

Campbellsville inaugurates Ken Winters

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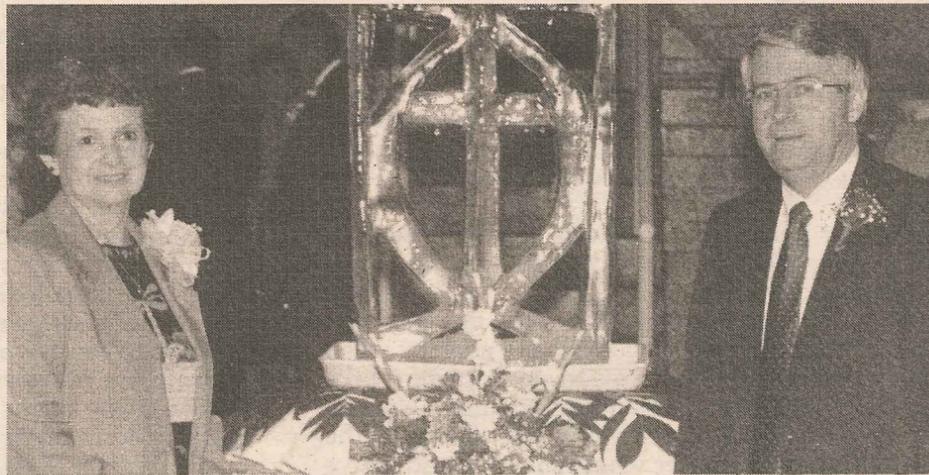
Calling students "our only reason for being here," Kenneth Winters was inaugurated Campbellsville (Ky.) College's ninth president Apr. 29 at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

The former dean of Murray (Ky.) State University's College of Industry and Technology, Winters declared that Campbellsville exists to provide a "quality" education experience in a "Christian environment."

Naming several projects in which the Kentucky Baptist-affiliated institution participates, Winters referred to the biblical injunction, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." He added, "We have a vision for Campbellsville's future."

He mentioned "Destination Graduation," a pilot project to prevent school dropouts, utilizing Campbellsville students to tutor at risk ninth graders in the fifth and seventh congressional districts.

Teachers from school systems in the area will benefit from a teaching and learning resource center being developed by the college's Montgomery Library.



Shirley and Kenneth Winters pose before an ice sculpture of the Campbellsville College logo at festivities surrounding his inauguration as 9th president.

The school is continuing an "Excellence in Teaching Awards" program recognizing teachers for outstanding service from each school system in the fifth congressional district.

Summarizing his inaugural address, Winters pledged to students, faculty, staff, trustees and friends of the college: "We will continue our emphasis on the educational and spiritual needs of our

students."

Participating in the inaugural ceremonies were Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall, Middletown, who delivered a charge to the new president; Lawrence Hall of Elizabethtown, chairman of the college's trustee board, who presented the president's medallion from former president W. R. Davenport; Greg Earwood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Murray, who read scripture; Roy Lee Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, who offered the invocation; H. C. Chiles, distinguished professor of New Testament at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, who prayed the prayer of dedication; and James E. Jones, pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, who offered the benediction. Music was provided by the Campbellsville College Collegiate Chorale, directed by J. Kenneth Martin, assistant professor of music.

During the ceremonies greetings and good wishes were brought by a number of dignitaries. Among them were messages from a staff member representing Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, a Campbellsville alumnus, state and U. S. congressional representatives; the Southern Baptist Education Commission; Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities; civic, political, religious and school-related officials.



At Ken Winters' inaugural luncheon, hugs abound: (l-r) Shirley Winters, Mildred Hamilton, Winters, L. M. Hamilton, Campbellsville teacher 28 years.

Jesse Stricker sets July 31 retirement as stewardship head

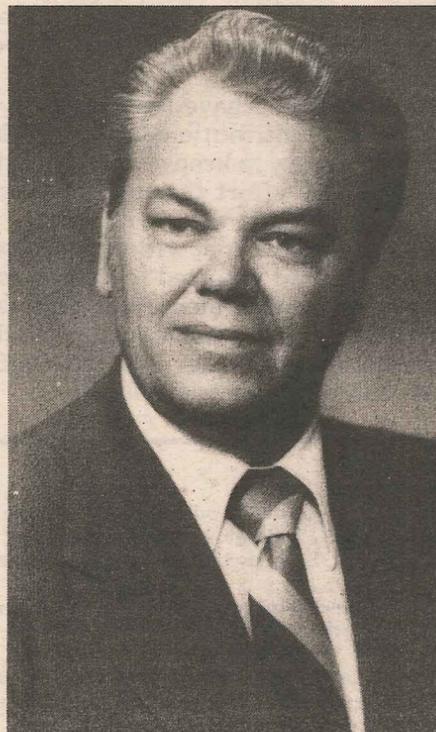
Baptist Building veteran Jesse C. Stricker has announced his retirement from the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board staff effective July 31.

A Middletown resident, Stricker, who will be 65 Nov. 24 of this year, has been director of the Stewardship Department since 1967. For two years before that he was associate in the state convention's Sunday School Department.

The St. Louis, Mo. native is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He filled pastorates in Missouri and Kentucky before going to Middletown.

Stricker is married to the former Elva Ruth Smith of St. Louis and they are parents of three grown children.

His plans beyond retirement are incomplete. Western Recorder will publish a feature story on his career late this month.



Stricker, retiring Stewardship leader

Defer RLC issue from Vegas agenda SBC's Vines urges

Jerry Vines, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has asked the SBC Executive Committee to "defer its recommendation to establish a Religious Liberty Commission" at the 1989 annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., told Baptist Press he requested the action in order to keep the focus of the annual meeting "on presenting Christ in Las Vegas."

The creation of the new Religious Liberty Commission, to represent Southern Baptist First Amendment and religious liberty concerns in Washington, was recommended by the Executive Committee at its February 1989 meeting. In order for the new commission to be created, it must be approved by majority vote by messengers to two subsequent annual meetings.

During the February meeting, Executive Committee members, by a 42-27 secret ballot vote, approved a recommendation from a seven-member study committee appointed to propose "an alternative to accomplish the program and funding" of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, composed of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, including the SBC.

The BJCPA has been involved in controversy in the SBC several years. The seven-member study committee which recommended creation of the new commission is the third study committee to look into the relationship between BJCPA and the SBC in recent years. In addition, the BJCPA has survived several attempts to withdraw funding.

A part of the Executive Committee recommendation includes dissolving the 18-member Public Affairs Committee, the standing committee through which the SBC relates to BJCPA. Under recent actions the role of the PAC has been expanded but actions of the group also have resulted in controversy over its role and direction.

The action to create a new commission, in addition to drawing a divided vote on the Executive Committee, set off protests. The leaders of both Southern Baptist mission boards—R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board—have made statements opposing the creation of the new commission, noting fears the new agency would siphon money from missions.

Vines said the matter has "been of great concern to me in recent weeks," and added that after much prayer he decided to write Charles Sullivan, chairman of the Executive Committee and pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir City, Tenn.

Sullivan told Baptist Press he will "honor our president's request in the sense that I will present it to the Executive Committee. I believe it is coming from him in good spirit and the desire to make the emphasis of the convention missions and evangelism. I also believe he is trying to emphasize peace rather than the divisive issues that are before us."

James M. Dunn, executive director of BJCPA, said, "I applaud Jerry Vines for his astute insight and his deep commitment to keeping the focus on missions and evangelism. It is increasingly obvious to Baptists of all persuasions that a redundant Religious Liberty Commission in Washington is a bad idea." (BP)

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A special day to remember



Jack D. Sanford

Mother's Day is next week and many wonderful women will be honored by children whose lives have been blessed and enriched by Christian mothers. It is only proper that I take this occasion to honor the woman whose life has so influenced my own that I am indeed enriched beyond measure.

I honor you, Mom, for what you have been to me and for what you have contributed to my own growth and welfare.

My mother is advancing in years now and her strength is not what it was in years gone by when she never knew what it was to slow down or take things easy. Yet she remains active in her church, active in hospital volunteer work, active in the life of the senior center where she lives and active in her interest and concern for the things of her family.

My strongest memories of my mother date to the days of the great depression when my father had to work in part time jobs for a mere pittance just to keep bread on the table. There was never

enough of anything but she kept things together. She too worked outside our home and she was the one who saw to it that we had what we needed. Though I was not old enough to know or understand very well, those days of toil must have meant great sacrifice for her and my father.

Mom, as we have called her through the years, this is a public tribute to you for all you have done to make life for us easier, happier and more fruitful. You have loved when we were not so lovely and you have given when we were less than deserving. You have also chided us and passed out discipline whenever we needed that sort of direction. In the words of sacred scripture, we rise up and call you blessed and thank God for you.

So, to you Mom, happy Mother's Day and may the God whom we both serve grant you many more such days until at last he calls you home to be with Dad and those others whom we have loved and lost. Your son is happy to call you Mom and honor you on this special day. May the Lord bless you and keep you in his loving care.

Evangelism in Las Vegas

Estimates are that more than 2000 people have already made a commitment to go to Las Vegas several days before the start of the Southern Baptist Convention in order to do personal witnessing in door to door soul winning efforts.

Surely this is an effort which will strengthen the local churches in the Las Vegas area and will no doubt bring some lost people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Nothing is more important in Baptist life than sharing a witness and helping people know Christ.

We commend all those who have promoted this effort, especially Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis, SBC president Jerry Vines and those people in the Evangelism Department of the HMB. We know the Baptists of Las Vegas have made a significant contribution and commend them as well. All these concerned Baptists have shown compassion and concern for lost people and they have mobilized forces to carry that sense of concern into the streets. This, it seems to us, is the

essence of what it means to be a Christian.

Our prayer is that those persons who can and will go early for the evangelism effort will have a special anointing of the Lord for their work. The great cities of America are where we must learn to do our evangelistic work and Las Vegas surely is one of those cities where a great awakening would stir the imagination and challenge the enthusiasm of our denomination.

Door to door witnessing is difficult in every city in the world but it is a proven way to draw people to the work of Christ. For those persons willing and able to go to Las Vegas for this ministry we offer a prayer for the strength of God and the wisdom of the Spirit. They will need the mighty hand of the Lord upon them and we pray fervently it will be so.

We salute those persons whose commitment to Christ sends them on a second-mile journey of personal evangelism and we know their work will not be in vain. May God bless with great victory.

Just to let you know

About a year ago we started a letter writing campaign to solicit funds for a Western Recorder endowment fund. We believed income from such a fund would lessen our need for Cooperative Program money.

Many of you have responded to our plea with generous contributions and we felt it important and necessary to keep you up-to-date on the progress of this effort through a report of what has been received to date.

Last week we met with the directors of Western Recorder and reported to them a total of \$72,000 now in the endowment fund. That is about 25 percent less than we had hoped but still a good start. We hope to meet our first year \$100,000 goal by the end of December 1989.

We now report this figure to you and thank you for your help in raising funds which will pay dividends to our paper until Jesus comes.

We also want you to know we are still ready to receive your gifts. If you feel the Lord leading you to invest in the ministry of our paper, and thus help conserve Cooperative Program funds by providing interest-producing operating funds, then send us a gift for the endowment fund. We will see that your gift is invested through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and your witness will go on long after you have made your journey to heaven.

Again we thank Kentucky Baptists for the many votes of confidence each gift to the endowment fund represents. We pledge our best efforts to keep you informed and challenged.

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1988 descending baptisms

Church	Association	Total Baptisms	Pastor
1. Highview	Long Run	125	William Hancock
2. Oneida	Booneville	117	Joel A. Rackley
3. Central	Mt. Zion	96	Don R. Mathis
4. Stithton	Severns Valley	83	Gene Bronston Waggoner
5. Living Hope	Warren	81	Billy Compton
6. Glendale	Warren	76	Richard P. Oldham
7. Mt. Zion	West Union	76	Larry Eugene Davidson
8. Severns Valley	Severns Valley	71	J. Howard Cobble
9. New Life	Graves County	66	Jimmy Madding
10. Porter Memorial	Elkhorn	64	James K. Pierce Jr.
11. Binghamtown	Bell County	61	W. B. Bingham Jr.
12. Immanuel	Elkhorn	59	Ted Sisk
13. Gardenside	Elkhorn	55	James Heard
14. Ninth and O	Long Run	54	None
15. Paducah First	West Union	54	J. Robert White
16. Providence	Simpson	51	Steve Curtis
17. New Prospect	Booneville	50	Wayne Reid
18. Sugar Creek	Caldwell-Lyon	50	James R. Powell
19. Hopewell	Mercer	50	Barry Jude
20. Lone Oak First	West Union	50	Willis Henson
21. Valley View	Long Run	46	T. H. Upchurch
22. Central City First	Muhlenberg	43	Wilson F. Lufland
23. Everts	Upper Cumberland	43	Roy S. Faulkner
24. Bowling Green First	Warren	43	Richard W. Bridges
25. First Korean	Severns Valley	42	Paul H. Ahn
26. Rocky Ridge	Little River	40	C. T. Mitcheson
27. Mountain Ash	South Union	40	Billy Carpenter
28. Bellview	West Union	40	James R. Mitchell
29. Clarks River	Graves County	39	Leamon E. Blalock
30. Henderson First	Green Valley	39	David Bratcher
31. Richmond First	Tates Creek	39	Curtis H. Warf
32. Central	Blackford	38	Paul Felix Roberts
33. Central	Boones Creek	38	Dan R. Francis
34. Wingo	Graves County	38	Barry L. Hardison
35. Erlanger	Northern Kentucky	38	William E. Crosby Jr.
36. Vine Grove	Severns Valley	38	None
37. Victory	Bell County	37	Millard D. Robbins
38. Walnut Street	Long Run	36	Kenneth Chafin
39. Hillcrest	Christian	35	Wayne C. Newby
40. Cedar Grove	Muhlenberg	35	Gerald Jones
41. Pikeville First	Pike	35	Glenn W. Mollette
42. Murray First	Blood River	34	Gregory C. Earwood
43. Cedar Grove	Franklin	34	Darrell Taylor
44. Bethlehem	Long Run	34	John David Jicka
45. Black Jack	Simpson	34	Winston Roberts
46. Rose Hill	Greenup	33	Charles E. Stewart
47. East Rhudes Creek	Severns Valley	33	Dewey R. Keys Sr.
48. Whitesburg First	Three Forks	33	Thomas S. Stokes
49. Hyland	Green Valley	32	Ray T. Vinson
50. Lancaster	South District	32	Bobby R. Rush
51. Sandusky Chapel	Wayne	32	Anson J. Perkins
52. Old Yellow Creek	Bell County	31	None
53. Northside	Caldwell-Lyon	31	David Lee Royalty
54. Pleasant View	Lincoln	31	Vola W. Brown
55. Big Bone	Northern Kentucky	31	Michael A. Jones
56. Gilead	Severns Valley	31	John Paul Brady
57. Campbellsville	Taylor County	31	James E. Jones
58. Rough River	Breckenridge	30	None
59. Beechland	Long Run	30	R. Dean Moore
60. Greenland	Mt. Zion	30	Larry G. Mulberry
61. Mercer	Muhlenberg	30	None
62. Bardstown	Nelson	30	Kit C. Yeaste
63. Bethel	Blood River	29	James D. Faulkner
64. North View	Elkhorn	29	Terry Zane Murphy
65. Immanuel	Northern Kentucky	29	Bill Stith
66. Denham Street	Pulaski County	29	J. S. New
67. Gethsemane	South District	29	James William Hall
68. Owensboro First	Daviess-McLean	28	David A. Nelson
69. Warfield	Enterprise	28	James H. Grayson
70. Camp Pleasant	Franklin	28	Donald W. Karsner
71. Shively	Long Run	28	James A. Conrad Jr.
72. Hickory Grove	Northern Kentucky	28	Colburn Edward Hooten
73. Meta	Pike	28	Claude W. Turner
74. Cedar Grove	Simpson	28	Bruce Brown
75. Reidland	West Union	28	Jerry B. Hopkins
76. Post Oak	Bethel	27	Joseph A. Carrico
77. Lyttleton	Booneville	27	Edward F. Edwards
78. Hall Street	Daviess-McLean	27	C. Richard Dendler
79. Albany First	Freedom	27	Charles Foster Johnson
80. Audubon	Green Valley	27	Rodney R. Groff
81. Richardson	Greenup	27	William R. Teems Jr.
82. Carlisle Avenue	Long Run	27	Ferrill Gardner
83. Burlington	Northern Kentucky	27	Paul J. Godsey
84. Burnside First	Pulaski County	27	Jewell E. Hail Jr.
85. Cecilia	Severns Valley	27	Mark Francis Boes
86. Dehaven Memorial	Sulphur Fork	27	William E. Day
87. Rosebower	West Union	27	Kenneth E. Puckett
88. Hardin	Blood River	26	Ricky Wayne Cunningham
89. Hardinsburg	Breckenridge	26	Harry A. Dooley
90. Buena Vista	Daviess-McLean	26	None
91. Prestonsburg First	Enterprise	26	Steven Dale Hopkins
92. Westport Road	Long Run	26	James B. Lewis
93. Mt. Moriah	Lynn	26	David South
94. Fellowship	Mercer	26	James Arthur Harley
95. Apple Grove	North Concord	26	B. F. Jackson
96. Grand Rivers	Ohio	26	None
97. Pleasant Hill	Taylor County	26	Bob E. Martin
98. Steubenville	Wayne	26	Harlan J. Avera Jr.
99. Manchester	Booneville	25	Roger Darrell Williams
100. Mt. Vernon	Gasper River	25	Gene Garner
101. Trace Creek	Graves County	25	Ronnie Gale Stinson
102. Airline	Green Valley	25	Lester Lee Nash
103. Aetna Grove	Lynn	25	George Thomas Burton Sr.
104. Kento Boo	Northern Kentucky	25	Thomas Stanley Cole
105. Sturgis First	Ohio Valley	25	Thomas Brodie Ambrose
106. Campton	Red River	25	Ray S. Redden

Number of members to baptize one 1988

Church	Association	Baptisms	Per-Capita	Pastor
1. Rough River	Breckenridge	30	2	None
2. Victory	Bell County	37	3	Millard D. Robbins
3. Elva	Blood River	7	3	Terry L. Edwards
4. New Prospect	Booneville	50	4	Wayne Reid
5. Minerva	Bracken	18	4	Paul Gray
6. Bewleyville	Breckenridge	8	4	Kevin Rainwater
7. Whickerville	East Lynn	6	4	Roger Scott
8. Eddyville Second	Caldwell-Lyon	18	5	Bennie Chandler
9. Cedar Grove	Franklin	34	5	Darrell Taylor
10. Sugar Creek	Caldwell-Lyon	50	6	James R. Powell
11. Penn Avenue	Elkhorn	11	6	Lowell T. Coats
12. Central	Blackford	38	7	Paul Felix Roberts
13. Victory	Christian	3	7	Robert G. Stinson
14. South Summerville	East Lynn	24	7	Jerry Wayne Noe
15. Garmeada	Bell County	6	8	Larry Dale Fultz
16. Grace South	Bethel	9	9	Quinton Skipworth
17. Allendale	East Lynn	15	9	Tom R. Coffey
18. Mt. Vernon	Gasper River	25	9	Gene Garner
19. Living Hope	Warren	81	10	Billy Compton
20. Warfield	Enterprise	28	10	James H. Grayson
21. Topmost	Enterprise	7	10	Alonzo J. Dixon
22. Holland	Allen	12	11	Travis Smith
23. Callaway	Bell County	8	11	None
24. New Zion	Booneville	7	11	Roy D. Allen
25. Indian Creek	Casey	9	11	George H. Brown
26. Gumlick	Crittenden	12	11	Edward D. Salerno
27. Red Oak	Bell County	20	12	Boyd Gray
28. Spring Street	Boones Creek	7	12	Mitch Vader
29. Pleasant Memorial	Daviess-McLean	21	12	Charles Parks
30. Manchester	Booneville	25	13	Roger Darrell Williams
31. Emmanuel	Caldwell-Lyon	5	13	Harold Salyers
32. Oak Grove First	Christian	12	13	John R. Walker
33. Oak Ridge	Crittenden	13	13	None
34. Demossville	Crittenden	6	13	Carl D. Mullins
35. Lancer	Enterprise	10	13	Jennings Irvin West
36. Brushy Fork	Enterprise	10	13	David Profit
37. Tuggleville	Bell County	8	14	Freeman Clark
38. Blood River	Blood River	18	14	Jerry M. Norsworthy
39. Zions Cause	Blood River	15	14	T. A. Thacker
40. Providence Winchester	Boones Creek	6	14	Ernest A. Cruse
41. Mt. Olivet	Bracken	14	14	James Lynn Bertram
42. Oak Grove	Casey	6	14	James M. Lynn
43. Eastview	Christian	7	14	Robert E. Locke
44. Allen First	Enterprise	20	14	Robert E. Cox Sr.
45. Benedict	Enterprise	9	14	R. Joe Burchett
46. Old Straight Creek	Bell County	4	15	W. A. Bramble
47. Keysburg	Bethel	18	15	Bill Stricklin
48. Hardin	Blood River	26	15	Ricky Wayne Cunningham
49. Vanzora	Blood River	14	15	Terry W. Mathis
50. Greenbriar	Boones Creek	5	15	None
51. New Hope	Boones Creek	4	15	James Crum
52. New Bethel	Breckenridge	14	15	None
53. Walnut Grove	Breckenridge	18	15	Thomas B. Edwards
54. Cane Gap	East Union	1	15	Edgar Walden
55. Union	Blackford	11	16	Dan Hughes Jr.
56. Locust Grove	Blood River	11	16	Jeffrey R. Fuller
57. Victory	Crittenden	5	16	Allen Dale McQueen
58. Camp Pleasant	Franklin	28	16	Donald W. Karsner
59. Mt. Gilead	Bethel	7	17	None
60. New Providence	Blood River	5	17	Willis Odell Colson
61. Lyttleton	Booneville	27	17	Edward F. Edwards
62. Lerosé	Booneville	6	17	Henry S. Patton
63. Rock Bridge	Central	7	17	Isaac Ferguson
64. Stanley	Daviess-McLean	13	17	Jerry M. Carter
65. McDowell First	Enterprise	12	17	Robert K. Kinzel Sr.
66. North Frankfort	Franklin	14	17	David A. Smith
67. Bays Fork	Allen	8	18	Marvin Nichols
68. Bethlehem	Bell County	13	18	James Kelly
69. Patesville	Blackford	5	18	Sam Gray
70. Bethel	Blood River	29	18	James D. Faulkner
71. Kirksey	Blood River	11	18	Vandol R. Russell
72. New Mt. Carmel	Blood River	8	18	Sammy J. Cunningham
73. Westside	Blood River	21	18	Glynn M. Orr
74. Corinth	Breckenridge	19	18	None
75. Hardinsburg	Breckenridge	26	18	Harry A. Dooley
76. Knoxville	Crittenden	14	18	Jeff Kelly Kennedy
77. Albany First	Freedom	27	18	Charles Foster Johnson
78. Mt. Pleasant	Anderson	4	19	None
79. New Union	Bethel	17	19	None
80. Lewisport First	Blackford	9	19	Ronald W. Williams
81. Oneida	Booneville	117	19	Joel A. Rackley
82. White Hall	Booneville	5	19	Leander Wagers
83. Arbuckle	Central	7	19	Farlon Foster Hall
84. Green Hill	East Lynn	4	19	Leonard Carlos Compton
85. North View	Elkhorn	29	19	Terry Zane Murphy
86. Riverview	Elkhorn	4	19	Earl C. Goins
87. Bennetts Fork	Bell County	22	20	Chalmus Boggs
88. Spring Creek	Blood River	8	20	Joseph K. Johnson
89. Liberty	East Lynn	16	20	Jerry Judd
90. Maytown First	Enterprise	8	20	Robert L. Varney
91. Hillcrest	Franklin	19	20	Edwin V. Talley
92. Big Spring	Allen	2	21	Claude Watts Jr.
93. Insull	Bell County	2	21	James M. Green
94. Mill Creek	Bell County	20	21	Rafe E. Collett
95. Garrard	Booneville	8	21	Marvin Cress
96. Plain View	Bracken	2	21	Roy Bennett
97. English	Breckenridge	9	21	Thomas W. Wolverton
98. Princeton Second	Caldwell-Lyon	22	21	John Mark Boyd
99. Mackville	Central	23	21	Charles Robinson
100. Corinth	Crittenden	14	21	Marion Keith Tingle
101. Immanuel	Daviess-McLean	13	21	Michael L. Rust
102. Mt. Vernon	Daviess-McLean	8	21	Clay Jones
103. Sacramento	Daviess-McLean	11	21	Randall Stallings, Sr.
104. Clover Bottom	Elkhorn	14	21	Stephen Alfred
105. New Hope	Elkhorn	9	21	James R. Allen
106. Branham Grove	Freedom	7	21	Don Hutchison
107. Central Grove	Freedom	10	21	Larry G. Brown

baptist news in brief



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homes for children

If you get lost, turn back

Every time I leave the house these days our son Jason says to me, "If you get lost, turn back." I was at a loss to know where he picked up the statement until SuEllen told me she has been lost with such frequency Andrea and Jason have been known to ask, "Are we lost yet?"

Jason's idea of turning back when you get lost sounds very logical to him and I believe in a unique way it is logical. I have found that those times when life seems too complicated or I reach a point I clearly do not know what decision to make, one of the best things I can do is "turn back" to basic training and look for direction from those aspects of life which are most crucial.

I can remember times in my life when I have returned to my dad's farm and walked the hills I had known as a child to try and reach a key decision. When I was in the Air Force and stationed in El Paso, I would often walk out in the desert to have a time to think and pray. Today with family, job and school it is harder to find the time to go for those therapeutic walks and I miss them. I have found, though, as I drive around this beautiful state, I can accomplish nearly the same thing.

There have been times when I have sensed a distance from God. I have always found that when I began to search for that closeness with him again, he was right there where I left him. The knowledge of his presence and the strength he provides are always there if we turn back when we get lost.

For the children coming to Glen Dale, Spring Meadows or any of our other programs, part of our job is to provide them that place to turn back to. In so many of their lives they have not had the relationship with God or even with a parent to build upon.

Our staff help the youth form special relationships and introduce them to the greatest friend of all—Jesus Christ.

No matter how difficult the decision or how lost we feel when we turn back to our Lord, we can find ourselves again.

Jason's not a philosopher yet, and probably never will be, but he reminds me each time I leave home of a great truth in life.

Kentuckians included in SBC trustee nominations

The report of the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Nominations has been released to Baptist Press by chairman, Joe Reynolds, attorney from Houston, Tex.

The committee nominates trustees to serve on the 24 entities related to the SBC, including the Executive Committee, boards, commissions, seminaries, standing committees and affiliated organizations.

Under convention bylaws the report must be released through Baptist Press at least 45 days in advance of the annual meeting of the SBC, scheduled June 13-15 in the Las Vegas, Nev., Convention Center. In order for the nominees to serve on the entities of the convention, they must be elected by messengers to the annual meeting.

Trustees to work on the boards of the six Southern Baptist Convention-related seminaries have been nominated by the 1989 SBC committee on nominations.

In order to serve, the trustees must be elected by messengers to the 1989 annual meeting of the SBC, scheduled June 13-15 in the Las Vegas, Nev., Convention Center.

Under convention bylaws, seminary trustees serve five-year terms and are eligible to serve two consecutive terms.

Southern Seminary nominations include three Kentuckians: Michael E. Harris, dentist and member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, replacing William Wilson, Owensboro. Nominated to second five year terms as local members are Jon R. Michael and Henry B. Huff, both of Louisville.

Other Kentucky nominations include Hayward R. Casey, pastor, Green River Baptist Church, Cromwell, replacing Charles W. Midkiff, Greenville, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Jean Crady, homemaker and member of First Baptist Church, Owensboro, nominated to fill an unexpired term, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; and Gayle Butler, homemaker and member of Springdale Baptist Church, Louisville, replacing O. M. Kingston Jr., Madisonville, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

Kentucky trustees to work on the commissions and committees of the Southern Baptist Convention include Randolph Davenport, Campbellsville, representing the Education Commis-

sion; and C. Wyman Copass, pastor, Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, replacing LaVerne Butler, Louisville, Radio Television Commission.

Other Kentuckians appointed include Terry L. Norris, dentist and member of Pleasant Grove church, Owensboro, replacing John R. Christian, Hopkinsville,

Executive Committee; Beverly Cathey, homemaker and member of Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, replacing Judith Carolyn Fitch, Paducah, Foreign Mission Board; John C. Wilson, Lexington, second term, Sunday School Board; and Harold A. Stephens, Ft. Thomas, second term, Annuity Board. (BP)

Baptist communicators win RPRC awards

The Religious Public Relations Council honored Southern Baptist communicators with the top number of awards in its annual DeRose-Hinkhouse Award competition and reelected a Southern Baptist as vice president.

RPRC reelected Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., to a second one-year term as vice president. Tom McAnally, director of United Methodist News Service, Nashville, was reelected president at RPRC's 60th anniversary meeting.

In other action, RPRC elected Gomer Lesch, retired staff member of the Sunday School Board, to its board of governors and named him an RPRC life member. Terry Barone of the Baptist General Convention of Texas was elected to RPRC's Wilbur Awards Com-

mittee, which honors public media for excellence in religion coverage.

Southern Baptists, led by the denomination's Foreign Mission Board, won 27 of 110 awards granted by the international interfaith organization of religious communicators. Foreign Mission Board communicators won 18 awards and Sunday School Board communicators won nine. (BP)

New chaplains, spouses challenged to ministry

Newly endorsed Southern Baptist chaplains and spouses were encouraged to minister for spiritual good rather than worldly acclaim during the spring endorsing ceremony Apr. 23.

Charles Carter, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga., where the service was held, challenged the chaplains to live by hope, faith, love and a healthy fear of God as they minister the nation.

"Be sure your motivation for ministry is based on biblical initiative rather than worldly gain," Carter said. "One of the greatest dangers to ministry today is professionalism. Don't minister because you can make the headlines or the nightly news."

Carter challenged the chaplains to minister to people who hurt at all levels of society. "You cannot say you love God if you don't love that patient in the hospital or that inmate in the penitentiary," he added.

Participants in the service brought the number of chaplains endorsed by the Home Mission Board to 2033. The chaplains serve in all 50 states and in 14 foreign countries, in military, hospital, institutional and industrial settings. (BP)

BSSB Genevox album wins gospel music award

"In His Presence: The Risen King," a Christian musical album produced by the Genevox Music Group of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was named musical album of the year in the Gospel Music Association's 20th annual Dove Awards Apr. 13.

The album was one of five nominated in the musical album-of-the-year category. The songs were written by Dick and Melodie Tunney, GMA songwriters of the year for 1987. Sam Sanders and David Danner of Genevox were executive producers of the album.

Fes Robertson, director of Genevox, said he is "extremely proud we have achieved this significant milestone. Those at the Sunday School Board who laid the foundation of music publishing made it possible for Genevox to be recognized by the other members of this significant industry." (BP)

kentucky baptist opportunities

Youth evangelism conference at Frankfort

The Frankfort Civic Center will host the state youth evangelism conference June 23-24. Theme is "YouthFest '89: Challenging the New Generation."

Three two-and-one-half-hour sessions will be held: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; and Saturday, 1:15 p.m. Featured speakers: Dean Finley, youth evangelism consultant, Home Mission Board; Frederick D. Haynes III, pastor, Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

The Kentucky summer missions creative ministries, drama and music teams will lead in creative worship experiences. Music leader is Kevin Landgrave.

Several area motels are offering special rates for conference attendees. For

more information contact: Evangelism Department, KBC, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, or call (502) 245-4101.

CT curriculum school to be held at Carrollton

First Baptist Church, Carrollton, is the site for a regional Church Training curriculum School May 16 sponsored by the Church Training and Special Ministries Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Whites Run Association.

Conferences begin at 7 p.m. and dismiss at 9:30 p.m. Scheduled conferences include: evangelism methods, LIFE, preschool, children's and youth leaders, general officers and equipping center modules.

For additional information contact the KBC at (502) 245-4101. Preschool child care will be provided.

41st Mountain Missions conference at Oneida

The 41st annual Mountain Missions Conference will be held at Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute June 5-8.

This family conference is free to pastors and their families and will focus on Jesus' model for ministry.

Bill Whittaker, president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, will preach and Ross Figart, director of the KBC mountain missions program, will lead Bible study.

Conferences planned include tax matters for ministers, financial planning and the new missionary assistance program. Reservations are required. For more information contact: Barkley Moore, Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, KY 40972.

Mercer trustees to close Atlanta liberal arts school

Mercer University's trustees have voted to close the Georgia Baptist institution's liberal arts school in Atlanta June 30, 1990.

Mercer owns campuses in Macon and Atlanta and operates separate liberal arts schools on both locations.

About 60 faculty and more than 700 students will be affected by the decision. Faculty previously sued the university to save the jobs of eight faculty members who had been notified of their impending dismissals. Faculty now expect to add amendments to their legal complaint, and students announced they will join the faculty in taking legal action against the university.

Opting to reduce the university's deficit over the next five years instead of

immediately, the trustees also voted to convert the northeastern Atlanta campus into a graduate and professional center.

The plan includes moving the pharmacy school from downtown Atlanta to the northeastern campus, then selling the downtown property. Mercer's two business schools will be combined, with the undergraduate business program based in Macon and the graduate program and some upper division courses based in Atlanta.

Closing the Cecil B. Day College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta will not save any money in the short term, be-

cause the loss of tuition is expected to offset any savings in operating expenses.

Charles Karcher, the acting dean of the CAS, said the "intent is to raise money through selling the land."

The Mercer board voted 31-5 to close the Atlanta undergraduate school. Deans—including Karcher—first learned officially of the board's intention during the meeting in which the vote was taken.

David Hudson, chairman of the trustee executive committee, said Mercer's current financial problems—including \$14 million in short term debt not

known to trustees until last December—made operating two liberal arts colleges especially difficult.

The university will save money long-term in closing the College of Arts and Sciences, he said, because the university would have had to pump more money into the Atlanta liberal arts program to keep it competitive with colleges in the Atlanta area. (BP)

Missouri journalist to FMB news staff

Mary Speidel, coordinator of news services at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., will become a staff writer in the News and Information Services Department of the Foreign Mission Board, June 12.

Speidel, 30, a native of Cape Girardeau, Mo., has worked at William Jewell since August 1986. Previously she was a news writer in the public relations office at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1983-86, and an editorial assistant in the Children's Ministries Department, Nazarene World Headquarters, 1981-82, both in Kansas City, Mo.

She earned a BA degree in communications from Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, in 1981 and a MDiv from Midwestern in 1986.

Speidel has done news and feature reporting based on volunteer trips to St. Lucia in the West Indies in 1985 and the Dominican Republic in 1988. (BP)

Secretaries affirmed as ministers

More than 700 participants in the National Conference for Southern Baptist Secretaries Apr. 26-29 in Nashville were affirmed as "front lines of ministry" and bridges "from the staff to the church membership."

"The church secretary is a growth agent in local churches," said Joe Stacker, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department which sponsored the conference.

Being a secretary "is more than a job; it's a ministry. You are on the front lines of ministry for sharing the word of Jesus Christ," Stacker added.

The role of secretaries is changing

with developments in technology, Stacker said. For example more than 6100 churches now have computers, and by the year 2000 more than half of the 37,000 Southern Baptist churches will have some form of computer technology.

The National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries elected Betty Walker of First Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C., as president. Other officers are: Karen White, First Baptist Church, Coppell, Tex., vice president for membership; Tish Jones, Mount Vernon Baptist Association, Annandale, Va., vice president for publicity; and Becky Brown, First Baptist Church, Branson, Mo., secretary-treasurer. (BP)

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baptist news in brief



During a communion service in the Soviet Union, this woman's face shows the deep sense of faith developed by believers during years of persecution.

baptist forum

A challenging ministry needs help

It was my privilege to meet with members of your state convention during their exploratory trip to our state. It was exciting to be part of a session that looked with expectancy to God's faithful ministry in our time of need.

The severe nature of our situation is perhaps best illustrated by the association I serve as moderator. On paper it appears we have eight churches and one mission. A closer inspection shows only three of that number are self-supporting bodies. Two of the churches share one pastor. One of the churches would hardly be considered more than a Bible study group in most places, averaging fewer than 10 in its weekly services. The lay pastor drives more than 120 miles roundtrip to fill the pulpit on Sundays.

Roosevelt Baptist Church, the oldest work in our convention, is in a very difficult situation, averaging less than 25 per Sunday. A man with limited training is trying his best to serve there as pastor.

Our fellowship, averaging about 130 in Sunday school, is half again larger than any other in our association. We need men and women with skills to come and serve along side these people who are so ready to serve.

If we could find a retired pastor who could give a year of work with limited compensation to either pastor, or even

train these laymen in more effective service, I would rejoice.

I am praying God will burden Kentucky Baptists with a vision of both our need and our faith. I believe Utah can be won to Christ. It will require insightful, prepared, faithful people. Your commitment to this part of America can make a significant difference.

Herb Stoneman
Vernal, UT

Celebration planned in West Germany

The European Baptist Convention will be celebrating its 25th anniversary, Oct. 23-26, in Kaiserslautern, West Germany. We need your help in gathering information for the event.

There are many members of European Baptist Convention churches living in your state. We want to hear from them as we plan the celebration. We invite and need personal anecdotes and stories which could help in the production of a historical skit. Former members may send information to the Program Planning Committee c/o the convention office at Sonnenberger Str. 60, 6200 Wiesbaden, Federal Republic of Germany.

We appreciate your help in getting the word out to all former European Baptist Convention members.

James E. Foster
West Germany

FMB language director honored for refugee work

Oscar Romo, director of the Language Church Extension Division for the Home Mission Board, has been honored for a quarter century work with refugees to the U. S.

More than 63 religious and political leaders gathered in Miami to honor Romo for his longterm contributions. The cities of Miami and Hialeah jointly proclaimed the day in his honor.

In addition to the award from the two South Florida cities, Romo also received awards from Cuban civic organizations, the World Refugee Relief, the local Hispanic newspaper Los Tiempos and the Miami Baptist Association.

In a keynote address, Florida Senator Ileana Ros-Lehtinen attributed many of South Florida's accomplishments in refugee resettlement and relief to Romo and the Home Mission Board's Language missions Division.

Romo's efforts began during the late 1950s when he aided Cubans fleeing the Castro regime and continued during the following decades. (BP)



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

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A word of caution about a con artist

The Interfaith Witness Department of the Home Mission Board alerts Baptists to a confidence game being worked on churches nation-wide. For several years a young woman named Bobbie Dintino, an escapee from a Utah prison camp, has been portraying herself as either a Mormon missionary or Jehovah's Witness wishing to convert to Christianity. A number of churches from Florida to Alaska have been deceived into giving her financial aid, lodging and transportation. Recently she was seen in Alabama. She likely is still in the Southeast.

Please exercise caution if you or your church is approached by any stranger who claims to be a Mormon, Jehovah's Witness or from another religious group and needs help. The Interfaith Witness Department recommends you call our office before giving aid. Our number is (404) 898-7463.

Tal Davis, Associate Director
Interfaith Witness Department
Atlanta, 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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Notes on note burning

The mail bag brings encouragement from friends in many states. A Tennessee WMU group expressed our sentiments well, "We are concerned for the school that trains preachers, song leaders and all working for God's call and lost souls. This is what missions is all about. We only have eight in our group but try to help missions each month. Use this gift where the need is greatest. God says he will supply our needs not our wants, for people want too much these days."

A Hazard native now living in Louisville noted, "It is remarkable the things accomplished. You have restored my confidence and I have restored your institution in my will. I have been a friend of Clear Creek for a long time and hope you will be able to continue the wonderful work the school has always been noted for." During this fiscal year two estate gifts applied to our loan resulted in major interest savings.

Former staff member Kenneth Clendaniel wrote, "Frances and I are glad for the way people are responding to your leadership. Your inauguration indicated a top priority was retiring the outstanding indebtedness. We join you in the expectation this will be speedily realized. We want to have a part in reaching this worthy objective and are enclosing a check. We shall continue to do our best to put in good words for Clear Creek, and encourage people to give the support you need and merit."

A big step toward being debt free came on Apr. 20 when trustees joined the campus family and burned a \$377,000 note. The pay-off came 11 months after the loan was secured and saved nine years of interest. A week before the note burning a less encouraging letter came with notification of an interest increase on our remaining loan. The monthly payment went up \$200.

All gifts designated "Miracle in the Mountains" campaign are applied to the loan principal. The Lord's people have resources to help our indebtedness. It cannot be his will for us to pay interest for nine more years while so many other needs exist. Surely there are 500 people in Kentucky who would send us \$1000 to burn this second note. Why not you?



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Musician praises God with the Salvi harp

by Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

Magnificent sounds from the Salvi harp filled the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Paducah. The congregation sat enthralled through the last notes of "Victory in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace." An excellent musical experience had been surpassed only by the dramatic testimony of the harpist.

One hour before, the performer had mounted the platform, his professionalism evident as he energetically swung into position at his instrument. There could be no doubt as to his command of the harp as his slender fingers rapidly moved over the 47 strings.

Since a profound experience at a Glorieta music conference a few years ago, Greg Buchanan has obeyed the command "Praise the Lord with the harp" (Psalm 33:2) literally. Receiving a call from the Lord to enter the harp ministry, warn people about the evils of alcohol and tell them about the grace of God, he now gives some 200 concerts a year. He plays his own arrangements of religious music in small and large churches and at scores of Christian organizations here and abroad including the Southern Baptist Convention, the Denver Billy Graham Crusade and the California Singing Churchmen of Southern Baptist Missionaries in Korea.

The highlight of each concert is his remarkable life story of how God has changed his life and given him a tremendous enthusiasm for Christian living.

Preceding the Paducah concert he graciously granted an interview despite his unbelievably hectic schedule. Striding into the room he smiled and said, "Let's pray first." That was a preview of the sincerity and humility he would be demonstrating all evening.

Growing up in Los Angeles, the son of hard-working moral parents who were involved in the performing arts, Greg had many educational and cultural advantages. Following the pattern of an older sister, he began to study the harp

at nine. Even though his parents attended church only at Easter and Christmas, his grandmother (who recently died at 104) would come to visit and tell him about Jesus. He once attended a Billy Graham Crusade and heard the gospel. But he made no commitment.

As a teenager, trying unsuccessfully to stay on a diet, he detested himself but tried to fit in with his peers. "A fat hyperactive kid who plays the harp has problems," he laughed.

At 13 he got high on alcohol while experimenting.

"Some people become very susceptible to mind-boggling chemical addictions even after the first exposure," Greg declared. "So I began using alcohol and pot on a regular basis, sneaking around and covering my tracks as best I could."

Experienced in classical, jazz and pop music, he was readily accepted by the United States Navy Band at 18 and spent four years in Washington, D. C. as soloist.

At 22 he returned to California as a free-lance musician. Still abusing substance, he became involved in the occult, witchcraft, astrology, Eastern religions, immorality and violence.

"If you mix all that stuff together you get a dark depraved experience," he asserted. "I disappointed my parents and broke the heart of God, did time in jails and mental hospitals and, but for the grace of God, would have been dead."

Employed by lounges and night clubs, he even tended to be suicidal. He doesn't know how he functioned as a musician during that period. However Christian friends kept assuring him Jesus loved him anyway.

"I think the Lord in his sovereignty moved through my parents to get me to go back to college. A Christian college at that! Simultaneously a friend who had become a Christian the previous year, influenced by people at school, witnessed to me." Greg heard I John 1:9. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful

and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." and Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

"I did what those scriptures said—called upon him and the Lord saved me at 27. My life began to change."

After four months he fell back into drug habits.

"But once you have known the forgiveness of sin and the love of Christ in a very intimate way, it's hard to keep practicing sin," he mused. He had joined a Bible-believing church and his friends continued to pray for him.

"You're looking at someone who has been totally delivered by prayer," he stated.

The Lord opened a door after seven months. Greg, with two bottles of wine, was at a drive-in theater, scheduled to enter a hospital in three days.

"As I sat there talking to the Lord, he spoke to my spirit and said I would never have to pick up a bottle again. And I haven't."

Greg, now 33, and his wife Becky, also a reformed alcoholic, have two small

sons, Matthew and Erik. They live in Ft. Worth, Tex., where they are members of Anchor Baptist Church.

One of his favorite verses is II Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

"All things become new. If they do not, there is a birth defect," Greg maintains. He is adamant about church attendance. "A true believer has a passion for the church. He will attend regularly. Anything else is unscriptural. The Holy Spirit dwells with us if we yield and then we have a spirit-filled life."

"If you're a Christian, whether you are having a good day or a bad day, you're still ahead of all the nonChristians," Greg asserted.

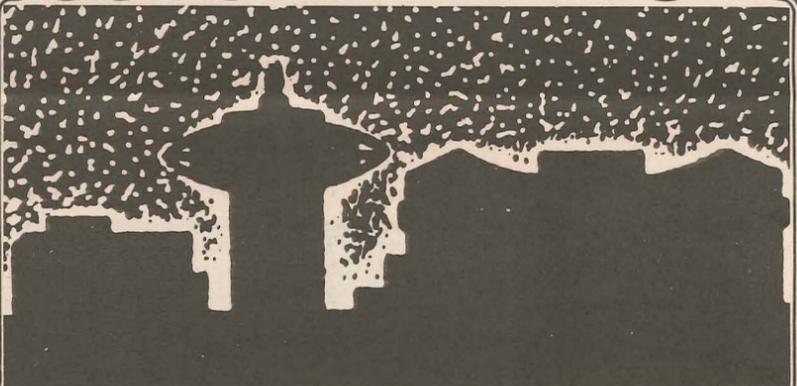
His parents have been saved. God is abundantly blessing his ministry.

"There are tough situations but the Lord gives me a pathway of escape. He's working on many areas of my life. And I know as long as I keep my eyes on Jesus and let him grow me up in the Lord, I never have to be a drunkard again."



Harpist Greg Buchanan

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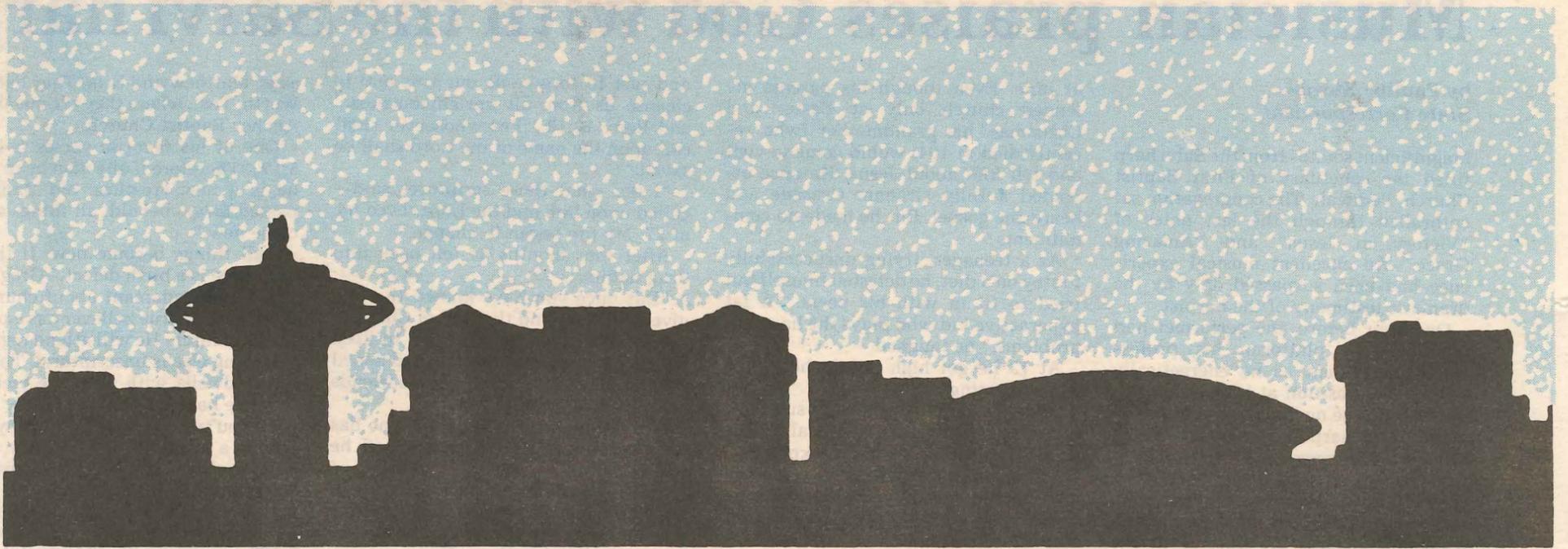
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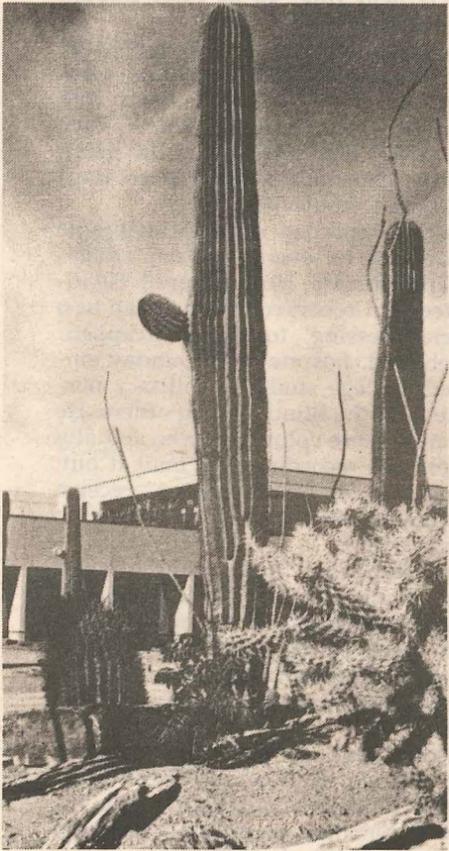
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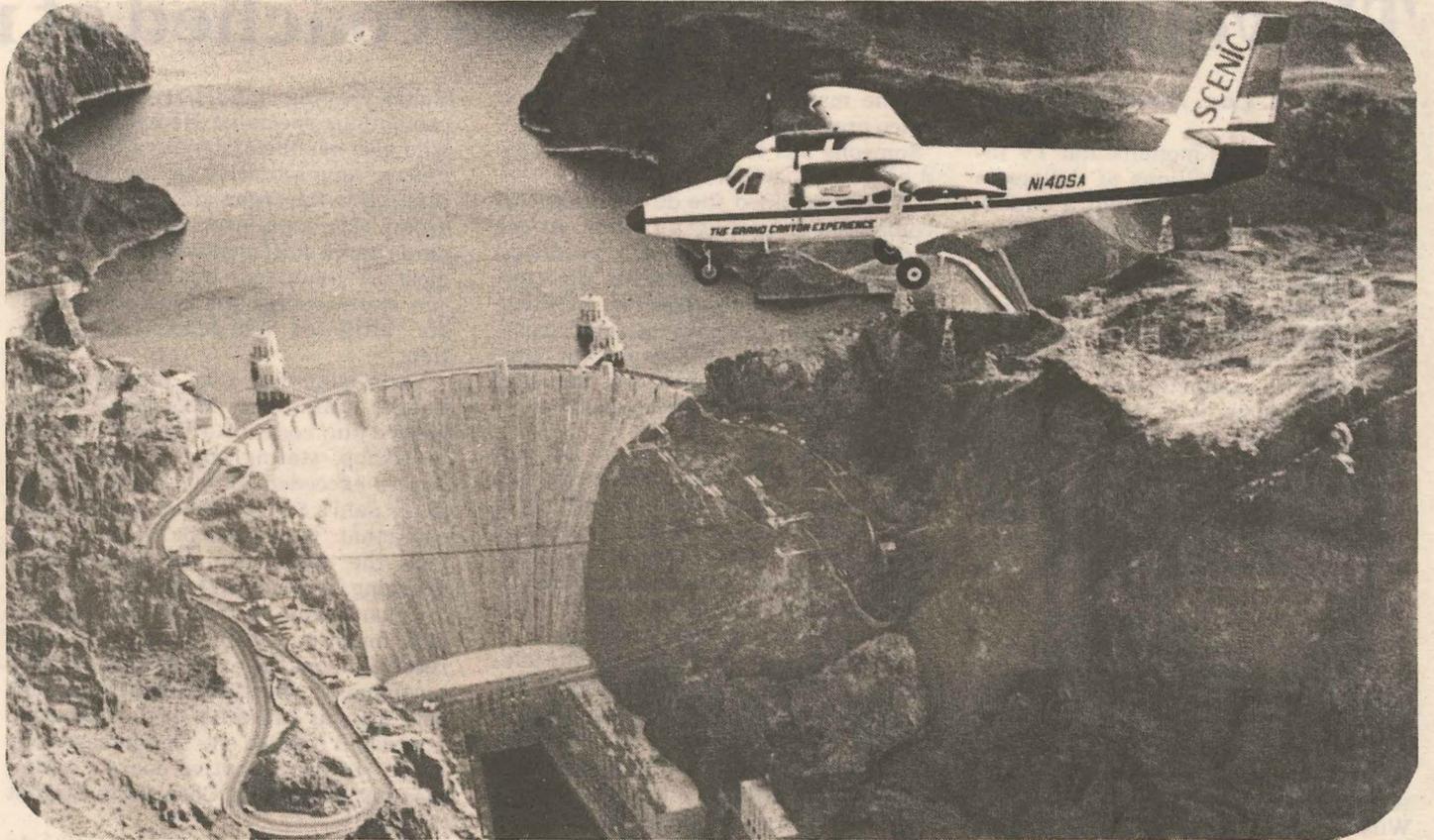
Las Vegas Convention Center will be the site of the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting when it convenes in the Nevada city June 13-15. Between 15,000 and 20,000 Southern Baptists are expected to attend the event.



Fremont Street, Las Vegas, Nev., is world famous. Its cousin, "The Strip," is near the Las Vegas Convention Center.



Desert plant life is a highlight of the Ethel M Botanical Gardens near Las Vegas, Nev. The gardens contain one of the largest collections of cacti and desert flora in the West. Inside visitors view another sticky subject—a chocolate factory. Numerous tourist attractions will greet Southern Baptists who will convene in the city for their annual meeting.

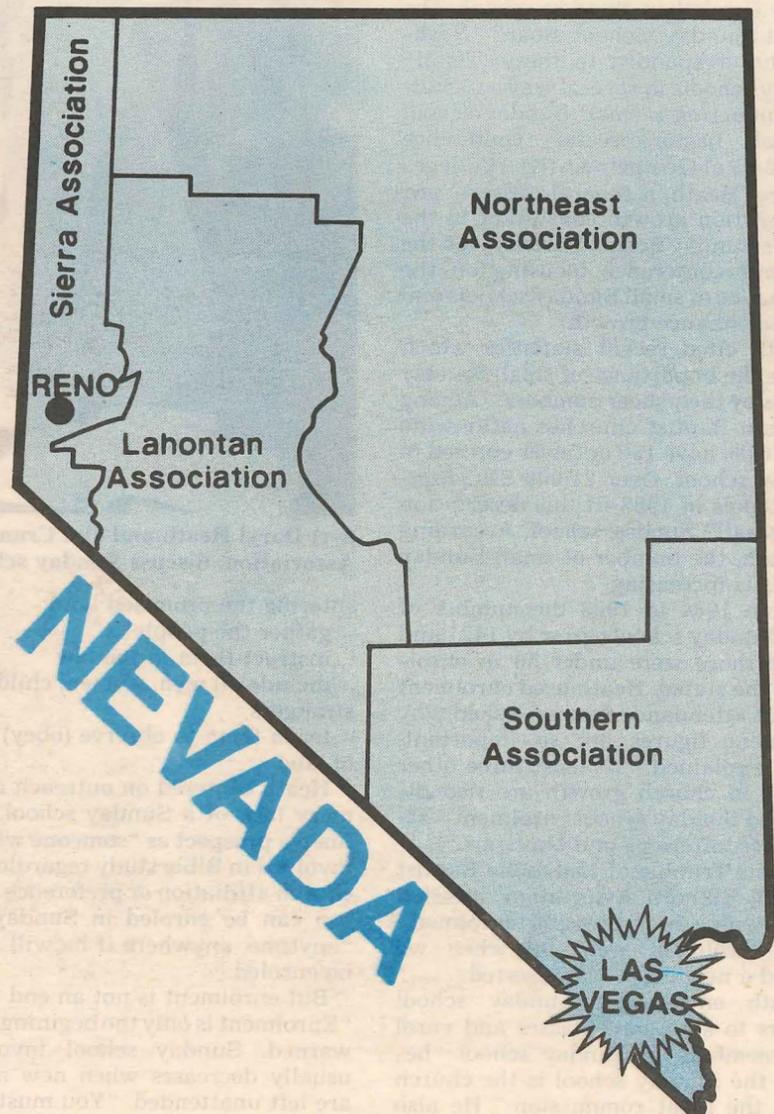


Hoover Dam, which blocks the Colorado River to form Lake Mead, is a marvel of modern engineering. It's also a major tourist attraction for visitors to nearby Las Vegas.

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TV volunteers, librarians coached at media clinic

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Referring to "this monumental TV industry" with its billions of dollars to produce creative programming, a Baptist media specialist compared religious broadcasters as the biblical David holding a slingshot, standing before Goliath.

Said Paul Lee, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Media Department: "Realizing there's no way we can begin to compete with those astronomical sums, it is imperative that we produce the very best product we can on our limited budgets."

Lee was one of several personalities on the program of a statewide Kentucky Baptist media workshop Apr. 29 at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. The event was coordinated by the convention's Communications Division.

In about two-and-a-half hours he presented basic technical procedures for video production, dealing with such subjects as lighting, video standards, camera equipment, requirements, editing, responsibilities and resources. Lee's session built on an earlier one by Tom Wilson, director of LBC Television Ministries at Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, on "Communication Possibilities."

Despite the fact a church has a pastor, said Wilson, the director of TV has to

be the man who "calls the shots" on video programs produced by the church. "Someone has to be in charge to make it all come together," he averred.

Wilson outlined the duties of several volunteers in getting a church on the air, including director, producer, graphic designer, technical director, camera crew, audio director, lighting-sets designer, program director, host-hostess and guests. It's "important" that the church staff be involved, too, said Wilson. "You need their cooperation."

Depicting the frustration of not knowing where TV is headed next, Lee said media people are currently in a "war zone." There are five or six factors he identified which could "revolutionize" the industry as new technology and equipment becomes available. "Nobody knows which way it will go."

Meeting simultaneously with the television ministry volunteers during the media workshop was a group of local church library workers. For the most part, their sessions were held separately from the TV group.

During a 45-minute meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Media Library Association, frustrations surfaced in regard to the organization's weight and influence with the KBC executive board.

Recognized by presiding officer

Nancy Hasting, of Shepherdsville, KBC promotions specialist Denise Hawkins, who also has the assignment of being a liaison representative to the KBLMA, referred to the organization as a "para" group. She explained that as it has no paid church staff members in the state—most are volunteer—it is not considered "an executive broad program," yet is an "affiliated independent organization."

Expressing her own dilemma over budget limitations, Miss Hawkins reviewed the costs of a typical KBLMA workshop, stating that one day's expenses exceeded \$1200. While participants paid a \$20 workshop fee, she indicated that "we want to be 'up front' with you—the money (to do this without charging fees) just isn't there any more."

Considerable discussion followed on how much/how little support is being received from the executive board. One participant, who didn't identify herself, said she was a member of the executive board and implied she "might carry our cause" to the executive board's spring meeting May 8-9 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

The organization tabled a motion to alter its number of annual meetings, terms of officers, addition of a treasurer's office and establishing a dues structure until another statewide media work-

shop is held Aug. 26 at First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Some of the librarians then joined the television ministry workshop for a combined session on "How to Begin and Maintain Cassette and Video Tape Ministries." The leader was Bill Hoff, minister of media at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Making recorded material available can be used for evangelization, education and worship, Hoff declared. He indicated that recorded material can be a "special blessing" to the handicapped, homebound, hospitalized, Sunday employed, college students, military personnel and the blind, among others. He also cited those volunteers who actually process the recording and mail it out, noting that about 25 persons "receive satisfaction" serving in this ministry at Walnut Street.

Hoff indicated that a church could begin a tape ministry for less than \$5 with a cassette audio recorder from a thrift store. He went through steps of enlarging the program, discussing costs, maintenance, personnel and technical matters.

Also appearing on the media workshop agenda at Bowling Green were Baptist Sunday Board Media Library Department consultants Jacquelyn Anderson and Barbara Freese.

Small Sunday schools are big news in Kentucky

by Greg Hodnett, Staff Writer

More than half the Southern Baptist churches in Kentucky have 150 or fewer people enrolled in Sunday school. The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has responded to these "small" Sunday schools in several ways, including conducting a small Sunday school regional pastor/director conference Apr. 28-29 at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Daryl Heath, a general officers' program section growth consultant in the board's Sunday School Division, led the five-hour conference focusing on the importance of small Sunday schools and ways to enhance growth.

Heath cited recent statistics which "prove the importance of small Sunday schools by their sheer numbers." Among Southern Baptist churches nationwide about 64% have 150 or fewer enrolled in Sunday school. Over 21,000 SBC Sunday schools in 1988 fit this description of a "small" Sunday school. According to Heath, the number of small Sunday schools is increasing.

"From 1984 to 1988 the number of small Sunday schools grew by 1421 and 980 of those were under 50 in enrollment," he stated. Heath used enrollment and not attendance figures. Asked why enrollment figures are so important, Heath explained, "At least three other factors in church growth are tied directly to Sunday school enrollment—attendance, offerings and baptisms."

Dennis Trimble of Sadieville Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, attested to the value of increasing enrollment. "Our enrollment went up when we started a new class," he asserted.

Heath encouraged Sunday school leaders to start new classes and enroll new members in Sunday school "because the Sunday school is the church doing the great commission." He also compared the tasks of a Sunday school to tasks in Deuteronomy 31, "final instructions" given the Israelites before



(l-r) Daryl Heath and Jim Crum, pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, discuss Sunday school growth principles.

entering the promised land:

gather the people
instruct them in the law
include all men, women, children and strangers
teach them to observe (obey) the law of God.

Heath centered on outreach as a primary task of a Sunday school. He defined a prospect as "someone who is not involved in Bible study regardless of his church affiliation or preference." A person can be enrolled in Sunday school "anytime, anywhere if he will agree to be enrolled."

But enrollment is not an end in itself. "Enrollment is only the beginning," Heath warned. Sunday school involvement usually decreases when new members are left unattended. "You must contact them often, perhaps weekly at first, if you are going to make them feel a part of the class fellowship."

Heath suggested ways of improving fellowship in Sunday school classes and departments. He included social activities such as recreational events and work projects. He also encouraged teachers to lead their classes to elect outreach leaders to keep up with prospects and absentees.

The conference leader gave information about Sunday school literature, enlisting and training workers, planning and conducting Sunday school workers' meetings, organizing the Sunday school and responsibilities of workers.

"The Sunday School Board is committed to small Sunday schools. Because of my work in small churches, I am committed to small Sunday schools," Heath declared. He announced the premier of *Small Sunday School Leadership*, a leadership journal to be released by the Baptist Sunday School Board in the next year or two.

Conference participants who met for at least five hours and agreed to read the Church Study Course book *The Small Sunday School at Work* will receive Study Course credit in the Sunday School Leadership or Advanced Sunday School Leadership diploma plan.

Small church pastors honored by convention

Long-time Missouri pastor Burton Hunt and Dick Mangham of Orlando, Fla., have been named the Southern Baptist Convention's outstanding small church pastors for 1989.

The two were selected for outstanding and unique ministry contributions as part of a denominational effort to honor the efforts of small church pastors, said Joe Stacker, director of the Church Administration Department at the Sunday School Board.

Hunt, pastor of Cave Springs Baptist Church, Neosho, Mo., 32 years, was a bivocational pastor until his recent retirement from the body shop of a local automobile dealership.

In his 32 years as pastor, Hunt has baptized 356 people, while undesignated receipts have grown from just over \$4000 to almost \$50,000. Mission gifts have increased from less than \$500 to almost \$26,000.

Mangham, pastor of Holden Heights Baptist Church, Orlando, has led his church to reach out with ministries that have resulted in growth from an average attendance of 25 two years ago to about 140 this year.

The program to honor small church pastors is expected to grow, Stacker said, to include nominations from all 50 states and eventually honors for the outstanding small church pastor in every state convention. To be eligible for the honor, the pastor must be in a church with fewer than 300 members. (BP)

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Georgetown College

Georgetown College professor of arts Bob Williams completed a bronze casting of James Jefferson Rucker, professor of mathematics at Georgetown, 1855-1908.

The work, to be hung in Highbaugh Hall, was commissioned by Joe O. Lewis, vice president for academic affairs.

From the beginning stages of his creation Williams' sculpture experienced a variety of technical problems. The heat in the art building caused the original clay sculpture to break several times. The final clay version was kiln fired in two pieces with the separation across Rucker's moustache, ear and background. Williams then patched the two halves together with automobile putty.

Williams believed his problems were over. Unknown were the artistic headaches he was yet to face.

The final ceramic relief was turned over to a group of sculpture graduate students from another institution in the South.

"The students in sculpture made a silicone rubber model and a wax cast impression of Rucker," said Williams. "They were eager to begin the project."

Molten bronze was then poured at a blazing 2200 degrees Fahrenheit into the mold. Hours passed as the metal cooled. Williams eagerly awaited to be the first to see his handiwork.

To his dismay, refinements had been made "which didn't conform to my wishes."

The smooth area where Rucker's name was engraved was marred by deep gashes.

"The graduate students had misinterpreted the brush strokes in the original form as deep lines to be incised into the metal," Williams smirked. "I had to file and sand every mistake out!"

After some fine tuning, Williams put a patina (fine coating) on the work before the engraver did his work. The sculpture had been cast once before his final product, but running true to misfortune, the casting was a failure.

"The entire process and the delays resulted in a project that took a year and a half. Normally, with my teaching load at Georgetown, this sculpture should have taken me three months," grinned Williams.

Williams has found "relief" now that his bronze sculpture is on temporary display at Cook Memorial Library on campus.

"This is one of a very few naturalistic sculptures I've done," Williams said. "I am more known for my abstract works. I do regret that I haven't worked with bronze all these years. Working with the bronze metal was exciting and easier than working with aluminum."

Williams, a 25-year member of the Georgetown faculty, intends to do more bronze castings. For now, he is proud of a work filled with irritation, bewilderment, love and patience.

Southwestern Seminary

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is hosting a national alumni luncheon June 14 at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel.

The luncheon will follow the Wednesday morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the convention.

The seminary will recognize six distinguished alumni at the luncheon. Those to be honored are Nilson Fanini, William Souther, Ben Elrod, John Seelig, William Hendricks and Finlay Graham.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College

Trustees of Clear Creek Bible College conducted their semiannual meeting on the Pineville, Ky. campus Apr. 20.

Chairman Jimmy Jackson, Middleboro, presided over an agenda which featured adoption of the 1989-90 budget and approval of a five-year plan presented by president Bill D. Whittaker.

New items in the \$1.8 million budget include a salary administration plan, library expansion, remodeling and additional staff.

Pineville native Mrs. Darlys Warren was elected academic dean. She has been acting dean since October. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Mrs. Warren went to Clear Creek in 1982 to teach English and communication arts.

Mrs. Barbara Terry was employed as assistant director of library sciences effective Aug. 1. She earned a MLS degree from Texas Woman's University and recently completed 15 years as a Southern Baptist missionary in the Philippines.

The board approved Bill Pfoff for a one year supervised teaching assignment. Pfoff has a PhD in physiology and upon retirement from the Air Force began a master's in biblical exposition

at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Revisions of the faculty-staff handbook created six levels of faculty and four levels of staff on a salary schedule comparable to local educational institutions and similar Bible colleges.

Five-year planning goals gained board affirmation. An increased recruitment effort seeks an enrolment to 200 full time students by 1994. Plans call for expanding the library by 2260 square feet and adding 13,500 volumes. Additional programs project an associate's degree for church secretary work, a bivocational track, missionary-in-residence and strengthened music program. The plan foresees campus improvements and additional student housing. Other goals support efforts to maintain accreditation by the American Association of Bible Colleges.

Students, faculty-staff and trustees united on the Kelly Hall lawn to burn a \$377,000 note. The note payoff was one result of a convention-approved "Miracle in the Mountains" capital funds campaign.

Trustees expressed appreciation for Dr. and Mrs. Carvin Bryant who will move to Ohio in June. The board designated Bryant as interim president in 1988 following the resignation of Leon Simpson. Most recently Bryant was vice president of development and professor of Old Testament.

The trustees launched a \$200,000 endowed chair of New Testament named for H. C. Chiles, Clear Creek professor, Sunday school lesson commentator and former Kentucky Baptist Convention president.



James H. Cox
Associate Editor

fourth estate

A matter of when

I wish you could know Alan Funk.

He has labored tirelessly to put himself through U of L. Others have, too, but this story goes beyond that.

Born to a family where mother and dad honored God, Alan was the elder of two children. Both parents worked to provide life's necessities. They also instilled moral and ethical values in their children while doing it.

We have been privileged to share church membership with them. Nearly a decade ago I invited Alan, then an older teen, to teach sixth grade boys and girls in Sunday school. His positive response hinted at the kind of teacher he would be—dependable, intelligent, mature, enthusiastic. So impressive was he, I could not refrain from telling his dad one day, "Nathan, you have every reason to be proud of that boy. He obviously reflects the fine teachings of your home."

We were at Jefferson Street Chapel in downtown Louisville at the time. Nathan often prepared breakfast on Sunday mornings for the city's street people. He was the kind of man that would offer the shirt from his back to someone who needed it. Turning to thank me, he said, "Yes, a son like Alan brings a lot of joy to a father."

None of us could know that within a year cancer would remove Nathan from our midst. I have been thankful we had that brief dialog about his boy. He needed to hear it from somebody else.

Today, at 29, Alan is the kind of man you'd like your daughter to marry.

For years Alan has utilized handyman traits his father instilled in him, including maintaining the church bus in good running order.

Two years ago he was selected by Kentucky BSU for an overseas summer missions assignment in Kenya.

Prior to leaving for Africa he asked if he could talk with me about my two trips there. We spent a morning in the lawn chairs behind our home. He asked questions about the Kenyans as I reminisced, while I secretly wished I had his summer opportunity.

Not long ago he did something that seemed inevitable. On an invitation hymn Alan went to the front, releasing himself to full time missions service. He asked the congregation to pray for him. It was a high moment for us all.

That night we caught up with him at church. "Alan," I said, "I don't think anybody was surprised by what you did today. It was only a matter of when."

"You know," he modestly replied, "some other people told me that, too."

On the way home I said to my family, "I wish Nathan could have been here today. He would be so proud."

To which my wise-beyond-years 14-year-old added, "I think he was, dad."

The Annual Kentucky Baptist Secretaries Conference

EXPANDING HORIZONS July 28-29, 1989 Campbellsville College

Expand your professional and personal horizons at this year's conference. Enjoy this special time of fellowship and encouragement. The conference begins with registration at 3:00 on July 28 and concludes with lunch on July 29.

Accommodations are available on the Campbellsville College campus. The conference fee includes an advance registration of \$15, accommodations, meals, and program costs. Membership dues are additional. Overnight: \$40. Commuters: \$30.

Cancellations: full refund will be made for notices received before July 14, 1989. After July 14, there is a \$5 refund.

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Mail completed form with your check to: Kentucky Baptist Secretaries Association, c/o Miss Clara A. McCartt, P. O. Box 7454, Louisville, KY 40207.

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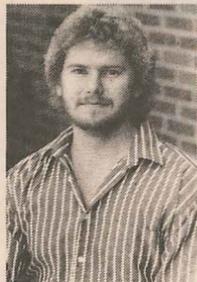
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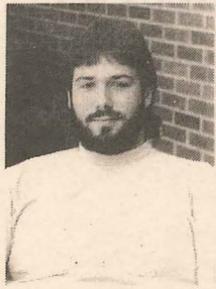


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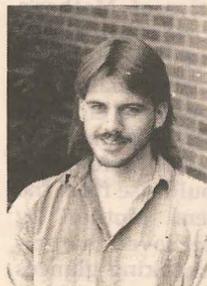
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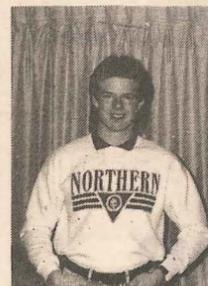
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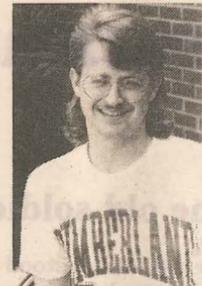
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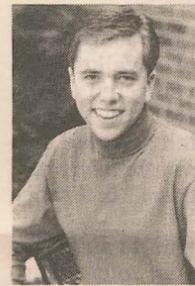
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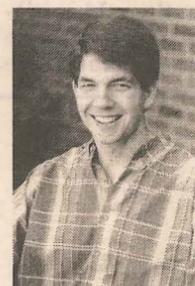
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The old soldier

The old soldier stood erect near the edge of the porch of his modest home in Danville. Near his head a small and faded American flag moved gently in the springtime breeze of a sunny Sunday afternoon.

He had shuffled from his bedroom to the porch with the aid of a walker. The nearly 98-year-old man suffered a broken hip last August. He is still in pain from the fall. Until his fall he could still walk 120 steps to the minute as he had done on parade "over there" in France in World War I.

The girls and boys began to sing. The words were those of an old Negro spiritual, but they might have been the testimony of the old gentleman himself: "I ain't got time to die . . . cause I keep so busy praising Jesus . . . working for the kingdom . . . serving my master . . . ain't got time to die."

As the youthful voices rose and ebbed, the old man leaned slightly forward to hear better, to see more clearly.

He straightened again, the flag brushed his cheek, as the choir sang the 103rd Psalm: "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies . . ."

Then the words of another old spiritual: "Soonah we'll be done with de troubles of the world . . . I want to see

my mother . . . I want to see my father . . . I want to see my Jesus . . ."

A faraway look came into the age-dim eyes with the remembrance of loved ones, parents and brothers and sisters and two beloved wives, each gone before to make heaven more precious, and most precious of all, Jesus.

Yes, the old man knew he would see them again. His heart and mind echoed the lilting words of the young voices as they continued to sing . . . "it is well, it is well . . . with my soul."

He leaned forward again to catch the words of the next song—was it "Give Me That Old Time Religion?" he asked. "No." The beat was faster. However, the song was new to him. But the words were familiar ones from the 127th Psalm: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my liife; of whom I shall be afraid?"

Then came the much loved words of "Amazing Grace" and the assurance that "when we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun."

There was silence. The old man peered into the faces of the young people. They looked at one who will soon have lived 100 years, and a promise was made to sing for him again on that anniversary day.

Several of the young people came forward shyly to speak to the old soldier. Elderly neighbor women had gathered to listen. Two small black children had sat down a few hundred feet away to hear. A young woman came to speak to me with her muscular seventh grade son. I was delighted to learn that she attended Oneida school during the years I served overseas. They had heard the singing, saw the big former Greyhound with the legend "Oneida Baptist Institute . . . education for time and eternity." Imagine their surprise, and then my surprise. Her son had heard much of Oneida people over the years, and now he was seeing some for the first time other than his mother.

Giving the old man some sausage from Oneida's corn-fed hogs, we said "good bye" to Mr. J. B. Henson, who is a wonderfully generous friend of Oneida's children. A frugal man, still keen of mind and who still loves to make a good trade, we left inspired. Born by faith into the family of God many decades ago, J. B. Henson is a faithful servant of Christ, a prayer warrior, "not slothful in business; fervent of spirit; serving the Lord."



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MAY 14, 1989

Life and work series

God strengthens relationships

Josh. 22:10 As an ardent labor of grateful love, the children of Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built a very impressive altar by the Jordan River. From this we learn that things to be done for God and his glory are to be done unanimously. Although the Jordan separated the two groups, their faith was placed in the same God in whom they exercised an implicit faith. Joshua was very careful to caution the people and admonish them to continue in their observance of the law of God as given through Moses. The people were expected to love the Lord, to walk in his ways, to keep his commandments, to persist in their staying true to him and in serving him with all earnestness.

Josh. 22:16 The unity of the nation of Israel was based on their common faith in God, which was maintained and strengthened through a common and single form of worship. It is good to know they were committed to preserving their unity of commitment to God whom they loved and served because of what he did for them.

Josh. 22:27-29 The only place the Transjordan tribes recognized as being appropriate for the making of sacrifices was the altar before the ark of the coven-

ant at the tabernacle. This second altar was to be a witness to remind them that they were to observe the sacrificial system which God had established. This altar was erected as a testimony to the greatness of God, as a remembrance of what God had done for them, and served as a means of telling others what they needed to know about what he had done for them.

International series

Building up the body of Christ

Eph. 4:1-10 It is the will of God for all Christians to walk worthily of the high calling. Involved in this appeal are seven unities expressed in verses four to six: one body—the church, one Spirit—the Holy Spirit, one hope—of resurrection and sharing in glory, one Lord—Jesus Christ, one faith—in Christ the all sufficient Saviour, one baptism—dramatizing the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, and one God—the Father of every Christian, who is sufficient for all your needs.

Christ's gifts are not just for our personal enjoyment or the glory of man, but are to equip us to win the lost to Christ, to edify the believers and to glorify the Lord whom we serve. Every child of God has a definite work to do for him.

Eph. 4:11-12 Among Christ's gifts to his churches are: apostles—those who are called, separated, endowed, ordained and sent forth as ambassadors for Christ, prophets—those who have a peculiar insight into the will of God and have received a definite commission to speak for him, evangelists— itinerant preachers who go into regions where the gospel has not been proclaimed and preach it and introduce them to Christ and then establish churches, and pastors and teachers—those who have oversight of the churches and give spiritual instruction and guidance. Believers are to be instructed, indoctrinated, equipped and trained for Christian service in order that the body of Christ may be enlarged, built up and strengthened.

Eph. 4:13-16 Have you discovered what the Lord wants you to do? Are you doing it? If you have not discovered what he wants you to do, then do so, and strive to do it to the very best of your ability. It is important that each of God's children shall grow into spiritual maturity and be established in the truth, so as to avoid being distrubed or swayed by any false teachers.



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on mission together

Momma

My most vivid memories of Mother's Day lie woven in the fabric of First Baptist Church of Frankfort.

Mother's Day was very special there. For we all sat together some eight or nine rows from the front. At some point in the service, Mrs. Moffatt (wife of Dr. Fred T. Moffatt Sr.) would rise from the choir to recite the poem "Mother" by Edgar Guest. My mother loved that experience. I recall my sneaking glances to watch the tears as they ran down her cheeks. And I remember on one occasion, when daddy took her hand in his and patted it gently. Most of all I re-

member we were all together, a reality which even as a child I knew would not be forever. Somehow that picture in my mind is more enduring than all the old family photos.

In a few days we will experience Mother's Day again. And I find myself trying to translate those early memories into contemporary experiences. Mother's Day is a Sunday I set aside to be with the mother of my children. Perhaps only one of our three will be there . . . but we will be together and that is gift enough.

For this Mother's Day, I take the opportunity to render a prayer of gratitude for mother. If it somehow speaks for you, the reader, I shall be glad.

Loving Lord, we come to thee today with our memories;

Memories as fresh as today but yellowed with the passing of many yesterdays.

Little ones were we, only half-aware that someone held us close to feed;

Against whose bosom we felt secure

and warm.

There are times, O Lord, when we would retreat to mother's arms;

When responsibility seems too great, our strength lacking, and we are afraid.

We are grateful that some among us may yet pick up the phone and talk with her;

May receive a letter from her in the mail; may still give her a hug.

Some among us now see her as fragile; unable to care for herself, needing the special attention we once needed and received as children.

And some of us are left with only memories for we are now the older generation.

Help us, O Lord, as we remember mother, to set our minds on lofty places where light and brightness rearrange the clutter of our minds; where joy is finger-painted on every wall.

And may the best of our mothers live on to haunt us all to nobler life.

Today, O Lord, I want to thank you for momma.

Hospital chaplain dispenses Kleenex and smiles

by Mark Wingfield

At St. Mary's Hospital Mark Fite dispenses Kleenex and smiles as frequently as most nurses give out aspirin.

Fite, a Southern Baptist chaplain, empties several boxes of facial tissues every week. He offers the tissues to nurses, doctors and other hospital employees who come to his office to unload their problems.

After facing the daily trauma of a hospital, employees sometimes need a shoulder to cry on or someone to listen, Fite says.

"They need to have a little bit of time to sit down and cry like a baby. They need a place where they can feel comfortable, not threatened, and let it all hang out—let their makeup run."

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The place many employees come is the chaplain's office, a small room tucked away at the end of a long hallway near the back door of the hospital. The remote location provides confidentiality for employees who don't want their supervisors to know they are seeking counseling, Fite says.

He may counsel with an employee there or at a workstation somewhere in the hospital. "Maybe three or four minutes is all it takes sometimes," he says.

Fite, a retired Navy chaplain, has been part time employe chaplain at St. Mary's 11 years. He is endorsed by Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board.

"Nursing is where the stress really piles up," he explains. "If a patient is dying a nurse will feel responsible and wonder what more she could have done.

"And then to go from a room where someone has died and to be able to smile and serve the next patient—it's almost impossible. All of us go through the grieving process. That nurse just needs someone to listen for a while."

"I let them know that in every problem we have God is for us," Fite says.

"I do not feel like any counseling is worth the name without the religious aspect of it," he adds. "But I never push religion as the magic rabbit's foot that will instantly cure all our problems.

"I don't consider that I have to make everybody a Baptist. But if I can help everyone relate to God as they see him I'm a success."

Fite sometimes writes hospital employees a prescription on a small piece of paper. His recommended medicine is selected scriptures that address the problems employees face.

Fite says how much business he has in his office depends on how visible he is on the nursing floors. He makes the rounds daily, starting on the top floor and walking the hallways of each of the hospital's six floors.

"People are not going to come to me if I sit in the chaplain's office," he explains. "The work place is where the mission field is. I don't really get to do mission work until I get out where people have grease on their clothes.

"I think it's important even if I'm just visible on the floors," Fite says. "It reminds the employees that they are people God cares about. It reminds them that there's more to their work than bedpans.

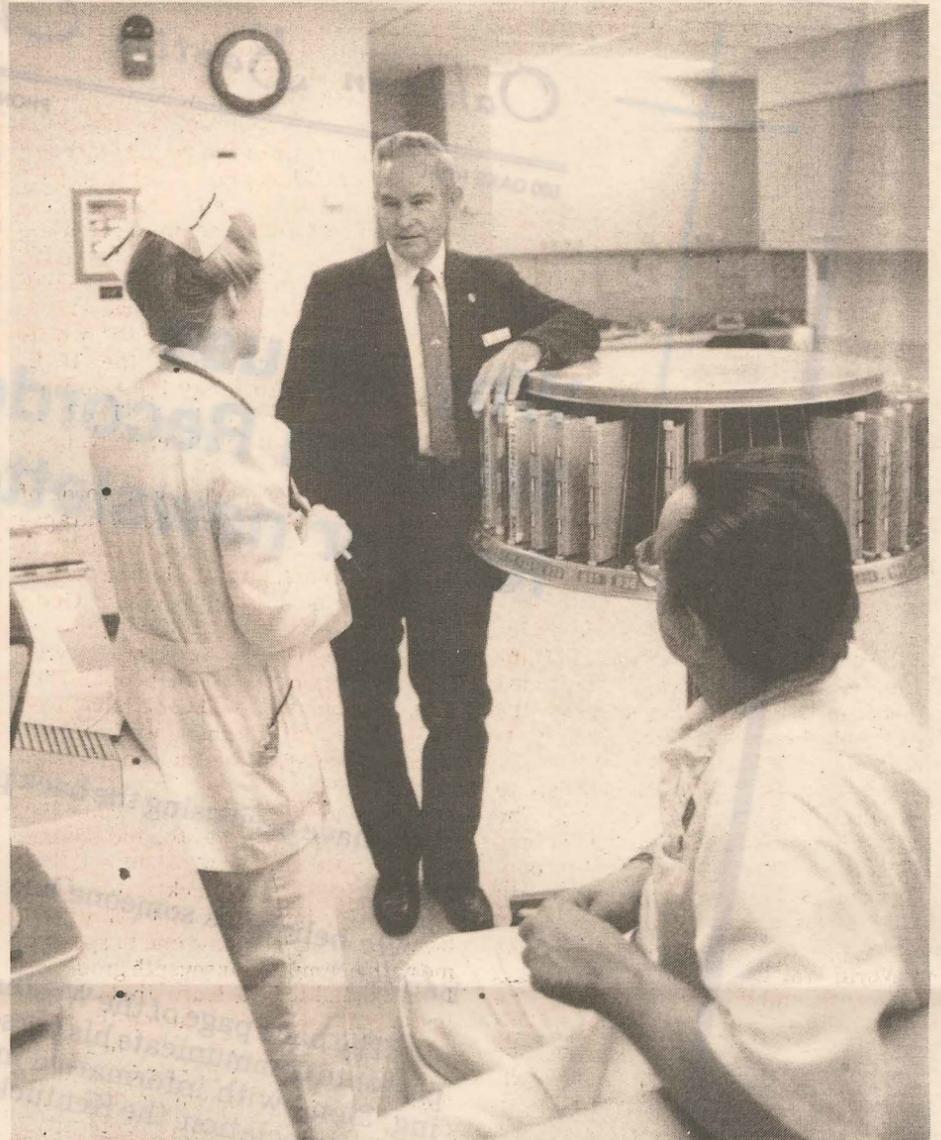
"If I can help that employee, that translates directly toward good patient care. That nurse or doctor can be so disturbed over their own problems that they can come in and prescribe the wrong medication or perform the wrong care.

"If you have happy employees in whatever job they're working at, they're going to do a better job," Fite says.

Sister Antonette, who supervises St. Mary's nurses, says she has seen the difference Fite's ministry has made at the hospital. "I don't know how we ever did without him. He has salvaged so many marriages.

"Before chaplain Fite came, I had to spend an awful lot of time dealing with employe problems. I needed someone who would meet not only their physical needs but their spiritual needs.

"He is a deeply spiritual man but very human and understanding. Our employees feel they have the assurance and availability of someone who's concerned



During May, Southern Baptists recognize their 2014 endorsed chaplains in the United States and 17 foreign countries. Mark Fite, employe chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, Ga., is one of that group.

about them."

Although St. Mary's is a Catholic hospital, Fite says he has no trouble ministering there. "This is like when I was on a Navy ship. I have the run of the ship. I'm not in the pocket of anyone," he says.

Sister Antonette agrees that the hospital does not expect Fite to compromise his own beliefs. "We're a Catholic hospital but we respect the beliefs of all people."

"When we hired a chaplain, we didn't look at what denomination he was. We looked for the most qualified person," she says.

After 11 years on the job Fite is well-known throughout the hospital. He recently discovered how much employees appreciate his ministry when his 7-year-old grandson died.

At that time those Fite had ministered to began to minister to him, he says. "I have a long history with so many of these people. That's how you really grow, when you've been through deep waters together.

"Often when I see someone in the hall who I know is facing a problem, we don't even have to stop and talk. We're fellow travelers."

Facts about Southern Baptist chaplaincy ministries

- * There are currently 2014 endorsed Southern Baptist chaplains
- * Southern Baptist chaplains serve in a variety of settings: military, hospitals, correctional institutions, businesses, industry, flea markets, racetracks, law enforcement, recreational areas, fairgrounds, shopping malls, apartment complexes, funeral homes, retirement centers and other places where there are groups of people in need of ministry.
- * Southern Baptist chaplains serve as both paid employees and volunteers, in part time and full time ministries.
- * The Home Mission Board does not appoint and employ chaplains in the same way as missionaries, but endorses them for service through the Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission.
- * Most salaried Southern Baptist chaplains are paid by the organizations they serve, although a few are paid by local Baptist associations or state conventions.
- * Southern Baptist chaplains serve throughout the United States and in 17 foreign countries.
- * Last year, Southern Baptist chaplains reported 22,273 professions of faith through their ministries, an average of 61 professions of faith per day.
- * Southern Baptist chaplains made 1.8 million ministry visits last year.
- * Southern Baptist chaplains conducted 423,292 counseling sessions and led 66,630 worship services in 1988.
- * Southern Baptist chaplaincy ministries are supported in part by gifts to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions.

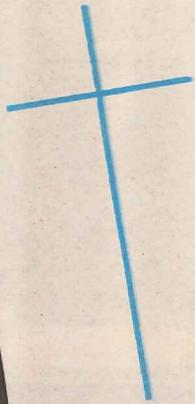
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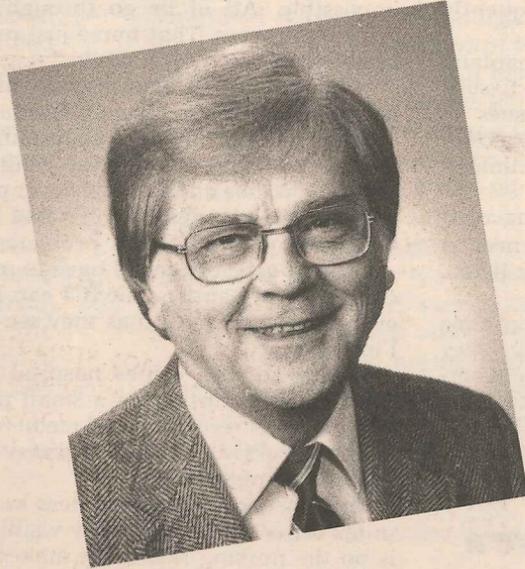
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