

## Would-be appointees' home church wants hearing

by Art Toalston  
and Eric Miller

The home church of a couple denied missionary appointment has requested a hearing during the Foreign Mission Board trustees' meeting Aug. 7-9.

Northwest Baptist Church of Ardmore, Okla., in a resolution adopted unanimously July 5, "strongly urges the trustees . . . to reconsider" a subcommittee's action rejecting the missionary candidacy of Greg and Katrina Pennington. (See story in July 18 *Western Recorder*, page 1.) The church employed the couple in 1984 and ordained them to the ministry in 1986.

The congregation circulated its request for a hearing, along with a three-page open letter, to the Foreign Mission Board's 90 trustees, Baptist Press and nearly 40 newspapers published by state or regional Baptist conventions.

The church's pastor, William V. Johnson, also has written to the trustees' chairman, C. Mark Corts, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., reiterating the request for a hearing.

Mrs. Pennington's ordination cost Northwest Baptist Church its membership in Enon Baptist Association. A month before the ordination service, the association voted to automatically remove from its membership any church that ordains women.

The association also mailed two letters to the Foreign Mission Board opposing the Penningtons' application for missionary service, one in 1987 and the other June 7 of this year. June 27 a trustee subcommittee voted 9-4 against the Penningtons, who had been recommended for appointment as missionaries to Scotland by mission board staff members in Richmond.

Johnson, who wrote the open letter to trustees, contended that the church "had no opportunity to respond" to Enon Baptist Association's claim that the ordination of the Penningtons brought divisiveness to the association.

Also being mailed to trustees is a letter from the trustee subcommittee chairman, Paul Sanders, pastor of Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark. His letter reviews the subcommittee's reasons for the decision to

reject the Penningtons.

The "primary concern" was the "disunity this (the ordination of Mrs. Pennington) had created" in the church and association, Sanders wrote. "Ordination of women to the ministry is an issue among Southern Baptists but was not the primary issue in this decision."

Trustee chairman Corts, in a telephone interview, reaffirmed the trustees' committee process. "We talk a lot about trust in Baptist life, and we have to trust committees to do their work . . . even when they make hard decisions which may not please everybody."

"If some member of the committee on the prevailing side (of the 9-4 vote) wanted to reconsider, we would give it strong consideration to see if any consensus was building for some reconsideration," Corts said.

Corts did not dismiss the church's request to meet with trustees, but said, "After weighing that carefully, I would be very cautious about any kind of a 'hearing.'" Sanders, also wary of a hear-

ing, explained, "We would open ourselves to hear everybody from now on who is not approved by the Foreign Mission Board, and that would be, I think, a dangerous precedent to set."

"We'd like to pursue every avenue possible to merit reconsideration for appointment," Pennington said in a telephone interview. "Our calling is still there." His wife added, "We feel we've done the right thing and we've acted with integrity, courage and a clear conscience. We've been faithful to God's call to the mission field."

According to Johnson's open letter, "From the very beginning, the issue within the Enon Association has been the ordination of women." But the "encompassing issue," he argued, is the autonomy of the local church, which is upheld in the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement of beliefs traditionally shared by Southern Baptists.

According to Sanders' letter, "The local church is autonomous but the local churches as well as our foreign mission-

aries must cooperate with one another to carry out our Lord's command of spreading the gospel. We must send those we feel will not be divisive and (who) have been able to work well with others."

Johnson, in his open letter, stated, "Northwest Baptist Church, including the Penningtons, has never sought conflict and controversy with the Enon Association." The pastor stated that Mrs. Pennington "did not 'adamantly pursue' ordination as was charged in the Enon Association letter . . . . Rather, Northwest Baptist Church, after careful investigation of scripture and led by the Holy Spirit, called Katrina out and set her apart for ministry through the act of ordination to the gospel ministry."

Mrs. Pennington said she hopes Southern Baptists frustrated with the subcommittee decision "will not lash out at the Foreign Mission Board. People need to hang in there . . . and make their voices heard and be true to our Southern Baptist heritage." (BP)

## HMB will address potential deficit by eliminating some Atlanta positions

by Mark Wingfield

A possible reduction of the Home Mission Board's Atlanta staff will be one part of a cost-saving plan to be recommended to trustees at their August meeting by president Larry Lewis.

"No field missionaries cooperatively funded with states will be recalled by this action," Lewis said. "The number of Atlanta employees who would be negatively affected is minimal."

Positions being considered for cuts include some currently vacant and some currently filled, Lewis said. However, most of the current employees affected by the potential cuts would be transferred to vacant positions in Atlanta or on the field or would be offered early retirement, he said.

The proposed staff cuts are part of an \$8.2 million reduction in the agency's 1989 budget announced in March, Lewis

said. Previous steps in the reduction included a \$6 million cut in the Atlanta staff's operational budget and negotiations with state conventions to cut nearly \$700,000.

The budget reduction and proposed staff cuts do not constitute a crisis but could prevent one, said Ernest Kelley, vice president of the planning section.

"On the positive side, there is no financial crisis at the Home Mission Board," Kelley said. "We do not have a deficit. We do have good reserves. Good management is when you know you have a problem coming and move to address it."

"The purpose of our reductions this year is to prepare for a change in anticipated income for the next two years," said Robert Banks, executive vice president. "If we had not acted this year, we would have faced greater problems in 1990."

The number of current employees af-

ected by any recommended cuts has not been finalized, Lewis said, explaining negotiations still are underway with section vice presidents.

"This is a painful time for all of us and we want to be sensitive to the concerns of our employees," Lewis said. "All employees who are affected by these proposed staff cuts will be personally consulted before the final recommendation is made to the board of directors."

"It is premature for us to finalize any public announcement until our board has had time to study the situation and act. They will have the final word."

When fully staffed, the HMB employs about 380 people in Atlanta. The proposed staff cuts would result in an annual savings of about \$500,000, Lewis said.

In addition to proposed staff cuts, negotiations still are underway with state conventions to reduce field budgets, Kelley said. The HMB's four regional coordinators have been negotiating budget changes with state convention leaders since March resulting in savings of about \$650,000.

Most of those cuts have come from field positions vacant for two years or more, Kelley said. In some cases, funds originally scheduled for projects in the states also have been deleted.

All reductions in state budgets have been made with the agreement of state executive directors and state missions directors, he added.

Lewis, Banks and Kelley said reductions in the HMB's current budget are primarily due to a decrease in anticipated income for coming years. HMB funding comes from two sources: the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions and the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' unified missions budget.

Lewis said he is committed to operating within anticipated income to maintain a balanced budget. But he stated that he also is committed to reaching Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust goals of having 50,000 SBC churches and missions and 5000 home missionaries by the year 2000. (BP)



**HELPING HAND**—Larry Lewis, Home Mission Board president, prays with a homeless man who was beaten and left bleeding in the gutter of a downtown San Francisco street. Lewis encountered the man during a HMB urban training event for missions leaders. Lewis and Karl Ortis, local director of associational missions, cleaned the man's wounds and assisted him until paramedics arrived.

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I still remember the days when gas station attendants wouldn't know what you meant when you asked for the "self service" pumps. Every stop for gas in those days was a "full service" one. Now, of course, most everyone heads for the self-service tanks because the price is cheaper. Like a lot of other folks, I have to force myself to the full service island every so often to get the oil checked along with other engine functions. If I don't do it, I end up regretting it.

Like automobiles, institutions need to make full service stops every so often. That's what your directors are doing right now with Western Recorder. We are going to raise the hood, check the fluid levels, tighten the belts and make sure everything is running as it should before we pull out for another run down the highway of Kentucky Baptist life.

We are going to the experts for their advice—the people of our churches, their pastors and ministers and the people who give their lives to serving our convention. Here's how you can help.

1. Attend one of our listening sessions when we are in your area. Every pastor and chairman of deacons in every church will be notified well in advance of our stops around the state. These sessions will give you an opportunity to meet the directors face-to-face and express your opinions. You may want to nominate a person as editor, you may want to tell us what can be done to improve our paper, you may want to ask questions. The point is, we directors have a lot to learn. We want to know what you think.

2. Write us a letter giving your honest feelings and opinions about Western Recorder. Send them to Richard W. Bridges, First Baptist Church, 621 East 12th Street, Bowling Green, 42101. Every letter will be shared with every director. If you can't meet us in person, this is the next best thing. Include your address and telephone number. If you raise a question, we'd like to be able to personally reply.

3. Pray about our task in finding God's choice for editor. Meditate. Reflect. Search your mind. Then share the name or names you feel would be appropriate. Kentucky Baptists know more people than the 12 directors and we need your knowledge and experience helping us discern the will of God. Be sure that you send as much information on a nominee as you have. All nominations should be mailed to Greg Earwood, First Baptist Church, Murray. Every nomination will be taken seriously.

Your directors believe that the first and most important part of their duty right now is to listen and learn. We'll wait to form opinions after the people have helped us. A full service stop like this will get Western Recorder in good running condition for our journey together into the 21st century. Thanks in advance for your help and fellowship.

*Richard W. Bridges*

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## homes for children

### In search of excellence

That title coined by Tom Peters and Robert Waterman for their best selling book published earlier in this decade has had pronounced impact on American business.

The book is a series of profiles of some of the best run companies in America and highlights what makes each of them great. The book came at a time in our nation when we had begun to accept mediocrity as a given. I can remember when I was in the Air Force, a term which was often used was "that's okay for government work." Again the idea that one's best was not called for, but that one could get by with doing only an okay job.

Today as Europe gears up for a united economy in 1992 and as we are quickly becoming a global economy, businesses have had to realize that if you do not do your best, someone will work harder, bid lower or do a better job and you will be out of business.

What is the implication of this thinking for ministries such as Baptist Homes for Children? In a changing world which focuses more and more on excellence, business as usual will not do.

Peter Drucker, America's number one business commentator, has recently focused his thinking on nonprofit organizations such as ours. He states, "Twenty years ago, management was a dirty word among nonprofits. It meant 'business.' Now they know that because they have no bottom line, they will need management all the more."

Unlike for profit businesses, we do not have a bottom line on our expense report, but I believe we do have a bottom line. Our bottom line is that we deliver change in the lives of children. As Drucker goes on to note, "The nonprofit groups that continue to grow and prosper will be the ones . . . that emphasize results—'we are not doing good, we are doing work.'"

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is committed to excellence and to helping bring about results in the lives of children and families. That commitment requires from each of us our best; from my reading of God's word, that is the commitment he has always required.

# Stephensburg Baptist refuses to die; missions status give church new lease

by Suzanne Darland  
State Correspondent

Attendance at First Baptist Church, Stephensburg, had dropped to two or three regulars, the pastor left and it "wasn't enough to keep the doors open," recounted Bill Bailey, pastor of Elizabethtown's Central Avenue Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

But Central Avenue and mission pastor Randy Williams are making something good out of the troubled church. Worship attendance varies from 28-40 this summer at the renamed Unity Baptist Chapel in rural Hardin County.

"It's going to take time, but I've got a lot of prospects," noted Williams, who also leads singing while his wife Janice plays the piano.

"There's a warm spirit here and a strong foundation. People will come to see what's going on."

Williams noted that seven former members had recently rejoined the church along with new members.

Every Sunday at 9:45, Williams teaches an adult Sunday school class

while Mrs. Williams teaches children. A Central Avenue member, Michelle Murray, teaches a preschool class.

"We're praying God will send us more teachers," Williams noted. The church has room for six or seven classes.

Until school let out for the summer, Unity held a Wednesday evening study on family relationships in a member's home. But Williams points out that summer is a busy time in a farming community, with farming until dark and youth baseball games in the evenings.

"You've got to fit church around a community," he explained. "You can't come in with a whip and say this is the way you're going to do it. You may find you're the only one there."

Presently there are no Sunday evening services either.

That works out fine for Williams, who cuts meat in Elizabethtown's Winn Dixie 40 hours a week.

A 1982 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Williams has been bivocational pastor of one other church in Birdstown, Tenn. He's committed to the positive attributes of a pastor who

is self-supporting.

"A bivocational pastor can help small churches," he points out. "A pastor who's been to seminary can't go to a church with 30-35 people."

His hours are flexible at the store, so that he'll have some mornings free to visit members and prospects, while other evenings he works until 10 p.m. at the store.

Winn Dixie hired him about a year and a half ago when it built its new Elizabethtown store. Williams said he had put his "ministry on hold" while his wife worked on a degree in elementary education.

The Lord opened a door for them to move back to their home town. The association's East Rhudes Creek church had licensed and ordained Williams, and they became involved in the church again.

That was before Severns Valley Association's missions development council began to investigate whether a Southern Baptist church was really feasible in Stephensburg.

A people search determined there were "folks out there, with growth expanding that way," said Central Avenue's Bailey, who chairs the council.

He said his church, which runs about 130 in Sunday school, was "wanting to do more than just the building here." Several area pastors recommended Williams, and he agreed to help the fledgling church begin anew.

Bailey, whose wife Faye came up with the new name for the church, said the benefits to sponsoring church Central Avenue have been enormous.

Central Avenue members are excited about being involved in missions. "Our offerings increased about the same time," he added. "I don't think that's a coincidence."

Bailey said Central Avenue "put some money in to start," but said the mission is self-supporting after three months. Offerings collected there pay a pastor's salary and utilities.

He also noted that it's not often an air conditioned building with worship and classroom space on two acres of prime land is simply deeded for a mission.

On a tour through the church, Williams pointed out that the piano is "in tremendous shape" and that there are supplies and crafts, "even toilet paper," for about six months to a year already in the building.

The first service at Unity Chapel was in February, the beginning of a week-long revival. That Saturday night, Williams recalls, 80 people packed the small sanctuary. He got a vision of what could be in "six months, a year, five years or maybe even 10 years."

For now his two youngest children, Michah, 4, and Joshua, 3, are the only ones in the nursery. The couple has two other children, Nathaniel, 8, and Hannah, 6. But new members join each month. And Williams is looking forward to vacation Bible school in July to reach community children. Much literature was donated by other churches, and members of Blue Ball Baptist Church, also in the association, will help lead the Bible school as a mission project.

It's not what we can do, but what God can do through us," Williams intones as he looks ahead.

"The Lord sees the whole picture. We only see one chunk at a time."



Randy Williams, pastor of Unity Baptist Chapel, Stephensburg, is hopeful that a new start for the church will bring new growth in ministry for the church that closed its doors last year.

## Clayvillage Baptist volunteers do missions at McKee church

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Matt. 28:19-20 NIV).*

*Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth (I John 3:18 NIV).*

With these words echoing in their ears, volunteers from Clayvillage Baptist Church, Shelbyville, made a two and one-half hour drive to Old Orchard Missionary Baptist Church near McKee. Arriving before noon, the volunteers set up their tents, unpacked their food and supplies and prepared for three days of work.

Blessed with perfect weather, the Clayvillage volunteers were able to complete all work they had planned. Two new outdoor restrooms were built and painted, the front of the church was

given two coats of paint, vacation Bible school was conducted and weekend revival services were held. Tim Duke, pastor of Clayvillage, conducted the revival with John Ayers, minister of music and youth at Clayvillage, leading music.

Members of Old Orchard provided a pot luck dinner following Sunday morning services. Also an afternoon "group sing" was held with talent from neighboring churches as well as Clayvillage.

Seventy-three persons attended Sunday school, an increase from 15 members less than a year and a half ago. Old Orchard has added Sunday school rooms and has plans for building additional rooms.

All materials used in the projects were provided through donations from Clayvillage members. Gentry Farmer, pastor at Old Orchard, and his wife Esther helped plan and carry out the project.

# baptist news briefs



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## clear creek chronicle

### Student minister

Clear Creek students do the work of ministry while they study. Classroom concepts and knowledge are tested in the real world of the local church. The annual report from Christian services director Julia McCall reveals the significant involvement our students have in area churches. During June 1988-May 1989 students traveled 571,221 miles to fulfill ministry assignments in southern Appalachia. Consider the lives touched through these experiences:

4644	messages preached
2424	classes taught
7130	homes visited
99	jail visits
2377	hospital calls
751	rest home visits
1269	congregation singing led
259	played the piano
794	sang in choir
400	conducted choir
634	music specials
3946	literature distributed
4745	witnessing opportunities.

Although many results cannot be measured with statistics our student ministers witnessed 589 professions of faith and 376 baptisms into Southern Baptist churches. Other decisions included 1371 rededications and 415 united with churches by transfer.

Senior Kenny Duggan drives 370 miles each weekend to Mouthcard Baptist Church, Pike County. He works with pastor Sam Sowder, a trustee and 1951 graduate. Duggan and his wife Shannon are responsible for children's church, youth choir and youth church training. He also fills in when needed to lead singing and preach. Youth attendance on Sunday evening has grown from three to 13 and one has been saved.

The Duggans are grateful for the opportunity to gain experience and help meet needs in the Mouthcard church. "It is a tiring trip but we look forward to going each weekend. We can apply what we learn at school and learn how a church works. I had no experience before I came to Clear Creek so this position really helps prepare me for more effective ministry," Duggan acknowledges.

Sixty students hold church staff positions in the tristate area. Kenny Duggan believes "the experience is as valuable as the classroom."

### Brotherhood commission sees financial turnabout

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has made a turnabout in its finances in the first three quarters of 1989, president James H. Smith told the commission's executive committee June 8.

The commission has generated \$264,000 more than budget expenditures through the third quarter of 1989, Smith said, and projected the figure will reach \$300,000 by the end of September.

"We're really out of the woods on this thing," Smith said. "This, of course, puts us in a position where we are able to take care of some of the liabilities that we have. The thing that has been most helpful is increased cash flow."

If income remains above expenditures through September it will mark the first time the commission has not had a deficit during the summer months, Smith said.

The commission ended the 1987-88 fiscal year with a deficit of \$240,000. A series of budget balancing measures were enacted, including elimination of a planned 2% salary increase for staff and cutting budgeted expenditures. (BP)

### RA magazine expanded, leader's kit offered

Enriching missions education for Royal Ambassadors and simplifying the work of their adult counselors are the hoped-for results of two changes in resources offered by the Brotherhood Commission's program for boys in grades one through nine.

Starting with the new church year in October, Brotherhood will expand its three monthly age level magazines for boys and offer a resource kit to their leaders for the first time.

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The magazines, including *Lad* (grades 1-3), *Crusader* (4-6) and *Pioneer* (7-9), expand from 16 to 24 pages monthly. October also marks a return to full color covers.

The new Royal Ambassador leadership resource kit, the first offering of its kind by the Brotherhood Commission, is a quarterly packet of teaching tools keyed to the RA magazines. The magazines, in turn, are guided by the overall mission study curriculum for the year of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### FMB names Kentuckian to interim staff position

Former Kentuckian David Coleman, former missionary to Zimbabwe, has been named interim director of the development office at the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Previously Coleman was an associate in the development office. Jerry Jackson, vice president for development, will leave the mission board July 31 to become president of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C.

Coleman will plan, organize and direct the financial development program of the board. He will continue to work with donors who initiate contact with the board and help establish regional development councils of Southern Baptists interested in this type of support for foreign missions.

He also will continue to direct the board's LIFE Endowment and corporate giving programs, as well as its pooled income fund. These programs allow Southern Baptists to support foreign missions beyond the main channels of financial support.

Coleman, 46, and his wife, the former Linda Gholdston of Dayton, Tenn., were Southern Baptist missionaries to Zimbabwe from 1968-86. Later he was associate director in the Volunteers in Missions Department at the Board before moving to the development office in 1987.

A native of Cedar Hill, Tenn., Coleman grew up in Guthrie, Ky., and received a BS degree in business administration from Belmont College, Nashville. He attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

### Reaching the homebound focus at Jonathan Creek

James Berthelot will lead a "how to" conference to help start or improve ministry to homebound persons at the "Sunday School Drive-In," Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Aurora, Saturday, Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

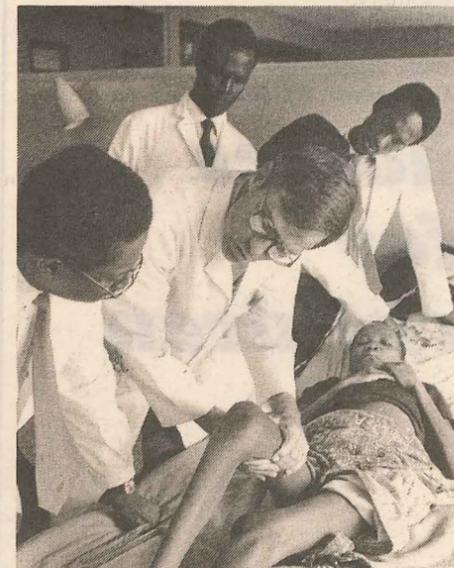
Berthelot is a consultant in the adult program section of the Sunday School Division at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. His responsibilities include Sunday school work with senior adults and homebound adults.

Berthelot's latest book, *The Sunday School Providing for Homebound Adults*, has become the manual for ministering through the Sunday school to adults that cannot attend church. The

book will be used as basis for the conference and study course credit will be offered.

For conference information: KBC Sunday School Department, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, (502) 245-4101.

### Ministry to AIDS patients addressed at Ridgecrest



**Richard Goodgame, faculty member at Makerere Medical School and Southern Baptist missionary physician, walks the ward with residents in his class. This patient didn't have AIDS—unlike many in the beds around her.**

AIDS impacts every Southern Baptist congregation whether or not church leaders know it, participants in a medical symposium at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center were told July 10.

Bill Amos, former executive director of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, now a Florida pastor who wrote the 122-page book "When AIDS Comes to Church," said he believes every Southern Baptist church includes at least one member in one of five categories: diagnosed with AIDS; tested positive for the HIV virus and at risk for AIDS; unknowingly infected with the HIV virus; at risk for AIDS due to sexual behavior, intravenous drug use or blood transfusion; family member of someone with AIDS or the HIV virus.

Churches which take seriously the challenge to minister to people with AIDS and their families will have the opportunity to rediscover their mission and focus on people, he said.

Amos and Richard Goodgame, a Southern Baptist missionary physician to Uganda, emphasized that AIDS is a difficult disease to catch by means other than sexual transmission, intravenous drug use or blood transfusion. Goodgame said AIDS already is at epidemic proportions in Uganda where 10,000 new AIDS cases are expected to be diagnosed every month for the next five years.

Goodgame wrote "Medical Science and God's Word Give Answers to Questions Related to AIDS," a pamphlet being widely distributed in Uganda and other countries. He will be interviewed on a national teleconference, "AIDS: Crisis for Church and Family," to air Sunday, Oct. 8, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Baptist Telecommunication Network.

The medical symposium was sponsored by the Home and Foreign Mission boards and Wake Forest (N. C.) University Medical Center in conjunction with "Jericho: A Southern Baptist Missions Festival." (BP)

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## Baptist ensemble tour is slated Aug. 14-17

Thirty-four participants are to perform in the Kentucky Baptist chorale and instrumental ensemble's all Kentucky tour Aug. 14-17.

Concert times and places are First Baptist Church, Henderson, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.; Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m.; Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Aug. 16, 6:15 p.m.; Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The tour is sponsored by the KBC Church Music Department, Jim Cordell, director. Ron Turner will direct the music.

## Baptist hospitals names new staff appointments



Miss Ray



Mrs. Duvall

Ruth Ann Ray joined Baptist Hospitals Inc. as manager of PRIMA services for physicians. Her appointment was announced by Linda B. Schuppert, BHI's corporate director of physician services.

Miss Ray is responsible for the overall management and supervision of PRIMA staff members and office operations in Louisville, Lexington and Paducah. She has 11 years of business management experience in the healthcare field and she was formerly business manager at United Behavioral Clinics, Louisville.

Donna K. Duvall was named executive assistant to Roger N. Struble, president and chief executive officer of Baptist Hospitals Inc.

Mrs. Duvall was formerly administrative secretary in the office of the administrator at St. Anthony Medical Center. She has more than 15 years of secretarial experience, including positions in the personnel and medical secretarial fields. She received a BA degree in psychology from the University of Louisville. She is married and has one son.

## SEBTS hires professors amidst faculty protest

Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., July 11 hired their first teachers since conservatives gained majority control, but current faculty disassociated themselves from the hiring.

Conservatives gained a majority on the 30-member board in October 1987, and changed the faculty selection process, vesting more responsibility in the president and trustees and limiting faculty participation.

The change resulted in the resignation of president W. Randall Lolley and dean Morris Ashcraft. In all, nine administrators and nine professors have resigned or retired since. Lolley, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., said the policy change ensures that

only biblical inerrantists can be added to the faculty.

In the called meeting July 11, trustees hired Wayne McDill, professor of preaching; Marvin L. Reid, professor of New Testament; and Paul R. House, associate professor of Old Testament. They also were told president Lewis A. Drummond made a presidential appointment, naming James P. Cogdill Jr. as visiting professor of church leadership and development. Drummond said he hopes to announce another appointment within the next few weeks.

Current faculty voted the day before the trustee meeting to disassociate themselves from the hiring because of what they say was their token role in the selection process.

McDill, 48, currently is pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Portland, Ore. He also is adjunct professor at Golden Gate North, a satellite campus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal. Reid, 34, currently is assistant professor of New Testament at Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Fla. Previously, he was lecturer in the Institute for Christian Studies at Southwestern Seminary, where he received MDiv and PhD degrees. House, 31, currently is assistant professor of Old Testament at Taylor University, Upland, Ind. Previously, he was a professor's assistant at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned MDiv and PhD degrees. Cogdill, 34, currently is an itinerant evangelist living in Jeffersonville, Ind. (BP)

## SBA seminary directors name development head

Directors of the Southern Baptist Alliance-sponsored Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond have named Frank Y. Goare of Wake Forest, N. C. to the new post of director of development. Goare, 29, will assume the position Aug. 14.

Currently director of admissions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Goare joins BTRSR acting president Morris Ashcraft in the effort to develop a financial base for the new school, which the SBA approved in March during the organization's annual convention in Greenville, S. C.

Goare has headed Southeastern's admissions office for the past year. He was assistant director of admissions for one and a half years before being named director last August. He earned a MDiv degree at Southeastern in 1987 and a BS degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1981.

Ashcraft said Goare's duties will include identifying individuals and churches friendly to the Richmond project and enlisting their support. Goare said he and Ashcraft are in the process of planning a series of meetings with pastors in key cities.

A native of Morganton, N. C., Goare is married to the former Gail Jackson of Charlotte. The Goares have one child, Titus Yates, who will be one year old in September.



James H. Cox  
Associate Editor

## fourth estate

### Quality time

We hear a great deal about spending quality time with our children. With as many interests as my children have had (especially after they hit the teen years) and demands on my time (which multiplied), I have searched often for ways to give them some of me.

One solution I came upon was to combine our genuine love for travel with opportunities for memorable trips, taking one child at a time.

Our son Jimmy and I made a 1000-mile trek by car a few summers ago. As the scenery whizzed by we talked of the interests in our lives. I realized all over again I liked this young man beside me, and was grateful to be his dad.

As our eldest child neared high school graduation, an airline then entering the Louisville market offered \$20 round trips to Indianapolis to promote its new service. I bought two tickets as a graduation gift. Robin and I flew out of Standiford Field about 5:30 p.m., had dinner in Indianapolis, bought souvenirs, watched a few planes come and go and boarded a flight home about 10:30. What a happy memory for father and daughter!

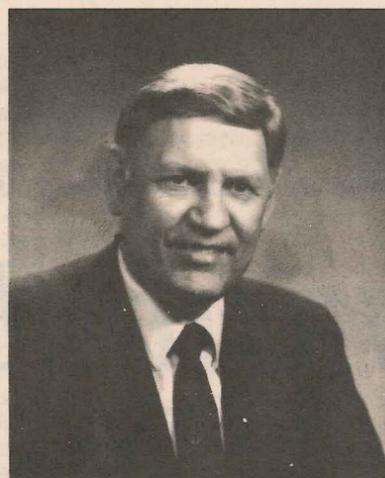
Our youngest one, Jodi, finally had her turn to travel with dad this year. Everyone in the family except Jodi had ridden trains. She and I had been talking about taking a train trip together forever. But I had not translated our conversation into action. It finally dawned on me that, at 14 going on 21, she was getting no younger and one day might not have time for me. Thus, with a great deal of anticipation, we planned an adventure.

Amtrak doesn't go to Louisville but we found a convenient schedule out of Atlanta (home of her grandparents) that would carry us round trip to New Orleans. A close family friend met us and chauffeured us over the crescent city. The beautiful campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary provided lovely guest accommodations. The memories of that happy experience linger and gladden both our hearts.

I once heard Johnny Cash say he had visited Folsom Prison and entertained a captive audience. I suppose my children have been captive audiences as we traveled about this land. But the quality time we have spent together on the road and in the air has deepened our appreciation for one another and the relationships we share in the God-ordained plan called family. I offer this solution to other parents who want to create beautiful childhood memories and struggle with finding time. I predict neither you nor your offspring will forget or regret it.

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## Cooperative mission project yields strength of resources

by Kima Jude, *State Correspondent*

It took about \$21,000, more than a year and the cooperation of 17 sister churches.

But in the end, Glen Dale Children's Home was the recipient of a newly renovated cottage which would be an activities building and remedial education facility.

And Mercer Association added a footnote to its history in the form of its first formally organized association-wide mission project conducted personally on a large scale.

But the real discovery, according to Buddy Logue, Mercer Association's child care representative who headed the Glen Dale project, was, "We haven't really tapped the resources of Mercer County."

As Logue puts it, "We could do one of these every year. I've never seen so many people who were eager to go out and do something like this."

However, enthusiasm aside, Logue says it was not a project undertaken quickly or lightly. In fact it came into fruition only after a series of visits to Glen Dale, discussions with various persons and a period of prayer, ranging over a year's span, before steps were ever taken to implement it.

Logue says he noticed an old cottage being used for storage at Glen Dale during a church-sponsored visit to the

home. Logue is a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church in Mercer County.

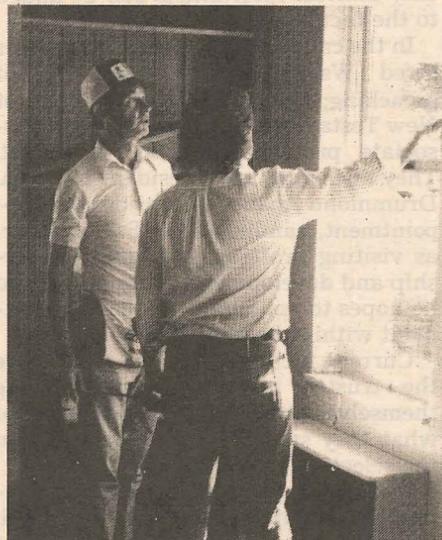
He went inside and asked for what purpose the building was being used. He learned possibilities for its use as classroom space and the repairs needed. The idea was then dropped.

But when he was visiting the school during a church-sponsored work day, he looked at the cottage again. He went home and prayed about it for a couple of months. His church Brotherhood discussed the building and the possibility of undertaking its renovation as a project.

Logue discussed the idea with his pastor. He got a friend and owner of a local lumber yard, Hunter Coleman, to visit Glen Dale and make an itemized list of what would be needed. He talked with then acting director of missions for Mercer Association Kay Trisler on the first day she attended an associational executive board meeting. She approved the idea as well. So Logue, Mrs. Trisler and Pat Proctor, secretary to the association, worked out details of how the project would be presented.

They estimated it would cost \$26,000 and the association approved the project a year ago last March.

Fund raising for the project was accomplished by a variety of means. Many churches simply took offerings. Others sponsored fund raising activities, including walk-a-thons, bake sales and



From left: Curtis Sherrow, project foreman, and Buddy Logue, Mercer child care representative.

garage sales. Association-wide gospel sings and concerts also were conducted. By the building's completion a year later, most of the revenue needed for the project, which came in under estimated cost at about \$21,000, had been raised.

In fact, the building, which has been dubbed the Mercer Campus Activity Center, is already in use at Glen Dale as an activities building and remedial education center.

Before it got to that stage, however, Logue says workers put on a new roof, remodeled old windows and installed energy-efficient ones and replaced old wall heat registers with new furnace and air conditioning units. They refinished

doors, bookcases and closets. They laid new tile and replaced the carpet. They pointed outside and inside, textured the ceilings, put up mini-blinds, put in a new hot water heater and reworked all of the cottage's seven bathrooms.

In short, it turned out to be a mammoth job. "I really thought when we started that we'd go down there with a few shingles and a bucket of paint; that's why we prayed about it for a long time," Logue says. "It was a big project, but we didn't want to leave them with a lame horse."

Sixty-seven mostly unskilled laborers from Mercer County went to Glen Dale to help, including as many as 24 in a day's time, many of whom made repeat trips on designated work days. Laborers traveled the 86 miles from Mercer County to Glen Dale every other weekend for 24 weeks and odd Saturdays beyond that to complete the work.

As they worked both Fridays and Saturdays on those designated weekends, key men such as project foreman Curtis Sherrow and Logue, who did not miss, gave up more than half the year's weekends to the project.

When Logue approached Sherrow about serving as foreman, he discovered Sherrow too had seen the building and had the same idea in mind. Fred Cummings, pastor of Shawnee Run Baptist Church, took his congregation to Glen Dale one Saturday. By "coincidence" he also had something in mind for the building.

"The whole project wasn't just one person or one church," Logue says. "It was a whole lot of little pieces coming together."

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# Southern Baptists in Kentucky: Still Caring, Still Sharing!

# baptist forum

## Headline misleading

The June 13 issue of Western Recorder states "Spouse nominations violation of SBC bylaws asserts Cobble." However, in reading the article Cobble is quoted as saying the nomination of spouses of pastors and denominational employes violates the spirit of the bylaws. Is the acting editor using the secular press's method of a catchy headline to get the reader's attention regardless of the headline misrepresenting the information to be given?

Another concern is the sincerity of Cobble. If we are really concerned about the spirit of the bylaws, shouldn't the 60 plus per cent of the SBC churches with small memberships have proportionate representation on the boards of agencies? When was the last time we had a president of the KBC from a church with a Sunday school of 150 enrolment or less?

I have been reading a great deal from the moderates about the fact that churches in the moderate group which give large percentages to the Cooperative Program are excluded from the leadership positions in the convention. My church has a low percentage of gifts going to the Cooperative Program and many pastors are like me seeking to serve in the best ways we can yet we get passed over because our church's Cooperative Program gifts do not measure up to some committee's litmus test. Other pastors like me were left out before the present trend began in the convention and we are still left out. I really wonder if fairness will ever come to the convention?

Richard A. DeBell, pastor  
Piner Baptist Church  
Morning View

## Support for SBA

This letter is to express my concern about the negative press concerning the Southern Baptist Alliance. While the SBA does not meet everyone's approval, it does serve the needs of some in our denomination today.

Fellowship among churches of like mind can be found in the SBA. Some churches have been alienated because of their strong convictions and need a place for fellowship. The SBA helps keep such churches in the denomination until reconciliation occurs. Too, our friends at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary have found a needed support system.

Ecumenism is a major concern of some Southern Baptists. This idea is fostered by the SBA in a time when our denomination is rejecting other Christian perspectives.

Women in ministry are being denied opportunities for service in our denomination. The SBA is publishing materials to help us better understand this important issue since our Sunday School Board is not very open to this subject. Women are provided opportunities to serve on SBA programs and are more than tokens.

Prophetic ideas are being shared by the SBA. We have long needed a seminary for our Southern Baptist students in the northeast. Whether or not the SBA develops the seminary, we have opened the eyes of Southern Baptists to this great need.

Southern Baptists have become so large in recent years that isolation among us abounds. The SBA is one of the reasons why some of us have not already flown the coup. As for myself, I will continue to explore the possibilities for serving Christ through the SBA and the SBC. Because of such

emphases, I believe the SBA is needed today. The gospel and the SBA are both "good news" to me. And more good news would be welcomed!

Bill Daniel, pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Middlesboro

## Keep quiet about abortion?

Paul D. Simmons of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary stated in the Sunday Courier Journal June 4 in an article entitled "Abortion and Religion," "Abortion ought not to be yelled about in public. We ought to be quiet about it; we ought to all go home and shut our mouths about it." Suppose our founding fathers as Baptists had done exactly that.

In particular, the Christians who were fed to the lions could have kept quiet, gone home and kept their mouths shut. Maybe their very lives would have been saved.

Even more current, consider the young students and citizens of Beijing, China, saying, "Enough is enough!" Somewhere, sometime, someone or even masses have to stand for what they believe in—the right of each individual to experience life and the pursuit of happiness.

So many times from our pulpits I have heard, "Don't hide your light under a bushel. We are to be the salt of the earth." What does salt do? We as Christians and Southern Baptists should know the answer! Are we going to continue to be complacent?

We all believe in protection of our animals, and rightly so, from pain and abuse. We have laws in our state that do this, yet we murder the unborn and choose to go home, be quiet and shut our mouths about it.

Did Jesus do this? No, he went to Calvary for the God-created human being, that through Jesus Christ we could have life and become all that God intended for us to become as his creation. Fetuses have pain when torn from their mother's protection; they are living beings!

The reason for conception and the completion of pregnancy can be dealt with in a loving Christian manner and atmosphere. If the child isn't to be cared for by the mother, then placing that small baby in a Christian home where it can grow and develop as God intended it to do would fulfill couples' wishes and desires for a baby.

We as Baptists, instead of closing our doors and keeping quiet, need to come to terms with the issues of today and deal with them as Jesus would have addressed them. We need to create within our world as Christians, protective Christian homes for the mother-to-be to have her baby with dignity and Christian love, leading that mother to a relationship with our Lord and a continuing productive life through Jesus Christ.

Anewed confidence in our denomination by our helping with problems of the day would take place. It would also show nonChristians that we all are only sinners saved by grace, also what a difference Jesus can make in our lives. I ask Simmons to reconsider his remarks.

Phyllis Barnes  
Louisville

## Simmons' abortion response

Some clarification is needed on my comments about the abortion debate in the Courier Journal.

Certainly Baptists should be involved in the political debate and efforts to shape public policy. My saying that "abortion ought not to be yelled about in

public" referred to the verbal and physical attacks against women seeking abortions.

We are all concerned about the number of abortions. There are better ways to deal with excesses, however, than engaging in the politics of religious fanaticism often found in the antichoice movement.

Should women be forced to bring a pregnancy to term regardless of circumstances of impregnation (rape, incest, contraceptive failure), fetal condition (radical deformity) or maternal health (heart disease, AIDS, ectopic pregnancy)? Or should the woman along with her family, minister and physician be permitted to make a choice, based upon her own convictions about God's will?

The Bible is silent about abortion, imposing neither moral condemnation nor legal regulation. A good principle to follow is "to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent when the Bible is silent."

Baptists' belief in soul competence or freedom of conscience is at stake in the way we treat women who have decided to abort. They are directly related to and accountable to God with whom they have agnized and reached a difficult decision. To cajole, condemn or coerce them is to play God. Our responsibility ends where their conscience begins.

Pregnancy can be terribly threaten-

ing. Thousands of women died from self-induced or botched abortions prior to 1973. Christians ought to respect and protect women as persons made in God's image, not subject them to abuse and injury.

Religious liberty requires that government not coerce or punish people in matters of religious belief. Rabbi Shira Stern, following her religious teachings, aborted a Tay Sachs fetus. Efforts to make her decision a criminal act seems to deny first amendment rights.

Baptists are right to be involved; they have important commitments to moral values and such doctrines as soul competence and religious liberty. They are worth preserving, especially in the midst of the acrimony and divisiveness of the current debate.

Paul D. Simmons, professor  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Louisville

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

## Kentucky disaster relief team feeds 1500 at Jericho missions

by Tim Yarbrough

The Kentucky Baptist disaster relief unit joined a North Carolina unit July 10 to feed an estimated 1600 people attending Jericho week at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

The demonstration dinner was held during the Jericho missions fair to give people an up close look at the operation of Southern Baptist disaster relief.

No one was disappointed. People said they were impressed by the quality of the meal.

"They call this a disaster meal?" was a comment from one woman as she enjoyed the food.

Another said she was impressed by the demonstration.

"It's good for us to be in these lines and understand what goes on when they do these things," said Jennette Gregory of Hammond, La. "So many people are not conscious of this ministry."

In four years Kentucky units have re-

sponded to seven major disasters. As recently as June a Kentucky unit served 12,000 meals to residents displaced by flooding in Pineville. Sixty-four volunteers from the unit responded for 20 days and served 22,000 meals during flooding in north central Kentucky in February and March.

Bob Simpkins, KBC disaster relief and Brotherhood director, said involvement in disaster relief gives men the opportunity to discover and use their gifts in an effective ministry that touches literally thousands of lives.

Successful operation of a disaster relief unit means cooperation among everyone involved. When a unit is called into action there is no time to go over duties; everyone must be responsible for the task they are assigned.

And no job is too small. Amos Tate of Bloomfield washed dishes on the day of the disaster meal demonstration.

"It's something that has to be done," said Tate. "We don't want anybody getting sick on us."



C. A. Easterling, left, a member of the Kentucky disaster relief team, serves chicken during a demonstration of the abilities of Southern Baptist disaster relief units at the Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center.

# christian education

## mercer university

Seven students at Mercer University's Atlanta campus have filed a class action lawsuit asking that the College of Arts and Sciences be kept open until all enrolled or accepted students have completed their degrees.

The suit contends that the Georgia Baptist school's trustee decision to close the college June 30, 1990, violates the students' contracts with the university. It seeks both temporary and permanent injunctions blocking Mercer from closing the Atlanta liberal arts college or from modifying any of the programs the school offers.

Mercer also operates a liberal arts college in Macon, Ga., and several professional schools.

"By offering them admission to the Cecil B. Day College of Arts and Sciences, (Mercer) offered the class members the opportunity to complete an undergraduate degree if they accepted admission, completed the required course of study and met the academic requirements for said degree," the suit states.

The students who filed the suit maintain that the Atlanta college is unique, citing special curriculum not offered by other schools, personal attention given to students by faculty and the emphasis on nontraditional and foreign students. The school has about 465 students.

David Llewellyn, the students' attorney, said the decision to close the college violates the university faculty handbook and generally accepted principles of faculty and student rights.

He maintained the trustees acted without proper authority and did not follow proper procedures. "There wasn't sufficient financial crisis to permit them to close the school without faculty participation. If the college is to be closed for academic reasons, then the faculty must be consulted. If it's being closed for financial reasons, those financial reasons must be proved," he said.

## southern seminary

**Timothy J. Najpaver of Rowlets has received the Borchert Prize in Biblical Studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.**

Najpaver, a theology student at the Louisville seminary, earned a BA degree from Campbellsville College in 1987. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Najpaver of Parma, Oh.

The Borchert award, established by Gerald Borchert, professor of New Testament interpretation, and Doris Borchert, assistant professor of Christian education, recognizes outstanding achievement in biblical studies.

**Members of the Southern Baptist Education Commission named Penrose St. Amant as outstanding educator of the year during their annual meeting in Alexandria, La.**

St. Amant, senior professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was named to receive the 1989 Charles C. Johnson Outstanding Educator Award. The award, established in 1983, is given annually to a

person who has made significant contributions to Southern Baptist higher education.

St. Amant, who has been confined to a hospital bed in Louisville for the past seven weeks since he was injured in a fall while in the hospital for tests, was not able to attend the presentation ceremony.

Bob Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University and outgoing chairman of the commission, said the award was given to St. Amant for more than 50 years of commitment to Christian higher education through Southern Baptist institutions.

St. Amant has been a writer, lecturer and teacher. He holds four earned degrees from Southern Baptist colleges and universities and has been a professor at Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.) College, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary and Southern Seminary. He was president of Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

**H. Wayne Pipkin will join the faculty of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Elkhart, Ind., July 1.**

The boards of the associated schools, Goshen Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Biblical Seminary invited Pipkin to become professor of Anabaptist and sixteenth century studies. Pipkin, a Southern Baptist, recently completed a one-year term as visiting professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has taught at Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, since 1978. His initial appointment is for three years.

Pipkin has written or worked as editor, coeditor or translator for seven books and has written more than 20 journal articles. He is a member of the Baptist Heritage Commission, Baptist World Alliance; correspondent to The Primary Source, an international Baptist newsletter; and 1986-89 consultant to the Baptist-Lutheran Joint Commission, bilateral conversations of the Baptist World Alliance and the Lutheran World Federation.

He is married to Arlene Schenk Pipkin. They are the parents of two girls, Nancy and Heather.

## southwestern seminary

**Scott Collins, director of news and information at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., has been named director of public relations.**

A native of Missouri, Collins has worked on the public affairs staff at Southwestern since 1986 as a news writer for Southwestern News, the school's alumni newsletter.

Earlier Collins was managing editor of a daily newspaper in Macon, Mo. He also was a missionary journeyman with the Foreign Mission Board, working as director of media in Botswana, Africa.

Collins is a graduate of Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville.

He will continue editing the 47,000-circulation Southwestern News and direct the seminary's news office. In addition, he will be responsible for the school's public relations including publication of brochures.

# mountains to the mississippi

## personnel

**Amos Kirkwood** resigned as pastor of Johnson Island Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, in May. He is available for supply and interim. He will continue to reside in Madisonville.

**Archie Oliver** is new pastor of Johnson Island Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association. He goes from First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association, where he was associate pastor.

Ivory Hill Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association, called **Don Leggett** as pastor.

**Ralph Shepperson** is new pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, Boones Creek Association.

**Connie Sue Rucker** resigned as interim preschool director at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

**Barry Greenlee**, minister of music and youth at Pleasureville Baptist Church, Henry County Association, resigned to accept a full time position with Wayside Christian Mission, Louisville. Paul Whitler is pastor of Pleasureville.

Livermore Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, called **Ron Kinzel** as pastor.

**Joey Perez** resigned as minister of youth and education at First Baptist Church, New Castle, Henry County Association. **Dawn Pendleton** is new minister of music and youth.

**Burton Cosby** of Mt. Washington has entered full time evangelism. He is available to churches in Kentucky as needed. He may be contacted at (502) 538-6153.

**Nathan Whisnant** is new pastor of Advance Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

**Kenny Stone** is minister of music and youth at Finley Baptist Church, Green Valley Association.

## associations

**Bethel and Logan associations** had open house and dedication for their new associational Baptist building May 21 at Russellville. Director of missions for the two associations is Eugene Reynolds.

John Nunley is new director of missions for **Liberty Association**.

Tom Lewis of Paducah, director of missions for **West Union Association**, announced his retirement effective Sept. 30. He began his career in the 1950s in Christian County Association. He was director of missions in Jackson, Tenn. before returning to Kentucky and West Union Association.

## congregations

**Salem Baptist Church, Brandenburg, Salem Association**, will celebrate its 150th anniversary Aug. 6. W. Fred Kendall of Nashville, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, who was ordained at Salem June 26, 1927, will speak during the morning service. There will be dinner on the grounds with special music following.

**Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, Green Valley Association**, will celebrate its 75th anniversary Aug. 6. Dennis Plank is pastor.

**Elk Lick Baptist Church, Logan Association**, will have homecoming and dedication of a new Sunday school addition Sunday, July 30. There will be a morning dedication service, dinner on the grounds and afternoon singing and greetings from former pastors. Pastor of the church is William G. Humphrey.

Aug. 13, 1988 **First Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Association**, began a sesquicentennial celebration. The year of celebration climaxes Aug. 13, 1989 with homecoming.

At the 11 a.m. worship Kenneth Winters, president of Campbellsville (Ky.) College and former member of the church, will bring the message. Dinner will be in Central Park and a 2:30 program at the church will feature brief

messages from former pastors. There will be no evening worship that day. Pastor of the church is David Bratcher.

## revivals

Revival at **First Baptist Church, Russellville, Bethel Association**, resulted in five professions of faith and one addition by letter. New pastor of First Church, Don Zuberer, was evangelist.

## ordinations

**Charles T. Hawkins** was ordained to the ministry July 16 at Lucas Grove Baptist Church, Lynn Association. He is pastor of Clearspring (Ind.) Baptist Church and a MDiv student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Lynn Traylor is pastor of Lucas Grove.

New Hope Baptist Church, Logan Association, ordained **Donald Settle** as deacon. Eugene Cathey is pastor of New Hope.

**Paul Conner** and **Mike Lawson** were ordained deacons at First Baptist Church, Albany, Freedom Association.

Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, ordained **Don McMillen** a deacon. Oak Ridge pastor is Randy H. Wallace

## Buying its own building is "big time" for a little church

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

It's not all that uncommon to find a church and an association sharing the same building.

Usually, though, the associational offices are located in the church building.

But it is a bit unusual to find a church located in an associational building. Imagine the misgivings that arise when a task force of the association's executive committee recommends selling the associational building.

That's the situation East Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, found itself in.

Long Run Association offices are located on the corner of Preston and Chestnut streets in the heart of downtown Louisville's medical complex. Since the 1960s East Baptist and the association have shared not only the building but a ministry to that area.

East Baptist Church is 147 years old. The original building stood adjacent to the present property in a predominantly lower middle class neighborhood. But by the 1950s the neighborhood consisted mostly of low income families.

At that time when many downtown churches were opting to relocate, East Baptist decided to remain in the inner city. Members realized that significant changes in the neighborhood meant expanded church ministry. They converted the old sanctuary to a gym and bought additional property for student ministry and weekday activities for children and youth.

But in the 1960s Louisville's Urban Renewal Commission declared that the church would have to make \$500,000 in improvements to satisfy building codes. At the same time the association was forced to relocate its offices due to interstate construction. Association leaders wanted to do community ministry and didn't want to lose the ministry of a downtown church. East Baptist Church and Long Run Association explored avenues of cooperation.

The result: East Baptist gave two pieces of property and \$12,000 to the association. Long Run bought three additional pieces of property. The association constructed a multipurpose building for weekday ministries. The church met in the associational building and the pastor directed the programs, the church being the base of community ministry. Associational offices occupied the second floor of the modern facility.

In October 1988 East Baptist Church



Stacy Blackston, summer missionary from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., sorts clothes for the infant resource center at East Baptist Church.

approached a new fork in the road. Upon the recommendation of its East Center task force, Long Run association voted to sell its property by July 1, 1989. According to Long Run Association executive director Russell Bennett, the value of the property had escalated, so the association wanted to release some funds to help further other associational ministry. In response the church reaffirmed its commitment to remaining in the community and attempting to sustain its ministry there. Members offered to buy the building from the association. Logically, they reasoned, buying the associational property would cost less than relocating.

But East Baptist faced a monumental task. The property was appraised at \$1.3 million. The small church, with an average attendance of 42, decided to embark on a capital fund raising project. Undaunted, members twice presented plans to the association's task force. A two-phase plan was accepted by Long Run's executive board July 10.

Pastor/director of East Baptist Church and Center Jim Holladay says under phase one the church has set a goal of raising \$100,000 by Sept. 25 of this year. "It's much like the Stewardship Commission's 'Challenge to Build' program," he explains. "Only we've dubbed our program 'Challenge to Buy.'"

As an internal fund raising drive spearheaded by congregation member Wayne Hager, manager of Louisville's Baptist Book Store, phase one targets members and former members, child care parents and center staff. The church plans to combine this year's homecoming with a fund raising emphasis weekend Sept. 9-10. Activities will include a child care reunion and a fund raising banquet.

According to Holladay, phase two is the external fund raising plan. "We will approach foundations, corporations, individuals and families as well as other concerned persons for pledges and donations," he explains.

The phase has a two-pronged focus: to contact people who are not necessarily church related but who have an interest in the social services East Baptist offers, and to go to Baptists interested in missions and church extension.

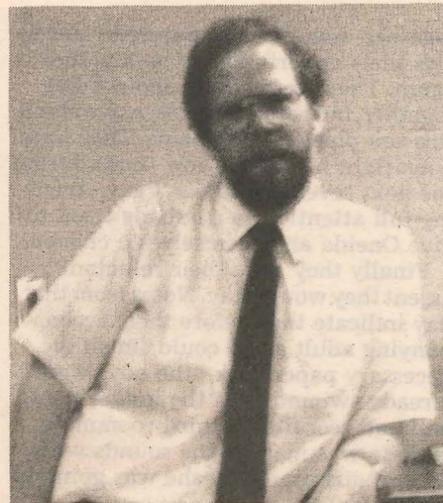
"It's big time for a little church," Holladay chuckled. "But we are optimistic about the future of our church."

The building is located in the center of the eight-block Louisville medical center which includes University of Louisville medical and dental schools plus five major hospitals: Humana University, Jewish, Methodist Evangelical, Kosair Children's and Norton. An estimated 32,000 people flow through the complex daily. Almost 600 new apartment units have been constructed in addition to over 250 units already in existence. Louisville's central business district lies only four blocks from the church.

"People are not so tied to neighborhood churches," Holladay notes. "They go where other people care. For example, our child care center ministers to people who work in this area."

"Fourteen thousand people work here every day," he continues. "There are 8000 medical and allied health students here, plus patients and their families."

The church also works with Dosker Manor, a public housing project, and plans to begin an activities ministry with Cane Center for disabled adults. "We have the potential to impact the lives of a significant number of people in the metropolitan area," Holladay smiles.



Jim Holladay, pastor/director of East Baptist Center.

There are other advantages, too. "This will give the church more identification with the ministries," Holladay notes. "It will give us the ability to incorporate ministry participants into the life of the church. A lot of people pass this building

## Transition times are critical for youth in church involvement

by Frank White

Southern Baptist churches are in greatest danger of losing youth during transitions from childrens' to youth age groups and from youth to adults, according to consultants from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Sessions during the Sunday School Leadership Conferences at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center focused on the particular problems of transition times, sixth grade and 12th grade/college freshman.

For sixth graders, churches need to provide special activities that acknowledge preteens are no longer children without thrusting them prematurely into the youth realm, explained Becky Martin, youth consultant, and Linda Miniard, children's consultant, both of the board's Sunday school division.

At the other end of the youth spectrum, high school seniors and college freshmen need help from their churches as they attempt to bridge the gap between the youth world they have become accustomed to and the adult world they are facing, said Bob Metcalf, youth Sunday school consultant, and Ruth Ann Hill, adult consultant.

Transitions are times when youth most need the church but are most likely to turn away from it as they seek answers, the consultants agreed.

The transition into the youth area can be abrupt as churches face pressures to group sixth graders with seventh and eighth graders because they often are together in middle school, Miss Martin pointed out.

However, Miss Martin said, such a grouping casts sixth graders into a situation where it is harder to succeed and where they are forced into peer pressure situations they are not ready to handle.

If sixth graders must be placed in a youth or middle school division, they should remain in a separate sixth grade class and use the sixth grade curriculum designed for them rather than the younger youth curriculum, Miss Martin said.

Activities for sixth graders should be appropriate to acknowledge their increasing maturity but should not mirror

and never realize there is a church here. This (transition) will heighten our visibility."

In October the church will assume responsibility of the building and maintaining the programs. The infant resource project (which provides essential goods and resources to newborns in low income families), child care center, medical student ministry, counseling center and other community ministries will continue.

As of now, East Baptist Church has a contract to purchase the building. The associational offices will stay at the building about five years, until the church actually buys the property. The deed will be delivered when the final payment is made. Bennett says the association will not buy other property until the transaction is complete.

Holladay predicts the present church budget of \$45,000 will double as a result of the transaction. "But we have faith that it can be done," he emphasizes. "We are dedicated and committed to invest the time to raise the money. We can look at this as a burden or an opportunity. We choose the opportunity."

youth division activities. "If sixth graders have the lock-in, ski trips and other youth type activities, they will have nothing to look forward to when they enter the youth division," Martin said.

"Sixth graders need protection from the pressures of teen years while we give them the tools to deal with those pressures," Miss Miniard said.

For the transition from 12th grade to young adult, efforts should be coordinated among youth leaders, parents, young adult leaders and church staff.

Crossover materials to aid the transition have been developed by the Sunday school division, the Student Ministry Department and the Church Training Department at the Sunday School Board.

"Crossover: Church and Campus Working Together" will be available as an Equipping Center module in April 1990, Miss Hill said.

Metcalf said there are eight specific areas where the church can aid the transition and make it easier for the 12th graders: needs of older youth, saying goodbye to the youth world, handling freedom responsibly, the importance of faith on campus, money management, new relationships, housekeeping and saying hello to the young adult world.

Many resources for bridging the gap are available from the Student Ministry Department including *The Student* magazine and the *Student Ministry Plan Book*, Miss Hill pointed out.

If the 12th grade teachers and the college teachers plan together, seniors and college students can be grouped together for Sunday school before the high school graduates leave for college, Miss Hill said.

"If they aren't together before college, when the new freshmen return on weekends, they will be drawn to the youth department and not the college department," Miss Hill said.

When the transition is not made effectively, a church likely will lose college students but be unaware of this because the students are not home on a regular basis, Miss Hill said.

"Often we lose college students and may not see them again until they have children of their own that they want to have in Sunday school," she said.



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## oneida journal

### A baby in my arms

I held my newest namesake in my arms a few hours ago. He is nearly seven months old. His name is Joshua Glenn. His middle name is my first name.

I waited with his grandparents, several aunts, uncles and cousins to see and hold Joshua Glenn. Finally the young man arrived with his parents, two older sisters and one brother. It was a little past midnight when they arrived from another state.

Despite the long trip, the lateness of the hour and the large crowd, this little namesake was very alert and smiling constantly. For the next two hours it was so. Passed hand to hand, playing on the floor, sitting in his grandmother's lap while he banged on the piano for an extended period, he never once puckered to cry.

No, not even when he was passed into my arms. No, Joshua Glenn just gave me a big smile, waved his arms, kicked his feet and smiled again.

Two hours later at 2 a.m. I took my leave as that is my normal bedtime. Joshua Glenn was still going strong, still smiling, still playing.

Walking across the campus to my bed, I remembered that August morning 14 years ago when I first saw Joshua's mother, Juanita. She arrived in my office two days past her 14th birthday, with two older brothers, ages 16 and 15.

She and her brothers had been removed from their parent's home nearly eight years before. They had lived in various places over the years, sometimes

together, sometimes separated. Oneida was their opportunity to be together again. They were happy about being together, but rather apprehensive about this new place called Oneida. They were downright negative a few times during the next several hours as I gave them my full attention to persuade them to give Oneida and themselves a chance.

Finally they gave their reluctant assent they would stay. Notes from that day indicate that before their accompanying adult and I could finish the necessary paperwork "the boys were already swimming in the indoor pool and had recruited a third roommate. Juanita was making the rounds with several girls and said she was going to swim also."

During the next three and a half years we watched this somewhat tomboyish girl develop and mature into a tremendous Christian young lady.

Juanita made better than average grades. She was very faithful in the school's work program and active in various activities. She studied her Bible, sang in the choir and had various boyfriends. But then she fell in love with the oldest son of our dean of boys. He and his parents had moved into our dorm on New Year's Day eight months before Juanita's arrival.

John graduated in May 1978 and moved to Lexington to pursue technical studies. Juanita finished her high school work at Christmas that same year. She and John had been engaged for some time and they were married in a beautiful wedding in our school's chapel on New Year's Eve.

Juanita had asked me to give her away at the wedding. I proudly walked the very beautiful bride down the aisle. I recall, however, the mixed emotions that many a "father" has had, one being "was this 17½-year-old bride too young?"

But John and Juanita were very mature for their ages and centered their marriage in the Lord and the church from the very beginning.

Their initials are "J" and each child's first name begins with "J": Jennifer, Jamie, Jonathan, Joshua. Juanita is a full time mother and John is a computer draftsman. They are model parents with four healthy, happy and remarkably well behaved children. Each child has been in their small church from the week of the respective births.

John and Juanita work with the youth, Juanita plays the church piano and even the children she babysits go to church when she goes.



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## sunday school lessons

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### Longing for God

The psalmist had been absent for some time from his home in Jerusalem and the temple where he had been accustomed to worshiping God. He had a passionate zeal and an eager longing to return to this sanctuary of the Lord where the name of Jehovah had been exalted, where his glory had been manifested and where he had been worshiped by the Israelites.

**Psalm 63:1-8** The psalmist announced his intention of praising the Lord for the remainder of his life. He did not anticipate a time when he would cease to praise him or when he would fail to be engaged in his service. His soul longed for the service of God as one who was hungry longed for food or as one who was thirsty longed for drink. He was convinced that he would be permitted to be engaged in his service without interruption.

God amply satisfies the longing of the human heart for him. For that reason we should praise the Lord "with joyful lips."

**Psalm 84:1-2** The psalmist longed to return to the temple to worship God. He was grateful for the spiritual blessings he had received there and the previous memories associated with that hallowed place.

**Psalm 84:5-7** The psalmist was sus-

tained and enabled to endure his hardships by the joyful anticipation of getting to worship God again in the temple. He realized that many difficulties lie in the way of all those who try to live in a godly manner. In the midst of temptations, toils, trials and tribulations, it is encouraging to know that true spiritual worship of God strengthens us for every experience of life. If we worship God and yield ourselves to him, he will give us just the amount of strength which we will need for the task at hand. In every instance God's strength will be adequate.

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### Fate of a self-appointed leader

**Judges 9:1-2** After Gideon led his small army of 300 men in winning the victory over the Midianite hordes and their allies, the Israelites expressed a desire to exalt their hero to the office of king, but he declined to accept the high position. Abimelech then proposed that he become their king. Those who listened to his strong appeal were persuaded he was the man for the office, so he was crowned as their ruler.

**Judges 9:4-6** Having gained this lordly position, and to prevent any of the other sons of Gideon from obtaining it, Abimelech succeeded with the massacre of seventy of his half brothers. Jotham alone escaped death because he remained in hiding.

**Judges 9:7-15** Jotham climbed to the peak of Mt. Gerizim to the inhabitants of Shechem. Jotham vehemently protested the shameful treatment administered to the sons of Gideon, rebuked the Israelites for elevating to the throne the most undesirable person among them, exposed their unworthy action, sought to turn them from their wicked course and emphasized the tremendous importance of exercising the greatest care in the selection of governmental leadership.

Jotham's parable indicated the highest ambition of the olive and fig trees was to bear fruit but the bramble bush—which failed to produce anything of value, was worthless as timber and a menace to farmers and woodsmen—coveted the crown.

Ambition is frequently fatal to Christian fruitfulness. As a rule, ambition which aims at greatness arises out of littleness. Usefulness is better than rank.



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## on mission together

### A summer smile

I have written one small book in my lifetime. I doubt seriously if I will write another except, perhaps, a collection of memories to pass along to our children and grandchildren. Generations beyond that will not remember—I will not have known them, or they, me.

None of my children remembers my grandfather. They have seen pictures but they never ate at his table, heard him tell his funny stories, or had him teach them how to hunt, fish, or play croquet. They would have loved him, too.

Summers remind me most of him.

With school out, I spent many days and not a few nights with grandmom and granddad. I helped a little in the grocery store, but mostly I just followed granddaddy around.

Between the house and the store was a screened sleeping porch where he and I slept. In the days before air conditioning, this was a luxury.

Just before daybreak, we were up, pumping gas into the 1937 Pontiac, the first car I drove on a date. By the time we had loaded the car with fishing poles, bait buckets, and a seine, grandmom had prepared a hearty breakfast.

Granddaddy cooled his coffee by pouring it into the saucer, from which he drank. The aroma of eggs, bacon, homegrown tomatoes and long-perked coffee still lingers. The round oak table still hosts meals in the home of one of his name carriers, our son.

In the new light of day, we headed for Elkhorn Creek. We usually stopped along the way to greet a cousin or friend of his, but within an hour or so we were

standing in knee-deep water, casting soft-craws or peelers into the current. Drifting into a pool at the foot of the fast water, the bait almost always yielded a bass, channel cat, or a red-eye.

We fished until our bait was gone. Granddaddy never used an artificial bait in his life. And I can never recall returning home empty handed.

By late afternoon we walked miles back to the car along the creek, through fields of corn, and through spider webs and nettles, both of which I detested. When I was 12, he was 72 and could not walk me.

About seven years later we took our last fishing trip together. I carried him in my arms down the creek to a favorite spot. I baited his hook as he had baited mine as a child. I hooked a big bass and let granddaddy reel him in. It was the last time I think I saw him smile.

I can still see that smile against a backdrop of sycamore trees at a certain bend of Elkhorn Creek on a summer day long ago.

# Pastors place priority on Sunday School Conference

by Frank White

One pastor attending a Sunday School Leadership Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center for the first time and another who has attended 10 times in the past 20 years believe their involvement in the training is important to growth of their Sunday schools and development of their churches.

Don Chase has been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Irving, Tex., since August 1988. He attended his first Glorieta Sunday School Conference along with 23 others representing one-fourth of the average Sunday school attendance of the church.

Wayne Jenkins, pastor of Cook Baptist Church, Ruston, La., for the past four years, attended with 46 participants from his church.

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"has been a sacrifice  
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worth it."

Chase believes the training will give the church the tools it needs to continue the growth of the past year. The present Sunday school average attendance of 100 has more than doubled the average of 40-50 when he arrived as pastor less than one year ago.

Rather than a few Sunday school workers receiving training and trying to sell their ideas to the pastor and the church, the large group along with the pastor allows them all to be in on similar ideas and visions for the church, Chase said.

"We have enough here that we can go back and get others excited about the possibilities for the church," Chase said.

While most of those attending from Calvary Baptist Church are deacons or Sunday school workers, others have potential to be Sunday school workers including one new convert.

Chase said the training conference became a priority for him after other pastors told him what they learned at Glorieta had turned their churches around.

"I was committed to the need to come here and I sold others on the dream. It has been a sacrifice but it has been worth it," he said.

For Jenkins, attending Sunday school conferences at Glorieta or Ridgecrest may be old hat, but that doesn't diminish the importance, he said.

Jenkins usually alternates attending the Southern Baptist Convention meeting and attending a Sunday school conference week. Even on the years he goes to the convention, a group from the church still attends a Sunday school conference.

Without the training, Jenkins said he wouldn't know what to do with Sunday school. "I need it. If I'm going to lead, I need to know what to do. I've always learned more about Sunday school every year," he said.

Also, by having a large group of Sunday school workers attending the conference, Jenkins said he doesn't have to go back and sell what he's learned.



Planning the day's schedule was part of the breakfast routine for members of Cook Baptist Church, Ruston, La., during Sunday School Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. Dot Eldridge, children's division director; Octaba Delony, senior adults department director; and Jim Eldridge, middle children's department teacher were part of 46 persons from the church participating in the conference.

Others are getting similar training.

The group compares notes on their sessions as they meet daily for meals in the conference center dining hall. Breakfast usually is a time for them to plan their day and discuss what optional conferences they will attend, Jenkins said.

The conferences and other Sunday school training are paying off for the church with increased Sunday school enrolment. In the past four years, the Sunday school has grown from 540 in enrolment to more than 1500.

The church's minister of education, Terry Sampson, also attended the week

along with other key age group leaders.

The pastor's involvement in Sunday school training helps make him visible in the Sunday school organization, Sampson said.

"It helps our workers to know that the pastor is behind the Sunday school and working with them."

## Interfaith missionaries urge SS leaders to combat cults with Bible, Baptist doctrine

by Frank White

Southern Baptist Sunday school teachers need to use their Bibles and a strong doctrinal background to combat the influence of cults and sects in today's society, according to leaders of a conference for Sunday school workers.

Jimmy and Linda Furr, Nashville-based interfaith witness missionaries with the Home Mission Board, specialize in making Southern Baptists more aware of the beliefs of other groups. They led sessions during Sunday School Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

For Sunday school teachers, using the Bible while teaching can be the most visible way to show a difference between Southern Baptists and other religious groups, they said.

They urged Sunday school teachers to study the literature thoroughly before Sunday morning and then give primary emphasis to the Bible during class sessions.

In addition to using the Bible, Sunday school teachers need to know what

the Bible says and what Baptists believe, they said.

"There are a lot of winds of doctrine coming at us. We need to have our feet planted firm and know what we believe," said Jimmy Furr.

He lamented that many Southern Baptists don't know Baptist doctrine and suggested study courses and Church Training equipping center modules as good sources of information about Baptist doctrine.

The doctrine of Christ is especially important to combat cults and sects, Furr pointed out. "Cults are most likely going to deviate on the deity of Christ. Usually they will recognize Christ but will subtract from the deity of Christ."

Salvation is another area where groups fall short of biblical doctrine, he said. "Works plus grace are usually involved in their plans of salvation. And their doctrine doesn't have any assurance of salvation like ours."

The plan of salvation printed in the Sunday school literature is a good key to help Sunday school teachers with the doctrine of salvation. "Some teachers may not realize people in

their class do not know God. The plan of salvation printed there spells it out for them," he said.

The aspect of fellowship can also be important for Sunday school classes in combating cults because many groups are so effective at fellowship.

The Furs agreed that participation in Bible drill was helpful to their children in providing the background to withstand other doctrines.

"Our oldest daughter was able to use Bible verses she remembered from Bible drill when other children told her things she knew were wrong," Lina Furr said.

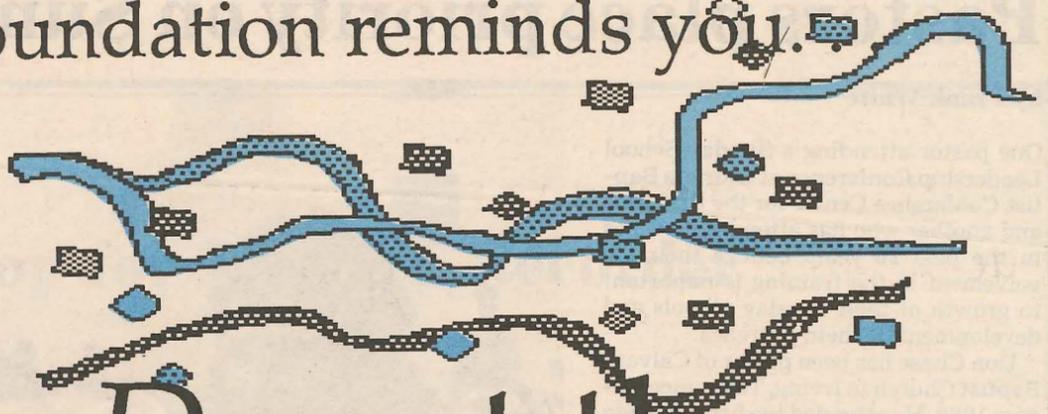
"Some people think Bible drill is old fashioned, but it has helped our children," Mrs. Furr said.

The occult and the New Age Movement are problems that tend to be attracting youth and young adults now, said Furr.

"Parents need to start early with children to develop a relationship that can bridge the rebellion that can lead to Satanism," Mrs. Furr pointed out.

The danger of the occult is its appeal of power. "That can be attractive to kids," said Furr.

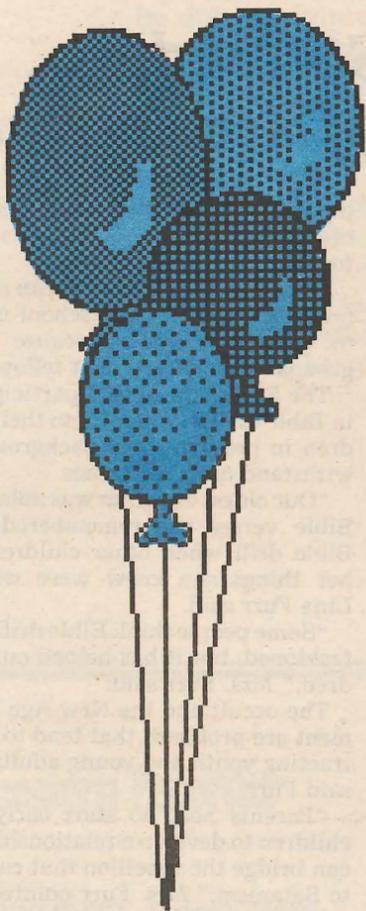
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