

Mays Lick reaffirms 1400-mile, 200-year ties

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"Your founders arrived in covered wagons and on horseback after a trip down the Ohio," James Brix allowed. "We came by Dodge camper and automobiles."

The pastor of Scotch Plains (N. J.) Baptist Church which gave birth to Mays Lick (Ky.) Baptist Church 200 years ago recounted how hardy pioneers left the eastern seaboard in search of a better life in America's wilderness frontier. Brix and a dozen others from his 180-member American Baptist congregation retraced that journey to participate in Mays Lick's bicentennial festivities Aug. 19-20.

Addressing a standing room only Saturday night crowd, Brix observed that the church he pastors is the mother of two "very famous" congregations—First Baptist Church, New York City, and Mays Lick Baptist Church. The audience, composed of Mays Lick members and five other churches begun by Mays Lick, laughed heartily.

Brix noted that a half-dozen Scotch Plains members received "letters of dismission" from their church in spring 1788 before departing for Kentucky where they could unite with a wilderness congregation of like faith. Brix said historical accounts indicate the group of five related families, six of whom were members of the Scotch Plains church, sailed the Ohio to Limestone (now Maysville), then traveled by land to Washington. Washington, he said, was then "in Bourbon County in the district of Kentucky in the state of Virginia." Perhaps 18 months after their journey they purchased 1400 acres eight miles west of Washington, in a community known as Mays Lick.

The organizational meeting of the Particular Baptist Church at Mays Lick occurred Nov. 28, 1789 in a barn with four members joining, all from Scotch Plains. The church's printed history, distributed during the bicentennial, claims the congregation became the "largest and strongest" in the state during the pastorate of Walter Warder (1813-36), with an excess of 700 mem-



The surret with the fringe on top parked on the lawn of Mays Lick (Ky.) Baptist Church Aug. 19-20 was symbolic of life in the frontier era. Present members greet each other warmly before commemorative bicentennial services.

bers. Five hundred came into the church during a "great revival" in 1828.

A "division" occurred following a visit by dynamic speaker Alexander Campbell in the early 1800s. His interpretation of scripture differed sharply from that of local Baptists. Following dissension and misunderstanding, a dissenting group known as "The Reformers" left the congregation in 1830 to form The Church of Jesus Christ at Mays Lick, now Mays Lick Christian Church.

The present building was erected in 1830, remodeled in 1883, a basement added in 1933 and an addition to the rear completed in 1978. Under the leadership of George H. Moore, pastor from 1924-27, the church adopted a unified budget. This meant that one pledge was made for all church purposes, that

each department surrendered its receipts to a common treasury, a financial secretary was elected and a monthly report made to the church. Elizabeth Watson, elected financial secretary in 1942, continues in that role 47 years later. And Carl Vice, elected deacon in 1942, is still an active deacon.

Beginning in 1953 the church held Sunday evening drive-in services with people arriving to worship in their automobiles and trucks. The practice continued 11 summers. In 1973 the church cut Cooperative Program giving from 13% to 10%. Seven months later it voted to send five percent of its budget to Bracken Baptist Association to support a local missionary. A junior church was begun for ages 4-8 in 1978 and continues today.

Brazil/Kentucky partnership: it's time to think about going now

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

Partnership missions is a foreign idea to Kentucky Baptists.

Foreign missions, that is. Kentucky Baptists recently completed a partnership with Kenya. Now they have another opportunity for partnership missions.

In November 1988 the Kentucky Baptist Convention voted to participate in a three-year partnership mission with the state of Espirito Santo, Brazil. The first team is slated to depart Aug. 31 with four other teams to follow through the remainder of this year.

Project initiation comes from national leadership rather than missionaries. Presently that leadership is working on a five-year plan of evangelism and church growth. Their goal is to double the number of churches and the number of Baptists.

The KBC Direct Missions Department has organized four evangelism projects and one leadership project for 1989. Each evangelism project will consist of five teams with four persons on each team—a preacher, singer and two lay persons. Opportunities include personal evangelism, revivals, student evangelism and new work.

The leadership project, scheduled for Nov. 30-Dec. 13, will consist of three to five teams with two persons per team. Work will include Sunday school,

Church Training, deacon ministry, pastoral ministries, youth ministry, drama, vacation Bible school, WMU, Brotherhood, music and discipleship.

Already the groundwork has been laid. To help combat the language barrier and the lack of sufficient interpreters, six summer missionaries and associate Ralph Hopkins from the KBC Student Department went to Espirito Santo this summer. They spent a month teaching conversational English and training interpreters.

Volunteer requirements:

- Must be an active member of a Kentucky Baptist church of the SBC.
- Must be no younger than a rising junior in high school and no older than 69. (Seventy or older must have medical clearance from a physician.)
- Must exemplify the spirit of Christ and be able to share a verbal witness.
- Must participate in orientation provided by KBC.
- Must abstain from all use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages.

Cost for the remaining 1989 trips is \$1525, which includes air fare, hotel, room and board, insurance and visa. Assignments in Brazil will be 14 days, including travel time, with few exceptions. For information: Calvin C. Wilkins, Partnership Missions Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243, (502) 245-4101.

During the Saturday night historical service Aug. 19 Scotch Plains pastor James Brix observed, "We have a wonderful God who delights in sending his message and his people to all places." He said those who went to Mays Lick from New Jersey "didn't leave their faith behind."

Brix pointed out some of the differences in worship styles of that day and now, then added, "But they were really like us." They had the "same Bible, same God, same task we do."

Concluding, Brix said: "I believe the founders of this church understood that it was of paramount importance to treat each other with love, patience, kindness, peacekeeping, encouragement. May we at Mays Lick and Scotch Plains continue that heritage until Jesus comes."

Sunday morning, Aug. 20, in a two-hour bicentennial service, John W. Kruschwitz, Mays Lick pastor from 1946-49 and now a field representative of Boyce Bible School, Louisville, returned to the pulpit of his student pastorate. Recalling that he had left an Indiana American Baptist church to enrol at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1945, Kruschwitz admitted that within three years he expected to return to an American Baptist church as pastor, perhaps in Ohio, Michigan or Indiana. "But," he intoned, "in the providence of God, it's been a long three years. Mays Lick played a big part in making me a lifelong Southern Baptist since."

Kruschwitz went on to advise the current 397-member congregation that now is an "appropriate time" to "raise an Ebenezer," referring to the Old Testament term. He recalled that the Mays Lick congregation had raised Ebezers in the "great revival" of 1928, when it began 10 new churches, when new buildings were built and "each time a lost person came forward."

When Israel was united in God's purpose, said Kruschwitz, "they were able to move forward." Then he admonished the congregation: "As you are united under God, there is absolutely nothing under God you can't do. There will still be lots of other Ebezers raised at Mays Lick. God is still on his throne, is still working out his plan. The opportunities before you are endless. The promises of God are sure. I believe the best is yet to come."

Speaking briefly before Kruschwitz, Ken Forman, associate director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department, Middletown, brought greetings from the KBC executive board. He suggested that Mays Lick had probably fostered the cause of missions "as well as any church across the commonwealth." Former Bracken Association director of missions, interim pastor at Mays Lick in 1985, Forman noted that missions has been "at the heart of all you have done."

He went on to recall several who had gone out from the congregation as ministers of the gospel, adding: "Perhaps it's time again for this church to call out one to the ministry as the Lord leads."

Also on the weekend program at Mays Lick were pastor David C. Cheek, who has served the congregation since January, and his immediate predecessor, Mark Kitts, of Blaine, Tenn.

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The Penningtons and the future of the FMB

The recent rejection of Greg and Katrina Pennington as missionary applicants to the Foreign Mission Board has produced an extraordinary response on the part of Southern Baptists. FMB employees tell us they were not prepared for the volume of criticism that has poured into the Richmond, Va. headquarters. Why is this case, not the only example of rejection of application in the history of the FMB, such a significant matter?

For some the cause is strictly that of the ordination of women. Many are critical of the assumed fact that the couple was rejected because Mrs. Pennington was ordained by Northwest Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla. However FMB chairman Mark Cortis has publicly reaffirmed the policy of FMB that the question of ordination neither positively or negatively influences the acceptability of a missionary candidate. He points to the fact that other ordained women have recently been appointed by the board. We can only take the good word of the chairman on this and accept the fact that the policy on ordination is unchanged. Ordained women can apply and have the confidence that they will be considered for appointment without prejudice.

Other observers are concerned about the emergence of the influence of the local association in Oklahoma in the decision of the FMB. The association, of which Northwest Baptist Church was a part at the time of Mrs. Pennington's ordination, objected to her application as a missionary. The members of the personnel subcommittee gave great consideration to the concerns of the association. When chairman Cortis wrote a letter of clarification to the state editors he pointed out that while ordination was not a concern the attitude of the Penningtons toward the feelings of the association was a concern. The "broader fellowship" of the association had not been taken into account. Northwest Baptist Church had a different view of these events but the word of the association carried more weight with the board than that of the local church.

What concerns many Baptists at this point is that the Baptist way of organizing always puts the local church at the center of our polity. The local church relates in a cooperative way to three different bodies: the local association, the state convention and the national convention. This relationship is expressed through messengers to each body. A local church does

not stand in direct relation to the association and through it to the state convention and through it to the SBC. No, though all three bodies cooperate together it is the local church and the local church alone that makes up the "membership" of each. These bodies are distinct. When the FMB places the input of a local association above that of a local church the suspicion is raised that the FMB is moving toward a connec-tional polity rather than the traditional idea of the highest priority for the local church. The FMB should have been as ready to hear the concerns of Northwest Baptist Church as they were ready to hear those of the association.

Yet another concern is the fact that the FMB appears to be ready to play a direct and initial role in the selection and evaluation of missionary candidates. It is the responsibility of every board to exercise oversight and to assume final responsibility over agency work and decisions. However a capable and dedicated staff is in place at the FMB to accomplish these tasks. The staff recommended the Penningtons; the subcommittee rejected them. The present Foreign Mission Board should remember that the experience, objectivity and expertise of the employees and staff have built the most successful nonCatholic missionary force in the world's experience. They are trustworthy and capable. If the FMB assumes the role of initial evaluation of applicants they will send a signal that the professional mission staff is not to be trusted. There is a difference between oversight and management and the FMB should be advised to stick to oversight and leave management to the staff. R. Keith Parks can be trusted by every Southern Baptist to do the right thing in terms of applicants, strategy and any other missionary concerns.

The Pennington case is not just about one couple nor is it about women's ordination. The Penningtons represent what the future might be like for the FMB and other agencies. Baptists should encourage every member of the FMB to seriously rethink both the decision and the methodology used to make it. The agency that has been the heart and soul of Southern Baptist identity is drifting from its role as the one place where Baptists of all descriptions can meet together to work for the salvation of a lost and dying world.

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Hayes



Christian

personnel

Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, called **Thomas Wayne Hayes** as pastor. Hayes holds a BA in religion from Campbellsville (Ky.) College as well as MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Seminary. He goes from Cave City (Ky.) Baptist Church.

J. David Jicka resigned as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association. He goes to Highlawn Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.

Mt. Elmira Baptist Church, Long Run Association, called **Delbert Watson** as pastor.

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

West Buechel Baptist Church, Long Run Association, announced the resignation of pastor **Frank Watts**.

Dave Hampton accepted the pastorate of Brookview Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Brent Gupton resigned as pastor of Harrods Fork Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

Carl Loy resigned as pastor of Pierce's Chapel Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Mt. Zion Association, announced the resignation of **Edwin C. Pavy Sr.** as minister of education and youth. He goes to Edgewood Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

Immanuel Baptist Church, West Union Association, called **Michael B. Norman** as minister of music.

Denver Hammonds resigned as pastor of Rose Chapel Baptist Church, West Union Association.

Jeffersontown Baptist Church, Long Run Association, announced the resignation of associate pastor and youth minister **Buddy Lee**. Lee is son of L. Harold Lee, director of missions, Whites Run Association.

L. Joseph Rosas III resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Fisherville, Long Run Association. He goes to Union University, Jackson, Tenn., where he will be assistant professor of religion and philosophy.

congregations

The Smith Family singers performed at the Aug. 27 homecoming festivities of **Iuka Baptist Church**, Ohio River Association. Willie Max Anderson is pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Thames

A July 30 note burning marked the retirement of a 10-year-old debt at **Sinking Fork Baptist Church**, Christian County Association. The church subsequently voted to increase gifts to the Cooperative Program from 10% to 15%. John R. Christian is interim pastor.

Ninth and 0 Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association, sponsored a used clothing giveaway Aug. 19. The event, open to the public, ministered to needs of many individuals and families in the community. Tom Melzoni is pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, West Union Association, celebrated its centennial Aug. 6. Billy Prince is pastor.

Pastor Jerry Thurman and the congregation of **Old Salem Baptist Church**, Ohio River Association, celebrated homecoming Aug. 20. The event featured singing by the Disciples Quartet.

deaths

M. D. Morton, 81, former Louisville area pastor, died. Morton's Kentucky pastorates were at Ninth and 0 and Beechmont Baptist churches in Louisville, Sand Springs Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg and First Baptist Church, Ashland.

Morton was also interim pastor of various churches, moderated the Kentucky Baptist Ministers Association and chaired the KBC nominating committee. In addition he was a trustee at Georgetown and Kentucky Southern colleges.

W. O. Mers, 83, died July 31. He pastored Branham Grove and Burkesville Baptist churches in Freedom Association where he was moderator on several occasions.



Graves County Association steering committee met in Mayfield for implementation of 1990 simultaneous revival plans. Present were (l-r) David Whaley, chairman of the music committee; Roy Sutherland, chairman of media/publicity; Ray Provove, chairman of the steering committee; Eugene Enlow, KBC coordinator of Here's Hope Revivals; Charles Simmons, director of missions, Graves County Association. Back row: Al Cobb, Graves County Association moderator, and Roma Simmons, secretary. Monte L. Hodges (not pictured) is chairman of the counseling committee.



Mr. and Mrs. Searcy

missions

The Foreign Mission Board has announced the appointment of **Dwayne and Cynthia Thames** as missionaries to Burkina Faso. Dwayne and his wife, the former Cynthia Midgett, attended Belmont College, Nashville. Dwayne also holds an MDiv/CE degree from Southern Seminary. The Thameses have two daughters: Sarah Catherine, 3, and Rachel Michelle, 1.

Timothy and Brenda Searcy have been appointed missionaries to Columbia by the Foreign Mission Board.

Born in Richmond, Ky., Searcy is the son of Marian Searcy of Mt. Washington and the late Lewis Searcy. He grew up in Winchester, Cynthiana, Campbellsville and Verona but considers Winchester his home town. Searcy received a BTh degree from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, and a BA degree from Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn. He also pastored Blanket Creek Baptist Church, Falmouth.

Mrs. Searcy, the former Brenda Barrett, claims Winchester as her home town. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Barrett.

ordinations

Charles Owens, pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, will be ordained Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at the church.

New Hope Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association, ordained **Thomas Downey** to the ministry.



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He found the power

The 1979 partnership revival effort between Kentucky and Ohio Baptists resulted in Randy Chestnut's conversion at Meadowdale Baptist Church, Dayton. "I did not realize then all involved in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. He saved me from my sin and I started following," Chestnut recalls. His obedience now includes president of the student body.

Randy's parents divorced when he was 13. His father died from alcoholism at age 41. Soon after high school graduation Randy was employed full time as an electrician's apprentice. He soon achieved journeyman electrician certification and worked on construction projects.

Randy was sprinkled and confirmed as a Catholic and attended parochial grade school. "I wanted to be a priest but started liking girls. The things I knew about Jesus as a child were correct but when I realized Jesus wanted a personal relationship it was wonderful. I just can't get over it!"

He met a Baptist preacher's daughter, Denise Deck, and surrendered to Christ a month after their marriage. The next seven years brought two children, a big house, a new car and an annual salary of \$38,000. Then came a call to preach. "It wasn't painful to sell the house and car and come to Clear Creek; we knew it was the Lord's will."

A campus workshop involved wiring the family life center and preparing administrative offices for computers. He pastored Horse Creek Church in Corbin for two years. Denise works at the switchboard and has taken several music classes and completed the Ministers Wife Award curriculum. Luke, 8, and Sarah, 6, enjoy Pineville elementary school and campus friends.

This past summer Randy worked on a 20-story Dayton building. He organized a lunch break Bible study and saw two men trust the Lord. "It was good to have witnessing opportunities that do not exist on the campus."

Randy receives his degree next May and looks forward to the pastorate. "The Clear Creek experience whets your appetite for work in the fields." He knows how to handle electrical power but more importantly the power of God effectively works in his life.

baptist new briefs

Florida Baptists set session on abortion

Florida Baptists will join the highly charged abortion debate next month when they hold a rare special session of their state convention.

The session, set for Sept. 8-9 in Orlando, is intended to influence Florida lawmakers to adopt more restrictive abortion legislation during their own special session one month later—Oct. 10-13.

By an estimated 55% majority vote, members of Florida Baptists' State Board of Missions approved the request of state convention president Bill Billingsley of Hollywood to hold the special session. It will be only the third time in the 128-year history of the Florida Baptist State Convention—and the first time in 22 years—that a special session has been called.

Both of the convention's vice presidents opposed the unusual meeting, but Billingsley, pastor of Sheridan Hills Baptist Church in Hollywood, said the session is "demanded by political circumstance." The regular annual meeting of the Florida Baptist State Convention is scheduled for Nov. 13-15, which he said would be too late to influence state legislators.

Billingsley called for the special session after he and three other prominent Florida Baptists met with Florida Gov. Bob Martinez July 25, the same day Martinez detailed his proposal for an overhaul of the state's abortion legislation.

The governor's plan would parallel legislation enacted in Missouri and upheld recently by the U. S. Supreme Court in the celebrated Webster decision. It would prohibit abortions performed by state employees or in state facilities except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother; prohibit abortion of fetuses 20 weeks or older if it is determined they can survive outside the womb and if the pregnancy does not threaten the life of the mother; require doctors to inform women considering abortions about the health and development of the fetus; and require abortion clinics to meet stricter medical standards. (BP)

\$3 million church sale helps FBC Dallas

Members of the historic Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas voted Aug. 13 to sell their property and facilities to First Baptist Church of Dallas for \$3 million.

The purchase could be the first step in a future expansion of Criswell College and the outreach ministry of First Baptist into the east Dallas area, according to W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church.

"They wish to establish a ministry to the area, to relocate the (Criswell) College and the (First Baptist) Academy to these facilities," said Ed Brooks Bowles, pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church.

Criswell noted that a census con-

ducted several years ago revealed 80,000 unchurched people in the area surrounding Gaston Avenue. The number one priority of First Baptist Church is to bring the gospel to the ethnically diverse, non-Christian population of east Dallas.

At this time, it has not been determined whether all of the Criswell College facilities eventually will be moved to the Gaston Avenue site, about two miles east of downtown Dallas, or whether some will remain at the downtown First Baptist location, according to Leo Bradley, vice president of administration at the Criswell College.

The sale will be final Jan. 1, 1990. At that time, a portion of the facilities will be turned over to First Baptist for remodeling and refurbishing. Gaston Avenue maintains the option of using the sanctuary and adjoining facilities until Sept. 1, 1990. (BP)

Mission volunteers robbed in Belize

Eight Southern Baptist mission volunteers to Belize, Central America were robbed Aug. 7 of about \$500 and two cameras. No one was harmed in the incident which took place 18 miles west of the coastal city of Dangriga.

The four men and four women were one of six teams working in Belize for one week in a mission effort coordinated by Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Tex., and Otis Brady, Southern Baptist foreign missionary based in Belize City.

The group was at the church parson-

age—or manse as it is called in Belize—when the robbery occurred. About 11:45 p.m. the group joined hands to pray before retiring for the night but was interrupted by a loud bang at the door. Two men wearing masks—one armed with a knife and the other with a shotgun—kicked in the door.

Team members put their money on the floor. The second man kept the gun on the group while the man with the knife searched other rooms for valuables. As the robbers left, they said they would "come back for your heads" if the crime was reported to the police.

Team members and church leaders decided to report the robbery despite the threat. That night a police officer took statements from each team member. Based on the team's description, the officer suspected one robber was a man who had been arrested earlier and was out of jail on bond. He found two suspects Tuesday morning on a bus headed for Belize City where they could exchange the American money for Belize currency. About \$300 and the two cameras were recovered as evidence in the case.

Police officers asked the team to testify in the suspects' trial. The team had planned to leave the country Aug. 13, but agreed to stay. The trial was set for Aug. 14, but the suspects escaped from prison Aug. 12 while serving on a work crew. The magistrate heard the team's testimonies on Aug. 14 as scheduled and returned the stolen items. However, a verdict or a sentence in the case was not determined in the suspects' absence. (BP)

The Kentucky Baptist Convention meets in Frankfort November 14-16, 1989.

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Vatican ambassador confirmed by Senate

The Senate has confirmed Thomas P. Melady, a former diplomat and an active Catholic layman, as U. S. ambassador to the Vatican.

Melady, president of the Connecticut Public Expenditure Council, is the third person to hold the post since the United States restored formal diplomatic ties to the Holy See in 1984. He succeeds Frank Shakespeare.

During the Nixon administration, Melady was ambassador to Burundi and Uganda. He also has been president of Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport, Conn., and assistant secretary for post secondary education in the U. S. Education Department.

Melady, 62, belongs to the Knights of Malta, a Catholic chivalric order with fewer than 2000 members in the United States. He also is a board member of the Puebla Institute, a lay Catholic organization that monitors international human rights.

In a statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which held a hearing on Melady's nomination, the Baptist Joint Committee said, "This action violates perhaps the most fundamental guarantee of the establishment clause—that government cannot act in a way that prefers one religion over another.

"As a result of this 'unholy alliance' between church and state, the Roman Catholic will enjoy a preferred position in this administration while other churches and religious organizations are made the objects of official governmental discrimination." (BP)

Prayer teleconference set for September

Churches with an intercessory prayer ministry or those who are interested in starting one should tune in to a National Prayer Corps teleconference on Sunday, Sept. 17 to be broadcast live on BTN from 3-5 p.m. central time.

The National Prayer Corps is comprised of about 10,000 people who have pledged to pray 30 minutes each day for Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Call-in questions about the National Prayer Corps, intercessory prayer ministries and missions prayer emphases will be answered by a panel of three. The panelists include T. W. Hunt, LIFE consultant for prayer for the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Training Department and the author of the Equipping Center module *PrayerLife: Walking in the Fellowship with God*; Henry Blackaby, director of prayer and spiritual awakening at the Home Mission Board; and Minnette Drumwright, director of the international prayer strategy office at the Foreign Mission Board.

Kentucky Baptists send 796 SBC messengers

A total of 796 Kentucky messengers attended the 1989 Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas, according to statistics released by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary.

Kentuckians composed 3.9% of the 20,411 messengers, ranking 12th in percent of messengers, and 5.18% of SBC membership, ranking 7th.

Nine Kentucky Baptist churches sent 10 messengers to the convention: First,

Bellevue; First, Bowling Green; Calvary, Lexington; Broadway, Louisville; Crescent Hill, Louisville; Walnut Street, Louisville; First, Murray; Lewis Lane, Owensboro; Bellview, Paducah.

In addition seven churches sent eight or nine messengers: Severns Valley, Elizabethtown; Buechel Park, Louisville; Highview, Louisville; Lyndon, Louisville; St. Matthews, Louisville; East, Paducah; Third, Owensboro.

Fired missionary teaches at Methodist seminary

Michael Willett, who was dismissed as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary last year, will teach this fall at a Methodist seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Willett, 33, was dismissed by the Foreign Mission Board July 21, 1988 for "doctrinal ambiguity," particularly regarding the deity, miracles and physical resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Willett will teach New Testament at St. Paul School of Theology as an adjunct professor with a one-year contract beginning this fall. In the spring he also will teach a class at Central Baptist Theological Seminary an American Baptist institution in Kansas City, Kan.

He told the Kansas City newspaper he has no long term plans because "certain opportunities in Southern Baptist life have been robbed from me. Many administrators and professors are supportive and sympathetic but because of their constituencies, it would be unlikely that they would hire me."

Willett, of Liberty, Mo., earned his doctorate at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1985. He has taught at Southern Seminary; William Jewell College, a Missouri Baptist-related school in Liberty, Mo., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. (BP)

Home missionary shot in Miami robbery attempt

Southern Baptist home missionary Peter Golinski of Atlanta was shot twice Aug. 19 in a robbery attempt as he began a family vacation in Miami.

Golinski, 61, was in good condition Aug. 21 in Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital and expects to be released in a few days.

For the past eight years Golinski has been a national ethnic missionary to Haitians.

In a telephone interview from his hospital bed, Golinski said he and his family had driven from Atlanta to Miami to board a flight for a vacation in the Bahamas. They had intended to leave their car at the home of Wilner Maxy, pastor of Emmanuel Haitian Baptist Church in suburban Miami. Maxy and his wife Merida were going to drive the family to the airport in her automobile, Golinski explained. The attack began as the missionary, his wife Luana and two college-age daughters began to move luggage from their car into the Maxy's automobile.

Golinski was shot twice. One bullet passed through his right leg; the other entered three inches below his right arm and passed through his spleen and right lung before exiting his body. Doctors later told the missionary the second bullet missed his heart by inches.

Miami police, who arrived shortly after the shooting, found the large caliber handgun and the mask the gunman was wearing. The two suspects are still at large, Golinski said Aug. 21, but police have a description of their car. (BP)

Kentucky Baptists' Best Kept Secret ???

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BJC names Southern grad to newly created post

J. Brent Walker, an attorney and recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will join the Baptist Joint Committee staff in mid September.

Walker will fill the newly created position of associate general counsel and associate director of research services.

In that role, he will assist the staff's general counsel in conducting legal research; maintaining contact with personnel in the legislative and administrative branches of government; providing legal advice and assistance on church-state issues to individuals, agencies, churches, institutions and denominations; writing position papers, articles, congressional testimony and court briefs; and maintaining relationships with academic, legal and religious leaders.

Walker completed a MDiv degree at Southern Seminary in May. While a student there, he was pastor of Richland Baptist Church, Falmouth, and a professor's assistant. He was ordained to the ministry in August 1988.

Walker and his wife Nancy have a son Ryan, 10, and a daughter Layton, 7.

Documentary to examine church-state separation

An upcoming television documentary will explore the meaning of the First Amendment's religion clauses and the controversies that have surrounded them over the past 200 years.

"The Supreme Court's Holy Battles," hosted by Roger Mudd, Capitol Hill correspondent for "The MacNeil/Lehrer newshour," will air on the Public Broadcasting System at 9 p.m. Sept. 19.

The one-hour program examines the historical setting in which the First Amendment was written. It reveals a struggle that pitted Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, who proposed legally separating church and state, against Patrick Henry and George Washington, who believed a state religion would

benefit the new country.

The documentary also focuses on the battles over religion that have been waged in the nation's courts. It looks at the 1960s Supreme Court decisions banning state-sponsored prayer in public schools and more recent disputes over the teaching of religion in public classrooms.

The program analyzes an equal access case from Renton, Wash. that currently is making its way through the courts. Another equal access case is to be argued before the Supreme Court during the upcoming term. Such issues as public funding for church schools, tax exemptions for churches, "In God We Trust" on the nation's currency and chaplains in the U. S. Congress also are touched upon in the documentary.

Featured during the program are Pulitzer Prize winners Rhys Isaac and Leonard Levy, historians Thomas Buckley and Martin Marty, former Solicitor General Rex E. Lee and constitutional law expert A. E. Dick Howard.

Student leaders address evangelism at Ridgecrest

Southern Baptist campus ministers are more involved in evangelism than ever before and students are "hungering to be evangelistic and see good role models," according to two seminar leaders during the 1989 Ridgecrest Student Conference.

Charlie Baker and Jeff Lewis perceive a shift among students from self-centered concerns to a growing uneasiness with today's culture. They say this makes college campuses a potential bright spot for Southern Baptist evangelism efforts.

Baker, pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., was Bible study leader for the Ridgecrest student conference and led sessions on evangelism for campus ministers. Lewis is associate director for the Mission Service Corps program at the Home Mission Board and led an advanced SHARE seminar for students.

During sessions with state directors

of student ministry and campus ministers, Charles Johnson, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Student Ministry Department, challenged each person involved in student ministry, including the Student Ministry Department staff, to commit to winning one student to Christ.

Students hunger to be evangelistic but need people who will model relational evangelism for them, Lewis said. "As a campus minister, I had to model relational evangelism for students," said Lewis, who was a campus minister in Loch Haven, Pa., until joining the Home Mission Board two years ago.

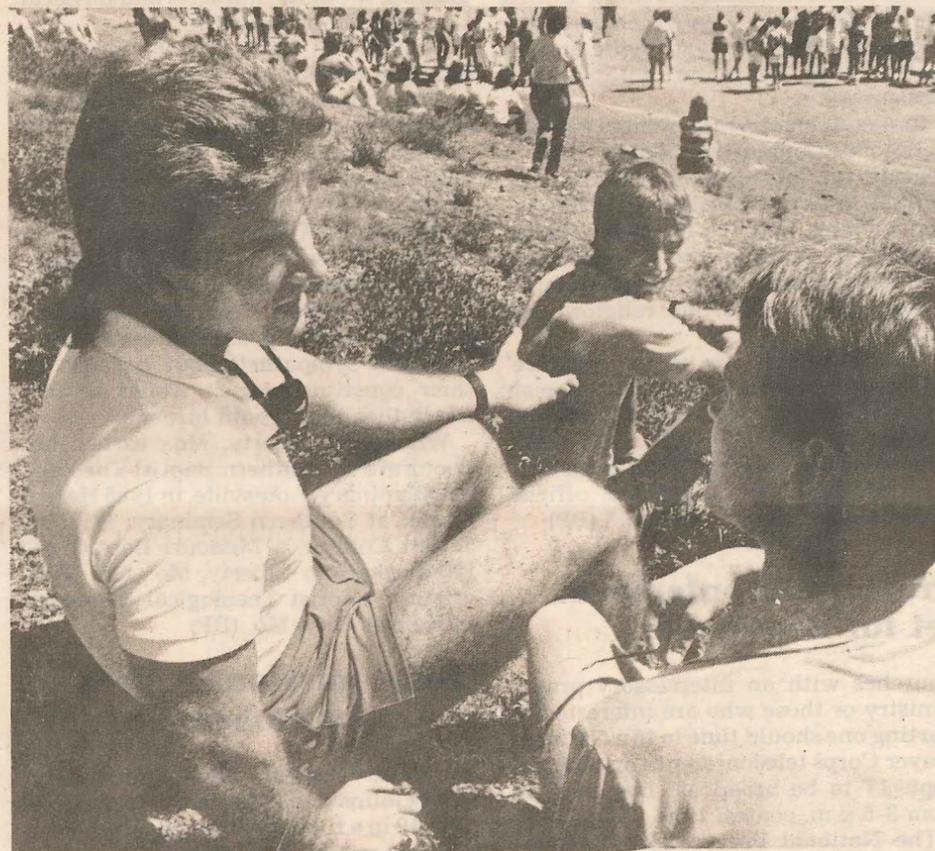
Baker, who leads campus evangelism sessions and speaks at state and national student conferences, said he encourages a campus evangelism plan with disciplined outreach, training and an annual special event. (BP)

BJC members to receive contributions report

During their annual meeting in October, members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs are to receive a report on the contributions the agency has received during the past fiscal year.

Questions over those contributions were raised during the Southern Baptist Convention in June and have continued to receive attention since then.

"We will follow the directions of our board and respond fully and cooperatively with the motion passed during our last BJC meeting," said James M. Dunn, BJC executive director. "The board approved a motion that instructed the staff to provide the BJCPA a listing of contributors toward the 1988-89 budget insofar as possible."



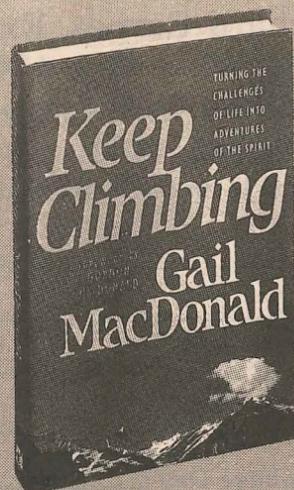
Single adults are an important part of the church leadership. Duane Benton (from left), Allen Byrd and Garry Priest, single adult members of Seminole Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., were counselors for their church youth group attending a Centrifuge camp at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center this summer. Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department has set aside Sunday, Sept. 10 as a time for churches across the Southern Baptist Convention to observe Single Adult Day and recognize single adults as a part of the church family.

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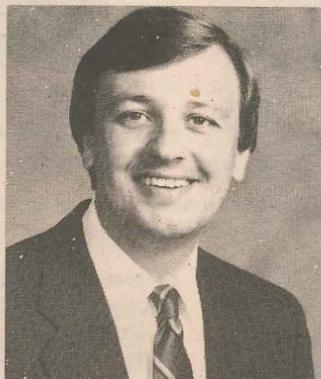
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During Espirito Santo-Kentucky partnership Brazil student mission: their words will change lives

by Lawanda Smith, Staff Writer

*When you read this I'll be far away.
I have only to thank you for all you
did for us students.*

*We pray for God to bless you as he is
blessing us.*

*Tell to Kentuckians that we love
them; we'll wait for them in September.*

*Tell them that here in Vitoria are
many young people who need to listen
about Jesus and they can help us. . . .*

*Thank you for praying, for caring and
for sharing.*

So reads one of many letters Ralph Hopkins, associate director of the KBC's Student Department, and six Kentucky BSU summer missionaries are yet receiving from Brazilian friends after a month's stay in Espirito Santo, Brazil.

The mission trip was the initial excursion of the Brazil/Kentucky partnership to take place over the next three years.

Selection process for students began in February when Kentucky student summer missionaries were chosen. Since details of the proposed trip were still in the making, students were selected not for their ability to speak English but for their maturity and interest in missions.

Six students from Kentucky Baptist student unions were chosen: Morissa Swoffard, University of Kentucky; Raja Kandanada, Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College; Linda Bryant, Cumberland College; Phyllis Ferguson, University of Louisville; Mike Hill, Eastern Kentucky University; Lisa Hamm, Northern Kentucky University. The six were accompanied by Hopkins.

By summer missions orientation in March the team knew their specific



Brazil student summer mission team members (l-r): Raja Kandanada, Ralph Hopkins, Linda Bryant, Lisa Hamm, Mike Hill, Morissa Swoffard, Phyllis Ferguson.

duties. One of the biggest obstacles in the partnership would be the language barrier and lack of adequate interpreters. The student mission team would travel to the state of Espirito Santo where team members would teach classes in conversational English. Their goal was to help develop the English skills of people who might interpret and translate for following Kentucky volunteers.

Elizabeth Williams, wife of C. Benton Williams, director of the KBC's Missions and Church Services Division, led a crash course in teaching English as a second language. But the summer missionaries didn't know the skill level of their students until they arrived in Brazil.

From June 27-July 27 each team member taught four-six classes of beginning, intermediate or advanced conversational English. Each worked in a

different city and each had individual assignments. They prepared for classes in the mornings, teaching six or seven hours in the afternoons, sometimes finishing as late as 9:30 p.m. In all over 500 people were enrolled.

According to Hopkins, a typical teaching method involved short Bible stories. Hopkins used pictures and had students write simple statements based on the story.

In advanced classes team members taught more interpretation and translation. Hopkins read Bible stories aloud as students followed the printed English text. Students translated stories in front of the class. By the end of class Hopkins preached sermons and students translated.

One of the greatest difficulties was the Brazilians' pronunciation of English. "Everyone had some English background," Hopkins relates, "but a lot of

them had not been taught correct pronunciation. For example, they don't have the 'th' sound in Portuguese. And the rules of pronunciation are different. Students wanted to pronounce the 'ed' at the end of every word!" he chuckles.

Still, individual experiences differed. Kandanada taught four classes, each a different level. Hill had fewer classes, but more opportunities to speak in high schools. "The kids (in one school) got to see a real live American. There hadn't been an American there in several years!" Hill smiles. Then on a more serious note he adds: "I learned what it means to be away from everyone and how much prayer support means. When one missionary asked Raja and me to pray for their two-year-old who had a high fever, I realized how frightening it could be to be in a land where medical treatment could be inadequate."

In addition team members participated in services at almost 40 churches and other evangelism events. Miss Ferguson tells of two speaking opportunities at a mission in Cachoeiro and Miss Hamm also recounts experiences of speaking and singing in Colatina churches.

"People recognized the hymns and music," she recalls. "They liked to hear the English words. By the end of the month I had learned a Portuguese song and sang it in church." Miss Hamm also spoke on a radio show and visited in hospitals.

According to Hopkins, more than 20 professions of faith were recorded in services conducted by the team.

Hopkins says the results exceeded everyone's expectations. "My days were long, preparing lessons all morning and getting home after 10 o'clock at night," he recounts. "But I found students who wanted to learn."

Hopkins explains: "The classes included professional people, homemakers, young adults working and going to school, pastors, seminary students, a broad spectrum of society. They were eager to learn to speak English and to understand English."

In the future, most Kentucky volunteers will stay in hotels, but the summer missionaries experienced an added benefit: each of the team members were welcomed into a home and became part of a Brazilian family.

Miss Ferguson says she spent much time teaching her 84 students and "eating at homes in between!"

"A very special set of keys hang on a peg in my bathroom where I see them every day," Hopkins reminisces. "They remind me of 'my' Brazilian family. The keys are to the gate and the door of a beautiful house in Vitoria, the home of Evilasio, Juraci, Gustavo and Otavio deAngelo, a family who opened their home to a Kentucky stranger to be their house guest for a month. . . . From the very first day I felt accepted. I was allowed to become a part of the family. Very soon I felt genuinely loved."

More than memories linger still for both Kentuckians and Brazilians. "More happened in my classes than just teaching English," Hopkins reflects, "for in the process of learning to communicate we found a language of love that transcends English and Portuguese. A community of people bonded together in spiritual development as well as a commitment to help translate for Kentucky volunteers."

At 84, H. B. Kuhnle completes 24th interim pastorate

by Betty Lee Mastin

When members of Nicholasville Baptist Church talk about H. B. Kuhnle, you understand why Kuhnle has served 24 churches as interim pastor.

Kuhnle completed his 24th interim pastorate in August when the Nicholasville church called Thomas W. Katzman of Louisville as pastor. Katzman began his new duties Aug. 20.

Kuhnle, 84, "is absolutely the best minister I have ever heard," said Ben Brown, a deacon and president of First National Bank, Nicholasville.

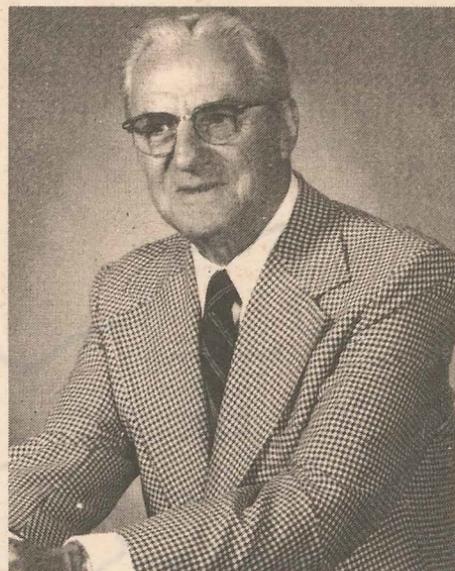
Brown, who is in his 40s, said, "You'd think our ideas might differ, that I might not be drawn to a minister who is 84. But Dr. Kuhnle is completely in tune with what the world needs today."

Kuhnle retired in 1969 as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. He began his first Kentucky pastorate 54 years ago in 1935 at Danville's First Baptist Church.

Kuhnle's strong voice "made me think of Moses," said J. C. VanHook, a deacon and chairman of the church council. "He calmed your fears," said Sunday school secretary Fern VanHook.

The pastor's years of experience provided many benefits, said Mrs. Joe Robb, the former Libby Robinson, one of six generations of her family to attend the church. "Dr. Kuhnle is ageless and wise and kind and always positive," she said.

Brown called Kuhnle "a coordinating, stabilizing force during a difficult time. He doesn't come across as stern; he is



H. B. Kuhnle

very kind but he can look at you and keep law and order."

"His demeanor drew us together at a time when we really were in transition," added Brown's wife Sarah, a member of the church choir.

Kuhnle provided practical as well as spiritual help. He led the congregation, organized in 1849, to spell out the church name in appropriate lettering on the front and side of the Greek revival sanctuary built in 1852.

"I have driven up this road for years and always wondered what kind of church it was," Kuhnle said. He also

suggested local newspaper advertising and organized a group photograph of the congregation for use in church postcards.

But what really reached people, deacon chairman John Knox said, "were Kuhnle's prayer meetings, the depth of his love for everyone, not just a few."

Knox said the church was looking forward with eagerness to the ministry of new pastor Katzman.

"You feel he is really dedicated to the ministry and the Lord," Knox said. He called Katzman "an outgoing person who plans to stay in close contact with our shut-ins so that he will know their needs and they can know their pastor."

Katzman, 32, was previously pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Leitchfield. Earlier he served at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

He was head of the accounting department at Hildreth Oil Co. in Bowling Green before being licensed in 1987 and ordained in 1988. He is a candidate for a MDiv degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Katzman's wife Julie is the granddaughter of a former leader of the Nicholasville Young Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Katzman spent the first few years of her life in Nicholasville.

The congregation welcomed the couple with a pantry shower and fellowship supper Aug. 16.

Kuhnle can be contacted about a 25th interim pastorate—which he said would be his last—at his home, 305 Clinton Road, Lexington, KY 40502.

christian education

southern seminary

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will offer three fall seminars for people who will be teaching the January Bible Study in Southern Baptist churches.

The school will host two one-day conferences and one three-day conference that will prepare church leaders to teach and preach on II Corinthians, Southern Baptists' 1990 January Bible study book.

Harold L. Songer, vice president for academic affairs and professor of New Testament interpretation, will lead a one-day conference Sept. 25 and David E. Garland, professor of New Testament interpretation, will lead a one-day conference Dec. 4.

The three-day conference will be held Oct. 18-21 and will feature Songer; William L. Hendricks, professor of Christian theology and director of graduate studies; Wayne E. Ward, Joseph Emerson Brown professor of Christian theology; and H. Stephen Shoemaker, pastor of Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

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cumberland college

The Cumberland College chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society in history, has been honored with the organization's best chapter award in its division.

Cumberland's Upsilon-Upsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has won this award 12 times in 13 years.

In his letter announcing the award Donald Hoffman, international secretary-treasurer of the society, wrote "... winning this award continues to speak highly of the caliber and quality of your student members and the strong support of your faculty members in the history department and certainly the strong support you receive from your college administration."

Last year the Upsilon-Upsilon chapter held a lecture series and two book sales, attended the regional convention of Phi Alpha Theta and the reenactment of the Battle of Perryville, inducted 20 new members and published the first edition of *The Upsilon*, a historical journal, among other projects.

The award carries with it a \$250 book allowance for the college's library.

campbellsville college

Somerset artist Meriwether McClorey will display her pottery at Campbellsville College's fine arts center gallery Aug. 28-Sept. 15. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday or by appointment. The exhibit will include raku fired vessels, pit fired vessels and wall sculptures.

Several years of experience have molded Mrs. McClorey into a talented potter. She has been a studio potter and designer and has taught pottery classes at the Pulaski County Library and at Somerset (Ky.) Community College.

georgetown college

Ruth Kerr LaRue of Gallatin, Tenn. has made a gift of \$10,000 to endow a music scholarship at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Named the "Ruth Kerr LaRue Scholarship in Music," the first scholarship from Mrs. LaRue's gift will be awarded for the 1990-91 academic year by the

Department of Music. Those to receive scholarships will be students majoring in music at the 161-year-old Kentucky Baptist institution. The Department of Music will determine the students awarded.

Currently enrolled students at Georgetown may apply and must have a 2.5 grade point average or better (based on a 4.0 scale). Entering freshmen applying must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.



Vic Edwards (center), of Hamilton, Oh., receives certification as a director of ministry education at the recent Southern Baptist Inservice Guidance Directors' Conference at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Edwards is director of ministry training at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

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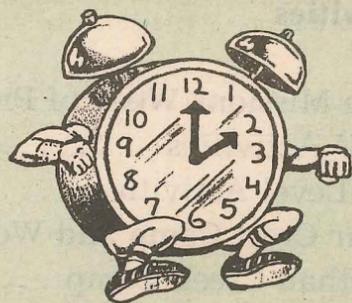
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Student summer missionaries highlight evangelism

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Kim Weser, a student at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark., agreed that leading a person to accept Christ was the most rewarding part of the summer. The 10-year-old girl's name, Carolyn, is ingrained in her mind.

"That was the most exciting experience I've had except when I accepted

Christ," said Miss Weser.

Terry Kelley, a student at Missouri Southern College in Joplin, spent the summer as children's and youth minister at First Baptist Church, Marble Hill, Mo. In addition to designing the ministry and leading many activities, he also sang his first solo and preached his first sermon.

"When it comes time to apply next year (to be a summer missionary), I will. God called me to full time ministry just before I left for the summer. My experiences through the summer reinforced that decision over and over," said Kelley.

Helen Wood, associate director of the

Nurture Department at the Foreign Mission Board, urged students as they returned to their homes and campuses to exercise care in sharing the bad things they experienced in the context of the good.

"I'm not saying don't tell the bad but couch it in the perspective of the total experience," she said.

Warren Woolf, retired director of the Home Mission Board's Personnel Division, said he believes every Southern Baptist college student should give one summer to missionary service.

Student Conference is sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Student Ministry Department.



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homes for children

Breaking the cycle

I am in the process of reading Lisbeth Schorr's book *Within Our Reach: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage*. The book like so many others is an indictment of our present welfare system which tends to perpetuate from generation to generation the problems encountered by children and families.

What I like about the book is not its criticism of the present system, but the presentation of solutions to the problems. She presents programs drawn from across the nation which are working to change lives. Many of these are small community based programs and frankly I have often found the greatest success comes when individuals get involved locally in solving problems rather than waiting for some grand plan to be put in place.

The book has only heightened my awareness of the need to do more to keep children from repeating this continuous cycle. Our own programs do a great job for the children who come into care, but frankly there are so many more children who need help.

If we look at what is happening to families today, each of us has to acknowledge that children are really hurting in our nation. There is no way we can build enough children's homes to take care of the need and we could not afford their operation if we could.

I believe that we Baptists and others in our own communities must begin to search for answers in our own backyard. The answer has got to include not just removing children from their parents' home but working with the family to be able to care for their own children.

Now that is not a radical idea, but it calls for us to become more involved in the lives of the people who live around us.

We need to begin to focus on these problems as a ministry of the local church. Churches that grow and make a difference in a community are those that meet real needs in the lives of people while at the same time they share with them about the great healer.

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Praying for a miracle

After many years of anticipation that we would have to leave Indonesia, it has happened to over 40 of us. We left Jan. 27, 1989 after serving there 21 years. Pray for the missionaries who are left and the Indonesian Baptists that they may continue to evangelize Indonesia. Pray that each missionary who has had to leave may find God's will as to his new place.

As we searched for another place to serve, the door opened for the Philippines. While we were looking for a permanent place to work we were asked to be interim pastor at Clarkfield Baptist Church, a church which serves those connected with Clark Air Base and Filipino families who speak English. We feel our time there was profitable for us and for the congregation which averaged about 175 on Sunday morning, about half American and half Filipino.

There are so many similarities with Indonesia that we felt right at home from the beginning. Of course, the one big difference is the language; we will have to learn a new language! We admit we are a little anxious. It would be nice if the Spirit would perform another miracle like he did at Pentecost, but if he doesn't, we will try to be able to speak Tagalog in about a year. Put this on your prayer list. We are scheduled to return to the Philippines Oct. 9 and start language school.

We appreciate your continued prayers and gifts through the Cooperative Program and Christmas offering which make it possible for us to serve the Lord without worrying about our needs.

We would like to hear from you. After Oct. 7 our address will be Box 54 TLC, San Pablo City 4000, Philippines.

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Reaction to FMB

I am appalled beyond measure at the recent action of the personnel subcommittee of the Foreign Mission Board regarding the denial of appointment to the Penningtons. I am writing to request that Western Recorder write a strong editorial denouncing this adulteration of the appointment process.

This is not the only action at which I have been appalled in the last 10 years, but it is the first time I have sent a letter to anyone regarding my outrage. I, like Cecil Sherman, feel we have passed the point where a Baptist ought to refuse to be identified with what the Southern Baptist Convention has become. I feel like a woman without a country, and I don't like the feeling at all! The recent stances of the Home Mission Board and last week's news of Paul Pressler's likely new position are enough to pale the heartiest soul.

"How long, O Lord? How long?"

Fannie Louise Maddux
Pembroke

Learning to deal with conflict

I resonated with Larry Brown's desire to put the SBC controversy behind us and to get on with the business of reaching persons with God's love (Western Recorder, July 18). His suggestions for doing so are shared by many throughout our convention. However, the two options he presents are not viable paths to the resolution and restoration for which we all long.

Nothing positive will be gained by

Baptist Press refusing to carry news or opinion about the issues facing the convention. Silence will not cause the controversy to cease.

We cannot go about our business as if no problem exists. As long as significant groups of Baptists feel excluded from full participation at every level of Baptist life, the conflict will endure. No news is not necessarily good news.

Neither will positive gain come from one side simply refusing to fight. No conflict has ever been settled by one party suppressing its frustration, pain or anger.

Rather than avoiding the fight, perhaps we need to learn to deal with it in a way that honors Paul's twin admonitions to "be angry and sin not" and

"speak the truth in love."

Despite Jerry Vines' best intentions, no one party to a dispute can pronounce it resolved. I fear the issues have not been settled. We have not yet had a healthy fight. Ours has been marred by half-truths, innuendos, name-calling, demagoguery, manipulation, coercion, a lack of commitment to maintaining our relationship with one another and a violation of love.

We do not need to avoid conflict but learn to fight as brothers and sisters. Toward that end, I suggest we try three things: 1.) affirm and celebrate those things on which we agree, 2.) repent of and correct errors/sins in our life together, especially those which violate the command to love and 3.) agree to

keep talking about those things on which we are yet to see eye to eye, recognizing we all see through a glass darkly. We need a free, unfettered, responsible press to keep us all honest.

Jim Holladay
Louisville

Mercerians will boycott

The executive board of Mercer Baptist Association has endorsed Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (CLear-TV)'s call for a one-year boycott of the products of the Mennen Co. and Clorox Corp. According to CLear-TV, the two companies were leading sponsors of sex, violence, profanity and anti-Christian stereotyping during the sweeps period of Apr. 27-May 24. CLear-TV's officials had written three letters to all network advertisers, including Mennen and Clorox, asking that they not sponsor such TV programming. These requests were ignored.

It is our hope that this boycott will be effective enough to send a message to all advertisers that Americans want the airways cleaned up. We invite all Christians to join us in this effort.

James E. Hensley
Salvisa

A priority budget item

I am very concerned and disturbed with the leadership in our Southern Baptist Convention. As a layman I have realized in the past year the kind of negative effect this leadership is having on spreading the word of Jesus Christ in the world and the losses of freedom to people in all areas of our convention. It is time that lay people get involved in what is happening in the convention, make decisions on what should be done and provide direction for the future in this great denomination.

One thing is certain. Any change in the convention will take place at SBC annual meetings each year. Therefore, it is imperative that each church in our convention send its 10 messengers to vote as Christ would lead them. Many potential messengers in our convention do not have the funds to go to the SBC annual meetings, therefore, limiting their ability to effect change. *I am asking you as a fellow Southern Baptist to put funds into your annual budget to help messengers go to the SBC annual meetings.* If you would put only \$50 or \$100 per messenger, it would do much to encourage members of your own church to attend. My own church, First Baptist, Wilmington, N. C., made a commitment two years ago to have 10 messengers at the annual meetings each year and appropriated \$300 per messenger out of our budget to send 10 messengers.

It is my firm belief that until we see leadership which will include all Southern Baptists the Cooperative Program will suffer financially. I believe this with all my heart and I beg you to include financial assistance in your budget to send messengers to SBC annual meetings beginning next year by sending 10 of your church members to New Orleans.

Robert S. (Bob) Parker
Wilmington, N. C.

Louisville's Maple Grove youth impacted by summer mission trip

October 1988 marked the beginning of a life-changing experience for youth and adults of Maple Grove Baptist Church, Louisville.

Church members initiated preparation for a youth mission trip to First Baptist Church, Tolland, Conn., affiliated with the Baptist Convention of New England.

Maple Grove contributed to a youth mission trip fund which continued to grow weekly. "Mission trippers" were involved in weekly youth Bible studies and a youth prayer service as the trip grew nearer. Team members also participated in a churchwide prayer service and a commissioning service in Sunday morning worship before departure.

Prayer partners were assigned to each team member and partners prayed together before the trip. During the trip members received cards from prayer partners who remained at home.

The trip, July 7-16, offered youth various ministry opportunities. The group worked in a week-long vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church, Tolland, a church about 20 years old with a membership of about 250. The group also conducted a community census to locate prospects for the church. In Enfield, Conn. youth passed out

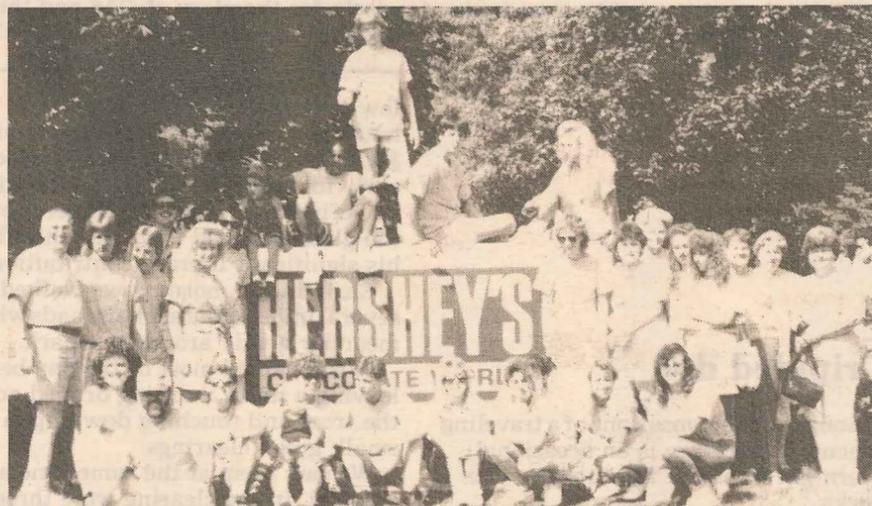
fliers announcing the start of a new mission to be sponsored by Tolland First.

The trip was not without sight-seeing moments. Participants spent an afternoon in Boston and another in East Beach, R. I. As they traveled home, mission trippers toured the Hershey chocolate factory in Hershey, Penn., and spent time at Hershey World Amusement Park.

The experience continues at Maple Grove. Many youth have received letters from vacation Bible school students. Team members are visualizing the potential impact of the new mission in Enfield.

Significant loss also shocked the group since their return. On the morning of July 18 two mission trip sponsors, Charles and Elva Greenert (pictured in photo), were severely injured when an explosion ripped through their home. Greenert died later that day; his wife died several days later.

"We are going to have a meeting to wrap everything up from our trip," Greenert told Maple Grove's youth ministry council shortly before the fatal accident. That service, scheduled for July 23, was postponed in the wake of the couple's deaths. But the share time will take place Sept. 10.



Maple Grove Baptist Church mission team at Hershey World, Penn. (l-r, beginning at front): Rich Anderson, Debbie Anderson, Troy Jones, Terri Greenert holding Sean Greenert, Randy Houk, Tracy Jones, Hope Moore, Kristi Wooldrige, Angela Daugherty, Amy Henderson, Charlie Greenert, Joey Hayden, Todd Sink, Kim Alford, Darrell Hooper, Brenda Carr, Kara Roach (First Baptist, Tolland), Doris Daugherty, Karma Roach (First Baptist, Tolland), Kim Ebertshouser, Elva Greenert, Betty Jones, Sandy Williams, Wes Greenert, Jarrett Anderson, Lonnie Harris, Ronny Carr, Jeff Hayden and Shelly Carr. Not pictured are Jason Anderson and Joe Jones.

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Growing pains

Work is going forward rapidly on Oneida's new multipurpose building that is 170 feet long and 72 feet wide.

The new building will have a regulation size floor for basketball and volleyball. This will be to complement our present gym which was built 35 years ago.

Why two gyms?

When the present gym was built we had only one boys' basketball team and four cheerleaders. That was the fall and winter sports program, nothing else. There were no physical education classes. For many years these same facilities have been used for physical education classes throughout the day; for boys' and girls' varsity basketball practice; junior varsity, freshman and middle school team practices; varsity volleyball practice; varsity wrestling practice; cheerleading practice.

Then all these sports have their schedules of competition. One Saturday this past February there were seven scheduled basketball games in one day involving five other schools. The first began at 10 a.m. and the last ended 12½ hours later. Just try to visualize the scheduling problems involved with that for the coaches and the athletic director.

In the meantime on that particular day no other team was able to practice. The normal Saturday afternoon two

hours of "free time" when boys and girls can play or visit in the gym could not be held. So those who did not particularly care for basketball, or were not directly involved with it, were just "out of it" that particular day.

From Oct. 1 when official basketball practice begins statewide through March when the tournaments are held, Oneida's gym is open and in use from 6:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., a total of 17 hours. Many students and their coaches must be up several hours before normal rising time. Many other students and adult staff get to bed 1½ hours after the normal 10:30 p.m. "lights out."

The new facilities will allow us to have two things going on at once. That may be two practices or a game in one building while a practice is held in the other. A basketball game may be going in one facility while a volleyball or wrestling meet is being held in the other. Or a basketball game may be going in the older facility while the students who are not particularly interested in basketball can be having their supervised "free time" in the new facility where also there will be a weight-lifting area with modern equipment; an area for table tennis, billiards, table games such as chess, checkers, trivial pursuit, whatever.

Also the building will contain seven more very needed classrooms. We added five more classrooms last year in another building. As we have been holding the overall enrolment for the past six years, you may wonder why we need so many more classrooms. The answer is that we are steadily adding to our already very broad curriculum, adding more teaching staff. That makes for a better teacher-student ratio. We now have a 1-11 ratio for our general student population and a ratio of one for each two and a half of our 40 academically weaker students.

The new building will allow us to house our tremendous manual and computerized drafting program in larger quarters. Our teacher is in his 20th year of teaching and has been a part of our Oneida family 15 years.

Also the new building will provide a miniclinic area as well as a much larger classroom for our growing "health related" program designed to get students interested in becoming nurses or doctors. This program is taught by a registered nurse who graduated from UK and has 21 years of nursing and supervisory experience.

The Lord continues to bless hundreds of young people through Oneida.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR SEPT. 3, 1989

Life and work series

Earning and using money wisely

Proverbs 6:6-11 Here God commands us to consider the ant, that small, insignificant and crawling insect, which is exceedingly industrious. It acts by instinct in caring for its present needs and in providing for its future ones. The ant teaches us to be busy at the things which are worthwhile in the home, the church and the community. An ant teaches us the lesson of helpfulness, cooperation and perseverance in spite of difficulties.

Proverbs 11:1-4 In any society where the Lord's will is done, life is recognized as being of far greater value than material possessions. Dishonesty through inaccurate weights or through any other method is an "abomination to the Lord," but "just weight is his delight." Pride, or the sense of over-importance, causes one to want to have his own way about everything and that displeases God. "Integrity," or freedom from wrongdoing, protects one from danger and enables him to please and honor God.

Proverbs 11:24-28 Instead of profiting at the expense or misery of others, one should make money honestly, use it wisely for the glory of God and the furtherance of the gospel and for the

benefit of others, ever remembering that money cannot open the door to health, to happiness or to heaven.

Proverbs 15:16-17 Wealth is not evil, but trust in riches rather than in God is the very essence of that which is wrong. It is the righteous person who possesses true wealth that no one can take from him. God wants his children to earn money honestly, to invest it wisely in the eternal, to rejoice in him always and to be cheerful in the prospects that await him.

International series

God's presence with Judah

In 597 B. C. Nebuchadnezzar came up with his armies and ravaged the country, leaving it waste and desolate. He sacked the city of Jerusalem and destroyed the magnificent temple, which for generations had been the pride and joy of the pious Jews. To show his displeasure at the sinful manner of life of his people, God simply permitted many leading citizens of Jerusalem and large numbers of the population to be taken into captivity in Babylon. While there is not any record that these exiles were persecuted cruelly, they constantly longed to return to their homeland.

Ezekiel 1:4-6 Despite the disobedience of his people, and in the midst of their bondage, God called Ezekiel the prophet to minister unto them for him. On a certain day while he was among the captives the heavens were opened and he saw a vision of God and "the word of the Lord came expressly unto him and the hand of the Lord was there upon him."

Ezekiel 1:15-20 A wheel to each of the living creatures was placed immediately beneath the living creature, and was constructed for direct motion in any of the four directions in which the creatures themselves moved. Each wheel did its part on each side of the living creature beneath which it stood. God has an intelligent purpose for everything which he has created, and he has a purpose and plan each of us.

Ezekiel 1:26-28b God made the world a mercy seat to which Christ came. He wants us to know there is mercy for all who will come to him, as certainly as Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord.

The cloud and the day of rain point to its original message of forgiveness and mercy and this was especially suited to Ezekiel's commissions.



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on mission together

Crippled doe

Among the compensations of a traveling executive secretary is an occasional overnight in one of Kentucky's state parks.

An invitation to preach the missions message at the annual Greenup Association meeting yielded such an opportunity.

Tucked quietly away off Hwy. 1, about 45 minutes from Ashland, is Greenbo Lake State Park. Alice and I managed to book one of the 36 rooms available in the lodge. The late poet laureate Jesse Stewart's home is only a

few miles away. His widow opens the house for tours during the September Jesse Stewart festival. We were too early for that, but perused some of his books in the gift shop and lingered over the glass enclosed items which reflect his significant literary contribution.

Early in the morning we walked several miles of the asphalt roads which meander gently around the park.

It had rained most of the day before, leaving a misty morning draped across the trees and touching down upon the small, green clearings.

We saw them at the same time and stopped. In the clearing were three spotted fawns, a young buck and doe, and the mother of them all—a large, crippled doe. On three legs she lowered her head to feed while the three youngest playfully ran at each other, bounding back and forth into the woods.

We moved closer—as near as she would permit. Bending she would feed, look up at us with innocent but wary eyes, twitch the horseflies from her ears,

and nibble again.

Earlier we had overheard a park official talking about the crippled doe. She had mothered many seasons of deer, but no one knew how she had been crippled. We felt fortunate to encounter her.

Making her home there, she had raised her young in the preserve of gentler humans who meant her no harm. And she had entrusted her offspring to that environment.

Further along the walk we spotted other deer—perhaps her offspring—since people say she has been there for eight years. One was a young, six-pointer buck.

Someday he will likely venture from the cradle of his security. And on that day he will cross the boundary where men with guns wait . . . and in an instant he will be a trophy for some hunter.

The crippled doe will not be there to notice and another fawn she'll bear. And the hunter will grow older until, at last, he too will cross the boundary.

Manhattan journalist meets people challenge

by Jim Burton

People magazine is one of the most widely circulated publications in the United States.

And People has one person whom many personally believe brings a special dimension to the magazine by his presence.

The difference people at People see in this person is what he believes.

"I'm talked of as the chaplain of the magazine," said Hal Wingo.

He is assistant managing editor for news and the presence Wingo brings to People is distinctly Southern Baptist.

"We are all the product of what we are exposed to," said Wingo "Because of the exposure I did have (to Southern Baptists), it was something that became very important to me."

Wingo is a 1957 graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and the son of a Southern Baptist pastor. His sister, Nancie Wingo, is a Southern Baptist missionary in Gaza. A son-in-law, Robert Dilday, is associate editor of the Virginia Baptist newspaper and son of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary president Russell Dilday.

After working 19 years in Manhattan, the native Texan can say wholeheartedly, "I love New York."

"It is the center of so much that happens," said Wingo of New York's influence in politics, business and communications.

Wingo joined Time-Life Inc., the parent company of People magazine, in 1963. He was a staff correspondent and later a senior editor for Life. From 1967-70, Wingo was based in Hong Kong and covered the Vietnam war.

After returning to the United States, Wingo was part of a magazine development team that created People, which celebrates its 15th birthday this year.

"We invented the notion of personality journalism," said Wingo of a writing style that looks through the subject's eyes.

And the eyes through which People looks sometimes represent a bizarre, disjointed and changing social standard that Wingo admits doesn't always make him comfortable.

"On the whole I think the magazine is fair," he said.

Yet Wingo is confident that People is where he belongs in the marketplace. "All my life I tried to feel like I was doing with my life what God wanted me to do," he explained.

The challenge New York City represents to Southern Baptist ministry is one that Wingo has lived with for most of his adult life.

Besides being perceived as a regional denomination, Southern Baptists' belief in the authority of the Bible is not commonly shared in the international city.

"People don't accept the Bible as authority," said Wingo. "I think they have to see that it means something to me."

Confrontational evangelism won't work in New York City, he added, noting, "I think the way the gospel gets through to people here is on a one-on-one approach with a lot of questions."

Wingo's life revolves around his family, work and church. With his wife Paula, Wingo is active in Greenwich Baptist Church near their home in southern Connecticut.

"He is a great asset to this church,"

said pastor John Durham. "He is the moderator, deacon and a prime mover."

The city of Greenwich is very self-satisfied in terms of success, said Wingo. While ministry must center around a local church, that local church must have something to offer to the community, both in programs and image.

And Wingo enhances the church's image, Durham said: "Whenever he is called, as he frequently is, to be interviewed on the local radio or television, he always puts a plug in for the church."

"I'm sure most people can't imagine a fellow that travels in the kind of circles in which he travels, leads this sort of glamorous journalistic executive life, that he could be as committed a Christian. But he puts his church and the things connected to it first." (BP)



New York City represents a tough ministry challenge to Southern Baptists. Hal Wingo, assistant managing editor for news at People magazine, is a committed Southern Baptist who meets the people challenge.

Outstanding small church pastor honored at Glorieta

Reaching people for the Lord doesn't depend on church size, because everyone has a place to serve, according to Burton Hunt, honored here as the outstanding small church pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention for 1989.

Hunt, pastor of Cave Springs Baptist Church in Neosho, Mo. for the past 32 years, has led the church to give unselfishly to missions causes locally and around the world.

The growth in church programs and giving can be directly attributed to a "unity in giving," Hunt said. "I think we have one of the strongest missions minded churches in the Southern Baptist Convention."

"I've learned you can't outgive God," Hunt says with conviction about the generous church.

Last year the church gave 52.1% of its offerings to missions causes. This in-

cluded 43% to the denomination's Cooperative Program and 5% to Spring River Association. Also the church sends \$100 each month to a church in Spencer, Id., and has special offerings annually for Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and state missions.

Hunt was won to the Lord at age 35 in Cave Springs Baptist Church. Five years later the pastor of the church left and Hunt was approached to serve as interim pastor. Three months later he was called as pastor, where he served for 25 years bivocationally before his retirement from a local automobile dealership. His wife Cynthia has been church clerk at Cave Springs for 35 years.

Because of his bivocational status, Hunt said he learned long ago to delegate some of the work and trust the people to get the job done.

Just like in any church, he said it is difficult to keep up a successful visitation program but he strongly believes in the results.

One family was visited monthly by the pastor and members of the 150-member church for seven years. They were finally reached through the vacation Bible school when a daughter in the family was saved. After that followed a brother, sister and then the parents. That family is one of the strongest in the church today, Hunt said.

Even though he has had opportunities to go to other churches, Hunt said he has stayed at Cave Springs because he feels God's call to minister in that church.

"Small church pastors need to realize that God put them there for a purpose," the 72-year-old pastor said.

The role of small churches is important to the denomination, Hunt said, because there are many people who simply will not go to a large church.

"Small churches are needed because we have got country folk who just don't fit in," he said. "Souls are reached in small churches."

The outstanding small church pastor award is sponsored by the Church Administration Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board as part of a conventionwide effort to recognize the efforts of pastors in the denomination's smaller churches which comprise almost 60% of the 37,000 church in the convention. Two pastors are selected for the honor each year.



Burton Hunt (right), pastor of Cave Springs Baptist Church in Neosho, Mo., for the past 35 years, was honored during Bible Preaching Administration Week at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center recently as an outstanding small church pastor for 1989. Hunt is talking here with Joe Stacker, head of the Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department, which sponsored the selection of Hunt as part of a denominational emphasis to recognize contributions of small church pastors.

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