

Editor Jack Sanford dies after heart failure

Western Recorder editor Jack D. Sanford died at Louisville's Baptist East Hospital May 24 following a massive heart attack. He had not complained of illness before his seizure.

Funeral services were conducted May 26 at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church, the church of which he was a member, and May 27 at a Florence funeral home. Interment followed the second service at Highland Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell.

Survivors include his widow, the former Margaret Reeves; sons, Michael W. Sanford, Florence, and Jack S. Sanford, Butler; mother, Emma Sanford,

Florence; brother, Robert E. Sanford, Dayton, Oh.; and eight grandchildren.

Sanford, 63, became editor of Western Recorder July 1, 1984.

A native of Cincinnati, Oh., he was educated at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He held MDiv, ThM and DMin degrees from the latter institution.

His pastoral experience took him to three states: French Broad Baptist Church, Dandridge, Tenn., 1949-51; Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot, Ky., 1952-53; Salem Baptist Church, Pembroke, Ky., 1954-57; Oaklawn Baptist Church, Paducah, 1957-63; Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church, 1963-70; Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Urbana, Ill., 1970-76; Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., 1976-84.

Active in denominational life, Sanford had been an associational moderator, president of associational pastors conferences, a director of Western Recorder, member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board and chairman of its executive committee, first vice president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and a trustee of Carson-Newman College.

He served three years with the U. S. Navy Seabees during World War II. He had been a chaplain in the Kentucky Air National Guard and from 1954-57 was professor of religion at Bethel College, Hopkinsville. At the time of his death he was a part time professor at Boyce Bible School at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the permanent endowment fund of Western Recorder and be sent to the Kentucky Baptist Foundation for this purpose. Sanford's widow resides at 407 Fellswood Pl., Middletown, KY 40243.

Stricker retiring: his name to remain a household word?

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Reach in your shirt or pants pocket or purse.

There's a fair chance—if you've been attending Baptist conventions, conferences and workshops in Kentucky the last two decades—you've picked up a ball point pen or plastic coin carrier with Jesse Stricker's name on it.

Don't worry. You don't have to give it back.

Thousands of the items have been on "help yourself" tables at Baptist clinics of all types across the commonwealth for years. Their purpose is to advertise the stewardship services which Stricker has promoted 22 years.

Now the word is out. Hang on to your Jesse Stricker pen and coin purse. They could become collector's items.

Stricker has announced his retirement as director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Stewardship Department effective July 31, four months shy of his 65th birthday.

Reflecting earlier this month on a career spanning 24 years in the Baptist Building, including two years as Sunday School Department associate, Stricker allowed that he was the "last leaf on the tree." There are no executive-professional-supervisory staff personnel remaining on the Middletown staff who were there when he arrived in 1965. And, with the exception of one other employe, there are no other full time persons left who were there then. Talk about tenure.

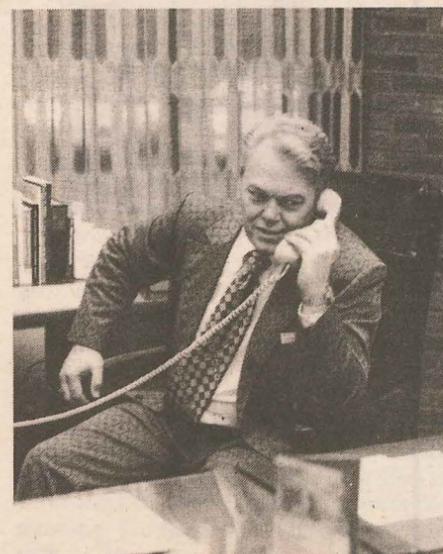
Born in St. Louis, Mo., Stricker married the girl next door (Elva Ruth Smith) after going half way around the world with the Navy in search of God's intended. The couple celebrated their 40th anniversary Mar. 12. They are parents of three children. Beth, 35, is a Southern Baptist missionary to Transkei, South Africa. Barry, 32, is an associate professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal. Pam, 27, is an elementary school teacher at Crestwood, Ky.

After attending Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo., Stricker received the BA degree from Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield. He earned the BD (now MDiv) degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1955.

He was student pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church, Ozark, Mo. before moving to his "adopted" state of Kentucky for seminary training in the early 50s. He's been here nearly four decades, pastoring Beech Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, 1952-55; Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, 1955-56; Perryville Baptist Church, South District Association, 1956-59; and Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort, 1959-65.

Stricker recalls requests from KBC leaders Roy Boatwright, then Sunday School Department director, and the late Harold G. Sanders, then executive secretary-treasurer, for him to consider joining the KBC staff. He turned them down twice. By the third time, they convinced him that his ministry could be "extended" beyond the pastorate. He resigned at Frankfort and joined Boatwright's team of Sunday school workers.

Calling himself "basically a Sunday school man," Stricker advises, "If I were



Jesse C. Stricker

a pastor again, I would continue to be a Sunday school man." While supporting other programs of the church, he adds, "A pastor today can accomplish so much through the Sunday school."

Kentucky was one of the first few states to employ stewardship directors, as early as 1960. Bob Hastings was first, followed by Mike Speer. When Speer moved to the SBC Stewardship Commission, the KBC executive board turned to Stricker. It seems to have been a match made in heaven.

Stricker has guided development of a Christian education scholarship program, tract ministry, Video Tape Service, radio-TV promotion and produced news releases and other promotional materials before a Communications Division came into being in 1985. He's helped Baptist churches and people understand the biblical message of stewardship, promoted the Cooperative Program, Christian family money management, maintaining church budgetary records with integrity, Planned Growth in Giving, Growth in Giving, Together We Build and other Stewardship Commission-originated programs.

As one who has pushed the Cooperative Program throughout his ministry, Stricker laments that "we have no vehicle in the church for promoting the Cooperative Program." He pointed out that the Woman's Missionary Union effectively campaigns for Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Eliza Broadus offerings, but the Cooperative Program "is no one's job assignment."

He recommends that every church study Susan and Cecil Ray's book *Cooperation: Baptist Way to a Lost World* to understand the strategic role of the Cooperative Program in Southern Baptist life.

Stricker's plans beyond July 31? "Indefinite," he says. He "loves the pastorate" and "enjoys interims." He'd like to continue holding revivals, Bible studies, Cooperative Program and stewardship mission emphases. He says he and Elva are available for volunteer missions at home or overseas. They just plan to "remain available," he concludes.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, they're doling out the last of the Stricker pens and purses.

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Jack D. Sanford

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A continuing education opportunity

Every workman needs a time to reexamine the tasks at hand and a professional refresher course. Ministers of the gospel are no exception to this rule and they too need to take a break once in a while to look objectively at what they are doing, how and why they are doing it. Thus the announcement last week that Southern Seminary will conduct a pastor's school on the seminary campus Aug. 7-11, 1989 is good news.

Our oldest seminary has been training men and women for ministry 130 years and now offers a summer refresher course for persons actively engaged in local church ministry. We hope many of our colleagues will take advantage of this excellent opportunity not only to continue their education and hone their skills but also the opportunity to engage in serious dialogue with leaders from across the spectrum of our work.

Program leaders include Michael and Peggy Hester, David D'Amico, Hugh McElrath, Ernest White, Bill Leonard, Craig Loscalzo, Carl Bates, Willis Bennett, David Dockery, Gerald Borchert and Gerald Keown from the Southern Seminary faculty.

Other program leaders include Chip Miller, director of the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Myra Bates, former vice president of the SBC, D. L. Lowrie, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and two Kentucky pastors, Robert White, First Church, Paducah, and Kenneth Chafin, Walnut Street Church, Louisville.

The conference theme is "Biblical Authority and the Practice of Ministry." With the sort of confusion and discussion we have had regarding the priesthood of believers and pastoral authority among Southern Baptists lately, this seems an appropriate emphasis.

Information about the conference is available from the Office of Continuing Education, Southern Baptist Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.

We believe a brief time of study on the beautiful campus of our oldest seminary would be time well spent. We encourage all pastors to find time to take a few days for intensive study in an atmosphere of friendship and scholarship.

Can you believe 40 years?

Pastoral tenure in the Southern Baptist Convention is about five years so it comes as a pleasant surprise to share in a service of celebration for a pastor and church who have been together 40 years.

We were honored to share in the celebration of just such a marvel Sunday, May 21, as John Wallace and Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington celebrated the 40th anniversary of John's ministry as pastor of the church.

Wallace and his wife Mary came to the old Felix Memorial Baptist Church, located in a transitional area of Lexington, in May 1949. They came to Kentucky, Mary's home state, from Hennessey, Okla., where John had started his full time pastoral career after graduation from Southwestern Seminary.

In describing those early days John declared, "the people were few and discouraged. They had had no active relationship with our denomination for a long time. No evangelistic effort had been made in 29 years."

All of that began to change and in 1958 the

church bought 13½ acres of land on Lexington's prominent thoroughfare, North Broadway. Chapel services were started in a farm house on the property with John preaching at both the chapel and the mother church. Five years later the old Felix Memorial building was sold, the church moved to the chapel site and the name of the church changed to Parkway Baptist Church.

During the celebration ceremony the congregation heard several members testify to the caring ministry of John and Mary through these 40 years. They demonstrated their love for the Wallaces by presenting them a beautiful silver punch bowl, a silver tray and a generous check. The day of celebration concluded with dinner on the grounds and warm Christian fellowship.

We are not sure if 40 years in the same church is a record in Kentucky. We are sure, however, that 40 years is a long time and we salute John and Mary Wallace as well as the members of Parkway Baptist Church for showing us we can walk together in service to the Lord Christ for many years if we are willing to love one another.

Take a look at this

June 1 at 10:00 p.m. Louisville's Channel 15 will televise the Bill Moyers special which deals with the controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention. All Kentucky Baptists should take a look at this program and make up their own mind.

This particular program was the subject of debate at the SBC Executive Committee meeting last February and charges, counter charges, rumor and other assorted remarks have been made about the program and its content. Moyers has asked for the opportunity to address the Executive Committee

and state his case.

The only way to know what was shown and what was said is to view the material yourself. Persons in Kentucky who cannot receive Channel 15 should check the local Public Broadcasting System station for time and date in your area.

Western Recorder makes no judgment on the program but felt it was in the general interest of all Kentucky Baptists to call to your attention this television offering. We have done this, now it is up to you.

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Sisters dedicate 238 years to Sedalia Baptist

by Pauline Stegall
State Correspondent

Three sisters represent a total of 238 years of service to Sedalia Baptist Church, Graves County Association. Attending every Sunday except for occasional illness, they have worked at every level from custodial duties to mission work.

The former Lassiter girls, Eva Caldwell, 96; Layne Whitlow, 93; and Orma Boyd, 91; all alert and enthusiastic, are eager to talk about their involvement.

Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Whitlow, both 80-year members, are now widowed, each maintaining her own home. Mrs. Boyd, a 78-year member, has lived across the street from the church 53 years with her husband Byron, 90.

"Being so near the church made me want to buy this house," she offered.

The sisters remember the first little white frame church built in 1899, the homemade pews and little table holding the wooden offering box. In later years the WMU would pay a little boy 25¢ to build a fire on Sunday morning. He would build it on old ashes only an hour before church so the congregation would pull benches around the stove to keep warm.

The present building was constructed in 1920. Mrs. Boyd recalls riding over the county with her mother on Old Henry, the horse, collecting donations.

The church almost lost its property during the depression but the women of the church "pitched in" to help. Again donations were sought but this time the ladies piled into a few early vintage cars. They accepted anything people offered—chicken, eggs, old butter. Selling the chickens and eggs, they made soap to sell from the old butter.

Church people would bring home canned fruit and vegetables to the

church at Thanksgiving. It would be packed in barrels of sawdust and shipped to Glen Dale. At the time Glen Dale Children's Home was being developed, Sedalia Baptist bought one acre of land. The deed is hanging in the church.

Mrs. Caldwell, a former teacher at Sugar Hill School, married and made her home a few miles from town. She held Sunday school offices and was a faithful WMU member even though her location didn't permit her to be as active as she wished.

"Eva always washed all the dishes at the quarterly WMU meetings," one of her sisters laughed.

Mrs. Whitlow, in her early years, felt that God wanted her to be a missionary.

"When I was saved, I would read the Bible where it opened and it seemed to say that to me," she recalled.

Contacting the Home Mission Board, she was sent to Stearns, Ky. She went for six summers, both before her marriage and afterward, traveling by bus across almost the entire width of Kentucky.

She worked in vacation Bible schools held in churches and backyards and was dietitian at McGoffin Bible School, which no longer exists. She also worked with Miss Annie Starkey, a teacher.

The Cora Lassiter WMS, named for the mother of the girls, was organized in 1916. Mrs. Boyd, still in her teens, attended meetings with her mother, a charter member. The ladies asked her to be secretary. She enjoyed it so much she continued until 1927 when the group disbanded.

By 1938, with two children of her own and desperately wanting a Sunbeam Band, she was able to get the WMU to reorganize.

Sedalia WMU is celebrating its 51st year since reorganization. Mrs. Boyd has been president for all but six years. She worked with GAs 28 years and with

Sunbeams anytime they didn't have a leader.

In 1965 during the convention's 75th WMU anniversary celebration, the Sedalia group received a letter from Alma Hunt in recognition of outstanding work. Only one WMU out of 10 in the state received this honor.

Mrs. Boyd started teaching Sunday school intermediates in 1929 and has moved up with the class. The women now range in age from 65-80.

In the 1950s before the purchase of Jonathan Creek Assembly grounds, the regional WMU held GA camps in Kuttawa Springs. Sedalia pastor Harry Harp was camp director for several years and Mrs. Harp was in charge of the food arrangements. Mrs. Whitlow and Mrs. Boyd assisted in the kitchen during July for a week at a time, cooking on an old coal range in a screened-in porch. There were three meals a day for

65 campers and leaders.

"We burned up!" Mrs. Boyd expressed it simply.

They also cooked in the early days of Jonathan Creek, staying in tents as first. At that time various WMU groups would cook for a day at a time.

Mrs. Boyd has written the history of her church and has kept scrapbooks on its activities. She is still collecting.

The sisters have a total of eight children "trained up in the way they should go." Mrs. Whitlow has a son who is a Baptist minister. Another son, his wife, two daughters and their children still attend Sedalia Baptist, making a total of four generations.

Mrs. Boyd expresses the philosophy of the sisters. "We would take our children out of school every fall for two or three days to go to the yearly association meeting. We thought it was that important."



(l-r) Orma Boyd, Layne Whitlow and Eva Caldwell display memorabilia of Sedalia Baptist Church: certificate of recognition and WMU history, wooden collection box dating to 1899 and church history.

Lily Baptists celebrate 120 years, dedicate new building

by Beth Wyatt
State Correspondent

"A special day is any day that you can dedicate something to God. One hundred and twenty years ago some brave and dedicated people gathered on this spot and began what is now our place of worship. Their works are following them," Wilmer Evans told the Lily Baptist congregation during the dedication of the new sanctuary.

Early Baptists organized New Prospect United Baptist Church May 29, 1869. Eleven charter members began the church membership that now totals 312. The first structure was one big room with curtains for classroom divisions. Sabbath school was organized 1896. The name was changed to Lily Baptist in 1906. Early records reported a revival in 1905 gleaned a harvest of 32 converts.

Figures about the turn of the century gave the total value of the property as

\$300. Today the sanctuary alone is valued at \$117,000.

According to Woodrow Woods, chairman of deacons, "A few years ago we were discussing the declining attendance in church. We talked about how we could continue to die or we could get busy praying, loving and visiting in order to see the church grow. We decided on the latter and quickly outgrew the building where we were meeting. Now we have this beautiful building but we cannot stop. This building cannot pray, visit or witness. You and I can," he admonished the congregation.

Lily church is built on the solid rock in two ways. Spiritually the church is founded on the Lord; the physical structure sets on a solid rock foundation as well. Construction crews found it impossible to crush the rock last July.

Nineteen people have been baptized since the Laurel River Association group moved into the new facility the first Sunday in February 1989. Five weddings have been performed at the new altar.

Growing and going through the century, Lily Baptist has done many building projects during the past 20 years. Brick was added to the exterior new electrical wiring, padded pews, carpet and new heating and plumbing. A family center was built during 1981-82 and

is used extensively during the week's activities. The former church building is used for education and mission meetings.

Mrs. Lucy Hoskins, oldest member, reported that the church is active in all the missionary programs and takes part in special emphasis. "We love to keep our missionary projects before the entire church," she added.

Graden Sears, pastor 1940-43, stressed the importance of the physical building. "We never see a ball team go out to play without a court, he told the crowd. You will never find God's children worshipping without a church building. You are coworkers and God is with you," he challenged his former members.

Following special singing, director of missions Billie Wright reminded the group, "Your building was built with money from God's coffers by God's people. You'll be using it for God and it is only right you dedicate it to God." Wright complimented the Lily Baptists because they never wavered in their mission giving and have been an example to the association during special endeavors outside their church community. He cautioned the dedicated people to let the house of God be used for God and never waver or take it for granted. Be godly and not goodly," he concluded.



The new sanctuary, Lily Baptist, Laurel River Association, is shown at far right. The former church building, left, is used for educational space.

baptist news in brief

Baptists give \$100,000 'gift of love' to ABS



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clear creek chronicle

Health clinic

On a mild winter day two boys played in the woods above Clear Creek near the administration building. One boy lost his footing and slid down a steep embankment. Mary Jeffries quickly responded to a summons for help and waded across the creek to give treatment. A faculty member became ill in his office. Mrs. Jeffries took his blood pressure and arranged an emergency visit to the local hospital. These were two of the varied experiences nurse Mary Jeffries (BS-RN) experienced in her first year as coordinator of the campus health center. She and husband Jim are fourth year students preparing for music ministry. Mrs. Jeffries acknowledges, "The clinic is a ministry to campus families. We offer preventive medicine, treat minor injuries and refer to area medical personnel." The clinic operates six days a week with Mrs. Jeffries on emergency call 24 hours a day. First year student wife Polly Evans assists with reception, records and phone.

Three physicians and a nurse have staffed the clinic for the past several years. Their volunteer involvement came through membership in Mountain Missions Inc., which staffs other Appalachian clinics. Dr. Sam Massey, ear, nose and throat specialist, comes monthly from Niceville, Fla., sometimes piloting an Air Force jet from the base where he is stationed. Dr. C. C. Sexton, Lake City, Tenn., family practitioner, comes periodically. Henderson Settlement physician Mary Woodring has transferred to the University of Tennessee, creating a major need for a gynecologist. Knoxville laboratory nurse Debbie Lee arrives monthly and works up to six hours a Saturday on allergy tests and treatment. Mrs. Jeffries appreciates the "excellent cooperation with local medical personnel who receive referrals on health needs that cannot wait for the clinic physicians."

Eight babies were born to student families the last school year, increasing clinic work with newborns. Infant checkups include growth charts and immunizations.

Current clinic equipment needs include a wheelchair, glucometer to check diabetes and a second physician's examination table. While we wait for the table; we use a library table with a pillow. Christian doctors seeking a volunteer mission assignment have an opportunity at Clear Creek. Healthy minister families encourage healthy ministry in the churches.

To the total surprise and delight of the several hundred people present, a gift of \$100,000 was presented by the Baptist World Alliance to the American Bible Society to help kick off the Society's "Gifts of Love" drive to provide people

in the USSR and Eastern Europe with over 1,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments.

After ABS general secretary John D. Erickson had made a formal announcement launching ABS' new campaign

during the Bible Society's 173rd annual meeting in New York, BWA general secretary Denton Lotz came forward from the body of the room to hand Erickson the \$100,000 check.

In doing so he said, "When our Baptist World Alliance, representing 145 countries around the world, heard of the American Bible Society's project, we said we've got to help them.

"I'd like to present to you from Baptists all over the world this check for all you have done to make the word of God a living reality for our people in Eastern Europe."

Lotz, in referring to Eastern Europe, said he was also sharing a message from Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB) in Moscow, which extended not only warm greetings but also grateful thanks for the 1,200,000 Bibles, hymn books, commentaries and concordances received through the Bible societies in 1988.

Later ABS president James Wood said, "The check was a total surprise to all of us. We had not even a hint that it was coming. We are truly grateful to all those truly generous members of the Baptist World Alliance for their wonderful kindness. We now know that 'Gifts of Love' is off to a sure start."

"Gifts of Love" is an ABS campaign to provide people in the USSR and Eastern Europe with over 1,000,000 Bibles, New Testaments and other scriptures in 16 languages of the region.

ABS is attempting to raise a major part of the over \$3,000,000 for the scriptures—all of which are to fulfill firm requests from churches and Bible societies in the region, and for which official import permits have been given.



Denton Lotz (r), general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance, discusses the American Bible Society's new "Gifts of Love" campaign to provide Christians in the USSR and Eastern Europe with over 1,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments, with David M. Smith (l), a member of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the ABS board of managers. Lotz had just presented a surprise gift of \$100,000 to the Society at its 173rd annual luncheon meeting in May to help kick off the campaign. Center is Archibald B. Goldie, director of Baptist World Aid.

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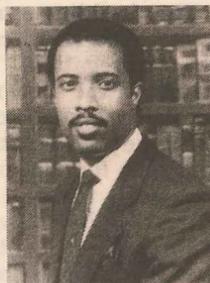
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Panamanian missionaries venture back to ministry

A week of relative calm has prompted Southern Baptist missionaries in Panama to venture back to their ministries.

Tensions in the Central American country have swirled around a disputed May 7 presidential election and a May 10 incident when vigilantes linked to ruler Gen. Manuel Noriega bloodied opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara and his two vice presidential running mates. The night of May 10, the Noriega government nullified the election. (BP)

Memorial services held for state worker's son

Memorial services were held at Louisville's Highland Baptist Church May 25 for Stephen Edwin Miller. Miller, 26, died May 24 following an extended illness.

He was the son of Chip and Nancy Miller of Middletown. The senior Miller is director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department. Other survivors include a brother, Doug Miller, Waynesville, N. C.; sister, Robin McCoy, Gastonia, N. C.; and grandmother, Mary Miller, Louisville.

Expressions of sympathy may include gifts to the St. Jude Guild, Hospice of Louisville or the elevator fund of Highland Baptist Church.

BHI names director of physicians services

Baptist Hospitals Inc. has appointed Linda B. Schuppert to the newly created position of corporate director of physician services.

Miss Schuppert will assist BHI hospitals in physician recruiting, physician relations and in the development and management of joint ventures between BHI and physicians. She will continue to manage BHI clinics in Brandenburg and Carlisle.



Miss Schuppert

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RTVC trustees reject ACTS network sale

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission voted 13 to 5 to reject a \$15 million offer for the ACTS network May 18 and pulled the network off the market.

They will trust God and Southern Baptists to make the system a financial success, they said in a special meeting to hear a proposal from a Dallas-Ft. Worth group to buy the network.

Chairman Harold Brundige of Martin, Tenn., whose vote on the five-member negotiating committee brought the proposal to sell the network before the commission, said after the meeting he felt it would "take a miracle, if ACTS survives."

The special meeting at Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport was called by Brundige to hear a proposal from DFW Uplink Inc., a group headed by Ralph Tacker of Dallas.

The Tacker group was one of three which made offers when another deal with San Antonio, Texas-based Friends of ACTS Inc., fell through in March. No follow-through was made on the other two offers, however, Brundige said.

The Tacker group, which included Patsy Ayres, Austin and San Antonio, Tex.; Bob Cargill, Ft. Worth; Dick Davis, Arlington; Lawrence Eugene Thomas, Arlington; and Bill Ratliff, Birmingham, Ala., made a package offer to buy the network that included \$12.5 million in cash or irrevocable release from the RTVC's \$8.4 million indebtedness on the network plus cash, four hours of programming daily for 30 years, 10 percent of the original issue of capital stock to be purchased after five years by the network for \$2.5 million, and a representative from the commission on the company's board of directors. (BP)



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homes for children

Summertime

The students and teachers can hardly wait. Just a few more days and school will be over for the year. Across the state young people and their parents are planning activities for the summer.

At Glen Dale the summer will begin with a brief trip to visit family and friends and then back to campus to begin the annual Glen Dale camp. Each year the children and staff plan all sorts of activities for this special week including campus games, canoe trips, repelling and sleeping out over night.

At Spring Meadows a special program called the "Free Spirits" will soon begin. This activity for children who do not have summer jobs focuses on both having fun and learning something through various activities on campus and out in the community.

In addition to these programs a number of children from each of our programs will attend church camp and like last summer the cottages at Spring Meadows have planned special vacation trips.

Summer also is a time when the swimming pools get a lot of use, when the ball diamond is used daily and when the basketball court is always busy.

Summer also is a time to welcome back former residents. Homecoming at Glen Dale this year will be Sunday June 25 and at Spring Meadows it will be Saturday Aug. 5. It really is fun to welcome back "family" and to hear them talk about the good old days. My suspicion is that they did not get away with half as much as they claim they did, but it is fun to talk about it anyway.

Summertime also is a time when we expect Kentucky Baptists to come and visit us. Child Care days are scheduled for both Glen Dale and Spring Meadows and we hope to have many guests on both campuses.

This year Child Care day at Glen Dale will be Saturday July 8 and for Spring Meadows it will be Saturday July 29. Why don't you plan to come and visit on those days? We would love to have you and I am sure you will enjoy seeing your child care ministry in action.

Summertime is a busy time. Right now the fall school bells seem a long way away, but it will go by quickly.

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The magnet of love

Oneida has been a Baptist school from the day it was first conceived in the heart and mind of James Anderson Burns. The word Baptist formed the middle word of our school's name from the very beginning. The school's charter was signed in the old log Riverside Baptist Church, a crude house of worship a half mile west of our campus on the waters of Goose Creek.

Over half of those first trustees had to make their "X" mark on the school's charter as they could neither read nor write. Their leader had only 17 months of formal education. Yet these illiterate and near illiterate men started a school that serves today. Baptist people of Kentucky and many states were inspired by the boldness of their faith and helped to turn their vision of love and Christian education into reality.

Not only Baptists but people of many persuasions shared and still share. Baptists have, naturally, been our most generous supporters. But it is also a fact that our work could not have been carried on, would not be alive today, without the generous help of Presbyterians, Methodists and even Catholics. Whatever their denomination, each, too, has claimed Jesus as both savior and Lord and that is all that it takes to Christ our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Among the faithful and generous have been two dear sisters, saints of God, in

Elkhorn, Wis. Accompanying a recent \$75 check were these words: "My dream of seeing Oneida will not be achieved though I have been interested in the school since I was a teenager. I am now past 90 years of age. Keep up your good work."

"A retired Presbyterian minister in Weaverville, N. C., regularly blesses us with a \$30 gift and a copy of the bulletin of his church. He lifts us up in prayer and often writes words of blessing and encouragement.

For about five summers hundreds of Methodist young people lived on our campus, while they helped repair the homes of the poor in our county. Many of these are today faithful supporters of this Baptist work. One of their leaders wrote: "Your assistance provided the support which was needed for us to be an effective ministry to both families and volunteer youth. Thanks so much for letting our groups stay at your school. Without a place to house the volunteer groups, our ministry of repairing homes would not be possible. Thanks also for being a resource in leading a weekly evening session. Our volunteers all expressed appreciation for the stories and information that you relayed to them."

Yes, these paying guests also fell in love with our work. One of them, now a missionary in Australia, sends a generous gift and warm letter like: "It looks as though we'll be in Australia a few more years, so no visits to OBI in the near future. However, I do plan to return sometime. With inflation and all that, I suppose it is harder to make ends meet, but if anyone can do it, you can. I am enclosing a check for \$200 from my wife and myself to help things along."

A Catholic couple (he has been an AP White House photographer for over 30 years) from West River, Md., wrote, "We think of Oneida often and the wonderful work you do. Say a prayer for us and we'll do the same." With their letter was \$25.

Sending \$100, a Catholic gentleman writes from Frankfort: "The program that you administer for the benefit of many boys and girls is outstanding. We wish you every success."

A Catholic organization regularly gives us a \$1000 yearly scholarship. Their last letter said: "We wish to compliment you in your good work. We are hopeful this will be a continuing scholarship."

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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR JUNE 4, 1989

Life and work series

Encouraging others to obey God

Judges 4:4-8 Deborah, a prophetess, fourth in the order of the judges and one whom the people recognized as being in touch with God, became a leader of her people in a time of great national distress. As a famous prophetess, Deborah was endowed with prophetic power to instruct, to direct and to govern others. God had a special mission for Deborah, namely, the deliverance of the Israelites from Jabin, the cruel oppressor whose most important weapons were 900 chariots of iron. Heroine that she was, Deborah rose to meet the emergency. Sensing that the time to strike had arrived, she called to her aid Barak and commanded him to mobilize an army of 10,000 men to engage in warfare against Sisera. Lacking initiative, Barak, was hesitant and consented to undertake the task only under the condition that Deborah accompany him. However, it must not be forgotten that even though Barak was hesitant, he actually obeyed the command of God by gathering the army and going forth into the battle.

Judges 4:14-16 In thinking that the victory might be won because of his leadership, or because of what his army might do,

Deborah emphasized the fact that "the Lord has delivered Sisera into thy hand." With Deborah's command and encouragement and with the blessing of God, Barak led his 10,000 soldiers into the valley of the Kishon River below Mt. Tabor and attacked the forces of Sisera with their hundreds of iron chariots, and the Israelites won a great victory over their foe, just as Deborah had predicted. When the battle was over, Deborah and Barak united in singing a stirring, patriotic and inspiring song of victory.

International series

The crossing of Jordan memorialized

God made known the fact that a new day for the Israelites had arrived and things were entirely different. The scorn and hardships of the previous 430 years of slavery were behind them. The tragedy of 40 wasted years in the wilderness were gone and would never return. Gilgal had become tremendously important in the lives of the Hebrew people. It was the first possession of which they could truthfully say, "This is ours. God has given it to us just as he had promised that he would do."

Joshua 4:1-3,8 Joshua prepared to lead God's people across the Jordan River in compliance with the divine instructions. Leading the procession were the priests who were carrying the ark of the covenant. This ark, which represented the presence of God, was followed by the people. As soon as the feet of the priests stepped into the water, the flow of the river was stopped miraculously at the time when it was at flood stage.

The Lord commanded Joshua to select one representative from each of the tribes and instruct him to pick up a rock from the midst of the Jordan River, carry them to the other side of the river and erect a memorial of what God had done for them. Joshua selected 12 reliable men to take 12 stones and carry them to Gilgal, east of Jericho, where they were set in place as a memorial of this miraculous crossing of Jordan.

Joshua 4:15-24 In view of all the wonderful things which God did for Joshua and the Hebrew people, God challenged them to honor him all the days of their lives in the hope that through their influence many others would come to know him in the forgiveness of their sins and dedicate themselves to doing his will.



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on mission together

Friendly places

Supper ended and Alice gone to a meeting, I raced to capture the retreating daylight. Body creaking with the rust of too many car miles that week, it felt good to stretch my legs beyond a normal pace.

I headed down the street, then up a steeper street to the place where the asphalt bumps into what must be more than fifty acres of farm land.

Following a path created by some curious driver, I reminded myself it was too early for ticks. But it was hot for Apr. 28. And I lamented, once again, having tasted only portions of spring. Like a beautiful girl in a childhood dream—she disappears before I can kiss her. I console myself by remembering I had just spent two days in eastern Kentucky seeing dogwoods at their peak and in the fullest bloom some said they could remember.

Having reached a certain corner fence post, I turned southwest, hoping to get

a closer glimpse of several quail which had shifted locations. Across to the other field they scattered before I had taken a dozen steps. I found myself hoping they might stay around this summer and join the other birds next winter who will eat from our assortment of feeders.

New stakes stuck from the ground, foreboding future construction. Human habitation takes precedence over small game and bird, even if the latter have lived there a dozen generations.

A hundred more steps found me beneath the not-too ancient ruin of a tree house. An oak and a wild cherry had shared their limbs to provide the supports for the dozen or more boards that still lay across them.

Grape vines twisted here and there, perhaps wondering if the little tarzans would ever be back again. A rope hung there still, perhaps recalling a tiny hands which hurried down when mom or dad had made that threatening final call to come to supper.

I returned beneath the tree and

found the carcass of an old typewriter. Obviously a club had been formed there, no doubt with special letters sent with threats to those not in the club, especially girls! Who knows, maybe some future writer created there his or her first prose or poetry.

And I remembered long ago my "Golden Pond"—a hand-hewn muddy hole where we launched mighty ships of popcycle sticks; the tree house that stood just above it on Sweeney's hill... Toddy, Donny, Bobby, Tommy, David, Nancy, Mariam—all of them—so long ago but yesterday.

As I stood silent in this place of memory, I wondered if the children would come back again this summer—when school is out. Perhaps they have moved away. Or have they grown too old for that now, leaving this friendly place to the sun, wind and rain.

As I walked on toward home, I had the reassuring feeling that someday, somewhere they would remember this place and be glad.

Hugo Culpepper: still a seeker after truth

by Brian W. Burton

The edge of the tablet had curled and yellowed with the passing of 45 years, but Hugo Culpepper thumbed through it like a child with a new coloring book. "This is the list I made of the 500 most infrequently used words of the Greek New Testament while I was interned by the Japanese," Culpepper said.

As W. O. Carver professor of missions and world religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1960-65 and 1970-81, Culpepper brought his life experience as a missionary, prisoner of war, denominational administrator and scholar of the biblical languages to the classroom.

A native of Pine Bluff, Ark., and a graduate of Baylor University, Culpepper was studying at the Annapolis Naval Academy when he was called into missions at the age of 20. "I've always been a seeker," Culpepper said. "From the time I was a teenager I've asked God to reveal his will. Life was too big for me."

Culpepper left the academy and came to Southern Seminary with his wife, Ruth. She completed the WMU Training School and he graduated with a ThM degree in 1939.

In the spring of 1940 the Foreign Mission Board sent the Culpeppers to Kaifeng in the interior of China to teach in the All-China Theological Seminary. As the storm clouds of war gathered to the north, the U. S. State Department issued evacuation notices. Culpepper worked out a plan with the FMB to go to the Philippines with an ecumenical endeavor to continue Chinese language studies.

On Dec. 28, 1941, the Japanese army swept across the Philippines. For one year no word was available to the outside world about the welfare of the Culpeppers. On Christmas 1942, the American Red Cross cabled the heartening news: "Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Culpepper interned at Baguio. Are in good health. Do not worry." The words flashed across the front page of the Arkansas Baptist

state paper headlined, "Best Christmas News."

As prisoners of war, the next three years found the Culpeppers shifted among three work camps and eventually rationed down to one cup of corn meal mush a day. At a Manila work camp, the missionary camp was separated from the captive American soldiers by a 20-foot high wall. Culpepper recalled, "The American soldiers had no way to grind their corn (the only food they had); consequently they were dying in the camps of starvation at the rate of 15 a day. We asked the Japanese authorities if we could grind the soldiers' corn for them and they consented. Between Ruth and I taking the midnight to 2 a.m. shift, and the other missionaries, we kept the grinder going 24 hours a day. We noticed afterwards the death rate was cut in half."

When Culpepper wasn't on the work detail, he made wise use of the three years of internment by studying the Greek New Testament. He read it through 12 times while filling his tablet with the most infrequently used Greek words. Culpepper read through his fifth edition A. T. Robertson Greek Grammar book three times, looking up each of the 21,000 references once.

In the spring of 1945 the Allied Forces liberated the Philippines and the Culpeppers returned to Louisville for several months of convalescence. The FMB then assigned them to Santiago, Chile, to teach at the Chilean Baptist Seminary. The following five years the Culpeppers taught at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

When Culpepper completed his ThD studies in 1959, he was asked to teach at Southern Seminary. He taught until 1965, when the Home Mission Board asked him to be director of the Missions Divisions.

In 1970 Culpepper returned to his teaching post at Southern. "My teaching has been an overflow of my seeking the knowledge of God," he explained.

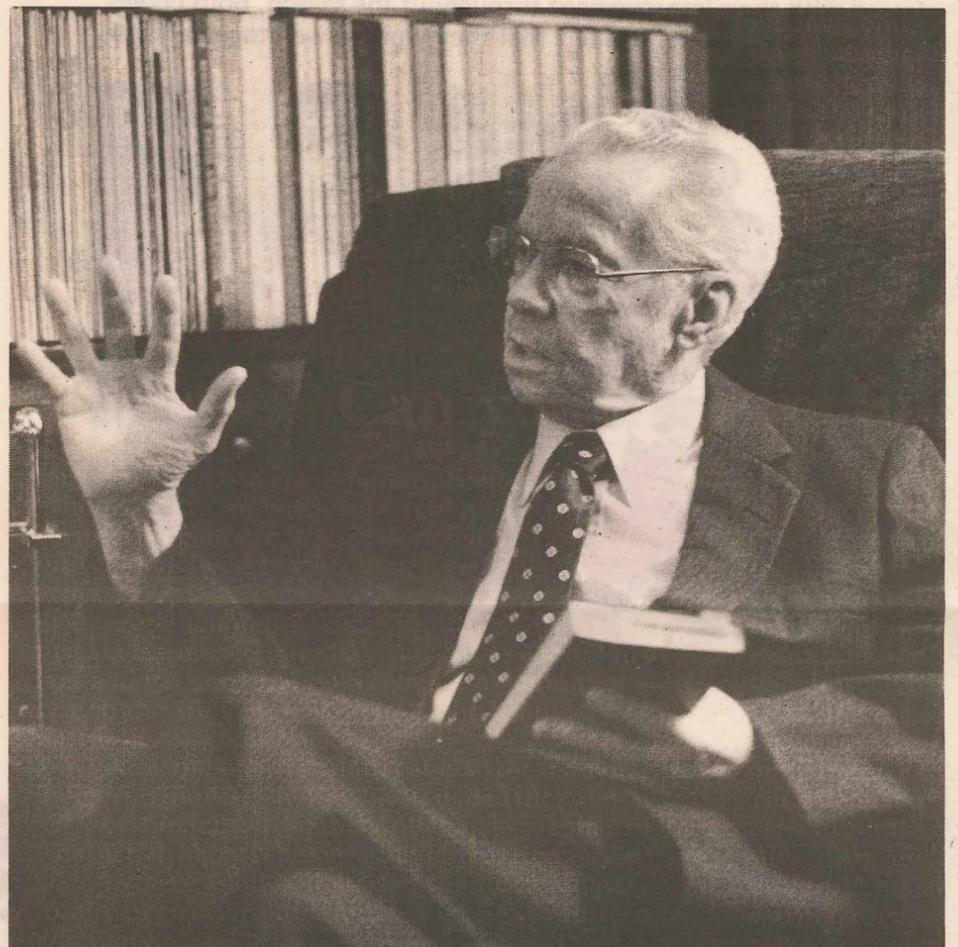
When his son Alan joined Southern's faculty in 1974, history was written as they became the only simultaneous father-son teaching team in the seminary's history. The Culpeppers' younger son Larry is currently associate professor of family medicine at Brown University in Providence, R. I.

Since retirement in 1981, Hugo and Ruth Culpepper have enjoyed life in their Louisville home near their three grandchildren. Since Culpepper suffered a heart attack on Thanksgiving

Day last year, their pace has slowed but Culpepper still enjoys reading and teaching an occasional Sunday school class. They love travel trailering and manage several trips a year with their black Cocker Spaniel Lady in tow.

"I've been a seeker, not a professional man, concluded Culpepper.

The penciled Greek lettering on Culpepper's old tablet has faded with time, but the story of its owner is still unfolding with a freshness and vitality that only a seeker can possess.



Hugo Culpepper

Southern students on road to success as church starters

by Mark Wingfield

Steve and Alesia Fowler traveled 100,000 miles on the road to success as church starters.

It was a journey that took them 1000 miles in a passenger van every weekend

three years between Louisville, Ky., and Houghton Lake, Mich. The Fowlers were among a group of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students participating in the van program that links Southern Baptists' oldest seminary with one of the denomination's newer state

conventions.

Every weekend about 16 students travel in two vans to different areas of ministry in Michigan. One van stops in Detroit, the other in Houghton Lake in northern Michigan.

The journey from Louisville to Houghton Lake takes nine hours one way. Students leave after class on Fridays, arriving in Houghton Lake around midnight. Some journey two more hours.

The program is sponsored jointly by Southern Seminary, the Home Mission Board and the Michigan Baptist Convention.

Fowler stopped riding the van after graduation from seminary last year, but now he coordinates the work of other students making the weekly trek.

He now is full time pastor of Houghton Lake Southern Baptist Church, the church he and his wife nurtured on weekends and summer breaks for the previous three years. The church averages 70 people in Sunday school and 80 in worship. Fowler has baptized 74 new Christian converts. Dozens of others who trusted Christ earlier have recommitted themselves.

About 70 percent of the area's resi-

dents do not attend any church, Fowler said, even though the town is home to about a dozen churches. Also nine out of 10 residents claim no personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Statistics are similar for other communities around Houghton Lake, where no Southern Baptist Churches exist. Because of that need, the young church already is sponsoring a new mission in nearby Lake City, begun by current students Steve and Elizabeth Johnson.

At first a seminary friend told Johnson he should give the van program eight weeks and then bail out if he saw no results. Instead, Johnson persevered for eight months before seeing any visible results. "You can't limit God," he explained. "He'll do it in his time."

In less than two years the Lake City mission has grown to about 30 in attendance, has baptized six and recently constituted as a church. Plans are being made to erect a building on a 20-acre site Northland Baptist Association will help to purchase.

Building relationships is the key to ministry. Fowler said, "People here are just like those anywhere else. They need someone to love them, to show them they genuinely care." (BP)



Steve and Elizabeth Johnson and Steve Fowler

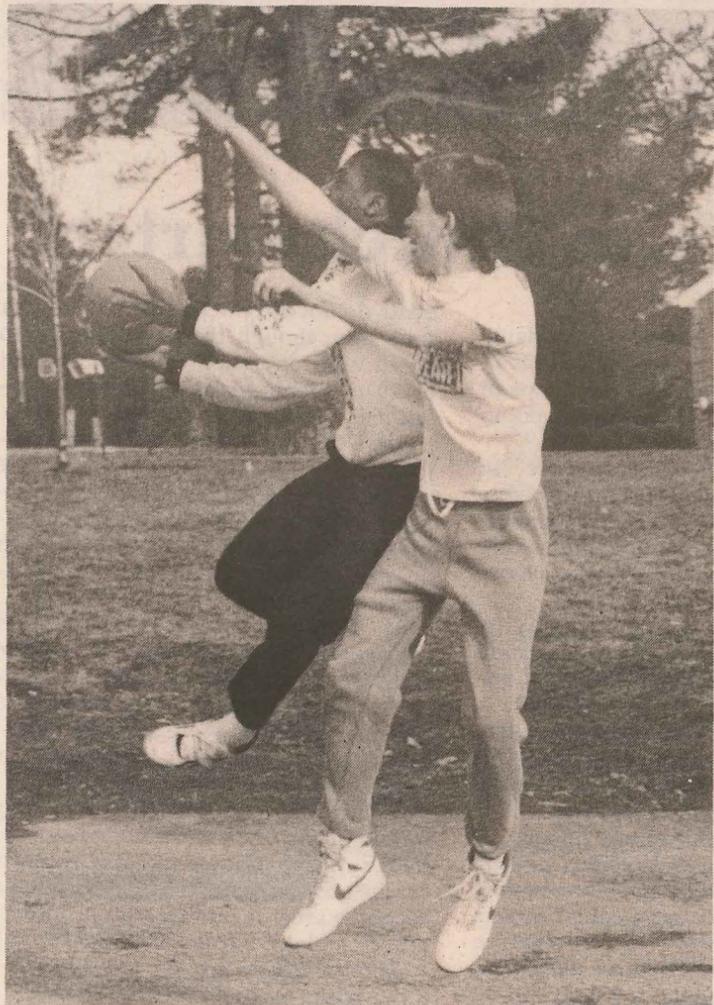
Good News from Baptist Homes for Children

Former UK and U of L athletes recognize Spring Meadows' basketball team

Spring Meadows' basketball team played this season in a church league, which was sponsored by the Long Run Association under the direction of Bill Sammons, director of recreation for the association. They had 5 wins and 5 losses and won 3 out of their last 4 games. Coach Tommy Johnson, a child care worker and seminary student (shown at bottom left below with Jeff Hall, bottom right), was very pleased with their improvement throughout the season, both collectively and individually. He felt that they worked well together and showed an excellent spirit.



Jeff Hall, U. of L. basketball star and current U. of L. assistant coach, presents a ribbon to Shawn Woods as Spring Meadows Director Mike Goodwin looks on.



Michael and Robbie practice shooting baskets.



Jack Givens is shown speaking to Spring Meadows residents during his visit to the campus in April. After his career at UK, Givens played professional basketball and is currently a sports announcer.



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