

Missionary, businesswoman, educator to follow Weatherford in WMU post

by Karen Benson

Dellanna West O'Brien, 56, former foreign missionary who is president of International Family and Children's Educational Services in Richmond, Va., was elected national executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union.

She was elected by the executive board of national WMU during a called board meeting Saturday morning July 22 in Albuquerque, N. M.

Mrs. O'Brien and her husband Bill, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, will move to Birmingham, Ala. where she will begin work Sept. 1. Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks has asked Bill O'Brien to continue in his present role until the end of the year.

Dellanna O'Brien succeeds Carolyn Weatherford who is retiring Sept. 1 after 15 years in the post to marry Southern Baptist pastor Joe Crumpler Sr. of Cincinnati, Oh.

"Carolyn Weatherford has done such a good job that she is not an easy person to find someone to follow," said Christine Gregory, former national WMU president who was chairman of the search committee.

The selection process was an in-depth, probing search, Mrs. Gregory said. "We tried to hear from every single voice who would want to have input into the selection process—the national staff, state WMU presidents, state WMU executive directors and denominational leaders."

No one on the search committee "came with any preconceived notions," Mrs. Gregory said. "It was just miraculous. I believe with all my heart that God was in this."

"Dellanna O'Brien has a lot of vision to get us ready to go on to the 21st century," said Marjorie J. McCullough, national WMU president. "She has the personal image of what a WMU leader

needs to be in the 1990s. We are excited about her coming and look forward to working closely with her."

Mrs. O'Brien's qualifications fit so well with the profile the search committee had drawn up, Mrs. McCullough said. Among them she cited:

—She grew up in missions organizations in her local church.

—She is committed to missions and has been a foreign missionary. Mrs. O'Brien and her husband worked in Indonesia from 1962-71. "The fact that she has been a missionary was very important to this committee," Mrs. Gregory said.

—She has been involved in planting churches in the United States since returning from the mission field in 1971.

—Her educational background has equipped her for a leadership role in missions education.

Mrs. O'Brien has a BS degree from Hardin-Simmons University, a MEd degree in elementary education from Texas Christian University and a EdD degree in educational leadership from Virginia Technological Institute and State University.

Her professional career has included educational work in Texas and Virginia as an elementary school classroom teacher and as educational diagnostician and specialist with learning disabled students. She also has been a teacher and reading specialist, then assistant head, then head of the Lower School at The Collegiate Schools in Richmond, Va.

—She is a businesswoman who owns her own educational testing company, International Family and Children's

Educational Services is a nonprofit organization providing academic evaluation and advisory services for children of American families living overseas.

These students include children of American missionaries and others involved in business, the military or government. She has done testing in Brazil, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Peru and Ecuador.

—She also has been committee chairman of the children's education committee for missionary orientation for the FMB and as chairman of the committee which designed the children's orientation program and facility for the FMB missionary learning center.

"She has personal appeal to today's businesswoman as well as to a mother who is rearing children," Mrs. McCullough said.

Agreed Mrs. Gregory, "She is in today's world. She has business acumen—and we are especially mindful of that with so many women working today. We knew we needed someone with strong administrative skills and someone who knows how to plan for the future."

—She is committed to the auxiliary status of WMU within the Southern Baptist Convention.

—She has not been involved in the denominational controversy that has plagued the SBC for a decade.

"We wanted someone who was not involved in the denominational conflict in any sort of way," Mrs. Gregory said. "We didn't want her to come in with a strike against her from either side of the controversy—but rather someone who could come at it from a new vantage point and be judged for who she is and



Dellanna West O'Brien

what she does."

—She can relate well to pastors and to pastors' wives.

—She has a deep spiritual commitment. "She is a deeply spiritual woman and can articulate well her faith in God and his word," Mrs. McCullough said.

—She is a good public speaker with experience as a workshop and seminar leader and conference speaker.

—She has been personally involved in missions related activities in an inner city church.

—She can relate well to working mothers. She and her husband have three children, two grandchildren and another grandchild on the way.

Daughter Denise O'Brien Basden and her husband Paul live in Irving, Tex., with their two girls, ages eight and three. Another daughter Erin O'Brien Puryear and her husband Rich live in Richmond. Their first baby is due in September. Son Ross O'Brien and his wife Lisa live in Ft. Worth, Tex.

"She is what we sense that we need now," Mrs. Gregory said. "I believe she is who we need for this time in our history."

"What an honor it is to follow Carolyn Weatherford and Alma Hunt and others throughout the years who have brought such fine leadership to WMU," Mrs. O'Brien said.

She confessed being both delighted and scared as she assumes the new position, but cited assurances from God that she had made the right decision.

"This will be so different for Bill and for me," Mrs. O'Brien said. "But we've always been committed to following God's will. The Lord has never let us down."

Mrs. O'Brien pledged strong commitment to the basics of WMU—missions education, mission support, mission action and personal witnessing and undergirding the work of the local church in the denomination. She also cited commitment to the auxiliary status of WMU within the Southern Baptist Convention.

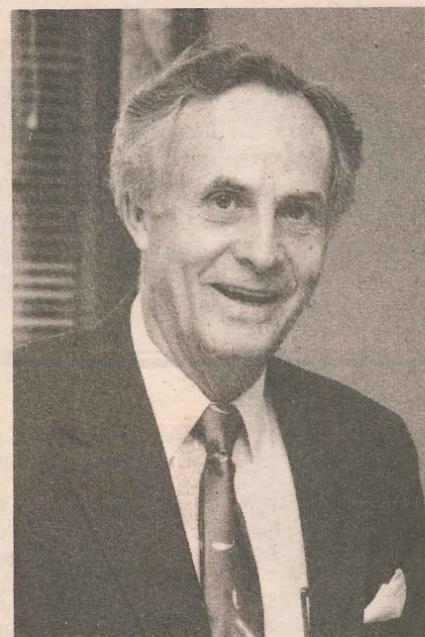
Her first priority, she said, will be to get to know the national WMU staff in Birmingham and to get to know the WMU executive board.

Setting new directions and planning for WMU's future will be high on the list, too, she said. "We're living in a new world where everybody's having to look to the future. It is certainly no less true of WMU. But it's not something you can do once and for all. We must continue to update and equip for the future."

Byrd retires as Boyce Bible School dean

David Q. Byrd Jr., dean of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Boyce Bible School, will retire from that position effective Dec. 31.

Byrd came to the Louisville school in 1978 after 24 years as pastor of West Jackson (Tenn.) Baptist Church.



David Q. Byrd

At Boyce, Byrd has directed a program that since 1974 has provided ministerial training for persons without college degrees. In May, the school graduated its 500th student.

In addition to his pastorate in Jackson, the Brookhaven, Miss. native has been pastor of Poplar Spring Drive Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.; Waddy (Ky.) Baptist Church; and Calvary Baptist Church, Harrodsburg. He holds the BA degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the BD, ThM and PhD degrees from Southern.

Byrd was on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and was trustee of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. He also was on the SBC committee on boards and SBC committee on committees. He is a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Southern Seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt said Byrd has "provided superb leadership and has worked tirelessly to strengthen and expand the programs of Boyce." Byrd plans to continue his service to Boyce by occasionally teaching a course there.

Seminary provost G. Willis Bennett said a new dean should be named before Byrd's departure.

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Report from BJCPA motion study committee

I. Recognizing that the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has been affirmed by the Southern Baptist Convention year after year, and realizing that the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has given help to churches and the Kentucky Baptist Convention in matters of separation of church and state and religious liberty, the committee recommends that the Kentucky Baptist Convention affirm the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

II. While affirming the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, we urge the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to be more responsive to the expressed views of the Southern Baptist Convention as they relate to matters of church and state.

III. The committee recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention affirm the integrity and plan of the Cooperative Program. Believing that allocating funds from the Cooperative Program for designated causes is the beginning of the demise of the Cooperative Program, we recommend that Cooperative Program funds not be designated for the support of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

IV. In keeping with the Southern Baptist Convention's practice of receiving and processing designated funds from the churches for approved Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs/Kentucky Baptist Convention agencies and institutions, the committee recommends that churches desiring to designate funds to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs may do so and such funds will be received and processed by the convention office.

V. Because of recent action reducing financial support to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and as an expression of our autonomy as a state convention, and in support of the Southern Baptist Convention's affirmation of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, we recommend that the Kentucky Baptist Convention affirm the right to consider in the future all options concerning the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, including direct funding.

VI. Finally, we express to the Southern Baptist Convention our concern over the reduction of funding of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and respectfully request that there be no further reduction of financial support.

A job well done

J. Howard Cobble, chairman of the BJCPA motion study committee, has asked that the report of the special committee be shared with Kentucky Baptists. The full text of that report appears on this page. Joining Cobble on this committee are James Jones, Ted Sisk, Don Mathis, David Nelson, Eugene Siler and Eldred Taylor. The committee should be commended for their early release of this report, giving Kentucky Baptists the time to consider it prior to the meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Frankfort in November.

Some history: at the meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Owensboro, 1988, Malcolm Lunceford, Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, moved "that in light of the recent action of the Southern Baptist Convention to defund the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs with a reduction in Cooperative Program funding that the Kentucky Baptist Convention grant the BJCPA the sum of \$2500 from the unrestricted fund in this fiscal year. That in future budgets of this convention, the SBC portion be adjusted to send to the BJCPA allotment to be Kentucky's share, based on the 1988-89 budgeted amount for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs." In the discussion of this motion, Henry Huff, Crescent Hill, Louisville, moved that the matter be referred to an ad hoc committee consisting of seven people, to be appointed by the president of the KBC who would serve as its chairman; the ad hoc committee would study the motion and bring a report to the KBC in 1989. The motion to refer was adopted 412 to 146.

The Cobble committee was handed a very difficult assignment by our convention. The original motion dealt with issues about which there are strong feelings. To the committee's credit, this report is a model of finding common ground for all points of view. The report affirms the work of the BJCPA, asks that it bear in mind the diverse points of view within the SBC, leaves the Cooperative Program intact and unaltered, affirms the right of local congregations to make designated offerings, leaves the door open for future action by the KBC and asks that the defunding of the BJCPA be halted.

The committee has wisely chosen to base its recommendations on the principle of the autonomy of Baptist bodies. It provides an avenue for those who wish to express their financial support for the BJCPA, and it protects the integrity of the Cooperative Program. In short, it is a report that every Kentucky Baptist can support.

The Cobble committee has accomplished something else: it has set an example for the resolution of issues about which there is a diversity of opinion. Their openness and earnest spiritual searching for common ground should be imitated. The issue of the BJCPA will undoubtedly be raised again, as will other issues of concern. Christ-centered thinking, respect for autonomy and an agenda for reconciliation can guide us through any issue to a place of understanding. Kentucky Baptists owe chairman Cobble and his committee members our thanks and our affirmation when they present their recommendations in Frankfort.

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Guy Futral: resident empathizer, on call consultant to churches, ministers on the move

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Relaxed. Attentive. Easy-going. Laid back. Compassionate. Sensitive. Tolerant. Kind. Considerate. Sympathetic.

All adjectives which describe Guy C. Futral Jr.'s manner, say some who know him well.

At 53, Futral, minister-church relations consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 1984, is often recognized as "one of the most understanding" men in the Baptist Building in Middletown, according to colleagues.

"Isn't he easy to talk to?" his wife Nancy asks. "Nearly everybody says it."

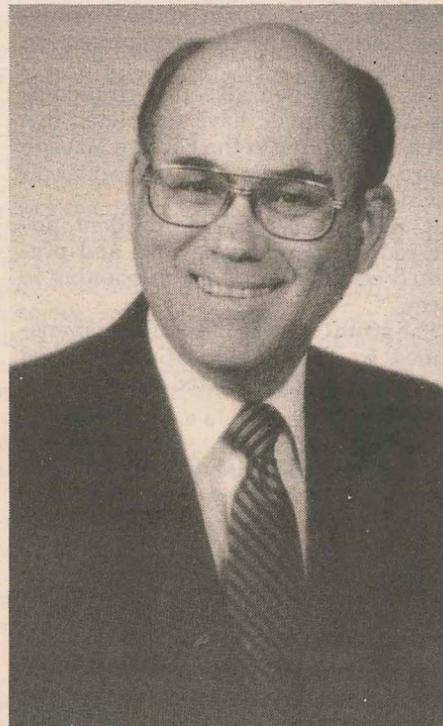
All of which makes Futral natural for a role which constantly brings him into touch with hurting churches and ministers.

Futral estimates that 85% of ministers he talks to who are "open" to a move are available for what he terms "normal" reasons, such as mission accomplished, financial needs, family considerations and so forth. The other 15% are in "jeopardy." Their pressure situations, he confirms, often result from conflicts within the church which may involve staff relationships, personality differences with church leaders or dissatisfaction with job performance. In addition, there may be moral or ethical questions involved. And unfortunately, some churches have "a history" of dismissing their pastors.

Futral is there to be a shoulder to lean on, and admits he sometimes cries with those who share their plight.

On the other side of the coin, he conducts an average of 50 on-site consultations annually (or about one a week) with Kentucky Baptist churches, their pulpit or personnel committees. He'll talk with another hundred committee chairmen by phone each year and correspond with 400 to 500 more, some in other states. This communication, he thinks, comprises about 75% of his work.

Despite what history may suggest, Futral does not agree that the "interim period" between ministers must necessarily be a "down time" for a church. Interest, attendance and offerings need not go sour, he allows. He rather prefers to encourage search committees to see



Guy C. Futral Jr.

this as an "opportunity time."

Futral suggests they review the church's statistical picture, current needs and determine—with input from church leaders—where they want to go as a church. Out of such a study, says Futral, a search committee can "bring into profile" the kind of person their next pastor "ought to be."

"Listening to the heartbeat" is what Futral calls it.

His consultations with a church are strictly by invitation of the church. He meets with committees in orientation sessions and suggests some possibilities to consider. He goes to the church at no expense to the congregation for, he explains, their Cooperative Program dollars are "already paying for this service."

Eighteen Southern Baptist state conventions now have a full time staff member working with communication between churches and ministers in the "relocation process." Most of the other 22 or so state conventions and fellowships have a system in place to handle biographical materials, usually through directors of missions or other convention staffers. North Carolina and Virginia pioneered this work among the states three decades ago.

Futral began his work in Kentucky five years ago, leaving the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Mayfield. Prior to his going there, A. B. Colvin was responsible for it. Colvin, an assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, "wore many hats," Futral remembers.

Today the full time KBC minister-church relations office in Middletown provides specific help to terminated ministers in at least three ways.

First, it offers financial aid. If an association votes to participate in a matching program for involuntarily terminated ministers, the state convention will underwrite 50% of a supplementary sum (maximum of \$100 each week from combined sources), provided family income is below \$700 monthly. Or, if the association does not participate, a one time assistance of \$800 is provided by the KBC. (Twenty-one of 78 Kentucky Baptist associations have voted to participate.) In addition, the terminated minister may qualify for hospitalization insurance benefits.

Second, a three-day conference is provided for the terminated minister and his spouse.

Third, a referral and counseling service is offered, along with financial assistance for counseling fees. This provision is available to any Kentucky Baptist minister and church employe, terminated or not, "when stress becomes unmanageable." Financial assistance here is based on salary, with no less than 20% and no more than 80% of counseling fees paid by the KBC.

Futral thinks Kentucky's network of counselors to whom staff members and their families are referred is distinctive. He knows of no other state offering the same service. His objective is to be able to recommend competent, sympathetic professional assistance "within an hour's drive" of the persons they counsel. Other states usually operate with some type of counseling center or staff person, often geographically further from the people they serve.

Sixteen families received some type of financial assistance through the program in the period Sept. 1, 1988-July 1, 1989.

Are people aware of these services?

"Generally, yes," answers Futral.

"The real problem is in getting people to say 'I need help.'"

Understanding this difficulty, he underscores the importance of maintaining confidentiality.

When a committee asks Futral for his feelings about a prospective candidate for its church, "I don't give them mine," he allows. "I don't see that as my task. I will help them do a thorough interview and tell them where they might check for further information. I believe it's up to them to choose God's man or woman for the position they're filling."

Does it affect Futral when good people are "let go"? Yes, and he finds himself getting angry over some circumstances, particularly when they could be avoided. While he says he is "deeply affected" he also claims he is "not devastated," due to years of conditioning as a pastoral counselor. "You can't take it home with you," he avers.

In almost 35 years of ministry, including three decades as pastor of churches in Mississippi, North Carolina, Louisiana and Kentucky, Futral is now seeing some changes in filling church staff positions.

More and more persons are applying directly to pulpit and personnel committees, he indicates. And, in general, committees are "not being offended" by that, but take resumes from any source to consider. That used to be an absolute "no no" in church work.

Also, he's hearing more and more churches state they "hired" a staff member or pastor rather than "called" one. That suggests to him "we are losing the biblical principle of 'call,' that God is 'involved in it.'" Futral is convinced that if the pastor-church link is viewed as a covenant relationship in which two parties make an agreement under God, "termination will not occur so quickly."

The Ft. Smith, Ark. native, father of four grown daughters, was educated at Mississippi College, Clinton; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary (DMin degree). His own desire and need to preach is satisfied by supplying pulpits and occasional interims.

Futral maintains contentment in what he now does full time, having discovered that conversation can often be a blessing to both parties.

And through the ear of a sympathetic listener, broken hearts and troubled relationships are mended and redirected into strategic service for the kingdom.



DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST, Guy Futral puts Yvonne and Darryl Wilson at ease on 'Welcome to Kentucky Day' at the state Baptist Building. Wilson was then a new staffer at Living Hope Baptist Church, Warren Association.

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Small Sunday schools target of assembly

"Sunday School Drive-In" Sept. 2 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly will focus on needs and common characteristics of small churches as they relate to Sunday school.

The training event will target small churches with 150 or less enrolled in Sunday school and Sunday schools that are not departmentalized or that have multiple ages in one unit. An estimated 68% of Kentucky churches fall into this small church category.

The "How to Guide" series will be the basis for showing how small churches share the basic tasks of Sunday school—reaching and teaching. Specific topics to be discussed are looking at present Sunday school organization, developing a basic Sunday school organization, starting new units for better teaching and reaching, training leaders and administrative aspects of the Sunday school.

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

FMB commissions 50 for journeyman posts

Fifty young men and women were commissioned as Southern Baptist journeymen July 16 at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

They will work in more than 30 countries for the next two years helping Southern Baptist career missionaries in

school teaching, music, student ministries, clerical duties and communication projects.

The journeymen, all college graduates age 27 or younger, have completed five weeks of training at the Foreign Mission Board's missionary learning center in Rockville, Va.

R. Keith Parks, board president, addressed the new journeymen and presented certificates of commissioning to them.

The group was the 30th to be commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board since the program started in 1965.

CLC full time staffer hired for Washington

James A. Smith, an employe of the U. S. House of Representative Republican Study Committee, has been hired as the first full time staff member of the Christian Life Commission's Washington office.

Smith, 24, will work with members of Congress and other government leaders on legislation and other matters relating to the program assignment of the Christian Life Commission, said Richard D. Land, CLC executive director.

Smith will be assistant director of the Washington office. "As funds are available, we plan to expand our staff by adding a person with doctoral-level credentials as associate director in charge of the Washington office," Land said.

Smith will be hired on a temporary basis, effective Aug. 15. Land said he has notified CLC commissioners he and

the commission's executive committee will recommend unanimously the hiring of Smith on a permanent basis at their annual meeting Sept. 12-13 (BP)

NE school of ministry adds three staff members

A retired seminary professor and a retired pastor and his wife have agreed to work as Mission Service Corps volunteers assigned to the Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry as the project gears up for the start of classes this fall.

Robert A. Proctor Jr., a retired professor of Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will become director of the new Pittsburgh center, announced Doran C. McCarty, coordinator of the Northeastern ministry training project.

Maurice Fain was associate coordinator of the project. Fain recently announced his retirement as pastor of Rockland (N. Y.) Baptist Church. He has taught preaching for several years at Nyack (N. Y.) College and has taught seminary extension classes in New York City.

Fain's assignment will include working with Metropolitan New York Baptist Association's committee on higher education, which has applied to become a center of the Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry. Carolyn Fain will assist with the library and administrative responsibilities, McCarty said.

All three assignments become effective Aug. 15. (BP)

SS task force plans to enlist 7000 for training

A task force has begun work on the Great Commission Operation, a plan for 7000 workers to provide 37,000 Southern Baptist churches with individualized training to develop evangelistic growth through the Sunday school.

The 34-member task force, established by Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School Board, will develop details of the Great Commission Operation, to be launched in 1991 with training conducted in the churches from 1992-95.

In an initial task force meeting July 17-18 in Nashville the group envisioned 7000 workers trained by the Sunday School Division. Each trainee would work with about five churches, assisting pastors and church leaders in analyzing their Sunday school programs, conducting one to three days of evaluation and goal setting and following up quarterly on each church's progress.

The task force includes Sunday School Board personnel, state convention Sunday school directors, pastors, associational workers, a seminary professor, ministers of education, other church staff members and lay Sunday school workers.

The task force will meet again in November to finalize plans for the project. Support materials are to be developed in 1990 with a pilot project to be conducted in perhaps 500 churches in 1990-91 (BP)

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KBHC trustees approve bylaw, title changes

The board of trustees of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children met in Middletown July 18 and adopted several changes in the ministry's bylaws.

Curtis C. Mooney, KBHC executive director since 1988, was named agency president as well as president of the KBHC Corporation. The head of the board of trustees will now be called its chairman.

Other board action called for a restructuring of board committees. Previous structure had allowed for four standing committees: Glen Dale, Spring Meadows, development and community services. The new alignment calls for the following committees: administrative, finance, programs, development and audit.

A change in KBHC bylaws focused on bringing the ministry into complete compliance with its covenant agreement with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Additionally the board approved an agreement with the SBC Annuity Board which allows earlier participation in SBC annuity programs for KBHC employees.

Hunger gifts drop to lowest level since 1984

For the first six months of 1989, Southern Baptist gifts to their denomination's program of worldwide hunger ministries have dropped to their lowest point since the same recording period in 1984.

Cumulative figures from the Foreign and Home Mission boards indicate hunger gifts to date stand at \$3,163,411 compared to \$4,076,496 at the same point in 1988, \$3,182,648 in 1987, \$3,877,085 in 1986 and \$6,004,267 in 1985.

Records for the comparable period in 1984 from the Home Mission Board are unavailable, but HMB total hunger receipts for that year were \$617,871. The Foreign Mission Board received \$2,059,574 during the first six months of 1984.

The FMB reported gifts to hunger relief and development abroad during the first half of 1989 were \$2,652,459 compared to \$3,524,367 in 1988 and \$2,612,285 in 1987. A \$1 million gift to the FMB in January 1988 boosted hunger giving for the first six months of that year. Contributions for domestic hunger through the HMB stood at \$510,952 through June compared to \$552,129 for the same period in 1988 and \$570,363 for the same period in 1987.

In 1985 Southern Baptists contrib-

uted a record \$11.8 million for combined hunger ministries abroad and at home, shattering the previous record of \$7.2 million in 1984. Hunger giving in 1986 dropped to \$9 million where it leveled off in 1987 and 1988.

Nathan Porter, HMB hunger consultant, said the decline means "it is extremely urgent that churches observe World Hunger Sunday in October, that our people become familiar with the needs of world hunger and that we give accordingly." (BP)

AirJericho simulation portrays world cultures

To prepare people for cultural differences and personal involvement in missions, people need experience as well as information, John Hendrix told participants in experiential missions education activities during "Jericho: A Southern Baptist Missions Festival" held July 8-14 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Convention Center.

Hendrix, Basil Manly Jr. professor of Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and a group of students from the seminary led a variety of experience-based activities during the conference sponsored by the Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Sunday School boards, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

Activities included "Missions Impossible" activities to raise cultural awareness, a conference on teaching missions through experience at church and AirJericho, a cross-cultural simulation game for all ages. Players "traveled" via AirJericho airlines to a destination on a room-sized game board. Upon arrival, they became citizens of that area.

The game's 10 rounds symbolized the remaining decade of Bold Mission Thrust, Southern Baptists' goal of sharing the gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000, said David Adams, a doctoral student in education at Southern Seminary who designed the game. People from the nations were assigned to memorize a message, symbolic of the gospel, Adams said. When a nation had mastered the message, citizens were allowed to send a missionary abroad.

Living conditions varied. In North America, participants sat sipping lemonade and munching on snacks. Across the game board, another group

crowded around a sign marked "India." While citizens tried to memorize their message, peers "died" of starvation. Trash was heaped at their feet. "Border guards" passed by the nations declaring calamities such as famines, AIDS epidemics and wars.

AirJericho leader Olivia Wakefield, also a Southern Seminary student, said she thought the game could be used effectively in the missions education program of a local church. "It can help prospective missionaries and other missions supporters to have an understanding of what a missionary goes through as well as what a national in another country lives with every day," said Mrs. Wakefield, a former missionary journeyman who worked two years in Japan.

"The difficult and scary aspect of experiential learning is you really can't predict what's going to happen. The great thing about it is that it can never fail. Whatever happens is the way life is," said Hendrix. (BP)

CLC director endorses Mennen-Clorox boycott

Richard Land, executive director of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has endorsed the boycott of the Mennen Company and Clorox Corporation being promoted by Christian Leaders for Responsible Television.

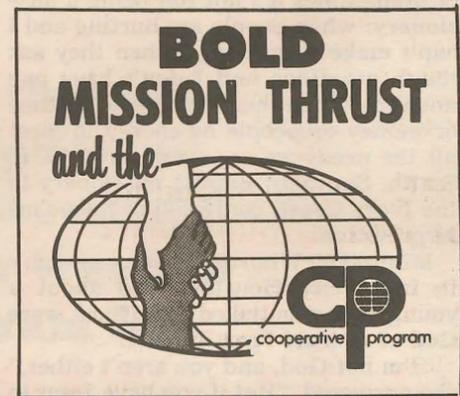
According to CLear-TV, the two companies were leading sponsors of sex, violence and profanity during the recent

sweeps period of Apr. 27-May 24.

CLear-TV is a coalition composed of approximately 1600 Christian leaders including the heads of over 70 denominations and scores of bishops and leaders from nearly every denomination in America.

Land said selective buying is good Christian stewardship. "In this case it will also send a clear message not only to Mennen and Clorox, but to other advertisers and thus to the networks that the American public wants more clean, wholesome, family-oriented programming and less sex, violence and profanity," he said.

Land said advertiser boycotts are in especially effective democratic procedure for communicating public dissatisfaction with free enterprise companies such as television networks because television executives are business people who are fixated on "bottom line" profits. (BP)



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"Weave together frayed threads, hold the light," Acteens urged

by Ken Camp

Hold up the light of Christ in a world filled with darkness, Southern Baptist teenage girls were urged during National Acteens Conference July 12-15 in San Antonio, Tex.

Through drama, music and message, 13,600 Acteens were encouraged to pick up the threads of frayed lives, weaving them into the harmonious patterns God intended.

From opening theme to the processional of black flags that illustrated nations closed to the gospel, Acteens were confronted with the reality of darkness and the necessity of dispelling it with Christ's light.

"Sometimes it's not fun being a missionary: when people are hurting and I can't make it go away, when they ask tough questions and I don't have any answers, when there's not enough time or money or people or energy to meet all the needs we see every day," D. P. Smith, Southern Baptist missionary to the Ivory Coast, confessed in theme interpretation.

Mildred McWhorter, home missionary in inner city Houston, told about a young boy who asked her if she were God or at least "part of God."

"I'm not God, and you aren't either," she answered. "But if you have Jesus in your heart, you're part of God, aren't you?"

"You and I are the light of Christ. We have his flame in us," said Esther Burroughs, national evangelism consultant for women for the Home Mission Board. "But if we have so much light, how come the world is so dark?"

Mrs. Burroughs challenged the Ac-

teens to "hold the light" for people stumbling in darkness.

"I want you to do only what Jesus has asked you to do," she said. "Carry the light of Christ. Be the light, dispelling the darkness in harmony with God."

The darkness of the world was graphically displayed in a processional of "missing threads," a parade of 38 black flags illustrating nations closed or hostile to Christian missionaries.

To illustrate the effectiveness of a single light shining in harmony with other single lights, the house lights in the arena were dimmed as Acteens turned on pocket flashlights they had been given earlier in the evening.

"May we be a shining light to the nations, a shining light to the peoples of the earth," Mrs. Burroughs prayed.

Burdens of youth confront Acteens

Burdens of America's youth—peer pressure, abuse, drugs, sex, the occult—confronted teenage girls who attended National Acteens Convention.

Decision making was the focus of a seminar led by Terri Willis, associate director of international prayer strategy for the Foreign Mission Board. She outlined five steps to good decisions: study the Bible, pray and especially listen to God, participate in a support group of Christian friends, seek wise counsel from "someone who may not say what you want to hear" and search for the will of God.

Turning to an unhappy subject, Deirdre LaNoue, a chaplain at Sandstone Recovery Center in College Station, Tex., discussed abuse in the home. Miss LaNoue said, "Tell someone. If you



Representatives of each state delegation of Acteens joined a parade of states during the opening session of National Acteens Convention. There were 497 Acteens from Kentucky, which is 8% of the total number of Acteens in the state.

know of an abusive situation or if you are being abused, tell an adult or someone you can trust and depend on them to do something about it. If that person doesn't follow through, find someone else."

Betty Eason, a Southern Baptist language missionary from Las Cruces, N. M., spoke about another kind of abuse, drug abuse. "Our command is to care for the body . . . God's temple."

Another situation that demands wise decision-making involves peer pressure, stressed Linda Nilsson Ochsner, Acteens director for Comanche-Cotton Association, Chattanooga, Okla. The Christian answer to peer pressure is to be transformed by Christ, not conformed to the values of the world, she said.



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Good friends

Isn't it amazing how there are some special people whom we may see only occasionally but when we do, we pick up exactly where we left off?

The last couple of weeks have illustrated that well for me. We went back to Centralia, Ill., for the 125th anniversary of First Baptist Church. During the afternoon we visited with one couple that we had known a relatively short time while we lived there, but over the years we have kept in touch. That afternoon as we visited and shared, one would have thought that we still lived close by.

One night as I returned from a speaking engagement in far west Kentucky, three women with whom my wife went to school at Georgetown were visiting with SuEllen. The four had not seen each other for at least 14 years and they had actually only been together at Georgetown for one semester. As I heard them talk about old times and catch up on each others' lives, I realized that they had that special bond of friendship as well.

There are many people we come in contact with in our lives, but we develop close friendships with only a few of them. Perhaps in a simpler day before television and air conditioning we visited more and developed closer friendships. In our day, however, developing a real friend is a very important task in one's life.

A friend is a person who loves you and cares about you even when the bottom is falling out of your life. It's the person you call and know he will listen and understand when everyone else is out to get you.

At Glen Dale, Spring Meadows and our other programs young people learn how to make friends. They learn that to make a friend one must first learn how to be a friend to others.

Our children will over the years keep in contact with the friends they make while in care. Most of the time it is going to be a child care worker or social worker, but at other times it may be someone else on staff. The person will be the one who accepts them as friends and who also challenges them to be a friend.

It is said that a counselor is really a paid friend. Would it not be great if we had more friends and fewer counselors?

Russellville girls join almost 500 state Acteens at NAC

by Janet Cramer

Seven girls from Southern Heights Baptist Church in Russellville were among 497 Kentucky teenagers present for the National Acteens Convention in San Antonio, Tex.

Participants in the convention, sponsored July 12-15 by Woman's Missionary Union and held every five years for girls in grades 7-12, came

from almost every state in the nation plus Puerto Rico and Canada.

Emily Tharpe said Rom. 15:5-6 summed up why the group was at the convention: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"NAC is all the states coming together to spread God's word," said Rebecca Hartley. "Although we're far apart (geographically), we're together (spiritually)."

The convention gave the girls a chance to meet some of their fellow Acteens. Melanie and Christie Foster went to San Antonio to meet new friends. The group has met Acteens from Illinois, Kansas-Nebraska, Indiana, Texas and other towns in Kentucky.

At Wednesday night (Acteens) meetings, "we just think of us," said Lesley Huffines. "We don't think about Acteens all around the world."

Some of the Southern Heights group is just starting Acteens while two who are older will be leaving the group. "For the older two, I want the convention to be a continuing deepening of experience," said Bonnie Hartley, group leader and wife of Southern Heights pastor Darrell Hartley. "For the younger girls, the convention provides an awareness of the vastness of our task and a chance to hear missionaries."

"It also helps us be more open" to the Bible, said Jamie Davis.

"NAC is a celebration of all the work we've done," said Allyson Hartley. "We learn a lot through Accent (the WMU magazine for Acteens). But you see missionaries here. You know it's real, not a made up story."



Acteens from Southern Heights Baptist Church stop beside the Water Gardens at Hemisfair Plaza during the National Acteens Convention: (l-r) Rebecca Hartley, Christie Foster, Emily Tharpe, Lesley Huffines, Jamie Davis, Allyson Hartley, Melanie Foster.

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Twenty Kentucky natives were recognized in summer commencement exercises at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville.

Sixteen received BM degrees: Herman Campbell, Science Hill; Maurice Caudill, Whitesburg; Bill Combs, Hazard; Tondra Daugherty, Nebo; Leslie L. Ellison Jr., Florence; Marty Dean Elliott, Lebanon; Thomas P. Floyd, London; Charles E. Hanking, Cave City; William Otha Helton, Ages; Stephen Lee Hubbard, Edmonton; Mary Rose Pennington, London; Joseph Thomas Rafferty, Campbellsville; Terry Lane Rhye, Providence; Kenneth Dale Rose, Monticello; Clyde Earl Strunk, Somerset; and Robert Leroy Wright Jr., Louisville. Edward Gregory, Monticello, and John W. Payne, Bimble, received diplomas in ministry. Vickie Caudill, Whitesburg, and Debra Daugherty, Nebo, received the minister's wife award.

Other awards were given to seven Kentuckians: Herman Campbell, trustee's award in recognition and appreciation for dedication and faithfulness in a church related ministry; Leslie Ellison, evangelism award for exemplifying bold witnessing; Charles Hanking, R. P. Mahon founder's award for the student who fulfills the call to ministry late in life; Joseph Thomas Rafferty, president's award for outstanding leadership in all areas of student life; Mrs. J. T. Rafferty, Jeanette Z. Robertson award for exemplifying the ideal pastor's wife; Kenneth Dale Rose, Walter V. and Betty Young award for an individual who demonstrates unusual promise and ability in ministry and living an exemplary Christian life; William Helton, Richard Mitchell Moore memorial award for the male student with the highest scholastic record. The faculty elected Helton to membership in Delta Epsilon Chi honor society for Bible college graduates with high academic achievement.

southwestern seminary

Ruth Ann Foster, Ashland, received a PhD degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, July 14. Miss Foster is adjunct professor at Southwestern Seminary and Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth. She is the daughter of Alice Foster and the late Charles William Foster of Ashland.



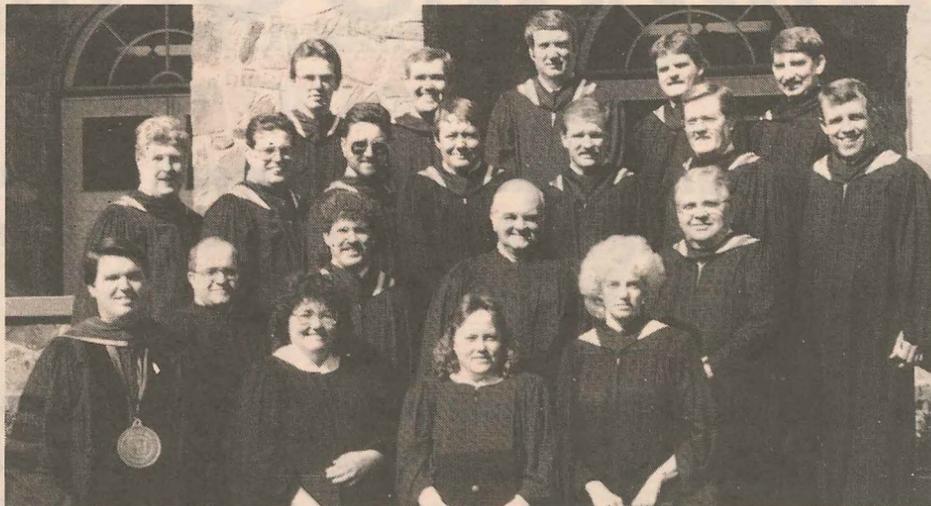
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C. Vernon Cole

southern seminary

C. Vernon Cole, director for Kentucky Baptist Convention resource development, earned a DMin degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, May 26. His project was titled "Strengthening Cooperative Program Support in Kentucky Baptist Convention Churches."



(Row one, l-r): Clear Creek president Bill D. Whittaker, Debra Daugherty, Vickie Caudill, Mary Pennington. (Row two, l-r): John Payne, Maurice Caudill, Edward Gregory, Charles Hanking. (Row three, l-r): Leslie Ellison, Tondra Daugherty, Marty Elliott, Terry Rhye, Robert Wright, Joseph Rafferty, Dale Rose. (Row four, l-r): Stephen Hubbard, Herman Campbell, William Helton, Thomas Floyd, Clyde Strunk.

Two Kentucky Baptists have been named Rice-Judson award winners at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where they will begin studies this fall.

Joel Heard of Lexington and Mark Allen Hazle of Elizabethtown were among the 20 recipients of the award that is named in memory of missionaries Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson. Recipients are chosen on the basis of leadership, scholarship and commitment to ministry.

Heard, the son of Allan and Mary Alice Heard, is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and will pursue a MDiv/CE degree. Hazle, the son of James and Mary Hazle, is a graduate of Georgetown College and will pursue a MA/CE degree.

mid-continent college

Texas Robert Couric has been named chairman of the Bible Department at Mid-Continent Baptist College. Couric has taught for the past 10 years at both Tarrant County Junior College, Ft. Worth, and Dallas Baptist University.

Since the January death of George Redding, who held the same position for almost four years, the college has sought a new chairman.

A native of Miami, Fla., Couric, 60, has earned a BS degree from the University of Miami and both a MDiv and ThD from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. His doctorate concentration is in New Testament with secondary study in the Pentateuch and biblical ethics.

Couric, who begins his duties Aug. 1,

said he looked forward to the opportunity and challenge of teaching at Mid-Continent.

Louis Hamada is going to Mid-Continent Baptist College Sept. 11-15 to teach the 1989 Mid-Continent fall study program, a five-day course entitled "Understanding Islam."

Born in Lebanon and reared in the Durze sect, Hamada became a Christian in 1955. He has earned degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary and Florida State University. His book, *God Loves the Arabs, Too*, is among a number of his published works.

Robert Vann, Mid-Continent academic dean, said the course can be taken for credit or audited. Cost for either is \$95 including textbooks. Hamada will also be available to speak in area churches. Contact Vann at Mid-Continent Baptist College, Mayfield, for further information.

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If your schedule is anything like mine, you let everything else get in your way of practicing what you preach. When we all reflect on the missed opportunities to practice what we preach, I am sure they could fall into four categories of daily living: family, church, business and public life.

In our families our tempers can sometimes be short and even rude. At church we look good, but seldom follow through by volunteering to help or, in some cases, financially support the budget or other projects. The business environment for some of us is the last place we would consider practicing what we preach. We are kind and considerate when conversing with an office mate or visitor, but as soon as they walk away we begin to talk behind their back. In almost every situation we are afraid to speak up and say "Jesus would not want me to be a part of that situation."

Our public life puts an equal amount of pressure on us. We get too concerned about what the neighbors might think and simply do not want to interfere because of social, or in some cases, physical pressures.

How can we do better and practice what we preach? Daily prayer for direction and guidance in our spiritual commitment to Christ is a good place to start. After we have satisfied our family, church, public and business witness, please consider Baptist Hospitals Foundation. One of the ways the management team, board members and friends practice what they preach is to volunteer time and money toward furthering Christ's ministry in the Baptist hospitals in Kentucky.

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Any questions or comments concerning this article, Baptist Hospitals Inc. or Baptist Hospitals Foundation should be directed to Charles W. Cox Jr., vice president of Baptist Hospitals Foundation, BHI Corporate Complex, 4007 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207, (502) 896-5000.

mountains to the mississippi



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clear creek chronicle

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congregations



1916 photograph of LaFayette Baptist Church.

LaFayette Baptist Church, Christian County Association, celebrated its 100th anniversary July 23. Former pastor John Christian was guest speaker. Garry W. Thomas is present pastor.

May's Lick (Ky.) Baptist Church will celebrate its bicentennial Aug. 19-20. The church was established Nov. 28, 1789 with four members from Scotch Plains (N. J.) Baptist Church.

In evening worship Aug. 19 James Brix, present pastor of Scotch Plains Church, will bring the message. In morning worship Aug. 20 John Kruschwitz, pastor of May's Lick (1946-49) and former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will speak.

First Baptist Church, Pikeville, Pike Association, dedicated its renovated sanctuary July 9. The project included new walls, stained glass windows, carpet, pew pads, enlarged platform, audio and video equipment, remodeled offices and choir robes. Pictured (seated l-r) are former pastors Harold Waincott and J. V. Case; (standing l-r): Curtis Warf, former pastor, and Glenn Mollette, present pastor. All were present for the dedication.



Ministerial legacy at Pikeville.

Calvary Baptist Church, West Union Association, observed homecoming June 25. Billy Turner of Murray was guest speaker.

Grand opening/dedication of the first permanent worship facility at Eastern Gate Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Long Run Association, will be Aug. 20 at 10:55 a.m. The church will host a catered lunch following the morning worship. Former pastors and members are invited to attend.

Summit Hills Baptist Church, Long Run Association, dedicated its recently remodeled sanctuary and new educational facilities during homecoming July 16. Participating in the dedication service were Todd Stout, minister of music and youth; Joe Ball, moderator and vice chairman of deacons; Jody Ball, former chairman of the building committee; Randy Fox, present chairman of the building committee; Lloyd Johnson, church treasurer; Bill Fox, treasurer of the building fund; and Charlie G. Bridges, pastor.

personnel

Leslie Jones resigned the pastorate of Mt. Eden Baptist Church, Nelson Association.

First Baptist Church, Artemus, North Concord Association, called Donnie Howtan as pastor.

Clell Miller resigned as pastor of Dwarf Baptist Church, Three Forks Association.

Ronald Kinzel is new pastor of Livermore Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association.

Robert E. Cox resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Allen, Enterprise Association. He goes to Memorial Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Booneville Association, called Jim Saylor as pastor.

David Stancil resigned as minister of pastoral counseling and family life at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association. Bruce Hardy assumes that position at Severns Valley. He is a PhD student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Harmony Baptist Church, West Union Association, called Mike Moynahan as pastor.

Paul E. Crews is new pastor at Oscar Baptist Church, West Union Association. He recently retired from a pastorate in Florida.

Grant's Lick Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, called Robert Miller as youth minister.

Todd Dowdy is new minister of music at First Baptist Church, Ashland, Greenup Association.

David Whitehead is new pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Buena Vista Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, called Herman Campbell as minister of music.

Glen Lennox is new minister of youth and associate pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Glen Cope is new pastor of Hamlet Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

Dan Miller resigned as minister of music and youth at Gilead Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

Rolling Fork Baptist Church, Nelson Association, called Larry E. Davidson as pastor. He goes from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Dowling Runner resigned as pastor of Burton Memorial Baptist Church, Warren Association. He is available for supply and may be contacted at (502) 842-3293.

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, called Wendell Jessie as youth minister.

Kevin Hampton is new minister of youth at Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

Daniel Staley resigned as pastor of Sloans Valley Baptist Church, Pulaski Association.

C. W. Barnhill is new pastor of Melber Baptist Church, Graves County Association. He goes from Antioch Baptist Church, West Kentucky Association.

Terry Sims resigned as pastor of Second Baptist Church, Clinton, West Kentucky Association.

New Hope Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, called Thomas Downey as pastor.

Gene Forte is new pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Nelson Association. He goes from Wakefield Baptist Church, Nelson Association.

Lee Grove retired as pastor of First Baptist Church, South Shore, Greenup Association.

Bob Brooks is new pastor of First Baptist Church, Louisa, Greenup Association.

Big Creek Baptist Church, Booneville Association, called Bill Combs as pastor.

Manchester Baptist Church, Booneville Association, called Luther and Sandy Allen as youth and music ministers.

Russ Taylor is new pastor of New Zion Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

Crooked Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, called James Moreland as pastor.

Thomas Bowers is new pastor of Ridgeview Baptist Mission, Long Run Association.

Tony Smith resigned the pastorate of Gethsemane Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Memory Lane Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called Randy Constant as pastor.

After 19 years and three months as pastor of First Baptist Church, Henderson, Green Valley Association, David Bratcher is retiring Dec. 31. Hoping to have a new pastor by the time Bratcher retires, the church has elected a pastor search committee and is accepting recommendations and resumes. These should be sent to the chairman, pastor search committee, First Baptist Church, 307 Center Street, Henderson, KY 42420, (502) 826-2332.

ordinations

Buck Creek Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, ordained Samuel L. Underwood a deacon June 4. Timothy L. Waits, pastor at Buck Creek, brought the message and challenge.



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oneida journal

A cure for bedwetting

Shortly after I came to Oneida as president 17 years ago, a young man was brought to my office. He was six feet tall, muscular, 16 years of age. He was also rather nervous, hyperactive and very insecure. One of the ways his insecurity affected him was in bedwetting nearly every night.

Why was he so insecure? He had not been with his parents since a very early age. He had been shifted from "pillar to post," as the saying goes, an average of one and a half moves per year since birth.

In his teenage years, these moves were becoming more frequent, and he had five different placements in the two years before I agreed, on behalf of Oneida, to work with him.

A very key decision was carefully choosing roommates that would be understanding, that would not make "fun" of his bedwetting problem. That problem was a very embarrassing one for the boy, something seemingly that he could not help.

It was not easy to work with Joe. But teachers and coaches and houseparents all worked with him in their individual capacities. He was surrounded by opportunity to work off his boundless energy in a constructive, socially acceptable way. He had the security of discipline, of dos and don'ts, of love.

Within months the bedwetting problem was down to about three nights weekly. After one year with us, there was no more bedwetting at all.

Joe was becoming more sure of himself, feeling more secure and that manifested itself in many positive ways.

A key person in that process was our then guidance counselor, Mary Nancy Wilson, who labored here many years. This great teacher and Christian servant was never married, but devoted 50 years to the teaching and caring for thousands of children. At least 23 baby girls were named for her in her lifetime by former students and fellow staff members who so admired her.

Miss Wilson monitored Joe's progress closely and kept after him constantly. She chided, encouraged, scolded, inspired. Miss Wilson was like a dog with a bone. She never gave up with anyone and she never gave up on Joe.

Joe was with us three and a half years, longer than any other one place in his life until that time. He graduated and went on to many years in military service. Today he is married and has three children.

The year following Joe's graduation, Miss Wilson died of a heart attack. She suffered the attack a few hours after one of her 17-hour Oneida days filled with loving ministry to boys and girls.

Joe was one of the many who, learning of her death, returned for the very inspirational worship service that was our farewell to this great servant of the Lord that lived Christ's sermon on the mount daily.

One of the most moving memories will always be standing near her casket and overhearing Joe's whispered, loving "goodbye" to this one who had nearly compelled him to be somebody. Like many he, no doubt, had resented her persistence, her scolding. Like most teenagers, he had never really paused to say "thank you" to Miss Wilson. However, Joe knew she had loved him.

Joe has just written that he is looking forward eagerly to returning for homecoming Saturday, Oct. 7. This father of three writes: "I really am excited about this homecoming for it has been a long time since I've been back home. Yes, you are like a dad to me. I'll always love you in Christ. You were good to me while I was at OBI as were the teachers and staff."

The children of Oneida are scattered in many places, but they are always in our heart and mind, remembered as they were when we struggled to help them be better women and men.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR AUG. 6, 1989

Life and work series

Confessing sin

Psalms 51 and 32 reveal that David experienced the reality of divine forgiveness in its fullness.

Psalm 51:1-4, 10, 16-17 David could not hide his sins from his view or erase them from his memory. His realization that they had grieved God, injured others and hurt himself caused him to be miserable.

David said, "I acknowledge my transgressions." He asked God to have mercy upon him and be gracious unto him. He asked God to "blot out" his sinful record. With a desire to be purified, David asked God to cleanse his heart of all known and unforgiven sin.

Psalm 32:1-2 Three words in these verses describe the need of forgiveness—"transgression," crossing or going counter to the known will of God in thought, word or deed; "sin," missing the mark or coming short of the goal set for us by our creator; and "iniquity," that which is uneven, as opposed to straightness or righteousness.

Psalm 32:3-4 As long as David refused to confess his sins of immorality, murder and hypocrisy he remained unforgiven.

Psalm 32:5 When Nathan the prophet told David how terribly sinful he was, he deeply regretted that he had offended God and committed such a terrible crime against his fellow man. Exceedingly anxious to be forgiven, David acknowledged his guilt, frankly con-

fessed his sin and prayed for forgiveness and cleansing. God graciously, forgave him of his sins, but the scars remained on his life.

International series

Samson, man of weakness and strength

Judges 16:23-31 In the village of Zorah lived Manoah and his wife, who had never known the joys and responsibilities of parenthood. Through his messenger God announced to Manoah's wife that she would have a son. When the boy was born, he was named Samson, which means "sunshine." From his infancy Samson was dedicated to the Lord under the Nazarite vows, which caused him to refrain from partaking of anything that came from the vine, from indulging in the pleasures of the world and from going near the dead.

Samson grew up in the belief that he was dedicated to God. He taught his contemporaries that the strength they needed to fight their battles and overcome their foes came from God alone. As long as Samson was obedient to God, he was endowed with superhuman strength. When Samson indulged in sin, it cost him his strength, his vision and his freedom.

The Philistines were having a great celebration at Gaza in honor of their god, Dagon. The chief theme of rejoicing was that Dagon had delivered mighty Samson into their hands. To them this was proof that Dagon was a mightier god than Jehovah. The spectators began to jeer, taunt and mock Samson.

Samson gave an exhibition of his strength. After a time, he indicated to the lad that he would like to rest. The lad led him to the arched entrance to the temple. With each hand Samson embraced a pillar and stood with his head bowed. From the balconies they called down, "Look at the giant! Samson is tired; he has to rest for a while." But Samson was not resting. He was praying. Turning his sightless eyeballs heavenward, he lifted his voice and said, "O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once."

Suddenly the two pillars which upheld the roof gave way and down in one roar of ruin crashed the building, burying the multitudes in its debris. When the yellow dust had settled, 3000 Philistines lay dead amid the ruins. And there among them lay Samson.



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on mission together

Up and down

The summer before I started college I worked for Bell Telephone as an apprentice "lineman." With a team of other men, we put up telephone lines in and around Franklin County.

By the middle of summer I had gotten pretty good at going up telephone poles with my spikes on. Our model was a veteran telephone lineman. He was the fastest up the pole, down the pole and could hoist a cross arm and attach it to the pole by himself.

Toward the end of summer I could get up a pole as fast as he and could hoist a cross arm solo.

However, getting down the pole as fast as he was another matter. Through experience he could push away from the

pole and with his safety belt sliding along, could be down the pole in three or four long strides. It was almost an art and it was thrilling to watch him. No one had seriously challenged him and he seemed to enjoy the admiration.

A couple of other linemen began to egg me on. Young buck that I was, I had gotten a little cocky with my other successes.

So, one morning atop a pole, having just attached a cross arm, I decided to go for it. I yelled at the two guys on the other pole and caught the attention of the veteran who was below.

I pushed away and dropped about three feet before I let my hooks sink into the pole. I lowered the safety belt again and dropped again. This time, however, both of my hooks just skimmed the outside of the pole and I hard-straddled the pole, grabbing it like a bear to slow my slide.

After a few more feet of sliding, I felt shaken and knew I was hurt. The veteran knew it, too, and he quickly climbed

up under me, set his hooks and put his shoulder under me and inched us, together, on down the pole.

My arms were bleeding and one was growing numb. In an hour or so I was in the hands of a doctor who removed numerous large, creosote-soaked splinters from my arms. One pencil-size splinter had lodged between the bone of my forearm and a tendon. I will always remember that one because of the scar it left.

The first day back on the job the veteran insisted I go back up a pole to overcome the uneasiness precipitated by the fall. I went up slowly and let someone help me put up the cross arm. I came down slowly and carefully. I would never again challenge the veteran.

I have fallen many times since that summer—not down a telephone pole—but in the grind of daily living.

And I have found below me the shoulder of ANOTHER who has helped me "down the pole" and back up again.

Baptist devotional writer still avoids rocking chair

by Frank White

It's been 15 years since Harold Dye retired and wrote a book, *No Rocking Chair for Me*, and he still hasn't settled into a comfortable chair or anything that could be considered retirement.

Best known in recent years for his popular devotional thoughts in *Open Windows*, a daily devotional guide published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Dye also has written nine books published by Broadman Press, five home mission study books, countless articles, along with at least 470 *Open Windows* devotionals.

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This summer the supposedly retired 82-year-old pastor from Campbell, Cal., is leading morning devotional sessions at three Sunday school leadership conferences at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center and three at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Conference Center.

He draws a crowd to the Glorieta prayer garden each week for the pre-breakfast services as he relates devotional thoughts flavored with his experiences in New Mexico and California.

He pridefully points out the recently completed stone pulpit at the prayer garden that is a memorial to J. Earl Mead who for many years led devotionals there. "I'm not trying to replace him. I just want to carry on what he did," Dye said.

Dye's special association with Glorieta dates to before its development as a Baptist conference center. Although the history of the conference center does not include his name, Dye was instrumental in the selection of the site as the convention's western assembly area.

Before moving to California in 1949, Dye was pastor of churches in New Mexico and editor of *Baptist New Mexican*, newspaper of the New Mexico Baptist Convention.

It was during his days as editor that Dye suggested the site as a possible location for a conference center, he recalled.

A few years later, in 1949, Dye made slides and photographs of the property to support a minority report that was presented by a selection committee to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City, Okla. The convention selected the New Mexico site over a recommended site in Arkansas.

Although Dye loves to return to Glorieta for Sunday school conferences,

he remains busy with additional speaking engagements.

"I've been busier in the last few years than I've ever been in my life," he said.

In 1988 Dye crossed the country with speaking engagements along the way. His messages draw from his writings of the past 50 years, particularly *Open Windows*.

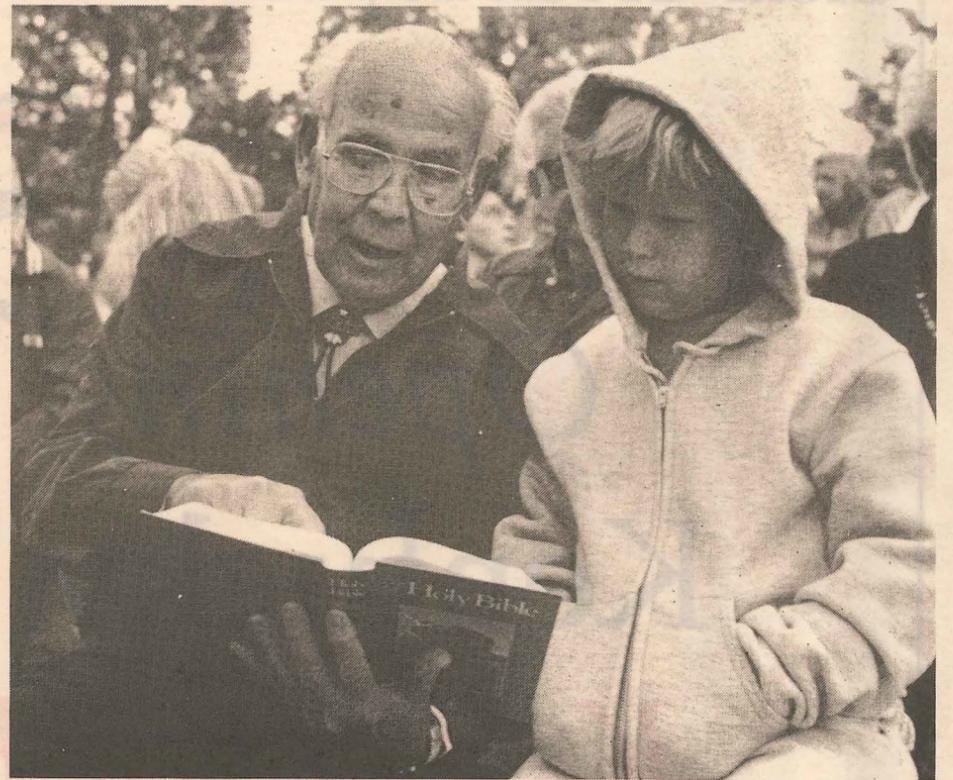
"When they first enlisted me to write for *Open Windows*, they wanted personal experiences. They wanted stories people could relate to. That's what I've tried to do," Dye said.

His success seems to be verified by the popularity of his *Open Windows* writings. In 1985 *Open Windows* provided a full year of daily devotionals by Dye. All but 30 were devotionals he had written previously for the publication.

Louie Wilkinson insists that Dye will be writing for *Open Windows* as long as he is able even though Dye contends that he may have exhausted his sources of personal devotional thoughts.

"Our readers would be in a fit if we didn't have Harold Dye writing for us," Wilkinson said.

Four weeks of devotional thoughts by Dye will be included in *Open Windows* in October 1989. He will be writing an additional three weeks for November 1990 and Wilkinson has invited him to write for 1991 as well.



Harold Dye, a popular writer of *Open Windows* devotional thoughts, points out a favorite passage to Nathan Auttonberry, a member of Ridge Avenue Baptist Church, Monroe, La., before a morning devotional during a Sunday school leadership conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Youth leaders say, 'Not all kids are bad'

Media stereotypes portray adolescents as drug abusing, alcohol using, satanic worshipers garnished with just a pinch of skinhead.

Well it's just not so, said leaders of youth and the youth themselves.

"Too many times the kids who choose the Christian lifestyle are absolutely overlooked and that's sad," said Dane Blankenship, youth specialist in the youth section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department.

Blankenship knows from whereof he speaks.

As youth minister at Hephzibah Baptist Church, Wendell, N. C., before joining the board in 1988, Blankenship in one year's time saw his youth group

grow from eight to 100.

I don't want to sound too 'Sunday School Boardish,' said Blankenship, who also serves as part time youth minister at Clearview Baptist Church, Franklin, Tenn. "But we systematically used the Church Training Department's DiscipleLife Celebration and Disciple-Youth materials which taught teenagers how to reach other teenagers.

"Our motto was teenagers reach teenagers better than adults reach teenagers," he said.

Paul Morris and Jeffrey Kleck can attest to that.

The two recent high school graduates worked during the June 3-9 Summer Youth Celebration at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center as assistant

conference leaders. Both said they felt the task enabled them to serve as a good example to younger Christians.

Morris, 19, a member of the youth group at Woodlawn Baptist Church, Austin, Tex., helped his youth minister, Bryan Hall, teach Baptist doctrine and discipleship to 7th and 8th graders during the weeklong conference.

Morris, who accepted Christ about a year ago, said before becoming a Christian, "I partied a lot."

After becoming a Christian, Morris said when he refused to party with his friends, "I never saw them again."

Morris said he remains strong in his faith by having "good Christian friends and by having a daily quiet time.

"That (quiet time) is the most important thing," said Morris, who hopes someday to be a youth minister. "You cannot have a relationship with someone if you don't talk to him."

Kleck, 18, a member of the youth group at First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., also helped Hall conduct the discipleship sessions for 7th and 8th graders.

Kleck, who has been a Christian since he was eight, said he began reading the Bible daily when he was in 7th grade.

Kleck said his heavy involvement in church and school activities and support from fellow church members have helped stem his desire to succumb to the peer pressure of partying.

Hall said having the two young men help him teach "has very strong appeal. Anything they say becomes gospel to these kids."

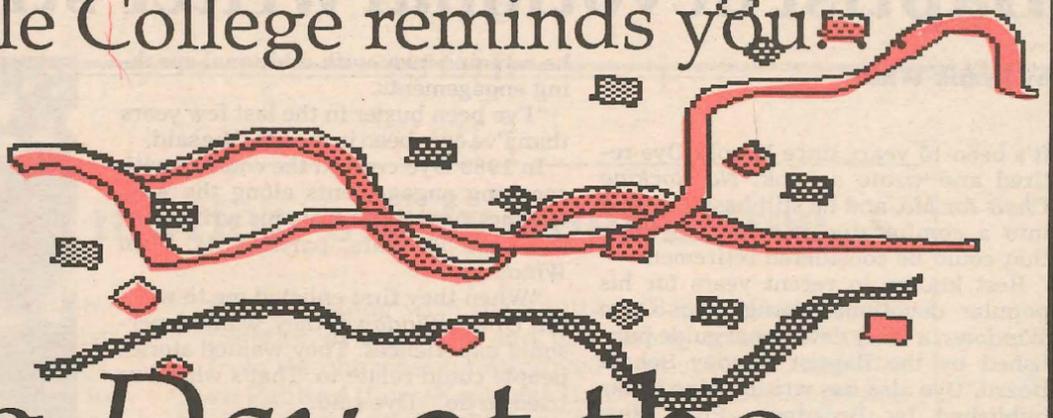
Blankenship said teens who become strong Christians do so because "they make that choice and because their leaders take the time and intentionally disciple them.

"The good kids have leaders that truly love them and share with them a high degree of honesty and communication and a strong Christian base," he concluded.



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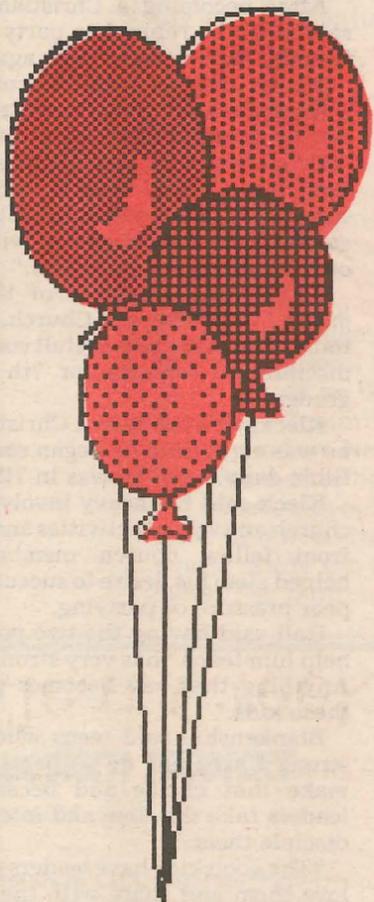
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