

KBC executive board change would strengthen evangelism role

by Gregory L. Hancock
KBC Communications

In a move to highlight evangelism's historic role in Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board programs, the administrative committee of the executive board voted unanimously to recommend that the executive board restructure its Missions and Church Services Division.

In a proposal offered by executive secretary/treasurer William W. Marshall, the Evangelism Department, directed by William D. Jagers with associate Billy Compton, would become an office of the Missions and Church Services Division. That division would then be re-

named "Missions, Evangelism and Church Services."

Evangelism would retain program responsibilities such as the state evangelism conference and the state youth evangelism conference but its role in influencing, consulting and supporting other programs such as Sunday school, Discipleship Training, Church Music, Brotherhood, Student and Direct Missions would be strengthened.

According to Marshall, "This move represents a stronger administrative expectation for evangelism to be part of the division planning for every department in the division. Some of this is al-

ready being implemented and this acknowledges it administratively."

Hoge Hockensmith, pastor of Broadway church, Lexington, and a member of the administrative committee, states, "There is real power in this. This says what Kentucky Baptist churches have wanted to hear a long time. I think it is a groundbreaking, pacemaking move."

Curtis Warf, pastor of First Church, Richmond, and chairman of the administrative committee, also praised the move, stating, "I think everybody will be highly pleased."

Marshall emphasized to the administrative committee that evangelism is not

being shifted into administration. The new Office for Evangelism will also assume new responsibilities in cooperative ministries and interfaith witness but will remain under the supervision of the division to which it is currently assigned.

"Bill Jagers and Billy Compton have the respect of their staff colleagues and Kentucky Baptist leadership. They will be able to facilitate this kind of move better than anybody else," Marshall affirmed.

If approved by the executive board at its November meeting, the change will become effective immediately.

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Dilday survives; trustees affirm SWBTS leader

by Dan Martin

The president and trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary discussed "family matters" behind closed doors for nearly five hours Oct. 17. When they emerged they issued a three paragraph statement of affirmation and warning, directed at president Russell Dilday and the 36-member board of trustees.

Trustee chairman Ken Lilly, a medical doctor from Ft. Smith, Ark., read the statement to the gallery of about 250 people at the Ft. Worth, Tex. seminary:

"Our executive session consisted of healthy dialog in which we all acknowledged our differences and failings. We, the trustees and Mr. President hereby affirm one another and pledge our mutual support. Because of the sensitivity of the issues involved, we covenant together as trustees and president to cease and desist from making any statements, or writings, or engaging in any activities that could reasonably be interpreted as being intentionally political in nature, all the while seeking to deal with each other and the institution we serve in truth and love."

Lilly's reading of the statement was greeted by polite applause. "That's it," he said, as he moved trustees into regu-



Dilday



Draper

lar business.

Dilday, who has headed the 4800-student seminary 11 years, interrupted regular business after Lilly had read the statement to say he wanted a time to "let everybody kind of rejoice in what has happened."

"There was a unanimous expression of coming together after a long and orderly and very positive process of discussion," he said.

"The statement came about in a very providential way," he added. "The board gathered around here with me on our knees. We pledged our best; we covenanted—a very important word—as trustees and president to abide by the very best part of this statement to the very best of our ability."

Trustees called for the executive session after some—including former Southern Baptist Convention president James T. Draper Jr.—said they feared a "circus-like atmosphere" would be generated.

They voted 22-11 to conduct the executive session after Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.,

said trustees needed to deal with a "family matter" in discussing "some things with the president."

After the vote to hold the executive session, Dilday, in his report to trustees, said he would "rather have had the session open to Baptists around this convention, but you (trustees) have voted to do that in a secret and private way. I will work with you in this regard."

In the debate over the executive session, Drew Gunnells, pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., opposed closing the doors, noting the discussion "has nothing to do with moral or fiscal matters" but dealt strictly with political issues.

The executive session was protested by about 125 pastors and laymen—most from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, but some from as far away as Abilene, Tex.

"We are family, too," said Charles Wade, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arlington, Tex., and spokesman for the dissenters. "We feel like we belong in the house, too."

Lilly allowed Wade to address the trustees after noting the remarks should be brief and were allowed "if it will allow you to go on out. We are having an executive session and cannot do our business with you here."

Wade, who asked the board to reconsider its decision to close the meeting and to allow observers to remain, said the dissenters "are afraid" for Dilday, who has been under fire from conservative trustees for what Lilly previously called the "whole problem of political activity by the president."

"We have heard in published reports what may happen here," Wade said.

"We cannot leave our president alone to be censured or spoken to in a way that does not respect the great contributions he has made to Southern Baptist life."

Wade alluded to an effort in August to fire Lloyd Elder, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Trustees of the SSB discussed for an hour a motion to fire Elder before allowing it to be withdrawn.

"One of the reasons we are so afraid (for Dilday) is because of what happened" to Elder, Wade told trustees.

The reports, he added, were that efforts would be made to "pressure him, quiet him, silence him, make him change his ways. We want the trustees to understand how much we love him and are grateful for what he has said."

Draper took exception to the remarks, noting Wade "has made assumptions that these people (trustees) don't love the president. He has already determined what we will do . . . when we haven't even met yet. This is the kind of circus atmosphere I have spoken of."

"There is no intent to hurt him (Dilday). There is a need to discuss some things with him and this (the dissent) is counterproductive and makes our task much more difficult."

One man who refused to identify himself walked to the front of the meeting room and told Lilly and trustees, "The Lord would have me stay."

"The Lord doesn't have anything to do with this; we are having a trustee meeting," Lilly responded.

The young man—along with the other dissenters—left the meeting room. A sign was posted outside which said, "Closed Session." (BP)

Overflow crowds dominate state women's retreats

by Suzanne Darland
State Correspondent

It was standing room only at the Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women retreat at Cedarmore Oct. 6 and 7.

Women stood along the back of the Old Dining Hall as Georgia Hill, Baptist Young Women consultant for SBC Woman's Missionary Union, spoke.

"Recent surveys in Kentucky indicate that 17 percent of the state's high school seniors have tried cocaine and that almost half of all high school seniors get drunk regularly," she reported.

"Child care for two children costs, on

average, \$6000 a year. A single mother working full time at minimum wage earns \$6700 a year."

She asked participants how they were going to "reach, teach and touch" their communities when they returned home.

Because of last year's record retreat crowd of 428, two Cedarmore retreats on consecutive weekends were held this year. And still the group filled the campground's facilities with 340 registered the first week. Breakfast and lunch were served in shifts and some conference attendees were housed in remote Cedar Crest cabins.

A second retreat held Oct. 13-14 focused on Baptist Women and Baptist Nursing Fellowship members and regis-

tered 175. A third retreat was held Oct. 20-21 at Jonathan Creek assembly in western Kentucky.

Before the retreat ended, Janet Dillard, a missionary to Kenya, told Baptist Women that the Kentucky-Kenya partnership was well worth the time and energy it cost career missionaries there.

"Some asked us if the volunteers caused us more work, more scheduling and time away from our own work," she related.

"But I saw the partnership as an opportunity to duplicate ourselves" on the field.

"The shortest route to any mission field," concluded Mrs. Dillard, "is through prayer."

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I like a Baptist meeting

The last leaves of fall will barely be hanging on to the oak tree when Baptists gather in Frankfort in three weeks to do their annual business. It seems almost every year the beginning of the annual meeting ushers in cold frosty mornings and usually there will be one day of snow showers that will have those in attendance regretting not bringing at least one wool suit. Experienced messengers who make the yearly pilgrimage from all corners of Kentucky have learned that an overcoat is one of the necessities of a state convention meeting of Southern Baptists. Whether the meeting is in Louisville, Lexington, Elizabethtown or this year in Frankfort, colder temperatures always seem to make the meeting as punctual as the messengers themselves.

But while temperatures get a little cooler and our Father completes his final phases of autumn, Baptists in Farham Dudgeon Civic Center will be warming up and just beginning another year of work. I like a Baptist meeting in Kentucky.

When Baptists get together there is more handshaking, back slapping and neck hugging than can be said grace over. Pastors who may only see each other at the once a year event will catch up on lost time by telling one another the latest Baptist gossip, slipping a resume to a pastor search committee member or most likely just enjoying the break away from his daily duties. Before and after the session you'll find laypersons and ministers alike gathered around the local restaurant tables enjoying the fellowship of one another.

The scenario of this meeting is unlike the national convention that met last summer in Las Vegas or will meet next summer in New Orleans. The national meeting for the last eleven years has been marked by division, suspicion and a political agenda of electing either a theological moderate or conservative as convention president. Each year thousands of messengers attend the national convention with many returning home disgusted about the con-

vention's proceedings. Alas, this is not so in Kentucky. The Baptists in the commonwealth have been fortunate to maintain 151 years of peace and a spirit of partnership that bears a wonderful resemblance to what the average Southern Baptist preaches—"We are all one in Christ."

In this spirit of oneness there of course will be disagreements. Reports will be made that not every one totally agrees with and motions made that may be defeated. Business will be done that has required tedious preparation such as approving a \$20,674,462 budget that will support 8000 home and worldwide missionaries. This budget will also support Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown colleges, our children's home ministry, Clear Creek, Oneida Baptist Institute, Western Recorder, disaster relief and many other state Baptist-related projects. The 1500-2000 Baptists will hear addresses from convention president James E. Jones of Campbellsville; William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer; convention sermon by Henry Huff, plus other reports and new business.

One of the most interesting sessions of the convention is the time appointed on the Tuesday afternoon schedule for the election of president. The rumor mill by the Monday evening before will be rampant as to who will be nominated for the position. Since any Kentucky Baptist is eligible for the office any person could be nominated. However, it seems like each year no one is really sure who the nominees will be until 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, and predicting who will win would be like shooting in the dark.

However, after all the reports are made, the budget approved, new business finished and all speeches and sermons delivered, the president will hit the rostrum on Thursday at noon to conclude this year's session. And, when the folks are adjourned, 99% will return home feeling good about their state convention.

I like a Baptist meeting. Especially when the meeting is in Kentucky.

Glenn Mollette

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To all who would write to Baptist Forum: We welcome for consideration your letters on any subject, provided they do not make personal attacks on anyone. We ask, however, that you accommodate a longstanding policy of a 300-word maximum limit for published letters. Thank you for adhering to this, and welcome to the pages of Western Recorder.—James H. Cox, Associate Editor

How to spend Holland days

In 1984 six families saw the need for an English speaking Baptist Church in Holland. Their vision grew and flourished as they began meeting in rented buildings with guest preachers leading their little flock. In 1985 17 faithful people took a giant step of faith and called a full time pastor to the Netherlands. Five years later we stand in awe at how the Lord has so richly blessed the vision of these few. Today Trinity Baptist has a membership of 186 persons from over 25 nations. We have added to our staff a youth pastor, two intern youth workers and a volunteer secretary.

Steve Smith, our pastor, has accepted a call to a church in the states. He will be greatly missed. We are currently looking for an interim pastor to serve the church for an anticipated minimum of six months. We will provide the interim pastor with an automobile, furnished housing, mileage allowance and a living allowance. Trinity is a mission-minded church with an exciting future. If you are qualified and would like to be considered for this position of interim pastor in an exciting ministry, please write: Trinity Baptist Church Interim Pastor Search Committee

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Appreciation from Palmettoland

Thousands of South Carolinians have been touched by Kentucky Baptists' generosity and missions efforts during our recovery from the ravages of Hurricane Hugo. The prompt response to our request for assistance from your mass feeding unit allowed the practical application of God's love to be evident to people who were hungry and hurting.

More than 300,000 meals were prepared by 14 Brotherhood feeding units from 11 states. The witness of Southern Baptists in this state will be enhanced for years to come because of this response.

We continue to hear words of deepest appreciation from the people of Sumter, where your unit was located. I wanted to pass on these expressions of appreciation and to add those of our convention and staff.

Thank you for helping us in our time of need. Your efforts remind us of how appreciative we are to be a part of coop-

eration among our Baptist brothers and sisters in sharing God's love with every person on the earth.

Ray P. Rust
Executive secretary-treasurer
South Carolina Baptist Convention

A bad exposure with photographer

I am writing to let other churches know about the difficulty this church is having with Bel-Air Studios of Louisville so that others are not victims of the same. The owner of that company came to this church the first part of May 1989 and asked to produce a pictorial directory for us. We signed a contract with the company to that effect May 24, 1989. All pictures ordered from the company had to be prepaid. When the pictures arrived, the color tone was not true. We sent them back on July 24 to be redone. We still do not have the replacement pictures. All but one of the many phone calls I have made to the owner have not been returned. A certified letter I sent him came back to me Sept. 10 because it was not claimed. I could not find him on two visits to the company, including a visit to his home. The date given by which we would have the pictures has been changed three times.

I hope others may profit from our bad experience.

Henry M. White, pastor
Youngers Creek Baptist
Elizabethtown

A response from Corbin

I am a member of First Baptist Church

of Corbin. I am proud to be a part of this caring ministering church.

I couldn't resist commenting on the article in last week's (Oct. 3) Western Recorder concerning the Mt. Zion Association. I'm sure Webster's dictionary will be glad to hear of the coining of two new words—one that was mentioned "disfellowship" and another used in an associational meeting "deordain."

It is interesting to note that scripture in I Timothy was used to qualify only men as deacons. I also read in I Timothy that women should not speak or teach in the church.

Where would any of our churches be today if it were not for loving, caring Christian women who give of their time to teach boys and girls of Christ's love and win them to Christ? The mission program of the church is carried on by women.

Most of the Baptist churches in our area are satisfied to relegate women to the afore mentioned tasks—working in the nursery, preparing pot luck lunches or any task that keeps them in their place.

I am happy to relate that our church does not discriminate against women in any office. Has anyone read Rom. 16:1 in regard to women deacons? I do not see my God as a respecter of persons. In Christ there is no East or West, not North or South, no black or white, no male or female. How many of you can sing that song?

Olivia Robinson, trustee
First Baptist Church
Corbin

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Make your hotel reservations early.

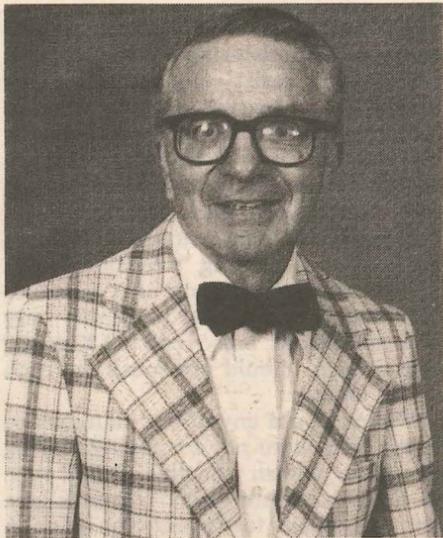
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Moore

Author, columnist named WR state correspondent

W. T. (Bill) Moore of Owensboro has joined Western Recorder's network of regional reporters, according to an announcement this week by James H. Cox, the newsjournal's associate editor.

His reporting territory will include Daviess-McLean, Green Valley, Little Bethel, Muhlenberg, Ohio County and Ohio Valley associations. He replaces Jane Taylor Howell, who is relocating in the state and who will continue as a WR stringer.

Moore, 64, is a retired pastor and Home Mission Board employe. The South Carolina native served churches in that state and Louisiana before directing the North Tusla (Okla.) Baptist Center seven years. He served 17 years at the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, Detroit, as director of interracial work. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and holds two degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Moore has been a prolific writer, having authored or coauthored four books, contributing columns and articles for the Michigan Baptist Advocate, Home Missions magazine and the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer.

He is married to the former Jean Burdette of Owensboro and they are parents of three grown children.

Four seminaries set Frankfort luncheons

Four Southern Baptist theological seminaries have scheduled luncheons for Wednesday, Nov. 15 during the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Frankfort.

Alumni and friends of **Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.**, will gather at 12 noon at Shoney's Restaurant, 1239 S. U. S. 127. Each person will order lunch from a menu. Contact: Don Cole, pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Rte. 1, Brandenburg, KY 40108.

Those attending the **New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary** luncheon will gather at Capital Plaza Hotel at 12:30 p.m.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will hold its luncheon at noon at Capital Plaza Hotel. G. Willis Bennett, provost, will address the group. Contact: Paul M. Welch, pastor, Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen St., Owensboro, KY 42301. Tickets are \$9 if ordered from Welch before Nov. 1; \$10 later.

Friends and alumni of **Southwestern**

Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., will meet for lunch at 12:15 p.m. at Capital Plaza Hotel. William Estep, professor of church history, will speak. Contact: Jerry R. Kibbons, professor of Christian studies, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Reservations should be made with Kibbons in advance.

Annuity funding rate goes to 8% Jan. 1

Effective Jan. 1, 1990 the annuity funding rate for retirement plans administered by the Annuity Board will decrease from 8.5 to 8 percent. The annuity funding rate is used to determine the amount of periodic benefit that will be received by the member.

Persons participating in Annuity Board retirement plans must retire by Nov. 30, 1989 to receive the current 8.5 percent rate.

Darold H. Morgan, president, said the reduction in funding rate is a reflection of declining interest rates.

Morgan also noted the funding rate reduction will have no effect on the benefits provided under the defined benefit plan known as Plan A. Trustees voted in July to grant a permanent 10 percent increase in Plan A benefits Jan. 1 to all participants in the plan, whether in pay status or still employed.

Terry R. Wade, vice president and actuary for the board, said the exact amount of decrease in annuity for new retirees after Nov. 30 will depend on the age of the member, the age of the spouse, if applicable and the payment option selected.

Members who are considering retirement within the next six months are encouraged to request benefit estimates and retirement applications by calling the board's toll free number 1-800-262-0511. Applications may also be secured from the Baptist state convention or agency business office.

Baptists respond quickly to San Francisco quake

Southern Baptists sent workers and money to California less than 24 hours after the Bay Area suffered its second-worst earthquake of the century Oct. 17.

The Home Mission Board authorized \$10,000 in disaster relief funds and \$50,000 in domestic hunger relief funds to be sent to the California Southern Baptist Convention to aid quake victims.

Eleven volunteers from the Texas Baptist Men organization were headed west with their mobile kitchen and command post, planning to provide hot meals for homeless people and disaster-relief workers.

Members of the Baptist Men organization in Oklahoma were on "alert standby" and were to decide whether to go to California by late afternoon Oct. 18. Their colleagues in Louisiana also were considering making the trip.

But reports from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, north across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco, were good. "All is OK; the seminary is not damaged," said Eddy Oliver, director of public relations at the seminary.

Ralph Gardner, director of missions for Santa Clara Valley Baptist Association, and Bob Rooks, director of missions for Central Coast Baptist Association, could not be contacted, Wyatt reported.

Those associations are located south

of San Francisco in the area hardest hit by the quake. Santa Clara Valley Association encompasses San Jose, Cupertino and Palo Alto. It has 52 churches and 17 church-type missions. Central Coast Association encompasses Santa Cruz, Salinas and Hollister and has 28 churches and six church-type missions.

Karl Ortis, director of missions for San Francisco Peninsula Baptist Association said he feared some members of San Francisco Baptist churches were on the damaged freeways at the time of the disaster as they headed to the second session of the association's annual meeting that evening in Foster City. About 25-30 people arrived for the event, but they spent a brief time in prayer and canceled the meeting to return to their homes and churches. (BP)

SBC nominee Moore quits Amarillo pastorate

W. Winfred Moore, former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and two-time nominee for SBC president, announced he will retire at the end of this year as pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., where he has been 30 years.

In announcing his retirement Oct. 15, Moore, 69, told members of the church his health is good and his "zeal and strength better than when I came."

Moore said he and his wife, Elizabeth, will live somewhere in Texas but not in Amarillo. "This is the toughest part, he said, "but the new pastor does not need the shadow of the former pastor across his path all the time."

Although he is retiring from the pastorate, Moore said he will continue to be active in Baptist General Convention of Texas and Southern Baptist Convention matters. He resigned recently as chairman of Baptists Committed to the SBC, a group that describes itself as "mainstream centrists," but he remains on the group's executive committee.

"I intend to remain active in the effort to return our convention to the place where we accept our diversity and give support to our institutions and agencies," Moore said.

A former first vice president of the 14.8-million-member SBC, Moore was a nominee twice for the SBC presidency. In 1986, he lost to Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., by a vote of 21,201 to 17,898. The previous year, he was defeated by Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, by a vote of 24,452 to 19,795. (BP)

Virginians ask more say in SBC appointment

A long awaited report of a special Virginia committee dealing with the theological/political controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention will ask messengers to next month's state association meeting to change its bylaws and demand more of a say in denominational appointments.

The report also suggests that the state is proceeding with plans to change the way that local churches can keep some denominational agencies from getting the churches' money.

A committee, appointed in January, recommends that the bylaws of the Baptist General Association of Virginia be changed so that two people to the Southern Baptist Convention's committee on committees would be nominated annually.

The committee on committees—al-

ways hand-picked by the convention's president—is the pivotal group in a process that selects trustees of the convention's boards, agencies and seminaries.

Control of the denomination's policy-making system has been the goal of conservatives since they began a takeover of the denomination a decade ago. The party has controlled the process through the annual elections of the president.

The report also says that unless given a new direction by the state association, the crisis committee will develop a new plan of financial giving in place of the 64-year-old Cooperative Program unified budget.

The report further encourages continued financial support by the state association of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—a nine-denominational religious liberty organization whose continued SBC support is in question. (BP)



Hall

Louisvillian recipient of children's homes' award

Kenneth E. Hall, a Louisville businessman and civic leader, was named the first recipient of the V. V. Cooke Award presented Oct. 23 by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

Curtis C. Mooney, KBHC president, made the presentation to Hall during the first president's dinner held on the Spring Meadows Children's Home campus in eastern Jefferson County.

Hall, chairman of the board of Hall Contracting Co., is a former board chairman of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children and has been active in the agency for years.

He is also a trustee at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has been on boards and committees of Boy Scouts of America. He has been president of the Home Council of BSA in 1989.

Hall has received several significant honors from the business community throughout his career. He was recognized as Kentucky's Entrepreneur of the Year in 1989.

Hall and his wife, Irene, are members of Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church where he has been chairman of deacons, building committee and "Together We Build" campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are parents of two children, Patty and Mike, and three grandchildren.

The V. V. Cooke Award is named in memory of a Louisville businessman and Baptist layman who contributed significantly to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. The award will be presented annually to an individual or family who has shown exceptional interest in and support of that agency.

HMB, Louisiana plan New Orleans witness

Southern Baptist leaders have set the stage for what one called the "most significant and perhaps the greatest opportunity" to impact the New Orleans area with the gospel message.

New Orleans area pastors and leaders met with Louisiana Baptist Convention and Home Mission Board workers at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. The group gathered to prepare details for an evangelism emphasis during the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans June 12-14.

Leaders outlined the "Sharing Hope with Geater New Orleans" plan to assist 250 churches Southern Baptists from across the country to lead one-day soul winning workshops. The workshops will be followed by door-to-door witnessing visits by Baptist teams, similar to the effort at Las Vegas, Nev., during the 1989 annual meeting.

The Sharing Hope plan calls for the Home Mission Board to enlist workshop leaders from across the nation. About 100 people already have indicated interest in the project. The leaders and other outside team members will pay for their own lodging and meals during the effort. Local churches will provide transportation.

Meanwhile, the Louisiana Baptist Convention will seek to enlist 250 churches in the greater New Orleans area. The churches will indicate how many outside team members they wish to come to their churches for the effort. Workshop leaders will enlist team members, depending on the requests.

Workshop leaders and team members are scheduled to arrive in New Orleans June 8 for orientation and an afternoon rally. HMB president Larry Lewis is scheduled to address the rally. Saturday, leaders will conduct two-hour evangelism workshops at the churches. Team members will be instructed on how to use tracts and a religious questionnaire supplied by the board. Following the workshop, team members will be sent on door-to-door witnessing visits. They will report back to the churches later in the afternoon. Sunday, the workshop leaders and others will help in a Sunday school "Harvest Day" in the churches. Leaders hope churches will include all older children, youth and adults in a unified service. Leaders and team members also may be involved in morning worship services. Following the convention effort, leaders are hoping local pastors will continue to meet with their witnessing teams, using follow-up materials. (BP)

Baptists fail to tighten Florida abortion laws

Despite the efforts of Baptists in the state, Florida lawmakers refused to tighten legal restrictions on abortion during a special legislative session Oct. 10-11.

Florida Baptists were visible among the 7000-8000 pro-life demonstrators who marched on the capitol before the session, among the dozens of citizens who testified before Senate committees and among the legislators who tried to persuade their colleagues to enact new abortion laws.

But in the end, lawmakers were more willing to preserve the right to choose an abortion than to extend legal protection to the unborn.

All eight of the major antiabortion proposals handled by the Senate were

defeated in committee. Even a modest proposal to tighten licensing requirements for abortion clinics, which a Baptist legislator tried to resurrect on the floor of the Senate, failed to receive the two-thirds vote needed to overrule its rejection by committee. By 9-3 margins, the Senate health and rehabilitative services committee defeated three bills proposed by senator John Grant, a Republican and Baptist layman from Tampa.

The proposals would have required a seven-day waiting period and "objective" counseling for any woman seeking an abortion; prohibited the use of public funds, employes or facilities in performing abortions; and prohibited most abortions if a mandatory test showed the fetus could survive outside the womb. The committee defeated 8-4 a fourth proposal to set up a state adoption center.

By 5-2 margins, the Senate health care committee also defeated four other abortion-related bills. Two bills designed to tighten regulation of abortion clinics were introduced by senator Richard Langley, a Republican and Baptist layman from Clermont. Also defeated were a third clinic-regulation bill and a new tax to fund prenatal and post natal care of poor pregnant women. (BP)

Seven SBC schools make magazine's 'best' list

Seven Southern Baptist universities have been named to a list of America's best colleges by U. S. News and World Report magazine.

Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, N. C.; University of Richmond (Va.); Stetson University, Deland, Fla.; and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., were named to the list of America's best schools in the "variety and vitality" category of regional colleges and universities. The 60 schools in this category were cited as the best at mixing research and liberal arts and catering to students seeking professional and occupational degrees.

The listing published in the national news magazine's Oct. 16 edition, placed Wake Forest number one in regional colleges and universities in the south and University of Richmond as number two. Stetson University captured eighth place among the 15 schools listed in the south.

Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; and Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz., were among 32 colleges and universities named to the magazine's list of best "up-and-coming" educational institutions. The listing of "up-and-coming" schools was based on a reputational survey of 2348 college presidents, deans and admissions officers at 1294 four-year colleges. (BP)

Mrs. Crumpler featured at minister's wives' meet

Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler will be the featured speaker at the third annual Kentucky Minister's Wives Conference, Oct. 27-28 at Cedarmore. The former executive director of WMU, she recently married Joe Crumpler, an Ohio minister. Mrs. Crumpler will direct worship services and be available for special conferences.

Joyce Cordell, Louisville, music educator and soloist, will be in charge of music.

Other conference leaders will include

Donna A. Duncan, award winning quiltmaker, Eminence; Susan Lanford, Nashville, writer and marriage and family enrichment leader; Barbara Chafin, pastor's wife and conference leader, Louisville.

All Kentucky minister's wives are invited. Bring your quilts for display with a story to tell. Charge is \$35. A \$15 registration fee should be mailed to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Box 37, Bagdad, KY 40033.

Missionaries want 11% increase in personnel

Southern Baptist missionaries are asking the convention's Foreign Mission Board to fill 370 new missionary jobs in 1990, an increase of about 11 percent over personnel requests for 1989.

The 3800-plus missionaries also are asking for 285 workers who are not career missionaries, a 30 percent jump over last year. That increase shows a growing emphasis on broadening the pool of Southern Baptists participating in overseas mission work.

Top needs for 1990 include missionaries to start churches among Muslims in the Middle East, train pastors and lay leaders through theological education in Angola and start churches in Hong Kong.

Priorities also include workers to teach English as a second language in Poland, minister to pastors in an eastern European nation, coordinate a program for the handicapped in Mexico City and work in a hospital and public health services in Yemen.

Twelve of global strategists' 25 top requests call for missionary church starters. Four ask for nonresidential missionaries, a new category of workers assigned to help evangelize unreached people groups from outside their homelands, which often are closed to missionaries. (BP)

Pressler does Baptists favor, keeping SBC job

Paul Pressler, a Houston judge and vice chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, has turned down President Bush's nomination to direct the U. S. Office of Government Ethics. But Pressler has accepted a part time administration appointment, which is to

be announced later this fall.

Pressler met in the Oval Office with President Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle and White House Chief of Staff John Sununu Oct. 11. At that time, Pressler declined to accept the top federal ethics post but indicated he would be willing to serve in another capacity, he said.

Contacted in Houston Oct. 18, Pressler told Baptist Press: "The new position will allow me to stay on the bench, maintain my residence in Houston and stay on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. If I had taken the other position, I realized from the very beginning, I would have had to resign the position on the Executive Committee. I have an obligation to serve out the term to which I have been elected by Southern Baptists."

During a mid October interview with Baptist Press, Pressler said that while the full time ethics job would have required Senate confirmation and the new part time post will not, both positions require FBI clearance, and that has been granted. (BP)

Union professor resigns, faces rape, drug charges

John Meadows, associate professor of religion and philosophy at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., resigned immediately after being arrested for possession of marijuana and rape of a female student.

Charges were filed in Madison County, Tenn. Oct. 16. He was released on a \$10,000 bond Oct. 17.

"This is quite a shock to the entire Union University community," said president Hyran E. Barefoot. "Dr. Meadows was one of the most respected members of our faculty. He has done an excellent job, both on campus and off campus. Dr. Meadows was in constant demand as an interim pastor and supply preacher in Baptist churches throughout west Tennessee. In the two years he served Union, all reports about his ministry were extremely positive."

Meadows, 52, came to the Tennessee Baptist school in the fall of 1987. His primary area of teaching was in Old Testament. Previously, he taught at Mid-Continent Bible College, Mayfield, Ky. (BP)

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TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 14

James E. Jones, president, presiding
Music Leader—Ed Garr
 9:00 Special music, Dan Tilford and Betty Jean Chatham
 9:10 Campbellsville Baptist Church Choir, Ed Garr, director
 9:25 Call to Order of the 152nd convention, James E. Jones
 Prayer, President
 9:30 Hymn, "He Lives"
 9:35 Welcome, Earl S. Bell
 9:40 Organization of the 152nd convention, Doris Yeiser
 Appointment of committees, James E. Jones
 Appointment of tellers, James E. Jones
 Report: Committee on credentials, Steve Crider
 Report: Committee on order of business, T. A. Prickett
 10:00 Report: Cooperative Program, Greg Earwood
 10:05 Report: Baptist Hospitals, Roger Struble
 10:15 Hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
 10:20 Report: Western Recorder
 10:30 Report: Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Curtis C. Mooney
 10:40 Report: Committee on constitution and bylaws, Bill Tichenor
 10:45 Hymn, "Nothing But the Blood"
 10:50 Campbellsville Baptist Church Choir, Ed Garr, director
 11:00 President's address, James E. Jones
 11:30 Hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival"
 Benediction, Malcolm Lunceford

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Nov. 14

Music Leader—Gary Carrier
 1:30 Kentucky Baptist Instrumental Ensemble, Bill Williams, director
 Kentucky Baptist Chorale, Ron Turner, director
 2:00 Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"
 2:05 Theme interpretation and prayer, Ted Sisk
 2:20 Fraternal greetings
 2:40 Recognition of new leadership, William W. Marshall
 2:55 Report and recommendations:
 executive board, William W. Marshall
 3:25 Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation"
 3:30 Election of the president
 3:45 Business session and resolutions
 3:55 Election of the president (runoff, if needed)
 4:05 Hymn, "Come, We that Love the Lord"
 4:10 Report of executive secretary-treasurer, William W. Marshall
 4:30 Hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival"
 Benediction, Mikell Robinson

TUESDAY EVENING, Nov. 14

Music Leader—Ron Sholar
 6:45 Southern Seminary Brass Quintet, Doug Smith, director
 7:00 Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing"
 7:05 Theme interpretation and prayer, Lincoln Bingham
 7:20 Report: Obituaries committee, Ray Cooper
 7:25 Report: Temperance League, Claude Witt
 7:30 Election of officers
 7:40 Reports: Communications Division, Gregory L. Hancock
 Media Department, Paul W. Lee
 7:55 Hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
 8:00 Reports: Missions and Church Services Division, C. Benton Williams
 Brotherhood/Human Needs Department, Robert Y. Simpkins
 Church Music Department, Jim Cordell
 Church Training Department, Douglas T. Strader
 Direct Missions Department, Robert C. Jones
 Evangelism/Inter-Faith Witness Department, William D. Jagers
 Student Work/Church Recreation Department, Don Blaylock
 Sunday School/Church Architecture Department, Chip Miller
 8:45 Hymn, "Send the Light"
 8:50 Report: Home Mission Board, Rick Robbins
 8:55 Special music, Julie Eaton
 9:00 Home missions message, Larry L. Lewis
 9:30 Hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival"
 Benediction, Evelyn Gardner

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Nov. 15

Music Leader—George Cavanah
 9:15 Southern Seminary Brass Quintet, Doug Smith, director
 9:30 Hymn, "At the Cross"
 9:35 Theme interpretation and prayer, Don Short
 9:50 Report: Historical Commission, Verlin C. Kruschwitz
 9:55 Report: Committee on arrangements, Earl S. Bell
 10:00 Report: Conventionwide education, David Q. Byrd
 10:05 Reports: Office of Resource Development, C. Vernon Cole
 Stewardship Department, C. Vernon Cole

10:15 Miscellaneous business
 10:35 Hymn, "Love Lifted Me"
 10:40 Report: Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Richard G. Carnes
 10:50 Scripture reading and prayer, Robert DeFoor
 10:55 Special music, Roger Cowen
 11:00 Convention sermon, Henry B. Huff
 11:30 Hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival"
 Benediction, Rob Whitworth

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Nov. 15

Music Leader—Ben McNees
 1:45 Southern Seminary Brass Quintet, Doug Smith, director
 2:00 Hymn, "God Give Us Christian Homes"
 2:05 Theme interpretation and prayer, James Haskell
 2:20 Reports: Business Division, Barry G. Allen
 Accounting Services Department, Cathy Roy-Sanders
 Administrative Services Department, B. J. Watts Jr.
 Computer Services Department, Douglas D. Hays
 Support Services Department, John Pate
 Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Harold Barnes
 Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, Deward Hurst
 2:30 Report: Committee on resolutions, Earl Cathey
 3:00 Hymn, "Blessed Redeemer"
 3:05 Miscellaneous business
 3:20 Georgetown College Choir, Tony Whitfield, director
 3:30 Report: Christian education in Kentucky, Jim Hawkins
 3:35 Report: Cumberland College, James H. Taylor
 3:40 Report: Campbellsville College, Kenneth W. Winters
 3:45 Report: Oneida Baptist Institute, Barkley Moore
 3:50 Report: Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Bill D. Whittaker
 3:55 Georgetown College Choir, Tony Whitfield, director
 4:00 Report: Georgetown College and Christian education message,
 W. Morgan Patterson
 4:20 Hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"
 4:25 Report: Committee on public affairs, Glenn Mollette
 4:40 Report: Committee on committees, Jerry Lowrie
 4:50 Report: Committee on nominations, William C. Ray
 5:00 Hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival"
 Benediction, Stanley Salchli

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Nov. 15

Music Leader—Jim Cordell
 7:15 Franklin associational choir and instrumental ensemble
 7:40 Special music, David Ford
 7:45 Hymn, "We've A Story to Tell"
 7:50 Theme interpretation and prayer, Bryant Hicks
 8:05 Recognition of Franklin Association on 175th anniversary,
 Verlin C. Kruschwitz
 8:15 Partnership Recognition:
 Kentucky/Ohio, Tal D. Bonham
 Kentucky/Brazil, Sarah and Kent Faris
 8:45 Hymn, "The Light of the World is Jesus"
 8:50 Report: Foreign Mission Board, Susan Keith
 8:55 Special music, David Ford and Franklin associational choir
 9:00 Message, John Cheyne
 9:30 Hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival"
 Benediction, Pierce Dodson

THURSDAY MORNING, Nov. 16

Music Leader—Eddie Russell
 9:15 Special music, Dan Tilford and Betty Chatham
 9:30 Hymn, "Jesus Saves"
 9:35 Theme interpretation and prayer, William D. Jagers
 9:50 Reports: Minister/Church Support Division, Bill Rogers
 Annuity Department, Don Spencer
 Cooperative Ministries, Lincoln Bingham
 Family Ministry and Church Administration Department, John Lepper
 Minister/Church Relations Department, Guy C. Futral Jr.
 10:20 Special music, David Ford
 10:25 Report: WMU, Dee Gilliland
 10:35 Hymn, "Set My Soul Afire"
 10:40 Miscellaneous business
 10:50 Recognition of convention officers, William W. Marshall
 10:55 Introduction of speaker, James E. Jones
 11:00 Special music, David Ford
 11:05 Message, Frederick D. Haynes III
 11:35 Recognition of new officers and presentation of gavel, James E. Jones
 11:45 Hymn, "Lord, Send a Revival"
 Benediction, Ed Talley

**Kentucky Baptist
Pastor's Conference**
November 13, 1989
Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center
Frankfort

- 1:30 Preservice music, Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro
- 1:45 Welcome, Ed V. Talley
- 1:50 Scripture and prayer, James Haskell
- 1:55 "Exercising our Gifts through Love," Paul Welch
- 2:15 Hymn
- Special music, Lewis Lane Baptist Church
- 2:25 "Facing Your Own Anger," Andy Lester
- 2:50 Offering
- 3:00 "Ministering Beyond the Local Church," Floyd Price
- 3:20 Special music, Lewis Lane Baptist Church
- 3:30 "Following God's Will," Tony Wilson
- 3:50 Hymn
- 3:55 Testimony, "Never Resign on Monday," Paul Godsey
- 4:05 Special music, Lewis Lane Baptist Church
- 4:10 "Surviving Over the Long Haul," Frank Crumpler
- 4:35 Benediction, William P. Cubine
- 6:45 Special music, First Baptist Church Choir, Ashland
- 7:00 Scripture and prayer, Gene Crowder
- 7:05 "Speak, Lord, for Thy Servant Hears," Greg C. Earwood
- 7:25 Special music, Todd Dowdy
- 7:30 "Ministering to Angry People in the Church," Andy Lester
- 7:55 Greetings, James E. Jones
- 8:00 Greetings, William W. Marshall
- 8:05 Election of officers
- 8:15 Offering
- 8:20 "Turning Stumbling Blocks into Stepping Stones," W. B. Bingham II
- 8:40 Special music, First Baptist Church Choir, Ashland
- 8:45 "The Man God Uses," Frank Crumpler
- 9:10 Presentation of new officers
- 9:15 Benediction, William Hartung

**Kentucky Baptist
Religious Education
Association**
November 13, 1989
Captial Plaza Hotel
Frankfort

- 11:00 Registration
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Welcome
- 1:15 Faith Care, Daniel Aleshire
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Small group sessions
 - 1. Children/Preschool, Ann Smith
 - 2. Youth
 - 3. Adult, Michael Harton
 - 4. Senior Adult, Jim Cobban
- 3:30 Wrapup, Daniel Aleshire
- 4:00 Dismiss
- 6:00 Banquet

**Kentucky Baptist
Music Association**
November 13, 1989
First Baptist Church
Frankfort

- 11:30 Officers' luncheon
- 1:00 Registration opens
- 1:30 Call to order, Dick Ham
- Welcome, Larry Cook
- 1:45 Worship, Gil and Brenda Fauber
- 2:15 "What a Pastor Expects from a Minister of Music and What a Minister of Music Should Expect from a Pastor," John Hewett
- 3:00 Break
- 3:45 Concert, Georgetown College Chorale, Tony Whitfield, director
- 4:30 Annual business session
- 4:45 Break
- Kentucky Singing Women rehearsal
- Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal
- 6:00 Banquet
- 7:30 Break
- 8:15 "TV Evangelism and Its Effect on Southern Baptist Worship," John Hewett
- 9:00 Dismiss

**Kentucky Baptist
Director of Missions
Fellowship**
November 13, 1989
Georgetown College Cafeteria
Georgetown

- 6:30 Dinner hosted by Georgetown College
- Invocation, Bill Beard
- Greetings, Morgan W. Patterson
- Response, L. M. Huff
- Prayer of thanksgiving, Terry Sills
- Meal
- Tales from the mountains of eastern Kentucky, Janus Jones
- Business
 - Minutes of previous meetings, Rick Robbins
 - Treasurer's report, Rick Robbins
 - Election of officers
 - Committee report on identity statement for Kentucky DOMs
 - Constitution amendments
 - Other items from DOMs
- Recognitions
 - Guests, Billie Wright
 - Past presidents, Billie Wright
 - Retirees/persons retiring this year, L. M. Huff
 - DOM of the year, Harold Greenfield
- Devotional, David Aker
- Personal prayer concerns, L. M. Huff
- Closing remarks, new president-elect



Bill D. Whittaker
President
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clear creek chronicle

Disabled but available

It is a long way from Paducah to Pineville but an appeal in this column for a volunteer brought the two together.

James Emerson was in the West Union Association office and read my request for volunteers. The need for an electrician to study campus housing wiring prompted a telephone call to my office. He and Mrs. Emerson (Margaret) made the seven hour trip and stayed with us two days. Thirty-eight cottages and two apartment complexes were examined.

During the following weeks he completed detailed written recommendations on upgrading the electrical service and prepared a materials and cost list for each unit. On a second trip he surveyed Kelly Hall and met with Kentucky utilities representatives. This excellent research saved us much money and we now wait for \$16,000 in material and work crews. Is your mission group interested?

Emerson was called to preach at age 29 after 12 years as an electrician. While pastoring and doing electrical work he attended Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College and was graduated cum laude in 1967. He has pastored churches in Caldwell, Ballard and Graves counties. His longest pastorate was 10 years at Providence church, Ballard County. A 1987 heart attack brought disability status and the past two years have included six hospital stays. "I can't do the repair work but if I pace myself and rest I can tell you what needs to be done." Availability coupled with ability always meet the need.

Like most first time visitors, Emerson was surprised at Clear Creek's development. "I wasn't expecting all of this and am very impressed."

Nothing replaces a personal visit to your Kentucky Baptist institutions. Thank you James Emerson for reminding us limitations should not prevent mission involvement.

ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED

Remodeling teams: Church or association carpenter teams to remodel student housing units. Work includes cabinets, partitions, paneling, painting, electrical and plumbing; sponsor needs to furnish \$3000-5000 for materials.

Duke of Paducah

Longevity of this prayer warrior nets results that may outlast him

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Enigma: 1. An obscure saying; a riddle. 2. Anything inexplicable; also, an inscrutable person.

Inexplicable: Not explicable; incapable of being explained, interpreted or accounted for.

Inscrutable: Incapable of being searched into and understood; incomprehensible; unfathomable.

H. Stanton Carney: All of the above.

At 92, the duke of Paducah (our designation) defies description by almost any standard.

The engaging conversationalist adorned with white hair and mustache seems as vigorous and alert as some men 30 years his junior.

Carney has lived nearly two decades in an unpretentious home he and his late wife Beckie purchased on Paducah's west side. The only visible symbol of prosperity is a very large black Lincoln Continental parked in back which he no longer drives. Instead, a faithful brother-in-law, Herman, whom Carney fondly calls "my keeper," uses it to run errands for him.

BUT IN HIS HEYDAY, THINGS WERE DIFFERENT.

Carney had to interrupt his training to become a physician when World War I erupted. After serving as an Air Force pilot, he returned to his studies, but his old interest in medicine—largely fostered by his doctor daddy—simply didn't exist anymore. He changed career plans, attended the University of Illinois and the University of Texas, and earned degrees in architecture and civil engineering.

There were few architects in those days who knew anything about construction, he remembers. Neither were there many construction workers who knew anything about architecture. The enterprising young Carney saw a window of opportunity and combined the two. It paid off well.

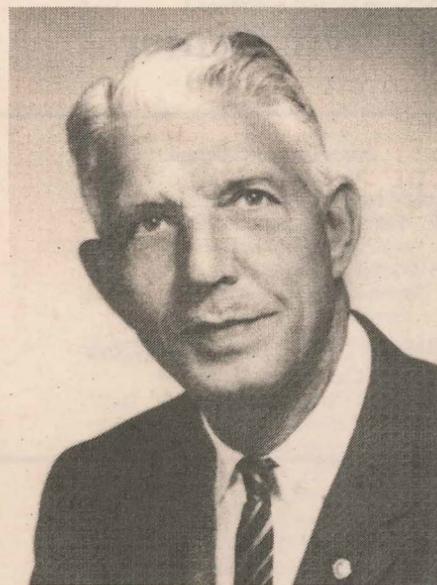
He built roads and county court houses and jails and other local landmarks. By the time he had reached age 40 he had already amassed his first million dollars. "The problem was," he now allows, "I didn't have enough experience to know how to handle the prosperity."

Without batting an eye Carney will tell you he has "absolutely no interest" in material things today. He says he gets far more pleasure out of "trying to show people about Christ."

He's been concentrating on that for a half-century, actually.

In the 1940s he adopted yet another profession—writing. Thankful the Lord had been "so good to me," he asked God to help him do something tangible to express the gratitude in his heart. The result was, while studying the Bible on a regular, concentrated basis, Carney began to write down his own interpretations, verse by verse.

THAT'S HOW HIS WRITING "CAREER" BEGAN. He later used the skills he acquired to report for secular newspapers in Louisville and Atlanta



H. Stanton Carney

and as a state correspondent for Western Recorder. For many years he produced an ongoing series called *Sermons by Mail*. He authored more than 30 books.

Shortly after his arrival in Paducah in 1970 Carney was drawn to Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield. He became a trustee of the school for a decade and joined the faculty, too. There he instigated classes in creative writing, Bible, Hebrew and Greek.

A versatile man, Carney knows seven languages—Italian, German, Greek, Hebrew, Spanish, hieroglyphics and "a little English," he jokingly adds.

He became such a well known Bible scholar in that area that he was asked to teach an extension course at the Eddyville State Penitentiary one day a week. That ran into 10 years during which he taught Greek and homiletics (the study of writing and delivering sermons) and several other courses.

Ever the humorous one, Carney often said he had more friends on the "inside" than he did on the "outside."

An accomplished musician who acquired skills at the keyboard later in life, Carney holds membership in Paducah's First Baptist Church. He has been active there in several capacities, and loves to visit with his pastor, J. Robert White, and talk about things "that will bring Christians into a closer relationship with their maker."

TODAY, HIS CONSUMING PASSION IS TO HELP CHRISTIANS RETURN to the "apostolic practices of the word of God and prayer." Says Carney: "We need prayer now more than we ever have before."

He describes himself as "a nut on prayer" but claims, "If we don't pray, our churches are gonna die spiritually."

He is convinced that God has called him to spend his last years calling the people of the church back to prayer.

Carney spends hours in prayer. On adding machine tape he has typed single spaced names which make up his permanent prayer list, now 15 feet long.

When sleep won't come, he pulls the list across his bed, praying for about 30 names at a time. Death alone cancels a

name from his list. It will be several months before he has prayed for every name on the list. And then he starts over.

Carney says he does not merely mention a name to the Lord. Instead, he offers three or four specific needs for each one.

In addition to his permanent list, he maintains a card file containing hundreds of temporary requests. When a visitor (he has many for counseling, teaching or just to talk) comes by and shares a need or he observes potential gifts for ministry, he jots the information on a card. He prays for that person until some visible sign occurs. Not long ago Carney discarded nearly 300 requests which had been answered.

"I'm very careful about these cards," he allows. "Some things on them no other person knows. No one else is allowed to see them."

CARNEY EXPECTS TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF HIS WORK through the ministry of about 20 present and former students he has taught in several institutions. Believing his greatest achievements have been through his teaching, he is convinced his students will accomplish 20 times more than he has through simple multiplication alone.

"I'm closer now to heaven than to earth," he believes. "I can't wait to get there with Beckie" (his devoted companion of 62 years).

Asked about his longevity, he offers this 'secret': "If you want to live to a ripe old age, you simply have to live a long time," he chuckles.

Inexplicable. Inscrutable. And yet, so lovable. Who would want Stanton Carney any other way?

Also contributing to this story was Janice Hughes.

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homes for children

Children are special

Our Lord regarded children as being special. In Mark 10:14 he rebuked the disciples for turning away the children and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (NIV).

Jesus' attitude toward children was very different from the world around him at the time and indeed for centuries to come. In our Lord's day children who were maimed at birth or unwanted were often abandoned outside of the city. Many children died in infancy so society often failed to recognize them until they grew older.

Throughout history children have been treated as miniature adults. The idea of their innocence and the need to treat them as special stems from the 1600s when through the reading of God's word people became aware of Jesus' attitude toward them.

For the next two centuries the children of royalty and the upper class began to be protected from the coarser elements of life. The change for poorer children did not begin until the mid 1800s. This country's child labor laws were not passed until early in this century. My father-in-law, J. W. Wilson, went to work in the mines with his dad at a very young age.

Orphanages and children's homes came into being in the 1800s as churches and other groups recognized the abominable conditions of children living in the almshouses or on the streets. Families were quite large in those days, for children were needed on the farm, but when the parents died as so many did due to harsh conditions and poor health care of rural America, there was no place for the children to go. So Louisville Baptist Orphanage and Kentucky Baptist Children's Home came into existence.

Today the needs of children are quite different. It is easier to find a home for an orphaned child than for the "orphans of the living" with their scars of abuse and neglect that present today's challenge.

Jesus says in Mark 9:37, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." Kentucky Baptists welcome children every day through the ministry of Baptist Homes for Children.

clear creek

National alumni officers for 1989-90 have been elected at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville.

President-elect Mike Sledge is pastor of West Pineville Baptist Church. Brancie Stephens, new vice president, is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Aiken, S. C. Secretary Beth Wyatt is assistant to the president at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, and Ronnie Pennington, assistant secretary, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Wooton.

campbellsville college



Eubank



Stewart

Campbellsville (Ky.) College has hired two Campbellsville graduates as college staff and faculty members.

Pam Watson Stewart, a 1989 graduate of the college, is an admissions counselor. She graduated from Sheffield Christian Academy, Sheffield Lake, Oh., in 1983 and received her BM degree from Campbellsville. She is minister of music at Central Baptist Church, Lebanon.

Damon Eubank, 1981 graduate of Campbellsville, has been named instructor of history.

Eubank is a 1977 graduate of North Hardin (Ky.) High School. He received his MA degree from Auburn (Ala.) University in 1984 and his PhD from Mississippi State University in 1989. He has taught part time at Elizabethtown (Ky.) Community College and Mississippi University for Women.

Several Campbellsville (Ky.) College students with Kentucky ties have been cast in the production of Oscar Wilde's play "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Kentucky cast members are Sean Slage, Science Hill; John Neikirk, Somerset; Julie Tinsely, Mt. Washington; Don Mattingly, Campbellsville; and Kathy Buckman, Marion County. Tammie Gibson, of Glasgow, is director, and Russ Mobley, assistant professor of drama and speech at the college, is production coordinator.

The drama will be presented at the College Theater of Campbellsville Nov. 2-4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be reserved by calling the college at (502) 465-8158.

Campbellsville (Ky.) College honored an alumnus, a professor and three churches at its annual homecoming banquet.

Robert L. Miller Jr., mayor of Campbellsville, was awarded the Campbellsville College Distinguished Alumnus Award. Miller graduated from the college in 1948 and has been mayor of Campbellsville 24 years.

H. E. Coker, a retired professor, was named an honorary alumnus. Coker began teaching in the college's Christian studies division in 1967. He retired from full time teaching this past summer but

continues to teach part time. He has also been director of financial development and acting vice president of advancement. Away from the college, Coker has pastored several churches, including First Baptist Church, Hodgenville.

The college also honored three churches for their dedicated support of the institution. Those churches honored were Campbellsville Baptist Church, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, and First Baptist Church, Murray.

cumberland college

Cumberland College will hold its annual chemistry symposium and science olympiad Nov. 3. The statewide event offers students competitive challenges in biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, computer science, and military science.

Kris Kimel, executive director, Kentucky Science and Technology Council Inc., will address this year's competitors. Participants may preregister by contacting Ann Hoffelder at (606) 549-2200.

georgetown

Youth choirs from Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia are invited to participate in the 11th annual "Youth Choir Day" at Georgetown College Nov. 11. The event, for junior and senior high school choir members, will

run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This year's choir day will feature the mass choir's performance of a commissioned anthem written by Bob Burroughs, a Southern Baptist composer and conductor from Atlanta. Four Kentucky church musicians will be sectional leaders: Andy Clifton, Shively Baptist Church; Jim Cordell, director, Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Music Department; Dick Ham, First Baptist Church, Richmond; and Kent Jackson, First Baptist Church, Paducah.

Auditions for music scholarships will be offered by the Georgetown College music faculty for seniors only at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For registration information contact Steve Cook at Georgetown College, (502) 863-8041.

The Georgetown College Student Government Association will present its 1989 homecoming show "The Times of Our Lives" Oct. 27-28 at 8 p. m. in John L. Hill Chapel. The variety show will feature music of this century.

The show is free but seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling (502) 863-8147.

Georgetown College will honor L. E. "Brad" Jones with a reception following the homecoming football game Oct. 28.

The reception, to be held at the college's Cralle Student Center, will recognize Jones for being named "coach emeritus" earlier this year. Jones, 94, coaches golf at the college and is believed to be the oldest active coach in America. The public is invited to attend the reception.



Georgetown College is beginning a one-year campaign to increase metropolitan awareness of its academic program. A billboard donated by Naegele Outdoor Advertising Co. will be displayed at several locations in Louisville over the next year.



Milton Ferguson (r) and J. Truett Gannon (l) welcome Jean Crady of Owensboro, to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. Ferguson, president of the seminary, and Gannon, chairman of the board of trustees, recently conducted an orientation for new trustees. Mrs. Crady, a layperson, was elected to the board in June by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Owensboro.



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oneida journal

Oneida choir

"As you know, we are Catholic but your school is one of our interests. There is so much pain and unrest today. It is a blessing to know of one place, Oneida, where God's work is done as it should be."

The above letter came a few days ago from Indiana with a \$250 donation. Such a letter and gift are both helpful in a physical sense, as well as uplifting in a spiritual sense.

Thus was my recent invitation to speak at First Baptist, Paintsville, where Don Yeager is pastor. The church received a sizable bequest some months ago. Rather than hoarding it, they decided to share from their new bounty with others. They made a substantial extra gift to the Cooperative Program, to Clear Creek, to different places. They set aside \$5000 for Oneida which has come at a very needed time.

Normally our potato cellar is filled with thousands of bushels at this time of the year. Seven acres of our potatoes were destroyed in the flood of June 16. We planned to replant a second crop near the end of July for late potatoes. We ordered a substantial number of seed potatoes, but five days after their expected delivery, we still had none. Backtracking we found that someone

along the way of shipment had put them in a refrigerated car and, of course, they were destroyed. When we immediately placed another order we were told there were no seed left.

So, aside from the 92 bushels given us by Okolona Baptist near Nancy and a similar amount by Booneville Association, we have no potatoes. Buying will be a continuing financial drain on us throughout the coming ten months until, God blessing, we can raise another crop.

Daily as we feed our very large Oneida family, we will have to buy much. I hope our friends who can help provide those extra needed dollars will keep that continuing need in mind until our next garden season.

We had a tremendous homecoming last weekend, the largest ever. A wonderfully amusing play on Friday night honored Ralph and Martha Wilson on their 50th wedding anniversary. Retired now, Ralph worked many years as a maintenance man on our campus before becoming a barber and his wife was a cook. We hosted a dinner for nearly 100 family members and friends.

We had nice weather on Saturday and continuous homecoming events for 12 hours. We won our homecoming soccer game 3-2 against Laurel County, came in second in a field of 10 schools running 3.1 mile in our cross-country meet and lost our volleyball competition. The seniors raised a substantial amount of money for their annual trip to Washington and colonial Williamsburg with a "homerun baseball derby" and similar activities.

Our choir and band outdid themselves in their respective performances. Our choir has been meeting a performance schedule as heavy as we normally have in the spring. Last year they traveled over 5000 miles in concert. This year's schedule will top that. For example, our choir will be in far western Kentucky at the end of this month.

Saturday night, Oct. 28 they will give a concert at 7 p.m. at Robards Baptist near Henderson. Many of our Baptists in that part of the state can hear them without missing a service in their own church. Sunday, Oct. 29, our choir will sing in the Sturgis First Baptist service at 11 a.m., a concert honoring the Lord and the 90th birthday of one of his choice servants, Charlene Dorroh. That night they will sing in Mayfield at 6:30 p.m. in Hickory Baptist Church and then an all night bus trip back to Oneida in time for classes on Monday. Pray for their travels.



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR OCT. 29, 1989

Life and work series

The power for missions

Acts 1:8 Witnessing to Christ's power to save is a task which is incumbent upon all Christians. No greater work than this can occupy the thought, time, strength and substance of human beings.

A witness is a person who has seen, heard, experienced or known something and is willing to tell what he knows. Christ commissioned Christians to witness for him by their works, ways and walks. This mission of witnessing for Christ under the leadership of the Holy Spirit is to begin at home and extend to the people in all lands.

Acts 2:1-4 On the 50th day after the feast of the passover, the disciples were assembled in the upper room in Jerusalem in a wonderful spirit of unanimity and purpose when the Holy Spirit descended upon them. There was an audible evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit; suddenly there came from heaven a sound which resembled a violent wind. There was a visible proof of his presence; there appeared unto the disciples divided tongues which resembled fire and one sat upon the head of each one present. They began to speak in languages which they had not known previously and those present understood what they said.

Acts 2:36-41 The Holy Spirit used Peter's memorable sermon to pierce the

hearts of his hearers and convince them of the truth of his message, convict them of their guilt and fill them with fear of the wrath of God. Upon hearing Peter's sermon, the Jews cried, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter commanded them to repent and to be baptized in the name of Christ. Having been cleansed from their sins, they gladly submitted to baptism as an evidence of their faith in Christ. Their spirit, conduct and service resulted in the salvation of many and their addition to the church.

International series

Challenged to stand firm

II Thessalonians 2:1-15 The Thessalonian believers had not been Christians very long and were in need of instruction in the things of the Lord. In these verses one detects Paul's great disappointment and genuine grief on account of their instability and gullibility. He reproved his readers for allowing false teachers and deceivers to lead them astray from the truth. Paul urged his readers not to be upset or confused by the dogmatic assertions of those who had either been misinformed, or had spoken with a note of finality on subjects on which they were not qualified to speak.

In addition to answering various questions and reproving the Thessalonian Christians for allowing false teachers and deceivers to lead them astray from the truth, Paul exhorted them to hold fast to the truths of the Christian faith which he had taught them. He admonished them to remain steadfast in their beliefs, knowing full well such perseverance would result in right conduct in their lives.

Paul sought to convince the Thessalonian believers they were not then in the day of the Lord, and they had not missed the rapture; therefore, there was not any justification for their ceasing to believe what the Holy Spirit had led him to teach them while he was in their midst.

We need to be reminded as the time draws nearer for the return of Christ the dissemination of false doctrines and defection from the Christian faith will become more prevalent and widespread than they were in Paul's day. For this reason, all of God's children should remain firmly grounded in the word of God, refuse to be moved from the truth by the wiles of Satan and be faithful in sharing God's truth with all who are on the earthly scene.



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The pear tree

on mission together

At the beginning of a meeting a few weeks ago committee chairman Gerard Howell, now pastor of Central Baptist Church in Lexington, shared the follow-

ing as the basis of his devotional.

Taken from the June 1988 *Guideposts*, it was written by a physician. It spoke to the needs of several of us. Perhaps you the reader will be blessed as well.

"Sometimes I feel sorry for myself. I seem to focus on all that's wrong in my world. Not having enough time—that always leads the list. How can I get done all that's expected of me? I start the day at the hospital, then hear patients' concerns all day long. They're hurting or frightened or lonely. They need so much of my precious time. Then home to a family with needs, to hear all that is going on in four other lives. What about my life?"

"After just such a day recently, I walked to an abandoned orchard near our home. A gnarled old pear tree as ancient as Methuselah is the patriarch of those still standing. It hasn't been pruned in this century.

"As I leaned against its twisted trunk, a pear dropped at my foot, then another. The musty smell of pears was sweet,

rising from the mounds of fruit littering the ground. Some were still fresh and ready to eat; others were rotting, good only for worms. No one came to care for the tree or pick the pears, yet it made no difference to the tree. Each season it blossomed, producing fruit that bent its branches to overflowing with a bounty that went unused.

"But today I took something from the tree. It became a tiny reflection of God's bounty to me. As I stopped to think of all God's good gifts to me, the unstinting generosity of the tree made me a bit ashamed of my earlier self-pity.

"I would sink my roots deep into the love of God, as this old tree had done, trusting him to supply my needs. I would continue to meet the needs of those who depended on me. And I would open my eyes to all of God's good gifts in my life."

"Dear Lord, You give us so much, yet we often don't pick up the fruit you shower upon us. I ask for one more gift—a sense of gratitude."

Youth work keeps Southwestern Baptist Seminary professor young

by Chip Alford

Each time Phil Briggs steps on to the speaker's platform at a youth conference or seminar he enters a new dimension—the fun dimension.

"I don't think you can reach teenagers unless you reach them through the fun dimension," said Briggs, professor of youth education and recreation at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. The positive upbeat youth educator knows the value of recreation, games and music in presenting the gospel to teenagers, Briggs believes.

At 55, his enthusiasm for youth ministry is unwavering.

"I believe that our ministry to youth has to be developmentally based as well as theologically and biblically based," Briggs said.

Briggs knows how to have fun himself. His background in and love for recreation led officials at the Baptist Sunday School Board to invite Briggs and his wife Jennette to cowrite a book on the topic. The result was *Recreation Xtras: A Prescription for Family Fun*.

Briggs, father of three children with families of their own, described the book as "a resource book on family recreation—what to do and how to do it, at

church, at home, on the road, while camping. We didn't have to do a tremendous amount of research for the project. We lived it."

While Briggs' primary task remains teaching youth education and recreation classes at the seminary, he also travels the country to lead conferences, seminars and workshops for teenagers and their parents.

Briggs often works as half of a Christian entertainment team with Kansas City, Mo. homemaker/entertainer Rosemary Hoover, his ministry partner of 23 years. To date, the duo has presented their mix of humor, songs, lectures and sermons to teenagers.

"Parenting is a lot like wallpapering," Briggs said. "When you know how to do it, you're through. It's really hard for parents to turn their kids loose."

Briggs was born in Ponca City, Okla., the youngest of nine children. His father was a deacon in First Baptist Church and his mother was Woman's Missionary Union president.

"Church was basically an extension of our home," Briggs recalled. "We grew up in church, and my father would take me to sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention when I was a young boy and teenager."

Briggs said his father was largely responsible for his interest in youth ministry. "He had a deep conviction for what the church should do for young people," Briggs said.

Although he never had a firm call to preach, Briggs said he experienced "a very deep sense of calling to the ministry" at age 14. His calling to the class-



As a family project, Jeanette and Phil Briggs wrote the book *Recreation Xtras*.

room came the summer after his freshman year at Hardin-Simmons (Tex.) University.

Briggs graduated from Hardin-Simmons in 1955 with a BA in religious education and Bible and later earned MRE and DRE degrees from Southwestern. He worked in a variety of church staff positions in Texas and Arkansas between 1952-63, including education, music, youth and administration. He later taught religious education and music at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. before coming to Southwestern in 1971. He has also been interim pastor and church administrator at a number of Missouri and Texas churches and campus minister of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Missouri.

At 56, his enthusiasm for youth ministry is unwavering.

"I have a feeling that there are some people who can do youth ministry for a longer period of time," he said. "You just have to have the psychological edge and love young people and relate to them."

Teaching students at Southwestern has been a special blessing, Briggs said, because he had been able to develop relationships with hundreds of students who will in turn develop hundreds of relationships with teenagers.

"The greatest joy that I get is seeing my students go somewhere and do good youth work," he said. "I happen to be one of many who has touched their lives and I get a lot of strokes out of that."

Southern Baptist Seminary conference emphasizes arts in worship

by Pat Cole

Churches could help nurture their members by encouraging "a full expression" of the talents of all their members, claimed a Southern Baptist theologian.

"It is axiomatic that humans are artistic," said William L. Hendricks, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. "It is consequent that Christians should express their artistic abilities and cultivate their worship through appreciation for and production of the beautiful."

Hendricks addressed Southern Seminary's first national Conference on Religion and the Arts. The conference drew 125 people and focused on the use of various musical, dramatic and visual art forms in local churches.

During his address, Hendricks made some observations about current art forms used in Southern Baptist congregations.

Music is Southern Baptists' most prized and most highly developed art form, he said, noting that 1.7 million Southern Baptists participate in graded choirs and 4800 full time ministers of music work in Southern Baptist churches. Southern Baptists express a wide variety of musical tastes, he noted.

A "diminishing core of commonly

known or appreciated hymns" exists in Southern Baptist life, Hendricks said.

"Tensions mount when highly trained ministers of music seek to refine or redefine the musical tastes of congregations," he added. "Gospel songs and praise choruses are desired by some congregations, anthems and classical hymns by others. There are

has been more important than aesthetics" in the design of many Southern Baptist churches.

Much of the design, Hendricks noted, incorporates fashionable colors and furnishings but lacks theological awareness. Modern designers are "presumably unaware of the visual symbols of the Christian faith" and are thus "finishing and

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increasing numbers of churches who have both hymn books and gospel song books in the music racks of the pews."

Southern Baptists face the challenge of making music a "unifying rather than a divisive art," he said.

Architecture, which he pointed out is sometimes called the oldest art form, also has received some attention by Southern Baptists, Hendricks said. He said that Baptist architecture progressed from rural log meeting places in the colonial period to "brick churches of some architectural importance and beauty" which began to be built as urban areas grew. In recent years, however, "function

furnishing our church interiors in the fashion of television studios, commercial offices and swanky public buildings."

Paintings and other related visual arts are Southern Baptists' most neglected art forms, Hendricks said. Few paintings exist in Baptist churches except for rural baptistry art, he noted.

"There are no theological reasons that we should not worship God with our eyes," said Hendricks. "We whose tradition has often stressed the visual aspects of eschatology (the end times) would do well to incarnate and encourage appropriate visual aspects in our worship here and now."

While Southern Baptists have not been noted for their emphasis on the arts, Hendricks cited encouraging signs. The Baptist Sunday School Board's church drama work has had "burgeoning results." Baptist campus ministries and the two mission boards have made increasing use of the arts. He cited Southern Seminary's Center for Religion and the Arts and a new Southern Baptist organization called Churches and Christians in the Arts as examples of Southern Baptist interest.

In another address, John Dillenberger, professor emeritus at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Cal., called for the incorporation of both the visual and the verbal in Christian worship.

Churches need "a rightful view of both the visual and the verbal," he said. "They represent one reality though two modalities, each appropriately important and necessary for the full expression of our humanity."

Dillenberger concurred with Hendricks in noting that visual arts are the least accepted art form in churches today. "It is surely ironic that many churches will not shrink at spending large sums of money for a new organ but not a penny for paintings or sculpture," he said.

He encouraged conference participants to develop a "discerning eye" to enhance their appreciation of the visual arts. (BP)

KENTUCKY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

I was hungry and you formed a humanities club
to discuss my hunger.
Thank you.

I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly
to your chapel to pray for my release.
Nice.

I was naked and in your mind you debated the
morality of my appearance.
What good did that do?

I was sick and you knelt and thanked God for
your health.
But I needed you.

I was homeless and you preached to me of the
shelter of the love of God.
I wish you'd taken me home.

I was lonely and you left me alone to pray for me.
Why didn't you stay?

You seem so holy, so close to God; but I'm still
very hungry, lonely, cold, and still in pain.
Does it matter?

The above writing is a paraphrased prelude to the 1989-90 WMU watchword: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40, KJV) Many of us memorized this verse as a member of Girls Auxiliary. This year, it is our watchword and it supports our emphasis—"In His Name: Reach, Teach, Touch."



The visual for the emphasis is three hearts—overlapping and intertwining. This seems to illustrate the truth that we do not do one to the exclusion of the others, but that we do all of them. As Christians, we Reach and Teach and Touch.

During this year, Woman's Missionary Union wants to REACH people for Christ. We also want to REACH more church members for involvement in the WMU organizations. WMU wants to TEACH people to see needs around them. We want to TEACH folks that missions is something positive, not negative. We want to remind the church that missions is everyone's responsibility, not just the task of women and children. WMU will seek to TOUCH people in need. There are hosts of people around every Kentucky Baptist church who are lost, hungry, lonely, poor, illiterate, afraid, homeless, sick and dying. WMU will lead the way as church members TOUCH these folks.

Woman's Missionary Union does all that it does "In His Name." We do all that we do because "God so loved the world" and He expects us, His children, to do the same. Our expression of that love is to "Reach, Teach, Touch" all His creation.