. Not one dime is spent in administration because these costs are taken care of from Cooperative Program funds.

More than \$75 million has been received toward the 1988 goal of \$84 million. Projections indicate the offering for 1988 will be about \$6.5 million short of the goal when the FMB closes the books on 1988 on May 31, 1989 if the current giving trend continues.

The Week of Prayer, sponsored each December by WMU, has been the force behind successful

mission giving among Southern Baptists. That force has produced the first \$70 million offering in a single year when that feat was accomplished in 1988.

From the first offering given in 1888 until 1959, Southern Baptists gave a total of \$61 million. From 1960 until the present, we have given about \$940 million. If the offering increases by at least three percent each year over the previous year from now on, Southern Baptists will reach the \$2 billion mark within 10 years—by 1999.

Perhaps nothing expresses our deepest conviction and our most unifying force better than our commitment to missions, especially foreign missions. The call of a lost world has opened our pocketbooks like nothing else and that same call has been a healing, unifying force among us for many years.

We express profound gratitude to the women of our churches who have conscientiously kept alive the dream of Lottie Moon and who have stimulated all of us to go a second mile in serving the Lord with our offerings. We pray now that those among us who have not already done so will make a generous offering before the end of May so that we will reach our national goal this year. What a stimulant and encouragement that would be for all our missionaries, some of whom are in places where life itself hangs in the balance.

Let all Southern Baptists remain faithful to the vision scripture gives us of a lost world in need of the Lord Jesus. And may that vision challenge each of us to do the best we can to work with each other and to give of our means that the gospel may go to the furthest corner of God's world under the banner of Southern Baptists.

A good time was had by all

The second annual Welcome to Kentucky Day was held this past week to welcome new church staff members to Kentucky Baptist Convention life and give them orientation to the way we work together on mission for our Lord.

Under sponsorship of the Minister/Church Support Division of the KBC, about 28 new church staff members and spouses were dined and entertained at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, Louisville and at the Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown.

Guy Futral, consultant in the Minister/Church Relations Department, organized the meeting and moderated the sessions, which included a presentation from several KBC staff people, as well as Western Recorder and Woman's Missionary Union. In addition the new people to our state were given the grand tour of the KBC building where they had opportunity to meet all our denominational people. They visited each department of our work and were introduced to all the programs and ministries we are trying to do together for the Lord.

We commend Bill Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer for the vision which stimulated this

effort to ease the way for newcomers. We also commend Guy Futral, division director Bill Rogers and the executive staff of the KBC for providing such a pleasant way to come into a new place of service. This certainly puts personalities and faces to names and helps smooth the transition from one place to another. We know from personal, often painful, experience that all state conventions do not take the time nor underwrite the expense necessary to help newcomers feel at home when they come into the state convention for the first time. Kentucky has done it, done it well and we congratulate those who are responsible.

We pray those who were welcomed so graciously will feel the spirit of cooperation and fellowship which prevails in our state. We also pray this same spirit will be theirs as they take up their work among us. This surely is the need of the hour and we feel good about this welcoming activity for we believe it is good and proper to welcome brothers and sisters to the harvest field and help them find their way among friends. And friends is what we want to be to each and every one of these newcomers to Kentucky.

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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.—Jude 3

Paducah homemaker elected state WMU leader

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Identifying herself as "an ordinary woman from west Kentucky who has never said 'no' to anything WMU has asked me to do," Delores Spears of Paducah has assumed the presidency of Kentucky's Woman's Missionary Union. The 55-year-old homemaker and active churchwoman was elected state president during the organization's 86th annual meeting Apr. 21-22 at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

She succeeded Peggy Hicks, of Louisville, who completed the constitutional limit of four one-year terms. Mrs. Hicks was feted at a reception in the host church's activities building during the annual meeting.

Reelected WMU officers for 1988-89 were Phyllis Parks, Bowling Green, vice president; Laverne Barnes, Bagdad, secretary; and Dee Gilliland, Middletown, executive director-treasurer.

Eight persons rotating off the WMU executive board were honored: Marilyn Lamkin, Louisville; Mary Wallace, Lexington; Jessie Boyd, Ashland; Jean Allen, Mt. Vernon; Ruth Milby, London; Bonnie Hartley, Russellville; Jewel Helton, Hopkinsville; Susie Whittaker, Hartford.

Elected to serve in 1988-89, by region, are these 24 WMU executive board members:

Central—Ann Moffett, Shelbyville;

Pam Cobb, Eminence; Virginia A. Drake, Bardstown.

North Central—Pat Cummins, Burlington; Anna White, Lexington; Jane Allison, Georgetown.

Northeastern—Billie Emmons, Ashland; Suzanne Boyd, Pikeville; June Rice, Paintsville.

South Central—Dixie Lusher, Berea; Joyce Martin, Campbellsville; Kathleen Hall, Stanford.

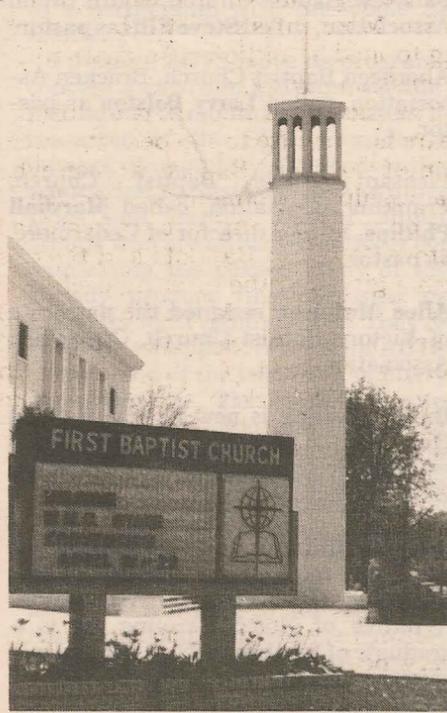
Southeastern—Arvilla Lowrie, Williamsburg; Carolyn Bemis, Corbin; Jody Baker, Viper.

Southern—Doris Mullendore, Bowling Green; Darlene Hayes, Cave City; Evelyn Chandler, Russellville.

Southwestern—Susan Stinnett, Lacer; Edna McKinney, Murray; Jan Ausenbaugh, Hopkinsville.

Western—Cathy Chinn, Hartford; Linda Shannon, Greenville; Joyce Paris, Sturgis.

The wife of a bivocational minister of music elected to the Kentucky Baptist executive board only last November, new WMU president Delores Spears is a native Paducahan who was baptized in Lone Oak Baptist Church at nine years of age. Her husband, Bill, also a native Paducahan, is employed by a long distance telephone service and is part time music leader at Paducah's West End Baptist Church. They are parents of three married children—a son and two daughters—and are expecting their



third grandchild.

Mrs. Spears has "phased out" some of her local church and associational responsibilities in order to "be available" for statewide service. Earlier, she was a choir member and Sunday school teacher at Lone Oak and held "nearly every job" in WMU at "one time or other."

She told Western Recorder that her "greatest desire" as she assumes the helm of the Kentucky program is to see women in local churches serve the Lord. She said she also wants to maintain WMU's focus on missions, which some churches "have gotten away from." She believes the potential of women is "great" in serving God.

The annual meeting at Hopkinsville was a blend of missionary testimonies and challenges, transacting business and other program features to inspire the heartbeat of missions into the estimated crowd of 1500 persons.

Said Winona Cobb, of Amarillo, Tex., who has been an overseas volunteer: "The response is often life-changing when an ordinary Christian tells a person of another culture, 'Oh, let me tell you what the Lord has done for me.'"

Pleading with her audience to support missions education, Doris Diaz, of Birmingham, Ala., SBC WMU language consultant, shared experiences in overcoming language as a cultural barrier in worship.

"I firmly believe the Lord speaks Spanish," the Guatemala-born speaker said, tongue-in-cheek, for "he speaks to me in Spanish, not English."

In one of the more stirring addresses, Ronald N. Boswell, director of the Foreign Mission Board's Volunteer in Missions Department, Richmond, Va., urged total commitment.

"When I love God I'm not going to put him on a percentage (in giving) or give him just one day a week," said Boswell. "I'm going to answer the Macedonian call with everything I have."

"A ship is safe in a harbor," Boswell went on. "It takes courage to leave the well (as mission volunteers) for Kenya. A good many more are going to leave for Brazil. Let me encourage you to leave the well. Let me ask you to trust God with your zip code and put you where he wants you to be."

Earlier that day William D. Jagers, director of the KBC's Evangelism De-

partment, referred to more than 1.2 million lost persons within Kentucky.

One of the "best ways to win them" is through new church starts, he declared.

He observed that 269 new churches, missions and preaching points have begun in the state since 1985 when a five-year effort was launched to begin work in 400 new areas. Graphically, he described new work among Hispanics, the deaf and Japanese in Lexington; new work starts at a skating rink and near the new Toyota plant in Elkhorn Association; at a prison; at Pineville; through telemarketing in Northern Kentucky Association; and in multi-housing units in Elliott County.

Summarizing, Jagers admonished: "Thank you for caring and sharing that all in Kentucky may have an opportunity to know Christ."

In a dedicatory challenge to the new officers of Kentucky's WMU, C. Benton Williams, director of the KBC's Missions and Church Services Division, implied: "This could be the greatest days in the Kentucky Baptist Convention and WMU because we commit ourselves to what God wants." He said he "truly believes" Kentucky has become one of the most "mission-minded" states in the Southern Baptist Convention.

While lauding the state for its "wonderful increase" in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions, up 7% last year, WMU executive director-treasurer Dee Gilliland chastised Baptists of the state for a 1.8% increase in Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions giving. "It's not worth bragging about," she allowed. "It's not even keeping up with inflation."

But she said the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions, up 3.79%, "shows you are understanding missions."

Mission offering totals released at this year's annual meeting for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1988 showed \$2,317,560 given in the state to Lottie Moon; \$1,058,364 to Annie Armstrong; and \$559,430 to Eliza Broadus. Combined, the three offerings pumped \$3,935,354 into missions revenue over and above the Cooperative Program and other direct gifts for the year.

In a 19-minute whirlwind report on the year's work based on the popular TV program "20/20," Middletown WMU staff members gave an overview of what had been accomplished. While Anna Mary Byrdwell, Baptist Women-Baptist Young Women consultant, presided, other staff participants included Carol Noffsinger, WMU consultant; Brenda Price, Girls in Action-Mission Friends consultant; and Grace O. Powell, Acteens-Campus Baptist Young Women consultant.

A state Acteens panel of four young women presented in testimony, song and slide program what Acteens means to them. About 400 Acts in Action and their leaders temporarily left their own meeting in Hopkinsville to appear before the state WMU convention to sing the GA theme song.

In the absence of Helen Fling, of Birmingham, Ala., who had been scheduled to deliver several Bible studies during the annual meeting and was unable to appear, Southern Seminary missions professor Bryant Hicks spoke at several sessions. He is the husband of outgoing president Peggy Hicks.

The 1990 meeting of Kentucky WMU will be held Apr. 20-21 at Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Acteens panelists say program is focused to honor Jesus Christ

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Four young ladies selected as state Acteens panelists appeared on the Kentucky WMU annual meeting agenda Apr. 21-22 at Hopkinsville lauding the teenage girls' missions education program.

Said Marilyn Bault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Bault of Casey Creek, and a member of Yuma Baptist Church: "Acteens play a very important role in our lives, but it all stands for one purpose—to honor Jesus Christ."

Her sentiments were echoed by Jenny Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Bowen of Demossville, and a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church; Stacey Durbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Durbin of Sturgis, and a member of Grangertown Baptist Church; and Sharla Pochodzay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Pochodzay of Paris, and a member of First Baptist Church, Paris.

The four combined to sing "People Need the Lord" before more than a

thousand participants at an afternoon WMU session at Hopkinsville's First Baptist Church. In testimony and through visual images they portrayed what Acteens meant to them and what Acteens affords young women.

The state panelists complete application forms available from the state WMU office in Middletown, according to Grace O. Powell, Acteens-Campus Baptist Young Women consultant. Permission to serve, if appointed, must be given in writing by an applicant's parent or guardian. Applications for each new year must be mailed by Sept. 1.

Miss Powell said the panel is expected to assist in planning the annual state Acteens convention, to be pages during the WMU annual meeting and to be available to speak on behalf of Acteens in churches and associations across the state. The girls selected are given a week at Acteen camp during the summer and WMU pays their expenses (but not transportation) while attending its functions.



State Acteens panelists for 1988-89 (l-r): Jenny Bowen, Demossville; Stacey Durbin, Sturgis; Sharla Pochodzay, Paris; Marilyn Bault, Casey Creek.

mountains to the mississippi



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Graduation

These final days of the semester bring a full calendar and mixed emotions. Forty-four graduates rejoice to complete the course and secure diplomas at commencement exercises May 5, Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro. Sadness touches the occasion as classmates separate and families move. Years of training now face the test of local church ministry. Bill Helton in his chapel message expressed the graduates' feelings: "The professors did something for me. I know less than when I came. I thought I knew so much when I entered Clear Creek but I leave realizing so much more of God's truth."

Graduation begins with the senior class banquet. Class president Chuck McMahan has come a long way since the days in an American Indian sweat lodge in search of truth. The senior tea focuses on the wives. My wife recognizes each of them in a delightful evening of remembrance. On Wednesday morning comes the senior breakfast in Kelly Hall followed by individual photographs made in cap and gown. Seniors plan and direct the Thursday chapel service. Friday awards chapel recognizes student achievement in several areas including effectiveness in in-service ministry, church and youth leadership, minister's wife, evangelism, discipleship and the student who has demonstrated the greatest progress. The faculty will also present the first R. P. Mahon Founders' Award recognizing a graduate fulfilling our historic emphasis on theological education for adults beginning a second career.

We remember our alumni during graduation week with presentation of Delta Epsilon Chi society membership to two Bible college graduates with distinguished ministry. We honor 1955 graduate W. B. Bingham, pastor of Binghamtown Baptist Church for 39 years and 1963 graduate Edgar Perry, director of the Cultural Center, Ft. Apache Indian Reservation, White River, Ariz.

The week concludes with awarding of degrees and commencement message by Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer Bill Marshall. His presence affirms our strong ties with Kentucky Baptists and our appreciation for convention support.

With diploma in hand a new stage in ministry commences. The campus family prepares for the coming of a new class.

personnel

Fairview Baptist Church, South Union Association, called **Steve Ellis** as pastor.

Aberdeen Baptist Church, Bracken Association, called **Larry Polston** as pastor.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Franklin Association, called **Marshall Phillips**, former director of Cedarmore, as pastor.

Allen McQueen resigned the pastorate of Victory Baptist Church, Crittenden Association.

Buddy Keeling is new pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church, Ohio River Association. He was ordained by Hampton Baptist Church Apr. 16.

Rick McMillian is the new minister of youth and music, First Baptist Church, Eddyville, Caldwell-Lyon Association. A native of North Carolina, he is a graduate of Pembroke (N. C.) State University, and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary two years in the school of church music. He and his wife Karen have one daughter, Lauren Noel. Norman Bowman is pastor.

Dale Adkins is new associate minister of activities and senior adults at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren County Association. Richard Bridges is pastor.

Eric Hall is youth and music minister of First Baptist Church, LaCenter, West Union Association. Tony D. Stinnett is pastor.

Ralph Duncan is new pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, North Concord Association. He goes from a pastorate in Tennessee and was former director of public relations and radio broadcast production at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville. He has pastored churches in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. He is married to the former Louise Sandefur of Tazewell, Tenn.

Sunnyside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Curtis Moore** as pastor. He is former minister of youth at Southside Baptist Church, Long Run Association, and missionary to Montana.

Fairview Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association, called **Gary King** as pastor. He goes from Bradfordville Baptist Church, Central Association.

Michael Milby is new music director of Sinking Spring Baptist Church, Blood River Association. Eddie Young is pastor.

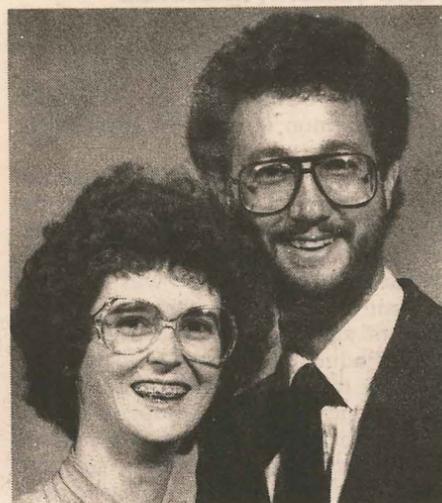
deaths

James Nelson Davis, pastor of Chapel Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, died of cancer Mar. 31.

During his 11 years at Chapel Grove he baptized 114 new members. He was also an instructor of electrical wiring at Corbin Vocational School. He and his students rewired old church and public buildings in Whitley, Laurel and Knox counties. He was 63. Memorial services were held Apr. 3 at Chapel Grove.



Rev. and Mrs. Michael Durbin



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Winter

missions

Rev. and Mrs. Michael E. Durbin were among 50 people named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Apr. 11 in the Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock, Ark.

The Durbins will live in south Brazil where he will start and develop churches. Since 1986 he has been pastor of Level Park Baptist Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

He received the MDiv from Southern Seminary, Louisville, and pastored English Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ky.

Mrs. Durbin, the former Sharlene Robinson, has been a secretary at Southern Seminary. They have two children: Christian Michael and Jonathan Daniel.

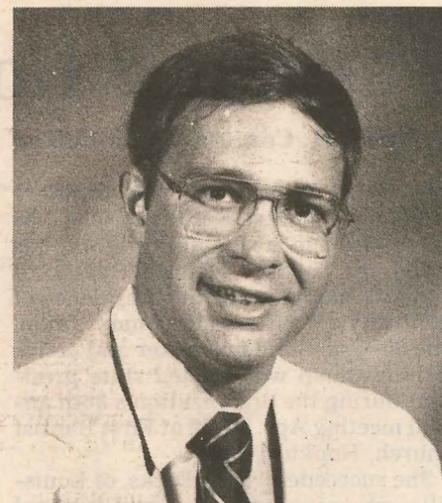
Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Winter were appointed missionaries to Argentina Apr. 11.

Since 1983 he has been minister of recreation/children and youth at Siloam Baptist Church, Easley, S. C. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville and was recreation associate at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mrs. Winter, former Ann Belle, received the AM degree from Southern Seminary. They have two children: Jonathan Keith and George Michael.

John D. Ray was appointed missionary to Yemen where he will work in the Baptist Hospital, Jibla.

A native of Louisville, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ray. He attends Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., and was director of emergency department for the United States Air Force Regional Hospital, Carswell Air Force Base, Tex.



John D. Ray

associations

South District Association passed a resolution commending businesses which by choice are not selling lottery tickets. The executive board also encouraged patronizing of these businesses. W. O. Willham is director of missions.

congregations

First Baptist, Hazard, Three Forks Association, ended a Sunday school growth campaign called "Miracle Day" Mar. 26. A record attendance of 377 in Sunday school and 509 in worship was recorded.

The church has accepted the gift of a valuable lot on which it will build a parsonage. Pastor is Ben Baird.

Olivet Baptist Church, West Union Association, dedicated a multipurpose addition Apr. 2.

The addition contains six classrooms, kitchen, restrooms, storage rooms, parlor and a minigymnasium and fellowship hall. The 8000-square-foot building was completed largely with volunteer labor. The addition also added sanctuary space for 100 people.

Interested congregations in volunteer approach to major construction are invited to contact the church. Pastor is Tommy Tucker.

Grants Lick Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, dedicated its new church building Apr. 23. William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was dedication speaker. Bill Barnard is pastor.

Rolling Fork Baptist Church, East Lynn Association, will celebrate homecoming May 21. This will celebrate the church's 188th anniversary. A pot-luck dinner on the grounds will follow the morning service with a music program by the Nolin River Quartet. All friends and former members are welcome. Pastor is Dwayne Howell.

ordinations

Bruce Queen was ordained at Buechel Park Baptist Church, Long Run Association. He is a student at Southern Seminary.

Ed McKinney was ordained at Georgetown Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association. Richard Allison is pastor.

baptist forum

A hard decision was best for all

I take offense at the statement, "Uncle Sam treats soldiers better than some Baptist churches treat their pastor." I don't know the circumstances of the dismissal of the pastor who wrote in your January issue, "A lonely cry . . . etc.," but I do know what happened at our church.

The deacons held our church together in spite of the pastor. Our church almost split after three months under his guidance. Family after family of long standing (teachers, trustees, choir members) left but the deacons supported him for seven months.

Having broken an agreement with the music committee and chairman of deacons and after the resignation of our fourth music and youth director, whom the pastor help select, he was quietly asked to resign. He forced the issue and wanted a vote from the church members. After a secret ballot the members voted to accept his resignation unanimously. We continued his salary for nearly three months and almost five months free housing.

The deacons are also under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and their duty isn't to the pastor only but to the "body of Christ." They can't make a pastor resign. It takes the body to do this.

The church cannot function by catering to the personal demands of the pastor. The church is the Bride of Christ and its duties are to win the lost, care for the widows and love the saints.

We felt this man was called of God but that his work here was finished. Our support of him put us behind in our mis-

sion giving, our Cooperative Program giving and other commitments to the Lord.

We pray for our former pastor and hope he will find a place of service. Meanwhile we must wait upon the Lord. In his own time he will send us a shepherd who will lead us to greater service. We have been accused of being hard-hearted, unfaithful, unChristian in our community, the association and even the state convention, but we feel time will prove this decision was best for all concerned.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The statement to which the letter writer objects was made by a pastor who was dismissed. His remarks were printed in his letter to the editor and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Western Recorder.

A better plan for ACTS

If outside companies wish to purchase ACTS for millions of dollars surely the Southern Baptist Convention could derive even more value by keeping it—with the right plan.

ACTS has always been plagued by a fatal flaw. In our history as Southern Baptists, programs and ideas which have flourished have virtually always sprung from the people. Not so with ACTS. It was conceived at the top, it was promoted from the top and the people have never felt ACTS was theirs. Its original programing is too often regionalized and top heavy. Our folks identify very little with ACTS because there is so little of our folks in ACTS.

A criticism of the RTVC has long been

their independence of other SBC agencies and groups. An answer to their current financial dilemma could be to join in a partnership with the whole SBC family.

I propose ACTS move its programing concept away from a Baptist version of PTL to one of mobilizing the talent and resources of the SBC. Consider the number of churches, state conventions, seminaries, Baptist colleges and universities and Baptist student ministry groups who are already creatively communicating the gospel. Many of these already produce fine television programs for local cable stations. They represent an untapped resource for ACTS.

The trend of the television industry is diversification. The current financial crisis is also an opportunity to be at the forefront of television emanating from the grassroots. The strength of the SBC is our people and the strength of their faith. If we find a way to portray that strength—in all its diversity—in dynamic and innovative programing and have a means to deliver it to the living rooms of America we may truly have the privilege of reaching our world.

Charles L. Smith
Louisville

Organization for medical volunteers

Health care professionals with an interest in missions have come together to form an organization which is helping match skills with needs. Men and women trained in various medical fields are, through the National Fellowship of Baptist Health-Related Professionals (NFBHRP), using their specialized ex-

perience to help missionaries address health problems in areas where they serve.

Under the direction of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men, the NFBHRP cooperates with other Southern Baptist professional organizations to enhance the work of the Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board in service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Membership is open to professing Christians who are members of Southern Baptist churches and who are certified in any health related profession except nursing, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. These groups have strong fellowships already established under the National Fellowship of Baptist Men.

For further information contact Mrs. Marilyn Carr, 164 Jefferson Sq., Nashville, TN 37215; Mrs. Fritha S. Dinwiddie, 1175-L Church St., Decatur, GA 30030; or Mr. Bob Salley, National Fellowship of Baptist Men, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104

Fritha S. Dinwiddie
Decatur, Ga.

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.

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Curtis C. Mooney
Executive Director
10901 Shelbyville Road
Middletown, KY 40243

homes for children

A good day

Recently I had a very enjoyable afternoon at Glen Dale and then later at Sonora Baptist Church where I spoke for the Severns Valley Baptist Association annual spring session.

Buckley Carlin and I spent part of the afternoon deciding which of the urgent capital items we had money to do. Since Buckley has come, we have revived the farm program through 4-H. The upkeep is much greater and some of it is beginning to catch up with us. We finally decided we could buy the materials a group from First Baptist Church, Richmond, would need to come and repair the barn. (Believe me, the barn needs it). We also agreed we had to dig a drainage ditch to stop the barn from flooding.

Putting phones into the new Mercer Center also was seen as a priority. This center serves as an activity and games center and was one of the old cottages which has been totally refurbished by the Mercer Baptist Association.

Unfortunately, we had to delay putting new gravel on the roads leading to the barn and two staff houses. We also had to hope the roofs will last a little longer on about four buildings. Several other projects were farther down our list, but we will get to them.

I also had the opportunity to eat with the children that evening. Now I eat on the campuses from time to time, but the joy was eating on an ordinary day. I was struck with what a great group of children we have. They were all well behaved and when time came for announcements, the first thing mentioned by one of the children was to request prayer for a house mother who had entered the hospital unexpectedly that morning.

After dinner they quickly cleaned up the dining room so the Angus Cattle Association could meet there that evening.

As I left Glen Dale that afternoon, I thought about how important our work is. Those children are why we exist. Everything we do must center on making their lives better and giving them the opportunity they have never had.

Thanks to you Kentucky Baptists, we will get our work done because you care about children.

Bivocational minister finds the hard way the lottery really is bad for business—his

by Jane Taylor Howell
State Correspondent

When Leroy Rearden took a stand on opposing the lottery it meant losing his job. The day the lottery tickets went on sale Rearden left his job at the local hardware store in Fordsville, Ky.

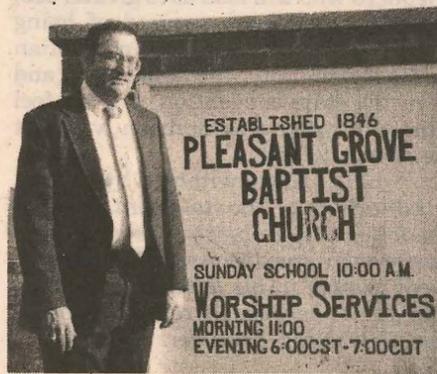
"I've worked against the lottery, against it going on the ballots, and to get it defeated when it came to the ballots. When it wasn't defeated and my boss told me we were going to sell lottery tickets I knew I had to take a stand," Rearden stated.

Rearden was the only employe working in the hardware store at the time the lottery ticket sales began. He had been working there over three years.

But more than a salesman, Rearden is a Christian and the pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Ohio County.

"I did a lot of praying and soul searching. A lot of people came and talked to me, even lost people. I was raised in this area and graduated from school in Fordsville. Some lost boys I went to school with came in and said, 'Leroy, if you're going to live what you preach you can't sell lottery tickets or you'll be a hypocrite.'

"When the Lord called me into the ministry I knew there would be days I'd have to take a stand if I were going to truly serve him. If I were going to live what I preached I couldn't sell lottery



Leroy Rearden

tickets!

"I didn't leave mad but my boss was for the lottery. He said he didn't want me to do anything that I felt was wrong and he didn't want me to do anything but live what I preach."

Rearden is a bivocational pastor and is currently looking for other employment in his area. He has been pastor at Pleasant Grove since February 1988 and would like to stay in that area. His wife is employed in the county and his daughters are in school there.

"My church members and my friends have been very supportive. They realized that I didn't have a choice," Rearden reflected.

"In the Bible a scripture kept coming to my mind—we are not to be a stumbling block to others. I knew if I stayed

and sold the tickets I would probably cause many to stumble."

Pleasant Grove Church has seen growth and new leadership since Rearden became pastor. Sunday attendance has grown from 30 to over 80 each week.

Apr. 17 the church dedicated new carpeting and redecorating. The members worked on the exterior of the church, mowing, edging and planting flowers. The church is warm and inviting.

Rearden himself said that he is not trying to make himself an example for others to notice. He just believes and acts on his beliefs.

"I believe that when I had some of my friends that were lost come in and tell me I couldn't sell lottery tickets, I knew I couldn't do it. When a lost person realizes the shape you're in you've got to do something. If you're going to ever reach those lost people then you've got to show them that the Lord you love and the Lord you're trying to share with them is worth your life and giving your life for him."

Rearden believes in sharing his skills with those around him. He is running for magistrate in his district. The people around him know who he is, what he stands for and that he is a Christian.

Christians have to make a stand against the lottery now with their daily living. Those in the world must know Christians are standing for what they profess. Leroy Rearden is doing that.

Henry countians help Jamaicans through Kentucky Baptist Builders

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

Once again Kentucky Baptist Builders have been on the move and this time the move took a group to Jamaica.

In March, 14 men from Henry County Association traveled to the island to help rebuild three of 181 churches destroyed in the wake of last year's hurricane Gilbert.

Members of the group included Greg Cobb, New Castle Baptist Church; Robert Wolf and Greg Hutcherson, Orville Baptist Church; Jeff Rucker and Vic Harrod, Pleasureville Baptist Church; A. B. Cox, Lockport Baptist Church; Lloyd Gray, Ed Rockwell, Brad

Evans, V. G. Curry, Joey Cox and Kenny Short, Smithfield Baptist Church; Danny Tribble, Richardson; and Bert Morgan, Pekin, Ind.

The group drove to Miami, Fla.; flew to Kingston, Jamaica; and drove from there to Moneaque College, base for the rebuilding operation.

A full week of grueling labor followed. The men repaired roofs on two churches and began the roof on a third church. Some of the work was even dangerous. The first church, Rio Bueno, was located on the edge of a cliff which dropped 200 feet. While they were working on the roof, the men were tied with safety ropes held by men on the ground.



(l-r) Bob Wolf, Joey Cox and Danny Tribble help rebuild a church roof.

To get to work sites some of the group drove 30 miles one way over treacherous highways.

"It took us over an hour to go 10 miles," said Cobb. "We were given a map and they said, 'There's the church. Get to it.'"

The March Jamaican climate was much warmer than in Kentucky and the men discovered the price of Coca-Cola was also much higher there. They bought two cases of Coke at the Jamaican price of \$160. A hamburger, french fries and soft drink from a Jamaican Burger King cost only \$30. However, the American dollar is worth over five Jamaican dollars.

The trip was not without its rewards though. "I can't think of anywhere else I've been that I've been more welcome," A. B. Cox reported. "They were really caring and sharing people."

Their enthusiasm has spread back home to Kentucky. As a direct result of the trip Orville Baptist Church voted to build an addition to their church. The work is being done completely by volunteers, both those who went to Jamaica and those who did not.

And the men are still willing to share the rewards of the trip. They are available to show slides to churches or other groups. Interested persons should contact Pam Cobb, director of missions, Henry County Association, Box 509, New Castle, KY 40050, phone 502-845-4262 or 502-845-4109.

christian education

Campbellsville College

Campbellsville College is offering three summer sessions. Courses include: personnel management, homiletics, fundamentals of elementary education for teacher endorsement only, advanced lifesaving, business internship and elementary typewriting.

Classes begin May 15-June 2; June 6-30; and July 3-28. Registration is in the business office. Students may preregister with their academic advisor. The fee is \$190 per credit hour.

For more information contact the admissions office at (502) 465-8158, ext. 6220.

Southern Seminary

A reunion banquet for alumni and friends of Southern Seminary is planned for those attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas in June.

The banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Las Vegas Hilton. Program features include a keynote address by Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt, presentation of the 1989 Alumni of the Year awards and music by the seminary vocal ensemble. The reunion will also be an occasion for a victory celebration for "Commitment '90," the capital funding effort for the seminary's \$16 million campus center complex now under construction.

Tickets are \$17.50 each if the request is postmarked May 15 or earlier. After May 15, the price will be \$21.

Persons interested in ordering tickets should mail their check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Alumni and Friends Reunion Tickets, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280. If no return envelope is enclosed, tickets must be picked up at the Southern Seminary exhibit at the SBC.

Stephen B. Ball, a student at Southern Seminary, has won a first place award in a writing competition sponsored by Metroversity, a consortium of seven colleges and graduate schools in the Louisville metropolitan area.

Ball, a Christian education student from Muncie, Ind., received the first place honors in the graduate creative nonfiction category for his entry titled "The Long, Cole Wait: An Advent Metaphor."

Laura Haas Pyo of Henderson has received the first Jewell Beall Award at Southern Seminary.

The award, named for the late Southern Baptist social work pioneer, will be given annually to a student in the Carver School of Church Social Work. The award recipient is chosen by the seminary's social work faculty.

Miss Pyo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Haas Jr. of Henderson.

Georgetown College

Paul Redditt, chairman of the Department of Religion, Georgetown (Ky.) College, has been asked by Ronald Clements of the University of London, England, to write biblical commentaries for the New Century Bible.

Redditt will focus his writings on three prophets: Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi.

The commentaries adhere to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and should appear in the early to mid 1990s,

according to Redditt.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Redditt has published several articles and book reviews.



Sylvia Watson

Sylvia Watson, executive director of the Louisville Free Public Library Foundation, has accepted the position of director of regional development at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

She will continue to live in Louisville and will solicit individual, foundation and corporate donors throughout Kentucky, with priority given to the greater Louisville area. She began Apr. 17.

As executive director of Louisville's public library foundation, Mrs. Watson oversaw an endowment campaign which raised \$6.3 million, surpassing a goal of \$6 million.

A 30-year resident of Louisville, Mrs. Watson was born in Munfordville, Ky. and is married to Thomas Watson, MD. They have two daughters, McCall and Emily.

Cumberland College

A distinguished friend of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, was to be awarded an honorary doctorate during the 1989 honors days convocation May 3, according to Cumberland president Jim Taylor.

Tom Raper, of Richmond, Ind., owner of Tom Raper Inc., which sells and services recreational vehicles, was to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. This is in recognition of his commitment to the Christian faith and to meeting the needs of students and colleges and in appreciation of his achievements in the business world.

More than 120 of Cumberland College's most outstanding students were also to be recognized for leadership ability, academic excellence and achievement and campus and community involvement.

Raper founded Tom Raper Foundation Inc. to help support churches, pastors, missionaries, Christian colleges and students. Chairman of deacons at Central Baptist Church, Richmond, Raper is a lay minister and evangelist. He is chairman of the financial committee of the executive board of the State Convention of Baptists of Indiana.

In his tenth year as head coach of Cumberland College's basketball team, Williamsburg, Randy Vernon is Kentucky's winningest coach.

With a record of 145 wins and 24 losses for the last five seasons, Vernon

has the second winningest record in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Other distinctions include: Cumberland has had seven consecutive seasons of 25 or more wins which is more than any other Kentucky college or university and holds the state's record for consecutive 20-win seasons at 13; Vernon's Indians have had four seasons with more than 30 wins; Cumberland has won 16 of 20 games in NAIA district play and in KIAC tournament action the Indians have won 24 of 29 games.

Vernon and his Indians will move from Gatliff Gymnasium to a new physical education and convocation center to be completed this fall.

Two distinguished friends of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, were awarded honorary doctorates during convocation at the Williamsburg school Apr. 17.

C. Edward Brandon Jr., president of the Florida Independent College Fund, was given an honorary doctor of laws degree for his contribution to higher education and involvement in civic and religious affairs.

Roland D. Mullins, executive director and regional administrator of the Cumberland River Regional Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board Inc., was also awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree, for his contribution to health care and involvement in civic affairs and higher education.

Brandon began his career at the age of 13, delivering newspapers for the Courier-Journal. Before becoming president of the Florida Independent College Fund in 1984 he was president of the Kentucky Independent College Fund 10 years. He was also the administrative vice president of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and executive secretary of the Kentucky Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, 1967-74. Brandon is a life member of the board of directors of the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Association and was president in 1981 and 1982.

Mullins has been executive director and regional administrator of the Cumberland River Regional Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board Inc. (formerly the Southeastern Kentucky Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board) since 1971. Between 1969-71 he was a mental health educator and assistant community coordinator and was promoted to administrator-community coordinator. In his current position he is responsible for all mental health services in southeastern Kentucky.

A native of Rockcastle County, Mullins began his professional career as a teacher in the Rockcastle County School System. For two years he was an elementary principal in Lawrenceburg before returning to Mt. Vernon as assistant principal and later principal. For 14 years he was mayor of Mt. Vernon. He is an active member of First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, where he teaches a Sunday school class.

Cumberland College, Williamsburg, is offering a major in speech and drama according to president Jim Taylor.

The implementation of this new major is part of the college's plan to broaden the communications curriculum. The major will assist students in "people oriented" fields or any area that requires public communication skills.

Scholarships are available to students interested in majoring in speech and drama. Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship or learning more about the major may contact John Urquhart at (606) 549-2200, ext. 4443 or 4470.

Midwestern Seminary

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees approved a reduced 1989-90 budget and elected two faculty members during their annual board meeting Apr. 10-11 in Kansas City, Mo.

Acting upon recommendation of the board's finance committee, trustees approved an operating budget of \$4.2 million for the upcoming fiscal year. That amount represents a 2.5 percent decrease from the current \$4.3 million budget.

During his report, Midwestern president Milton Ferguson noted the new budget is the first since 1973-74 in which trustees could not increase salaries for faculty and staff.

Seminary and trustees agreed, however, a reduced budget is necessary. They cited an expected decrease in Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget allocations to the seminary, due to the SBC Executive Committee's proposal for a reduced convention budget next year.

Two faculty members were elected unanimously by the trustees. Wilburn Thomas Stancil, associate professor of divinity at Samford University's Beeson School of Divinity, Birmingham, Ala., was elected associate professor of Christian theology. Charles Randall Bradley, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Benbrook, Tex., was elected assistant professor of church music education.

SEVEN REASONS
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SUPPORT MISSIONS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

baptist news in brief

Top winners announced in state Bible drill

Top scorers and winners in the 1989 state youth Bible drills held Mar. 21-Apr. 1 at Cedarmore and Jonathan Creek Baptist Assemblies have been announced.

First place winner at Cedarmore is Skipper Smith of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Lincoln County Association. Smith will receive a trip to Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center during Church Training Leadership/Youth

Week, July 15-21. Second place winner is David Moore, also of Pleasant View Baptist Church. Moore is alternate for the trip to Ridgecrest.

Forty-five participants were declared state winners, those persons who make three or fewer mistakes. This year for the first time six winners were presented a tee-shirt because they have been winners for three consecutive years.

Amy Terrell of New Hope Baptist

Church, Little River Association, is the top scorer at Jonathan Creek. She will receive a trip to Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center during Church Training Leadership/Youth Week, July 1-7. Second place winner is Angel Dillon of First Baptist Church, Arlington, West Kentucky Association.

Twenty-three participants were declared state winners and two persons received the three-year award.

Southern Baptists asked to join National Day of Prayer May 4

Southern Baptists have been asked to participate in the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4.

Southern Baptist Convention president Jerry Vines and SBC Executive Committee president-treasurer Harold C. Bennett both called Southern Baptists to prayer.

"The National Day of Prayer comes at a time when our nation faces overwhelming moral problems," said Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. "We have failed to find solutions to these problems. An appeal to the God of heaven is our best, indeed only, solution."

The Day of Prayer previously gained support from the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, which voted last fall to "encourage Southern Baptists to participate in the National Day of Prayer, which is now officially observed in the United States on the first Thursday in May."

The Executive Committee also called on the convention's denominational calendar committee to consider including the event in its calendar. (BP)

PAC supports religious liberty commission

The Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee has thrown its support behind the proposed establishment of a Religious Liberty Commission but has recommended a limit on funding for the new agency.

During an Apr. 20-21 meeting in Washington, the PAC adopted two resolutions dealing with the Religious Liberty Commission and included mention of the proposed agency in the committee's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

One Religious Liberty Commission-related resolution cited Southern Baptists' need for a religious liberty office that would be representative of and directly accountable to the convention. The resolution also was critical of the level of financial support given to the Baptist Joint Committee by its eight other member denominations.

In the resolution, the PAC criticized actions of the Baptist Joint Committee

and its executive director, James M. Dunn. According to the resolution, the Baptist Joint Committee failed to "alert Southern Baptists to the grave threats to religious liberty posed by the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988" and to "support the Armstrong amendment to the D. C. funding bill, which sought to protect the rights of religious institutions to refrain from financial support of immoral practices, contrary to their religious beliefs."

A related resolution recommended that SBC funding for the Religious Liberty Commission not exceed the "current combined budget allocations for both entities (the PAC and the Baptist Joint Committee) for at least the next four years."

PAC members said they hoped the resolution would dispel the idea that funds for the new agency would be taken from mission dollars. Pratt, who said he had heard and read estimates that placed the

Religious Liberty Commission's first-year operating expenses at \$400,000 to \$750,000, argued publicity about the new agency had "cast us in the worst possible light." The proposed 1989-90 SBC budget calls for \$391,796 to go to the Baptist Joint Committee and \$23,704 to the PAC.

Texas church staffer to enlist volunteers

A former businessman now working for a church in Texas will enlist Southern Baptist lay people to participate in global evangelization strategies overseas.

Mike Barnett, 36, has been named transnational adviser by the Foreign Mission Board, effective May 1. Barnett will oversee enlistment for the "tent-making" and "Baptists living abroad" programs.

In April, Foreign Mission Board trustees voted to approve the tentmaking program. Tentmakers are Southern Baptists and other Great Commission Christians who choose secular work overseas as their financial support system while participating in foreign missions.

Barnett has been minister of missions at Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., the past year and a half. There he has supervised a program that includes 20 mission congregations tailored to neighborhoods in the area.

Barnett has received degrees from the University of Houston and Southwestern Seminary and worked nine years in the steel-import business as president of Specialty Forge and Machine Co. in Houston.

He and his wife, the former Cynthia Luthstrom of Houston, have two young children. (BP)

Burlington's Barnett to write for state paper

Chris S. Barnett, a staff member at Burlington (Ky.) Baptist Church, has been named a Western Recorder regional correspondent effective immediately.

Making the announcement last week associate editor James H. Cox said Barnett would report for these north central associations: Crittenden, Henry County, Northern Kentucky, Owen County, Ten Mile, Union and Whites Run.

Barnett, 28, will receive the MA degree in Christian education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, this month. The Ohio native also holds the BA degree from Georgetown (Ky.) College.

At Burlington he has been associate pastor, director of education and youth since 1987. Earlier he pastored Big Bone Baptist Church, Union, Ky., 1984-87.

Barnett is married to the former June Kyle and they have a son and a daughter.



Barnett

RECOGNITION OF KENTUCKY BAPTIST LEADERS

The KBC Obituaries Committee wishes to include in its 1989 report information on deceased persons who have served our Lord and Kentucky Baptists in a noteworthy manner. We are including persons who died during the convention year, September 1, 1988 through August 31, 1989.

These persons may be Kentucky Baptist ministers, missionaries, educators, laypersons, institutional leaders and staff and others whose Christian service has had an impact beyond the local church.

We need your help to gather the following information:

1. Full name of deceased
2. Date of death
3. Active or retired status in last position held in city, state where located
4. Name of church where member, association, state
5. Service or ministry worthy of recognition (briefly stated)

Please forward this information as quickly as possible to:

Ray Cooper, Chairperson
Committee on Obituaries
P. O. Box 158
Richmond, Kentucky 40475

These obituary entries will be reported to the 1989 KBC annual meeting in Frankfort. You are an important part of our network to gather information on those servants who deserve to be remembered among Kentucky Baptists.

We are grateful to you.

Ray Cooper, Chairman, 1988-89 Committee on Obituaries

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Omission noted

The feature story on Mrs. Gladys Howerton in the Apr. 25 edition of Western Recorder (p. 5) should have carried the byline of Glenn Mollette.



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Northeastern school of ministry seeks director

The Pittsburgh Center of the Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry is searching for a volunteer to serve as center director. This director will be the chief administrator in Pittsburgh as the Northeastern School begins operation

Baptist Hospitals names financial vice president

John M. Vines has joined Baptist Hospitals, Inc. as vice president of the multihospital system. In his new position, Vines is responsible for finance, management information systems, and planning and marketing.



Vines

Vines was formerly a partner with Arthur Young, Little Rock, Ark., and with Seidman & Seidman, Memphis, Tenn. He spent 16 years at the two accounting firms and was national director of health care consulting at Siedman & Seidman.

Vines receives a BBA degree in accounting and graduated with honors from Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He is married and has two children.

BHI is Kentucky's largest system of not-for-profit health care facilities, operating acute care hospitals in Paducah, Corbin, Lexington and Louisville.

Mississippi picks Causey as executive

William W. 'Bill' Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, was elected executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Apr. 21.

Causey was elected unanimously during the specially called board meeting by acclamation. He replaces Earl Kelly who retires in August after nearly 15 years as chief executive officer of the administrative arm of Southern Baptists in Mississippi. Causey is slated to become executive director-treasurer-elect July 1 and will take office Aug. 16.

A native of Greenville, Miss., Causey is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

this fall.

The Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry is a cooperative venture of the Northeast Task Team on Theological Education, the Home Mission Board and the six Southern Baptist seminaries. The purpose is to provide contextually-based ministry preparation for lay and ordained leaders for Southern Baptist churches. Pending expected approval of the appropriate agencies, the school will be offering the Master of Arts in Religious Education and the Master of Divinity degrees, plus two diplomas.

ity degrees, plus two diplomas.

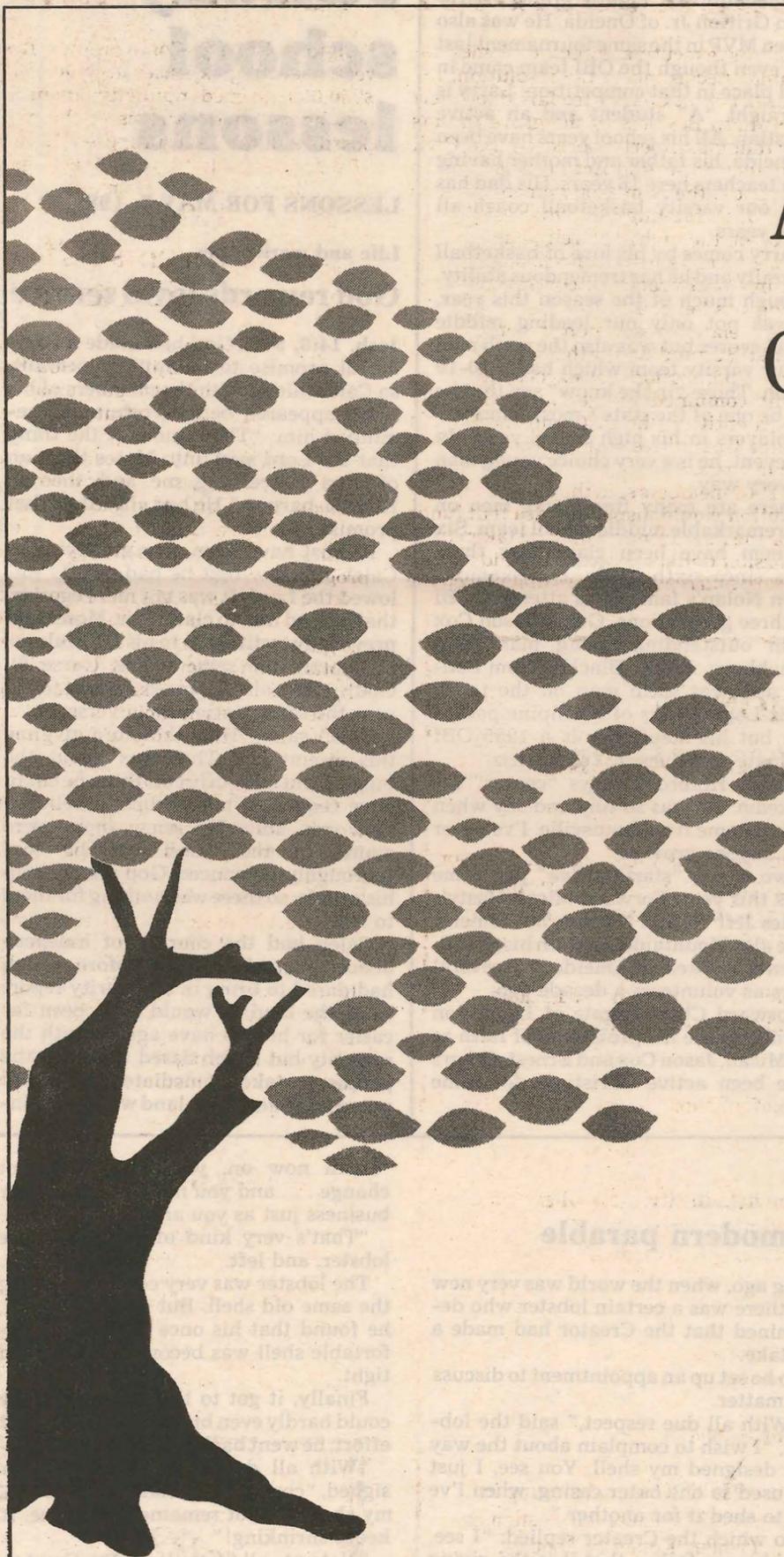
The center director will be responsible for supervising the center office, contacting potential and applying students, administering the procedures and policies of the school and representing the school in denominational and public meetings. The center has an office at the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association.

Benefits include a housing subsidy and reimbursement for all ministry related expenses.

The school is seeking a person retiring

from a career in ministry, education or administration. An earned doctorate is preferable but not essential. The individual will be appointed and supervised through the Mission Service Corp program of the Home Mission Board.

If you are interested contact Doran McCarty, Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry, 236 W. 72nd St., New York, NY 10023 (212-787-7037) or Dwight Moody, Pittsburgh Center, 7189 Baptist Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102 (412-835-3737 or 412-366-8427).



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The Tree of Life. The newest addition at Central Baptist Hospital is our most cherished. It represents the commitment of those who have given donations so unselfishly and those who will continue this tradition in the future.

We invite you to be part of a special event on Sunday, May 7, as the Tree of Life is dedicated. The ceremony will start promptly at 2:30 p.m., followed by refreshments, an open house and tours featuring our state-of-the-art surgical facility.

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oneida journal

Champs all

Our middle school has proven themselves champions this year, academically and athletically.

Some weeks ago our middle school team won the regional middle school Governor's Cup Academic Championship defeating 13 other district champs and district runnerups in the process.

As they won the overall championship, they also received a number of individual trophies and a team trophy for the "Quick Recall" regional championship. The public is most familiar with this particular form of academic competition where teams compete in answering questions on a variety of topics.

Two of the boys have been together since sixth grade. Gary Goodman's family now lives at Dry Ridge but he is originally from the Oneida area. Two years ago he ranked first out of thousands in the annual county-wide spelling bee winning that championship for us while only a sixth grader. David Waggoner is also a brilliant young man. Several weeks ago David made his profession of faith and was baptized into our church fellowship. This happened just a few days after he and another David and an Isaac, the Yoder brothers, were declared state Bible drill winners at Camp Cedar-more.

David Waggoner has a Jewish heritage and had never accepted Christ to be his personal Savior and Lord. But in studying God's work, memorizing so much of the Bible, God's Holy Spirit

worked in his heart. Our team can find most scriptures in six seconds. Given a fragment of many of the most familiar scripture verses, they can complete the verse and tell where it is located.

Our middle school basketball team ended their season with a remarkable 37-0 record against the "best" of many counties. Winning every game in many exciting and close contests they won three invitational championships. The last game was a championship victory in the Corbin Invitational where 16 schools from 10 different counties competed.

Chosen most valuable player in the tournament was eighth grader Larry Allen Gritton Jr. of Oneida. He was also chosen MVP in the same tournament last year even though the OBI team came in third place in that competition. Larry is a straight "A" student and an active Christian. All his school years have been at Oneida, his father and mother having been teachers here 16 years. His dad has been our varsity basketball coach all those years.

Larry comes by his love of basketball naturally and he has tremendous ability. Through much of the season this year, he was not only our leading middle school scorer but was also the sixth man on our varsity team which had a 20-10 season. Those "in the know" say that he will be one of the state's most remarkable players in his high school years. In any event, he is a very choice young man in every way.

There are many fine young men on this remarkable middle school team. Six of them have been classmates three years since sixth grade. For example, Jason Nolan's family has attended OBI for three generations. Guard Jason Cox is an outstanding young man from Frenchburg. Jimmy Black is from London and was sixth man on the team. Louis Lagunsad is of Phillipine parentage but his stepfather is a 1955 OBI graduate and lives in Yuma, Ariz.

Ernest Holbrook plays "center" for the team. He was so tiny and shy when he first came from Louisville. I've never seen anyone grow so.

Two of our "starting five" just came to us this year. Forward Micah Hasty's uncles Jeff '78 and Nathan '80 formerly were also Mountaineers. Both his grandparents worked at Oneida for several years as volunteers a decade ago.

Forward Chris Fugate of Lexington recently made his profession of faith as did Micah, Jason Cox and Ernest. Others have been active Christians for some time.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 7, 1989

Life and work series

God rewards loyal service

Josh. 14:6, 9-14 God had made a wonderful promise to his faithful servant, so Caleb, along with the members of his tribe, appeared before Joshua and reminded him: "Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea." He had cherished that promise.

It must have been very gratifying to Caleb to know that he had wholly followed the Lord. It was not mere egotism that caused him to claim this. Moses had previously testified as to his faithfulness in exactly the same words (verse 9). God's spirit also inspired Joshua to repeat the same testimony in verse 14.

Caleb said: "Now therefore give me this mountain." That was about the biggest and most difficult thing he could have requested but he firmly believed God was able. He knew there were giants in that land but he was thoroughly convinced God would help his people, so there was nothing for them to fear.

Caleb had the courage of independence. Forty-five years before, Caleb had dared to bring in a minority report as to the land. It would have been far easier for him to have agreed with the majority but Caleb dared to advise the people to take immediate action and possess the desirable land which was in-

habited with giants. To him driving out these giants was merely laying hold of the promises of God.

God wants all of his children to be fearless and courageous in their conflict with the forces of evil. He always rewards those who are faithful to him. Devotion to God is necessary if we are to be fruitful in our living and successful in our serving. Whoever has "wholly followed the Lord God" will certainly receive great blessings from God.

International series

Peace with God and one another

Eph. 2:8-22 Paul reminded the Ephesian Christians that before they received Christ as their Saviour, they were dead in trespasses and sins, disobedient to God, deserving of wrath, without Christ, without a place among God's people, without a share in God's covenants, without hope and without God. It is good for all Christians to recall their former condition when they were helpless, Christless and hopeless. How wonderful that, while they were in that condition, God loved them and made provision for their salvation.

Concerning the plan of salvation, the scriptures tell us two things: first it is provided by grace, and second it becomes ours through faith.

The purpose of salvation is that we may do good works for Christ. Good works are those which are performed by the children of God, in conformity to the will of God, for the glory of God and for the benefit of others. They are the fruits which the Lord receives from the salvation which he has given to us and he expects us to walk in them habitually. We should glorify the Lord through the praises that we offer to him, the lives that we live and the services we render for him.

God's word frequently refers to those whom Christ has saved as saints. God's children should be encouraged and strengthened in the assurance that they are the center of his love and life. They should think of themselves as the habitation of the Holy Spirit. How wonderful it is to have the Holy Spirit indwelling, directing and empowering us in our service for Christ. Through us who are God's children and members of his church, his presence is to be revealed, his power is to be manifested, his message is to be proclaimed and his will is to be accomplished.



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on mission together

A modern parable

Long ago, when the world was very new . . . there was a certain lobster who determined that the Creator had made a mistake.

So he set up an appointment to discuss the matter.

"With all due respect," said the lobster, "I wish to complain about the way you designed my shell. You see, I just get used to one outer casing, when I've got to shed it for another."

To which the Creator replied, "I see. But do you realize that it is the giving up of one shell that allows you to grow into another?"

"But I like myself just the way I am," the lobster said.

"Your mind's made up?" the Creator asked.

"Indeed!" the lobster stated firmly.

"Very well," smiled the Creator.

"From now on, your shell will not change . . . and you may go about your business just as you are right now."

"That's very kind of you," said the lobster, and left.

The lobster was very content wearing the same old shell. But as time passed, he found that his once light and comfortable shell was becoming heavy and tight.

Finally, it got to the point where he could hardly even breathe. So with great effort, he went back to see the Creator.

"With all due respect," the lobster sighed, "contrary to what you promised, my shell has not remained the same. It keeps shrinking!"

"Not at all," smiled the Creator. "Your shell may have gotten a little thicker with age, but it has remained the same size. What's happened is that you have changed—inside, beneath your shell."

The Creator continued: "You see, everything changes . . . continuously. No one remains the same. That's the way

I've designed things. And the wisest choice is to shed your old shell as you grow."

"I see," said the lobster, "but you must admit it is occasionally inconvenient and a bit uncomfortable."

"Yes," said the Creator, "but remember, all growth carries with it both the possibility of discomfort . . . and the potential for great joy, as you discover new parts of yourself. After all, you can't have one without the other."

"That's very sensible," said the lobster.

"If you'd like," offered the Creator, "I'll tell you something more."

"Please do," encouraged the lobster.

"When you let go of your shell and choose to grow," said the Creator, "you build new strength within yourself. And in that strength, you'll find new capacity to love yourself . . . to love those around you . . . and to love life itself. That is my plan for each of you."

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ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK • MAY 22-28, 1989

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION: CHURCHES LABORING TOGETHER WITH GOD

This Associational Emphasis Week theme is rich with meaning. Several aspects of the theme are worth noting.

First, the churches that comprise an association are free, independent, self-governing, autonomous churches that decide to associate themselves to do certain things together.

Second, the idea of laboring affirms that the Christian life involves not only the mind and heart, it involves the entire person. Christian faith, lived on a day-to-day basis, involves labors.

Third, together reminds us that the Christian is more than just one individual. No Christian and no church live unto themselves.

Finally, with God reminds us of our partnership with God. Christians do not labor on their own power. They rely on the power of someone greater than themselves. Christians, in all their endeavors, are working with God.

"The Baptist Association: Churches Laboring Together with God" speaks to the fact that the association is made up of individual churches in partnership with each other and with God. The goal of these churches in association is simple—to minister and witness in Christ's name.

The Scripture teaches us, "We are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9). Let's commit ourselves to make these words a way of life for our Baptist association!

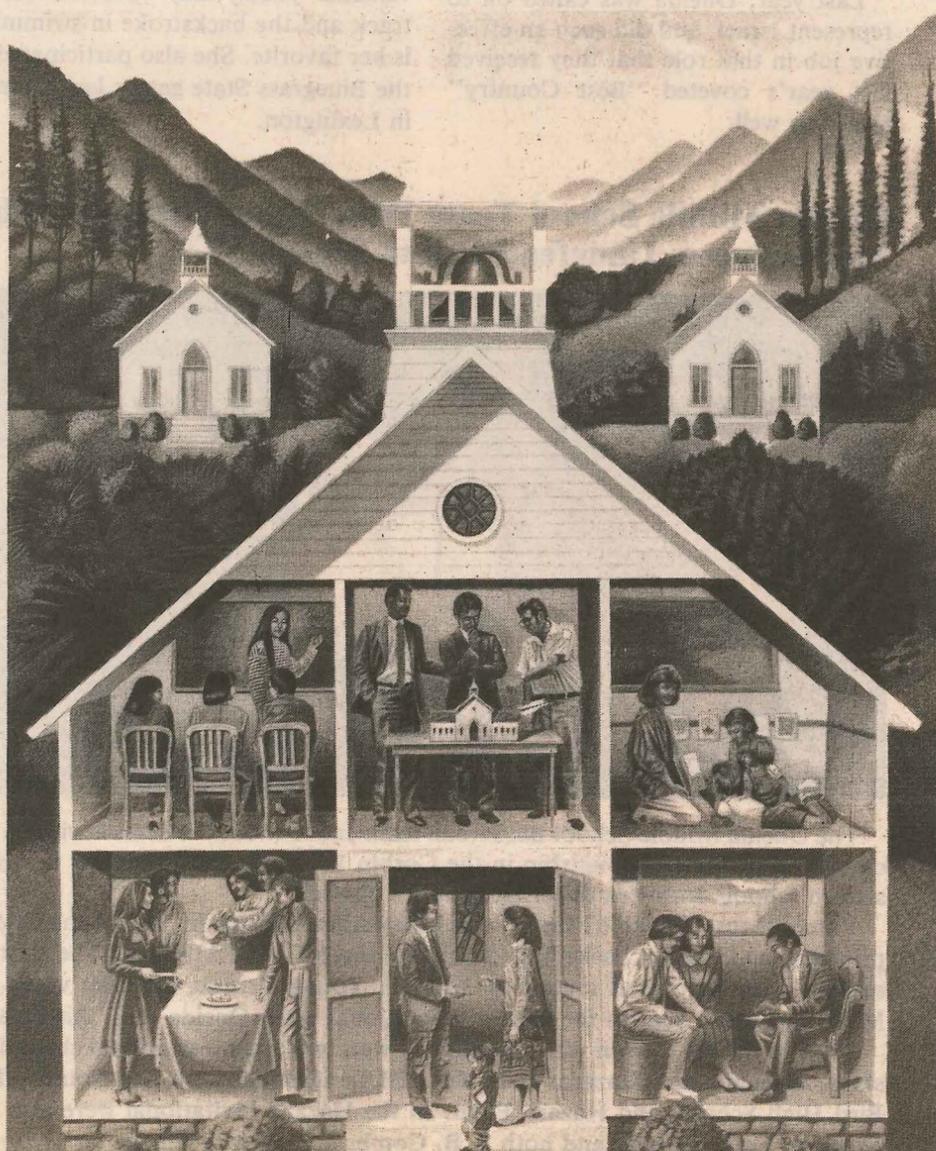
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Get to know your association of churches.
Togetherness could become a way of life for you, too.
"We are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).



"WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"

(1 Cor. 3:9)

It is a familiar Bible verse. Perhaps for some of us, it has become too familiar.

We have written the words across our minds, but not across our hearts.

Our Baptist association brings new meaning to that Scripture. Churches in our association are in partnership with each other and with God. We work together to bring people into a saving relationship with Christ.

As we do so, the words of the Bible come alive. They become more than just words, they become a way of life.

Oneida Voted "Best Country" Award in Kentucky UN Assembly for Second Year

ONEIDA SEMI-FINALIST IN 1989 STATE MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT



First Row: Tanya Neal, Detroit; Maryam Tabatabai, Iran; Heather Harris, Lexington; R.B. Woods, Red Bird Creek near Oneida
 Second Row: Jimmy Ausbrooks, Franklin; Jamie Pauline, Little Bullskin Creek near Oneida; Brian Warner, Henderson; Melvin Johnson, Louisville; Paul Taylor, Cumberland; and Jerry Valencourt, Ashland; Not pictured Don Caudill, Cumberland

Oneida's "Mock Trial" team was in the semi-finals of the state tournament April 15.

The ten seniors and one junior (Melvin Johnson) were competing with top students from 72 other schools statewide in the annual tournament sponsored by the Court of Justice, the Kentucky Bar Association, and the Kentucky Department of Education.

Becoming the Eastern District champions, Oneida was defeated by Model School of Richmond who won the final competition to be state champs for three years in a row. The final competition was in the chambers of the Kentucky Supreme Court. Chief Justice Robert Stephens and Justices Dan Jack Combs of Pikeville and Joseph E. Lambert of Mt. Vernon judged the contest in the same chambers where they sit as the state's highest court.

Aside from experiencing the fun and excitement inherent in competition, students derived a better understanding of the legal process. As an educational experience, the tournament develops debating and public speaking skills, encourages deductive and inductive reasoning, hones reading comprehension proficiency, and stimulates interest in governmental studies. The state Department of Education has officially sanctioned the tournament as an academic program.

Oneida Wins Regional Middle School Governor's Cup Championship



The Oneida Middle School Academic Team won the Regional Middle School Governor's Cup Academic Championship defeating 13 other district champs and district runners in March competition.

Also the Oneida team won the Middle School "Quick Recall" Regional championship. Individual team members won several "first place" trophies in individual subjects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"THE KING AND I"
 Friday, May 19
 Saturday, May 20
 8:00 p.m.

Oneida Band in Concert
 Saturday, May 20
 3:00 p.m.

1989 ONEIDA COMMENCEMENT
 Sunday, May 21
 3:00 p.m.

First Middle Schooler To Earn Varsity Letter Jacket



Krissy May became the first Middle School student in Oneida history to earn a high school letter jacket. She is an eighth grader.

Krissy has been in the Oneida Middle School since 6th grade competing on high school athletic teams as Oneida students are allowed to do who meet high school athletic requirements, and wish to compete.

It takes three varsity letters to be eligible to be given a letter jacket. Krissy earned that many in high school competition in swimming and another letter in track as well.

Last year she received the "Most Coachable Award" in swimming and this year the 110 percent award.

Krissy has never missed the Honor Roll since enrolling at Oneida. This versatile young lady runs hurdles in track and the backstroke in swimming is her favorite. She also participated in the Bluegrass State games last summer in Lexington.

Oneida was voted the top group award, for the second consecutive year, in the 30th annual Senior Kentucky United Nations Assembly meeting in the Louisville Hurstbourne Hotel and Convention Center April 13-15.

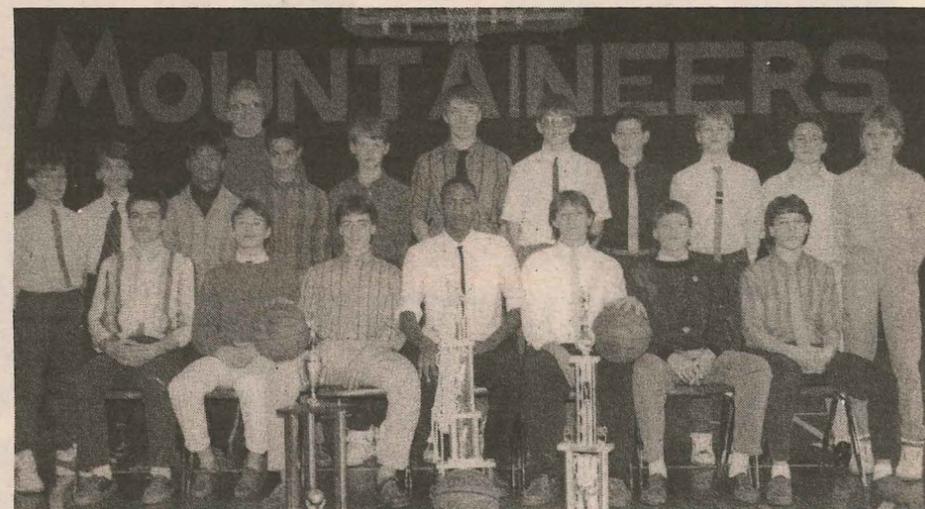
Oneida was assigned to represent the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and was voted "Best Country". The 23-member Oneida delegation "made a splash by waging a vigorous public relations campaign--a la Gorbachev--to advertise Soviet statesmanship" according to an article in the COURIER-JOURNAL by staff writer Rob Cunningham.

Also Oneida received the "second best" award for "Best Costumes" after Newport Independent High School representing Mexico. The Oneida group had gotten shirts from the Oneida Craft House and airbrushed on each one the letters USSR using equipment in the Oneida Art department. They also wore special Russian style hats and dressed in rather somber colors. They had made a Red Star Russian flag not having been able to buy one or get one from the Russian Embassy.

More than 500 high school students representing 54 member nations of the UN debated and lobbied, wrote resolutions and voted, for three days.

Last year, Oneida was called on to represent Israel, and did such an effective job in that role that they received last year's coveted "Best Country" award as well.

Oneida Middle School Team Wins Three Championships Mountaineers Undefeated; End Season 37-0



The Oneida Middle School Basketball team ended their 37-0 season with an exciting win of the championship in the Corbin Invitational tournament in which sixteen schools from ten differing counties played.

Voted "Most Valuable Player" was Larry Allen Gritton Jr., son of the Oneida principal and varsity basketball coach for the MOUNTAINEERS the past 16 seasons with an overall record of 320-165. Young Gritton was also voted the MVP award last year in the Corbin Invitational when Oneida took third place.

Prior to the big Corbin win, Oneida had won two other invitational championships, Oneida's and Hazards's. In the OBI Invitational were Lee County, Red Bird High School, and Hazard Elem. In the Hazard Invitational were also Big Creek of Leslie County and both A.B. Combs and Hazard Elementary schools.